

RECOMMENDATIONS

**Anniversary**  
**April 26**  
Kranti, a reputed cultural group, celebrates its 37th foundation anniversary at the auditorium of the National Museum. A cultural show will be given by Udichi, Wishiz, Kanthashilon, Dibya, Shangeelayon and other artists. The programme starts at 5 p.m.

**Poetry**  
**April 23**  
The Embassy of the Islamic Republic of Iran will hold a poetry evening on the occasion of the Chehlom of the Holy Martyrdom of Hazrat Imam Hossain (AS). Poet Asad Chowdhury will preside over the programme to be held at the Cultural Counsellor's Office auditorium starting at 4.30 p.m.

**Nree**  
**April 13-28**  
Nree is holding a photography and research work exhibition on Kantaji Temple and Nayabad Mosque of Dinajpur at the La Galerie of Alliance Francaise de Dacca. The exhibition will run everyday from 9 a.m. 12.00p.m. and 5-8p.m. and 5-8p.m. on Saturdays.

**Theatre**  
**April 17-23**  
Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy organises a week-long staging of drama by the theatre groups outside Dhaka at the Shawkat Osman Memorial Auditorium of the Public Library. The shows start everyday at 7 p.m. The schedules of the plays are as follows:  
**April 22***Dadur Chhori* by Antarango Natygoshthi, Rajshahi  
**April 23***Champa O Shat Bhai* by Prakritojan, Bogra.

**Exhibition**  
**April 25**  
The first solo painting exhibition of Samia Samad Shanta, will be held at Shilpangan art gallery, at House-25, Road -5, Dhanmondi Residential Area, from April 25-30.

**Pre-Satyajit era of Indian cinema: Part-II**  
Chalachitram film society will screen films of pre- Satyajit era of Indian films at Goethe Institut, German Cultural Centre, House 10, Road 9, Dhanmondi Residential Area on 21 and 22 April. The schedule is as follows:  
22 April:  
4 p.m. *Chandralekha*  
6.45 p.m. *Andaaz*

Exhibition

Of rivers, waterfalls and roses

Samia Samad Shanta's solo exhibition at "Shilpangan"

FAYZA HAQ

SAMIA Samad Shanta's solo exhibition, which opens at "Shilpangan" on 25<sup>th</sup> April, comprises of 50 oil paintings, most with the message of peace and harmony. Whether they be landscapes,



Samia Samad Shanta

seascapes or nature, most have an integral tranquilizing element in them. Shanta has been painting now for over ten years, studying at Swapan Chowdhury's "Nandan Shilpa Kendra" till 1990 and then continuing for some months with Rosy Welch at Dallas, USA. She has also taken lessons from Mustafa Manwar, Mashuk Helal of "Bichitra", and Maqsuduzzaman of "Jailjai Din". She prefers to do landscapes and still life to other subjects. She does her work in oil as she finds it much more convenient than water-colour. She also enjoys cutting and pasting that collage involves. At first, when she had to put delicate outlines, it was difficult for her but now she has overcome this problem. She also hesitates to do human or any living figures as one of her overly religious aunts has turned her mind against this.

About the painting on Niagara Falls, which brings in the water its foam, the rocks, trees and blue skies beyond, she says that she has actually visited this place and has been inspired by it. She was guided by some photographs of this place taken by her family. The white giant splashes of the water along

with the intermingling brown of the rocks and collected clear blue water of the water on top and below matching with the turquoise sky above present a picturesque scene indeed. "Kalboishakhi" storm comprises of splashes of blue on top which merge green, red, brown and red in the centre and below giving a vivid impression of an angry stormy sky.

"Sunset on a sea beach" has interesting strokes of yellow ochre, burnt umber and gray to bring in the sky with the gold disc of the sun in the centre. Below is the vast expanse of the water in shades of green, blue, gray and yellow. A few curved lines suggest humans passing by. Below is the reflection of the sky on the water. "Sunset" again brings in the gorgeous colours of the sky in parallel bars, zigzags and blotches of mauve, orange, vermilion, gold and royal blue. The sky appears like the brilliant plumage of



Flood' 98

some exotic bird of paradise. "Rough sea" contains the depiction of beautiful cascading waves in shades of blue ranging from pale turquoise to steel blue touched with foamy white of the gathering salty froths. In front is the dramatic black sea beach and to the

side are rocks containing a bent bare branched tree seen against a flamingo pink and yellow sky. Splashes of gray green and blue clouds float on the pale sky.

"Flood 1998" brings in the devastation by flooding in a village, where sweeps of water have engulfed the human existence and the natural growth. In the distance are seen the tops of thatched huts and trees seen against a pale blue sky. This is one of the few paintings in which the ugliness of reality has crept in. The same theme is seen in "Flood" where the gray expanse of the sky is seen against the overwhelming blue-green flood waters within which are seen five brown thatched tops of houses floating in the waves.

"Midnight roses" bring in a bunch of flowers in pastel shades and orange with their accompanying bottle-green leaves seen against a brown flat background. The white flecks on the flowers make them appear like candy floss. "Flowers" is similarly a presentation of rich hued blossoms seen on a blue and green vase. "A flowering tree" has all the delicacy of Japanese prints in the presentation of a spring of pink flowers with their branches and leaves seen against a pale jade setting. "Aajihay Bashanta" is a curious composition of exotic birds, bursts of blossoms, fruits and fleshy leaves.

Apart from painting, Shanta enjoys dancing and cooking.



Flowers

CD launch

A new trend in Nazrul Sangeet

Singer Leena Taposhi Khan brings out her 3rd album with visual of five songs

HARUN UR RASHID

MUSIC video hasn't been quite common in the music scene of the country except for in some of the recent productions in band music. A few songs from genres like Rabindra and Nazrul Sangeet, patriotic songs were however produced by the now-defunct Ekushey Television. It is nevertheless conceivable that the trend, still young as it is, hasn't acquired high professional standard.

This was observed in the visual of five Nazrul songs performed by young singer Leena Taposhi Khan although the singer excels in her own field. Entitled *Prokriti O Gaan*, the music video was premiered at the Russian Cultural Centre on April 18. The occasion also saw the release of Leena's third Nazrul Sangeet album *Khelichho E Biswa Loye*.

Eminent Nazrul scholar Dr.



Rafiqul Islam and Nazrul Sangeet specialist Khalid Hossain ceremonially unwrapped the CD cover of the album containing 12 songs. Chairman, Bangladesh Telecommunication Regulatory Commission, Syed Margub Morshed was the chief guest at the programme. Among others reputed Nazrul artiste Shabnam Mushary, TV drama producer Atiqul Haque Chowdhury were present at the event.

*Prokriti O Gaan*, directed by Sajjad Rahman, contains five songs-- *Bhiru e moner koli*, *Momo mayamoi*, *Keno ano phulodore*, *Jak na nishi gaaney gaaney*, and *Khelichho e biswa loye*. The video seems little professional for its use in one song of a male model, who appeared stiff and uneasy. The director should have thought of a real professional model. Leena too doesn't look very camera-free herself.

Leena's album *Khelichho E Biswa Loye*, however, is a good production with Leena's maturing performance. Tracks include *Jani jani priyo*, *Tumi ki ashibey na*, *Dur azaaner dhwoni*, *Keno ano phulodore*, *Bhiru e moner koli*, *Momo mayamoi*, *Shawono raatey jodi*, *Jak na nishi gaaney gaaney*, *Hey Paritho-sharothi*, *Amar jabar shomoy holo*, *Momo modhur minoti* and the titular *Kelichho e biswa loye*

Telefilm

Shakur Majid in a new role

CULTURE DESK

MIRA Media and View Finder have jointly produced dramatist Shakur Majid's *Boirati* as a telefilm. Successful author of *Londoni Koinnya* and *Naioree*,

Shakur Majid starts career as a director with this present production. Mahfuz Ahmed, Srabonti and about twenty theatre artists performed in this drama.

This drama is written in the local dialect of Sylhet.

*Boirati* tried to bring the local culture to greater audience.

It contains seven local wedding songs. Sujee Shyam directs the music of this telefilm.



Mahfuz and co-artists flanked in two scenes from Boirati.

TV GUIDE

<p><b>CHANNEL-i</b></p> <p>6:10 Islamic programme</p> <p>7:15 Porthom Sun</p> <p>9:30 Music Plus</p> <p>10:30 Prescription</p> <p>11:00 Band show: Rock Bigdnet</p> <p>11:30 Drama Serial Amader Gram Amader Shefali</p> <p>12:30 Dhigol Gayer Kannya</p> <p>2:00 Film Tejojyaputhra</p> <p>5:35 Janopoder Khabar</p> <p>5:45 I-Sports</p> <p>6:10 Music Plus</p> <p>6:45 Drama serial: Poster</p> <p>7:15 Channel-I news</p> <p>7:45 Ispahani-I Tele Quiz (Q)</p> <p>7:55 Drama Serial Griha golpo</p> <p>9:00 Channel I News</p> <p>9:31 Ispahani-I Tele Quiz (A)</p> <p>10:00 Drama Serial: Valo Mondo Manushera</p> <p>10:25 Channel I-Mobile Quiz</p> <p>10:30 Channel-I News</p> <p>11:15 Shagbad Potra Bangladesh</p> <p>11:20 Buissness show</p> <p>11:30 Live telecast &amp; BTV</p> <p>12:15 Late Night news</p> <p>Channel I news</p> <p><b>ATN</b></p> <p>6:00 Islamic Prog:</p> <p>8:00 ATN Bangla News</p> <p>8:25 Children prog: ATN Sapla Saluk Gold Medel Protejujeta</p> <p>9:35 Weekly Drama: Keyar Sapno</p> <p>10:50 Band Musical Prog: Pop Dhamaka</p> <p>12:00 ATN Bangla News</p> <p>12:20 The Daily Newspaper</p> <p>Discussing Prog: Aker Sangbadpotro</p> <p>12:50 Musical prog : ATN Music</p> <p>1:20 Bengali Feature film: Suruj Mia</p> <p>4:50 The Daily Newspaper</p> <p>Discussing Prog: Aker Sangbadpotro</p> <p>5:00 Gram Gonger Sangbad</p> <p>5:15 Musical Prog: Music Vision</p> <p>5:50 Musical Prog: Saat Rang</p> <p>6:25 Islamic prog : Islamee Sawal O Jawab</p> <p>7:00 ATN Bangla Evening News</p> <p>7:30 Computer Based Prog: ATN Computer Projukte</p> <p>8:05 Drama Serial: Kaborer ful</p> <p>8:40 Drama Serial: Neel Kham</p> <p>9:00 ATN Bangla News</p> <p>9:25 Audio Mela</p> <p>10:00 ATN Bangla News</p> <p>10:30 Iraq Zudda</p> <p>11:00 ATN Bangla News</p> <p>12:00 Bengali Film: Aapon Por</p>	<p><b>STAR MOVIES</b></p> <p>7:00 Solo</p> <p>8:45 Say Anything</p> <p>10:30 Good Advice</p> <p>12:15 LA Story</p> <p>2:15 Always</p> <p>5:25 Scent Of A Woman</p> <p>7:00 Monkeybone</p> <p>8:35 Stakeout</p> <p>10:30 The Vanishing</p> <p>12:30 Phase IV</p> <p><b>HBO</b></p> <p>7:00 Cinema Secrets</p> <p>Ill: 4 Amazing Creatures</p> <p>7:30 Eraser</p> <p>9:45 Star Trek VI: The Undiscovered Country</p> <p>12:00 Bloodfist V: Human Target</p> <p>1:45 Flashdance</p> <p>3:45 Shredder</p> <p>5:30 Pet Semetary II</p> <p>7:30 The Perfect Storm</p> <p>10:00 Striptease</p> <p>12:15 Conspiracy</p> <p>2:15 Eraser</p> <p>4:30 Krull</p> <p><b>NATIONAL</b></p> <p><b>GEOGRAPHIC</b></p> <p>6:30 Built For The Kill</p> <p>7:30 Croc Chronicles S2</p> <p>8:00 Toyota World Of Wildlife S3</p> <p>8:30 Secret Life Of Mouse</p> <p>9:30 Story Of Reynard</p> <p>The Fox, The</p> <p>10:30 Thunder Dragon</p> <p>11:30 Dogs With Jobs</p> <p>12:00 Earth Pulse</p> <p>12:30 Nick's Quest</p> <p>1:30 Weddings Couple Of Funeral</p> <p>2:00 People Out There</p>	<p>2:30 Taxi Ride</p> <p>3:00 Chasing Time</p> <p>3:30 Hidden Scrolls Of Herculaneum</p> <p>4:30 Croc Chronicles</p> <p>5:00 Toyota World Of Wildlife S3</p> <p>5:30 Animal Edens</p> <p>6:00 Mission Wild</p> <p>6:30 Dogs With Jobs</p> <p>7:00 Earth Pulse</p> <p>7:30 Bringing Home The Bears li From Russia With Love</p> <p>8:30 People Out There</p> <p>9:00 Mission Everest</p> <p>9:30 Taxi Ride</p> <p>10:00 Young Global Hot Shots</p> <p>10:30 A Woman In Antarctica</p> <p>11:30 Croc Chronicles</p> <p>12:00 Toyota World Of Wildlife S3</p> <p><b>STAR GOLD</b></p> <p>6:30 Bollywood Beats</p> <p>7:00 Geet Bahar</p> <p>7:30 Hamlet</p> <p>10:30 Bollywood Beats</p> <p>10:55 Kuch Hit Kuch Superhit</p> <p>11:00 Hit Filmein Hit Sangeet -</p> <p>11:55 Kuch Hit Kuch Superhit</p> <p>12:00 Pyaara Dushman</p> <p><b>STAR PLUS</b></p> <p>6:30 Star Geetmala</p> <p>7:30 Dr Morepen Tango - 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S.V.U</p> <p>8:55 Star Asia Travel</p> <p>9:00 Frasier</p> <p>9:30 The Drew Carey Show</p> <p>10:00 Whose Line Is It Anyway</p> <p>10:30 J.A.G.</p> <p>11:30 Law And Order -</p>	<p>18:00 NBA Anthology NBA 1998: A Look Back (T)</p> <p>18:30 Australia Tour Of West Indies The Cable &amp; Wireless Test Series 2003</p> <p>Trinidad, WEST</p> <p>INDIES West Indies Vs Australia 2nd Test, Day 3, Highlights(R)</p> <p>20:00 Australia Tour Of West Indies The Cable &amp; Wireless Test Series 2003</p> <p>Trinidad, WEST</p> <p>INDIES West Indies Vs Australia 2nd Test, Day 4, 1st Session (L)</p> <p>22:05 Sportscenter Hindi (L)</p> <p>22:35 Australia Tour Of West Indies The Cable &amp; Wireless Test Series 2003</p> <p>Trinidad, WEST</p> <p>INDIES West Indies Vs Australia 2nd Test, Day 4, 2nd &amp; 3rd Session (L)</p> <p><b>STAR SPORTS</b></p> <p>07:30 Spanish Football League 2002/03</p> <p>Spanish Football League San Sebastian, SPAIN</p> <p>Rayo Vallecano (R)</p> <p>09:30 PGA Tour Golf MCI</p> <p>Head Island, SC</p> <p>USA Final Round(R)</p> <p>12:30 English Premier Football League</p> <p>English Premier Football League 2002/03</p>	<p>Middlesbrough, ENGLAND</p> <p>Middlesbrough Vs Arsenal (R)</p> <p>14:30 SBK Superbike SBK Superbike Magazine Highlights(R)</p> <p>15:00 Golf Programming</p> <p>The Golf Club 2003 (R)</p> <p>15:30 Max Power Max Power 2003 (T)</p> <p>16:30 Wrestling Apple Crush (T)</p> <p>17:00 Marathon Paris Marathon 2003</p> <p>Paris, FRANCE</p> <p>Event Highlights(T)</p> <p>18:00 Spanish Football League 2002/03</p> <p>Spanish Football League Valladolid, SPAIN</p> <p>Valladolid Vs Valencia CF (T)</p> <p>20:00 Sportsline Tonight</p> <p>Sportsline (L)</p> <p>20:30 English Premier League Highlights</p> <p>English Premier League Highlights 2002/03 (T)</p> <p>21:30 Best Of PGA Golf Rival-ries/Showdowns (R)</p> <p>Dream Team (T)</p> <p>22:30 Sportsline Tonight</p> <p>Sportsline (T)</p> <p>23:00 Gillette World Sports Special</p> <p>Gillette World Sports (T)</p> <p>23:30 Tennis Masters Series Tennis Masters Monte-Carlo Presented By HSBC Monte Carlo, MONACO</p> <p>High-lights(T)</p>
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