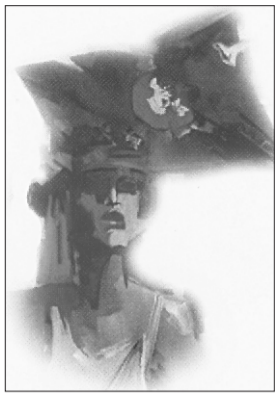


RECOMMENDATIONS



Exhibition

**March 6-26**  
To celebrate the 5th anniversary of the Bengal Gallery of Fine Arts, an exhibition will be held, featuring the recent works of the eminent artist Quayyum Chowdhury. The display will be inaugurated on March 6 at 7:00 pm at the Bengal Gallery of Fine Arts (House- 275/F, Road 27 old, Dhanmondi). The show will be open for all till March 26 from 12:00 pm to 8:00 pm.

**February 29-March 05**  
The 2nd solo exhibition of artist Kowine Shourav is going on at the central auditorium of Jahangirnagar University. The exhibition is titled *A Life in a Colour Zone*. The display is open from 10 am to 8 pm.

**February 27-March 06**  
Divine Art Gallery at the Pan Pacific Sonargaon Hotel is holding a solo painting exhibition of artist Samiran Chowdhury. 8th solo of the artist, the exhibition is open from 9 am to 8 pm.

**Ikebana**  
**March 05**  
The Embassy of Japan and Dosokai Ikebana School is organising a competition and demonstration by Sogetsu School of Ikebana. The program starts at 2:30 pm at the BRAC centre Mohakhali.

Fashion

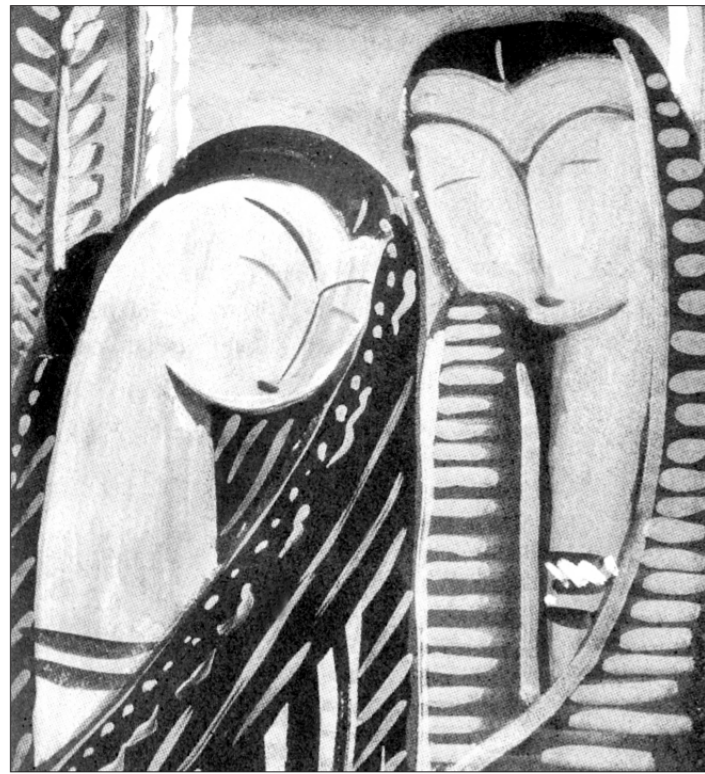


**Models wear creations as part of Blugirl's Autumn/Winter 2004-2005 collection during the Milan fashion week 28 February 2004.** AFP PHOTO/Francois GUILLOT

Exhibition

Culling the cultural cream

"Drishyaroop", an anthology



Zaynul Abedin's *Dui Mohila (Two Women)*

FAYZA HAQ

To celebrate the publication of "Drishyaroop", a yearly anthology on film, fine arts and photography, a programme was recently held at the Alliance Francaise. Manzare Haseen, speaking on the occasion, said, "Drishyaroop" is based on visual culture. This programme is to discuss some subjects on the mediums dealt with in the book such as the talk today on contemporary art in Bangladesh by Nisar Hossain. We hope to bring out the next issue next November and in that we hope to concentrate on films. Similarly we hope to focus on photography in the issue after that. Through this we wish to

bring about an interaction between the people in the three mediums. We feel that with the progress of technology and news flow there is an impact of each medium on the other. This programme is like a launching ceremony although the magazine has been printed last November.

There are three independent sections in the publication with interactive process between them, both internationally and locally. The magazine is an ambitious one, which has about 340 pages with three sections, printed by Progressive Printers, and costs tk. 175.

In the film section there are four articles on the concept of the National Cinema. One of these

articles is by the world famous filmmaker Satyajit Ray and it is on the possibilities of the eastern cinema. The other is by Zakir Hossain Raju. There is the script of the film "Chakka". There is an article focusing on the mainstream cinema of Bangladesh from the feminist point of view and two articles, which are critical analysis of the film "Lalshaloo". There is a report on the roundtable conference on the Film Society Movement of Bangladesh, and an article on the films of Ho Hsiao-hsein, the renowned Taiwanese filmmaker.

This is followed by the fine arts section, which contains a write-up, on the life and works of Rashid Chowdhury, one of the pioneer painters and tapestry artists of Bangladesh by Mitu Haq. There are also two articles focusing on modernism and post modernism in the context of Bangladesh by Lalrulkh Salim and Dhali Al Mamun, along with an interview with the cartoonist Shishir Bhattacharjee, dealing with possibilities of cartoons as an art. The photography section contains an article that traces the history of aesthetic development of photography and an interview

with the renowned photographer Anwar Hossain by Manzare Haseen.

"Although the three sections are different yet there is a connection between them," says Manzare Haseen. The magazine was brought out through a personal fund of six members of "Drishyaroop parshad", which includes Mahmudul Hossain, the editor, Manzare Haseen, Mitu Haq, Manzare Shameem, Ilyas Milon and Fawzia Khan. Some of the members are connected with films, others with painting and photography.

Manzare Haseen, asked to give the reason for bringing out the magazine says, "In the sixties and seventies there was a fine interaction between people in fine arts, films and photography which resulted in a vibrant cultural atmosphere. Now creative people have built up compartments of their own. This maybe due to social reasons or maybe because people don't have the time. This magazine is to revive the old atmosphere and create a platform where creative people get together and exchange ideas."



A still from Satyajit Ray's *Charulata*.

What's in ?

Third Spider-Man film under way

BBC Online

A third Spider-Man movie has started to be made—before the sequel to the hero's original blockbuster has even been released, according to a report. *Spider-Man 3* is in development and is expected to be released in 2006 or 2007, industry magazine *Variety* said.

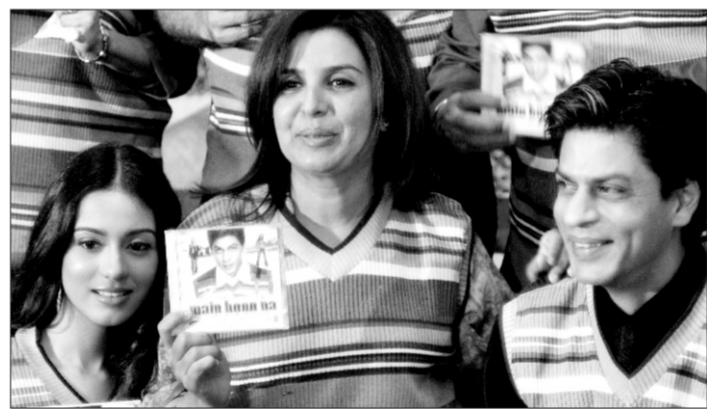
The first Spider-Man film broke box office records and earned \$800m (£440m) when it hit cinemas in 2002. The second installment, which reportedly cost \$200m (£109m) to make, is being released around the globe this July.

The first two Spider-Man films have been directed by Sam Raimi and starred Tobey Maguire and Kirsten Dunst.

Based on the Marvel Comics character, Spider-Man could become one of the most successful film series in box office history. The first film holds the record for the most ticket money spent in a film's opening weekend in the US. Film fans spent \$115m (\$63m) in its first three days. Its final haul of \$800m puts it seventh in the box office hits of the decade—behind all three *Lord of the Rings* movies, both *Harry Potter* films and *Finding Nemo*.



Venture



Indian actor Shah Rukh Khan (R) Director Farah Khan (C) and actress Amrita Rao (L) pose for photographers during the release of a music compact disk from the film "Main Hoon Naa" (I Am There) in Bombay, February 27. The movie, partly based on the present India-Pakistan relations, is the first directorial venture of Farah Khan and also the first film of Shah Rukh Khan to be released this year after his two successful box office hits last year, "Kal Ho Naa Ho" (Tomorrow May Never Come) and "Chalte Chalte" (While On A Stroll).

Awards

Reception to notable artistes 2004

Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy honours seven performers

NOVERA DEEPIA

BANGLADESH Shilpakala Academy accorded reception to seven artistes for their contribution to music and dance at the experimental Theatre Hall of the Academy last Sunday. State Minister for Cultural Affairs Begum Selima Rahman handed over a crest and Tk. 10,000 to each of the recipients—Bazlur Rahman Badal for dance, Yasin Khan classical music, and Kuti Mansur, Farida Yasmeen, Ila Majumdar, Razia Shahid and Rawshan Ara Mustafiz for music.

Born in the early 1920s, Ustad Bazlur Rahman Badal started dancing when he was very young. Although in the conservative Muslim society dancing was not allowed, he continued and specialised in folk dance. Badal became famous for his extraordinary dance composition of the poem *Bidrohi* (the rebel) of Kazi Nazrul Islam. At the age of 82 he is still dedicated to promote dance.

Kuti Mansur is a musician who started to write and sing songs at the age of 12. He has been working as a musician, lyricist and music director for BTU since 1966. Kuti has about 12 thousand folk, modern, *Murshidi*, *Marfati*, Islamic, spiritual, Bhatiali and other types of songs -- both written and tuned -- to his credit. He has also written songs for Bangla films. Among his most popular songs *Ami ki tor apon chhilam na re Jorina*, *Ke boley manush morey*, *Premor mera jejon moirachhe* are best known.

Yasin Khan had his first lessons in Tabla under his brother Ustad Phuljuri Khan at the age of 10 in 1940. Within twelve years of training Yasin became a master player of both the Tabla and Sitar. He is a regular artiste of Bangladesh



The guests and awardees seen with State Minister for Cultural Affairs Begum Selima Rahman (sitting L).

Television.

Farida Yasmeen began singing in Kolkata as a little girl inspired by her mother. She has sung many songs since the establishment of BTU in 1964. Her playback songs *Saiya bedardi mera*, *Tumi jiboney morey* and *Phuler haua* were great hits.

Ila Majumdar was attracted to music as an influence of the cultural environment of her family. Her music attained a new dimension as an apprentice of the celebrated classical musician Ustad Bareaen Majumdar. She has won prizes and awards for her brilliance in music. A regular artiste of Bangladesh Betar and BTU, Ila has written a widely read book titled *Srutitey Smrititey Bareaen Majumdar*, a memoir of her life with musician husband Bareaen Majumdar.

Known as a Tagore singer, Razia Shahid has been rendering songs

on BTU since 1967. Still at the age of sixty, she is continuing with her renditions.

Rawshan Ara Mustafiz learned music from her mother Rashida Khatun Chowdhury and started to perform in children's programmes on radio at the age of six. She has been an artiste of special category at the Bangladesh Television for the last three decades. She has written a book on music titled *Shurer Bhubon* for learners. An expert in classical music, Rawshan has equal expertise in Nazrul Sangeet, modern and folk songs too.

As a regular curriculum of Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy, it honours a number of noted artistes every year. Cultural Secretary Modabbir Hossain Chowdhury, Ahmed Nazir and Abul Kalam Shafi Ahmed of Shilpakala Academy were also present at the programme.

Music

Songs rejoicing Spring

CULTURAL CORRESPONDENT

Cultural group Panchoshor celebrated the spring recently at the Goethe Institut in Dhanmondi. Songs from various genres of Bangla music including Rabindra Sangeet, Nazrul Sangeet, songs of Atul Prasad, DL Roy and others kept the audience amazed for a couple of hours.

Panchoshor performers included Sumon Chowdhury, Bulbul Islam, Nasima Shaheen, Sumon Majumdar, Mamun Jahid Khan and Sharmin Shathi Islam.

The programme started with Sumon Majumdar presenting the famous Rabindra Sangeet *Ektuku chhowan laagey*. Among others Bulbul Islam rendered *Bhoriya*



Artistes of Panchoshor welcoming the Spring. *poran shunitechhi gaan*, Sharmin Shathi sang *Tumi shunite cheyona amar moner kotha*.

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 9:40 am, 12:10 pm, 2:00 pm, 3:10 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**  
Breakfast News 07:15 am, 9:00am  
News (Bangla) at 7:15 pm, 9:00, 10:30, 12:15 am.  
Telecast of BTV news (Bangla and English) at 11:30 pm.  
**ATN BANGLA**  
News (Bangla) at 8:00 am, 12:00 pm, 7:00 pm, 10:00 pm, 11:00 pm.  
Telecast of BTV News (Bangla and English) at 11:30 pm.  
Latest News (Bangla) at 09 a.m, 10:00 a.m, 11:00 am, 1 pm, 2:00 pm, 3:00 pm, 4:00 pm, 6:00 pm and 8:00 pm.  
**ntv**  
News Headlines (Bangla) at 5:02 pm, 6:30 pm, 9:45 pm.  
News (Bangla) at 7:30 pm, 10:30 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**  
07:35 *Suprabhat Bangladesh*  
08:25 *Selected Modern Songs*  
09:15 *Anya Bhuban: Sea Is Green*  
12:15 *Sangbad Potrer Pata Theke*  
12:30 *Health Bulletin*  
1:05 *Jibon Bangladesh Moron Bangladesh*  
02:05 *Cartoon Show: Samura X*  
02:30 *Open University*  
03:10 *Bangla Feature Film Ityadi: Magazine Programme*  
06:35 *Jibon Alo: Islamic Documentary*  
07:00 *Share Market, Weather Forecast*  
07:05 *BoiPotro*  
07:30 *Film Show: The New Adventure of Superman*  
08:30 *Drama of the Week: Ekdin Onekdin Chhayandha*  
10:30 *ATN BANGLA*  
10:15 *Annodristee*  
10:50 *Drama serial: Sesh Chity*  
12:40 *Bengali Feature Film: Azad*  
05:10 *Film Magazine: A Saptsher Chobi*  
05:50 *Islamee Sawal O Jawab*  
06:25 *Annodristee*  
08:30 *Drama serial: Khush Prekhhapot*  
08:50 *Mega serial: Bazpakhe*  
10:35 *Drama serial: Jara Bakul*  
12:20 *Bengali Feature Film: Raju Mastan*  
**CHANNEL-i**  
09:30 *Sangbadpotrey Bangladesh O Public*

*Reaction*  
09:45 *Tritiyo Matra*  
12:00 *Chhini Pelam*  
01:00 *Oving Cinemar Gaan*  
02:00 *Priyo Natok*  
05:10 *Sa Re Ma Ga Ma*  
05:45 *RC Kidly Kids*  
06:10 *Music Plus*  
06:45 *Amar Chhobi*  
07:50 *Thief of Baghdad*  
08:25 *Drama Serial: Sharey Teen Tala*  
09:35 *Drama Serial: Rangdhanu Rang*  
10:00 *Close Up Hit Wave*  
**ntv**  
08:00 *Ajker Sakal*  
08:30 *Jhankar*  
09:30 *Ei Shomoy*  
10:02 *Dhakar Cinema: Siddiqua Kabir's Recipe*  
03:00 *Drama Serial: Ebong Ami*  
03:30 *Shurer Jalsha*  
04:30 *Drama Serial: Britto Brandi*  
05:25 *Ke Korbe Bajimat*  
06:00 *Apnar Jigyasha*  
06:35 *Shubho Shondhya*  
08:00 *Drama Serial: Ranger Manush*  
08:35 *Shangshkriti Ei Shoptaho*  
09:10 *Dindarpan*  
11:20 *TARA BANGLA*  
08:00 *Traditional Music*  
09:00 *Sri Ramkrishna Rpt.*  
10:00 *Gaan Sudhu Cinemar*  
11:30 *Antakshari*  
12:00 *Sylbusey Nei*  
12:30 *Serial Jug*  
01:00 *Swapner Rang Nil*  
02:00 *Taka Na Sona*  
02:30 *Angana Live*

TODAY'S HIGHLIGHTS

**STAR MOVIES: 7:00 pm. Home Alone.**  
Genre: Family / Comedy. **Macaulay Culkin, Joe Pesci, Daniel Stern.** 8-year-old Kevin McAllister is accidentally left behind when his family takes off for a vacation in France over the holiday season. Once he realizes they've left him home by himself, Kevin learns to fend for himself, and eventually has to protect his house against bumbling burglars Harry and Marv, who are planning to rob every house in Kevin's suburban Chicago neighborhood.

**HBO: 9:30 pm The 6th Day.** Genre: Action / Sci-Fi / Thriller. **Arnold Schwarzenegger, Michael Rapaport, Tony Goldwyn.** A helicopter pilot survives a near-fatal accident and returns to his home - to find that he's been replaced by an exact duplicate of himself, a clone. When the clone's creators find out the pilot didn't die in the crash, the hunt is on. In the world of the very near future, cattle, fish, and even the family pet can be cloned. But cloning humans is illegal - that is until family man Adam Gibson comes home from work one day to find a clone has replaced him.

PICK OF THE DAY



**Waterworld**  
**STAR MOVIES 8:50 pm.**  
Genre: Drama / Action / Adventure / Sci-Fi / Thriller  
Kevin Costner, Chaim Girafi, Rick Aviles  
The polar ice caps have melted, and the earth is covered by water. The remaining people travel the seas, in search of survival. Several different societies exist. The Mariner falls from his customary and solitary existence into having to care for a woman and a young girl while being pursued by the evil forces of the Deacon.

**STAR MOVIES**  
08:45 *Forest Warrior*  
10:30 *Conan The Destroyer*  
12:15 *Kingdom Come*  
02:00 *Baby Monitor Sound*  
03:30 *Southern Cross*  
05:25 *Air Bud: Seventh Inning Fetch*  
07:00 *Home Alone*  
08:50 *Waterworld*  
11:00 *Circuitry Man II: Plughead Rewired*  
12:45 *Vamp*

**HBO**  
8:30 *Pythons 2*  
10:15 *Fast Times At Ridgemont High*  
ED TV  
02:30 *Nutty Professor II*  
4:45 *Masters of the Universe*  
7:00 *Pay It Forward*  
9:30 *The 6<sup>th</sup> Day*  
12:00 *The Temp*  
ED TV

**MGM**  
09:00 *Wanderers*  
11:30 *King Cobra*

**02:00** *The Martins*  
04:30 *ZMS 1*  
07:00 *Demon Warp*  
09:30 *Total Action Appetite (Ute Lemper, Trevor Eve)*  
11:30 *Iron Maze*  
07:30 *Bahu Ki Awaaz (Rakesh Roshan, Supria Parthak)*  
10:30 *Masoom (Omkar Kapoor, Inder Kumar, Ayesha Jhulka)*  
02:00 *Loafer (Anil Kapoor Juhi Chawla)*

**STAR PLUS**  
01:00 *Kasauti Zindagii Kay*  
01:30 *Kumkum - Pyara Sa Bandhan*  
02:00 *Bhabhi*  
02:30 *Kabhi Aaye Na Judai*  
03:00 *Shagun*  
3:30 *Kyunki Saas Bhi Kabhi Bahu Thi*  
04:00 *Kahaani Ghar Ghar Kii*  
04:30 *Kahin To Hoga*  
05:00 *Kaahin Kissii Roz*  
06:00 *Hum Saath Aath Hain*  
06:30 *Fox Kids*  
07:30 *Kumkum - Pyara Sa*

**STAR WORLD**  
09:30 *Oprah Winfrey Show*  
10:30 *Charmed*  
11:30 *Karen Sisco*  
12:30 *Two Guys And A Girl*  
01:00 *Titus*  
01:30 *Mac Gyver*  
02:28 *Star Asia Travel*  
02:30 *Oprah Winfrey Show*  
03:30 *Bold And Beautiful*  
04:30 *Hollywood Squares*  
05:00 *Whose Line Is It Anyway*  
05:30 *Miami Vice*  
06:30 *The Simpsons*  
07:00 *Home Improvement*  
07:30 *Friends*  
08:00 *Just Shoot Me*  
08:30 *American Idol*  
09:30 *For Love Or Money*  
11:30 *Baywatch*

**STAR GOLD**  
08:30 *Khuddaar*  
12:30 *Tum Bin*  
04:30 *Jaan Ki Baazi*  
08:00 *Operation Gold*  
08:30 *Bandish*

**STAR SPORTS**  
01:00 *English Premier League Highlights (R)*  
01:30 *Equestrian Fei World Cup Jumping Series*  
2003/04 Event Highlights (T)  
12:30 *English Premier Football League 2003/04 Leeds U D Vs Liverpool (T)*  
2:30 *World Of Rugby Irb*

**World ORugby (R)**  
3:00 *Watersports Programming Hot Water (T)*  
4:00 *Hitz (R)*  
4:30 *Entertainment Sports Mania (T)*  
5:30 *Olympic Qualifiers Asian Football Qualifiers 2004*  
Petaling Jaya Malaysia Malaysia Vs Iran Olym Pic Final Qualifying Round (S)  
5:30 *Football Mundial (T)*  
6:00 *Sportsline (L)*  
8:30 *Uefa Cup Uefa Cup 2003/04 Villarreal Spain Villarreal Vs Galatasaray 3rd Round Leg 2 (R)*  
10:30 *Sportsline (R)*  
11:00 *Superskills Group A - Total Control & Fine Line (T)*  
11:30 *Australia Cricket 3 Test Sri Adelaide Australia Australia Vs India 2nd Test Day 5 Highlights (R)*

**TEN SPORTS**  
09:30 *Fitness Beach*  
10:30 *India -Pakistan Unforgettables*  
11:30 *Trans World Sports Gillette World Sports European Tour Weekly Golf Highlights: Trans World Sports*  
03:00 *ATP Tennis*  
04:00 *India -Pakistan Unforgettables*  
05:30 *Dubai Tennis Champ. 04: Ep 4*  
06:30 *The Bottom Line : Ep 92*  
08:30 *Mens Olympic Qualifier: Belgium v Pakistan*  
10:30 *Mens Olympic Qualifier: Malaysia v India*