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| <p>WHAT'S ON</p> <p>Art Exhibition Title: When I Grow Up Venue: EMK Center, Dhanmondi Date: June 20-25 Time: 9 am - 7:30 pm</p> | <p>Solo Print Exhibition Title: Grits and Grains Venue: Alliance Française de Dhaka Date: June 14-29 Time: 3 pm - 9 pm (Monday-Thursday); 9 am - 12 noon (Friday and Saturday)</p> | <p>Exhibition Title: Mukhoshor Aaraley Venue: Drik Gallery, Dhanmondi Date: July 12-14 Time: 3 pm - 8 pm</p> | <p>Musical Evening Title: Spanish Harlem Venue: The Junction Dhaka, Niketon Date: June 28 Time: 7:30 pm Tickets: BDT 500</p> | <p>Concert Title: Summer Session Acoustica Venue: Players Club, Jamuna Future Park Date: June 29 Time: 5 pm.</p> |
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(From left) Dinat Jahan Munni and Lily Islam sharing a candid moment with the State Minister for Cultural Affairs, K M Khalid, after presenting him with an Uttoriyo (honorary scarf).



BSA Shishu Dol during their performance.

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BSA celebrates World Music Day 2019

MINAM HAQ
 Marking the Fête de la Musique or World Music Day, which has its roots in France, Bangladesh Sangeet Sangathan Samonnoy Parishad, in association with the Ministry of Cultural Affairs, celebrated the international occasion on June 21, at the National Art Gallery Auditorium in Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy (BSA). This year's mantra was "Shurer Agun Chhoriye Debo Shob Praney". A colourful procession was brought out at the premises of BSA, graced by the State Minister for Cultural Affairs, K M Khalid, who attended the occasion as the chief guest, along with the Director General of BSA, Liaquat Ali Lucky, and various musicians and participants of the day.



The procession prior to the programme.

The programme began with the national anthem, where everyone in the packed auditorium sang with an essence of patriotism, followed by a powerful instrumental, presented by Bangladesh Musicians' Foundation. The performance was directed by eminent artiste Foad Nasser Babu. Later on, a video was

showcased in memory of all the late great musicians of Bengal and beyond. The evening proceeded with a discussion session where the likes of Dinat Jahan Munni, Khurshid Alam and Lily Islam addressed the houseful audience. As the day was celebrated at

many other locations across Bangladesh, some renowned artists were missed and remembered during the event. Following their talks, Dinat Jahan Munni and Lily Islam presented the State Minister for Cultural Affairs, K M Khalid with an Uttoriyo (honorary scarf). During his speech, the chief guest acknowledged the importance of music in our culture and assured that the next year's celebrations will surely strive to top this year's, in terms of arrangements and artists. "From next year, we also have plans to conduct a

music festival, where artists from all across the country will participate," mentioned K M Khalid. "As part of the grandiose celebrations being planned to mark Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman's birth centenary next year, and the golden jubilee of our independence the following year, the artistes of our nation will have a major role in the celebrations and will be provided with all the necessary support." "Musicians and music enthusiasts all across Bangladesh and the world are celebrating today," addressed Liaquat Ali Lucky. "The power of music speaks for itself." As the evening unfolded, a variety of artistes from multiple music organisations enlivened the celebrations with their presence and prowess. Apart from Bangla melodies, an interesting array of Japanese, Hindi, Urdu, Chinese, Arabic, English, Spanish, Nepalese and Russian songs were also on the roster. Emceed by Maskure Sattar Kollo and Tamanna Tithi, the programme was well executed and managed to keep the audience entertained throughout.

French Embassy celebrates Fête de la Musique in style

ZAHANGIR ALOM
 To celebrate Fête de la Musique 2019 (World/International Music Day-2019), H E Marie-Annick Bourdin, Ambassador of France to Bangladesh, hosted a concert performed by the Asian University for Women (AUW) Choir on 21st June, at the premises of the Embassies of France and Germany, Baridhara Diplomatic Enclave, Dhaka.



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Marie-Annick Bourdin welcomed all and invited the members of the choir to perform on the day. The music conductor and flautist, Dr Selvam Thorez, also the Director, Alliance Française de Chittagong (AFC), and Dr Dave Dowland, Registrar and Chief Operating Officer, Asian University for Women, spoke prior to the performance. The AUW Choir presented the performance under the theme *Mignonne allons voir si la rose* (Sweetheart, let's see if the Rose), a project carried by the Alliance Française de Chittagong, and with the support from the Embassy of France in Bangladesh. The choir melliflously performed an array of musical scores ranging from Cantus Gregorian Classics, including *Hodie Christina natus est et Salve Regina*, to anonymous French pieces *Automne*, *La jeune fille*, and *Le Tourdion*. The singers' soothing synchronization of melody, humming, and both solo and choral pieces were fantastic. The guests thoroughly enjoyed their performances of Alessandro Costantini, *Confitemini Domino*, *Trinity Roll* and *Selden Manuscript*, *Agincourt Carol*, *Piae Canticiones*, *Gaudete Christus est natus* and more.

Training young singers from the choir of the AUW is a project that aims to empower women through music. Since March 2017, the AFC has been involved in a major project for women's education through performances in the choir of the Asian University for Women, so that they can approach their social and professional future with better confidence.

Holding true symbol of diversity and harmony in their hearts, 70 young singers, members of the AUW choir, are aged 19 to 25, come from about fifteen countries, including South Asia, South East Asia and Middle East: Bangladesh, Syria, Afghanistan, Pakistan, China, Nepal, Bhutan, India, Sri Lanka, Vietnam and Cambodia. Between September 2018 and April 2019, Alliance Française invited different professional musicians, as well as members of the French ensemble *Son Ar Mein*, for courses, a training residency, and a tour of concerts with young singers.

"Music connoisseurs, our colleagues and visitors are quite happy with today's performance. I am hence looking forward to the next edition of the project," said the ambassador H E Marie-Annick Bourdin, followed by the performance by the choir.



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AFD commemorates WORLD MUSIC DAY

ASHLEY SHOPTORSHI SAMADDAR
 To celebrate World Music Day, Alliance Française de Dhaka (AFD) hosted their annual musical event Fête de la Musique on June 21, 2019 at Dhanmondi. The festival, which was open for all, started at 2:15 pm ended at 10 pm.

The fest began with AFD's current director Olivier Dintinger's welcome speech. "This festival was initiated by the French Government in 1982. Every year on June 21, the Fête de la Musique is organised to celebrate the coming back of spring through music," he said.

After the welcome address, Shekor, a new band, took over the stage to mesmerise the audience with evergreen folk melodies including *Milon Hobe Koto Din E* and *Bonde Maya Lagaise*.

Following Shekor, the guitar students of AFD performed a heart-touching guitar instrumental, composed by renowned guitarists from around the world. These performances lead to a guitar workshop, where anyone present and interested was invited to join.

After this session, the AFD Classical music workshop was arranged for group and solo performers, on Tagore's music with a hint of

modern Bangla fusion. This workshop gave way to performances by Asif and Shouro.

Soon, it was time for the violin workshop, which again was open for all, to watch and participate in. After this workshop, a Bangla song was presented by Roshni. Another solo session by rising singer Masha Islam soon began, where she performed mesmerising French and Bangla melodies.

Jaistho and Friends then entertained the audience with their renditions of French and Bangla songs, which were followed by performances from Mizanuddin Khan and Nahida.

The rest of the evening was dedicated to instrumentals, which started with Seesaw Quartet's Jazz performance. Purbo-Poshchim, an instrumental band consisting of flute and tabla, performed folk and fusion.

After the instrumentals, the Asian University of Women presented their music in choir. The final performance of the day was a piano recital by AFD students. The evening came to an end with a piano workshop and a vote of thanks by Olivier Dintinger and the AFD family.



Marking World Music Day, a procession was brought out in Mymensingh city on Friday. Bangladesh Sangeet Sangathan Samonnoy Parishad, Mymensingh Unit, organised the event assisted by Mymensingh Zila Shilpakala Academy.

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Obhinoy Shilpi Shongho election results

SHAH ALAM SHAZU
 The biennial elections for Bangladesh's television actors' association - Obhinoy Shilpi Shongho - was held amongst much glitz and glamour on June 21 at the Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy premises where renowned actor Shahiduzzaman Selim was elected as the president in a landslide victory against opposition leader, actor Tushar Khan.



Shahiduzzaman Selim Ahsan Habib Nasim

To serve alongside him, television and stage actor, Ahsan Habib Nasim was reelected as the general secretary for a second term. The newly elected panel will serve in their positions for the next two years.

Actors Rawnak Hasan and Anisur Rahman Milon were elected as joint secretaries, whereas actors Tania Ahmed, Abul Kalam Azad and Iqbal Babu were voted into vice president positions.

Newly appointed president, Shahiduzzaman Selim told *The Daily Star*, "We, television actors, are like a big family, and as such, we look forward to work together in the best interests of all actors through this organisation. I extend my love and appreciation towards everyone for voting for me."

Senior actor Khairul Alam Shabuj presided over the elections as election commissioner. He was accompanied by playwright Brindaban Das and actor Masum Aziz. Out of 606 voters, 514 cast their ballots to elect an executive panel comprising of 21 posts. There was a total of 51 contestants for all contested positions.

"I am eternally grateful to all the artistes for reelecting me as the general secretary for a second term. I look forward to working with them and for them in the coming years," said second-term general secretary Ahsan Habib Nasim.

The newly elected panel will be sworn into their positions shortly.

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