

CULTURAL FEAS

Album Launch

Title: 'Bujicho' by Prayer Hall (a new band) and 'Hok Kolorob' by Omob
Organiser: Bengal Music Company Ltd.
Date: November 14
Venue: Spectra Convention Centre, Gulshan-1
Time: 7:00 pm

Chobi Mela IV

Theme: "Boundaries"
Duration: November 9-30
Exhibition Venues: National Museum, Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy, Bengal Gallery, British Council, Alliance Francaise, Goethe Institut, Russian Centre for Science and Cultural and Dink

Moving Exhibition (on rickshaw vans)

Venues: Mirpur to Mohammadpur, Bahadur Shah Park, Sadarghat to Dhaka University

Workshops and portfolio reviews

Venues: Pathshala-South Asian Institute of Photography, The British Council and Dink

Evening session

Date: November 9-15
Venue: Goethe Institut, Dhaka

Solo Exhibition

Title: In Colours, In Letters
Artist: Najma Akhter
Venue: Shilpangan Gallery, Road 3, House 13/A, Dhanmondi
Date: November 10-18
Time: 10:00pm-1:00pm & 5:00pm-8:00pm

Photography Exhibition



Title: Dilapidated Architecture of Bangladesh
Photographer: Babu Ahmed
Organiser: University of Asia Pacific & Traditional Photo Gallery
Venue: University of Asia Pacific, H-51, R-4/A, Dhanmondi
Date: November 8-14
Time: 10:00am-6:00pm

Hrishikesh Mukherjee Retrospective

Organiser: The High Commission of India in Dhaka
November 14
6:00pm Golmaal
Venue: Indian Cultural Centre, House 25, Road 96, Gulshan-2
Complementary passes can be collected from the High Commission of India, House 2 Road 142 Gulshan 1 & the Indian Cultural Centre House 25 Road 96, Gulshan 2

A blend of joy and sorrow

Najma Akhter's solo exhibition at Shilpangan



Jatrapala by Najma Akhter

ERSHAD KAMOL

PRESENTING an individualist view through artistic works is a major criterion of romanticism. Romantic painter Najma Akhter has presented her own interpretation of reminiscence as well as contemporary time in

her first solo exhibition. Forty four paintings, acrylic and mixed media works by the artist are on display at Gallery Shilpangan. Inaugurated by Masayugi Inoue, the Ambassador of Japan to Bangladesh, the nine-day exhibition titled *In Colours, In Letters* began on November 10. Najma's works are not totally abstract: there

are a few images evident on the canvas, however, she has expressed her own inner world through colours. And she is influenced by the 'Oriental' art form. In the simple and balanced compositions, she has dealt with the complex truth of our life—juxtaposition of joy and sadness. Another remarkable feature of her work is that she uses very gloomy colours for her canvases portraying reminiscence, while bright colours are used to depict her present life.

Urban life plays an important role in her paintings, which portray present time. Red, orange, black and yellow are the dominant colours of the canvases belonging to this series. *Broken Reflection, Nobody Anywhere, Static, Civilizing, Old Dhaka, Praised Hell* and others are the example of her canvases dealing with the follies of the metro life, which has a minimum touch of nature. To portray the multi-storeyed building structure of the city life she has drawn some vertical lines, as the buildings extend upwards in Dhaka. A keen observer of contemporary life in the metros, she seeks to portray the fragmented moon on a blue sky which can be seen through black wires and electric poles.

On the other hand, in her reminiscent mood on canvases there is a touch of serenity and nostalgia. Here she is influenced by Rashid Chowdhury and Monsurool Karim's style of using white as a dominant colour on the canvases to present the emptiness and forlorn mood of *Memories of Spring, Moonlit Harbour, Companion Memories, Forgotten Letters on My Window, Floating Families, Natural Holiday* and others.

Earlier Najma Akhter participated in 12 group exhibitions at home and abroad.

She is the recipient of Rashid Chowdhury Memorial Award and Media Best in Oriental Painting, both instituted by the Institute of Fine Arts, University of Dhaka.

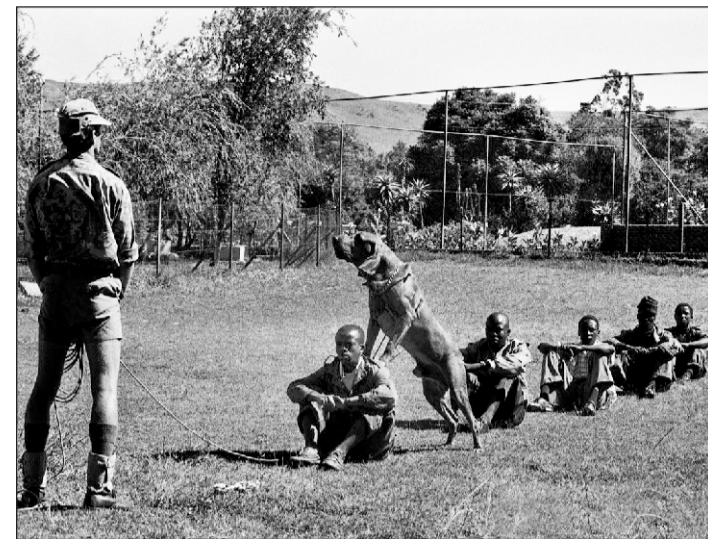
Evening sessions of 'Chobi Mela IV'

Exchanging ideas with world famous photographers

AHSAN HABIB

One of the major attractions of *Chobi Mela IV* is the evening sessions. In these sessions famous photographers and journalists from all over the world make audio-visual presentations of their works and share their views on contemporary issues related to photography. Beginning on November 9 the evening sessions will continue up to November 15.

World famous photographers Chris Rainier of *National Geographic*, Indian photographer Pablo Bartholomew, Australian photographer Trent Parke and Swiss photographer Christian Helmle presented some of their best works and discussed the images in detail. Collected works



A stark photograph from Contact Press Images

by Pathshala students were also presented and celebrated Norwegian photographer Morten Krogvold commented on the works of the 10 best students.

In a session, Dave Clark of Bolton University discussed the digital image market and the new challenges for the "majority world". He also shared his views on new challenges to photographic education. He focused on the changes in the image market, particularly the emergence of mega picture agencies.

Chris Rainier talked about documenting "other cultures". He discussed his project—how he spent time with a community, with a culture, with a tribe, with a person to really build up a relationship. In his view, the quality of the photograph is directly related to the relationships he creates. He also made an audio-visual presentation of *Ancient Marks*, a seven-year, round-the-world

quest to document body art. Robert Pledge, the co-founder and president of Contact Press Images, delivered lectures on different issues including Chinese photographer Li Zhenheng's historic archive of images from China's Cultural Revolution and a presentation of 30 years of world history through contact sheets.

Among other presentations were lectures on *Managing Archives* by Robert Pledge and Jose Maria M Cruz, Professor Xiang Xiangguang on 'Photographic development in China', Yumi Goto on 'Insight out project' and Neo Ntsoma on South African culture.

Those interested to keep abreast with the latest developments and debates in the field will find the sessions worth attending.

The Daily Star is the media partner of the festival.

Of glitz and glamour

'Lux-Channel-i Performance Award '05' gears up for Sharjah

KHALID-BIN-HABIB

The Sharjah Cricket Association Stadium, is all set for the glitzy *Lux-Channel-i Performance Award '05* on November 17. It is a popular venue which attracts a sizeable crowd mostly from the South Asian population of the United Arab Emirates.

On this occasion a press conference was held at Channel i Building Complex, Tejgaon recently. Veteran actors Razzak and Afzal Hossain, Faridur Reza Sagar, managing director of Channel i addressed the press conference. Talking about the cultural event and award giving ceremony, Sagar said, "The *Lux Channel i Performance Award* was set up with the aim of extending the reach of Bangladeshi culture and placing it on an international platform. Celebrities from the Bangladeshi cultural arena will attend the event. Last year more than 35,000 spectators attended the award giving ceremony held at the same venue. It was heartening to see the large turnout of Bangladeshis who came to cheer the cultural group from their country."

The main attraction of the award show will be live performances by popular actors,



(L-R) Eminent actors Afzal Hossain and Razzak and managing director of Channel i, Faridur Reza Sagar at the press conference

singers and dancers. Among the artists taking part in the programme are: Razzak, Sabina Yasmeen, Syed Abdul Hadi, Momotaj, Azam Khan, Subir Nandi, Ayub Bachchu, Kumar Bishwajit, Ferdous Wahid, Akhi Alamgir, Riaz, Purnima, ATM Shamsuzzaman, SI Tutul, Tania Ahmed, Salauddin Lavlu, Ishita, Tisha, Srabonti, Kushum Sikder, Mir Sabbir, Monalisa, Shahnaz Bely, Hyder Hossain, Monalisa, Mehri, Farzana Brownia, Mom, Bindu, Badhon and others.

Since 2003, the organisers have been providing awards in

different categories. This year a total of 15 awards will go to the Best Actor (film, Male and Female), Best Actor (TV play, Male and Female), Best Model (Male and Female), Best Play-back (Male and Female), Best Director (film and TV play) and Best TV programme categories.

The winners will be selected by public voting through SMS from Bangladesh and Dubai. Attractive prizes such as a VIP ticket for the event and dinner with favourite artists will go to the lucky SMS voters. Channel i will telecast the recorded version of the programme soon.

fan mail!

For this month's fan mail we turn the spotlight on popular music diva Runa Laila. Readers are invited to send in questions by November 20, with their full name, address/email at:

fan mail
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Please note that the questions to be printed will be selected by *The Daily Star*.



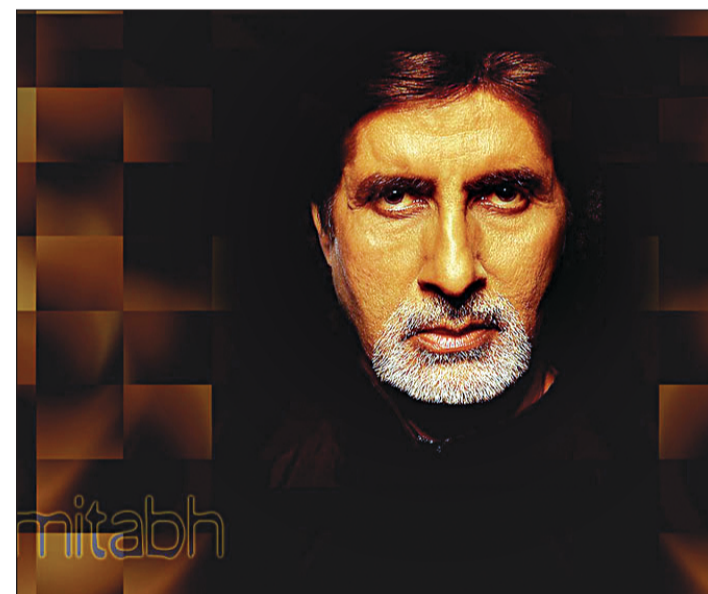
Movie Watch

Amitabh Bachchan will be a funky 'God'

Amitabh Bachchan will be playing a cool, spunky and amusing God in Rumi Jaffery's *God Tussi Great Ho*. Most of the scenes of Big B are with Salman Khan in the film and both of them have an amazing screen presence. In fact, in this film, Big B has an on-going dialogue on life with Salman and the two have a very relaxed rapport. Besides, these days Bachchan enjoys working with Salman Khan and thinks he is the coolest co-star.

God Tussi Great Ho will be completed by the end of next year. However, this December the Amitabh and Salman starrer *Baabul* will hit the screens. The film is directed by Ravi Chopra and also stars Hema Malini, Rani Mukherjee and John Abraham. After playing *God in God Tussi Great Ho*, Bachchan will be playing ghost in Vivek Sharma's *Bhootnath*, produced by BR Chopra.

Source: Internet



Amitabh Bachchan

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, 12:15am.
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) at 8:20am, 7:00pm.
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
08:10 Dasher Gaan
08:20 Bishwa Protidin
08:30 Open University
11:15 Shukhi Poribar
11:40 Musical Programme
12:30 Maa O Shisur Kotha
01:30 Mati O Manush
02:15 Moner Kotha
02:40 Cartoon
03:30 Educational Programme
04:30 Band Show
05:05 Probash Mela
05:30 Magazine Programme
06:40 Tagore Song
07:00 Oi Nutune Keton Urey
09:25 Ashay Pasher Manush
10:25 Teknaf Theke Tetulia

ATN BANGLA
10:30 Anyodishti
11:05 Drama Serial: Nire Tar Nil Dheu
11:35 Three Stooges
12:15 Amar Computer
01:30 Shur Chhobi
02:30 Talk Show
03:15 Drama Serial: O Amar Chokkhu Nai
03:45 Children's Programme
05:10 Purakirtir Bangladesh
05:45 Islamic Programme
06:20 Aynar Shamney
07:50 Drama Serial: Jollad
08:20 Drama Serial: Ferari Siren
08:50 Drama: Pechoney Alor Bonna

10:40 Talk Show: Mukto Shanglap
CHANNEL-i
09:30 Shongbad Potrey Bangladesh
09:45 Public Reaction
09:50 Grameen Phone Tritiyomatra
11:05 Cricket Online (live)
11:30 Amar Chhobi
12:30 Aaj Dupurey O Citycell Tarokakothon
01:05 Ebong Cinemar Gaan
01:30 Shanghadpotre Bangladesh
01:45 Public Reaction
02:40 Humayun Ahmed's Selected Drama
04:05 Amader Gaan
04:30 Sharif Melamine Shanghimala
04:50 Sa Re Ga Ma
05:30 i Sports
06:00 i Speed
06:20 Miror
07:50 Rup Rohoshyo
08:20 Drama Serial: Ferari
09:35 Drama Serial: Sutoy Badha Projapoti
10:00 Drama Serial: Shada Ranger Swapno
12:00 Grammenphone Aiker Shanghadpotro

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08:35 Aajker Shokal
09:05 Drama Serial: Labonyaprobha
10:30 Music Express
11:00 Cine Gaan
11:30 Gambhira
12:02 Single Episode

Mukto Shanglap
On ATN Bangla at 10:40pm
Talk Show hosted by Monjurul Ahsan Bulbul
Today's guest American Congressman Joseph Crowley

SONY
09:00 Telebrands Tele Shopping
09:30 Chartbusters Music
10:00 Music Mantra Music
10:30 Music Beats Music
11:00 Man Mein Hai
11:30 Vishwas Spiritual Contd. Contd.
12:00 Kaajjal - Sabbki Ankhon Mein Basi
12:30 Ek Ladki Anjaani Si
01:00 Drama
01:30 Thodi Khushi Thode Gham Drama
01:30 Kabhie To Nazar Milao Drama
02:00 Risshton Ki Dor Drama
02:30 Bigg Boss Reality
03:00 Matinee Movie - Majboor Movie
03:00 Music Mantra Music
07:00 Chart Busters Others
07:30 Thodi Khushi Thode Gham Drama
08:00 Kaajjal - Sabbki Ankhon Mein Basi
09:00 Ek Ladki Anjaani Si
09:30 Aisa Des Hai Mera Drama
10:00 Thodi Khushi Thode Gham Drama
10:00 Kabhie To Nazar Milao Drama
10:30 Bigg Boss Reality

PICK OF THE DAY

Mukto Shanglap
On ATN Bangla at 10:40pm
Talk Show hosted by Monjurul Ahsan Bulbul
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Alfie
On HBO at 9:30pm
Genre: Comedy / Drama
Cast: Jude Law, Jane Krakowski

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Based
11:00 Vaidehi Drama
11:30 Khaufnaak Thriller/ Horror
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 Karam Apnaa Apnaa
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 Kasautii Zindagii Kay
01:30 Kumkum - Pyara Sa Bandhan
02:00 Bhabhi
02:30 Kesar
03:00 Saarthi
03:30 Kyunki Saas Bhi Kabhi Bahu Thi
04:00 Kahin To Hoga
04:30 Karam Apnaa Apnaa
05:00 Pritviraj Chauhan
05:30 Antariksh
06:25 Bolly V - Star Plus
06:30 Aladdin
07:00 Timon And Pumbaa
07:30 Sonpari
08:00 Karishma Ka Karishma
08:30 Antariksh
09:00 Kasautii Zindagii Kay
09:30 Viraasat
10:00 Karam Apnaa Apnaa
10:30 Kahaani Ghar Ghar Kii
11:00 Kyunki Saas Bhi Kabhi Bahu Thi
11:30 Kahin To Hoga

12:00 Paraya Dhan
HBO
08:45 Tales From the Crypt 31: Creep Course
09:30 Mack the Knife
12:00 Dumb and Dumber: When Harry Met Lloyd
01:45 The Karate Dog
03:30 The Spider and the Fly
05:15 Lethal Weapon 2
07:30 Cellular
09:30 Alfie
11:30 Shanghai Heroic Story
STAR MOVIES
09:25 On Her Majesty's Secret Service
11:50 Lizzie McGuire Movie, The
01:30 Aces: Iron Eagle Iii
03:10 The Deal
05:00 From Russia With Love
07:00 Diamonds Are Forever
09:00 Melinda And Melinda
10:45 From Russia With Love
STAR WORLD
09:00 The Simpsons
09:30 The Oprah Winfrey Show
10:30 My Wife And Kids
11:00 The King Of Queen
11:30 Grey's Anatomy
12:30 Celebrity Loves Raymond
01:00 Becker
01:30 Knight Rider
02:30 The Oprah Winfrey Show
03:30 The Bold And The Beautiful
04:30 General Hospital
05:30 Desire: Table For

Three
06:30 The Simpsons
07:00 Cheers
07:30 Friends
08:00 Seinfeld
08:30 One Tree Hill
09:30 Ghost Whisperer
10:30 Commander In Chief
11:30 Desire: Table For Three
DISCOVERY CHANNEL
09:30 Discovery Marquee
11:30 Extreme Machines
12:30 Honey We're Killing the Kids
01:30 Children's Day Special
03:30 Children Day Special
05:30 Children's Day Special
07:30 Attenborough Special
08:30 Honey We're Killing the Kids
09:30 Bringing Home Baby
10:00 Runway Moms
10:30 Science Frontiers
11:30 America's Most Haunted Places
NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC
10:30 Last Of The Dragons
11:30 Nat Geo Investigates
12:30 Seconds From Disaster
01:30 Crime Night
02:30 Wild Safari
03:30 NG Investigates
06:00 Nat Geo Junior
06:30 NG Investigates
07:30 Terrorism
08:30 Naked Science
09:30 Is It Real?