

WHAT'S ON

Solo Flute Recital & Exhibition
 Artist: Ustad Azizul Islam
 Venue: Nalini Kanta Bhattacharya Gallery, BNM
 Date: Jan 20-24
 Time: 4pm



Solo Cartoon Exhibition
 By: Architect Dr. Sajid Bin Doza
 Venue: La Gallery, AFD, Dhanmondi
 Date: Jan 16-24
 Time: 3-9pm



Gaudiya Nritya Recital
 Organiser: IGCC
 Venue: National Theatre Hall, Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy
 Date: January 23
 Time: 6:30pm



Classical Music Soiree
 Organiser: Shuddha Sangeet Proshar Goshthi
 Venue: Bishwa Sahitya Kendra
 Date: January 25, 26, 28
 Time: 5pm



Int'l Children's Film Festival
 Organiser: Children's Film Society
 Venue: Various
 Date: January 24-30
 Time: 10am onwards




SHAH ALAM SHAZU

Abdur Razzak, whose performances of high repute has earned him the honoured title Nayak Raj Razzak has a career legacy very few have been able to match. The actor is also a renowned director and producer, and his works have created a significant mark on Bangladeshi cinema. Today is a momentous day for the hero, as it is his birthday. While wishing him on behalf of the Daily Star this correspondent reached out to the actor for a chat regarding his plans for his special day, and more.

What plans do you have for your birthday?

Razzak: At my age birthday celebrations have fallen into the hands of the younger ones. My grandchildren make the most of this day, and this time they have begun the fun and joy for a few days now. It's the reason why I look forward to my birthdays so much, and I plan to spend it at home with my family and loved ones.

How different were birthdays when you were a busy actor at the height of your career?

Razzak: I was extremely busy then, and used to celebrate it with the rest of the acting industry. The arrangements were quite elaborate, and I don't know if any other actor had such grand celebrations. I would realise the appreciation and love my colleagues had for me on this day each year, and I am always overwhelmed by it.

Who are the loved ones you fondly remember on your birthdays?

Razzak: There are many, from

old colleagues and friends who are sadly no more in this world. Each person has an appointed time in this life, and death comes for us all. I can never forget the faces I have once known, and I can never shake off the thoughts of where we all are today, even more so on my birthdays. It makes me immensely sad, but such is life.

What is the most valuable gift you have received thus far?

Razzak: It is love from the people. What else can be greater than that? My wealth and means, the food on my table, it all came from working in films. The love and appreciation people have for me is what kept me going and it is the greatest joy and gift in my life.

Do you have a birthday wish?

Razzak: All I want is people's love and respect. I pray to God to keep me in good health, and I seek love and prayers from everyone.

Is there something you wanted but have not been able to receive?

Razzak: Absolutely not. God has been extremely kind to me, and I

Birthday wishes for the living legend

Nayak Raj Razzak turns 76

have no regrets regarding my life and career. Life has given me more than I could ever want.

What achievements from today's film actors do you desire to see?

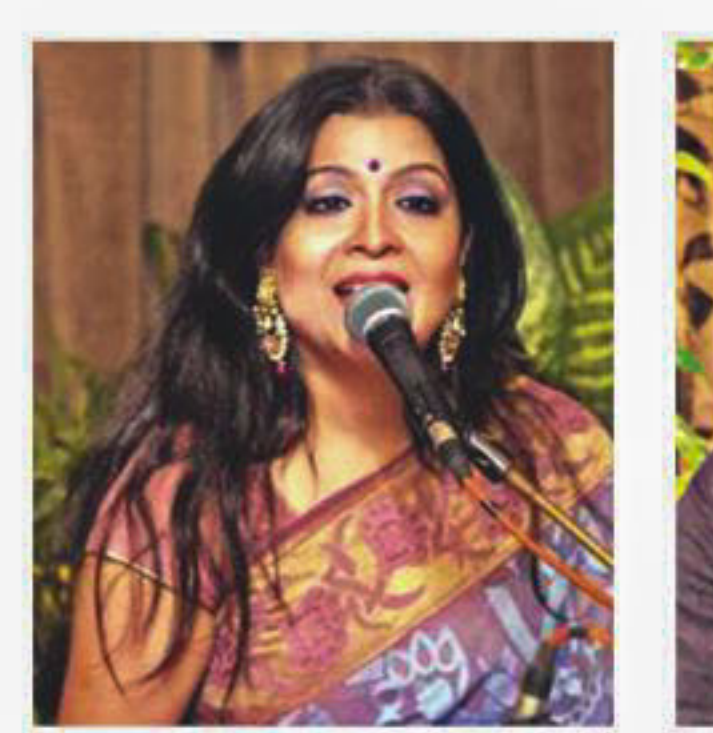
Razzak: I just want one thing. I would like to see the Bangladeshi cinema turned around for the better before I pass. I would like for it to go back to the way it was during its golden years.

What do you love receiving the most on your birthdays?

Razzak: I don't desire material gifts on my birthday. A sincere wish from loved ones is what makes me happiest.

Do you still have the desire to act?

Razzak: Of course. I still have dreams of creating something memorable and wonderful. I can never imagine my existence without film, and I hope to God that I pass from this world while still working. If I am in good health, I will definitely be working on some great projects in the near future.



Anupoma Mukti



Tanveer Alam Shawjeeb



Romana Islam

Star Melodies present unplugged musical night

Hot favourites of artistes of different generations

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The Daily Star's Star Melodies will host a special unplugged musical evening of popular Bangla songs of yesteryears.

Prominent and talented singers Romana Islam, Tanveer Alam Shawjeeb, Anupoma Mukti, Prithwi Raj and Ritu Raj will present songs of the golden era.

The event will be held at 6 pm at the AS Mahmud Hall of The Daily Star Centre on the day.

Sadya Afreen Mallick will compère the programme. The event has been organised with assistance from Eastern Bank Limited and Simantic Creative Concern. Invitation passes can be collected from The Daily Star Centre. Seats are limited and available on a first-come first-serve basis.



Prithwi Raj and Ritu Raj

NEWSbytes

Cyber-attack forces Sundance closure

The Sundance Film Festival has been hacked. "Sundance Film Festival has been subject to a cyber-attack, causing network outages that have shut down our box office," said a spokesperson for the festival. "No further information about the attack is available at this time, but our team is working hard to get our system back up and running as soon as possible. All screenings will still take place as planned."



According to the festival's Twitter account, a cyber-attack forced the closure of its box office on Saturday. However, all movie screenings will go on as planned, according to festival organisers. "Our artists' voices will be heard and the show will go on," the festival added.

The cyber-attack occurred shortly after Chelsea Handler led a Women's March in Park City to protest the election of Donald Trump, at around noon Mediterranean Time. Roughly 40 minutes later, online ticketing for future shows had been restored.

It's unclear if the attack was related to crowds in Park City, holding empowerment signs and speaking out against Trump.

Source: Variety

Adele to perform at 2017 Grammys

British superstar singer Adele is joining the lineup of performers for the 59th annual Grammy Awards, which takes place February 12 from the Staples Center in Los Angeles.



Rihanna and Kanye West are close behind with eight nods each.

The 10-time Grammy winner will perform a song from her juggernaut third album "25", which finished both 2016 and 2015 as the year's best-selling album in the United States and is the second biggest album of the millennium (behind, of course, her sophomore set "21").

There's a good chance Adele will hog the Grammys spotlight. She's also up for five categories: Album of the Year and Best Pop Vocal Album (for "25"); and Record of the Year, Song of the Year and Best Pop Solo Performance (all for "Hello").

The Londoner, who has performed at three previous Grammys, will join John Legend, Metallica, Carrie Underwood and Keith Urban on stage for music's biggest night.

The field this year is led by Beyoncé with nine nominations, while Drake,

"The Late Late Show" leader James Corden will host the event, which is produced by AEG Ehrlich Ventures for The Recording Academy, and will be broadcast live on the CBS Television Network.

Source: Billboard

Kareena to walk the ramp two months after giving birth

New mom Kareena Kapoor is going walk the ramp next month at the Lakme Fashion Week in Mumbai, reports news agency IANS. Kareena, 36, is to be the showstopper for designer Anita Dongre. It will be her first official engagement after the birth of her son Taimur, who is just a month old.



"It's always a pleasure representing Lakme at the most spectacular Grand Finale. And, this year as well, I am glad to go back to Lakme Fashion Week and walk for Anita. I am looking forward to see how she is going to transform the 'Liquid Gold' theme on the runway," Kareena said in a statement.

Kareena Kapoor, last seen on screen in 2016's "Udta Punjab", was on designer Sabyasachi's fashion week runway last year. She was several months pregnant at

the time. Kareena Kapoor was spotted at dinners and lunches right up until Taimur was born on December 20. The couple hosted a Christmas party days after taking their son home. Kareena is expected to film her new project "Veere Di Wedding" once her maternity leave ends.

Saif Ali Khan and Kareena Kapoor married in 2012, and Taimur is their first-born.

Source: NDTV Movies

Tagore remembered in Mymensingh

AMINUL ISLAM, Mymensingh

Remembering Rabindranath Tagore, Jatiya Rabindra Sangeet Sammilan Parishad Mymensingh unit organised a programme at Shilpacharya Zainul Abedin Auditorium on Bangladesh Agricultural University (BAU) campus on Saturday.

The programme, titled "Manobota and Sompriti Sommilon" included a grand musical show and a discussion on the bard's life and work.

Around 300 artistes of different institutions took part in the opening choruses composed by Tagore, Kazi Nazrul Islam and DL Roy, charming the audience.

The artistes participated from Shishutirtho Anandadhani Sangeet Bidhyatan, Shishu Niketan, Cambridge Model School, KB High School and KB College and others.

The group presentations were led by Md Mamunul Islam, a young talent of Tagore songs.

The opening choruses included "Sankocher Bihobolota Nijere Opoman", "Dhano Dhanya Pushpo Bhara", "Durgom Giri Kantar Moru" and "Mora Ek Bringe Du'ti Kushum". It was followed by a presentation by vet-



eran Tagore artiste Mohiuzzaman Chowdhury. A huge colourful rally was also brought out on the campus marking the event.

Earlier, a discussion was held. Prof Abul Kashem Md Fazlul Haque of Dhaka University, former vice-chancellor of Patuakhali Science and Technology University Prof Dr Syed Sakhawat Hossain, eminent Rabindra researcher and artiste Prof Dr ABM Nurul Anwar, and vice-chancellor of BAU Prof Dr Md Ali Akbar addressed the discussion, among others. President of the parishad's

Mymensingh unit, Prof Dr Monjurul Alam presided while parishad's general secretary Sunil Chandra Pal delivered the welcome address.

The speakers said that recent threats from militant and fundamentalist elements can be combated by staying true to the ideals and thoughts of Tagore.

The speakers also emphasised the need to spread cultural activities at all educational levels to make for a creative nation with a positive outlook.



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QUIZ - 02
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WINNERS OF QUIZ NO-1

- Mansoor Ali, Kataban
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- Sayedha Nabila Haque, Dhanmondi
- Farhan Kabir, Dhanmondi
- Tamanna Ahmed, New Market
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- Roktim Barua, Manjipuri para
- Tayef Kabir, Rayerbag
- Md. Asiful Islam, Mohakhali DOHS
- Al Amin, Khilgaon