## Mettle of an art model

A long journey with art from Zainul to Shishir

IS long white hair and beard, his wrinkled skin tell L the story of Momin Ali of the World War II as a war-field road labourer at Manipur, Meghalaya, Nagaland and many other places. And, experiences of interaction with the country's famous artists as their model. He is the popular 'Dadu' of the Institute of Fine Arts. He is the example of absolute essence of art-a human form.

Mridha's eyes have a sense of grace through which one can feel his long journey of life. He has a face that delineates a character that spellbinds people. There is a duality, however: he can be himself and something else at the same time. That's why some even call him Sadhu or Saint. And with the change of time, his family name is lost under the name of Dadu--Bangla for

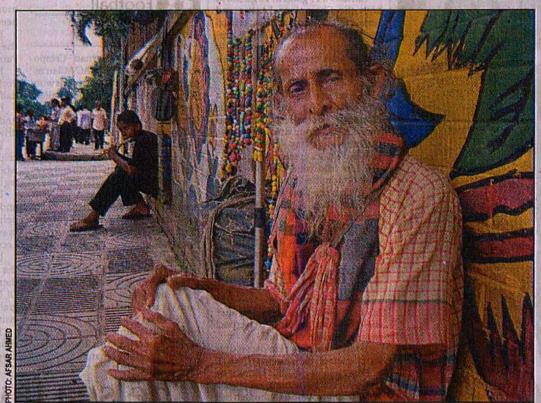
Sitting on the footpath in front of the Institute with colourful beadnecklaces and earrings, he can attract anyone and everyone quite easily. But how many of us are really acquainted with his modelling career? He is one of the oldest models of artists of the Fine Arts Institute.

Modelling for artists as a profession rose sometime in the early 19th century, following the freedom ignited by the French Revolution of 1789. The profession started ebbing away by the early part of the 20th century, as the art world shifted away from realism to the avantgarde, which required less and less the presence of a model in the stu-

Momin Mridha's transformation from a gardener to an artist's model is quite interesting. Eminent artist Shilpacharya Zainul Abedin gave him the rare opportunity to be his model. Mridha worked in the house of the then Magistrate of Dhaka at that time as a gardener. Zainul was so fascinated with his garden that he often visited the place for sketching. 'I can't recall the exact time when Zainul Abedin started sketching my portrait instead of flowers. Later, when he established the Fine Arts Institute, he brought me here as a model,' says Dadu. 'Having started with Tk. 10 per sitting, I've got highest Tk. 100. Although the wage scenario hasn't changed much but the affections and love I received from artists and students are incomparable, headds.

In his life, he has posed for many other famous artists including Quamrul Hasan, SM Sultan, Rashid Chowdhury, Hamiduzzaman Khan, Jamal Ahmed, Shishir Bhattacharva and others. 'Making bodylines interesting for the artists was not as easy as I had anticipated,' says Dadu. 'I was amazed by the different renditions of myself by the artists: a swirl here, a line there, a splash of paint over in the corner. Surely, this was not as I looked. But, yet again, maybe it was,'

The most important thing in being an artist's model, Mridha has discovered, is the timing: twominute poses, five-minute poses, ten-minute poses. 'You must time yourself,' he continues, 'Timing is



Momin Ali Mridha: The face long adored by artists

'Modelling sessions usually last for about 3 to 4 hours including breaks. Some sessions often require the same pose. Artists also let you know if the position needs adjustment, informs Dadu.

'I am a shy person, and we don't have the nude modelling culture here. I would love to call myself as a "social model",' says Dadu with

blushes on his cheeks.

Now Dadu has retired from modelling. He has become an artist himself now. He dazzles us with his unique cement-made colourful jewellery ranging from Tk. 20 and Tk. 250. With the inspiration from famous sculptor Shamim Shikder, 1 began to make these beads jewel-lery. Modelling has contributed to

my becoming an artist of these fancy items, 'says Dadu.' 'I know I am supporting the arts

and I think the arts are very impor-tant,' says Dadu. His sense of selfconfidence is what makes artists want to capture him. And the experience of being captured has given him a better understanding of

# Getting to know Ananta

Forming a new group to work on his own

SABIRA MANIR

Ananta Hira is a well-known name in the TV and theatre media. After a long innings as actor, scriptwriter and director, Hira has launched a new theatre group named Prangane Mor. The group is busy with its first production, Shyama Prem, an adaptation of Rabindranath Tagore's dance drama Shyama. The scriptwriter is Chittaranjan Ghosh and Hira directs the play. 'Our priority is to work with Tagore's pieces. We also intend to work with other scripts,'

Hira has an old association with the world of culture. He started his career as an actor with a theatre group in Barisal; later, he came to Dhaka and was attached with the theatre group Nagorik Nattya Shamproday for fourteen years. Elaborating upon why he formed a new group, he says, 'I thought, if I form a new group then I will get the opportunity to work independently.'

How did he get involved with Nagorik? Ananta Hira says, 'While I was working with the Barisal theatre group, Barisal Natak, I often frequented the plays in Dhaka. Sometimes, theatre activists of Dhaka would visit Barisal too. So, there was always a link between the theatre activists of Dhaka and those of Barisal. Besides this, one of my friends worked with Nagorik, through whom, I joined the

Ananta Hira had been associated with Nagorik from 1989 to 2002. He has performed in most of the popular plays of Nagorik like Nuraldiner for BTV and other channels. Sharajibon, Achalayotan, Dewan Gazir Kissa, Galileo, Rather Rashi and Darpan.

Hira is well-known as a scriptwriter and a director rather than an actor in TV. Initially, the authority rejected him as a scriptwriter on the grounds of his being too young. He has written a few serials like Jete Jete Abosheshe, Sharol Shitangshu and a single-episode drama Thake Shudhu Andhokar



'Having been inspired by TV producer and director Ahsan Habib, I started scriptwriting, says Hira. Later, he appeared as a director with the drama Ek Nil Prashna. Besides this, he has directed drama serials like Bishkata, Shukher Tori and Mohona, which is now being aired. Ananta is very hopeful about the future of Bangladeshi

### **CULTURAL FEAST**

### CD Release

Title: Shakol Kanta Dhonyo Korey Artiste: Wahldul Haque Venue: Bengal Shilpalaya, 275/F, Road 27, Dhanmondi Time: November 25, at 6:00 pm

### **Japanese Drum Concert**

Title: Haguruma Performer: House of Haguruma Organiser: Embassy of Japan In Bangladesh & Bangladesh Shilpakala

Venue: Osmani Memorial Hall Time: November 23, at 6:30 pm

### **Theatre Festival**

Title: Angikey Boichitrey Organiser: Theatre Venue: Experimental Theatre Hall, Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy Time: November 27-December 03 Literary personality Sardar Faziul Karim will inaugurate the show at 6:00pm and will hand over the

er Choudhury Honorary Award and Muhammad Zakarla Memorial Award, Theatre's new play Mukti will be staged in the second part of the programme.

### Exhibition

Title: Glamour Model Photography Exhibition

Photographer: Waliuddin Ahmed Venue: Drik Gallery, House 58, Road 15/A, Dhanmondi Time: November 21, at 3:00 pm

## Lalon to be screened at Indian film festival

PALLAB BHATTACHARYA, New Delhi

The western Indian coastal state of Goa is all set to host the 35th edition of International Film Festival beginning on November 29 and setting off India's search for an answer to Cannes. Eminent Bangladeshi director

Tanvir Mokammel's latest work Lalon is one of the 15 films that have been entered in the Asian Competition section, the most significant part of the ten-day festival, where thespian Dilip Kumar will inaugurate the cere-

Leading Indian director Mani Ratnam, who has made films like Roja, Bombay and Yuva, will head a five-member jury which includes German film-maker Florian Gallenberge, Egyptian actor and UNICEF goodwill ambassador Mahmoud Kabil, Locarno Film Festival Director Irene Bignardi and Senegalese writer-director Moussa Sena.

The Indian entries to the Asian competitive section are Anjan Dutt's Bow Barracks Forever and Marathi film Shwaas, a poignant story of a boy suffering from visual impairment, which is also India's official entry in this year's Oscars in



Shoml Kalser and Raisul Islam Asad in the film Lalon

the foreign language film category. Shwaas, directed by debutante Sandeep Sawant, won the national award for the best feature film for

The Asian section also has films Shanghai Story and Endless Way from China, Beautiful City from Iran, Israel's Walk on Water and Thailand's Beautiful Boxer which will vie for awards like the Golden Peacock and Silver Peacock.

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Since this is the 50th year of maestro Satyajit Ray's epochmaking film Pather Panchali, the festival will pay a special tribute to

Among other major categories of the festival are Cinema of the World, which will have 60 films from 40 countries released in the last two years, Indian and foreign retrospectives, Indian Panorama and Indian mainstream.

The inaugural film of the festival is American director of Indian origin Mira Nair's Vanity Fair, based on English novelist William M Thackeray's classic novel set in early 19th century England. Screening of Oliver Stone's Alexander, branded as the costliest Hollywood shot this year, will bring down the curtain on December 8.

A number of films will have their premieres at the coming festival including American Delight of Roger Christian, The Incredibles of Brad Bir, The Forgotten of Jospeh Ruben and Indian film-maker Manu Rewal's Chaai Paani.

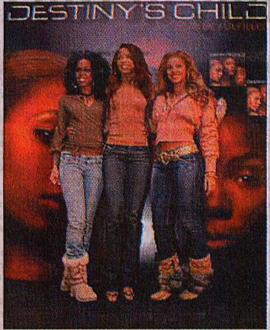
A retrospective of films by Burkina Faso's director Jean Marie Gaston Kabore, who is credited with bringing Africa on international cinema map in a big way, will also be held at the festival Tributes will be paid to veteran Indian film personalities like late Mehmood, Yash Johar, Nargis Dutt, Vijay Anand and Bhavendranath

The grandeur of Indian music will be brought alive by AR Rahman accompanied by a full orchestra consisting of nearly 60 musicians at the inaugural ceremony.

### Destiny's Child 'fulfilled' by new album

BILLBOARD, Los Angeles

After a three-year hiatus, Destiny's Child is picking up where it left off: at the top. Lose My Breath, the first single



Members of R&B group Destiny's Child (R-L) Beyonce Knowles, Kelly Rowland and Michelle Williams pose during a promotional programme of their latest album Destiny Fulfilled.

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from the R&B trio's hotly anticipated album Destiny Fulfilled, quickly marched its way to No. 3 on The Bill-

The Sony Urban Music/Columbia album debuted this week at No. 19 on the Billboard 200, based on only three days of sales in the week ended November 14. It officially went on sale November 15.

For Destiny's Child members Beyonce Knowles, Kelly Rowland and Michelle Williams, however, the issue is not about sales. It is about the group singing together again. During the three-year break, each member released a solo project. Knowles still remains on the pop and R&B charts with Dangerously in Love, which snared multiple

'Obviously, it would feel good to be No. 1,' Knowles says of the new album. 'But we're not thinking competitively. We did this record for ourselves, not to sell a million the first week out. That doesn't mean as much to us as just the fact that three friends got back together to do another record. That was our destiny.

Destiny Fulfilled finds the threesome making the ransition into womannood, with a decidedly more R&B stance, the album is a mature sequel to the act's 1999 album, The Writing's on the Wall. Each song introduces a new chapter in that journey--from love's exhilarating start (Lose My Breath) to its sometimes disappointing end (Through With Love). The second single Soldier features rappers T.I. and Lil Wayne. Among the writer/producers the group worked with are Rodney Jerkins, Sean Garrett, 9th Wonder, Rockwilder and Mario Winans.

The album's lyrical content was drawn in part from conversations the three women had upon reuniting in the studio. Given prior commitments on their busy solo schedules, the trio had only three weeks together to

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English Premier League

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### 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

pm.8:00 pm. News (English) at 3:00 pm. 10:00 pm. Late Night News (Bangla and English)

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PICK OF THE DAY Chena Dukkha Achena Shukh

Final episode on ntv at 9:40 pm Directed by Shotirtha Rahman Genre: Drama Serial Cast: Doli Zahur, Khairul Alam Shobuj, Sirajul Islam, Azad Abul Kalam, Dipa Khondokar The drama serial by Manzurul Alam ends without any particular solution to the crises. When Palash along with his friend Riaz returns home after many days, his grandfather Imtiaz Chowdhury becomes very happy. But, as Palash opens up his plans about Tina his grandfather suggests him to convince

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