

CULTURAL FEAST

Children's Art Competition and Exhibition

Title: 4 International Children-Art Biennale Bangladesh-2006
Venue: Ziaur Rahman Auditorium, Bangladesh Shishu Academy
Date: July 11-25
Time: 11:00am to 6:30pm

Solo Ceramics Exhibition

Artist: Sagar Chandra Das
Title: 1st Solo Ceramics Exhibition
Venue: Zainul Gallery-1, Institute of Fine Arts, University of Dhaka
Date: July 8-14
Time: 10:30am to 7:30pm

Film Screening

Title: Juliette Binoche Retrospective
Organiser: Zahir Raihan Film Society and the Alliance Francaise of Dhaka
July 11: 5:00pm Wuthering Heights
 7:00pm Damage
July 12: 5:00pm The Horseman on the Roof
 7:15pm Three Colours: Blue
July 13: 5:00pm The English Patient
 7:30pm Jet Lag
July 16: 5:00pm The Children of the Century
 7:15pm The Widow of St. Pierre
July 18: 5:00pm Chocolate
 7:00pm The Country of My Skull
July 19: 6:00pm Hidden
Venue: Alliance Francaise, Dhaka, Road # 3, Dhanmondi, Dhaka-1205

Painting Exhibition

Artist: Nahid Sultana Juthi
Title: 1st Solo Oil Painting Exhibition
Venue: Auditorium of Bangladesh National Federation of the Deaf, 62, Bijoy Nagar, Dhaka
Date: July 07-21
Time: 3:00pm to 8:30pm

Theatre

Photography Exhibition

Photographer: Kamaluddin Kabir
Title: Light and Discourse
Organiser: Bengal Gallery of Fine Arts
Venue: Bengal Shilpalaya, House 275/F, Road 27(Old), Dhanmondi R/A
Date: July 03-12
Time: 12pm-9pm

Indian Art Show

Artists: M F Hussain, Jogen Chowdhury, Sanat Kar, Niren Sen and others
Title: Contemporary Indian Art
Venue: Shipangan, Road 3, House 13/A, Dhanmondi, Dhaka
Date: July 14-28
Time: 10am to 1pm and 5pm to 8pm

Exhibition

Carvings on clay

FAYZA HAQ

TERRACOTTA is one of the oldest of our arts. Sagar Chandra Das' solo exhibition 'Amar Mrittika' at the Zainul Gallery is a reflection of what our young artists can do in the field of ceramics. His creations, both traditional and modern are a delight for the eyes. Sagar has depicted items of daily ware such as mugs and bowls of delightful shapes and colours. Some of the work have used the potter's wheel but there have been innovations to them such as a penholder has decorative designs both in the front and back of the object so that it is both a flower vase and a pen holder. The images of the elephant and the bird are beautiful, recalling the sculpture found in the Far East. They are painted over with turquoise, beige and brown. The motifs and designs can be viewed both at the front and back of the objects. The bird and the elephant are decorated with elements taken from nature such as flowers and leaves.



Works on display (Top) Hashem Khan seen at the inauguration

Sagar has brought in crocodile and fish with unusual dots and stripes so that the items look different from any other such representations seen before: they were cute and comic. There was an abstract creation where several forms had been fused to represent a family. In them were brought images of an elephant, fish, a bent man. These were blended with flowers and leaves.

The Kantajir temple was the inspiration of a wheel, with the figure of Radha and Krishna in the centre and a circle of dancing devotees created around the deities. Sagar said that he had been inspired by the pictures of the temple. Sagar had done some lilies and kalaboti flowers on plaques. He had creations painted over on clay and they contained motifs like folk dolls, fans and cooking utensils.

Another such painting focused on the countryside with women filling their jars of water and men walking by in the back. There was another such traditional creation based on

Phela Baishak which brought in festoons and enormous masks and puppets in the shape of crocodiles, elephants and birds along with people in a festive mood. Sagar says that there are implements to help him with his work although they could have been improved. Hashem Khan, commenting on the exhibition says, "Sagar's first display preserves our tradition of terracotta. He has experimented with good results and at times he has taken his ideas from elsewhere as in the case of the massive wheel based on temples. The two portraits with clay coils were admirable. I hope he establishes a style of his own in time to come."

Hashem Khan added, "Sagar, a fourth year student, has bagged the best award in his department in 2004 and so has come into the limelight. He is sincere and innovative, working in different forms of clay."



In conversation

"My priorities have changed" -- Shovon

KHALID-BIN-HABIB

Zahid Hossein Shovon has had a long stint as an actor. Since embarking on his career nearly two decades ago, he has gained fame in a variety of films like *Chander alo*, *Disco dancer*, *Priyo tum* and *Shesh khela*. More recently, he has done drama serials such as *Kachher Manush* on ntv and *Ek Jonomey*, *Tushar Rohosha* on ATN Bangla where he played an important character. He also started off with TV commercials such as *Sunsilk*, *Tasmeri Hair Tonic*, *Bata Shoes*, *Pilot filter cigarette* and many more. Currently, he is anchoring a film-based talk show, called *Bioscope* on Stv US channel.

Talking about his acting career, he says "When I was young, I wanted to try my hand at everything and anything that came my way. In school and college, I used to participate in a number of plays by Dhaka Little Theatre Group. Later, I played some tough characters in stage plays *Shat ghaler kanakori*, *Bolod* and *King Lear*. I loved the entire experience of being on stage. I acted in a drama serial *Priyojon* on BTV in 1993. It was a challenging role and showcased my acting talent. It got me a good amount of recognition too." He adds, "I have learnt a lot from my life in general as well as my career as an actor. While I would earlier act on instinct, I don't anymore. I did a lot of things when I was younger, that could have been done another



Zahid Hossein Shovon

way, and my mistakes have taught me a great deal. I have always had great respect for my directors. They have all helped me evolve as an actor and have taught and trained me. I value all the advice that they have given me."

Talking about the key ingredients he looks for before committing to a film or a play, Shovon says, "With the passage of time, I guess my priorities have changed. Today I look for a lot more mature roles, with a lot of substance. I want to do different things, or rather—things differently. "I always preferred films. Even today, my taste has not changed. I have refused a lot of work on television or silver screen, mainly for two reasons. One, I was too busy with my job in Thai Airways. Two, I never felt an urge to accept inconsequential roles. There is no dearth of work on television, but I always did work that stood out."

The conversation veers to his philosophy. Explaining his modus operandi, he says, "I have reached somewhere, but I still have a long way to go. I have never salivated after money. I have always done good roles and that's the only reason I am still around. After completing my Master's degree from Film and Media department, Stamford University, I will also start directing in full swing. Given a TV serial and a film role to be shot on the same dates, I would first look at the film. But if the serial has a better role than the film, I would definitely sign for the serial."

Event

Classical music concert mesmerises audience

CULTURAL CORRESPONDENT

The Department of Theatre and Music of Dhaka University arranged an evening of classical music on July 8, at the Nat Mondol Auditorium in Dhaka University. The exclusive event was organised in honour of the visiting Professor, Alok Chattopadhyay of Rabindra Bharati University, India, who mesmerised the audience with his solo performance. He was accompanied by Arup De on the tabla.

of the department, Rezwana Choudhury Bannya welcomed the two guests with bouquets of flowers and a vote of thanks on behalf of the department. A short speech by Dr Mridulkanti Chakrabarty followed. The Deputy High Commissioner of India was also present.

The performance began with a *khayal* in raga *Iman* followed by raga *Bhupali*. On request from the audience Professor Chattopadhyay presented a popular *thumri*, *Katey na biroheri raat*. At the age of eight, Chattopadhyay began his formal education in classical music. He took his first lessons from the renowned *Kirana gharana* artiste, late Salil Kumar

Bhoomik who was the student of the great teacher Pandit Narayan Rao Joshi. He further got his education from Dr Jamini Nath Gangopadhyay. Chattopadhyay was also taught by Pandit Gyan Prakash Ghosh and Ustad Mohammad Sabiruddin Khan.

At the age of 16, he was attracted to the singing (*gayaki*) style of Ustad Amir Khan and followed that closely. Later in his life Chattopadhyay was highly influenced by Ustad Bohore Wahid Khan. While he performed to a receptive audience, Chattopadhyay took the opportunity to spread the message of friendship between India and Bangladesh.



Alok Chattopadhyay (L) performs at the programme

Movie

Ash is provoked

Jagmohan Mundhra, the director of the Aishwarya Rai-starrer *Provoked*, which will release worldwide on September 1, is confident that the story will touch a chord with audiences everywhere.

The film is based on a true story of an Asian woman battered by her British-born Indian husband.

Mundhra said, "*Provoked* is an important story that needs to be told. The case helped changed British law for battered women and it will appeal to a lot of people as they will relate to the subject." Ash played the role of Kiranjit Ahluwalia who kills her husband because she cannot stand his torture any more. As Kiranjit was orphaned at a young age she entered into an arranged marriage. She had two children with Deepak Ahluwalia who were subjected to violence in their 10 years of marriage. In frustration Kiranjit finally set Deepak afire when he was sleeping.

"So far I have got an excellent response for the film in Cannes. I am hopeful that Indian audiences too will love the film," said Mundhra.



Aishwarya Rai

Source: Internet

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 5:30 pm, 7:30 pm.
 Tara News (Bangla) at 8:30 pm, 11:30 pm.
 Tara News (English) (Bangla) at 9:30 pm.
BBC WORLD
 Every hour on the hour

BTV
 07:15 Shaswato Jibon
 08:15 Mati O Manush
 08:45 Bishwa Prodin
 09:05 Open University
 10:00 Satellite Programme
 12:15 Sangbad Potrer Pata Thake
 12:30 Shasho Tatthya
 01:05 Laal Golap
 02:15 Sisimpur
 03:05 Children's Programme
 03:30 Nitter Tale Tale
 04:00 Dolon Chapa
 04:30 Protashar Alo
 05:05 World Cup Football Highlights
 06:10 Prescription
 06:35 Programme On Poet Ahsan Habib
 07:00 Ei Desh Ei Shomoy
 07:30 Programme On Dr. Muhammad Shahidullah
 08:35 Prodin Bangladesh
 09:25 Drama Serial: Anondo Sangbad
 10:25 Teknaf Theke Tetulia
CHANNEL-i
 09:30 Sangbad Potrey Bangladesh
 09:45 Public Reaction
 09:50 Triloyamatra
 11:05 Education Programme (Live)
 12:30 Citycell Taroka Kathon
 01:10 Ebong Cinemar Gaan
 01:45 Public Reaction
 02:40 Selected Drama
 04:05 Bashundhora Amader Gaan
 04:45 Sa Re Ga Ma
 05:15 Jonopoder Khobor
 05:30 Banijo O Orthonti
 06:00 Star Gate SG One
 06:25 Business Show
 07:50 Drama Serial: Nil

Jyotsnay
 08:20 Drama Serial: Shimana
 09:35 Drama Serial: Sampurna Ranganen
 10:00 Drama Serial: Bishakhha Resort
 12:00 Aiker Shangbadpotro
ntv
 09:30 Manobadhikar O Amra
 10:05 Zoo Adventure
 10:30 Diakar Cinema
 01:05 Muktagon
 02:35 Romjier Aaina
 03:15 Glamour World
 05:10 Din Darpani/Itihasher Ei Diney
 05:20 Apnar Jigyasha
 06:20 Shubho Shondhya
 06:50 Crime Watch
 07:20 Tele Quiz
 08:15 Labonyo Probha
 09:00 Music Express
 09:50 Bibarno Bhalobasha
 11:25 Dindarpan
ATN BANGLA
 10:30 Annodishti
 11:05 Drama: Ek Jonome
 11:35 Three Stoggles
 12:15 Shudhor Shoyto
 01:25 Cholochittr Golpo
 02:30 Drama Serial: Nirob
 03:10 Drama Serial: O Amar
 03:45 Shudhor Thakun
 04:20 Choloder Prithibi
 05:10 Matir Shubabash
 05:45 Islami Sawaal O Jobab
 06:20 BSB Education Zone
 08:00 Drama Serial: Shukhnagar Apartment
 08:40 ATN Taroka, Tarokader Taroka
 10:35 Kothamala
CHANNEL 1
 08:40 Shuprobhat Bangladesh
 10:00 Cartoon
 10:30 Bangla Film



ATN Taroka, Tarokader Taroka On ATN Bangla at 08:40pm Talent Hunt Host: Khondokar Ismail, Alif Alauddin

PICK OF THE DAY



Hellboy On HBO at 09:30pm Genre: Action/Adventure Starring: Ron Perlman, Selma Blair, John Hurt

01:30 Padma Raag
 12:15 Bishwa Jurey Shath Din
 03:00 Goalmele Germany
 04:30 Expression
 05:15 Small Ville
 06:00 Saaj Bela
 06:30 Top News
 06:45 Jonotar Ishthar
 07:00 Shuk Tara
 08:15 Drama Serial: Nokol
 09:30 Bioscope
 11:00 Goalmele Germany
HBO
 10:15 Before Sunset
 12:00 Perfect Strangers
 01:45 A Man Apart
 04:00 Secondhand Lions
 06:15 The Missing
 09:00 New on the Big Screen in July
BANGLAVISION
 10:00 Shohor Shesh Bari
 10:30 Amar Ami
 11:00 Drama Serial: Tobuo
 Bhalo Bashi
 11:30 Article Thirty-nine
 02:30 Drama Serial: Krishno

03:00 Pokkho
 03:30 Jibon Dhara
 04:00 Ebong Classer Bairey
 04:00 Music Rhythm
 05:00 Shudhu Gaan
 05:30 Cookery Show
 06:25 Diner Sheshe
 08:05 Shath Shoter
 08:35 Banglavision Golden Boot
 09:20 Drama Serial: Album
 09:50 Desher Pathay
STAR MOVIES
 09:40 Senseless
 11:35 Sgt. Bilko
 01:30 540
 03:25 Next Stop: Wonderland
 05:35 Mozart And The Whale
 07:30 Legally Blonde 2
 09:30 Sleepover
 11:25 The Prodigal Son
STAR WORLD
 08:30 Telebrands
 09:00 The Drew Carey Show
 09:30 The Oprah Winfrey Show
 10:30 The Apprentice

11:30 J.A.G.
 12:30 Lost
 Desperate Housewives
 The Bold And The Beautiful
 General Hospital
 Ed
 The Simpsons
 Cheers
 Friends
 Seinfeld
 My Wife And Kids
 Still Standing
 Yes Dear
 Becker
 For Better Or Worse
 Seinfeld
NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC
 08:30 Nat Geo Junior

08:00 ship(R)
 Cricket Classics Pakistan Legends Birmingham; England England Vs Pakistan England V Pakistan (1st Test) 1971(T)
 09:00 Fifa World Cup Programming 2006 Fifa World Cup Germany Highlights (T)
 10:00 Cricket Classics Sachin The Great (T)
 10:29 Sportscenter India Sportscenter Update (T)
 10:30 Cricket Classics India Down Under Melbourne; Australia India Vs Pakistan World C'ship Of Cricket (Group Stage)/R
 11:00 Sportscenter India Sportscenter Update (T)
 11:01 U.S. Women's Open Golf Champs U.S. Women's Open Golf Championship Newport; R Usa First Round(R)
ESPN
 08:00 News Special Sportscenter Update Germany (T)
 08:10 Winter X Games Classic Winter X Games VII Classic Moto X Mt. Aspen; Co Usa(R)
 08:30 Fifa World Cup Programming 2006 Fifa World Cup Germany Highlights (T)
 09:50 News Special Sportscenter Update - Germany (T)
 10:00 Minor League Baseball Pittsburgh; Pa Usa(S)
 12:30 Fifa World Cup Germany Dortmund; Germany Trinidad & Tobago Vs Sweden Group

02:30 Matches(R)
 Tour De France Tour De France 2006 Stage #8(S)
 03:00 Champions Tour Golf Greater Kansas City Golf Classic First Round(T)
 05:00 Cricket Classics Caribbean Kings England Vs West Indies(R)
 06:00 X-Games Files 2004 X Games Classic; Skateboard Street Los Angeles; Ca Usa(R)
 06:30 Asian X-Games Qualifiers Dubai X-Games - Day 2(R)
 07:00 Fifa World Cup Programming 2006 Fifa World Cup Germany - Highlights(R)
 08:00 Sportscenter Sportscenter India(L)
 08:30 Sportscenter Sportscenter Asia(S)
 09:00 Classic Boxing Classic Boxing - John Starkey Vs Jose Napoles(T)
 10:30 Cricket Classics Schwag's Best(R)
 11:00 Cricket Classics Boycott's Best England V India (3rd Test) 1971(R)
TEN SPORTS
 09:00 WWE:Heat
 09:30 Rally World
 10:00 World of Athletics
 10:00 Tour De France: Stage 8
 01:00 NFL Superbowl
 02:00 FIA WTCC : CURTIBA, Brazil
 05:30 WWE: Specials: Vengeance (RAW)
 07:30 WWE: Raw
 10:00 Womens champions trophy highlights
 11:00 Mountain Dew Himalayan Challenge : Ep 1