

RECOMMENDATIONS

Calligraphy

**May 4 to 15**  
Arifur Rahman, a calligraphy artist holds his fifth solo exhibition at the lobby of National Museum in the city. The exhibition displays around fifty works of the artist, which have been done in Arabic and Bangla.

Cultural evening

**May 5**  
A cultural ceremony will be held at the auditorium of Osmany Memorial Hall in the city as part of the ongoing 'Bangladesh Multijuddho Utsav'. Events will start from 7.00 p.m.

Photography

**May 3 to 5**  
A three daylong photography exhibition entitled Tati Para, as part of a foundation course on photography, concludes today at the city's Gallery 21, 765, Satmasjid Road, at 8 p.m.

Syed Jahangir's solo

**April 18 to May 9**  
Featuring recent artworks, the 32nd solo art exhibition by Syed Jahangir started at the Bengal Gallery of Fine Arts. The exhibition will continue everyday from 12-8 p.m.

Shahin Shahriar's fourth solo

**May 1 to 7**  
A weeklong painting exhibition by Shahin Shahriar opens at Zainul Gallery of Fine Arts Institute, University of Dhaka. Artists Abdus Sattar and Professor Abdul Matin Sarkar inaugurated the exhibition.

Ahmed Nazir's print exhibition

**May 3 to 12**  
City's Gallery Chitrag presents a ten day long print exhibition by Ahmed Nazir from May 3 at its premises, House #21, Road # 4, Dhanmondi R/A. Eminent artists Mohammad Kibria and Shahid Kabir attended the inauguration. The show is open daily from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m.

CD launching

Priceless gift

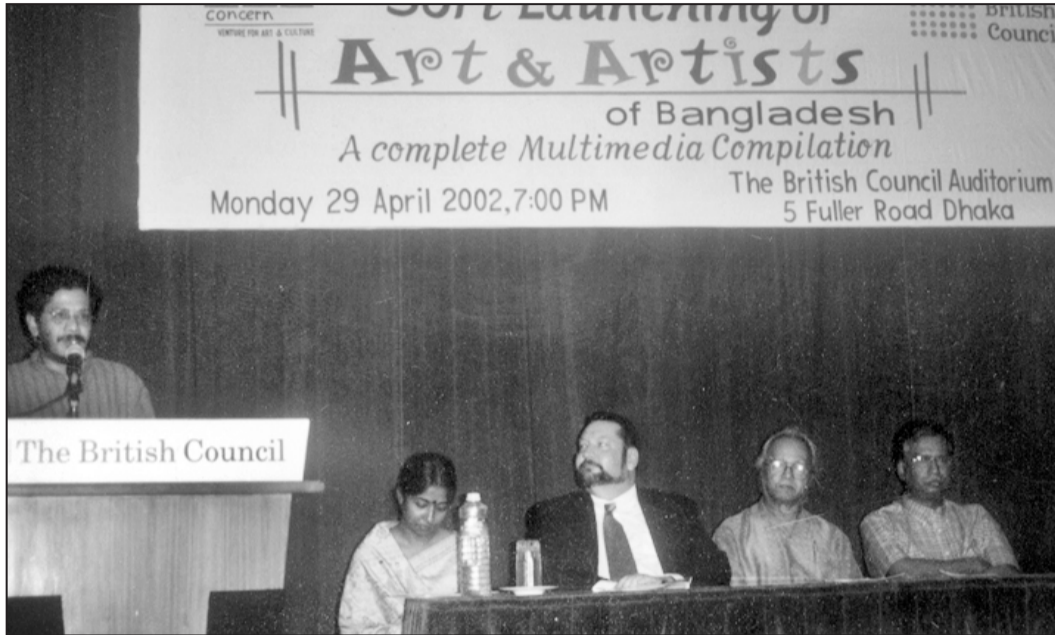
RCD Concern offers a valuable compilation of Bangladeshi art history, a work of huge magnitude, first ever in Bangladesh

SAIFUL ISLAM

THE pages document history, the history that contains visions, dreams, passion, and lives of some people who excelled in art. The pages are not leaflets of a book. They are patterns of a multimedia CD, perhaps the best available gift of technology these days, offering and celebrating a glorious part of the cultural history of Bangladesh. The soft launching of this great work marveled the invited speakers (artists like Shishir Bhatt-acharjee, Aminul Islam, art lover Carl Reuter, and theatre-man Nasir Uddin Yousuff) and an audience comprising of journalists, artists, and people in love with art at the British Council in the eve of April 29, 2002.

*Art and Artists of Bangladesh*, a complete multimedia compilation on fine arts of Bangladesh contains profiles of 159 artists,

catalogue of 1500 paintings, exclusive close-ups on four Maestros (Zainul Abedin, Qumrul Hassan, S.M. Sultan, and Shafiuddin Ahmed), in-depth articles on artists (by gifted art critics), rare photographs that might help to have a glimpse of the artist who gave birth to fabulous art works, historical sketch of Fine Arts in Bangladesh (that straddles over thousand years), exclusive video footage, information about art institutes (off-course a moveable feast to the novices and the masters), comprehensive listing of art galleries, and last but not the list background music (music that smells of the grass and clay of Bangladesh, folk music). It has got four sections, namely artists, plates, close up, and timeline systematically dividing the aforesaid resources of Bangladeshi Fine Arts. The layouts are done in eye-soothing colours and are quite easy to browse through.



Cartoonist Shishir Bhattacharya speaks at the ceremony

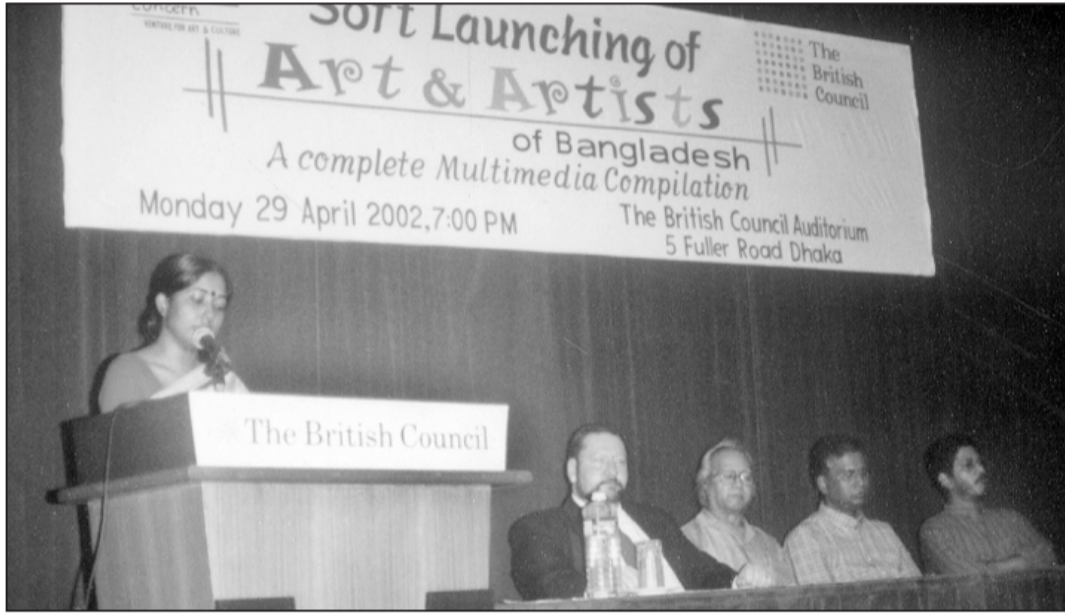
So, doesn't it sound incredible? Shishir Bhattacharjee in his speech referred to the same

kind of wonderment by the Director of the British Council, and every member of the audience found it the same. The very precision of the work, the huge details and infos that are woven into the patterns of the CD made it a comprehensive piece where the piecing together of the history of the Fine arts of Bangladesh is done with utmost sincerity. The CD journeys over the massive pile of the events of Bangladeshi art and presents it in an easy and user-friendly medium.

It is true that Bangladesh is bursting with people having enormous potential. Few days ago in a prize giving ceremony a veteran artist claimed that almost every child in Bangladesh sketches. Carl in his speech alluded to his very first experience in Bangladesh, 'a truck carrying building materials decorated with fascinating art-

works,' is something quintessentially Bangladeshi, because 'art is embedded in the psyche' of the people of this part of the world. Contemporary Bangladeshi art is now keeping pace with the west in its own way, and this CD could be an excellent medium by which we can inform the art lovers of the world about the achievements of Bangladeshi Fine Arts.

Aminul Islam informs that this CD will be updated from time to time, and the profiles of 159 artists include artists dating back from the past to the present. Since independence the need to record events of fine arts was a necessity, and 'this is first ever in Bangladesh that a significant work like this has happened piecing together the remarkable assets of Bangladesh' says Shishir Bhattacharjee.



The CD provides rich information to artists and researchers

Award

Fashion house promotes craftsmanship

Silk producer from Chapai Nawabganj receives award

CULTURE DESK

BANGLA-R Mela, a fashion house of traditional and contemporary dresses, has crossed its maiden year and to mark the occasion honored a craftsman from Chapai Nawabganj, Kushanath Das, who received the prize from eminent artist Rafiqunnabi on May 3 at a ceremonial event that took place at Banani in the city. Management of Bangla-r Mela have further decided to honor personalities, those who have expertise and contribution in fields of traditional craftsmanship of local clothing items. The award includes a cash prize of taka five thousand and a crest.

Honored Kushanath is a producer of top quality silk that is used for the production of various types of dress items including sari and Punjabi. Kushanath, who is in his 30's, has, so far, shown considerable degree of maturity and innovative idea in his work of silk production. He has totally avoided any use of chemical in weaving procedures, instead, has relied on vegetable dye. Top NGOs like BRAC and Grameen have used his technology in experimental projects those have produced satisfactory result.

Bangla-r Mela started its journey on May 3 of 2001 when a small group of entrepreneurs including reputed designer and artist Emdad Haque and fashion designer Bibi Russell joined hands to render service to the people of the country through their fine quality clothing made out of Grameen fabrics. As Emdad Haque said, 'We will continue the award for best crafts-



Supermodel Vendella wears Bangladeshi silk dress

men of the country in the years to come. Bangla-r Mela firmly believes that through this proclamation the organization would be able to encourage people to take this art form in a serious manner which would ultimately lead to a wider use of traditional garments, in home and abroad'.

TV GUIDE

BTV

- 3:10 News Headlines
- 3:15 Desher Gaan
- 3:20 Open University
- 3:45 Shukhi Poribar
- 4:00 Khabar
- 4:05 Animated Film: Totally Tuned In
- 4:25 Taruchaya
- 4:45 Nokkhoter Alo
- 5:00 News Headlines
- 5:05 National Television Debate
- 6:00 Khabar
- 6:10 Shasthatathya
- 6:35 Programme from Chittagong station
- 7:00 News Headlines
- 7:05 Mati O' Manush
- 7:25 Loke Lokalay
- 8:00 News in Bengali
- 8:30 Drama: Behala
- 9:00 News Headlines
- 10:00 News at Ten
- 10:30 Talk Show: Ei Shomoy
- 11:30 Khabar / The News
- 12:00 EKUSHEY
- 12:00 Ekushey Midday
- 12:30 Shoptaho Ghura Deshjure
- 1:00 Ekushey Headlines
- 1:05 Expedition to the Animal Kingdom
- 1:30 Documentary Programmed : Japan Video Tropic
- 1:50 Classic Cartoons
- 2:10 Surer Prodeep
- 2:40 Drishti
- 3:00 Ekushey Headlines
- 3:05 Drama Serial
- 3:30 Pother Pachile
- 4:00 Surer Prodeep
- 4:30 Expedition to the Animal Kingdom
- 5:00 Circus Circuss
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- 5:50 Aiker Potrikay
- 6:00 Ekushey Headlines
- 6:05 Circus Circuss
- 6:30 Charidike
- 6:55 Ekushey Headlines
- 7:00 Deshjure
- 7:30 Ekushey Shongbad
- 8:00 Ekushey News
- 8:05 Drama serial : Durer Batighor
- 8:30 Shada Kagoj
- 9:30 Sumprotique
- 10:00 News : Simulcast from BTV
- 10:30 Ekushey Business
- 11:00 Ekushey Late Night News

HBO

- 7:00 My Girl 2
- 9:00 The Remains of The Day
- 11:45 The Little Rascals
- 1:30 The Base II
- 3:30 Turbulence 2: Fear of Flying
- 5:30 Tremors
- 7:30 Clueless
- 9:30 ED
- 11:30 Psycho III
- 1:15 The Little Rascals
- 3:00 Double Platinum
- 5:00 Magic in the Water
- NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC
- 6:30 a.m. Submarines : War Ships - Submarines
- 7:30 Submarines : Submarines
- 7:30 Search for the Submarine I-52
- 8:30 Nat Geo Genius : Episode 8
- 9:00 Human Edge : Episode 15
- 9:30 A Passion for Africa
- 10:00 Antarctic Challenge
- 10:30 Submarines : Submarines, Secrets and Spies
- 11:30 National Geographic Classics : In The Footsteps Of Livingstone : Episode 1
- 12:30 Nat Geo Genius : Episode 7
- 1:00 Human Edge : Episode 9
- 1:30 A Microlight Odyssey : Episode 1
- 2:00 Adventure Starts Here : Next Wave : Episode 4 : Sex and Priests
- 2:30 Perils of the Plectropomus
- 3:30 Braving Alaska

- 4:30 Journey of Life : Shape Of Life - Bones, Brawn And Brains : Episode 8
- 5:30 National Geographic Classics : Ocean Drifters
- 6:30 Nat Geo Genius : Episode 9
- 7:00 Human Edge : Episode 16
- 7:30 A Microlight Odyssey : Episode 2 of 4
- 8:00 Adventure Starts Here : Next Wave : Episode 5 : Fist Pirates
- 8:30 Mysteries of the Twilight Zone
- 9:30 The New Chimpanzees
- 10:30 Journey of Life : The Body Changers
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- BBC WORLD
- 6:00 BBC News
- 6:30 Holiday
- 7:00 BBC News
- 7:30 Simpson
- 8:00 BBC News
- 8:30 Correspondent
- 9:00 BBC News
- 9:30 This Week
- 10:00 BBC News
- 10:30 Mastermind India
- 11:00 BBC News
- 11:30 India Business Report
- 12:00 BBC News

TODAY'S HIGHLIGHTS

**EKUSHEY:** 8:05 p.m. *Durer Batighor, Episode 8:* Badsha's father becomes upset because he could not give Badsha the water bottle when he left. Zama and her friend go to Zubair's house. Letting Zama and Zubair talk. Zahid and Zama's friend goes outside. On the other hand Nishi meets Sajid while going out. She takes him to her aunt's house. Then something interesting happens.

**STAR WORLD:** 7:00 & 10:30 p.m. *The X Files.* Hieroglyphics on the pyramids of Egypt refer to what we today call Unidentified Flying Objects. UFO sightings, since then, have been too many to register. Alien abductions and experimentations are reported at the same frequency. The X Files finds the truth. In tonight's episode, Mulder and Scully try to discover the cigarette smoking man's real identity.

**STAR MOVIES:** 10:45 p.m. *Ace Ventura: When Nature Calls.* Ace Ventura, emerging from self-imposed exile in a remote Himalayan hideaway, travels to Africa with explorer Fulton Greenwall to find a sacred bat which is told will avert a war between with Wachootoo and Wachati tribes. Of course, when Ace gets involved, all hell breaks loose...

PICK OF THE DAY

**ED**  
On HBO at 9:30p.m.  
At first glance, this may sound like a recipe for disaster a man playing second banana to a chimpanzee? However, the result is not only consistently entertaining but frequently laugh-out-loud funny. The man in question is Matt Leblanc who plays Cooper, a minor league pitcher experiencing a pitching slump. His dubious luck brings him an amazing roommate a new third baseman named Ed.

- 12:30 Commando!
- 1:00 BBC News
- 1:30 Face to Face
- 2:00 BBC News
- 2:30 This Week
- 3:00 BBC News
- 3:30 Horizon
- 4:00 BBC News
- 4:30 Click Online
- 5:00 BBC News
- 5:30 Simpsons
- STAR GOLD
- 7:00 Hare Kanch Ki Chooriyar (Biswajit, Naina Sahu)
- 10:30 Geet Bahar
- 11:00 Geet Bahar
- 11:30 Kuch Yaadein
- 12:00 Rahein Na Rahein Hum
- 12:30 Sunday Noon Show : Radha Ka Sangam (Govnda, Juhi Chawla)
- 3:30 Red Rose (Rajesh Khanna, Poonam Dhillon)
- 7:00 Geet Bahar
- 7:30 Sunday Block-

- buster Mughal-E-Azam (Prithviraj Kapoor, Dilip Kumar, Madhubala)
- 11:00 Kuch Yaadein (Govinda, Shilpa Shetty, Raveena Tandon)
- 11:30 Do Qaidi (Sanjay Dutt, Govinda)
- STAR PLUS
- 7:30 Aatma
- 8:30 Dharam Aur Hum
- 9:30 Amul Best of Surabhi
- 10:00 Family Fortunes
- 10:30 Bol Baby Bol
- 11:00 The Price is Right
- 11:30 Chalti Ka Naam Antakshiri
- 12:30 Chhupa Rustom
- 1:00 Musafir Hoon Yaron
- 1:30 Mirch Masala
- 2:00 Hit Filmein Hit Sangeet
- 2:30 Mail Milap
- 2:40 Star Sunday Matinee- Yodha (Sunny Doel, Sanjay Dutt)
- 6:00 Hit Filmein Hit
- Sangeet
- 6:30 Fox Kids Sunday
- 7:30 Son Pari
- 7:55 Jubilee Plus
- 8:30 STAR Mast Movie: Pardesi Babu (Govinda, Shilpa Shetty, Raveena Tandon)
- 12:00 Hit Filmein Hit Sangeet
- STAR WORLD
- 7:00am Billboard Us Countdown
- 9:00 Star Hunter
- 10:00 Ally Mcbeal
- 11:00 The Practice
- 12:00pm First Wave
- 1:00 Ufo's The Best
- 2:00 Evidence Ever
- 3:00 Crown And Country
- 3:30 Travel Asia
- 4:00 Baywatch Hawaii
- 5:00 Futurama
- 5:30 3<sup>rd</sup> Rock From The Sun
- 6:00 Star News Focus Asia
- 6:30 IHT World
- 7:00 The X Files
- 8:00 Star Trek
- 9:00 Rendezvous With Simi Garewal
- 9:30 Star News Focus Asia
- 10:00 IHT World
- 10:30 The X Files
- 11:30 Star Trek
- STAR MOVIES
- 6:30 Speechless
- 8:30 Ace Venture When Nature Calls
- 10:15 Incognito
- 12:00 Supernova
- 1:45 Mighty Ducks, The Red Heat
- 3:30 Coyote Ugly
- 7:00 Clown at Midnight
- 10:45 Ace Venture When Nature Calls
- 12:30 Rough Air
- HALLMARK
- 6:00 The Railway Children
- 8:00 Katts and Dog
- 8:30 Ghostwriter
- 9:00 Sesame Street
- 10:00 Scholastic Clifford
- 10:30 Caillou
- 11:00 Bridge to Silence

- 1:00 Getting Out
- 3:00 Just a Dream
- 5:00 Star trek: Voyager
- 6:00 Touched By An Angel V
- 7:00 Anne Rice's: Feast of All Saints
- 9:00 Star trek: Voyager
- 10:00 Prince Charming
- 12:00 Touched by an Angel V
- ZEE MUSIC
- 6:30 Gurbani
- 7:30 Gujarati News
- 8:00 Daily News
- 8:30 Pakistan News Link
- 9:00 Zaikhe Ka Safar
- 9:30 Yoga For Life
- 10:00 Out And About
- 10:30 Mahabharat
- 11:30 Dream Destinations
- 12:00 Special Correspondent
- 12:30 Raksha
- 3:30 RAA A H
- 4:30 Zee And You
- 5:00 Kirchiyan
- 6:00 Sansaar
- 7:00 Ankahee
- 7:30 East end Antakshari
- 8:30 News Bulletin
- 9:00 Aashiq
- 12:00 Aaj Bhi Ateet
- ALPHA TV BANGLA
- 7:00 Bhalobasa Mandobasa
- 7:30 Surer Ei Dharana Dharay
- 8:00 NR Eyes
- 8:30 Gaan Unlimited
- 9:00 Bharat Bhraman
- 9:30 Sanghaat
- 10:00 Satahik Bhagya Chakra
- 10:30 Soni Robi Mojar Chobi
- 11:00 Agni Yuger Padatik
- 11:30 Choto Chuttr Phake Bhawanipurer
- 12:00 Chatujjera
- 12:30 Half Chocolate
- 1:00 Ranna Ghar

- 1:30 Blind Lane
- 2:00 Guest House
- 2:30 Amar Sangi
- 5:00 Saptahik Bhagyachakra
- 5:30 Mathe Maidane
- 6:00 News In Bengali
- 6:30 Ekuse Paa
- 7:00 Major Khela Kobitae
- 7:30 Googly
- 8:00 Alpha Bangla Rangmch Utsav
- 9:45 Purobi Bangla
- 10:25 Chena Mukh
- 11:00 News
- 11:30 Sudhu Tomake Chai
- 12:00 Abisasya
- ZEE TV
- 7:00 Yoga For Life
- 7:40 Jagan
- 7:50 Zee Gym
- 8:30 Nickelodeon
- 9:00 Nick On Zee
- 9:30 Ramayan
- 10:30 Mahabharat
- 11:30 Best Of Antakshari
- 12:30 Raaah
- 1:30 Top of the Tops
- 2:00 Khana Khazana
- 2:30 Zee & You
- 3:00 Yaarana
- 6:30 Nickelodeon On Zee
- 7:00 Nick On Zee
- 7:30 Devrani Jethani
- 8:00 Nillaam Ghar-Bid id Boom
- 8:30 Rishtey The Love Stories
- 9:30 Sansaar
- 10:30 Aap Jo Bolein Haan To Haan Aap Jo Bolein Naa to Naa Tejaswini
- 11:30 Weekend Cinema
- ZEE CINEMA
- 7:00 Weekend Cinema
- 7:30 Lovers
- 10:30 Shatrangj Ke Khiladi
- 1:30 Khubsoorat
- 5:15 Top Of The Tops
- 6:00 Shahide Mohabbba Butasingh
- 9:30 Making Of A Legend
- 10:00 Rockford
- SONY
- 6:30 Music Mantra
- 7:00 Chartbusters

- 7:30 Amrit Varsha
- 8:00 Asaram Vani Sant
- 8:30 Chartbusters
- 9:00 Good Morning Disney
- 10:00 Music Mantra Indian Holi
- 10:30 Hum Sab Ek
- 11:00 Choodiya
- 11:30 Shaheen
- 12:00 Challenge
- 12:30 Pehchaa
- 1:00 Kkusum
- 1:30 Kanyadaa
- 2:00 Lajja
- 2:30 Milan
- 3:00 Hum Pardes Gaye
- 3:30 Thoda Hai... Thod Zarurat
- 4:00 Choti S
- 4:30 Sparsh
- 5:00 Jaane Kah
- 5:00 Jaane Kahan Mera Jigar Gaya jee
- 5:30 C.A. T.S
- 6:00 Dil Vil Pyaar Vyaar
- 6:30 Disney Hour
- 7:30 Chartbusters
- 8:00 Music Mantra
- 8:30 Boogie Woogie
- 9:00 Par Is Dil ko Kaise Samjaye
- 9:30 Kkusum
- 10:00 Heena
- 10:30 CID
- 11:00 Achanak 37 Saal Baad
- 11:30 Bhanwar
- 12:00 Kaun Apna Kaun paraya
- SETMAK
- 7:30 Mini Movies: Ustaad 420
- 8:30 Harmony
- 9:30 Ram Rajya
- 1:00 Current Bollywood
- 1:30 Kohram
- 5:30 Diwana
- 9:00 Hotlist
- 9:30 Jis desh Mein Ganga Rehta Hai
- 1:30 Anmol Ghadi
- 4:30 Nausherwa-E-Adil