

CULTURAL FEAS

Painting & Drawing
Exhibition of Quamrul Hassan

Title: Quamrul Hassan in Line and Colour
Venue: Bengal Gallery of Fine Arts, Bengal Shilpalaya, House 275/F, Road 27, Dhanmondi
Date: September 20-October 4
Time: 12:00 pm to 8:00 pm

Painting Exhibition

Title: Conventional Abstract
Artist: Abdus Salam
Venue: Dots Contemporary Art Centre, 191/A, Haque Tower, Tejgaon-Gulshan Link Road, Tejgaon
Date: September 16-30
Time: 11:00 am to 8:00 pm

Dance-Drama



Title: Battle of Bangladesh
Organised by: Bangladesh Ballet Troupe
Venue: Kochikanchar Mela Auditorium, 37/A Segunbagicha
Date & Time: September 20 at 6:30 pm

Exhibition

Title: Handicrafts Exhibition: Russia
Organised by: Russian Compatriots' Association of Bangladesh
Venue: Russian Centre of Science and Cultural, House 510, Road 7, Dhanmondi
Date & Time: September 21 at 5:30 pm

Performing Arts

Amanul Huq: A 25 year long journey with Bangladesh Ballet Troupe

KAVITA CHARANJI

TODAY, the Bangladesh Ballet Troupe celebrates its Silver Jubilee at the Central Kuchi Kanchar Mela Auditorium. Director of the troupe, as well as composer and writer Amanul Huq is clearly on the go. His creativity is undimmed as he traverses through villages in search of ideas. Born out of his travels are his composition of dance dramas *Jalchhey Agun Khetey Khamaray* (based on the lives of farmers) and *Digantey Natun Shurjo*, which centres on labourers' lives. "I get my subjects through my interactions with railway workers, labourers, farmers and the nomadic *Bedei* (snake charmers) people, among others," says Huq.

With around 35 students, at the Bangladesh Ballet Troupe, Huq says, "the aim is to train aspiring dancers in folk and classical (*Manipuri, Bharatnatyam*) dance". To popularise dance, he has also contributed articles on dance for *Banglapedia* under the aegis of Bangladesh Asiatic Society. He has a clear philosophy about his goals. As he says, "My aim is to work for the development of dance in Bangladesh—and this includes reviving traditional dances, their preservation and undertaking publication."

In 1968, he composed a dance drama, *Zulfikar*, based on the life of National Poet Kazi Nazrul Islam. Huq's versatility is apparent in other dance dramas, such as *My country, My Love* and *Battle of Bangladesh* (both based on the Liberation War).

He has donned the role of music director for four feature films, *Dahan, Anya Jiban, Ami Nari* and *Rani Khaler Shanko*. Along the way he has won several awards, such as the best music director in the internationally reputed feature film, *Dahan* by Bangladesh Film Journalists' Association in 1985. Another such honour was the award of a special certificate for music direction in the film *Anya Jiban*. Likewise, Huq bagged the Bulbul Chowdhury Award (2003) from Bangladesh Nritya Shilpi Sangstha.

Huq has the distinction of chalking up 45 years experience in the dance and music spheres. The years have been eventful. In the early '50s, as a young boy, he took music lessons under the guidance of Ustad Dinesh Chandra Malakar at Sirajganj and Ustad Gopal Joardar at Pabna. He then went on to complete a dance course of Ghanashyam Rhythmic Art Centre, Karachi (from 1959-1966). From 1960-65 he trained in folk dances of the then West Pakistan and classical music from Ustad Golam Hussain, Ustad Sabir Hussain and Ustad Farida Khanum of Patiala



Amanul Huq and co-artist in a dance drama titled *Zulfikar* based on the life of Kazi Nazrul Islam in 1968

Gharana. Since 1996 he has shifted his base to Dhaka.

Though dance needs to gather momentum in Bangladesh, particularly via a vis spheres such as art, music and theatre, Huq has a hopeful eye on the future. As he asserts, "The media—both

print and electronic—is a powerful instrument in widening exposure to dance." Huq also nurtures the ambition that schools and colleges will introduce dance as part of their curriculum.



...I shoot for the whole night and in the morning I get my crew working again --Nargis Akhter

Nargis Akhter's films often deal with women's struggle for existence in a man's world. Nargis shot to fame with her debut film *Meghla Akash* (starring *Shabana Azmi*) in 2002. Her second film *Char Shotiner Ghar* also won audience acclaim. Nargis has received a number of national awards. *Poush Masher Pirir* and *Megher Koley Roud* are her upcoming movies.

A one-on-one conversation with Nargis:

Most treasured possession

My son Joy
Biggest regret...
My father passed away before he could see me as a successful filmmaker

Favourite food...

Daal-bhat-bhorta, vegetable sandwich, chicken fry, any soup item, noodles, 'goshit' with paratha...I consider myself a 'foodie'

Things you aspire to do...

I would like to open an institute for women so that they get proper training in filmmaking.

The best compliment you have ever received...

When I received six national awards for my first movie.

A strange practice...

When I am on the go, I shoot for the whole night and in the morning I get my crew working again

Favourite hang out places in Dhaka...

When I'm with my family I love hanging out at Helvatia, when with friends Diti's house is the best place to hang out

Where do you see yourself 10 years from now?

I had a major surgery recently after which I felt like I

was reborn. Since then I have learnt to appreciate the present and not think about the future at all

Things people don't know about you...

I'm a very good cook and can fix a dinner for 50 people in a days notice. I am very particular about my clothes and I always stick to my favourite brand of makeup. I have to browse the internet for 2-3 hours before going to bed every night. I have a circle of friends whom I like keeping in touch with through text messages.

Five things you absolutely hate...

Gossiping, two-faced people, disorganised individuals, people always picking at others' mistakes, incompetent and lazy people

Some memorable moments in your life

After my marriage, the first time I was sitting at the dining table with my in-laws, I realised how my position had changed from being a daughter to a daughter in law, my son's birth, the amount of warmth I received when I went to Canada for a documentary.

Some of your favourite songs

Aar kotakaal (from the film Char shoteener ghor), Ami brishtir kachh theke (by Subir Nandi), Tumi ki ekhon dekhichho swapon amare (by Feroza Begum), Ei duniya ekhon to ar (by Mitali Mukherji) and Emoni borsha chhilo shedin

Favourite actors...

Kobori, Babita, Alamgir, Diti, Champa, Ilias Kanchon, Riaz, Masud Ahmed, Moushumi, Shabnoor, Punima, Poppy, Shabana Azmi, Shahrukh Khan

Favourite activities...

Adda, work, long drives

Drama serial *Kagojer Manush*: From the pages of newspaper to TV

CULTURAL CORRESPONDENT

Kagojer Manush, a new TV serial by Maasranga Productions Ltd, features stories based on and inspired by

newspaper reports as well as life and works of journalists. Rtv will begin its telecast from today at 9:20 pm. Journalists through newspapers keep the nation informed about

current events, trends and issues in the most objective and unbiased manner. While working on these reports they often face tough challenges to the extent of risking life. *Kagojer Manush* dramatises these sensational stories published on papers.

So far 26 episodes of series have been finalised. Each episode will present a different story. The episodes are: *Dosh Taka, Lokogatha, Tobuo Sahosh, Bhogoban ke Daki, Lojja, Trail on Camera, Bokhate, Upohash, Adim, Phera, Nolo, Hei Samal Ho, Mukti, Rin, Krishnokoli, Khopper* and others.

Raisul Islam Asad, Fazlur Rahman Babu, Amirul Islam Chowdhury, Azad Abul Kalam, Bonna Mirza, Tazin Ahmed, Chandni and others have acted in different episodes of the series.

The play is written by Asrafee Mithu and Mahbub Hassan and directed by Asrafee Mithu.



A scene from one of the episodes



Artistes of Udichi Shilpi Gosthi, Comilla perform at a cultural programme at the 10th district conference held recently in the town

'Bush shooting film' gets critics' nod at Toronto Film Festival

The unheralded *Bella*, Mexican-born director Alejandro Gomez Monteverde's feature film debut, took the top audience prize at the 31st Toronto International Film Festival, while international critics gave an award to the controversial British TV movie *Death of a President*, which centres on a fictionalised assassination of George W Bush.

Bella, a romantic film which tells the story of a former Mexican soccer star turned chef (Mexican actor Eduardo Verastegui) and a troubled waitress (American stage actress Tammy Blanchard) whose lives converge and turn upside down during a single day in New York, was the surprise winner of the People's Choice Award voted on by festival audiences.

British director Gabriel Range's *Death of a President* stirred up a strong reaction even before it premiered at the festival, but it won the Prize of the International Critics. The jury of film critics cited the film "for the audacity with which it distorts reality to reveal a larger truth."

Death of a President, which was bought by Newmarket Films and is slated to air October 9 on an offshoot of Britain's Channel 4 network, chronicles the sniper shooting of Bush on October 19, 2007, during a trip to Chicago and the ensuing investigation. The film blends archival footage of Bush interspersed with fierce anti-war protests and other fictional scenes crafted by the filmmakers. Actors posing as administration officials and Secret Service agents were digitally grafted into some images of the president and his entourage. The filmmakers said they chose to use Bush rather than substitute a fictitious president to heighten the



A scene from *Death of a President*

authenticity. "I'm thrilled that the film is going to be shown in theaters both here and in the US in the near future," Range said Saturday. "That's proof that people can see beyond the premise and see that it's a film about this post-9/11 world that we live in."

The festival screened 352 films over 10 days and closed last Saturday with the world premiere of British director Michael Apted's *Amazing Grace*.

Source: CBS News

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.

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

BBC WORLD
Every hour on the hour

BTV
08:30 Open University
09:15 Satellite Broadcast
09:15 Shingbad Potrer Pata Thekey
12:05 Maa O Shishur Katha
01:00 Shukhi Poribar
01:30 Hujol Tomal
02:15 Sisimpur
02:40 Angkar
03:05 Cartoon
04:00 Esho Computer Shikhi
04:30 Quiz Quiz
05:05 Udbhid O Jiban
06:40 Shondha Maloti
07:00 Maiti O Manush
08:45 Drama Serial: Darodi
09:25 Drama Serial: Kranti Kaal
Teknal Thekey Tetulia

CHANNEL-i
09:30 Shongbad Potrer Bangladesh
09:45 Public Reaction
09:50 Triloyomatra
11:05 Sports Time (Live)
12:30 Aj Dupurey O Citycell Tarokakothon
01:05 Ebong Cinemar Gaan
01:30 Shingbad Potrer Bangladesh
01:45 Public Reaction
02:40 Amader Gaan
04:25 Sa Re Ga Ma Gaaner Opare
05:30 Music Plus
06:00 Music Club
06:20 Halo Minister
07:50 Talk Show: Aloy
09:35 Bhuban Bhora
10:00 Drama Serial: Bela Obelgor Golpo
12:00 Gramephone Akter Shingbadpotrer

12:15 Cinema Based Programme: Cinema Cinema
01:30 Band Show
03:10 Drama Serial: Bhalo Bashar Rang
03:50 Children's Programme
04:20 Islamic Programme
05:10 Musical Program
05:45 Islamic Programme
06:20 The Sword of Tipu Sultan
08:00 Drama Serial: Sharabela Pothochola
08:30 Drama Serial: Shukher Lagiya
09:00 Drama Serial: Bohemian
09:30 Drama Serial: Tushar Rohosyo
Talk Show: Face to Face

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08:35 Ajker Shokal
10:05 Colours
10:30 Galary
11:00 Circus Lights
12:05 Shurer Jolsha
01:00 Muktangon
02:35 Drama Serial: Labonya Probha
03:15 Drama Serial: Ronger Manush
03:50 Drama Serial: Amader Anondo Bari
04:25 Tepantor Er Matthey
05:10 Ithasher Ei Dine/Din Dorpon
05:20 Apnar Jiggasha
06:20 Shubho Shondhya
06:50 Talk Show: Ki Kotla
Tahar Shathey
08:25 Siddiqua Kabir's Recipe
09:10 Kichhu Kotla Kichhu Gaan
09:50 Drama Serial: Amader Anondobari

PICK OF THE DAY



Griho Shoili
On Rtv at 8:50pm
Programme on interior decoration
Host: Moli

11:25 Din Dorpon
CHANNEL 1
08:40 Shuprovat Bangladesh
10:00 Cartoon
10:30 Bangla Feature Film
02:00 Nongor
03:30 Drama Serial: Daar Kaak
04:00 Rupantoror Golpo
04:30 Ekti Tara Duiti Tara
05:15 Small Ville
06:00 Saaj Bels
06:30 Top News
06:00 Ajker Bangladesh
06:45 Jnotar Ishtihar
07:00 Praner Manush
08:00 Achhey Praney
08:50 Griho Shoili
09:20 Drama Serial: Nawab Faizunnessa

06:30 The Simpsons
07:00 Cheers
07:30 Friends
08:00 Seinfeld
08:30 Ed
09:30 Boston Legal
10:30 J.A.G.
11:30 Seinfeld
12:00 Friends

STAR PLUS
09:30 Kumkum - Pyara Sa Bandhan
10:00 V Trailers - Star Plus
10:30 Shaka Laka Boom Boom
11:00 Shaka Laka Boom Boom
11:30 Karm Apna Apna
11:55 V First Day First Show- Starplu
12:00 V Trailers - Star Plus
12:25 Bolly V - Star Plus
12:30 Resham Dankh
01:00 Kasauti Zindagi Kay
01:30 Kumkum - Pyara Sa Bandhan
02:00 Bhabhi
02:30 Kesar
03:30 Saarthi
04:00 Kyunki Saas Bhi Kabhi Bahu Thi
04:30 Karm Apna Apna
05:30 Prithviraj Chauhan
05:55 V First Day First Show- Starplu
06:00 Mum Tum Aur Hum
06:25 Bolly V - Star Plus
06:30 Brandy And Mr. Whiskers
07:00 Buzz Light Year Of Starcommand
07:25 Bolly V - Star Plus
07:30 Hatim
08:25 Bolly V - Star Plus
08:30 Pyar Ke Do Naam Ekradhaekshyam

09:00 Kasauti Zindagi Kay Virasat
09:30 Friends
10:00 Karm Apna Apna
10:30 Kahaani Ghar Ghar Ki
11:00 Kyunki Saas Bhi Kabhi Bahu Thi
11:30 Kahiin To Hoga
12:00 K.Street Pali Hill.

STAR WORLD
08:30 Cheers
09:00 The Drew Carey Show
09:30 The Oprah Winfrey Show
10:30 Criss Angel Mindfreak
11:00 Criss Angel Mindfreak
11:30 One Tree Hill
12:30 Ghost Whisperer
01:30 Knight Rider
02:30 Oprah Winfrey Show
03:30 The Bold And The Beautiful
04:30 General Hospital
05:30 Monk

10:30 Jhalak Dikhhla Jaa - Result 2 Dance
11:00 Contd. Dance
11:30 CID Thriller Horror
12:00 CID Contd.

DISCOVERY
08:30 Wild Discovery
09:30 Sci Zone
10:30 Risk Takers
12:30 Yummu Mummy
01:00 Runway Moms
01:30 Wild Discovery
02:30 Detective Stories
03:30 Endurance
04:00 Real Kids, Real Adventures
04:30 Wild Discovery
05:30 Mega Builders
06:30 Junkyard Wars
07:30 Wild Discovery
08:30 Need For Speed
09:30 Sai Fi Zone
10:30 Building The Biggest
Scary Night

NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC
08:30 Dino Week
10:00 Nat Geo Junior
10:30 Deep Jungle
11:30 Is It Real?
01:00 Earthpulse
01:30 Truth Files
03:00 Totally Wild
03:30 Reign Of Terror
04:30 Super Predators
06:00 Nat Geo Junior
06:30 Reign Of Terror
07:30 In Search of Jaguar
08:30 Quest For Noah's Flood
09:30 Quest For The Prehominans
10:30 Reign Of Terror
11:30 Nat Geo Wild