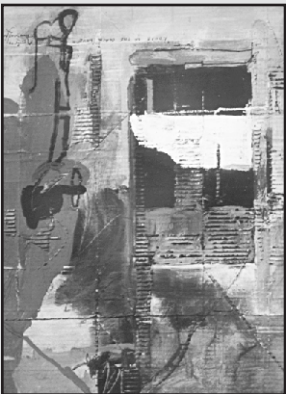
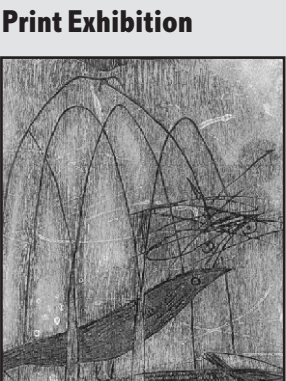


RECOMMENDATIONS



Monirul Islam
Painting Exhibition
Title: Solo Painting Exhibition 2004
Artist: Monirul Islam
Venue: Shilpangan, Road 5, House 25, Dhanmondi
Time: June 11-25, from 10 am to 9 pm
Title: 789
Artist: Kasef
Venue: Goethe Institut, Road 9, House 10, Dhanmondi
Time: June 07-21, from 2 pm to 8 pm

Photography
Exhibition
Title: Borders and Beyond
Venue: Drik Gallery, House-58, Road-15A, Dhanmondi
Time: June 01-21, 3pm to 8pm
Photo-stories by 10 photographers from Denmark, England, Mexico, Palestine, Russia, South Africa and Switzerland
Title: Image Construction
Artist: Nahid-Ul-Islam
Venue: Alliance Francaise, 26 Mirpur Road, Dhanmondi
Time: June 07-28, from 9 am to 12pm and 5 pm to 8 pm



Title: Etching, Engraving & Wood-cut Print
Artist: M Muslim Mia
Venue: La Gallery, Alliance Francaise, 26 Mirpur Road, Dhanmondi
Time: June 04-18, from 9am-12pm & 5pm to 8pm

Film Show
Organiser: Jahangirnagar Film society
Venue: Goethe Institut, House-10, Road-9, Dhanmondi
Time: June 16 3:00pm Okay 5:00pm Hold My Heart

Classical Music
Venue: Alliance Francaise, 26 Mirpur, Dhanmondi
Artists: Tofael Ahmed, Bikash Kumar Mandal, Goutam Bhattacharya
Time: June 21, at 7:00 pm



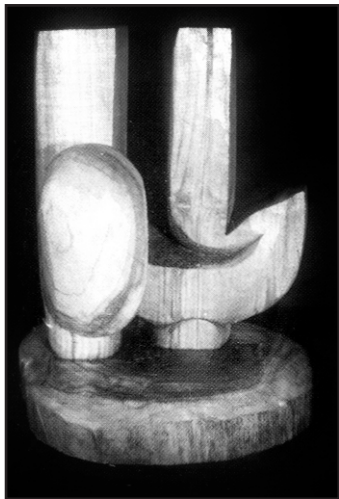
Calligraphy at its best

FAYZA HAQ

ISLAMIC calligraphy is a collection of angular and curved lines writing out the verses of Holy Quran with precision and flourishes. The art of calligraphy developed in Islam through attempts at copying the Holy Quran. The basis of the

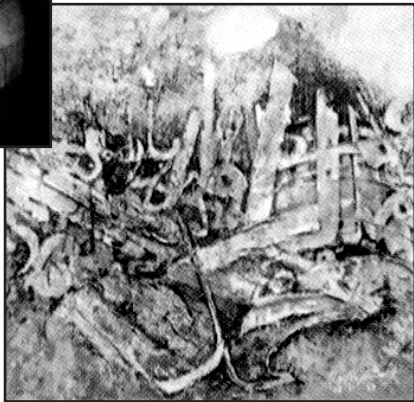
consciously developed it without pictorial representation, which is taboo in Islam. Turning away from figurative painting, many modern Bangladeshi artists have found comfort in the illuminating verses of the Holy Quran.

In the 7th Calligraphy Exhibition, recently held at the National Museum, was the work of the eminent artist Murtaja Baseer, who had stirred up the art world with his display of line and colour in 1997 with his 37 water colour calligraphy work, providing a marvelous display of line and colour to present religious motifs like rosary or



Artist: Rasha

development is the Arabic letter, which can be angular like the Kufic, curved like the *Nasikh* or swelling and lyrical like the *Nastaliq*. It is said that of all the arts that the Muslims have cultivated calligraphy remains the most refined. The Arabs and Persians have



Artist: Abu Taher

prayer mats. Here too his greens, ochre, mauve and indigo brought a world of abstraction to the scope of calligraphy. Baseer has held solo exhibits at UK, Japan, France, Iran, Hong Kong and numerous other places. Renowned artist Abu Taher, too showed lyricism and love for the divine in his lettering that merged with one another in the front and back. Abu Taher had used a lot of blue, green, brown and yellow. Like Baseer, he too is a winner of the "Ekushey Padak", and has held 10 solo exhibits. Dr Abdus Sattar, at present the Director of the Institute of Fine Arts, DU, has also contributed to the calligraphic display with his angular mystical lettering, framed in brick red, indigo and black. He has taken part in 18 solo exhibits.

Among the younger promising artists at the exhibition were Ibrahim Mondol who has worked with tradition and abstraction to create a

three dimensional effect. Mondol has two awards to his credit. Trained in Riyadh, Shahidullah Bari has taken part in four calligraphy exhibitions. Bari has created a world of his own by combining different Naksh styles. Arifur Rahman, who is well versed in the computer is basically a graphic artist. He combines various mediums in his work. Apart from canvas and paper, Bangladeshi artists have expressed themselves in other mediums too. Sculptor Rasha has done good work too by carving Arabic words from religious verses.

Aminul Islam Amin is another dedicated calligrapher with promise, as is seen in his depiction of Sura Fateha, Sura Ikhlaq and Kalima, which were all combination of geometrical patterns. Mahbub Murshed, an apprentice of SM Sultan has also contributed to the collection of calligraphy as have also Mohammed Amirul Haque and Kh.Muniruzzaman.

It was heartening to see that women too had participated in the quest for calligraphy. This included Masum Aktar Mili, Ferdousy Begum and Ferdous Ara Ahmed, who has written two copies of the Holy Quran by hand in henna.



Artist: Ha. Mim Kefayatullah

A cultural feast

Observance of Russian Independence Day

AFSAR AHMED

THE rich heritage of Russian culture has always been unique in the world scenario. The present Russian culture is the fusion of East and West. Names such as Chekhov and Dostoevsky, Gogol and Tolstoy in the literary world and musical maestros from Tchaikovsky to Stravinsky make Russia a culturally advanced country. Some of its rich culture was on display at a recent function held to mark the National

honour.

'Some people may think that the disintegration of the Soviet monolith marks an end to its history. On the contrary, it is the beginning of a new era where people are enjoying democracy,' said Oleg S Malginov. All the speakers dwelled on the friendship between Russia and Bangladesh. In his speech, Enam Ahmed Choudhury, Chairman of Privatisation Commission and the chief guest of the programme, said: 'Everything related to Russia always fascinates me. I am grateful for their

After this, the Dhaka University Russian Language Department performed two popular Russian songs -- *Podmoskovnie Vechera* and *Aleksandra*.

The Volga Club of Russian Cultural Centre presented Bengali dances choreographed by Sohul Rahman. Bengali songs by Mahananda Biswas and recitation from Pushkin by Falguni Das and Anwara Begum followed.

The third phase projected modern dance presented by



Children presenting a Bangladeshi folk dance

Day of the Russian Federation. The whole programme was divided into three phases. The first phase was the discussion programme. Yury I Makarov, Director of the Russian Cultural Centre gave the welcoming speech. The Special Guest was Justice KM Sobhan, President of Bangladesh-Russia Friendship Society while Oleg S Malginov, Ambassador of the Russian Federation to Bangladesh was the guest of

help during our Liberation War. I hope this friendship between the two countries will last forever.'

The second phase started with a beautiful piano recital by the students of Music Saloon. Elena Eghal conducted the session. Some of the famous compositions like *Tarantella*, *Camp of Gypsy*, *Fur Elise* and *Sonate* were played by Sabina Iqbal, Masha Rahman, Denis Neogi and Yurika Bhuian.

Kamrul Islam Nadim and his troupe. The shadow dance by Nadim was a new concept for the Dhaka audience. The dances with *Chachacha* beat and some other compositions received great applause.

On the whole, the programme was well organised. However, there was a view that the true essence of Russian culture was

ABBA singer breaks her silence

Developing an art form

Getting to know Dr. Mahua Mukherjee

ELITA KARIM

BANGLA, in a word, defines a rich culture filled with values, traditions, colour and art forms. For centuries, the inhabitants of this part of the world have been inventing and developing art forms and expressions of their feelings and inner thoughts with limited resources.

Dr Mahua Mukherjee, a specialist in *Gaudio Nriya*, had come to Dhaka from Kolkata and recently held workshops to develop this dance form. 'Gaudio' form, has come from the very root of Bengal,' she exclaimed. 'The various sections of classical dance forms, including *Angika* and *Dialogue*, which refer to the movements of the limbs and expressions of conversations, have been emphasised in *Gaudio* as well.'

Dr. Mukherjee has been teaching Genetics in Kolkata for the last 11 years. 'I have also specialised in this particular dance form,' she said. 'Last November, Shibli and Neepa had come to Kolkata to learn and explore new dance forms. They were clearly fascinated when they saw a few of my classes. That's when they decided to hold these work-



shops in Dhaka and asked me to conduct them. Since I am on vacation now, I thought I could use the time to work here in Dhaka.'

Speaking about the workshops, Dr Mukherjee exclaimed, 'It is simply overwhelming to have dancers from all over the country practising this art form. There are around 145 participants ranging from 10-35 years and all of them are very dedicated,' she says. 'They have been here for the last 10 days, practising every day from 10 in the morning to 10 in the night, which is very heartening.'

ANI, Sydney

After staying away from the lime-light and being labelled as the Greta Garbo of pop, ABBA singer Agnetha Fältskog has re-surfaced with a new album *My Colouring Book* and is giving insights into the legendary pop band's break-up.

The Swedish singer has confirmed that no matter how much money they are offered, the band members will never consider getting back together. 'We have no plans of any reunion. I have nothing against meeting up with the others, to do something together again--not working, not in that respect. But to just see the others, it would be thrilling if that happens,' the singer, 57, said.

The blonde singer also revealed that she was actually scared of facing the mike after all these years. 'It started that I had built up something called "fear of the microphone" because to get a nice sound you have to be so close to it. Every breath you take you will hear and it took me some time to get over that,' she said.

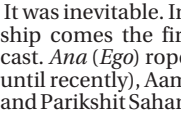


Agnetha Fältskog in the '60s



Crossing borders

Pak soap with Indian actors



It was inevitable. In the season of cross-border friendship comes the first Pakistani serial with an Indian cast. *Ana (Ego)* ropes in Nausheen Ali Sardar (*Kkusum* until recently), Aamna Shariff (of *Kahin To Hoga* fame) and Parikshit Sahani.

Shot extensively in Dubai, *Ana*, a 40-episode 'social drama,' directed by S Suleiman, is going on air in Pakistan a month from now. And hopefully, 'if things work out, an Indian TV channel will also air the show,' announces producer-actor Humayun Saeed. And before you think it's another saga on Indo-Pakistan friendship, Saeed points out, 'The storyline is a bit similar to *Mohabbatein*. The protagonist is a man who can't stop controlling his family. So, he alienates himself from them completely. In the end when he's sick, his children aren't with him and that's when he understands how important it is to respect your children and give them freedom to follow their dreams.'

Working with Indian actors has been a pleasure for Saeed: 'Aamna and Nausheen are thorough professionals. Even senior actors like Parikshit and Kunika have an amazing screen presence. The experience has been so good that I am already scripting my next soap with Juhi Parmar to be shot in New York.'

Saeed, who has produced two films, won the National Film Award in Pakistan in 2002 for *Khule Aasman Ke Neeche*. He watches *Astitva*, *Jassi Jaissi Koi Nahin* and *Jeena Isi Ka Naam Hai*. 'I would love to work in India and I have already signed a film,' says

Saeed

Source : Internet



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
Breakfast News 7:15 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.

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News Headlines (Bangla) at 10:00 am, 12:00 am, 5:00 pm, 6:15 pm, 9:30 pm.
News (Bangla) 7:30 am, 2:00 pm, 7:30 pm, 10:30 pm.
Telecast of BTV News (Bangla and English) at 11:30 pm.

TARA BANGLA
NewsHeadlines(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
07:30 Bangladesh Hridoy Hote Shongbad Potrer Pata Theke
12:15 Shashya Tothya Shaptodinga Khelte Khelte Computer Hijol Tomal Geetobitan Desh O Bigyan
04:30 Mati O Manush
05:05 Shomokaalin Arthonity
06:10 Abahaman Bangla Bhalo Thakun Shusthya Thakun
07:05 Mortal Combat
08:30 Drama Serial: Adhi alo Adho Chhaya
09:00 Drama Serial: Dour
10:35 Sharashori
11:00 SWADESH SHANGSHKRITI

CHANNEL-i
09:50 Trityo Matra
12:30 Aj Dupurey
01:00 Ebong Cinemar Gaan
01:30 Sangbadpatrey Bangladesh
02:00 Bangla Feature Film: Swami Stri (Shabana, Razzak)
05:00 Sa Re Ga Ma
05:35 Jonopoder Khorob Gaaner Oparey
05:45 Music Plus
06:10 Gillette World Sports
07:55 RC Travel On
08:25 Drama Serial: Kichhu Megh Kichhu Roddur
09:35 Special Programme
10:00 Drama Serial: Antarey Antarey

ATN BANGLA
10:30 Anndristee
11:15 Drama Serial: Tabuo Bhalobashi Tomake

11:50 Nishi Kanna
12:30 Bangla Feature Film: Rajar Bhai Badshah Uro Cola Saat Rang Shapla Shaluk
03:45 Motamoti
04:20 Islami Sawal O Jawab
05:10 Annyodristi
06:20 Gondhoraj Samsung Cine Aaha
08:30 Drama Serial: Khuwab
09:00 Drama Serial: Jog Biyog Khela
09:30 Drama Serial: Hanif Kha
10:35 Face to Face Live

HBO
8:15 Changing Lanes
10:15 Safe Men
10:15 Witchblade
12:00 Midnight In The Garden of Good And Evil
2:00 Fair Game
6:45 Far And Away
6:45 Rollerball
11:30 Star Trek : Nemesis
1:45 Witchblade

STAR MOVIES
9:30 Dawg
11:00 Home Room
1:15 Warlock
3:00 Beneath Looch Ness
4:40 The Ticket
5:10 Road House
7:00 Tornado Warning
8:30 Boiling Point
10:00 Wild Flowers
11:45 Leprechaun 3

STAR WORLD
10:30 American Idol
11:30 Wild Card
12:30 Law & Order: SvU
1:30 Britannia India's Child Genius
2:28 Star Asia Travel
2:30 Oprah Winfrey

Star Trek: Nemesis
On HBO at 11:30 pm
Genre: Action /Adventure /Sci-Fi / Thriller / Drama
Patrick Stewart, Jonathan Frakes, Brent Spiner

PICK OF THE DAY

3:30 Bold And Beautiful
4:30 Hollywood Squares
5:00 Whose Line Is It Anyway
5:30 Miami Vice
6:30 The Simpsons
7:00 Home Improvement
7:30 Friends
8:00 Just Shoot Me
8:30 Charmed
9:30 The Practice
10:30 N.Y.P.D. Blue
11:28 Star Asia Travel
11:30 Baywatch

STAR PLUS
11:00 Meri Saheli
11:30 Samnewali Khidki
12:00 Tanha
1:00 Kasautii Zindagii Kay
1:30 Kumkum- Pyara Sa Bandhan
2:00 Bhabhi
2:30 Kesar
3:00 Kabhi Aaye Na Judai

3:30 Kyunki Saas Bhi Kabhi Bahu Thi
4:00 Kahiin To Hoga
4:30 Kaahin Kissi Roz
5:00 Tedhe Medhe Sapney
6:30 Fox Kids
7:30 Kumkum- Pyara Sa Bandhan
8:00 Shaka Laka Boom Boom
8:30 Sonpari
9:00 Kasautii Zindagii Kay
9:30 Sanjivani - A Medic
10:30 Kahaani Ghar Ghar Kii

11:00 Kyunki Saas Bhi Kabhi Bahu Thi
11:30 Kahiin To Hoga
12:00 Kaahin Kissi Roz

STAR GOLD
12:30 Do Aur Do Paanch
1:30 Kuch Hit Kuch Superhit
4:30 Dacait

8:00 Maya
8:30 Gunah

NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC
12:30 Wild Dogs: Biting Back
1:30 Cheating Death
2:30 D-Day:Men And Machine
3:30 Hell On High Water
4:30 Marco Polo
5:00 Basketball Diplomacy: From Mao To Yao
5:30 Wildlife Detectives
6:00 Sea Stories
6:30 Dogs With Jobs
7:00 Toyota World Of Wildlife
7:30 Chimpanzees:Return To The Forest
8:30 Cheating Death
9:30 D-Day:Men And Machine
10:30 Footsteps To The Sky
11:30 Marco Polo
12:00 Clan Of The Crocodile

DISCOVERY
11:30 Seven wonders of the industrial world Panama Canal
12:30 Great Hotels Primetime
1:30 Spel When Royalty Travels
2:00 Celebrity Slimming Year 2002
2:30 Living Pulse
3:30 The case studies in forensic science
4:30 undaunted
5:30 Bears on the Russian Front
6:30 Splat
7:00 Mystery Hunters
7:30 Globe Trekker Hawaii & East Caribbean
8:30 Hugh Hefner
9:30 Michael Dorn
10:30 Outpost at the Crocodile River
11:30 Jeremy Clarkson's Motorworld UK

9:00 Building the ultimate
9:30 Spacecraft
Seven wonders of the Industrial World Sewer King
10:30 Great Hotels Primetime
Spcl Trips money can't buy with Ewan McGregor
11:30 Speech Extreme
Machines : Million dollar motors

ANIMAL PLANET
12:30 Animal Planet Reveals
Dogs of Peace
1:30 Animal Planet Reveals A
nose for crime
2:30 Wild Encounters Lizards
Hunters and the Hunted
3:30 Pet Nation
4:30 Pet Nation Rocky & Carrie
5:00 Pet Nation Baby Rhino,
Cinder, Japan Golden Eagles
5:30 Pet Nation Boston Terrier
6:00 Pet Nation Jack Russell Terrier
6:30 Pet Nation
7:30 All New Croc Hunter
Crocodile Coast
8:30 Animal Planet Reveals
Klondike & Snow
9:30 Animal Planet Reveals
Polar Bears Life on the field of bones
10:30 Wild Encounters Wild
Fathers
11:30 Wildlife Specials
Leopard Agent of Darkness

STAR SPORTS
9:00 European Champion-
ship Highlights Uefa
Euro 2004 Matchday 4
Highlights(R)

10:00 International
Motorsports News 2004
(R)
11:00 Rugby 7's Irb Sevens
2003/04 Highlights(T)
11:30 Sanzar Home Tests
Rugby Union Internationals
2004 Dunedin
New Zealand New Zealand
Vs England (R)
1:30 Cricket Gold (T)
3:30 Tennis Stella Artois
Tennis 2004 London
England Quarterfinal #1(T)
5:00 Tennis Stella Artois
Tennis 2004 London
England Quarterfinal #2(T)
6:30 Moto Gp Highlights
Motogp World Championship
2004 Catalunya Spain
Highlights(T)
8:00 Sportsline (L)
8:30 European Championship-
ship Highlights Uefa
Euro 2004 Matchday 4
Highlights(R)
9:30 Wimbledon Library
Films Wimbledon
Official Film 1989 (T)
10:30 Sportsline (R)
11:00 Wimbledon Library
Films Wimbledon
Official Film 1990 (T)
Return To Athens (T)
12:00 ESPN
9:00 Sportscenter India (R)
9:30 Espn School Quiz 2004
(R)
10:00 Uefa Euro 2004 Porto
Portugal Germany Vs
Netherlands First Round
(R)
12:00 Uefa Euro 2004 Aveiro
Portugal Czech

Republic Vs Latvia First
Round (R)
2:30 Uefa Euro 2004
Preshow (R)
3:15 Uefa Euro 2004 Porto
Portugal Germany Vs
Netherlands First Round
(R)
5:30 Espn School Quiz 2004
(T)
6:00 Nba Finals Game #5 (If
Necessary)(R)
8:30 Sportscenter India (L)
9:00 Hitz (T)
9:30 Uefa Euro 2004
Preshow (L)
9:55 Uefa Euro 2004 Porto
Portugal Greece Vs
Spain First Round (L)
12:00 Uefa Euro 2004
Preshow (L)

TEN SPORTS
7:00 ATP Tennis
9:00 Smackdown 2: Ep 250
9:00 Golf Highlights: The
Celtic Manor Resort
Wales
10:30 Gamer TV
11:00 European Tour Weekly
11:30 ATP Tennis : Ep 32
12:00 Gillette World Sports
12:30 ICC Cricket World
European Tour Weekly
1:00 ATP Tennis : Ep 32
1:30 Cricket Classics
3:30 Golf Highlights: The
Celtic Manor Resort
Wales
5:00 Golden Moments of
Olympic Games
5:30 Golden Moments of
Olympic Games
6:30 After Burn
7:00 ATP Tennis
7:30 European Tour Weekly
10:30 Royal Ascot Races: Day
2
11:00 Gillette World Sport
12:00 After Burn