

WHAT'S ON

Solo Art Exhibition
Artist: Abdur Razzaque
Venue: Gallery Chitrag, H-4, Rd-6,
Dhanmondi
Date: Oct 31-Nov 15
Time: 10am-8pm



Group Print Exhibition
Title: Nature Quest
Venue: Gallery Cosmos, H-115,
L-6, New DOHS, Mohakhali
Date: Nov 10-23
Time: 11am-8pm



Solo Painting exhibition
Title: Memories Beyond Time
Artist: Syed Jahangir
Venue: Abinta Gallery of fine arts
Date: Nov 11-Dec 01
Time: 10am-8pm



Solo Art Exhibition
Title: Jungle of Humanity by
Mahbub Zamil Shamim
Venue: Gallery-2, (2nd floor),
National Art Gallery, BSA
Date: Nov 10-24
Time: 11am-8pm



Solo Painting Exhibition
Layers
Artist: Fahad Hasan Kazmee
Venue: Kala Kendra
Date: Oct 27-Nov 22
Time: 5-8pm



Bengal Boi to launch today

Elaborate programmes scheduled over five days

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Bengal Publications' new book store 'Bengal Boi' is set to launch today in the capital, with four days of cultural events.

The inaugural ceremony will be held at 4:30pm today at their premises at 1/3, Lalmatia Block-D, where Prime Minister's Foreign Affairs Advisor Gowher Rizvi and eminent educationist Professor Emeritus Anisuzzaman will be present. Bengal Publications' book "Stories from the Edge: Personal Narratives of the Liberation War" will also be launched at the ceremony. One of the editors of the book, Dr. Niaz Zaman – an advisor at the department of English at Independent University, Bangladesh will speak on the book.

From November 15-18, there will be an array of programmes – music, adda, book launches and film screening – at the venue in

morning and evening sessions.

On November 15, the morning session will feature a lively adda and music with senior citizens, in association with 'Boyoshwi Kalyan Samiti'. Rabindra Sangeet artiste Mita Haq and human rights activist Advocate Sultana Kamal will be present at the event. The evening session will see the launch of book "Sahityer Birol Anginaye", and a saxophone performance by renowned artiste Moniruzzaman.

The next day will feature chorus songs by students of UODA, and film screening by students of ULAB and Pathshala. Veteran visual artist Monirul Islam and young filmmaker Nuhash Humayun will be present at the morning session. The evening session will see the book "Bangla's Renaissance O Lalon Fakir" being launched by writer-researcher Professor Bishwajit Ghosh. Following the book launch, eminent artiste Farida Parveen will render songs of Lalon, while Abu Ishaq Hossain will speak about his music and phi-

losophy.

A children's art workshop conducted by artist Mustafizul Haq will open proceedings on the morning of November 17. Ulfath Kabir will host a magic show for the children, where noted artist Kanak Chanpa Chakma will be present as guest.

The final day's proceedings will begin with songs by visually-impaired students of the Baptist Church School, followed by choral renditions of songs by students of Shurer Dhara. Rupa Chowdhury will have a storytelling session for the children, while prominent Rabindra Sangeet singer Rezwana Chowdhury Bannya will be a special guest. The evening session will feature the launch of book "Samar Sen: Jonmoshotobarshik Shroddhanjoli" edited by Khaled Hossain and Sajjad Arefin. Researcher-columnist Begum Akhtar Kamal will launch the book. The book launch will be followed by a poetry reading session of contemporary poets.

Channel i hosts "HUMAYUN MELA"

Annual fair held in celebration of writer's birthday

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Since his tragic passing, Channel i has been hosting a special fair every year for Bangladesh's favourite novelist, screenwriter and film director Humayun Ahmed marking his birth anniversary. The television network's courtyard became the premise for "Humayun Mela" yesterday in commemoration of the late author's 69th birthday.

The event was launched at 5pm by setting off yellow balloons into the air. The opening ceremony was attended by Faridur Reza Sagar, actor Syed Hasan Imam, thespian Ataur Rahman, writer Ali Imam, as well as the celebrated author's son Nuhash Humayun, and his publishers. The inauguration was followed by dance presentations, as well as musical performances by Chandra Ray, Selim Chowdhury, and more.

However, the main attraction of the fair was Humayun Ahmed's ardent fans, who attended the programme in costume as his famous characters Himu and Rupa. Crowds milled about the premises until the event's conclusion at 7pm, many decked in yellow panjabis to honour the popular character Himu's favourite.

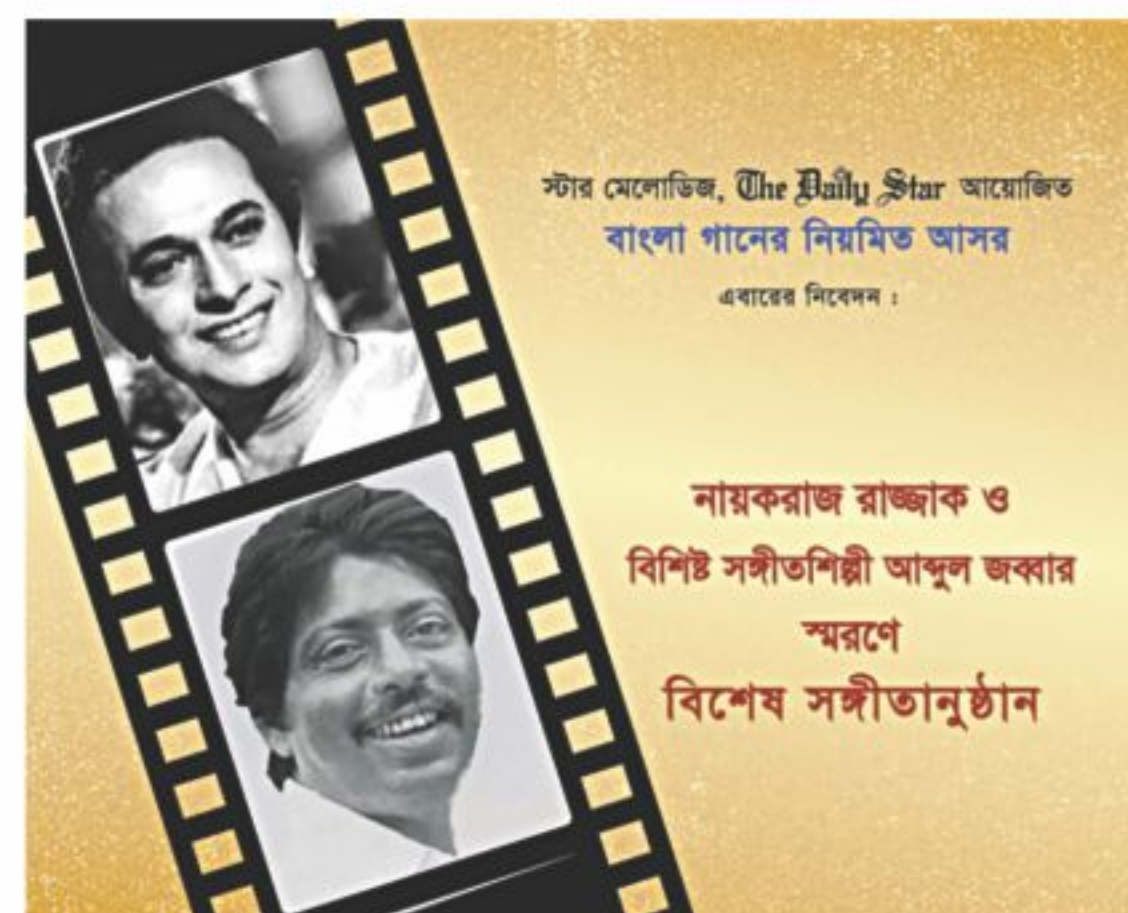
The event also drew visitors to the stalls where books of the author, as well as CDs containing his plays and films were on display.

"Humayun Mela" is organised by Channel i, and sponsored by ACI Pure Salt.



Guests set off balloons to mark the inauguration of the programme.

STAR MELODIES' TRIBUTE TO



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STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Star Melodies, The Daily Star's regular initiative to promote Bangla music, will present a special musical soiree highlighting songs lip-synched by Nayak Raj Razzak and renowned singer Abdul Jabbar on November 18, Saturday at The Daily Star-Bengal Arts Precinct, The Daily Star Centre.

The programme will feature songs by promising artistes -- Raja Bashir, Alope Sen, Muhin Khan and Tanjina Karim Swaralipi. Sadya Afreen Mallick, Editor, Arts & Entertainment, The Daily Star, will comper the event.

Mahbub-ur Rahman, Deputy CEO and Country Head of Commercial Banking, HSBC Bangladesh, will assist in the planning of the event.

Simantic Creative Concern will assist in the programme arrangement.

The programme will be held from 6 pm at The Daily Star-Bengal Arts Precinct. Invitation passes can be collected from The Daily Star Centre. Seating is provided on first-come-first-served basis, as seats are limited.

"Shikari" staged in Mymensingh



A scene from the play.

PHOTO: STAR

AMINUL ISLAM, Mymensingh

Rangabhum Theatre, a new platform of theatre group staged "Shikari" at Mymensingh Zila Shilpakala Academy auditorium on Friday evening.

The play, written by Mannan Hira, based on the burning issue of rape was directed by Apu Mehdi, a poet and writer. It was the second performance of the group.

Earlier, a discussion was held marking the inaugural session of the play.

Mannan Hira, president of Bangladesh Pathnatok Parishad was the chief guest.

Secretary of Bahurupi Natya Sangstha Shahadat Hossain Khan Hilu, district cultural officer Arzu Parves, director of Sandipon Sangskritik Sangstha Mahbub Hossain Sharif spoke on the occasion, among others.

Anisuzaman Hasan, president of Rangabhum Theatre delivered the welcome speech.

The speakers said, the play will help create awareness particularly among the young generation about the need to stop the serious social menace of sexual harassment and other forms of harassment of women.

Mendes, Sheeran, Cabello triumph at MTV EMAs

Eminem made his dramatic live return, Shawn Mendes cemented his A-list status, there was a strangely subdued stage invasion, and absent frontrunner Taylor Swift was snubbed at every possible turn at the 2017 MTV EMAs, held Sunday night in London.

The 19-year old Mendes was arguably the evening's biggest winner, drawing the loudest high-pitched screams from the crowd whenever his name was mentioned and taking home awards for best artist, best fans and best song for "There's Nothing Holdin' Me Back". He also performed the song at the show, which took place in the British capital for the first time since 1996.

In line with MTV's decision to scrap male and female categories for its Movie and VMA shows earlier this year, this was the first EMAs without gender-specific awards.

Alongside Mendes, other big winners at the event included Eminem, who kicked off the show with the live premiere of his new single "Walk On Water", accompanied by a string orchestra and the song's co-writer, Skylar Grey, seated at a piano and filling in for



Beyoncé.

The rapper was subsequently crowned best hip-hop artist, collecting his award from Prophets of Rage members Chuck D, B-Real and Tom Morello.

Later in the show, Camila Cabello continued her successful year, taking home the title of best pop. The Cuban-born singer also delivered one of the show's more colorful performances, leading dozens of dancers through a heavily stylized "Havana" complete with a striking swimming pool set design.



Ed Sheeran, who co-hosted the EMAs in 2015, accepted the award for best live via video speech -- as did Kendrick Lamar, winning best video for "HUM-BLE".

British singer Rita Ora proved an entertaining host, beginning the show with a pre-filmed skit that saw her running through London's streets in a dressing gown as she made her way to the venue, passing the city's mayor, Sadiq Khan, along the way. Later, Ora performed a carnival-esque medley of "Your Song" and "Anywhere".

Other standout performances on the night included Travis Scott flying high above the crowd on a mechanical eagle for "Butterfly Effect"; The Killers' Brandon Flowers hitting the high notes during an imperious "The Man"; British grime star Stormzy delivering a fiery "Big For Your Boots" from atop a mock British police car and Liam Payne with a crowd-pleasing rendition of "Strip That Down".

The slick and highly polished two-hour show also saw Clean Bandit deliver an enjoyable medley of "I Miss You", "Symphony" and "Rockabye", accompanied by guest vocalists Julia Michaels, Zara Larsson and Anne-Marie. Meanwhile, Kesha delivered one of the EMAs more powerful moments with a stirring run through her empowerment anthem "Learn to Let Go".

U2, who performed a free gig to 7,000 people at London's Trafalgar Square the night before, were also on hand to collect the previously announced global icon award from Thirty Seconds to Mars singer Jared Leto.

The show culminated in suitably celebratory style with David Guetta performing his new single "Diet, Sexy, Money" alongside French Montana and Charli XCX.

Source: Billboard