

CULTURAL FEAST

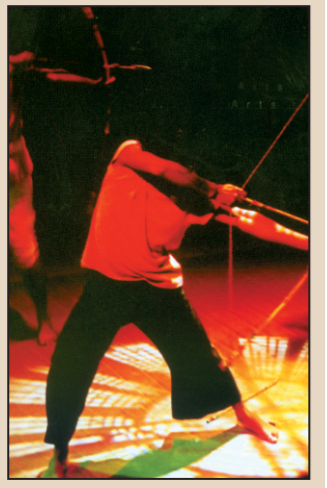
**The World Music Day '06**  
 Title: Fete de la Musique  
 Organiser: Alliance Francaise, Dhaka  
 Venue: Alliance Francaise, Dhaka  
 Date: June 21- July 2

**35th anniversary of Diplomatic relations between Russia and Bangladesh**  
 Photography Exhibition  
 Title: Summer in Russia  
 Venue: Vestibule, Russian Centre of Science and Culture, Dhaka  
 Date: July 2-16

**Display of Books and Materials**  
 Title: Dedicated to 110th birth anniversary of Russian poet Pavel G Antokolsky  
 Venue: Library, Russian Centre of Science and Culture, Dhaka  
 Date: July 2-10

**Music Concert**  
 Title: Kang Eun Il Haegumplus  
 Organiser: The Korean Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade  
 Venue: Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy Auditorium  
 Date: July 3  
 Time: 7pm

**Solo Theatre Photography Exhibition**



Photographs by: Kamaluddin Kabir  
 Venue: Bengal Shilpalaya, House 275/F, Road 27 (old), Dhanmondi  
 Date: July 3-12

**Solo Bharatanatyam Dance**  
 Artist: Rumana Omar  
 Venue: Russian Centre of Science and Culture, Dhaka  
 Date: July 13  
 Time: 6:30pm

**Theatre**  
 Title: Jolbalika  
 Organiser: Padatik Natyia Sangsad  
 Venue: Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy  
 Date: July 2  
 Time: 7:30pm

In conversation with Nasim Ali Khan

The 'soul' searching artist

CULTURAL CORRESPONDENT

"MY music is my soul and my soul sings my music." Those were the words of Nasim Ali Khan -- composer and co-vocalist in one of Bangladesh's most popular bands Souls. The band was formed in 1973.

As a child Nasim was more inclined towards drama and painting. He started drawing ABC at the age of three. As he saw his elder siblings scribble the English alphabet, he would emulate them --without knowing what they were

writing or what they meant. Friends and family prophesied back then that he would make Bangladesh proud through his drawings. He won the first prize in the Young Painters of Chittagong award at the age of 10. In the 9th grade he also participated and won the first prize in a competition meant for university level students. Interestingly, despite many prizes and accolades for painting, he never took it up as his major medium of creative expression.

Not only is Nasim good at painting, he was also enthusiastic about acting. Film director

Saukat Abbas had approached Nasim's father to let his son act in one his projects. "I don't want my son's ears to ever get used to the rhythm of clapping. It will ruin his studies and destroy his future," was his father's straight cut refusal. That's the irony of the situation, laughs this highly successful businessman who has a Masters in management. In his words "A live performer gets maximum claps compared to any other media and the other apprehensions my father had also proved to be quite baseless. However, my father is actually very proud of me today."

All said and done, Nasim today is famous for his innumerable number of hit songs with Souls. He has come a long way since his first Bengali song *Akasher tara aaji jolchhey*. Though he had kick started his music career with western music, Bengali music beckoned him as he felt he could best express the depth of his soul through his own language. Only after he had released his own album did Souls give him a chance to sing with them in Bengali. Till then he used to sing English songs. By the early 1990s he began singing Bengali songs for the band.

From the album *Ei emon porichoy*, *Shagor er oi prantorey* became a raging success. Soon, *Bhalobashi ei shobuj mela*, *Nirobey*, *Cha-er cup-e*, *Byostota* each reached the number one spot and the streak of success continued. Nasim finally knew he had realised half of his dreams.

"It's always a balancing act," philosophises Nasim on his divided passion for music and paintings. His creative aspirations will be at complete peace when he will be able to hold a solo exhibition of his paintings. He plans to fulfill that dream very soon. He modestly adds, "The problem is I can't place a price tag on my paintings as I am so passionate about them and end up donating most."

While Nasim has left his mark in the Bengali music arena, it would not be surprising to see him leaving an equally impressive mark in the world of colours as well.



Nasim Ali Khan

Homage to Debu Bhattacharjee by Swapnokuri

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On June 30, cultural and literary organisation Swapnokuri organised a musical soiree along with a discussion session. The venue: Narigrontha Probartona, Mohammadpur.

Kishore Kumar, the secretary of the organisation delivered the welcome speech in memory of composer Debu Bhattacharjee. Among others who spoke at the programme were eminent poet Asad Choudhury, poet Arunav Sharkar and Shahiduzzaman Swapno.

After the formal discussion session, Bulbul Moholanobish

performed a few songs, including *Ami chaina tomay kachhey* and *Nodir kul nai* composed by Debu Bhattacharjee. A vocal artiste, Bulbul performed at the Swadhin Bangla Betar Kendra that had operated during the Liberation War of Bangladesh.

Later, members of the organisation Brishti, Shailla, Jewel, I V Azad, Mita, Hasan Mahmud president of the Swapnokuri rendered songs. The event wrapped off with a choral rendition of a song by eminent poet Shamsur Rahman titled, *Shawdhinata Tumi* performed by the artistes of the Sargam Lalitkala Academy, an associate organisation of Swapnokuri.



Bulbul Moholanobish performs at the programme

Musical performance by finalists of Bengal Bikash

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Bengal Foundation organised a reception to the upcoming talents of Bengal Bikash at the District Council Auditorium in Rajshahi on Thursday last. Twelve emerging singers, selected in pre-final rounds from Rajshahi division, participated in the music programme. The judges were hopeful about the potential of these upcoming singers.

Bengal Foundation is continuing its search for new talents in Bangla songs. The twelve

awardees at the event were-- Anup Kumar Agarwal and Aminul Islam in modern song, Mozammel Huque, Mahfusa Khatun Tania, Arifur Rahman and Dulal Chandra Mohanto in folk songs, Shouvik Roy, Purna Chandra Karmakar and Biplob Pandit in Nazrul songs, Tanusree Dev, Shoma, Parmita Huque Kankar and Shoumik Roy in songs of three poets.

The programme was held in cooperation with Hindol Sanskritik Goshthi of Rajshahi.

Quiz competition on AIDS awareness

The lucky winner in a recent AIDS awareness raising quiz competition was Maksuda Farzana Rani. The competition, at Rajshahi Madarbox Home Economics College, was arranged on the occasion of the International AIDS Candlelight Memorial Day 2006, says a press release. The function was jointly organised by mass com-

munication-oriented development organisation CCD Bangladesh and BASA.

The runners up were Pallobi Pramanik (first runner up) and Sayeeda Aktar Anny (second runner up). The winners of the competition were awarded prizes in a recent function held at the college premises.

ntv turns three Special programmes on the occasion

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The channel ntv celebrates its third anniversary. Kicking off on July 2, viewers will be treated to an array of tele-films, a feature film, single-episode plays, talk shows and musical soirees. Here's a run down of the special programmes ntv will air on the occasion:

**Rani Kuthir Baki Itihash**  
 Director Samia Zaman's debut film *Rani Kuthir Baki Itihash* will be premiered today at 08:15pm. The film features Popy, Ferdous, Alamgir, Tarik Anam Khan and others.

Programmes to be aired tomorrow:  
**Borshaparikromay Islami Anusthan**  
 Highlights of last year's Islamic programmes will be aired at 06:10am. Abul Kalam Azad directs the programme.

**Bajao Praner Mondira**  
 A special programme on instrumental music will be aired at 08:55am. The programme is produced by Alfred Khokon and hosted by Shahnaz Nasrin Ella. Traditional



Subarna Mustafa and Mamunur Rashid in *Batik*  
 Bangladeshi musical instruments will be presented in the programme.

**Chalochchitrey ntv**  
 A special programme featuring films produced by and premiered on ntv will be aired at 11:am. The programme is hosted by Sharmin Lucky.

**Chhayabithi Toley**  
 Written by Bipasha Hayat and directed by Golam Shohrab Dudul, the play: *Chhayabithi Toley* will be aired at 08:50pm. The play features Bipasha Hayat, Taouqir Ahmed and others. The story revolves around a man's attempt to sell a piece of land so that he can move to America.

**Aaj Ratey**  
 The special musical programme produced by Dipu Mahmud will be aired at 12:10 am (July 4). Subir Nandi, Rizia Parvin, Baby Naznin, Asif, Munir Khan, Shampa Reza and Agun will participate in the programme.

**Batik**  
 Single episode play *Batik* will be aired at 03:50pm on July 4. The play is written by Amol Saha and directed by Shah Alam Dulal. The play features Mamunur Rashid, Subarna Mustafa, Chanchal Chowdhury, Shah Alam Dulal and others.



A scene from *Bonophool*

Omikara: A big screen adaptation of Othello

Vishal Bhardwaj ripped through Bollywood convention with his *Maqbool*, where he Indianised Shakespeare's *Macbeth*, while adding a generous dose of *The Godfather*.

Now, all eyes are on *Omikara*, his multistarrer July release. This time, the director has taken on the bard's *Othello*.

The ambitious new film stars Ajay Devgan as Omkara (Othello) and Kareena Kapoor as Dolly Mishra (Desdemona).

The director has set his adaptation in the political heartland of Uttar Pradesh.

Omkara, better known as Omi, is the leader of a band of outlaws.

Vivek Oberoi plays Kesu (Cassio), a trusted aide Omi appoints his chief lieutenant. This decision angers the wicked Langda Tyagi, played by Saif Ali Khan, another of Omi's men. Potentially essaying the key role of the vile Iago, Langda poisons Omi's mind, telling him that Kesu is having an

affair with Dolly, the love of Omi's life. Langda's machinations bring about high drama, and great tragedy.

*Othello* is a story of high passion, betrayal, love and death. *Omikara* looks set to keep the basic ingredi-

ents well in place. The film also stars Naseeruddin Shah, Konkana Sen and Bipasha Basu. The music is by the accomplished Vishal Bhardwaj himself.

Source: Internet



Konkana Sen (L) and Kareena Kapoor in *Omikara*

TV GUIDE

PICK OF THE DAY



**Nirey Tar Neel Dheu**  
 On ATN Bangla at 09:00pm  
 Drama Serial  
 Cast: Dolly Johur, Richi, Touqir Ahmed

**Hello Minister**  
 On Channel 1 at 07:50pm  
 Talk Show  
 Host: Asif Nazrul

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.

**CHANNEL 1**  
 Latest News (Bangla) at 9:00 am, 10:00 am, 11:00 am, 1:00pm, 3:00 pm, 4:00pm, 6:00 pm and 8:00 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 5:30 pm, 7:30 pm.  
 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 Open University  
 10:00 Satellite Broadcast  
 12:15 *Shongbadpotrer Pata Thekey*  
 12:30 *Shastho Tathyo*  
 01:30 *Protyashar Alo*  
 02:15 Computer Show  
 02:40 Educational Programme  
 03:05 *Banshori*  
 03:30 *Amader Ranna Swadesh*  
 04:00 *Shangshkriti*  
 04:30 *Angyana*  
 05:05 *World Cup-2006 Highlights*  
 06:35 *Tagore Song*  
 07:00 *Mati O Manush*  
 07:30 Drama Serial  
 08:35 *Protidin Bangladesh*  
 08:40 Drama Serial: *Rangdhanu*  
 09:35 Drama Serial: *Swapno Shonar Gaon*  
 10:25 *Teknaf Theke Tetulia*  
**CHANNEL i**  
 09:45 *Public Reaction Grameenphone*  
 09:50 *Trityo Matra*  
 11:05 *Tele Prescription (Live)*  
 11:30 *Hidoye Mati O Manush*  
 12:30 *Aj Dupurey O Citycell Tarokakothon (Live)*  
 01:05 *Ebong Cinemar Gaan*  
 01:30 *Shangbadpotrey Bangladesh*  
 01:45 *Public Reaction*  
 02:40 *Selected plays of Humayun Ahmed*  
 04:05 *Bashundhora Amader Gaan*

05:30 FCT Business Talk  
 Music Plus  
 06:00 *Bishwa Cup Special*  
 06:40 Hello Minister  
 07:50 Drama Serial: *Bela Obelar Golpo*  
 10:00 *Ajker Shangbadpotro*  
**ATN BANGLA**  
 12:00 *Onyodrishti*  
 Drama Serial: *Ek Jonome*  
 11:35 *Gandharaj Samsung Cine Aha*  
 12:15 *Adibashi Jonopod Smritir Monikothay*  
 12:50 *Shornali Shadakalo*  
 01:30 Tele Film: *Baundule Express*  
 02:30 Special Programme on World cup-2006  
 05:10 ATN Music  
 05:45 *Islami Sawal O Jobab (Live)*  
 06:25 Three Stooges  
 08:00 Drama Serial: *Khola Duar*  
 08:30 Drama Serial: *The New Shabuj Opera*  
 Drama Serial: *Nirey Tar Neel Dheu*  
 09:30 Drama Serial: *Ek Akasher Swapno*  
 10:40 Business This Week  
**ntv**  
 08:35 *Ajker Shokal*  
 Drama Serial: *Romizer Aaina*  
 09:05 *Amra Ekhon Unish Kuri*  
 10:05 *Animal Kingdom*  
 10:30 *Natoker Gaan*  
 11:30 *Baul Gaan: Mon Amar Shondhan Kori*  
 11:30 Talk Show  
 12:05 *World Of Arts*  
 12:30 *Hoi Hollar*  
 01:05 *Muktangan*  
 02:35 Drama Serial:

03:15 *Kachher Manush*  
 A Decade Of Great Goal  
 04:25 *Apon Aloy*  
 05:10 *Din Darpan/Ithasher Ei Diney*  
 05:20 *Aparaj Gijyasha*  
 06:20 *Shubho Shondhya*  
 06:50 *Ogroz*  
 08:20 *Tele Premial: Rani Kuthir Baki Itihash Dindarpan*  
 11:25 **Rtv**  
 09:00 *Gopshob*  
 09:30 *Wide Angle*  
 10:00 *Aj Potrikay*  
 11:00 Musical Programme:  
 R Music  
 01:00 Air Combat  
 02:30 Islamic Programme:

03:30 *Shoto Proshno*  
 Technology Today  
 04:00 Music Music  
 05:05 *Shoptahojurey*  
 05:30 Football Carnival  
 06:00 *Ajker Bangladesh*  
 06:30 *Rv Exclusive*  
 06:35 *Amar Desh*  
 08:00 Drama Serial:  
*Aguntuk*  
 Drama:  
*Bridhdashram*  
 Travel Show:  
*Pnithibir Pothey*  
 Pothey

10:30 *Bangla Film*  
 12:00 *Bishwa Jurey Shath Din*  
 03:00 *Goalmele Germany*  
 03:30 *Baker Pothey*  
 04:00 Drama Serial: *Dui Dugoney Paanch*  
 04:30 Concert  
 05:15 *Small Ville*  
 06:00 *Saaj Bela*  
 06:45 *Jonotar Ishtihar Padmoraag*  
 08:15 Drama: *Hoom*  
 09:30 *Expression*  
 11:00 *Goalmele Germany*

08:00 *The Big Preview: Pirates of the Caribbean: Dead Man's Chest*  
 8:30 *Carnivale 13: Los Moscos*  
 10:45 *Shakespeare In Love The People Under The Stairs*  
**STAR MOVIES**  
 10:50 *Splat*  
 12:50 *Cocktail*  
 02:55 *Terminator 2: Judgment Day*  
 04:40 *Blood Of The Templars (Part 2)*  
 09:30 *Walking Tall*  
 11:20 *Mrs. Parker And*

08:00 *The Living Edens*  
 08:30 *The Great Thirstland*  
 09:30 *Flooded Desert*  
 10:30 *Nat Geo Reveals*  
**ESPAN**  
 09:30 *Cricket, Espn India, Cricket Classics Great Indian Partnerships(R)*  
 10:00 *FIFA World Cup Programming 2006 Germany - Highlights(T)*  
 11:20 *Sport News, Espn India, News Special Sports Center Update - Germany(R)*  
 11:30 *Cricket, Espn India, ICC Cricket World(R)*

**STAR WORLD**  
 09:30 *Hogan's Heroes*  
 10:00 *Get Smart*  
 10:30 *The Bold And The Beautiful*  
 12:30 *Desperate Housewives*  
 01:30 *Lost*  
 02:30 *The O.C.*  
 03:30 *The Apprentice*  
 04:30 *Boston Legal*  
 05:30 *Hollywood Shootouts*  
 06:30 *Baywatch Hawaii*  
 07:30 *The Simpsons*  
 08:00 *Luxury Unveiled*  
 09:00 *Oprah Winfrey Show*  
 10:00 *Rendezvous With Simi Gare*  
 10:30 *Desperate Housewives*  
**NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC**  
 09:30 *Dogs With Jobs*  
 10:30 *Nat Geo Junior*  
 12:30 *Human Edge*  
 01:30 *Mega Structures*  
 03:30 *People Out There*  
 05:30 *Mega Cities*  
 06:30 *Footballer & Beauty Queen*  
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12:30 *Cricket, Espn India, Cricket Classics Great Indian Partnerships(R)*  
 01:30 *Auto Racing, Espn India, Formula One Qualifying 2006*  
 04:00 *Cricket, Espn India, Team India Programming India Glorious - Adelaide Special*  
 07:30 *Cricket, Espn India, Cricket Classics Great Indian Partnerships(R)*  
 08:00 *Cricket, Espn India, Cricket Classics India Down Under Melbourne; Australia India Vs Pakistan World C'ship Of Cricket (Final)(R)*  
 08:30 *Auto Racing, Espn India, Formula One Qualifying 2006*  
 10:30 *Auto Racing, ESPN India, Formula One 2006 Formula One World Championship Indianapolis; In USA United States Grand Prix(L)*  
**STAR SPORTS**  
 10:00 *Golf, Star Sports India, U.S. Women's Open Golf Champs U.S. Women's Open Golf Championship Newport; Ri USA Third Round(S)*

02:00 *Soccer/Futbol, Star Sports India, Football Asia(T)*  
 02:30 *Motor Cycle Racing, Star Sports India, Moto Gp Highlights*  
 03:30 *Motor Cycle Racing, Star Sports India, Fim World Motorcycle Championship*  
 08:00 *Cricket, Star Sports India, Sri Lanka Tour Of England Natwest Series Yorkshire; England England Vs Sri Lanka 5th Odi; Highlights(R)*  
 11:00 *West Indies v India: 4th Test Day 2*  
 11:45 *Trans World Sports*  
 12:15 *Winning Post*  
 12:45 *Chevrolet Cricket Show*  
 01:45 *WWE: Experience*  
 09:00 *West Indies v India: Straight Drive*  
 11:00 *West Indies v India: 4th Test Day 3, 1st Session*  
 11:40 *West Indies v India: Straight Drive*