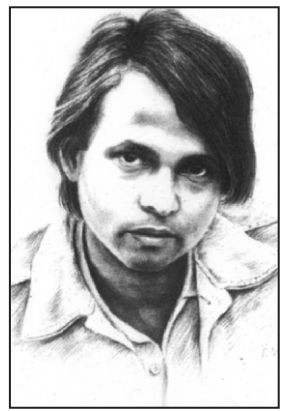


RECOMMENDATIONS



**Print exhibition**  
July 19-28  
Gallery 21 at Dhanmondi in the city presents a solo print exhibition of artist A. Rahman that continues daily from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Professor Mahmudul Haque inaugurates the exhibition and Nahas Ahmed Khalil stays present as special guest.

**Exhibition on French artist**

July 5-August 2  
An exhibition of the works of French artist George de La Tour, observing his 350th death anniversary, continues at the Andre Malraux room of Alliance Francaise in the city. The exhibits include books on the artist and a majority of his famous works.

**Group art show**

July 13-20  
A group art exhibition is on at the gallery of Indian High commission cultural center in the city that features works of five young artists. The show continues everyday from 3 p.m. to 8 p.m.

**Art exhibition**

August 2-15  
Artist Fakrul Islam holds a solo exhibition of his works at the gallery of Alliance Francaise, complete schedule of which will soon be announced. 'Art is the best way to express emotion, love and personal attitude of oneself' says Fakrul.

Exhibition

Fine arts promotes charity

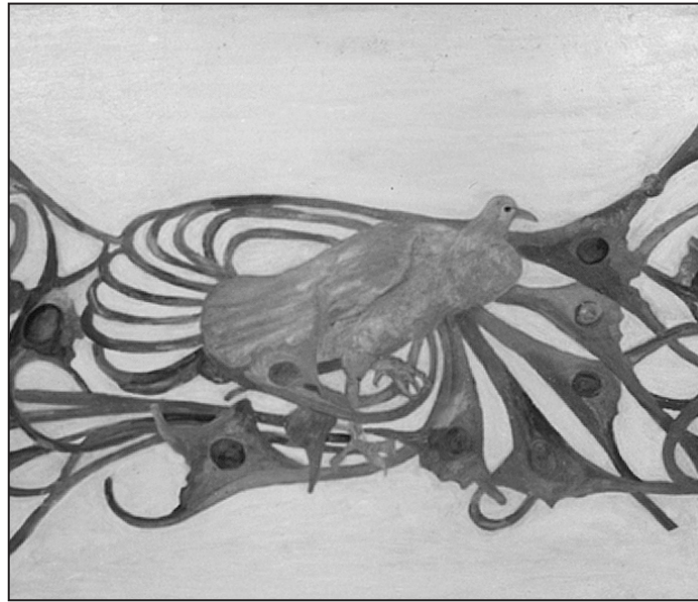
Two sisters hold art exhibition in the city to raise funds for Afghan children and for a young person who requires financial support for artificial limb attachment surgery

AZIZ AMIRUL

INTENSELY colourful and intricately patterned dragons and demons of far-eastern folklores, butterflies of children's dream worlds and beautiful female faces and figures of the real world appear as subjects in art works of Tia and Nadia, two sisters, who currently hold their joint exhibition at an office balcony of Bangladesh Institute of Law and International Affairs (BLIA) at Dhanmondi (Road no. 7) in the city. The exhibition displays around two dozen works, all of which are tagged with price, sale proceedings of which will go to charity accounts created in support of children of the war-ravaged Afghanistan and in aid of a young man who lost both his arms in an accident a few years back in the city. The artists, both of whom are



A painting by Nadia



A work of Nadia

students, depict a wide range of subjects, and prefer to follow

trends of realism while a few of the paintings and sketches highlight semi abstract themes. As Tia says, 'We have no particular themes at all in our works and we paint whatever seems to be beautiful'.

Tia's works comprise of figures like one that features Bollywood star and former Miss World Aishwarya Rai, sketched in pencil that stands a few feet high from ground, drawn on a huge piece of art paper.

A nicely decorated dining table complete with exotic dishes and bottles of drinks become an important subject of one of Tia's works that consists of bright shades and hues of all sorts. Most of Tia's paintings present shades in blue, green, yellow, gold and often black, as well as white.

A bit unlike her sister, Nadia likes to play with slightly abstract subjects. She portrays long figures of dragons; hued lace out tails and feathers of a peacock or even paints a deep yellowish golden sun surrounded by brownish clouds. Done in pastel, oil or in mixed media, a few of Nadia's works also feature serene landscape or shady mountainous surroundings across the borders of some unknown land. Light blue, turquoise and white shades in picturesque scenarios of hills and clouds reveal certain nostalgic viewpoints of the artist.

The siblings try their best to entertain art connoisseurs as well work for some humanitarian cause through hosting art exhibitions. The current exhibition, being one of their routine annual or biennale events, would be successful if it only brings refreshing smile to faces of those who are fighting for survival in this difficult world.

The exhibition remains open to all from morning up to evening every day till July 26.

Cinema

Devdas creates new record

Taran Adarsh, a film magazine publisher of India speaks to AFP correspondent of the great success of Devdas, a latest movie

AFP, Bombay

DEVIDAS, Bollywood's most expensive film ever, swept the box office across India at the weekend to break all previous records, trade analysts told AFP.

Produced at a cost of 500 million rupees (10.2 million dollars), "Devdas" - a tragic love story starring superstar Shah Rukh Khan - saw full house signs posted at all screenings in some 300 to 350 cinema halls around India, they said.

For Bombay alone - Bollywood's headquarters and the industry yardstick - the weekend collections from 19 cinema halls amounted to six million rupees (122,449 dollars).

The box office opening weekend record in Bombay was held by last year's multi-starred "Kabhi Khushi Kabhi Gham (Sometimes Joy, Sometimes Sorrow), which raked in 3.5 million rupees on the first weekend.

This was followed by mega hit "Gadar" (Uprising) and Oscar nominee "Lagaan" (Tax). No weekend box office takings are available for the latter two, but first-day receipts for "Gadar" amounted to 1.18 million rupees and for "Lagaan" 1.0 million rupees.

"Devdas has received a fabulous 100 percent opening response all over the country, breaking the previous box office records," Taran Adarsh, publisher of film magazine Trade Guide told AFP.

He said figures from centres outside Bombay were not immediately available.

"However, the feedback is that it is the same everywhere."

Media reports indicate that "Devdas" has also opened to full houses in the United Kingdom, scooping more than 60,000 pounds on the opening day alone.

Film analysts attributed the good showing to media hype and strong word of mouth endorsement.

The media interest began long before the movie's release, especially after its screening in the non-competitive segment at the recent Cannes festival.

"It's the craze that is driving the movie. Everyone wants to see it at least once," said Adarsh.

"What is interesting is that the movie has generated such a response despite a story that is widely known and with around nine versions of Devdas already made in the past."

Whether it can sustain the interest would become clearer by the end of the week, he added.

"Devdas" is yet another remake of the 1950s classic story of three lovers, this time the emphasis being on lavish sets and sumptuous backdrops.

While Khan plays the role of the pining self-destructive lover, former Miss World Aishwarya Rai is in the lead female role, while popular Bollywood actress Madhuri Dixit enacts the key role of courtesan, giving the third angle to the story.

Bouyed by the initial success of his production, producer Bharat Shah plans to bring out around 200 more prints for the local and overseas markets.

Shah is also optimistic that his 500 million rupees investment will break even - possibly by the end of the second week.

"I will recover all my money from the second week if the movie gets a 100 percent response in the first week," Shah told AFP.

Shah was recently released on bail by a Bombay court after sitting in jail for more than a year following his arrest in January 2001 for alleged links to the mafia.

Exhibitors, meanwhile, are cashing in on the film's popularity and have increased prices by 50 to 75 percent.

Bollywood, meanwhile, is sitting fingers crossed hoping that "Devdas" brings in much needed oxygen for the industry.

Bombay's output-oriented film industry churns out low and middle-budget formulaic Hindi movies, is struggling to get out of the red after more than 150 flops in the last six months and only one hit.

Music

Tunes speak of past

Rehana Matlub performs guitar in the city

CULTURE DESK

GUESTS present at a musical evening of guitar performance, which was held at the auditorium of the British Council in the city on July 18, were enthralled by a performance of Hawaiian guitar from Rehana Matlub, a reputed female guitarist.

The event was organized by the management of Manab Shilpo-Shahitya-Sanskriti Gosthi, a local cultural organization headed by Matlub Ali, a professor of Fine Arts Institute of Dhaka University.

Entitled 'Ei shundor shornali shondhaey', the event was attended among others by Mustafa Zaman Abbasi, a veteran singer and Director-General of Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy, Tasmina Hossain, editor of fortnightly magazine, 'Pakshik Anannya', was also present as a special guest. Ustad Samir Chanda Coton, a renowned music instructor and teacher of



Rehana, joined in the function.

A large number of music lovers and connoisseurs of instrumental music attended the ceremony that produced guitar tunes from classical, Nazrul and Tagore songs of former days.

The same organizers had arranged the first solo program of amateur guitarist Rehana Matlub on October of 2000 at an auditorium of Bangladesh National Museum in the city that had earned the artist quite a good reputation and introduction among local music enthusiasts.

Rehana Matlub is a regular artist of Bangladesh television and radio since last three decades. She is currently engaged in a job at Bangladesh Shilpa Academy's cultural wing in the post of Program Officer.

TV GUIDE

**BTV**

2:10p.m. News headline  
2:15 Patriotic songs  
2:20 Open University  
2:40 Sports  
3:00 News  
3:15 Unmesh  
4:00 News headline  
4:05 Film songs  
5:00 News  
5:05 Mon-er kotha  
5:30 Nibedon  
6:10 Family Planning  
6:35 Chittagong center  
7:00 News headline  
7:05 Program based on Dhaka city  
7:35 Songs  
8:00 News  
8:30 Magazine  
9:00 News headline  
9:00 News at ten  
10:25 Anirban  
11:30 News (Bangla/English)  
11:45 Closing

**AKUSHEY**

12:00 Ekushey Midday  
12:05 Ajker Potrikay  
12:20 Mukto Khobor  
12:50 Bolte Chai  
1:00 Ekushey Headlines  
1:05 Bolte Chai  
1:20 Classic Cartoons  
2:00 Toyota World of Wildlife  
2:30 Ei Shoptabo  
3:00 Ekushey Headlines  
3:30 Ei Shoptabo  
3:00 Ekushey Headlines  
3:05 Jatra Pala  
5:30 Gillette World Special  
6:00 Ekushey Headlines  
6:05 Cartoon: Robinson Succoro  
6:55 Ekushey Headlines  
7:00 Shoptabo Ghura Deshjire  
7:30 Ekushey News  
8:00 Ekushey News (English)  
8:15 Serial: Alif Laila  
9:30 New Drama serial: Neel Towale  
10:00 News: Simulcast from BTV  
10:30 Ekushey Business  
11:00 Ekushey Late Night Shongbad

**CHANNEL-i**

1:30 Opening  
1:35 Special program  
1:50 Bangla feature film  
5:05 Documentary  
5:35 Poribesh kotha  
6:10 Music Plus  
6:45 Jungle Book  
7:15 Channel I News  
8:00 Drama serial  
8:30 Super Duper Show  
8:55 Ispahani I Telequiz  
9:00 Channel I News  
9:30 Shongbadpotrey Bangladesh  
9:45 Mobile quiz  
10:00 Na bola kotha  
10:25 Ispahani I Telequiz  
10:30 Channel I News  
11:15 Pepsi Live Concert  
12:00 Channel I News

**ATN BANGLA**

5:30 Islamic prog.: Children: Cholo Gan Gai  
7:00 News  
7:35 Viewers opinion prog.: Motamot  
8:00 ATN Bangla News  
8:25 Mage serial: Mohine  
9:00 Film Songs prog.: Meril Tumar Janne Gan  
9:35 Musical Prog.: Badhon  
10:10 Drama serial: Abahese  
10:50 Musical Prog.: Star Search  
11:15 Bengali feature film: Cheoro Satro  
12:00 ATN Bangla News  
12:05 Children prog.: Shapla Saluk  
6:45 Viewers request film songs prog.: Anurodher Assor  
7:00 ATN Bangla Evening News  
7:35 Mage serial: Mohine  
8:10 Reporting prog.: Gholona Probaha  
8:45 Drama Serial: Rang Be Ranger Din  
9:20 Drama Serial: Amar Antore Tume  
10:00 ATN Bangla News  
10:35 Drama: Patal Purer Galpo  
11:00 Film Magazine: Bollywood Khobor  
11:30 ATN Bangla News  
12:00 Bengali feature film: Chandona Daku

**HBO**

6:30 Teacher's Pet  
8:15 Dying To Live  
10:00 ATF  
11:45 Monster!  
1:30 Twins  
3:45 Superstar  
5:30 The Relic  
7:45 The Fan  
10:00 Hideaway  
12:15 Star Trek: First

Contact  
Twilight  
Normal Life

**STAR PLUS**

7:30 Chhupa Rustam  
Aatma  
9:00 Hit Filmlein Hit Sangeet  
9:30 Fox Kids  
10:10 Hit Geet  
10:25 Kya Film Kya Geet  
10:30 Gurukul!  
11:30 Chakti Ka Naam Antakshiri  
12:30 Eena Meena Deeka  
1:00 Tu Tu Main Main  
1:30 Gharwali Uparwali  
2:00 Hit Filmlein Hit Sangeet  
2:30 Kashmakash  
3:00 Kundali  
3:30 Tea Time Cinema: Shradhanjali (Rakhee, Suresh Oberoi)  
6:30 Fox Kids  
7:25 Kya Film Kya Geet  
7:30 Bol Baby Bol  
8:00 Yatra  
8:30 Star Superhit: Josh (Shahrukh Khan, Aishwarya Rai, Chandrachud Singh)

11:30 Aaj Ki Baat  
12:05 Josh (Cont.)

**STAR GOLD**

7:00am Geet Bahar  
8:00 Shankar Sita Anusya (Mahipal, Shahu Modak, Nirupa Roy)  
11:00 Bollywood News  
12:00 Avtar (Rajesh Khanna, Shabana Azmi)  
3:00 Geet Bahar  
3:30 Saturday: Vijeta (Raveena Tandon)  
7:00 Bollywood Beats  
7:30 Saturday Special: Dream Girls Special: Umrao Jaan (Rekha, Farouque Shaikh, Naseeruddin Shah)  
11:00 New Wave  
Cinema Naseer B'day Pestonjee (Naseeruddin Shah, Shabana Azmi)

**STAR WORLD**

7:00 Futurama  
7:30 3<sup>rd</sup> Rock From the Sun  
8:00 The Bold & The Beautiful  
10:00 Rendezvous With Simi Garewal  
10:30 Fox Kids  
11:00 World Wildest Police Videos  
2:00 Viper  
3:00 Baywatch  
4:00 Walker Texas

**TODAY'S HIGHLIGHTS**

**CHANNEL-i**: 6:45 p.m. *Jungle Book*. The production is based upon Rudyard Kipling's classic tale of Mowgli, the human child raised by animals in the jungle. Poachers come in the jungle to hunt animals illegally. But Mowgli tries to defend his wild friends just when the criminals trace his whereabouts and catch him as their prisoner. Mowgli reaches their den to find his childhood girlfriend.

**STAR MOVIES**: 7:00 p.m. *Species*. In 1993, the Search for Extra Terrestrial Intelligence Project receives a transmission detailing an alien DNA structure, along with instructions on how to splice it with human DNA. The result is Sil, a sensual but deadly creature who can change from a beautiful woman to an armour-plated killing machine in the blink of an eye.

**STAR WORLD**: 9:30 p.m. *Baywatch Hawaii*. No matter what kind of kick you want to get out of *Baywatch Hawaii*, there's no denying that there ain't a better-looking weekend series anywhere. Mitch, Sean, Jason, JD, Kekoa, Allie and a whole series of great co-stars make each adventure very easy on the eye. In tonight's episode, JD must make a choice between the team and his ex-girl friend.

5:00 Ranger  
Xena: Warrior Princess  
6:00 Star Hunter  
7:00 First Wave  
8:00 Water Rats  
9:00 3<sup>rd</sup> Rock From the Sun  
10:30 First Wave  
11:30 Star Hunter

**STAR NEWS**

6:00am Star News Hindi  
6:30 Newshour  
7:30 Star News English  
8:00 Star News Hindi  
8:30 Billboard US Countdown  
9:30 [V] Saturday Stack  
10:30 [V] Club  
11:30 [V] Weekends

**NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC**

7:00 Wild  
7:30 Nat Geo Max  
8:30 Dogs With Jobs  
9:00 Human Edge  
9:30 On The Edge  
10:30 Sci-Files  
11:30 People & Place  
12:30 Net Geo Genius  
1:00 Human Edge  
1:30 Adventure One  
2:30 Elephant Vision  
3:30 Saturday Unlited  
5:30 NG Classics  
6:30 Nat Geo Genius  
7:00 Human Edge  
7:30 Adventure One  
8:30 Saturday Unlited  
11:30 NG Classics

**STAR MOVIES**

6:45 Honey I Blew up the Kid

**PICK OF THE DAY**

**Hideaway**  
On HBO at 10:00 p.m.  
Hatch Harrison had a traffic accident with his car. At first the doctors said he was dead but then they succeeded to bring him back to life after two hours. But Hatch starts to have strange sensations in following time and discovers that he is now united with a mad killer who had entered his mind during his death.

8:15 Father of the Bride 2  
Kid, the  
10:00 They Call Me Sirr  
11:00 The Piano Lesson  
11:45 Star Trek: Voyager  
12:00 Moleod's Daughters  
12:30 Ma Tick Sea  
1:00 Shrink is in, the  
1:30 Star Trek: Voyager  
1:45 Final Assault  
2:00 Father of the Bride  
2:15 Mockingbird Don't Sing

**AXN**

6:30am Adventure Central  
7:30 Who Dares Wins  
8:30 Rollerjam  
9:30 Lifestyle Core Culture  
10:30 Reality Blast No Boundaries  
11:30 Who Dares Wins  
12:30 Ripley's Believe It or Not!

1:30 Rated  
2:00 Motonworld  
2:30 Movie: In The Line of Fire  
5:30 Beauties in Action  
Queen of Swords  
6:30 Relic Hunter  
7:30 Space Out  
8:30 Andromeda  
9:30 The Outer Limits  
9:30 Sat Premiere Premiere  
11:30 Asian Cinema  
Premiere Movie: The Road Home

**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

9:30 Filler  
9:35 Swartaal-Exposure  
10:00 Comedycorn  
10:30 News  
10:35 Tumbadche Khot  
11:00 Anandvan  
11:30 News  
11:35 Filler  
11:40 Geetanjali-Exposure  
11:45 Dewachiye Dwari  
12:00 Sa Re Ga Ma  
12:30 News  
12:35 Chitra Sangeet  
1:00 Police Files  
1:30 News  
1:35 Reshingathi  
2:30 News  
2:35 Feature Film  
3:00 News  
3:35 Feature Film Contd.  
4:30 News  
4:35 Feature Film Contd.  
5:30 News  
5:35 Alpha Scholars  
6:00 Filler  
6:05 Swartaal-Exposure  
6:30 News  
6:35 Dilkhulas  
7:00 De Dhamal  
7:10 Surtaal  
7:25 Swartaal-Exposure  
7:30 News  
7:55 Gaane Nave Tarane-Exposure  
8:00 Feature Film  
11:00 House Full  
11:25 Geetanjali-Exposure  
11:30 Alpha Windows  
11:30 News  
12:00 Nostalgia Band  
12:25 Geetanjali-Exposure

**ZEE TV**

7:30 Luv Kush  
10:30 Raja Aur Pana (Ashok Kumar, Pran)  
1:30 Pyar Kiya To Darna Kya (Shammi Kapoor, Prithviraj)  
6:00 Hari Bhari (Rajit Kapoor, Shabana Azmi)  
10:00 Jagannath (Shatrughan, Reena Roy)  
11:30 World Close Up  
12:30 Khana Khazana  
1:00 Jai Santoshi Ma  
1:30 Sa Re Ga Ma Pa  
3:00 Bol Radha Bol  
6:30 Nickelodeon  
7:00 Nick on Zee  
8:30 Kya Kehna  
11:30 Weekend Cinema

**ALPHA TV BANGLA**

7:00 Geet Gopal  
7:30 News  
7:40 Shradha-Exposure  
7:45 Dewachiye Dwari  
8:00 Swarpushpanjali  
9:00 News  
9:10 Dewachiye Dwari

7:00 Mowgli  
7:30 Heartbreak High  
8:30 Benny Hill Shoe  
9:00 Mini Series: Nothing Lasts Forever  
10:00 Charlie Chaplin  
10:30 Police Acade  
11:30 Touched by an Angel  
12:00 Fresh Prince of Bel Air  
12:30 Er  
1:30 Benny Hill Show  
2:00 News  
2:30 Movie Stars  
3:00 Black Scorpion  
4:00 Charlie Chaplin  
4:30 Touched by an Angel  
5:00 Mad About You  
5:30 Heartbreak High  
6:30 Over The Edge  
7:00 Living Single  
7:30 Friends 8  
8:00 Mowgli  
8:30 Mini Series: Nothing Lasts Forever  
9:30 Police Academy  
10:30 Over The Edge  
11:00 For Your Love  
11:30 Gregory Mines Show  
12:00 Jesse

**ZEE MUSIC**

6:30 Zee Music Box  
7:30 Sizzlers  
8:00 Zee Music Box  
8:30 Compact Disc  
9:00 Sizzlers  
9:30 Hit Pit Hit  
10:30 Hit Mix  
11:30 Zee Music Plus  
12:00 Dil Se B  
12:30 Hit Pit Hit  
1:30 Zee Music Box  
2:00 Jharokha  
2:30 Tara Rum  
3:30 Dil Se B  
4:00 Zee Music Plus  
5:00 Just Jammin  
5:30 Hit Mix  
6:00 Zee Music Plus  
7:00 Dil Se B  
7:30 Zee Music Com  
8:30 Sizzlers  
9:30 Diagogues  
10:30 Jharokha  
11:30 Zee Music Plus  
11:30 Phoren Maal

**ZEE MGM**

6:30 Carry On at Your Convenience  
9:00 Doctor In The House  
11:30 Carry on Behind  
2:00 Order of the Black Eagle  
4:30 Navy Seals  
7:00 Circle of Friends  
9:30 Soldier Boyz (Michael Dudikoff, Cary Tagowd)  
11:30 Dream Lover (James Spader, Modchen Amick)

**ZEE ENGLISH**

6:00 Benny Hill Shoe  
6:30 Capitol

4:30 Saturday Superstars  
6:00 Animal Hospital  
6:30 Wild Island  
7:00 Animals A-Z  
7:30 Wild Rescues  
8:00 Emergency Vets  
8:30 Walk on the Wild Side  
9:00 Animal Planet Safari  
10:00 Crocodile Hunter's Croc Files  
10:30 Saturday Superstars  
12:00 Animal Hospital  
**DISCOVERY**  
6:30 Wings  
7:30 Full Circle with Michael Palin  
8:30 CIA Secrets  
9:30 Fitness Fantasy  
10:30 Back Staghorn's Animal Bites  
11:00 Naturequest  
11:30 Real Kids, Real Adventures  
12:00 Going Wild With Jeff Corwin  
12:30 Born Winners  
1:00 I Love My Music  
1:30 Classic Discovery  
3:30 Discovery Sunday  
6:30 On the Inside  
7:30 Wings  
8:30 Gulistan  
9:30 Full circle with Michael Palin  
10:30 Late Night Discovery: Discovery Channel World Adventure Race

**ZEE NEWS**

6:00 News RPT  
6:30 Bulletin  
7:00 RPT  
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6:00 RPT  
6:30 Zee Business  
6:57 Manoranjan  
7:00 Bulletin  
7:30 News At 7  
8:00 Zee Business  
8:30 News At 8  
9:00 Metro News  
9:30 News At 9  
10:00 Prime Time  
10:30 ISS Waqt  
11:00 Din Bhar  
11:30 World View