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Cultural personality Asad

Chowdury said "Once we all were

going on a train and Abdul Alim was

with us. On the way the people

blocked the tracks and some were

even lying on it. They wanted to

catch a glimpse of the legendary

Chief Guest of the event, chair-

man of Telelink, Syed Margub

Morshed said. "Folk songs are

inherent treasures of Bangladeshi

culture. We should preserve it

because without folk song our

After the discussion folk artistes of

the organisation performed some of

culture would be without roots.

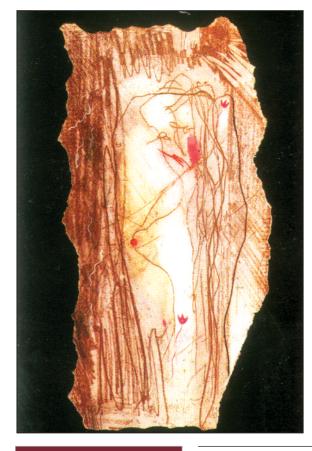
singer.

Exhibition Laila's vision of truth and beauty

FAYZA HAQ

AILA Sharmeen is holding a solo exhibit of her mixed media work at the Bengal Gallery. It is under the title 'Truth, beauty and me'. What inspires Laila are literature, philosophy, myths of the world as presented by authorities like TS Eliot, Jibanananda Das, Kant, Derrida and Foucault. In her work one finds kash and hyacinth flowers, paddy fields, rivers, birds, butterflies, fish, fireflies and the vast openness of the sky.

This time her theme is based on the distilled knowledge that





Beauty is truth, truth beauty (Top) and Les Fleurs du mal

she gleans from her reading. She uses soothing blues, greens and purples and brings in havstacks, boats with female figures and flowers harking back to Bishnu Dey and Shudhrindra Nath. The base of her mixed media comprises poems and philosophy that she has read over the past 15 years. "Other artists are influenced by poets and thinkers, but I don't think that they are involved in them to the extent that I am. The exhibition is an intellectual journey. I've tried to give the compositions a soft, lyrical effect to show my leanings towards romanticism. The works are darker than before," says the artist

Laila works with colours and space to present the turmoil around us as well as the arcadia that we have lost. She is preoccupied with Madame Sosostris, the socio-comic clairvovant who tells our fortunes and hyacinth, the symbol of sexuality in Wasteland. The images of evil are also taken from Les Fleurs du Mal. She presents the alienation and stagnation that was seen in the works of Eliot and Baudelaire. The mixed media work as well as the room of the installation in the exhibition tries to answer the question of what is beauty in a dialogue of the self and soul.

We see how the artist has shifted to philosophical moods.

She works with such titles such as Black rain, Death, Elegy while delving on art and morality and balancing between the themes of life and death. Death brings in the dark powers of evil. "Here the moon is blue and the colour of rain is black. Even the sperm, the first flag-carrier of life is blue". Laila says. The works are weighed down by the anguished images of Sartre and Cy Twombley. Spontaneous beauty deals with Wordsworthian romance of pantheism. She brings in the snake and withered leaves as symbols of death just as she paints dhundul and kash flowers

An installation is also included in the exhibition. This consists of dust jackets of books on poets, philosophers, social commentators and creative writers. There is then the fortune teller with a parrot that picks up cards revealing the future. Also, in the installation is a sleeping woman with the mythical Shonar kathi and Rupar kathi (wands of gold and silver) stuck to the bed on which she lies. This is inspired by Michelangelo's statue Night. There is again, a mirror, into which one can peer and examine oneself.

Laila has had eight solo exhibitions and over 20 joint exhibits at home and overseas.

Folk music programme and discussion **Remembering Abdul Alim**

CULTURAL CORRESPONDENT

Bangladesh Lok Sangeet Parishad (BLSP) organised a musical evening to celebrate the 75th birth anniversary of the folk maestro Abdul Alim. The event took place at the Bishwa Shahitya Kendra auditorium on July 20.

Abdul Alim possessed a powerful voice that immortalised Bangladeshi folk songs. His overpowering voice highlighted the essence of the 'songs of our soil' and mesmerised the audience. Born in Murshidabad, West Bengal, he migrated to Dhaka after partition, and joined the radio as a staff artist. During his brilliant musical career he performed at a number of music conferences. He received

five gold medals for his outstanding performance and contribution to music at the Pakistan Music conference in Lahore.

Speaking on Abdul Alim, noted folk singer and founding president of BLSP Indra Mohon Rajbangshi said, "I went to China to attend a programme once and after i performed Aar koto kaal bhasbo ami dukher Shari gaiyya, our guide came running and said that he had heard this song before. An artiste named Abdul Alim came to China years ago and rendered the song. Apparently, he could never forget that voice.

Abdul Alim's evergreen songs. "Our young generation has The event was presided over by never heard this wonderful voice. Akramul Islam, senior vice presi-They cannot even realise what they dent of BLSP. are missing," added Indra.



Folk music performance at the event

CULTURAL FEAST

Exhibition

Artist: Laila Sharmin Title: Truth, Beauty and Me Venue: Bengal Gallery of Fine Arts Date: July 19-28

Children's Art Competition and Exhibition Title: 4th International Children-Art Biennale Bangladesh-2006 Venue: Ziaur Rahman Auditorium Bangladesh Shishu Academy Date: July 11-25 Time: 11:00am to 6:30pm

Contemporary Indian Art

Artists: M F Hussain, Jogen Chowdhury, Sanat Kar, Niren Sen and others Title: Contemporary Indian Art Venue: Shilpangan, Road 3, House 13/A Dhanmondi Dhaka

Celluloid 'Nirontor' to be premiered on Channel i



Based on noted novelist Humayun Ahmed's work Janam Janam, the film Nirontor will be premiered on July 28 on Channel i. The film will also be released at Star Cineplex. Basundhara City on the same day says a press release

National award winning director Abu Sayeed directs the film. Popular artistes Shabnoor, Ilias Kanchon, Litu Anam, Dolly Zahoor, Jayanto Chattyopadhyay, Amirul Islam, Shahidul Islam Sachchu and others are the major cast members of the film.

The story revolves around Tithi, a sex-worker. Brave, responsible, and witty -- Tithi sacrifices her private life for the sake of her family. Her frustrations, failures, aspirations and love interests are depicted in the film. Characters like Tithi are a part of our world. They are marginalised and do not get their due from society which turns a blind eye to their oppression or Nirontor (continuous) struggle to stay alive. The film attempts to zero in on the lives of these peripheral people.

Michael Caine and Kristin Thomas in Mundhra's next film



Kristin Scott Thomas

Now that the film on Sonia Gandhi is after the blasts in London subway.

Michael Caine

'The Incredible Hulk' returns with new director

'The Hulk' just turned 'Incredible' again and landed a new director. After a less-than-kind response to the first 'Hulk', you may be surprised to learn that a sequel is on the way, only this time it won't be directed by Ang Lee. Marvel Studios' president of production Kevin Feige announced that the director of 'The Transporter' movies and Jet Li's 'Unleashed', Louis Leterrier has been given the reins of the big green guy, showing they clearly want to go in a different direction with the classic hero. Reuters reported that Zak Penn, who wrote X2: X-Men United and X-Men: The Last Stand is currently writing the script and that casting will begin shortly.

ing, Reuters quotes Marvel Studios' president of production Kevin Feige as saying "His movies have humor and character depth set against fantastic action, and these aspects will be explored to the fullest extent in 'Hulk'.

Apparently the sequel to 'Hulk', a movie that made US \$132 million but cost \$150 million, will be a complete re-imagining of the hero, almost more of a remake than a continuation. The film will probably mark the return of the hero to his comic book roots, making it unlikely to have a place for any of the stars of the original film, including Eric Bana or Jennifer Connelly.

Source: Internet About the Louis Leterrier sign-



Date: July 14-28 Time: 10am to 1pm and 5pm to 8pm

Film Screening

Organiser: Alamgir Kabir Chalachitra Kendro July 22: 5:00pm Chitra Nadir Pare 7:00pm Padma Nadir Maihi Venue: Alamgir Kabir Chalachitra Kendro, 62 Science Laboratory Road

Shabnoor and Ilias Kanchon in a scene from the film

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Nirontor is produced by Impress Telefilm Ltd.

on hold, thanks to the protests from Congress, Jagmohan Mundhra is planning his next project. Interestingly, the film will have British actors Michael Caine and Kristin Scott Thomas. Now he wants to rope in Amitabh Bachchan to play the lead role in the film.

The film titled Shoot On Sight is about a Muslim cop whose loyalty to the British Police force is questioned

TV GUIDE

Bachchan is to play the role of the Muslim cop. Mundhra in fact says that he has written the lead role especially for Bachchan. Michael Caine will be playing the police commissioner and Kristin Scott Thomas will supposedly play Bachchan's wife

Mundra adds that Caine and Thomas are very excited to work with Bachchan.

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

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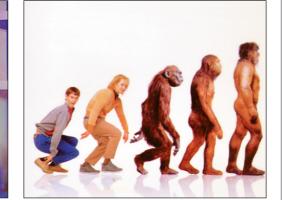
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Drama Serial: Taxi	02:00	Aj Potrikai
Driver	02:30	Islamic Programme
Shoptaho Sheshey	03:40	Bangla Feature Film
Saaj Bela	06:00	Ajker Bangladesh
Top News	06:35	Talk Show
Jonotar Ishtihar	06:40	Wide Angle
Bishwa Jurey Shath	08:00	Gopshop
Din	08:50	R Music
Baker Pathey	10:50	Drama Serial:
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Dumb and Dumberer On HBO at 09:30pm Genre: Comedy Starring: Eric Christian Olsen, Derek Richardson

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