

CULTURAL FEAST

Exhibition

Title: Kishorer Chokhey Muktiyuddho  
Artist: Rasha  
Venue: Arka Art Gallery, 1st floor, Banani City Corporation Market  
Date: March 31-April 14, 2006  
Time: 10am to 8 pm



Title: 'Of Angels and Chariots' by Fida Haq  
Organiser: Bengal Gallery of Fine Arts  
Venue: Bengal Shilpalaya, House 275/ F, Rd 27 (old), Dhanmondi R/A  
Date: March 27-April 7, 2006  
Time: 12 noon to 8 pm

Title: Pata Chitra  
Artist: Shambhu Acharya  
Venue: Gallery Kaya, H#20, R#16, Sector 4, Uttara  
Date: April 7-16 from 11 am to 8 pm

Title: "Empreintes—Traditional techniques revived through contemporary art"  
Organiser: Alliance Francaise  
Venue: Alliance Francaise, 26 Mirpur Road, Dhanmondi  
Date: March 30-April 12

Solo exhibition on Potteries (Shora)

Artist: Shukumar Paul  
Venue: Art and Soul Gallery House 16, Road 36, Gulshan 2  
Date: April 7-16  
Time: 11am to 8pm

Print Exhibition

Artist: A Rahman  
Venue: Gallery Chittrak House# 21, Road-4, Dhanmondi R/A  
Date: April 7-16



Time: 10am-8pm

Film Screening

Title: Film shows to commemorate Satyajit Ray's death anniversary  
Organiser: High Commission of India  
Venue: Indian Cultural Centre, House No 25, Road No 96, Gulshan-2  
Date: April 23-25  
Movie: Pather Panchali (April 23) Kanchan Jangha (April 24) Parash Pathar (April 25)  
Complimentary passes available at the Indian High Commission and the Indian Cultural Centre

Envoy of Peace from China

An ancient mariner and his quests

KARIM WAHEED

**Y**EARS before Christopher Columbus sailed the oceans in search of a route to India, the Chinese were exploring the Indian Ocean and Western Pacific with seven voyages of the "Treasure Fleet" that established trade relations with much of Asia and parts of Africa in the 15th century. The fleets were commanded by a powerful admiral named Zheng He (AKA Cheng Ho).

To celebrate the 600th Anniversary of Zheng He's remarkable voyages (1405-1433 ACE) the Embassy of the People's Republic of China is holding an exposition at the National Museum, Shahbagh.

Air Vice Marshal (Retd) Altaf Hossain Chowdhury, Minister for Commerce inaugurated the exhibition on April 3. The Chinese Ambassador to Bangladesh, Chai Xi and Enam Ahmed Chowdhury, chairperson of Privatisation Commission attended the event as special guests.

The Chinese Ambassador said in his speech, "Zheng He was a pioneering explorer who utilised highly advanced nautical technology and established trade and cultural bonds with nations including African countries. He never engaged in slave trades, never resorted to aggression. He believed in global harmony. Chittagong was one of the major ports where Zheng's fleet approached."

"China has evolved in six centuries but the nation's values remain unchanged. We still



PHOTO: SHAWKAT JAMIL

A view of the exhibition (top), replicas of antiques from Ming Dynasty

believe that through peaceful commerce and cultural exchange, global harmony can be attained. May the Sino-Bangladesh friendship thrive."

The Commerce Minister said, "Zheng He's navigation skills were incredible. He had left a touch of China in over 30 countries during his seven voyages. Traces of Chinese silk and porcelain found in distant countries bear the evidence of Zheng's expeditions. This informative exhibition is a commendable effort by the Ministry of Culture, the People's Republic of China and the Chinese Embassy in Bangladesh."

The exhibition includes photographs along with notes, replicas of antiques from the era of Zheng He's voyages and copies of maps devised by the mariner. An added treat is a documentary on Zheng He and his adventures.

Photographs show Muslim tombs decorated with Chinese porcelain in the Kenyan coastal city of Mombasa and Pyrethrum grown in the country; the plants were transplanted from Europe, which acquired the seeds from China.

In another photograph, the Thailand Seabed Archaeology Team is seen studying Ming Dynasty porcelain salvaged from a sunken

Chinese ship. Objects made of Chinese porcelain are also seen being displayed at the Topkapi Palace Museum in Istanbul.

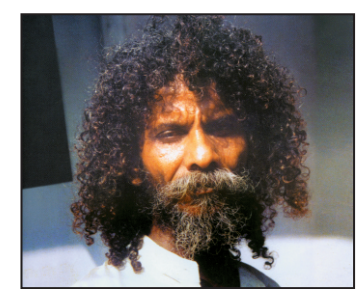
Zheng He Hanghai Tu (Zheng He's Nautical Charts) offers a comprehensive summary of the marine data collected during the voyages. An image of a stele shows inscriptions in Tamil, Persian and Chinese. Zheng He erected the stele during his 1409 trip to Sri Lanka.

From the notes it also becomes apparent that Zheng played a key role in solidifying relations between the Ming Dynasty and the Islamic world. Zhang was a Muslim from the Hui ethnic group and had perhaps heard of Arabia from his father and grandfather as they travelled on pilgrimage to Mecca.

Replicas of tri-coloured pottery figurines of men riding horses from Ming Dynasty (1368-1644), bronze Buddha statue, bronze burner from the Xuande reign, Ming Dynasty (1426-1435) and more are visual delights.

The exposition will be open till April 15.

Kishorer Chokhey Muktiyuddho Sculptor Rasha's solo exhibition



CULTURAL CORRESPONDENT

A solo exhibition of artist Rasha's miniature paintings is being held at Arka Gallery, Banani City Corporation Market.

Titled *Kishorer Chokhey Muktiyuddho*, the exhibition features paintings that according to Rasha are, "inspired by memories of the Liberation War." The artist, well known as a sculptor, says, "To bring to life my memories and experiences as a youngster during the war in '71, I started working on these paintings."

The paintings resemble art done by an amateur, they have a certain raw, childlike approach to them. However, some images are graphic; which indicate the impressions and thoughts of an adult. According to Rasha, he had been working on the paintings for last five years. Two woodcuts by the artist, titled *Bastobota* and *Goribo Bamomala* are also on display at the exhibition.



Paintings on display at the exhibition, the artist (Top)



Talk show 'Positive Bangladesh' is aired on STV USA every Wednesday at 8 am in the US and 9 pm in Bangladesh. The show is directed by Russell Ashequi and hosted by Bibi Russel, high profile fashion designer and special envoy to UNESCO, says a press release. The sixth episode to be aired today is *Shautayu Jibon*. Herbal specialist Dr Alamgir Moti and Haji Mohammad (115 years old) participate in the discussion with Bibi.

Amitabh and Tabu team up

After having battled his illness, Amitabh Bachchan is finally ready to work. Apart from resuming the shooting of his pending projects, he is also set to start shooting for a brand new film titled *Chheni Kum*, which goes on the floor on April 6.

The film marks the directorial debut of Balakrishnan. Apparently, the script was written with Amitabh Bachchan in mind for the lead. Tabu has been roped in to play the role opposite Bachchan. Other actors finalised for the project include Paresh

Rawal who plays Tabu's father. The music is by South Indian maestro Ilaya Raja. The movie is being touted as a 'sarcastic love story' and will be shot in Mumbai, Delhi and London.

Source: Internet

Chittagong hosts theatre festival from April 7



A scene from the play, *Bela Shesher Golpo*

CULTURAL CORRESPONDENT

A five-day theatre festival arranged by Group Theatre Forum, a forum of the active theatrical troupes of Chittagong, will begin on April 7 at Shilpakala Academy Auditorium, Chittagong.

Teerjak, Swabdo Natyacharcha Kendra, Ganayan Natya Sampradaya, Kathak Theatre and Nandimukh will stage *Swattanaha*, *Chhayabrita*, *Ekti Abastab Galpo*, *Gantabya* and *Bela Shesher Galpo* respectively in the festival, which will be inaugurated by dramatist Rabiul Alam. Professor Shipra Dastidar will be the chief guest while Aktaruzzaman, the assistant general secretary of Bangladesh Group Theatre Federation, will be the special guest in the opening ceremony.

TV GUIDE

All programmes are in local time. The Daily Star will not be responsible for any change in the programme.

News Bulletin

**BTV**  
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) 11:30 pm.

**CHANNEL-I**  
News (Bangla) at 7:15 am, 9:00am, 2:00pm, 7:00pm, 9:00pm, 10:30pm, 12:15 am.  
Telecast of BTV news (Bangla and English) at 11:30 pm.

**ATN BANGLA**  
News (Bangla) at 7:00 am, 10:00am, 2:00 pm, 7:00 pm, 10:00 pm, 11pm.  
News (English) 8:20am, 7:00pm  
Telecast of BTV News (Bangla and English) at 11:30 pm.

**ntv**  
News Headlines (Bangla) at 10:00 am, 12:00 am, 6:15 pm, 9:30 pm.  
News (Bangla) 7:30 am, 2:00 pm, 5:00 pm, 7:30 pm, 10:30 pm.  
Telecast of BTV News (Bangla and English) at 11:30 pm.

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

**BBC WORLD**  
Every hour on the hour

BTV

09:05 *Smitrimoy Archives*  
09:25 *Shashwato Jibon*  
10:00 Satellite Programme  
12:30 *Shashtho Tathya*  
02:15 *Sisimpur*  
03:05 *Hijolamal*  
03:30 AFC challenge cup  
08:40 Drama Serial: *Shap Lulu*  
09:05 Drama Serial: *Neel Koshto*  
09:25 Drama Serial: *Shomoyer Qithithi*  
10:25 *Teknaf Thekey*  
10:35 Iranian Film: *Man of Angels*

ATN BANGLA

09:25 Drama serial: *Fiat No 40*  
10:30 *Onnodrishti*  
11:05 ATN Taroka (Music)  
12:15 *Cinema Cinema*  
12:50 *Ganey Shurey Tarunye*

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01:25 *Molamot*  
02:30 *Shurochhobi*  
03:15 Drama serial: *Valobashar Rong*  
03:45 Drama Serial: *Anondo Bedona Gantobyo*  
04:20 *Islam Ki Boley Amra Ki Kori*  
04:45 *Ispahani Pure Snax Quiz Time*  
05:45 *Islami Sawal O Jobab*  
06:20 *The Sword Of Tipu Sultan*  
08:00 Drama Serial: *Pagol Pagol Manushgulo*  
08:30 Drama Serial: *Shukher Lagiya*

09:00 Drama Serial: *Hoi Hoi Roi Roi*

09:30 Drama Serial: *Andharer Jatri*  
10:40 Citycell Face to Face (live)

CHANNEL-I

09:30 *Shongbad Potrey Bangladesh*  
09:45 Public Reaction  
09:50 *Tritiyomatra*  
11:05 Sports Time (Live)  
12:30 *Aj Dupurey*  
01:05 *Ebong Cinemar Gaan*  
01:45 Public Reaction  
02:40 Special Drama  
04:05 *Bashundhara Amader Gaan*  
04:30 X Music  
04:50 *Sa Re Ga Ma*  
05:30 Gaaner O Paree  
06:00 Music Plus  
06:30 *Harano Shoishob Harano Shampad*  
07:50 RC Travel On  
08:20 *Rang tuli te Bangladesh*  
09:35 Drama Serial: *Jhora Patar Kabbo*  
10:00 Drama Serial: *Bela Obelar Golpo*

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08:35 *Aajker Shokal*  
09:05 Drama Serial: *Labonyoprobha*  
09:30 *Frankly Speaking*  
10:05 *Colours*  
10:30 *Gallery*  
11:00 *Circus Lights*  
12:05 *Shurer Jolsha Muktangon*  
01:00 Drama Serial: *Ronger Manush*  
04:25 *Tepantor ar mat*  
05:20 *Apnar Jigqasha*  
06:20 *Shubho Shondhya*

06:50 *Ki Kotha Tahar Shadhey*

08:25 *Siddiq Kabir's Recipe*  
09:10 *Kichhu Kotha Kichhu Gaan*  
09:50 Drama Serial: *Amader Anondobari Din Darpon*

CHANNEL 1

08:40 *Shuprovat Bangladesh*  
10:00 *Cartoon*  
10:30 *Bangla Feature Film*  
01:30 *Askar-Ekar*  
02:30 *News*  
03:00 *Panch Diner Golpo*  
03:30 Drama Serial: *Nokol Poshak*  
04:00 Drama Serial: *Roodey Jabo*  
06:30 *Top News O Ekattor Er Smriti Kotha*  
07:00 *Alpo Sholpo Golpo*  
08:30 Drama Serial: *Bhara Hobei Sit Khali*

Rtv

09:00 *Human Nature*  
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06:35 *Rtv Exclusive*  
06:40 *Antoranga Alap*  
08:00 Drama Serial: *Boral parer shitole Gao*  
08:50 *Griho Sholei*

09:20 Drama Serial: *Bondhu Jugol*

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11:00 *Panch Diner Golpo*  
10:45 *Rome 07: Pharsalus*  
12:00 *Running Mates*  
01:45 *For Richer or Poorer*  
04:00 *The Missing*  
06:45 *The mask of Zorro*  
09:30 *Wimbledon*  
11:30 *Deadwood 01: Deadwood*  
12:45 *Blue Demon*

STAR MOVIES

10:00 *Mr. 3000*  
11:45 *Body Count*  
01:10 *12 Days Of Christmas*

STAR PLUS

11:30 *Shanti*  
12:00 *Maan*  
2:00 *Bhabhi*  
2:30 *Kesar*  
3:00 *Saarrthi*  
5:00 *Shagun*  
6:00 *Maan*  
6:30 *Lilo & Stitch*  
7:00 *Goof Troop*

7:30 *Kumkum - Pyara Sa Bandhan*

8:00 *Akkad Bakkad Bambe Bo*  
8:30 *Pyarkeedonaam Ekraadhaekshyaam Kasautii Zindagii Kay Millee*  
10:00 *Kavyanjali*  
10:30 *Kahaani Ghar Ghar Kii*  
11:00 *Kyunki Saas Bhi Kabhi Bahu Thi*  
11:30 *Kahiin To Hoga K. Street Pali Hill*

STAR WORLD

10:30 *Kevin Hill*  
11:30 *The O.C.*  
12:30 *North Shore*  
1:30 *The A Team*  
2:30 *Oprah Winfrey Show*  
4:30 *General Hospital*  
5:30 *Angel*  
6:30 *The Simpsons*  
7:00 *The King Of Queens*  
7:30 *Friends*  
8:00 *Seinfeld*  
8:30 *American Idol*  
9:30 *Medical Investigations*  
10:30 *Charmed*

NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC

10:30 *Interpol Investigates*  
11:30 *Hunter Hunted*  
12:30 *Showreal Asia*  
1:30 *Rough Trades*  
3:30 *Be The Creature*  
4:30 *Backyard Science*  
4:45 *Doc Eureka*  
5:00 *Croc Chronicles*  
5:30 *Crittercam-Wildtech Adventures*  
6:00 *Snake Wranglers The*  
8:30 *Expeditions To The Edge*  
9:30 *Secret Bible*

10:30 *Seconds From Disaster*

11:30 *Built For The Kill*

ESPN

10:30 *Cricket Classics*  
11:00 *Nba Basketball Memphis Grizzlies Vs New Orleans Hornets*  
12:30 *Uefa Champions League 2005/06 Milan Vs Olympique Lyonnais Qu Arterfinal #4 Leg #2(R)*  
04:30 *Fifa World Cup Programming The Top 20 Fifa World Cup Moments (T)*  
06:30 *Asian X-Games Qualifiers Dubai X Games - Day 1 (T)*  
07:00 *Fifa World Cup Preview 2006 Official Fifa Preview Series (T)*  
07:30 *Football Focus (S)*  
09:30 *Australia Tour Of South Africa Castle Lager/Mtn Test Series 2006 South Africa Vs Australia 3rd Test Day 5 Highlights (R)*  
10:30 *Sportscenter India*  
11:00 *Sportscenter Asia (R)*  
11:30 *Hitz (T)*

STAR SPORTS

10:30 *Spanish Football League Betis Spain Real Betis Vs Sevilla (T)*  
12:30 *English Premier Football League 2005/06 Birmingham England*

10:30 *Birman Gham City Vs Chelsea*

10:30 *Uefa Champions League 2005/06 Villarreal Spain Villarreal Vs Inter Milan Qu Arterfinal Leg 2 (R)*  
04:30 *Tna Impact*  
05:30 *Cricket Classics Caribbean Kings England Vs West Indies*  
06:30 *Tna Impact (R)*  
07:30 *Icc Cricket World (T)*  
08:00 *Cricket Classics Dravid: The Wall*  
08:30 *West Indies Tour Of New Zealand The National Bank Test Series - 2006 New Zealand Vs West Indies 2nd Test Day 4 Highlights*  
10:00 *Sportscenter India Update (L)*  
09:32 *The Fifa World Cup Stories (T)*

TEN SPORTS

12:30 *Sri Lanka v Pakistan: 2nd Test, Day 3 (1st Session)*  
03:10 *Sri Lanka v Pakistan: 2nd Test, Day 3 (2nd Session)*  
05:30 *Sri Lanka v Pakistan: 2nd Test, Day 3 (3rd Session)*  
06:30 *WWE: After Burn*  
07:30 *Hero Honda Legends: Yousif Khan - Ep 5*  
08:00 *Gillette World Cup Football Preview*  
08:30 *Sri Lanka v Pakistan: 2nd Test, Day 3 Highlights*  
10:30 *Borderline*  
11:00 *Portugese League*