

WHAT'S ON
Photography Exhibition
 Concealed
 Artist: Habiba Nowrose
 Venue: Kala Kendra
 Date: August 10-31;
 Time: 5pm-8pm

Solo Painting Exhibition
 Title: The Skin of a Living Thought
 Artist: Nargis Poly
 Venue: Alliance Francaise de Dhaka
 Date: August 4-16
 Time: 3-9pm

National Art Exhibition 2017
 Organiser: Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy
 Venue: National Art Gallery, BSA
 Date: Jul 26-Aug 14
 Time: 11am to 8pm

Solo Sculpture & Art Exhibition
 Title: "Rhythm of Clouds" by Ferdous Priyabashini
 Venue: Gallery Shilpangan, H-7, Rd-13 (New) Dhammond
 Date: Aug 4-18; Time: 3-8pm

Theatre
 Play: Konjus
 Troupe: Loko Natyadal
 Venue: National Theatre Hall, BSA
 Date: August 14; Time: 7pm



Homage to the Father of the Nation

"Itihash-er Krishnopokkho" on Channel i

STAFF CORRESPONDENT
 August 15, 1975 is the black day in the history of the nation. A stigmatised chapter of our glorious history started to reign in through the killing of the Father of the Nation Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman with almost all his family members on the day. Bangabandhu was set to receive an ovation at Dhaka University on the very morning he was killed.
 Based on the true story of killings of August 15, playwright and lyricist Sahid Rahman has written a story called "Mohamanober Deshe". Noted playwright Mannan Hira has composed a play titled,

"Itihash-er Krishnopokkho" adapting from the story. Recently, the shooting for the play was completed in Pubail, Gazipur and Uttara, Dhaka. Two renowned actors -- Tariq Anam Khan and Fazlur Rahman Babu along with national award winning actress Sharmimala and theatre artiste Momena Chowdhury have donned central roles in the play.
 The play will go on air on Channel i tomorrow (August 15) at 8pm marking the 42nd National Mourning Day.
 "Everyone in this country is greatly indebted to the Father of the Nation for his lifelong struggle to create an independent Bangladesh.

Through this play, I have tried to portray the general peoples' love and patriotism for the country getting motivated by the ideals of Bangabandhu. This visual is an attempt to pay my debt as a Bangalee towards Bangabandhu," said Shahid Rahman.
 "I don't regard acting as acting, in the story of Liberation War; rather I regard it as my solemn responsibility. As I am a Freedom Fighter, I frequently looked back upon the time of Liberation War while acting in the play. Sahid has written an emotional story based on true events. I hope the play will touch the hearts of many," said Tariq Anam Khan.

NEWS bytes

Chris Cornell statue planned for Seattle



Chris Cornell's widow Vicky Cornell is planning a statue in his honour, according to a new interview with the Seattle Times. The statue of the grunge rock pioneer will be placed somewhere in Seattle, and it will be made by sculptor Wayne Toth — the artist behind Johnny Ramone's statue at his Hollywood Forever grave in Los Angeles.
 "He has already given me a design and the children and I love it," Vicky Cornell said. She added that it will take about seven months to create. She also mentioned that she would like to hear fan input on where to place the memorial. "He is Seattle's son," she said. "We will be bringing him home and honoring him, I hope, with all of you, your love and support."
 Audioslave front-man Chris Cornell died on May 18 from suicide.
 Source: Pitchfork

Runa Laila performs for BTV after 23 years

Family reunion on-screen to air on Eid

A CORRESPONDENT
 "Tomaderey Gaan Shonabo" has a treat up their sleeves for viewers on Eid-ul-Azha. Arranged by BTV's Chief Director SM Harunur Rashid and produced by Mahbuba Ferdous, the musical programme will invite Runa Laila to perform on BTV after over two decades. However, there is more in store; singer Ankhi Alamgir will host the show, joined by actor, producer and director Alamgir.
 Runa Laila will render songs including "Protidin Tomai Dekhi Shurjer Ager", "Gaeneri Khataye Swaralipi Likhe", "Jokhon Thambe Kolahal", "Bhulite Pariney Tai Ashiyachi Poth Bhuli", and more. Regarding her comeback on BTV, an enthused Runa Laila expressed, "The programme marks my return after nearly 24 years. Set design, and all the other arrangements is impeccably organised, which I am quite impressed with. Another thing that makes me very happy is Ankhi's performance as host - she has done an excellent job."
 Runa Laila had her first performance on BTV in 1974, and made three or four recurring appearances. Her last performance on the channel took place in 1994.



Felt like being punched in stomach with Raees

... MAHIRA KHAN



Pakistani actor Mahira Khan, who made her Bollywood debut with Indian superstar Shah Rukh Khan-starrer "Raees" this year, has said she felt like "being punched in the stomach" when she saw the movie. Mahira spoke at length about her failures in life during a lecture at a university, reports Pakistani newspaper Dawn. "The truth is that we have all gone through failure. I have personally as well as professionally experienced failure," Mahira said.
 "I was advised by many people to not accept the role in 'Bol' (Pakistani film) as it was a small one but my gut feeling told me otherwise. There are no repeats of your first film, but somehow my name was missed as the Bol credits scrolled in front of me. Then for 'Raees', even though the teaser said 'introducing Mahira Khan', I felt like being punched in the stomach when there was no such credit in the film itself. Then when it was released, I was banned in India and the film was banned in Pakistan," added the actor, referring to the unofficial 'ban' on Pakistani actors by certain outfits in India after the terror attack at Uri last year.
 However, Mahira is not affected with failure. "It is a big thing to work in a foreign film. I pray I get my introducing credit when I work in an Iranian film," she said.
 "Failure is knowledge and knowledge is success. So it is a win-win. We actors know how to paint smiles on our faces and carry on, I did too," she added.
 Source: Hindustan Times



Local artistes render a chorus at the programme. PHOTO: STAR

Tagore remembered in Manikganj

ZAHANGIR SHAH, Manikganj
 The 76th death anniversary of Tagore was observed at Sangskritik Biplobi Sangha (SABIS) auditorium in Manikganj town recently.
 Marking the occasion, SABIS organised a discussion and cultural programme.
 Local singers Sabrina Momotaz Momo, Nasrin Ahammed, Mousumy Mandal, Chandana Nandi, Sabita Majumder, Emily Parvin, Kajol Pal and Shikha Poddar rendered songs.
 Earlier, a discussion on the life and work of Tagore was held. Shahidul Islam Faruk, president of

SABIS, presided over the discussion where cultural personalities addressed.
 The speakers said that he poet established his creative credentials both in Bangladesh and the world by winning the Nobel Prize.
 The secular philosophy of the poet and his sensitivity to marginalised people is an asset to Bengali Literature, said the speakers adding that there was a profound touch of then 'Purbo Bangla' in many of his writings'.
 They also emphasised the need to spread cultural activities at all educational levels to make for a creative nation.

Leonardo to play Da Vinci in biopic

Paramount has beaten out Universal in a seven-figure bidding war for the rights to Walter Isaacson's book on Leonardo da Vinci, Variety confirmed. The biopic will star fellow Leo, Leonardo DiCaprio.



DiCaprio will also produce the film under his Appian Way banner alongside president of production Jennifer Davisson.
 ICM Partners brokered the deal for Isaacson and his book, "Leonardo da Vinci", in advance of its release. Universal attempted to outbid Paramount on Friday with bidding continuing into Saturday morning.
 DiCaprio's desire to portray da Vinci on film is no coincidence. The actor's mother famously claims to have chosen the artist as her son's namesake when she felt an in utero DiCaprio kick for the first time while examining a da Vinci piece at the Uffizi Gallery in Florence, Italy back in 1974.
 Isaacson is a New York Times Best Selling author who has written biographies on other notable thinkers such as Albert Einstein, Henry Kissinger, Steve Jobs, and Benjamin Franklin. Most recently, his 2007 book "Einstein: His Life and Universe" was adapted into National Geographic's "Genius", starring Geoffrey Rush as Einstein.
 "Leonardo da Vinci" will be released Oct. 17, 2017.
 Source: Variety



TV WATCH
GUL-BAHAR
 on Rtv

A CORRESPONDENT
 Drama series "Gul-Bahar" airs tonight on Rtv at 7:35pm. Written by Matia Banu Shuku and directed by Ehsan Elahi Bappi, it casts Dilara Zaman, Sharmili Ahmed, Al Mamun, Intekhab Dinar, Aparna GHose, Deepa Khandakar, Irfan Sajjad, Allen Shubhro, Marzuk Russel and others.
 The story revolves around a girl, Nowrin, who has made a reputation of lying and fabricating stories that put her family in various troubles.
 "Gul-Bahar" airs every Sunday through Tuesday on Rtv.

