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CULTURAL FEAST

Exhibition

Title: A Dew Drop Artist: Nasima Khanam Queenie Venue: Shilpangan Gallery Date: January 03-10

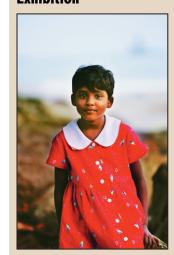
Title: A look through the crow's eyes Organiser: Bengal Foundation Venue: Gallery of Word's n Pages, Café Imsomnia, 125, Gulshan Avenue, Gulshan-2 Date: December 25, 2005- January

27, 2006

Theatre

Play: Behular Bhashan Troupe: Theatre and Music Department, Dhaka University Venu: Natmondal Auditorium, DU Date: January 1-4, 2006 at 6:30 pm

Group Photography Exhibition



Title: Nature's Furv Organiser: Drik Gallery Library Venue: Drik Gallery Time: December 26- January 8, from 3:00 pm to 8:00 pm

Photography Exhibition

Title: Photographs on Shilpacharya Zainul Abedin Organiser: The Fine Arts institute Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy, Bangladesh National Museum and Bengal Foundation Venue: Zainul Gallery Date: December 29, 2005-January 18, 2006 Time: 12-06pm

Cultural Programme

Title: Muktijudhho O Nari Organiser: Liberation War Museum Venue: Liberation War Museum Shegunbagicha, Dhaka **Date**: January 3-4, 2006 Time: 4pm

Film Screening

Title: Iranian Film Festival Organiser: Dhaka Film Society Venue: Alamgir Kabir Film Centre Auditorium

Date: January 3, 2006 Kandahar Time: 4pm Secret Ballot Time: 6pm

Ahmed Nazir

Powerful print-maker and painter

FAYZA HAQ

HMED Nazir's oils and mixed media work have recently been on view at the Divine and Chitrak galleries. Here is an artist whose worldview goes beyond just Bangladesh. A painter and print-maker of international repute, he shies away when reminded that he is Safiuddin Ahmed's son. If genius is transferred by genes, as commonly believed, Nazir's several feats have their roots in the enlightened ambiance of his home.

His earlier paintings were idyllic and positive -- although they too were post-modern pieces -- dwelling on dreams and the symbolic moon image. Today, he dwells on bullet marks on walls, with dripping red blood, and dark X-ray vision, with X-ray plates. His prints are powerful, and produced after a tremendous amount of deliberation and care. To distance himself from the turbulent world around him, Nazir goes back to his romantic paintings, which he does with pastel colours and fine brushwork.

Tracing Bangladesh and his personal achievement, the artist ays,"The Liberation War has had a definite impact on every artist's work. My *Moon-Dream* series, have been seen at different venues since 1995, "He says that his X-ray images, seen recently, are positive too." Current developments both in Bangladesh and abroad should

A homage to

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Bhawaiyan Academy, a cultural

organisation commemorated the 46th death anniversary of

Abbasuddin Ahmed recently, at

the Sufia Kamal Auditorium,

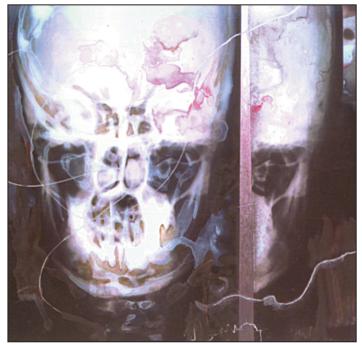
Ahmed was posthumously

awarded a Bhawaya Padak and a

quarterly magazine *Bhawaiya* was

Bhawaiya maestro Abbasuddin

Abbasuddin Ahmed



An art work by Ahmed Nazir, a portrait of the artist (top)

be examined deeply. While most people don't want terrorism, many people suffer because of this phemenon," says Nazir.

What you see internationally and at home, whether one calls it terrorism the world over, or what one experiences in the recent past in Bangladesh, should be examined deeply. We must turn inwards and examine ourselves. This is a

launched at the event as well

Speaker of the parliament,

Barrister Zamiruddion Sarkar

inaugurated the programme.

Motahar Hossain Sufi and Dr

Nashid Kamal attended as chief

guests. Eminent folklore re-

searcher, Dr Ashraf Siddiqui pre-

sided over the programme. Execu-

tive director of the academy, KM

Mustafizur Rahman presented the

welcome speech. The event

wrapped up with a musical soiree.

must for progress. Most people on our globe don't want anything evil," he adds.

Nazir believes that everyone has an inner drive. If expressed properly, he believes, this will culminate in success. No man was deliberately created evil: thus there is something beautiful and admirable in all God's creatures, he says. In his words, " Whether rough or



crude, a human being is the product of his or her environment. We tend to blame the First World, while we reside in the Third World. Yet, I insist, this is not correct. The majority in USA and Europe don't want destruction.. There is a definite need for preservation of the earth's flora and fauna -- and we the artists, try to do this in our own way, both at home and abroad."

What does the young but mature artist prefer -- print-making, in which he is nonpareil, or painting in which he surpasses many in his generation? The artist says that both are equally his passion and occupation, as he gives a considerable time to both. For quite some time now, he does more prints. This is not for easy sale, as prints are cheaper. Yes, he has to earn a living for himself and his family of four. This is even though his wife, Sharmeen, is a professional painter too. Ahmed Nazir labours in his gallery corner at Chitrak, and makes etchings galore This requires physical labour.

To get away from heat and dust of the city, he takes a respite in painting. He listens to a wide range of music in the course of his work. The music varies from instrumental to Rabindra Sangeet, Nazrul Geeti to folk music and even heavy metal. In his leisure time he looks after his Alsatians and partlycoloured pigeons and reads volumes of books on various subjects especially art.

Singer Tahsan (R)

is seen next to

guitarist Sumon,

holding his sec-

ond solo album,

album, recently

released by G

Series, includes

11 songs and an

instrumental.

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Buzzworthy TV serials

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This is apparently the age of the mega serials on television. Megaserials are lucrative to the TV channels for a number of reasons. Besides being extremely popular to the audience. TV serials also fetch the TV channels oodles of commercials and sponsors. Hence all the TV channels are now competing with each other to get a slice of the "mega-serial pie". Besides the ongoing TV serials, quite a few new ones started their journey while some ended theirs.

Here's list of the most talked about TV serials of last year. The list does not however, follow any particular ranking.

69: One of the popular drama serials on channel-i, 69 ended last year. The serial was scripted and directed by Anisul Haque and Mostafa Sarwar Farooki respectively. The serial revolved around the owner of a building, his family and a tenant's family. The characters portrayed in a very casual style soon became popular among the TV viewers. Major roles were played by Shahiduzzaman Selim, Ilora Gohar, Ahmed Rubel, Hassan Masud, Jova Ahsan, Tisha, Tinni, Shrestha, Kalpa, Marzuk Russell and others.

Sporsher Baire: Based on a story by Pantho Shahariar, the serial was directed by Shahiduzzaman Selim. The Dhaka



Rokeya Prachi and Fazlur Rahman Babu in a scene from Chithi

Cultural Reporters' Association awarded Sporsher Baire as the best TV serial. The serial featured Raisul Islam Asad, Afroza Banu, Azad Abul Kalam, Srabonti and Sanjida Preeti, among others.

Chithi: Although it started just recently, drama serial Chithi has created quite a buzz among the TV audience for its original storyline. Some misplaced letters are finally mailed to the correct addresses. How these long overdue letters affect the receivers is the focus of the serial. Aired on ntv, Rokeya Prachi, Tarik Anam Khan, Sweety, Tamalika, Rhidi Huq, Fazlur Rahman Babu and others have

played the characters in different episodes of the serial; each narrating a different story

Kachher Manush: Based on Suchitra Bhattacharva's novel, Kachher Manush is directed by Afsana Mimi and has wide popularity and the audiences. The serial features seasoned as well emerging actors who display an impressive chemistry. The cast includes Humayun Faridee, Alamgir, Shubarna Mustafa, Intekhab Dinar, Sanjida Preeti, Γahsan and others.

Sheola: Featuring several popular artistes of the small screen, Zahid Hassan, Azizul Hakim, Tarin, Litu Anam, Bulbul Ahmed, Munira Yusuf Memi, Sumaiya Shimu, Jeetu, Farah Ruma and Richi Solaiman, the serial received attention because of its distinctive story line. The serial followed two close friends who get into trouble for their affiliations with a communist party. Ferdous Hasan is the director and the writer of the serial.

Rangchhut: Based on a story by Nasrin Jahan, the serial is directed by Shahiduzzaman Selim. The serial revolves around an apparently delusional woman and the people around her. The cast of the mega serial included Subarna Mustafa, Pijush Bandyopadhyay, Chitralekha Guho and Srabonti among oth-



Srabonti, Preeti and Azad Abul Kalam in Sporsher Baire

Live Now: The album coming soon

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After the resounding success of the two concerts, Live Now and Live Now II, Shabab Murshid Foundation is pleased to bring out *Live Now* the album. Featuring bands such as Aurthoheen, Artcell, Black, Cryptic Fate, The Watson Brothers, dNA, Reborn, Arbovirus, Fulbanu's Revenge, Nemesis and Birodh, the album, to be released in the first week of January, promises to be a great addition to any underground music lover's

Shabab Murshid Foundation was formed soon after Shabab Murshid (15), son of economist Dr KAS Murshid and artist Shameem Subrana, suddenly passed away while playing basketball at his school in Phnom Penh. The foundation aims to raise health awareness among children while promoting music and sports two of Shabab's key interests.

Live Now, the album, will feature the song Live Now which was written by Victor, a Grade 11 student of Shabab Murshid's school in Phnom Penh (International School of Phnom Penh). He, along with a few other students of ISPP, composed the song in half an

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Tropic Gothic

Doc Eureka

Totally Wild

Storm Stories

Big Cat Challenge

Mysteries Of Man-

Serious: Arctic

Backyard Science

Snake Wranglers The

school arranged the day after Shabab passed away on By dedicating the album to Shabab (featuring songs

hour and performed it at the memorial service that the

of bands that Shabab liked and listened to), Shabab Murshid Foundation wants to draw attention to Shabab's story. They believe that this incident could have been prevented if a thorough medical check up was done every year. Perhaps a proper diagnosis could have helped save his life. By this album, Shabab Murshid Foundation will seek to urge parents to take their children to the doctor at least once a year, whether or not there is an obvious problem. In line with the aim to raise awareness, Shabab

Murshid Foundation is also working with BIRDEM to hold a CPR training workshop later this month. Local schools are requested to express their interest to participate in the workshop via email at shababmurshidfoundation@yahoo.com. Each participant will be charged Tk 200 only for the training. In case of schools that cannot afford the fee, Shabab Murshid Foundation will finance the training of the participants from that school. Each school will be able to send two participants.

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Indian Partnerships

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Hockey League 2006

Cricket Classics

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A child artiste performing at the event



Cultural organisation Srijan recently held its 42nd musical programme recently at the Sufia Kamal Auditorium, National Museum. The soiree featured Tagore and folk songs rendered by several artistes. Eminent musician, Subal Das who passed away last year, was remembered through a rendition

TV GUIDE

PICK OF THE DAY

The Daily Star will not be responsible

News Bulletin

for any change in the programme

News Headlines (Bangla) at 8:55 am.12:10 pm. 2:00 pm. 3:00 pm. 4:00 pm. 7:00 pm. News (Bangla) at 8:00 am 1:00 pm.5:00

pm.8:00 pm. News (English) at 3:00 pm. 10:00 pm. Late Night News (Bangla and English)

CHANNEL-i

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TARA BANGLA

News Headlines (Bangla) at 5:30 pm. 7:30 pm. Tara News (Bangla) at 8:30 pm. 11:30 pm Tara News Bangladesh (Bangla) at 9:30

BBC WORLD Every hour on the hour

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Ferari Siren On ATN Bangla at 08:30pm **Drama Serial** Cast: Sujata, Ahmed Rubel, Sweety

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