

CULTURAL FEAST

Group Exhibition

Title: Contemporary 4
Artists: Iftikhar Uddin Ahmed, Kanak Champa Chakma, Khalid Mahmood Mithu, Md Muslim Mia, Atsuko Minami, Mao Nakada, Shuzou Kumagai and Tsukiko Baba
Venue: Zainul Gallery, Institute of Fine Arts
Date: December 19-25

Paintings and Sculpture Exhibition by Young Artists

Organiser: Dots, Contemporary Art Centre
Venue: 191/A Haque Tower (2nd floor), Tejgaon-Gulshan Link Road, Gulshan
Date: December 20-30
Time: 11:00am to 8:00pm

Asian Film Mela

Organiser: Dhaka Film Society
December 23
2:30pm Dekha
5:00pm 2046/ In the Mood for Love
December 24
2:30pm The Scent of Green
4:30pm Cafe Transit
6:30pm Palanka
December 25
2:30pm House of Flying Daggers
4:30pm Turn Left Turn Right
6:30pm Omkara
December 26
2:30pm Fireworks
4:30pm West Beyrouth
6:30pm Waiting for the Clouds
Venue: Alamgir Kabir Chalachchitra Kendra Milonayaton, 62 Science Laboratory Road, Dhaka

Dhaka Art Circle 2006

Artists: Abu Taher, Samarjit Roy Choudhury, Mohammad Mohsin, Syed Enayet Hossain, Anwarul Huq, Rejaul Karim, Biren Shome, Matlub Ali, Swapan Chowdhury, Abdus Shakoor, Chandra Shekhar Dey and Rafi Haque
Venue: Shilpangan, House 26, Road 3, Dhanmondi
Date: December 18-31
Time: 9:00am-12:00pm and 5:00pm-8:00pm, except Saturdays (only 5:00pm-8:00pm)

6th art Exhibition of Euro-Asia [BD] CEDO

by 19 renowned painters
Venue: Alliance Francaise de Dacca, 26 Mirpur Road, Dhanmondi
Date: December 14-28
Time: 9:00am-12:00pm and 5:00pm-8:00pm, except Saturdays (only 5:00pm-8:00pm)

Theatre

500th staging of 'Kanjus'
Troupe: Loko Natyadal
Venue: National Theatre Stage, Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy
Date: December 29

In conversation

Shabnur: Leading lady of Dhaka tinseltown

ERSHAD KAMOL

SHABNUR is perhaps the most popular actress on silver screen at present. Even when the movie industry struggles because of the impact of vulgar movies, mainstream films featuring Shabnur have always found a sizeable audience. She is also one of the few film actresses who are supporting quality movies, which are keeping hope for the better future of the industry. She has acted in hundreds of films of which Tumi Amar, Swapner Thikana, Ananda Asru, Biyer Phul, Bikkhobh, Tomaye Chai, Mahamilon, Shujon Shakhi and others have become blockbusters. Shabnur stepped into the movie world when she was a schoolgirl in the early 1990s. At that period Bangladeshi movie industry had been lacking quality young actresses. For her performance in her second movie titled Tumi Amar, Shabnur came to the limelight. According to the actress, "Veteran filmmaker Ehtesham, who was closely associated with my family, offered me my first role in a feature film. In 1993, I acted in Chandni Raatey, directed by Ehtesham. I was paired with Shabbir in the movie. My enthusiastic performance with Salman Shah in the romantic movie Tumi Amar, directed by Zahurul Haque, was highly appreciated. From then on, I didn't need to look back."



That was the beginning of Salman Shah-Shabnur era in Bangladeshi movie industry, which though continued for a brief period, had a great impact on young cinegoers. After the death of Salman Shah, Shabnur has been paired with other actors such as Riaz and

Ferdous, in hit movies. Shabnur still misses the actor who died young. To quote her, "The movies we (Salman and I) did together were huge hits. Movie-lovers -- both young and 'young at heart' -- used to flock the theatres to watch the movies. We shared an amazing

understanding that I could sense what Salman would do during a sequence and vice versa. That unique combination has not developed with other actors." A melancholy Shabnur says, "If we could continue, I believe people would compare us with legendary duos of previous years."

Nowadays Shabnur is very selective about her roles, which she believes is the secret behind her success. She says, "To me the director and storyline of a movie are very important. I'm not interested in working with mediocre directors. Movies with mindless plots don't do it for me either. The storyline must reflect the socio-cultural milieu of Bangladesh. I'm also take dialogue diction seriously. Movies always have a major impact on the masses. So, we shouldn't do anything that can deteriorate the taste of impressionable young audience."

"I admit that a good number of vulgar movies are being made each year, but if the viewers analyse the names of the actors and directors of these movies, they will get an idea that none of the prominent actors and directors of the country are associated with this shady trade. In fact, those who are making these movies are not even 'real' directors. Most of them are assistants or people who can be considered strangers to the movie industry."

Shabnur has yet to receive a National Award. But the gifted actress thinks that the success of her recent film Nirontor in Bangladesh and abroad is more rewarding than any award. Shabnur wants to move towards direction in future.

Purbayan Chatterjee: The sitar virtuoso

KAVITA CHARANJI

Among the rising stars of the Indian classical music firmament is Purbayan Chatterjee. Recently the Dhaka audience had a chance to see the sitar player at a concert at the High Commission of India Cultural Centre auditorium.

Beginning with the joyful and romantic raga Anandi Kalyan, he performed to a receptive audience. First came the aalap, then jor and then the composition in teen taal. Truly Chatterjee wove magic with his fingers.

Then came the patriotic Raga Desh, which the virtuoso artist described as a "sweet, evergreen" piece. Interspersed with the instrumental rendition were his vocals. The end effect of this piece was to lift one's spirits as the music built up to a crescendo.

Aby accompanying him was the upcoming and dextrous tabla player Anubrata Chatterjee, the son of talented tabla artiste Pandit Anindo Chatterjee. The duo's jugalbandi won many rounds of applause.

For Purbayan, this is his second visit to Dhaka. As he says, the current concert was a milestone as he played to a "cosy, intimate gathering". In his words, "I am here to represent my country. I am grateful to have such a discerning audience."

Dhaka is just one stop for Purbayan. The extensively travelled artiste has staged sitar concerts in UK, USA, New Zealand, Canada, Italy, Germany, France and Doha, Qatar. He has also performed at almost all the annual Indian music conferences, prestigious festivals and symposiums at concert halls around the world. Now as he leaves for Kolkata where he is based, he is readying for a concert next month with the famous tabla player Zakir



Purbayan Chatterjee

Hussain. Also on the horizon are performances in Mumbai (with Pandit Anindo) and Gujarat, India.

Purbayan has several CDs and awards to his credit as well. Purbayan's initiation into music is remarkable. At the age of three, he surprised his family and friends with his ability to annotate every single song that he heard. At the age of four, he was initiated to the sitar by his father Parthapratim Chatterjee, a disciple of Pandit Nikhil Bannerjee and Ustad Ali Akbar Khan. Believe it or

not, Purbayan gave his first sensational performance at the age of five at the India festival in Basel, Switzerland in 1982. Today he is regarded as a gifted frontrunner of the Senia-Maihar gharana of Baba Alauddin Khan and an adept musician in the Indian classical music scenario. For the last few years he has been receiving taalim (training) from Ustad Ali Akbar Khan.

Purbayan's recent visit to Dhaka is yet another landmark in his eventful musical career.

Qawwali at Shilpakala Academy

KHALID-BIN-HABIB

A two-day musical soiree featuring Bangla qawwali organised by the Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy (BSA) recently at its premises, offered a veritable bonanza for qawwali lovers. Secretary of the Ministry of

Cultural Affairs, ABM Abdul Haque Chowdhury inaugurated the festival. The director general of BSA Kamrul Hasan, NDC presided over the ceremony. The director of production department of BSA, Zeenat Barkatullah delivered a welcome speech. Renditions by local qawwals --

Dr Shah Mohammed Samir Hossain, Sheikh Zamir Uddin, Mohammad Hasanul Haque and their troupes -- received a warm response from the audience on the opening night.

A notable feature was that the event was well attended by music lovers both young and old. Qawwal Dr Shah Mohammed Samir Hossain stole the show on the first day of the programme. He displayed all the requisites of an accomplished qawwali singer. He presented devotional pieces that also carried social messages. Cholee chol qafilaa bendhey and Khwajati tomar rawza and more dealt with devotion and spirituality.

Sheikh Zamir Uddin Qawwal and his troupe rendered Ontorey Ailiah thakleo mukhete Mohammed thaka chai, Abdullah-er chokher tara Aminar raj dulara and other qawwalis.

On the second day, three qawwals from outside Dhaka -- Abdul Qadir, Sayed Zabeed Sarwar, Mohammad Kaiser and their troupes -- performed at the soiree.



Qawwal Dr Shah Mohammed Samir Hossain (2-R) and his troupe perform at the programme

New talk show highlighting women's views on politics



Sara Zaker (2-R) with guests in the talk show

CULTURAL CORRESPONDENT

Highlighting the upcoming general election an 18-episode talk show planned by eminent cultural activist Sara Zaker titled GrammenPhone Nari O Rajniti will be aired today at 5:30pm. The talk show features renowned personalities from different fields including culture, healthcare, legal system, education and media.

In the course of the programme, the female participants from different professions will share their experiences related to the country's

constitution, national women development policies, politics, law and order situation and other important issues.

The show will feature Professor Meghna Guhathakurta, advocate Shirin Sharmin Chowdhury, Dr Nazmun Nahar, anthropologist Rehnuma Ahmed, editor of Ananya Tasmima Hossain, Selina Hossain, Lubna Mariam and others.

The show is jointly hosted by Sara Zaker and Dr Zarina Rahman Khan. Mosharaf Khan Badal is the director of the show made under the banner of Ddhoni-chitra Ltd.

Doors, Baez, Callas to receive honorary Grammys

REUTERS, Los Angeles

Influential rock bands The Doors and the Grateful Dead will receive lifetime achievement Grammy Awards next year, along with jazz saxophone player Ornette Coleman and the late opera singer Maria Callas, organisers said last Tuesday.

Other honorees include folk singer Joan Baez, soul musicians Booker T. & the MG's, and late country music icon Bob Wills. The statuettes will be handed out during a ceremony leading up to the main Grammy Awards, which take place in Los Angeles on February 11.

The honorary awards generally allow organisers of the music industry's most prestigious event to give related recognition to acts who were snubbed during their heyday. The only act to win a competitive Grammy was Booker T. & the MG's, in 1995. Baez has received six nominations, but no trophies.

The honours are too late for some recipients. Doors singer Jim Morrison died in 1971, the Grateful Dead's Jerry Garcia in 1995, Callas in 1977, and Wills in 1975.



The Doors

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. (To be telecast on all Bangla channels).

CHANNEL-i
News (Bangla) at 7:15 am, 9:00am, 2:00pm, 7:00pm, 9:00pm, 10:30pm, 12:15 am.

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

CHANNEL 1
News (Bangla) at 8:00am, 12:00pm, 2:30pm, 6:30pm, 7:30pm, 10:00pm, 12:30am.

BANGLAVISION
News (Bangla) at 8:00am, 2:00pm, 6:00pm, 7:15pm, 10:30pm.
News Headlines (Bangla) at 9:00pm

RTV
News (Bangla) at 7:00am, 3:00pm, 7:15pm, 10:00pm.
News Headlines (Bangla) at 10:30am

BTV
08:30 Esho Gaan Sikhi
11:15 Prothom Antora
12:30 Maa O Shishur
01:30 Mati O Manusher Kotha
02:15 Sisimpur
02:40 Bangla Feature Film
05:05 Debate
06:10 Ocean Girl
07:00 Musical Programme
09:00 Drama: Chhayapath
10:35 Musical Programme

ATN BANGLA
09:15 Drama Serial: Koto Chena Koto Ochena
10:30 Talk Show: Aktel Anyodishti
11:05 Shokal Shondha
12:15 Musical Programme: Shurer Madhuri
Talk Show: Nari
Bangla Feature Film
05:30 Talk Show
06:20 Gondhoraj Samsung Cine Aha
08:00 Drama Serial: Jol Pore Pata Norey
08:40 Drama Serial: The New Soboj Opera
09:20 Drama Serial: Ek Jonomey

CHANNEL-i
09:30 Shanbad Potrey Bangladesh
09:45 Public Reaction
09:50 Tritiomatra
11:05 Na Bola Kotha
12:30 Citycell Taroka Kothon

01:05 Ebong Cinemar Gaan
01:30 Shanbad Potrey Bangladesh
01:45 Public Reaction
02:40 Shath Rong
03:20 Dhaka Guide
04:05 Educational Programme
04:25 Sholyer Shondhaney
05:30 Dumirir Birudhey Bangladesh
06:00 Nirbachon'07
06:20 Drama Serial: Shath Goenda
07:50 Drama Serial: Bhober Haat
09:35 Hridoye Mati O Manush
12:00 Grameenphone Aiker Shanbadpotro

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08:35 Aiker Shokal
09:30 Right Click
09:35 Shangkriti Ei Shoptaho
10:30 Aktel Hip Hip Hurray
12:05 Apnar Jigyasha
02:35 Closeup 1 Tomakei Khujichhey Bangladesh
03:50 Megh Bolechhey Jabo Jabo
04:25 Dance Programme Din Dorpon/ Ithasher Ei Diney
05:20 Alokapal
06:20 Shubhoshondha
06:50 Debate
08:25 Drama Serial: Ramizer Aaina
09:10 Drama Serial: Ajob Chhele

PICK OF THE DAY
The New Shobuj Opera
On ATN Bangla at 8:40pm
Drama Serial
Cast: Zahid Hassan, Tomalika

11:25 Din Darpan
CHANNEL 1
09:30 Chokh Mele Dekhi
10:00 Talk Show
11:15 Drama
12:30 Telefilm: Bail Ghar
03:30 Drama
04:30 Drama Serial: Godhuli Belay
05:15 Shoptaho Sheshey
06:00 Saaj Bela
06:45 Ithasher Path
07:00 Bishwa Jurey Shathdin
08:15 Drama Serial: Shunney Boshobash

06:30 Talk Show: Khola Mon
08:10 Drama Serial: Krishnopkho Amar Ami
09:15 Drama Serial: Shukher Kanta
09:45 Cape Fear (1991)
12:15 The Secret of My Success
02:30 The River Wild
04:45 Romeo Must Die
07:00 Twelve Monkeys
09:30 Two Brothers
11:45 Troy
03:00 The Making of Spider-Man 2

09:00 V First Day First Show-Starplu
09:05 V Trailers - Star Plus
09:30 Saans
10:00 V Trailers - Star Plus
10:30 Antanksh
12:25 Bolly V - Star Plus
12:30 V Trailers - Star Plus
12:55 V First Day First Show-Starplu
01:00 Mirch Masala
01:30 Golu Ke Goggles
01:55 V First Day First Show-Starplu
02:00 V Trailers - Star Plus
02:25 Bolly V - Star Plus
02:30 Kalash
03:00 Kahaani Ghar Ghar Kii
05:00 V Trailers - Star Plus
05:25 V First Day First Show-Starplu
05:30 Krishna Kathaiyen
06:30 Aladdin
07:00 The Emperor's New Groove
07:25 Bolly V - Star Plus
07:30 Saathii Re
08:00 Blender Pride Fashion Tour 06

03:15 Cape Fear (1991)
05:45 Tales from the Crypt 40: Revenge is the Nuts
STAR MOVIES
08:20 The Librarian
10:00 Librarian 2, The: Return To King American Pie 2
11:35 12 Dogs Of Christmas
03:00 Shall We Dance
05:50 Lord Of War
07:00 Fat Albert
08:35 Dr. Dolittle
10:00 The Ladykillers
11:45 Thumbsucker
STAR PLUS
09:00 Travel Asia
01:30 My Wife And Kids
02:00 The King Of Queen
02:30 8 Simple Rules
03:00 Less Than Perfect
03:30 Malcolm In The Middle
04:00 The Office
04:30 Criminal Minds
05:30 Desire: Table For Three
06:30 Ghost Whisperer
07:30 The Simple Life
08:30 Tna Xplosion
09:30 World's Most Amazing Videos
10:30 Enterprise
11:30 Desire: Table For Three

DISCOVERY CHANNEL
08:30 Wild Discovery
09:30 Discovery Spotlight
11:30 Honey We're Killing The Kids
12:30 StuntDaws
01:00 One Step Beyond
01:30 Best of Wild Discovery
02:30 Discovery's Biggest Shows
04:30 Wild Discovery
05:30 Discovery Marquee
07:30 Wild Discovery
08:30 Discover India
09:30 Destination India
10:30 Mean Machines
11:00 Finest Hotels in The World
11:30 Secrets To Survival

NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC
08:30 Triumph of Life

09:30 Realm of Muger
Crocodile
10:30 Wetback
12:30 Strictly Asian Ballroom
01:30 Hidden Buddha
02:30 Monkey Business
03:00 Tales From Bhattarkanika
03:30 The Deep
04:30 Going To School In India
05:00 Dogs With Jobs
05:30 Big Bang
06:00 Nat Geo Junior
06:30 Science Safari
07:30 Cry of the Wolves
08:30 No Borders
10:30 Hollywood Science
11:30 Bioterror Alert
09:30 Chart Busters Movie Based
10:00 Music Mantra Music
10:30 Music Beats Music
11:30 Cadburys Bournvita Quiz Contest Drama
12:00 Man Mein Hai Visswas Spiritual
01:00 Big Boss Reality Based
02:00 Boogie Woogie Dance
03:00 Maitnee - Damini Movie
06:30 Music Beats Music
07:00 Music Mantra Music
07:30 Chart Busters Others
08:00 Current Bollywood Drama
08:30 Boogie Woogie Dance
09:30 Big Boss Masala Reality Based