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Creative Crafts Exhibition

Title: Rag Picked Colours Artist: Shamim Reza Venue: Bengal Gallery of Fine Arts, Bengal Shilpalaya, House 275/F, Road 27, Dhanmondi Date: September 11-16 *Time:* 12:00 pm to 8:00 pm

British Film Festival

2006 Organiser: British Council September 11: 4:00 pm Anita and Me 6:30 pm Millions

September 12: 6:30 pm Wondrous September 13: 4:00 pm Sisters in

6:30 pm Shooting September 14: 4:00 pm Touching the

6:30 pm After Life Venue: British Council Auditorium, 5 Fuller Road, Dhaka

Children's Film Festival

Organiser: Children's Film Society, September 11: 4:00 pm Children of

6:00 pm Not One

September 12: 4:00 pm Emiler Goyenda Bahin 6:00 pm Dipu Number

Venue: German Cultural Centre, House 10. Road 9. Dhanmondi

Mystic Melodies

A rendezvous of Lalon devotees at Doshpara

FARHANA RAHAMAN, Munshiganj

HE devotees of Fakir Lalon Shah assembled at Tekerhat bat-tola (under a banyan tree) by the river Ichhamati on a moon lit night recently.

The nightlong musical programme thronged by men and women of all ages from the akhras and urban areas gathered at the remote Doshpara village of Sirajdikhan upazila. They listened with rapt attention to the mystic songs of Lalon such as Barir pashey aarshi nagar, Khanchar bhitor achin pakhi, Ami opar hoye boshey achhi and more.

To celebrate the Madhu purnima (the full moon of Bengali month Bhadra) the musical soiree was organised by two Lalon devotees -- Kabir Hossain and Zakir Hossain.

The event seemed to replicate Lalon's akhra in Kushtia where thousands of devotees gather by the river Kaliganga to celebrate Dol purnima (the full moon of Bengali month Phalgun. The day has a special significance amongst the devotees).

Besides a few urban singers, Lalon songs were also performed by Tuntun Shah, Fakir Bazlu Shah, Abdur Razzak, Rob



Engrossed music lovers at the festival

Fakir, Buri Thakurani and Fakirani Aklima. In between the songs, the

Fakirs discussed on the philoso-

phy of Fakir Lalon Shah and his stance against communa-lism. Enthusiastic listeners gathered at the event by boat. The

organisers declared that this time every year a similar

Dilara Begum Jolly's ongoing exhibit "Excavating Time" presents a tapestry of a fantasy world of reality and imagination. Jolly is mostly concerned about the dismal state of affairs in Iraq, which for her symbolise the suppression of the weaker nations by the more powerful ones. She is also concerned about women's domination, not just in Bangladesh but the world over. Jolly is concerned about the terrible vandalism in the Middle East and uses her brush, paints, ink and pen to take a stand against the oppression there. She brings in Sumerian and Babylonian images from the Baghdad Museum such as ziggurats and bearded monarchs, and combines them with forms of suffering mankind. She is, at the same time, particularly perturbed about the situation of women, as seen at home and abroad.

Her work brings in many images of wings, by which she wants to say that she wishes to move freely in society. She feels that the contemporary social situation is something that should be pondered over. Her water colours, in particular bring in battlefields where people die like shot birds that fall limply on the ground. "There is so much of inhumanity and yet we, in the other countries, simply look on. Though I'm a simple woman in a small country yet I want to take up a stand against the needless death and destruction.'

She has combined her personal experiences too in her work. She had been for a residency workshop to Brazil in 2004. Returning to Bangladesh she continued her silent protest against happenings in Iraq and Lebanon. With her pictorial language she builds her story.

ing her feelings and emotions

Weaving of the fantasy with reality

about her subjects. She talks about

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society and hopes the viewers will take an interest in this. Her work is spontaneous. Sometimes she makes a rough sketch which is an outline for her work but she does not strictly follow the layouts. She works at a stretch, irrespective of the timing. In her work she is greatly inspired by her mother. Apart from that Nazli Laila Mansur, Khwaia Qayyum, Manizul Huq, Hashi Chakrabarty, and Rafiqun Nabi have been of great help. So have her teachers in Santiniketan, like KG Subramanyam, Sanat Kar, Lalu Prasad Shah, Jogen Chowdhury and David. Her husband, Dhali al Mamoon has also been very sup-

Painting exhibition

When Jolly paints, she says she wants to satisfy herself in expressportive, she says.

Shishir Bhattacharya says about Jolly's work, "Jolly's present perspective is on a wide scale and not just about the oppression of women, which one had seen in her work earlier on. The imperial type power in action in Iraq is surely destroying humanity, and Jolly is only too right in holding up a mirror to that, as she combines images with imagination."

Jolly has studied in Chittagong. Dhaka and Santiniketan. She has held five solos and has taken part in numerous joint displays. She has four awards



fan mail!

In our monthly fan mail section this month we turn the spotlight on veteran film actor Razzak. Readers are invited to send in questions by September 21 latest, with their full name, address/email at

fan mail Culture Page 19 Karwan Bazar The Daily Star Dhaka 1215

culture@thedailystar.net and culture dailystar@yahoo.com

Please note that The Daily Star holds the right to select questions sent by the readers.



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An artist goes beyond physical limitations

AMINUL ISLAM, Mymensingh

"If one door closes, try another one." -- The truth of this adage is amply demonstrated by physically challenged Bimol Marandi, 20, who has dedicated himself to art. The son of Jagan Marandi and Morium Marandi of village Paroil Mission Para in Phulbari upazila of Dinajpur district, Bimol now works at Community Centre for Handicapped (CCH) at Kanchijhuly area of the district town. Bimol lost both his hands in an accident with a live

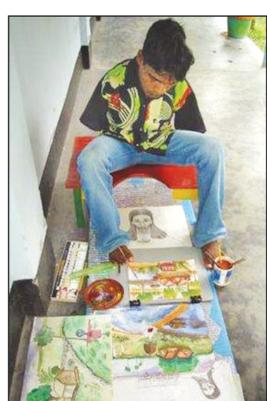
electric wire when he was seven. After completion of his primary level in Mahmudpur Govt Primary school in his village, he could not continue his studies for being differently-abled, Bimol said. le has been at the CCH since 2002. The authority

of CCH gave him an opportunity to learn to draw with a view to building his future career as an artist. Bimol started his mission to draw using his mouth and legs under the guidance of Sohel, an Art Teacher at CCH,

Now he draws landscapes, portraits and more Bimol told The Daily Star that he has so far completed about 1000 paintings using water colour and pencils. He received prizes several times, participating in various competitions in and outside the district.

The paintings done by Bimol are sent at various competitions for disabled people in and outside the country, said an official of CCH. The CCH bears all his expenditures and he will be rehabilitated in future, the official added.

Bimol's future mission is to teach the poor and differently-abled children so that they can keep themselves away from the negative attitudes of the soci-



The artist at work

Toronto Int'l Film Festival '06

Becoming a platform for Oscar contenders

The sheer number of titles alone should be enough to posit the Toronto International Film Festival (TIFF) as the most important event of its kind in North America. For its 31st incarnation, held September 7 through 16, TIFF will present 352 movies from 61 countries. Of those 352 films, 237 will make their world, international or North American premieres, and 62 films feature

TIFF boasts enough star-power to make the Cannes Film Festival jealous. Rumoured to be making a trip north of the border this year are Russell Crowe, Brad Pitt, Sandra Bullock, Gwyneth Paltrow, Sean Penn, Will Ferrell, Sigourney Weaver, Jude Law, Juliette Binoche, Rachel Waisz the Dixie Chicks.

But what the festival is really about is the Oscars. Coming at the end of a summer of fluff and the beginning of what is considered to be the "serious season" of movies, TIFF has become the perfect spot to launch Oscar contenders and generate buzz. In 2004, Crash. the Best Picture winner for 2005, made its debut. Also that year, Sideways, Hotel Rwanda, Being Julia, Kinsey and Ray all premiered at TIFF.

2005 bested 2004 Brokeback Mountain, Walk the Line, Capote, Mrs. Henderson Presents, North Country and Transamerica all debuted at TIFF, and all went on to collect a ton of Oscar nominations and multiple wins.

So, what to watch for in 2006? Will Russell Crowe and director Ridley Scott team up for more glory with A

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Shaka Laka Boom

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Karm Apna Apna

Bolly V - Star Plus

Kumkum - Pyara Sa

Karm Apna Apna

Kahaani Ghar Ghar Kii

Kyunki Saas Bhi Kabhi

Resham Dankh

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Brad Pitt in Babe

Good Year? Will The English Patient director Anthony Minghella strike Oscar gold with Juliette Binoche and Jude Law in Breaking and Entering? Will the success of Cannes favourites Babel, The Wind That Shakes the Barley and Volver carry over the Atlantic? Will Sean Penn ride All the King's Men to another Best Actor nod? Can Will Ferrell do drama in Stranger Than Fiction? Will Christopher Guest's latest 'mockumentary' For Your Consideration send up this whole awards-obsessed culture?

Source: Internet

TV GUIDE

PICK OF THE DAY

The Daily Star will not be responsible for any change in the program

All programmes are in local time

* News Bulletin

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.

Latest News (Bangla) at 9:00 a.m,10:00 am, 11:00 am.1:00pm.3:00 pm. 4:00pm.6:00 pm and 8:00 pm.

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 **BBC WORLD** Every hour on the hour

10:30 Open University Laal Golap 12:15 Motamot

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Kotha Mala On ATN Bangla at 10:40pm Talk Show Host: Mustafa Nurur Islam

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Jonotar Ishtihai

Drama Serial: Daar

Shudhu Gaan

Cookery Show

Diner Sheshev

Cine Bit

Rashtro Bonam Eka

Terror Strikes On Discover Channel at 9:30pm Series of Documentaries An account of the tragic events aboard Flight 93

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BANGLAVISION Talk Show: Prio Mukh Saharer Shesh Bari Wide Angle 10:00 Apnar Agami Antarango Alap Amar Ami 10:30 Bishwa Jurey 11:30 Article Thirty-Nine **Human Nature** 02:30 Drama Serial: Krishno Islamic Programme Pokho Drama Serial: 03:00 Jibon Dhara 03:30 Music Rhythm

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08:30 Shree Ganesh Spiritual 09:00 Shopping 09:30 10:00

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Raising Waylon Gham Drama 12:00 Reality Bites Vaidehi Drama Showtime 02:00 Vaidehi Drama 04:00 The Perfect Score Khauffnaak Thriller/ 06:00 Problem Child 07:45 Shutterspeed **STAR PLUS** 09:30 Shakespeare in Love Kyun Hota Hai Pyarrr 12:00 Funky Monkey

02:00 Running Cool The Making of Austin V Trailers - Star Plus Powers in Goldmamber Kumkum - Pyara Sa **STAR MOVIES**

V Trailers - Star Plus 08:30 The Triangle 10:00 Bad Girls 11:45 Desperado 01:30 Trapped In Paradise 03:20 V Trailers - Star Plus 05:25 07:00 Kasautii Zindagii Kay 08:30 09:00

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STAR WORLD Cheers The Drew Care The Oprah Wil 09:30 Show

10:30 Ncis 11:30 J.A.G. 12:30 Law & Order: 01:30 Criminal Minds 02:30 Oprah Winfrey The Bold And Beautiful General Hospita 05:30 Monk 06:30 The Simpson 07:00 Cheers

Friends

Seinfeld

08:30 My Wife And Kids 09:00 **Everybody Loves** 09:30 Yes Dea 10:00 Seinfeld Friends

NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC

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08:30 Nat Geo Junior 10:30 The Living Edens 11:30 Nat Geo Encores 12:30 Bin Laden's Spy 03:00 Go Wild With Hutch 03:30 Tremors Nat Geo Junior 04:45 Nat Geo Junior 05:00 Snakes Croc Chronicles 06:00

06:30 Tremors The Day After 07:30 Super Predators 08:30 Nat Geo Investigates Tomorrow Air Crash Investigation Flubber 09:30 10:30 Bin Laden's Spy **Imaginary Heroes** Skeletonman **DISCOVERY**

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	11:30	Need for Speed
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