

WHAT'S ON

Contemporary Art Exhibition
Title: Silent Revelation
Artist: Mohammad Iqbal
Venue: Edge Galleries (Dhanmondi & Gulshan)
Date: April 22-May 5;



Solo Art Exhibition
Title: From the Pages of Memory
Artist: Azmeer Hossain
Venue: Shilpangan Gallery, Dhanmondi
Date: Apr 16-30
Time: 3-8pm



Group Exhibition
Title: Commemoration
Venue: Abinta Gallery of Fine Arts
Date: April 20-30; Time: 10am-8pm



Solo Painting Exhibition
Title: Illusion of Colour by Iskandar Mirza
Venue: La Galerie, AFD, Dhaka
Date: Apr 13-24
Time: 3-9pm (Mon-Thurs) & 9am-12noon & 5-8pm (Fri-Sat)



Flute Recital & Poetry Recitation
Tagore: A Musical Conversation
Performers: Gilles de Falhouët
Venue: La Galerie, AFD





“Hasonjaner Raja” to premiere tomorrow

Prangonemor bringing new play to the stage

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Prangonemor, one of the leading theatre troupes of the country, is bringing to stage a play about mystic poet and zamindar Hason Raja. Titled “Hasonjaner Raja”, the play has been written by eminent writer Shakur Majid and directed by Ananta Hira.

“Hasonjaner Raja” will have its premiere at the main auditorium of the National Theatre Hall at Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy tomorrow, April 20 at 7pm, followed by a second staging the very next day at the Experimental Theatre Hall.

Hason Raja was a landlord of the Sunamganj district, who inherited massive

areas of land property at teenage. He went astray in the path of an exuberant life fueled by greed, but in his mid-fifties his life took a turn when he realized wealth is the cause of all that's wrong in the world. So he wrote off all his wealth in a will and began a journey of self-discovery traveling on boats through the haors.

This is the 13th production of

Prangonemor, for which Faiz Zahir is in charge of stage design. Noted singer of Hason Raja songs Selim Chowdhury is a musical advisor for the play, which is planned by Ramiz Raju. Nuna Afroz has designed costume for the play.

Ramiz Raju, Awal Reza, Mainul Tawhid, Sagor Roy, Asha, Prakriti, Preeti, Shubho and others are in the cast of the play.



TV WATCH

“Kagojer Phool” on ntv

A CORRESPONDENT

TV series “Kagojer Phool” airs at 9:45pm on ntv tonight. Written by Maruf Rehman and directed by Nayeem Imtiaz Neamul, the series stars Fazlur Rahman Babu, Lutfur Rahman George, Saberi Alam, FS Nayeem, Sohana Saba, Shilpi Sarkar Opu, Sazu Khadem, Noresh Bhuiyan, Ashraf Ashish and others.

The plot of the series revolves around Shafiq, whose father was a Freedom

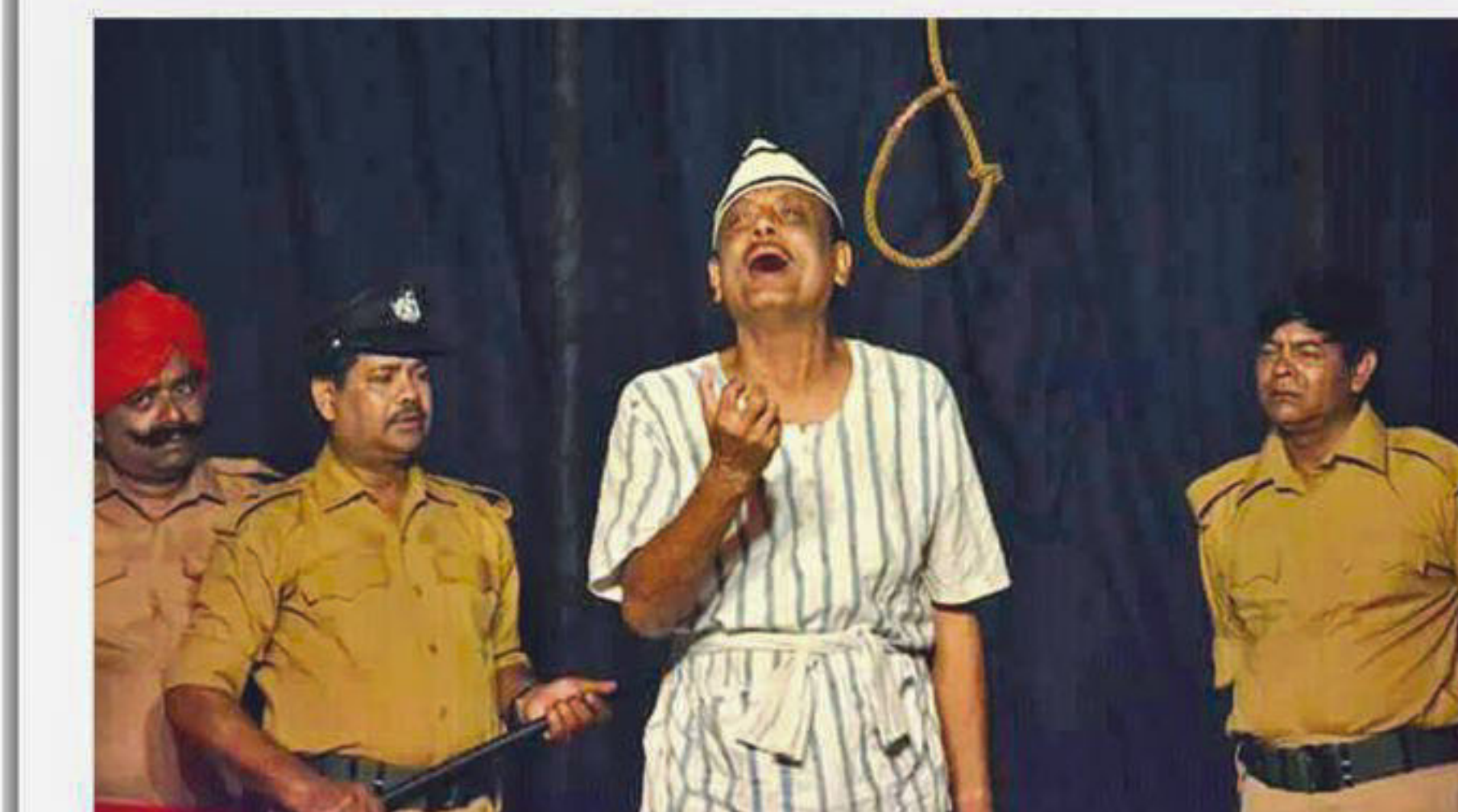
Fighter. After the war, Shafiq's father had isolated himself from everyone. Shafiq lost his father when he was just fifteen years old, and since then has had to take the responsibilities of his family--his mother, and younger brother Shahin. However an air of discomfort surrounds their home as his younger brother gets married before him. When Shafiq, upon the suggestion a doctor, also a Freedom Fighter, leaves his family in the city and moves to the village, his new story begins.



“Ekti Obastob Golpo” staged in Natore

BULBUL AHMED, Natore

Sakam Sangskritik Sangathan, a leading cultural organisation of Natore staged a play “Ekti Obastob Golpo” by Bimal Bandyopadhyay at Aminul Haque Gedu auditorium this past week.



A scene from the play.

A reception was held for the family members of Babu Sankar Gobinda Chowdhury, who was awarded the Independence award 2018 (posthumous) for his contribution to the Liberation War.

The play features the flaws in the social system. K Mondal, a convict to be executed for murdering his wife, does not die, rather loses consciousness. To revive him for the execution, the jailer and other attendants re-enact the incident for which Mondal has been sentenced to death.

Shaheena Khatun, Deputy Commissioner of Natore; Bilpob Bijoy Talukdar, Superintendent of Police in

Natore; Additional Deputy Commissioner (General) Razzaqul Islam and Additional District Magistrate Chitalekha Naznin were present at the event, among others.

Shaheena Khatun said the audience seemed to enjoy the farcical efforts to resuscitate Mondal by the jailer and his comrades. The artistes delivered a brilliant performance, she added.

The cast included Debash Kumar Saker, Rafiqul Islam Nantu, Poritosh Adhikary, Sahadat Hossain, Saiful Islam, Shafiqul Islam. The sound design was done by Mahbub Hossain, lights by Ultram Sarker while set was designed by Parvez Alam.



Spielberg to direct DC's “Blackhawk”

Steven Spielberg is finally taking on a superhero movie.

The prolific director and his Amblin Entertainment are teaming with Warner Bros. to produce action-adventure “Blackhawk” with the intention of Spielberg directing, reports Variety.

Based on the classic comic-book property, the project will mark the filmmaker's first feature centered on characters from the DC universe. Spielberg most recently directed “Ready Player One” for Warner Bros., which has so far grossed \$476 million worldwide following its release late last month.

The screenplay for “Blackhawk” is being

written by David Koepp, who has collaborated with Spielberg as a screenwriter on the blockbusters “Jurassic Park”, “The Lost World”, “War of the Worlds” and “Indiana Jones and the Kingdom of the Crystal Skull”.

“It was wonderful working with the team at Warner Bros. to bring ‘Ready Player One’ to the screen,” Spielberg said. “They bring a blend of passion and professionalism to everything they do and have a tremendous history in this genre. I am excited to reunite with them on ‘Blackhawk’.”

“Blackhawk” was first introduced in 1941 by Quality Comics before the property was acquired by DC Comics in 1957. In the

comics, Blackhawk was the leader of the Blackhawk Squadron, an elite group of pilots that fought in World War II.

Spielberg is currently prepping the fifth Indiana Jones movie, which will be his next project. Production on “Blackhawk” would not only have to come after that, but also after “West Side Story”, the film that Spielberg has said he'll direct following the Indiana Jones movie.

It's currently unknown when exactly Spielberg will shoot the film, but the studio now has the time to fully develop the project before handing it over to him.

SOURCE: VARIETY



LabAid Foundation organised a programme titled “Chiroboshonter Chithi” this past week at the Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy's Music and Dance auditorium, featuring poetry reading and recitation by poets. Nirmalendu Goon, Ruby Rahman, Zahidul Haque, Habibullah Siraji, Ashim Saha, Kazi Rosy read their own poems at the programme, while elocutionists Syed Hasan Imam, Ashraf Alam, Jayanta Chattopadhyay and Dalia Ahmed recited poems and Lutfar Hasan and Gazala Mahmud performed songs. The programme was dedicated to Ferdausi Priyobhashini.