

WHAT'S ON
Solo Painting Exhibition
 Title: EPOCH
 Artist: Monsur Ul Karim
 Venue: Gallery Twenty One, Dhanmondi
 Date: September 30- October 14
 Time: 12pm-8pm



Book Lunch Ceremony
 Title: Dark Diamond
 Writer: Shazia Omar
 Venue: Red Shift Café, Gulshan Avenue
 Date: October 22
 Time: 5pm



Rabindra Sangeet
 Artist: Lily Islam
 Venue: Sufia Kamal Auditorium, National Museum
 Organizer: High Commission of India
 Date: October 15; Time: 6pm



Solo Art Exhibition
 Title: "Of Nature, Boats & Faces"
 Artist: Hamiduzzaman Khan
 Venue: Shilpangan Gallery, H-7, Rd-13 (New), Dhanmondi
 Date: September 30-October 14
 Time: 12-8pm



Solo Art Exhibition
 Title: METAMORPHIC - Naturally Transformed
 Artist: Rezaun Nabi
 Venue: Gallery Cosmos
 Date: October 14-28
 Time: 12-8pm



Children's art competition in M'Singh



AMINUL ISLAM, Mymensingh

Children took part in an art competition at the premises of Shilpacharya Zainul Abedin Sangrahashala (art gallery) on Monday. Mymensingh district administration organised the art competition marking International Day for Disaster Reduction.

The event was assisted by different non-government organisations including World Vision Bangladesh (Mymensingh region), sources said. Some 50 children from different educational institutions took part in the competition in three groups to draw about disasters, their risk and reduction, sources said. Art gallery's deputy keeper of the Mukul Dutta, Md Abdur Rouf; principal (acting) of Shilpacharya Zainul Abedin Art Institute; and Badal Chakraborty, art teacher of Mymensingh Shilpakala Academy were the judges of the competition. Earlier, Md Abdul Latif, additional district commissioner (Education and ICT) inaugurated the competition as chief guest. Among others, Mohammad Hossain, district relief and rehabilitation officer; disaster management specialist of World Vision Mymensingh region Md Abdul Berek, and deputy were present. As natural disasters cannot be stopped and reduction is the best effort against it, so children should be aware about different kinds of disasters and its management, they added.



Jagoroni Theatre to premiere "Rajar Chithi" today

A CORRESPONDENT

Savar-based theatre group Jagoroni Theatre is set to premiere their 15th production, "Rajar Chithi", at the Experimental Theatre Hall of Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy today. Mahfuza Hilali has written the play, and Debashish Ghosh has directed it. Thespian Ramendu Mazumdar will inaugurate the play, where lawmaker of

Dhaka-19 constituency Dr. Enamur Rahman will be chief guest. The play revolves around Haridas Basak, an ardent fan of Rabindranath Tagore. In 1939 he writes a letter to Rabindranath, who replies to the letter and it changes his life. Haridas devotes himself to art and literature. In 1947 at the time of Partition, when many Hindu families leave for India, Haridas decides to stay at the address where Tagore wrote him to. Even

further down the line at the Liberation War of 1971, his house is burned down and he comes back looking for that letter. The Pakistan Army confronts him as they hear Rabindranath's name. Jagoroni Theatre has been working for 21 years in Savar against various obstacles, the biggest of them being the absence of a performance venue. They have so far held more than 200 stagings of 14 plays.

Parambrata sings for "Bhubon Majhi"



A CORRESPONDENT

The making of National film grant winner film "Bhubon Majhi" will be finished soon and the makers of the film have decided to add another surprise for the viewers. Popular actor Parambrata Chatterjee, who is playing the lead in the film, just sung a soundtrack for it. This is the first time the actor is singing in a Bangladeshi film. Titled "Padma Nodir Nouka BHIro Hugli Nodir Teere", the lyrics of the soing is written by Akash Chatterjee and composed by Kalika Prasad. Previously, two more songs - "Ami Tomari Naam Gaii" (sung by Saptarshi) and "Botoley Purechi Kanna" (sung by Bushra Shahriar and Monjur Bipul) have already been released online, and received positive reviews. Helmed by Fakhru Arefeen Khan, the music for the film is done by Kalika Prasad, and the new song will be released soon.



Initiated by Bengal Foundation Art Programme, a daylong fine art workshop was held at Narayananj Charukala Institute on October 8. Noted artist Ahmed Shamsuddoha conducted the workshop where 25 students took part. Bengal Foundation distributed art material like acrylic, oil and watercolour among the participating students free of cost. Renowned artist Kanak Chanpa Chakma will conduct the next daylong workshop to be held at the Department of Fine Art, Jahangirnagar University on October 22.

Alia to also have superpowers in DRAGON!

For all those waiting to see Ranbir Kapoor in a superhero avatar for the first time in "Dragon", there's good news. It appears as though Ranbir will not be the only one with superpowers in the Ayan Mukerji-directed film. Alia Bhatt, who plays the female lead in the movie, too will have her own set of superpowers. This will be the actress' first stint as an on-screen superwoman. However, her superpower has not yet been disclosed. As for Ranbir, his character's special power will be that his hands can produce fire. Ayan, who has also written the script, toyed around with many options for Ranbir's superpower but finally went ahead with this one. Besides this development, it is also heard that the title of the film is most likely to undergo a change. "Dragon" will only be a working title and Ayan will soon zero down on the name of the film. The movie is expected to go on floors sometime early next year.

Source: TOI



LATA MANGESHKAR falls ill Bangabibhushan felicitation postponed



SUBRATA ACHARYA, Kolkata, India

Legendary Indian singer Lata Mangeshkar has fallen ill, and will not be able to receive the Bangabibhushan, the highest civilian award of India's West Bengal, on its pre-scheduled date of October 20. The 86-year old singer personally called West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Benerjee and expressed her regrets. Benerjee, in reply, said the programme will be rescheduled sometime in November, if Lata Mangeshkar recovers from her illness. The two also exchanged Bijaya Dashami greetings over the phone. Earlier in 2013, iconic singer Manna Dey was also conferred the honour in Bengaluru, in what would be the last days of his life.



Award winners with the guests at the event. PHOTO: STAR

Two-day clay artisan fest ends

SUSHANTA GHOSH, Barisal

A two-day traditional clay artisan festival ended at Ashwini Kumar Hall, Barisal on October 8 with a call to preserve traditional arts, crafts and greater patronage to develop and expand environment friendly clay materials. The closing ceremony was presided over by Rakhil Chandra Dey, president of district Puja Udjapon Parishad. Nesar Hossain, dean of Fine Arts Faculty, Dhaka university, inaugurated the closing ceremony, with Professor Ziaul Haque, Chairman Barisal Education board, as the chief guest. At the closing ceremony, 25 clay artisans and potters were accorded a reception for their professional achievements. Over 150 idol maker artisans, pottery makers and their assistants were honoured with prize money and fabric. Besides Bishweshwar Paul of Bauphal upazila, Patuakhali district was given the life-time achievement award.

Bishweshwar Paul said clay artisans face numerous problems in production, transportation and marketing. He added that unless the government extends patronage to them, the community will not survive competition from cheap products such as plastic and enamel.

Eminent artist Rafiqun Nabi inaugurated the festival at Ashwini Kumar Hall, organised by Mritshilpi Sammilon O Sammanana Uddyog, describing it as a unique programme in the country to showcase and strengthen the country's culture and heritage. Aktari Mamtaz, Secretary of Ministry of Cultural Affairs, attended the inaugural ceremony of the festival as chief guest.