

Artists' noble endeavour for the flood ravaged

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A week-long art exhibition, arranged by the Society for the Promotion of Bangladesh Art, opened at Saju Art Gallery on August 14. The works of 68 artists, including 11 paintings which were donations from private collections, were on display. The raison d'être was to raise funds for the flood affected people.

Talking about the early glitches faced by the organisers, Elthem Kabir, the chairperson of the Society, said that it took some time to contact the artists and gather together the paintings. This explained why the display could not have been held earlier. 'Each art work that the painters gave could have earned them money. Instead, they showed benevolence by donating them to this endeavour.'



Australian High Commissioner Lorraine Barker (left) and Indian High Commissioner Veena Sikri (on Barker's left) watching paintings at the exhibition; the painting (top) is by Biren Shome



'No commission will be charged. The cost of invitation cards, banners and publicity costs are being paid for by the Society. Every single Taka earned will be given for relief purposes. The price range is from Taka 3, 000, as in the case of Abu Taher's Mother and child (pen) to Taka one lakh for Mohammed Kibria's mixed media composition. The major artists here are SM Sultan, Quamrul Hassan, Mohammed Kibria, Monirul Islam, Qayyum Chowdhury, Kalidas Karmakar and Rokeya Sultana.'

Turning to the subject of the Society, Kabir said that this non-profit organisation was founded over a year ago and its only objective is to popularise Bangladeshi art around the world. Its first undertaking was a book on Bangladeshi art--the first of its kind--which is now on display in many museums and universities all over the world. Next year the Society plans to hold two exhibitions, in USA and Europe.

Among the superb display of art works was included the art work by Quamrul

Hassan which brought in a walking fish, an elephant with a bird on its back and a portrait of a man with a twisted face, glaring eyes and flared nostrils. Mohammed Kibria's Untitled had a gray rectangle in the middle, with two rectangles and a triangle at the top. The composition had a base of two circles. The creation was in layers of gray. Qayyum Chowdhury's My Village had trees, clouds in the sky and birds done in simplified geometrical shapes, one merging into another. The central gray form was surrounded by blues, browns and greens.

Samajit Rai Chowdhury's Boy with a bird was a pastel sketch of a boy with large eyes and cupid lips, holding on to a pet.

Also to be seen were fine works like Rafiqun Nabi's Flood. This work depicted people sitting on top of the roofs of boats and houses. This was done in sketches of black, green, brown, red and blue. It was a misty gray at the back. Aminul Islam's Poetry and drawing had a poem on the left hand side and sketches to the other side. The drawing consisted of lines, curves, dots and rectangles presenting a main tree form including human figures. Abdus Sattar's Three faces had portraits of women with careful oriental details of lips, eyes and nose. Abdus Shakoor Shah's Mohua in pink depicted a character from folk poetry with cascading, curly hair, with details of the borders of the sari. A border of flowers, birds and human faces completed the picture.

This exhibition presented excellent work at reasonable prices and runs till August 21.



THE title SOS -- 'Save Our Soul' itself depicts that the programme wasn't an ordinary one. Rather it was the fundraiser charity programme -- a combination of a fashion show and cultural event, for the flood victims. The All Community Club turned into the most happening place as the gorgeous and glamorous ramp models

SAVE OUR SOUL Fashion fiesta for fundraising

the gorgeous creations of acclaimed designer Chandana Dewan. During the first queue, the models clad in sarees, kurtas and punjabees depicted the designers' unique blend of eastern and western styles. Her second queue consisted of formal designs in silk, georgette, cottons and other fabrics in vibrant colours.

Then the models came with designer Sujan's collections. His western outfit and a good number of jute bag collections were simply awesome. Even the largely youthful audience sometimes hooted, whistled and cheered to show their appreciation for the designer's collections. Then came Shanta and Roopam to regale the audience with some popular songs.

Then designer duo Aamir and Mahmud came with their male collections which are popularly known as Mask. Next was Nasrin Jahan Mummun's collections of eastern and western outfits.

Much to the delight of the audience, Seema Shaha came up with her hand painted and block printed collections of sarees, kurtas, fatuas and punjabees. The last attraction was designer Jahangir Karim's collection of western outfits as well as our own traditional sarees and kurtas.

All the popular ramp models Emi, Azra, Alif, Asif, Major, Aanchal, Chaity, Farah, Tumpa, Fardin and others proved that we have a good future in the fashion world.

The whole evening was--in one word--just mind-boggling. However, the organisers' punctuality was not appreciable as the programme was delayed by an hour.

BY AFSAR AHMED



Top ramp models on the catwalk

CULTURAL FEAST

Exhibition
Exhibition in aid of flood victims
Title: Bangladesh Art--A Collection of Contemporary Painting
Organiser: The Society for Promotion of Bangladesh Art
Artists: 82 artists including M Kibria, Rafiqun Nabi, Qayyum Chowdhury, Hashem Khan and Rokeya Sultana
Venue: Shaju Art Gallery
Time: August 14-21, from 9:00am to 8:30pm

Contemporary Group Art Exhibition
Venue: Exhibition Hall of Russian Cultural Centre, House 510, Road 7, Dhanmondi R/A
Time: August 12-21

Photography Exhibition
Title: Colour of Youth
Photographer: Sajal Khaled
Venue: Goethe Institut Dhaka, House 10, Road 09 New, Dhanmondi
Time: August 15 at 07pm
The photographs depict the graffiti culture in Germany.

Cultural Evening
Organiser: Pratty
Title: Badal Meghe Madal Baje
Artists: Artists of Pratty and Nrityanchal, and Bhaswar Bondyapadhaya
Venue: Bangladesh Shishu Academy auditorium
Time: August 16, at 7:00 pm

Generating awareness on health issues through drama serial



The cast of the drama serial Enechhi Shurjer Hashi

CULTURAL CORRESPONDENT

To launch Enechhi Shurjer Hashi, a 26-episode drama serial, a press conference was organised recently. Written and directed by Giasuddin Selim, this serial incorporates stories and events from both the cities and villages. The aim is to generate awareness of health issues amongst the viewers. 70 per cent of the shooting and editing is complete and has been shot at locations like Manikganj, Hotapara and some clinics in Sirpur. Each episode will be of 30-minutes length. Popular names like ATM Shamsuzzaman, Humayan Faridee, Jaya Ahsan, Faisal, Elora Gawhar, Bijori Barkatullah, Rosy Siddiqi, Sweetty and Fazlur Rahman Babu act in this serial.

Wrishiz: A beacon for the flood affected

CULTURAL CORRESPONDENT

Wrishiz Shilpi Goshthi recently organised a concert at Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy in order to raise funds for the flood victims. Top singers of the country, including M Abdul Jabbar, Rathindranath Roy, Lili Islam, Ferdous Ara, Kumar Biswajit, Robi Chowdhury, Pothik Nobil and Fakir Alamgir, took part at the concert. Besides the musical performances, dances of Nrityalok performed a dance piece.

Besides helping the flood victims, an amount of Taka 10,000.00 would be donated for the treatment of Baul singer Abdur Rahman Boyati. It was announced by Fakir Alamgir, the helmsman of Wrishiz. Artists also paid tribute to the late author Humayun Azad.

Brine Pickles' literary get together

CULTURAL CORRESPONDENT

Brine Pickles, a literary circle of young enthusiasts writing in English, organised a literary evening at the British Council auditorium on August 14.

Featuring recital performances of poems and short stories by these young writers as well as a few contemporary British and English writers, and staging of a play, the show was 'the first ever "performance literature" event in Bangladesh', the group claimed. It was called so, as the recitations were accompanied by background live music and light effects to enhance the show.

Young poets and short story writers included Munasir Kamal, Israt Jahan Baki, Sabhanaz Rashid, Ivy Sultana, Noyonima Hassan, Kazi Tahmina, Azmarina Tanzir and M Saiful Islam. The literary pieces by these young writers ranged in issues from gender, class, politics, and existence to ethnicity. On the other hand, the play highlighted symbolically the global politics.

Indian national awards for Bengali film veterans



Gautam Ghose



Sharmila Tagore



Rituparno Ghosh

Gautam Ghose of West Bengal won the best director and screenplay award for Abar Aranye in the 51st National Film Awards 2003 in Delhi. He dedicated his award to the late Samit Bhanja who played the role of a cancer patient in the film. Sharmila Tagore was adjudged best supporting actress. Chokher Bali of Rituparno Ghosh won three awards--best feature film in Bengali, best art direction and best costume designs.

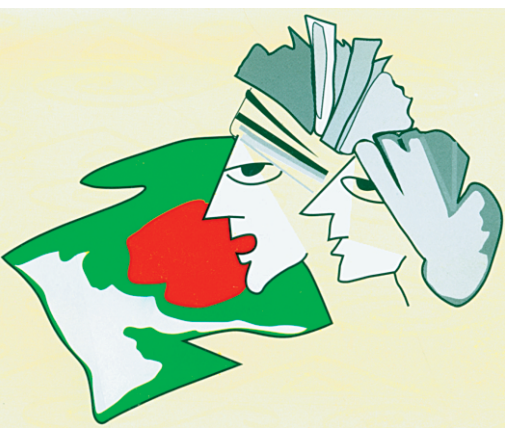
Sanjay Dutt starrer Munnabhai MBBS got the best popular film award providing wholesome entertainment, even as Koi Mil Gaya grabbed three awards including one for the best film on social issues.

Urmila Matondkar starrer Pinjar portraying partition bagged the Nargis Dutt Award for best film on National integration, with Manoj Bajpai getting a Special Jury Award for his role as Rashid in the film.

Marathi film Shwaas, a moving portrayal of the relationship between a grandfather and a grandson who is about to lose his vision, won the Best Film award.

Source: Internet

Celebrating the monsoon



CULTURAL CORRESPONDENT

Padatkit Natya Shanshad of Bangladesh and Mitali of India are jointly going to organise a cultural evening. Artists from both countries will participate in the event. The programme, titled Bangladesher Hriday Hotey, will be held at Rabindra Sadan of Kolkata on August 28.

In the first part of the programme, Bangladeshi artistes Iffat Ara Dewan, Fahim Hossain Chowdhury, Mita Haq, Nargis Chowdhury and Aditi Mohsin will perform Tagore songs while Subir Mitra of India will recite from Rabindranath's works. In the second part, Biswajit Roy, Chumki Haque and Rokhsana Akhtar will render folk songs of Radharamon, Lalon and Hason Raja.

Md Towhid Hossain, Deputy High Commissioner of Bangladesh to India, will be present as a special guest at the programme.

TV GUIDE

All programmes are in local time. The Daily Star will not be responsible for any change in the programme.

News Bulletin

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| 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 |
| News (Bangla) at 7:15 am, 9:00am, 7:15 pm, 9:00pm, 10:30, 12:15 am. |
| Telecast of BTV news (Bangla and English) at 11:30 pm. |
| ATN BANGLA |
| News (Bangla) at 7:00 am, 10:00am, 2:00 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 9:00 a.m, 10:00 am, 11:00 am, 1:00pm, 3:00 pm, 4:00pm, 6:00pm and 8:00pm. |
| 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. |
| Telecast of BTV News (Bangla and English) at 11:30 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 |

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| BTV | 07:30 Bangladesher Hridoy Hotey |
| 09:00 | Satellite Programme |
| 12:15 | Shongbad Potrer Pata Thekey |
| 12:30 | Shasthya Tothya |
| 01:05 | Cartoon show |
| 01:30 | Educational programme |
| 02:15 | Live Telecast of Nitol-TATA National Football League 2004 |
| 06:10 | Nazrul songs: Shondha Maloti |
| 07:05 | Quiz Quiz |
| 07:30 | Musical show: Gaan Shudhu Gaan |
| 08:25 | Protidin Bangladesh |
| 08:35 | Athens Olympic 2004 highlights |
| 10:30 | Katha Mala |
| ntv | 08:00 Aajker Shakal |
| 08:30 | Gaaner mala nazrul shongteer |
| 09:00 | Khabarar shandhane |
| 09:30 | Expedition to Animal Kingdom |
| 10:02 | Mete Uthi Ullashe |
| 10:30 | Sunslik Opshora |
| 11:00 | Drama Serial: Journey to Dhaka |
| 11:30 | Purton Ekok Natok |
| 12:02 | Purono Ekok Natok |
| 02:30 | Teen purush |
| 03:05 | Tifiner fanke |
| 03:40 | Drama Serial: Chena Dukkho Achena Shukh |
| 04:25 | Ke korbe bajimaath |
| 05:20 | Apnar Jigyasha |
| 06:20 | Shubho Shondhya |
| 06:50 | Frankly Speaking |
| 08:10 | Drama: Sporsher bayre |
| 08:50 | Band music |
| 09:40 | Drama Serial: Shaeola |

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| 11:25 | Dindarpan |
| CHANNEL-i | |
| 09:30 | Shongbad Potrey Bangladesh and Public reaction |
| 09:45 | Tritiyo Matra |
| 10:45 | Grameen Phone Cricket Online |
| 11:30 | Bijli Boarding |
| 12:00 | Chithi Pelam |
| 12:30 | Aaj Dupurey |
| 01:00 | Ebong Cinemar Gaan |
| 01:25 | Public Reaction |
| 01:30 | Bangla feature film: Bidrohi Shantanu |
| 04:00 | Banglar Gaan |
| 04:30 | Amar Jibon Amaar desh |
| 05:00 | Sa Re Ga Ma |
| 05:35 | Jonopoder Khorob i Sports |
| 05:45 | Music Plus |
| 06:10 | Ananda Bichitra |
| 06:45 | Close up Juke Box |
| 07:55 | Drama Serial: Sharey Tin Tala |
| 08:25 | Drama Serial: Shonali Danar Chil |
| 10:00 | Drama Serial: Taka |
| ATN BANGLA | |
| 10:30 | Talk Show: Annodishti |
| 11:15 | Drama Serial: Mohona |
| 11:50 | Adibashi Janapod |
| 12:30 | Bangla Feature Film: Mukh Manab |
| 03:45 | Uro Cola Saat Rang |
| 04:20 | Shamoshamoyk |
| 05:10 | Amar Computer |
| 05:45 | Islamee Sawal O Jawab |
| 06:20 | Aynar Shamney |
| 08:00 | Drama Serial: Chotto Ey Jibon |
| 08:30 | Drama Serial: Gulshanubar |
| 09:00 | Drama Serial: Shapno Nir |



My Best Friend's Wedding

On HBO at 7:15 pm

Genre: Comedy

Cast: Julia Roberts, Dermot Mulroney, Cameron Diaz



Sporsher Byre

On ntv at 8:10 pm

Drama Serial

Cast: Raisul Islam Asad, Subarna Mustafa, Azad Abul Kalam

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| 09:30 | Ek Dui Teen | Animal Planet's World Championship |
| 10:30 | Reporting programme: Prekkhapot | Pet Nation Vets in Practice One of the Pack |
| HBO | | |
| 8:15 | The Blue Lagoon | Pet Nation Emergency Vets Perfectly Imperfect |
| 10:15 | Taboo | Pet Nation Emergency Vets Race Against Time |
| 12:00 | Held up | Pet Nation Breed all about it Doberman Pinscher |
| 1:45 | I'm Dangerous Tonight | 7:00 Pet Nation Amazing Animal Videos Season 1 |
| 3:45 | Babylons : The Legend of the Rangers | 7:30 In the Wild Asian Elephants (Goldie Hawn) |
| 5:30 | Stealing Candy | 8:30 Caught in the Act Monkey Business |
| 7:15 | My Best Friend's Wedding | 9:30 Caught in the Act Elephant Trilogy |
| 9:30 | D-Tox | 1:30 The Most Extreme Stinkers |
| 11:30 | The Ladies Man | 10:30 Animal Athletes |
| 1:15 | Held Up | |
| ANIMAL PLANET | | |
| 12:30 | Caught in the Act Elephant Trilogy | |
| 1:30 | The Most Extreme Stinkers | |
| 2:30 | Animal Athletes | |

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| DISCOVERY CHANNEL | |
| 1:30 | Body Challenge : Diet Wars |
| 2:30 | Detective Stories : The case studies in forensic science Murder for Hire |
| 3:30 | Wild Discovery: Mzima : Haunt of the River Horse |
| 4:30 | I Love My Music, My Animal and My House |
| 5:00 | Schlessinger : Physical Science in Action |
| 5:30 | City Cabs Tokyo, Japan |
| 6:00 | Streets of the World |
| 6:30 | Challenge Trips Money Can't Buy With Ewan McGregor |
| 7:30 | Wild Discovery: Time of Plenty |
| 8:30 | Science Frontiers The Science of Sin |
| 9:30 | Supernatural Science |
| | Mysteries Bermuda Triangle |

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| 3:30 | Ayushmaan |
| 4:00 | Ham 2 Hain Na |
| 4:30 | Heena |
| 5:00 | Naam Gum Jayega |
| 5:30 | Ghar Ek Mandir |
| 6:00 | Kuchh Judi Palkein |
| 6:30 | Disney Hour |
| 7:30 | Charlbusters |
| 8:00 | Boogie Woogie |
| 8:30 | Hum 2 Hain Na |
| 9:00 | Ayushmaan |
| 9:30 | Kkusum |
| 10:00 | Jassi Jaissi Koi Nahin |
| 10:30 | Ye Meri Life Hai |
| 11:00 | Aahat |
| SONY MAX | |
| 9:30 | Golmal (Amol Palekar, Deven Verna) |
| 1:30 | Aakhri Adalat (Vinod Khanna, Dimple Kapadia) |
| 5:30 | Kyo Kii Main Jhuth Nahin Bolta (Govinda, Sushmita Sen) |
| 9:30 | Beta (Anil Kapoor, Madhuri) |
| STAR MOVIES | |
| 8:00 | Golmal (Amol Palekar, Deven Verna) |
| 10:15 | Dragonfly |
| 12:00 | Colors |
| 2:00 | Tangled |
| 3:30 | Sixth Man |
| 5:15 | Evelyn |
| 7:00 | The Big Hit |
| 8:30 | Beethoven's 2nd |
| 10:00 | Dragonfly |
| 11:45 | Callas Forever |
| STAR PLUS | |
| 12:00 | Kora Kagaz |
| 12:30 | Hit Filmein Hit Sangeet- 20 M |
| 1:00 | Kasauti Zindagi 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 |

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| 4:00 | Bahu Thi |
| 4:30 | Kahin To Hoga |
| 5:00 | Kaahin Kissi Roz |
| 5:30 | Zindagi Milke Bitayenge |
| 6:00 | Maal Hai To Taal Hai |
| 6:30 | Fox Kids |
| 7:30 | Kumkum - Pyara Sa Bandhan |
| 8:00 | Shaka Laka Boom Boom |
| 8:30 | Dekho Magar Pyaar Se |
| 9:00 | Kasauti Zindagi Kay |
| 9:30 | Kehta Hai Dil |
| 10:30 | Kahaani Ghar Ghar Kii |
| 11:00 | Kyunki Saas Bhi Kabhi Bahu Thi |
| 11:30 | Kahin To Hoga |
| STAR WORLD | |
| 12:30 | Still Standing |
| 1:00 | Becker |
| 1:30 | Mac Gyer |
| 2:30 | Oprah Winfrey Show |
| 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 | John Doe |
| 9:30 | The Bachelor |
| 10:30 | Law & Order: SvU |
| 11:30 | Baywatch |
| NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC | |
| 12:30 | Velvet Killers |
| 1:00 | Snake Wranglers |
| 1:30 | People's Planet |
| 2:30 | Chasing Time |
| 3:00 | From The Heart |
| 3:30 | Burma's Forbidden Islands |
| 4:30 | Croc Chronicles |
| 5:00 | Wildlife Diary |
| 5:30 | Africa From The Ground Up |
| 6:00 | Animal Edens |
| 6:30 | Dogs With Jobs |

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| 7:00 | Toyota World Of Wildlife |
| 7:30 | Sea Bears Of The Diamond Coast |
| 8:00 | Snake Wranglers |
| 8:30 | People's Planet |
| 9:30 | Chasing Time |
| 10:00 | From The Heart |
| STAR SPORTS | |
| 12:00 | The Golf Club The Golf Club 2004 (R) |
| 12:30 | English Premier Football League Manche Ster City Vs Fulham (R) |
| 4:30 | Extreme Programming |
| 5:00 | Wild Spirits |
| 5:00 | Cricket Gold (T) |
| 8:00 | Sportsline (L) |
| 8:30 | West Indies Tour Of England 3rd Test Day 2 |
| 10:00 | Highlights(T) |
| 10:00 | Harsha Harsha Unplugged (T) |
| 10:30 | Sportsline (R) |
| ESPN | |
| 11:30 | West Indies Tour Of England 3rd Test Day 5 |
| 11:30 | Streetball Streetball: The 2004 And 1 Mix Tape Tour (T) |
| 5:00 | Pga Tour Golf Nec Invitational Preview Show (Wgc) (R) |
| 5:30 | Highlights Premier League |
| 6:30 | Football Focus (L) |
| 7:30 | Streetball Streetball |
| 8:00 | Cricknet Show |
| 8:30 | Sportscenter |
| 11:00 | Superskills Turbo Arm & Straight Up (T) |
| TEN SPORTS | |
| 11:00 | Sanjays Modern Masters |
| 11:30 | ATP Tennis |
| 12:30 | History of Football India A v Kenya (Pre-view) |
| 1:00 | India A v Kenya (Live) |
| 4:30 | India A v Kenya H/Ls |