CULTURAL FEAST

Exhibition

Artists: 44 artists including eminent and promising painters like Rafigunnabal, Hashem Khan and S

Venue: Art and Soul, House 16, Road 36, Gulshan 1 Time: October 1-15, From 11am to

Title: Traditional Boats of Bengal Venue: Bengal Shilpalaya, 275/F, Road # 27(Old), Dhanmondi, Dhaka Time: October 05 at 6:30pm An exhibition of miniature replicas of the traditional boats of Bengal by Yves Marre and Runa Khan



Artists: Abdul Manan, Abdus Sattar Taufique, Alakesh Ghosh, Ali Imam, Jamal Ahmed, Hamiduzzaman Khan, Hashem Khan, Monirul Islam, Nasim Ahmed Nadvi, Nisar Hossain, Qayyum Chowdhury, Rafigun Nabi, Samarjit Roy Chowdhury, Shafin Omar, Shahjahan Ahmed Bikash, Shalkh afzal, Shishir Bhattacharjee, SM Saiful Islam Venue: Gallery Shilparag, House 15, Road 16, Dhanmondi Time: October 01-15, from 11 am to 8 pm

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Title: Matter Realism Artist: Farida Yesmin Venue: Zainul Gallery-1, Institute of Fine Arts, Dhaka University Time: October 8-15, from 3pm to 8pm

Title: My Camera Friend Artist: Roudro Shakib Karim Venue: Shilpangan Gallery, House 25, Road 5, Dhanmondi

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Title: Roop Labonnye Bangladesh Artists: Alakesh Ghosh, Jamal Ahmed, Nasteen Begum, Rezaun Nabi, Nisar Hossain, Lala, Sheikh Afzal, Shishir Bhattacharjee, Muniruzzaman and Ahmed Nazir Venue: Gallery Chitrak, House 21, Time: October 03-12, from 10 am to 08

6th Annual Bonsai Exhibition

Organiser: Bangladesh Bonsa

Venue: Gulshan Ladies Community Club, Road 83, North Park, Gulshan 2 Time: October 05-06 at 4pm

Musical Show

Title: Western Dance Organiser: Sampriti Sangeet Shikhya Venue: WAPDA Auditorium, Motifieel Time: October 10 at 5:30pm

Boats set sail at Bengal

Our rich tradition and variety of boats on display

HARUN UR RASHID

With replicas of boats, life-size sails on masts, anchors and anchoring lines, radar and merchandise, the gallery at the Bengal Shilpalaya at Dhanmondi has taken a look of a port. Entering the gallery, one will just get struck by the magnificent display of replicas of boats. And what curious names of these boats!--Balam, Patam, Malar, Bajra, Podi, Ghashi, Kosha, Jong, Shampan, Pansi, Shandhi, Haranga and so many more. The gallery holds an exquisite display of different kinds of boats seen plying in the rivers and coastal

areas of the country. Yves Marre and Rumi Marre Khan have organised the exhibition. The couple has already become familiar to the Dhakaites for their noble endeavour in presenting a treasure trove of our rich culture. They founded a tourism company named Contic in 1977. They journey across the waterways of Bangladesh in Malar and Kosha boats collecting information and designs of various country boats. And the boat carpenters of the Char Kalyanpur of Pabna have created these replicas of

boats from those designs.

As a riverine country, boats have been the major means of transport since times people started to settle in this fertile land. And settlers built boats of extremely varying natures and shapes and most unique designs. However, foreign influences have often affected the designs especially in cases of sea-vessels. On the south of the biggest delta of the world is the Bay of Bengal, which has been the gateway to foreign traders. Hence we get the Chineseinfluenced Shampan with a Chi-nese name, the Arabic-influenced cargo boats and others.

The traditional boats of Bengal not only differ in designs; these designs are also among the safest ones in the world as well as the most well-adapted to the Gulf of Bengal. 'Scientific studies carried out by western architects confirm this fact,' mentions Yves Marre in an article published in the brochure brought out for the exhibition. 'Not only the shapes, but also the know-how and the timber used were of such good quality that English sailors had the idea of setting up naval shipyards in



Ghughi boat from Sylhet

The boats have been collected from the different regions of the country. There are Dinghy, Baich, Kosha and Panshi from the vicinity of Pabna. From Serajganj have come Shandhi and Haranga. From the river of Surma in Sylhet comes Ghugi, from Kushtia comes Balam, and from Khulna comes Podi. Among the boats seen in the rivers and coastal area of Chittagong are the very well-known Shampans. There are the fishing boats and the cargo boats that also ply the riverways of the country carrying

The only aspect that would

seem a bit monotonous about the display is that there is little variety in the colour of the sails of these boats. Perhaps a few more colourful sails could be used for these beautiful replicas. That would, in fact, present the boats more realis-

A chit-chat with Rumi

SABIRA MANIR

Rumi, a recognised actress from the mega serial Ranger Manush, is now better known as 'Kushum' rather than her original name. 'Even in my dreams I never thought that my character Reza, the playwright of Ranger Manush, invited in the serial would get so much popularity,'

her to act in the serial. She had already worked in a few stage dramas such as Loha, Nityapuran Rumi's story goes back to her days in a proand Birsa kabya as a member of the Desh drama group and acted in serials like Atithi Apan, Shey duction house. One momentous day, Masum Bhubane and Shada megher brishti. 'Although I had worked on stage and TV serials with talented and popular directors such as Awal Reza, Amitabh Reza and Giasuddin

Selim, Ranger Manush gave me viewer recognition. Although it is embarrassing sometimes to be called Kushum, it also makes me happy and I fell proud to be a part of the serial,' she adds. Explaining the popularity of the mega serial Ranger Manush on ntv, Rumi says, 'Even though the serial is based on a story of rural life and tradition, it is quite different from other typical rural stories. Rather than dwelling on the common miseries of rural life, it depicts the pleasant side." The shooting of the serial, at Hotapara, Gazipur, is now over. Recalling the camaraderie that was built up during the actors and crew's stay at this idyllic spot, Rumi says, 'We had a lot of fun there. We were like a family. We addressed each other with the names of our characters in the serial.' Apart from Salauddin Lavlu, the director, Rumi says, she was helped during the shooting by noted actors ATM Shamsuzzaman.

> Wahida Mallik Jolly and Shomu Chowdhury. Lavlu has so far directed many popular plays. Rumi has words of praise for his direction. As she says, 'He is a powerful director.' After the shooting of Ranger Manush, Rumi is comparatively free for the time being and is on the look out for challenging roles in well crafted films.

The endeavour of the Marres is noteworthy as it enterprises into upholding the rich tradition of Bangladesh. The display runs till

ERSHAD KAMOL Abdullah Al Mamun, actor, director and playwright, is busy shooting for a new mega serial. Titled Ek Janame, the serial will go on ATN Bangla. The programme will be aired on the heels of the completion of his other mega serial, called Baba, from the last week of October.

Mamun's latest screen venture

As Mamun said, 'ATN Bangla has honoured me by providing a onehour slot each week on Fridays and Saturdays from 9.30 to 10.30. In this slot only my programmes will be aired. Till now, in our country, I am

the only one to get this opportunity.'
'My new mega serial Ek Janame, a social play, will also go in the same slot. Ek Janame is based on my novel Gunda Pandar Baba,' adds Mamun.

Mamun has already completed shooting seven episodes of the serial. These centre on a successful cultural activist named Rakib Chowdhury. However, the focus is on the problems he faces in society rather than his cultural activities.

Ferdausi Majumdar, Abdullah Al Mamun, Jamaluddin Hossain, Tarin, Jitu and others form the cast for the



Shireen Bakul and Abdullah Al Mamun in a new mega serial Ek Janame

60-episode Ek Janame. The serial is one more feather in towelcomethis social play

the cap of Mamun. Viewers are likely

Kanika Memorial Award 2004



The contestants seen with the judges (sitting R-L) Mita Haq, Ajit Roy, Lily Islam, Fahim Hossain Chowdhury and Nargis Akhtar.

CULTURAL CORRESPONDENT

Kanika Memorial Award 2004, organised in memory of Kanika Bondyapadhyay by Mitali, Indo-Bangla Cultural Society, is going to be held on October 1 at the Shishir Mancha of Kolkata, says a press release. This is the first such joint effort in search of new talents in Tagore songs. The programme is organised in association with Padatik Nattya Sangsad, Bangla-desh and Music Academy of West Bengal, India. The six selected contestants of Bangladesh, Aliva Salmin Ivana, Abul Hasnat Saifullah Parvez, Shimu Rani Dey, SM 'Khaled Ibn Akhtar Pial, Shamma Tasnim and Barnali Chakrovarty, will leave for India on October 10. Three winners will be awarded with crests and honorarium.

B&H Star Search 2004 auditions at Rajshahi

After successful auditions in Chittagong, Dhaka and Khulna, the sensational One & Only Benson & Hedges Star Search musical talent hunt arrived at Rajshahi on 5th October 2004, says a press release.

Amidst the excitement of 11 upcoming solo artists and 4 electrifying bands, the auditions started around ten in the morning. The room was adorned with posters of Star Search winners from previous years. Each artiste performed two songs and answered the music relevant questions of the judges. Celebrated musician Ayub Bachchu and Kumar Bishwajit were the designated judges at the audition. The music lovers cheered the performers all the way until the end of the show.

The audition was followed by an exhilarating musical evening by the Benson & Hedges Star Search 2004 judges. The musical extravaganza kicked off with the winner of best solo performer, Star Search 2002 Ashfaqul Bari Rumon. He enthralled the audience with his melodious songs and poignant lyrics. Judges Kumar Bishwajit and Ayub Bachchu came on stage next to announce Edul Bashar as the best solo performer and Salvation as best band from Rajshahi. The audience greeted the new found Rajshahi winner of Star Search with cheers. Kumar Bishwajit spoke highly of the promising musicians before entertaining the crowd for an hour. Bachchu of LRB stormed onto the stage to rock the crowd with his all

time popular songs. In the final round, the best 15 of the solo performers and bands will perform in the Benson & Hedges Star Search 2004, to be held at Dhaka.

The last regional audition of the competition will be held in Sylhet on



Salvation was awarded the best band from Rajshahi

TV GUIDE

PICK OF THE DAY

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

News Bulletin

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

News (English) at 3:00 pm. 10:00 pm. Late Night News (Bangla and English) 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

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,6:00 pm and 8:00 pm,

News Headlines (Banola) 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 (Banola and English) at 11:30 pm.

TARA BANGLA NewsHeadlines(Bangla) at 5:30 pm. 7:30

Tara News (Bangla) at 8:30 pm. 11:30 Tara News Bangladesh (Bangla) at 9:30

BBC WORLD Every hour on the hour

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Drama Serial: Ahonish Bhalobashey Ekjon **ATN BANGLA**

07:30 The Sword of Tipu Annodrishtee Binodon Jummaba Shesh Akkhor Amra Korbo Joy Rup Madhuri Drama Serial: Khowa Drama Serial: Lal Neel Beguni Drama Serial: Baba Cine Musical

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Circus

Tele film: Fera Holona ntv Aajker Shakal 08:00 Aain O Jibon 10:05 Siddika Kabir's Recipe

12:30 STAR MOVIES 7:45 Rob Roy 10:15 Abandon 12:00 Strike Force 1:45 **Boiling Point** Anymore Apnar Jigyasha Trans World Sports 7:00 9:15 Smritir Janalay Submarines Abandon Drama: Calharsis 12:45 Strictly Sinatra

Shubho Shondhya Drama Serial: Ronge Pepsi Music Express Drama: Aochal

11:25 **ALPHA BANGLA** 1:00 Maa Sarada 1:30 Fk Akasher Niche 2:00 2:33 Search Light

Rumi seen with the co-artistes of the popular mega serial Ronger Manush

08:15

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Matri Bhakta 3:00 6:30 7:10 8:00 8:30 Dhyattarika Neel Seemana Ek Akasher Niche 9:30 Hao Mao Khao 10:00 Paanch Dine Gappo Kothay Pabo Tare

11:30 Chorus **HBO** 8:15 See Spot Run State of Emergency 12:00 Pay It Forward 2:30 Dangerous Liaisons Jerry Maguire The Master of 5:00

7:45 9:30 Sex and The City The Sum Of All Fears

I Don't Buy Kisses

HALLMARK 12:30 **Bewitched** Mad About You 3:30 Play With Me Sesam Sesame Street Bewitched 5:30 Family Law 6:30 Sue Thomas: F B Eye

9:15 The District Family Law 10:45 Bum - INT 12:30 Bewitched 1:00 Anastasia: The Mystery of Anna AXN

12:00 The Right Stuff Csi: Miami

Now See This

Ripley's Believe It Or 3:30 Boomtown 4:30 5:00 5:30 Rated X 129 The Right Stuff Rescue 911 6:00 The Shadow 8:30 Record Setters 10:30 11:30 Poorman's Bikini

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BUSH Vs KERRY

Live on CNN at 7:30am

Second Presidential Debate

The candidates in the US Presidential

of debate at a town hall of Washington

University in St. Louis, Missouri. After

election will participate in the next round

the first round of debate between the two

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Sansui Antakshari India's Best Sa Re Ga Ma Pa X Zone

6:30 Fox Kids Meri Mrs Chanchala Kabhi Khushi Kabhi Dhoom 10:00 Shararat - Thoda Jadu Todi Naz 11:30 12:00 Aatish STAR GOLD 9:50 Azaad Desh Ke Ghulan Laawaris 4:45 Jung Hatya Watan Ke Rakhwale NATIONAL

GEOGRAPHIC Be The Creature 1:30 Planet Wild Toyota World Of Wildlife 3:00 Flying Devils National Geographic Be The Creature Planet Wild Toyota World Of Wildlife National Geographic 7:00 7:30 Battle Of X Planes D-Day: Men And Machine National Geographic's 11:30

DISCOVERY 1:30 Celebrities Maggie Bazaar Rivals Jackie Kennedy V's Marilyn Monroe Great Cars Rivals Prost 3:00 V's Senna Europe's Hottest The Tracks of a Killer City Cabs Stockholm,

All About Earth's History 6:00 6:30 Machines Extreme 10 Million Wildcats **ESPN** Raw Nature Raw Meals 09:00 Colour of War Lennon V's McCartney 10:30 Impact-Stories of Survival Impact 11:00 The Science of Violence **ANIMAL PLANET** 12:30 **Pet Nation** 2:30 Pet Star 3:30 The Jumpers 4:30 Detection Partners For

The Planet's Funniest Barking Mad Seal Pup Rescue 6:00 6:30 7:00 7:30 Monkey Business III For A Living Company of Killers Pet Star 1 8:30 The Gluttons 9:30 10:30 Deep Into the Wild Rattlesnakes Nightmares of Nature 11:30 Arctic, The No Place To

STAR SPORTS World Strongman Cup 12:3 2004 Serbia & Montenegro

Highlights(R)
English Premier Football
League 2004/05 Chelsea
Vs Liverpool (R) Japan Open Tennis Championships 2004 Quarterfinals IFA Shield Semi-Final 6:00 Football Crazy (S) World Strongman Cup 2004 Serbia & Highlights(R)

The India-Pakistan Hockey Test Series India (R) Sportscenter India (R) Samsung Cricket Show TEN SPORTS 10:00 Pakistan v Sri Lanka (H/Ls) TATA Racing -World 12:00 Series (Catalunya, Indian Golf Show Pakistan v Sri Lanka (H/Ls) Portugese League Highlights WWE:Velocity Golf Highlights: The Heritage ATP Tennis Italian Serie A:Roma v 8:00 Inter Milan Legend 04: Kumar 10:00

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Sportsline (R) IFA Shield Semi-Final

English Premier Football League 2004/05

English Premier Football League 2004/05 Manchester United Vs

Middlesbrough (T)
Motorsport Asia (T)

The India-Pakistan

Hockey Test Series

PGA Tour Golf Michelin

Harsha Unplugged Rahul Dravid (Part I)(T) Sportscenter India (L)

Championship Usa First Round(R)

Cricket Gold(R)

India (L)

Birmingham City Vs Newcastle United (R)