

**WHAT'S ON**  
**Group Art Exhibition**  
 Marking 13th Anniversary of Galleri Kaya  
 Venue: Galleri Kaya, Uttara  
 Date: May 5-28  
 Time: 11am-8pm



**Concert**  
 Richard Marx Live in Dhaka  
 Organiser: Creins  
 Venue: BICC  
 Date: May 16  
 Time: 7pm



**Group Art Exhibition**  
 Title: Can the Divine Presence be Felt So Easily?  
 Venue: Alliance Française de Dhaka  
 Date: May 5-17; Time: 3pm-9pm



**Solo Art Exhibition**  
 The Empire of Dream  
 Artist: Ripon Saha  
 Venue: Kala Kendra, Mohammadpur  
 Date: May 6-30  
 Time: 5-8pm



**Solo Art Exhibition**  
 Title: Golden Doors  
 Artist: Proshanta Karmakar Buddha  
 Venue: Radius Centre Art Gallery, 57 Gulshan Avenue-1  
 Date: May 6 - June 1  
 Time: 3-10pm



# "American Idol" set for revival at ABC

ABC has a deal in place with producers FremantleMedia and Core Media Group to revive "American Idol". The broadcast network and the production companies have settled on a framework for an agreement to bring back the long-running singing-competition series. According to sources, the Alphabet is eyeing a March premiere for the show, which would potentially air on Sunday nights. ABC, which has yet to close the deal, had passed on "Idol" after hearing a pitch for it earlier this year. At that time, NBC had emerged as the lead network to pick up a revival. But they backed away from a deal, concerned that "Idol" could negatively impact singing competition series "The Voice", and turned off by a high asking price from the producer. Yet to be decided is whether or



how longtime host Ryan Seacrest could return to the franchise. Seacrest this week was announced as the new co-host of ABC syndicated morning program "Live!" with Kelly Ripa. One potential name that has been floated to join the revived series is that of Kelly Clarkson, the singer who won the first season of "Idol" and went on to achieve major pop-star status. To land the show, ABC had to outbid Fox, which moved aggressively in recent weeks to bring the series back to its air. "Idol" ran on Fox for 15 seasons beginning in 2002. For eight consecutive seasons, beginning in 2003-04, it was the highest-rated show on television. ABC is expected to announce the return of "Idol" this month at its upfront presentation in New York.

Source: Variety



# Lahona's new music video launched

**STAFF CORRESPONDENT**  
 Promising singer Sinthi Saha acquired the new stage name Lahona and launched her new music video "Ami Tomake Chai" at Dhaka Club recently. The video is now available on Youtube, on the channel for music label Agniveena. "Ami Tomake Chai" is a romantic song. The music video was shot abroad. Written by Srijato Bandyopadhyay, one of my favourite music directors Indradeep Dasgupta has composed and directed music for the track. I am very optimistic about the music video," said Lahona. "This is the first time I am hearing her sing today. She sings well. I wish her every success in her music career," said chief guest of the programme, Professor AAMS Arefin Siddique, Vice Chancellor of University of Dhaka. The song "Ek Mohakal" from her latest solo album "Mon Balika" (2015) is also on Youtube. Her other solo albums are -- "Kichhu Bolbo Boley", "Kalpona" and "Kalpopataye". Lahona first playback for the film "King Khan", directed by Mohammad Hossain Jemmy.



# THREE-DAY RABINDRA FESTIVAL SET TO BEGIN IN SHAHZADPUR KUTHIBARI

**AHMED HUMAYUN KABIR TOPU**, back from Shahzadpur, Sirajganj  
 Located 75 km from Pabna town, Shahzadpur Kuthibari is a historic reminder of Nobel Laureate poet Rabindranath Tagore, who administered his estates from here. The Kuthibari wears a festive look ahead of the three-day Rabindra festival marking the bard's 156th birth anniversary which is set to begin on May 8, Baishakh, 25. Adviser to Prime minister HT Imam is likely to inaugurate the festival. Shahzadpur Kuthibari, one of the three estates of Tagore, holds special fascination for researchers intrigued by

Tagore's long connection with the lives of the poor farmers. Tagore's grandfather Prince Dwarkanath bought the Shahzadpur estate from Zaminder Rani Bhabani of Natore in 1840, long before the poet's birth. When he grew up, the poet was given the responsibility of maintaining the estate. He visited Shahzadpur several times. He last visited Shahzadpur was in 1901. Although the poet administered his estate from the Kacharibari, he was not the typical hardheaded landlord. When the impoverished farmers revealed their plight to Tagore, they requested that he allot some land to them for dairy farming, Rabindranath Tagore gave them a large

field in Potazia for dairy farming, resulting in the country's largest milk producing zone in Baghabari, Shahzadpur. Tagore loved Shahzadpur more than any other place around the world according to his letters. "Here (Shahzadpur) I get that inspiration of writing than any other area," Tagore wrote in a letter to his niece Indira Debi in the early nineteenth century that reveals his love for Shahzadpur. Tagore wrote parts of his famous works "Bishorjon", "Sonar Tori", "Chitra", "Chaitali", "Golpoguchho", "Chhinnapatra", "Panchabhooter Diary" and "Meyeli Chhara" in Shahzadpur. Tagore also wrote 38 letters from here.



Guests with the winners of the show.

# Angkan wins Khudey Gaanraj Mitali Mukherjee to judge upcoming Shera Kontho

**A CORRESPONDENT**  
 The sixth season of Dion Chocolate-Channel i Khudey Gaanraj crowned its winner, Barisal's Angkan. In a glamorous grand finale at the Bangabandhu International Conference, he was handed his crown, cash prize of Taka 5 lakh, a 10-year educational scholarship and a health insurance. Oikko from Thakurgaon and Oishi from Chittagong were the first and second runners up respectively, and were awarded cash prizes of Taka 3 lac and Taka 2 lac respectively, along with education scholarships and health insurances.

The event also featured a tribute to recently-deceased Lucky Akhand by the seven finalists of the competition, a dance medley, and performances by Samina Chowdhury and Kumar Bishwajit. Shafi Mondal, Meher Afroz Shaon, Shafiq Tuhin, Ankhi Alamgir and three Shera Kontho artistes also performed duets with the finalists. A special attraction of the event was a musical performance by eminent Indian singer Mitali Mukherjee. Mitali Mukherjee was also introduced as a judge of the upcoming Fizz Up-Channel i Shera Kontho (Season 6), while Maria Nur was introduced as its host.

# RUPCHANDA-THE DAILY STAR SUPER CHEF Of pumpkins and potatoes...

**M H HAIDER**  
 There were two challenges at the Rupchanda-The Daily Star Super Chef kitchen last night. And as usual, a contestant had to bid farewell at the end of a tough night. The first challenge involved pumpkin. The participants were perplexed when a pumpkin tree was unveiled to them. From flowers to leaves to the pumpkin itself, the contestants had to make dishes with this plant. And the contestants brainstormed. Eventually, the six of them came up with various dishes. Bipasha, for example, made pumpkin pasta and a beverage. Maymuna Akter prepared 'Snow White Pumpkin' and 'Stuffed Pumpkin Fritters'. But their fates did not take the same direction. While Maymuna went to the 'safe zone' - along with another contestant - Bipasha was thrown into 'danger zone'. Surviving the danger zone was absolutely necessary to move forward to the next round. Among the four contestants fighting in this

challenge, one had to be eliminated. Therefore, the pressure was more than that of the previous pumpkin challenge. And this time, it was all about potatoes. The contestants were given various kinds, and they had to prove their culinary worth to continue their journey in Rupchanda-The Daily Star Super Chef 2017. One participant, of course, had to go home. And it was Bipasha. For her, the journey had come to an end, but she had left the kitchen with many lessons and knowledge. "We have cooked something every day. Judges and experts have commented on our food, sharing with us many tricks and tips. There have been classes taken by eminent chefs," she says. So, although her race at the Super Chef kitchen was over, she had not gone home empty-handed. On the other hand, for Maymuna, it was a very successful episode: she had won the badge for the best dish in last night's episode. The icing on the cake was that she had

received it from the guest judge Kalpana Rahman. "Getting the badge from Kalpana Rahman was a matter of honour for me," she said. A chef, TV personality, and the founder of the culinary school, Mishuk Academy, she is very well-known to those with a passion for the culinary arts. Now, with Bipasha gone, the Super Chef kitchen is host to just five participants. The culinary war is gradually coming to an end. The kitchen has gotten quite empty, with the cream of the crop remaining. And it will become emptier. Next episode, yet another chef will visit the Super Chef kitchen, and make a Japanese delicacy. Afterwards, the contestants will then make the same dish as she will sit on the judges' panel to decide how well they had learned from her. And, in the end, one of them will need to go home. Who will remain? Who will be defeated? Time will tell! Tune into ntv at 9pm, every Saturday and Sunday to find out what happens next in Rupchanda-The Daily Star Super Chef 2017.



A special programme to celebrate the 156th birth anniversary of Poet Rabindranath Tagore was held at Gulshan Club on Friday. The programme featured "Padmar Chore Ekaki Robi" written and narrated by noted writer from Kolkata Ranjan Bandyopadhyay, Tagore songs by Rezwana Choudhury Bannya from Bangladesh and Agniha Bandyopadhyay from Kolkata. The event was jointly organised by Indira Gandhi Cultural Centre and Gulshan Club Limited.



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