

CULTURAL FEAST

Retrospective

**Title:** Tanvirer Dol, retrospective on Tanvir Mokammel  
**Organiser:** Alliance Francaise  
**Schedule**  
January 14

06:00 pm Inauguration of photography exhibition of Pierre Clauquin on making of Lalshalu, Oyeo Jamuna and Lalon.  
Screening of *Achin Pakhi*

January 16  
05:00 pm Oyeo Jamuna  
06:00 pm Chitra Nodir Parey

January 17  
05:00 pm *Images and Impressions* (Documentary on the ideals of the International Folk High School in Denmark)  
06:00 pm Lalshalu

January 18  
06:00 pm Lalon

Children's Art Competition



**Organiser:** Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy, National Museum and Bengali Foundation  
**Occasion:** 90th birth anniversary of Shilpakacharya Zainul Abedin  
**Venue:** Bengal Shilpalay, House 2757F, Road 27, Dhanmondi  
**Time:** January 13, at 3:00pm

Exhibition

**Title:** Book and album exhibition  
**Occasion:** 210th birth anniversary of Russian painter Valentine A Serov  
**Venue:** Library, Russian Centre of Science and Culture, House 510, Road 7, Dhanmondi  
**Time:** January 09-13

**Title:** Russian Crystal Glass Mela  
**Venue:** Exhibition Hall, Russian Centre of Science and Culture, House 510, Road 7, Dhanmondi  
**Time:** January 10, at 5:00pm

Title: Bandhan



Mrito Pakhi by Rafiqun Nabi

**Artists:** (Bangladesh) Quamrul Hasan, Aminul Islam, Qayyum Chowdhury, Debdas Chakraborty, Hashem Khan, Samarjit Roy Chowdhury, Monirul Islam, Rafiqun Nabi, Nitun Kundu, Mahmudul Haque, Abdus Shakoor, Farida Zaman, Ranjit Das and Maksudul Ahsan; (India) FN Souza, MF Husain, KG Subramanyan, Jogen Chawdhury, Sanat Kar, Uttam Kumar Basak and Adity Chokravarti  
**Venue:** Shilpakalaya, House 25, Road 6, Dhanmondi  
**Time:** December 30-January 8, from 10am to 1pm and 5pm to 8pm

Play

**Title:** Sangbad Cartoon  
**Group:** Chekhov Theatre  
**Venue:** Auditorium, Russian Centre of Science and Culture, House 510, Road 7, Dhanmondi  
**Time:** January 17, at 5:00pm

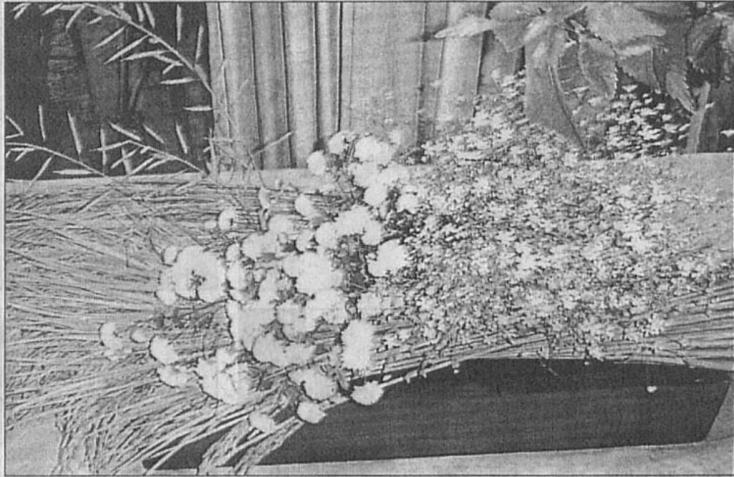
Display

Flowers say it all

CULTURAL CORRESPONDENT

**S** EVEN bright red gladiolas blooming on a startling piece of dead tree branch. To contrast the colour synchronisation, were added white, magenta, purple daisies and some wild ferns and scattered small stones. These gave it a lyrical quality. Placed on a tray with watery surface the whole creation depicted a perfect panoramic wild landscape. This was how Rahima Afroz arranged flowers with her splendid aesthetic sense in the UNESCO Club Flower Show Competition-2005, held on Sunday last, at the Central Public Library, Dhaka and won the first prize in the natural flower category. Organised by the National Association of UNESCO Clubs in Bangladesh, the daylong flower show competition drew a huge crowd.

A total of 40 participants took part in the two categories: natural and artificial flowers. This year's



Flowers that win hearts



Dried flowers add aesthetic appeal to a decor

theme was the Ikebana, a Japanese art of flower arrangement developed in the 16th century. The participants tried to represent the elements of sky and earth, in a well-balanced equation.

From dead log to earthen pottery and bamboo to golden paddy a wide range of decorative pieces were used to embellish the creations. Tania Tasnim used a unique earthen vase and some dolls and put a bright yellow chrysanthemum with ornamental plants, which dazzled the viewers. The simplicity and uniqueness won her the second prize and proved once again that the flower has the ultimate power. Red roses, white cosmoses, yellow asters and varieties of ornamental plants

and wild ferns were used in the show.

In the artificial category, using bamboo, ribbons and dry flowers, Niloufer Yasmeen impressed the judges as well as the viewers. A three-member team of judges, led by Maleka Khan, gave nine awards in two categories.

"We have a great opportunity to commercialise these aesthetic creations," said Gias Kamal Chowdhury, the President of UNESCO Club.

Dr Masaduzzaman inaugurated the show, while Begum Selima Rahman, State Minister for Cultural Affairs was the chief guest in the prize giving ceremony.

Photographs: Afsar Ahmed



"Quality is the first and foremost requirement in theatre"

--- Shimul

The Daily Star spoke to talented theatre star and singer Shimul Yousuff recently. The interview was wide ranging--about her work, her dream role and several other issues.

**Excerpts:**  
**The sweetest thing about you My voice.**

**What's your idea of a perfect day?**

When we finally stage a play, it's like giving birth to a child. After extensive rehearsals for months, it is possibly the happiest moment and a perfect day for me.

**How did you step into the theatre world?**

It was sometime during 1974. I had just come back from Baroda. Before that I was studying at the Institute of Fine Arts in Dhaka (IFA). From the grapevine, I learnt that the group Dhaka Theatre was to stage a play, but the heroine was gravely ill. The organisers were on the look out for the lead female artiste. As a matter of fact, while I was a student of IFA, I had played the role. So you could say that my fate was tied to theatre and was perfectly timed.

**What do directors look for in stage performers?**

First and foremost is quality. While looks carry a lot of weight on TV and the silver screen, it is actually secondary on stage. The artiste should be capable of memorising the lines, be innovative and expressive.

**Any funny incidents during a performance?**

Once we were failing to hit our cue. My co-star forgot his lines and failed to come up to the stage. I sensed something was wrong and after a few minutes, I continued to say his lines. Since, the play was narrative, the

audience hardly noticed the sweat on my brows.

**When and who named you "Moncho Kusum"?**  
In 1991 Dr Selim Al Deen dedicated the play Chaka to me. He wrote, the play is dedicated to the Moncho Kusum (Flower of the Stage) of four times, Shimul.

**Your dream role**

The play I am presently working on is Binodini--based on an autobiography of Noti Binodini Das. She was the most famous theatre artiste during British rule of India, with a dark past as a prostitute. But her talent was unsurpassed by any theatre artiste at that time. Binodini had the amazing talent to portray seven characters in one play titled Meghnaad Both Kavvya and donned the role of four characters in Mrinalini as Monoroma. It took almost two years for me to complete a research on her life. Finally, I will do a solo act, coming up next month for the stage. Till now, this is my dream role and I hope my fans will appreciate it.

**Are you satisfied as a stage performer?**

Immensely

**You want to be remembered as a singer or an actress?**  
I can never imagine myself either as a professional singer or an actress. It is more of a passion. It is undeniable, that, I am more inclined towards theatre. I have been directing music for theatre and have several Lalon, Nazrul and patriotic songs on CD as well. These are well appreciated by the Bangalee community all over the world.



Tête-à-tête

Honesty is the keyword for Meer Sabbir

Meer Sabbir, TV actor, spoke to our cultural correspondent about himself and his career.

Brought up in Borguna, Sabbir joined the children's organisation, Khelaghar, at a very early age. He came to Dhaka in 1994. In 1996, he passed the audition at BTv. It was not until the year 2000 that Sabbir began his career in the media with his first TV drama, titled *Putra*. Lately, he has taken part in mega serials such as *Keboli Rat Hoye Jai* and *Poribar O Ekti Company*, to name a few. "To me talent is synonymous with quality. I have no regrets. I am happy with whatever I have," he says.

Talking about his likes and dislikes, Sabbir says, "On a personal level, I fear dishonesty, hypocrisy, and people who could be a source of danger to others."

His dream? Sabbir has a quick response: "I dream about the media. I see my drama sequences in my dreams." To the question of what profession he would have otherwise chosen, he says, "If not acting, I would have joined the armed forces."



Silver-screen

"Moore" fuel to fire

Michael Moore's most talked about documentary *Fahrenheit 9/11* picked up the top honours at January 9 People's Choice Awards amid allegations of ballot stuffing via the Internet.

Although he lost to mainstream hit flicks like *Shrek 2* and *Spider-Man 2* at the box office, Moore had the last laugh, taking advantage of the People's Choice Awards' new Internet voting system to enable *Fahrenheit* to trounce those flicks as a favorite motion picture.

In year's past, People's Choice winners had been determined by the Gallup Organisation, a national pollster. This year, for the first time, the people voted online - and Moore used his popular website to tell the film's fans that a vote for *Fahrenheit 9/11* was a vote against President Bush.

Accepting the award, Moore didn't refer to his call for ballot-stuffing.

"We live in a great country," he said. "And we all love our country very much."

He dedicated the award to the "mothers and fathers across this country with sons and daughters in Iraq."

He added that he would accept the vote as "an inspiration to make more movies like *Fahrenheit 9/11*."



Source: Internet

Travolta, Gandolfini in 1940s detective drama

APP, Los Angeles

Hollywood star John Travolta and James Gandolfini, best known as the Mafia patriarch of *The Sopranos*, will reportedly star in a new detective drama set in the 1940s.

According to the *Variety* magazine, the movie, *Lonely Hearts*, is based on the true story of detectives who captured a couple known as the "Lonely Hearts Killers" who found their victims through newspaper personal ads.

Todd Robinson, whose credits include the script for the upcoming movie *The Last Full Measure*, will be behind the cameras. Filming begins in March in Florida, *Variety* reported.



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) at 11:30 pm.

**CHANNEL-i**  
News (Bangla) at 7:15 am, 9:00 am, 7:15 pm, 9:00 pm, 10:30, 12:15 am.  
Teletext of BTv News (Bangla and English) at 11:30 pm.

**ATN BANGLA**  
News (Bangla) at 7:00 am, 10:00 am, 2:00 pm, 7:00 pm, 10:00 pm, 11:00 pm.  
Teletext 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

CHANNEL i

09:30 *Shongbad Potray*  
Bangladesh and Public reaction

09:45 *Tritto Matra*  
Grameen Phone Cricket Online

10:45 *Aamar Chhobi*  
11:30 *Chitli Pulam*  
12:30 *Aaj Dupury*

01:00 *Ebong Cinemar Gaan*  
Public Reaction

01:25 *Bangla feature film*  
01:30 *Banglar Gaan*  
03:45 *Special Programme*  
04:15 *Sa Re Ga Ma*  
04:45 *I sports*

05:30 *Music Plus*  
06:00 *Drama Serial: Dhandha*  
06:30 *Drama Serial: Paribar O Ekti Company*  
07:50 *Polo-Man Khuley Balo*

08:25 *Drama Serial: Chhotto Ei Jibon*  
08:30 *Drama Serial: Gulshanubar*  
09:00 *Drama Serial: Bajimaat*  
09:30 *Ek Dui Teen Prekhhapoc*  
10:25 *Pratikar*

**ATN BANGLA**  
10:30 *Talk Show: Annodishti*  
11:15 *Drama Serial: Mohona*  
11:50 *Business This Week*  
12:30 *Bangla Feature Film*  
03:45 *Uro Colo Saaf Rang Shomoshamoyik*  
04:20 *Aynar Shamney*  
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08:30 *Drama Serial: Jhut Jhamela*  
09:20 *Crime Watch*  
10:05 *Natoker Gaan*  
10:30 *Fashion Talkies*  
11:00 *Chhobir Gaan*  
11:30 *Putul Naach*  
12:02 *Purono Ekok Natok*  
02:30 *Drama Serial: Jhut Jhamela*  
03:05 *Tiffin Fankay*  
03:40 *Drama Serial: Anyarokom*  
04:25 *Ke Korbe Bajimat*  
05:15 *Ithasher Ei Diney*  
06:20 *Shubho Shondhya*  
06:50 *Frankly Speaking*  
08:10 *Drama: Sporsher Bairy*  
08:50 *Dohoghar*  
09:40 *Drama Serial: Shaqola Dindaran*

11:25 *Charlie's Angels: The Eighteenth Angel*  
10:15 *Life as a House*  
2:30 *Jaws 2*  
4:45 *Training Day*  
7:15 *Maid in Manhattan*  
9:30 *2 Fast 2 Furious*  
11:45 *Sabrina*

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**STAR MOVIES**  
9:00 *Reign Of Fire*  
10:45 *Kung Pow: Enter The Fist*  
12:15 *Made Up*  
2:00 *Maiden Voyage*  
3:30 *Rumor Of Angels A*  
5:10 *That Thing You Do!*  
7:00 *Far From Heaven*  
8:50 *American Psycho 2*  
10:20 *Kung Pow: Enter The Fist*  
11:45 *Dancing In The Dark*

**STAR GOLD**  
9:50 *Pratikar*

PICK OF THE DAY



**Kung Pow: Enter the Fist**  
On Star Movies at 10:20  
Genre: Action / Comedy  
Cast: Steve Oedekerk, Fei Lung, Leo Lee  
Directed by Steve Oedekerk

1:30 Khuddar	7:30 Kumkum - Pyara Sa Bandhan	11:00 Kyunki Saas Bhi Kabhi Bhu Thi
4:45 Jodidar	8:00 Hello Dollie	11:30 Kahin To Hoga
8:30 Coolie No.1	8:30 Dekho Magar Pyaar Se	12:00 K. Street Pal Hill
11:45 Parampara	9:00 Kasauti Zindagi Kay	1:00 Maan
	9:30 Kehta Hai Dil	5:00 Shaadi Number One
	10:30 Kahaani Ghar Ghar Ki	6:30 Adventures Of Mickey Anddonald
	11:00 Kyunki Saas Bhi Kabhi Bhu Thi	7:00 Disney's The Week-
	11:30 Kahin To Hoga	
	12:00 K. Street Pal Hill	
	1:00 Maan	
	5:00 Shaadi Number One	
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	7:00 Disney's The Week-	



**Dhandha**  
On Channel i at 06:30pm  
Drama Serial  
Cast: Joy, Richi, Golam Mostofa, Sharmili Ahmed  
Directed by Anisuzzaman

2:28 Star Asia Travel	12:30 Smooth Fox Terrier
2:30 Oprah Winfrey	1:00 Therapy Dog, Skijoring, Town Dog
3:30 Bold And Beautiful	1:30 Waiting Game
4:30 Hollywood Squares	2:00 Perfectly Imperfect
5:00 Whose Line Is It Anyway	2:30 Call Dogs Rockville
6:30 Ally Mcbeal	3:30 Animal Precinct 4
7:30 The Simpsons	4:30 The Specialists
8:00 Home Improvement	5:30 Koala Orphans
9:00 Friends	6:00 Monkey Business
8:00 Newsradio	6:30 The Planet's Funniest Animals
8:30 Charmed	7:00 Amazing Animal Videos
9:30 Wild Card	7:30 TV With Teeth Lions of Etohsa
10:30 Manhunt	8:30 Call Dogs James River
11:28 Star Asia Travel	9:30 Animal Precinct 4
11:30 Newsradio	10:30 Wild And Dangerous
12:00 Cover Story	11:00 Lion Country
	11:00 Nightmares of Nature
	11:30 Mountain Goat's Story

DISCOVERY

11:30 FBI Files: The Deadly Influence
12:30 Military Monkeys: Outpost at the Crocodile River
1:30 Perfect Time Travel
2:30 Junkyard Wars Wheelie Cars
3:30 Spartans at the Gates of Fire
4:30 FBI Files: Without Mercy
5:30 Operation Junkyard
6:00 Healthy Living What We Eat
6:30 Battlefield Detectives
7:30 Bull Shark World's Deadliest Shark with Nigel Marven
8:30 Horizon Homeopathy
9:30 Treacherous Places Earth
10:30 Terra X Planet World Drowned at Noon
11:30 Secret of Britania Castles and Palaces

NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC

11:30 Riddle Of The Dead
12:30 The Simran Show
1:00 Storm Stories
1:30 Riddle Of The Dead
2:30 National Geographic Special
3:30 Frontlines Of Construction
4:30 Wildlife Diary
5:30 Game For It
6:00 Planet Wild
6:30 Dogs With Jobs S3
7:00 Storm Stories
7:30 Wildlife Diary
8:30 Africa
9:30 Frontlines Of Construction

STAR SPORTS

9:00 Hitz(R)
9:30 ICC Cricket World (R)
10:00 FIM World Enduro Championships 2004 Season Review(R)
11:00 FIM World Longtrack C'ship Nz Grand Prix 2004 New Zealand Event Highlights(R)
12:00 Dakar Rally 2005 Telefonica Day 11 Highlights(S)
12:30 FA Cup 2004/05 Ipswich Town Vs Bolton Wanderers Third Round(R)
2:30 Windsurfing PWA World Tour 2004 Budapest Hungary Racing(T)
3:00 International Motorsport News 2005 (R)
4:00 The Raid World Championships 2004 (T)
5:00 British Rally Championship 2004 Season Review(T)
6:00 Australian Open 1998 Highlights(T)
7:00 Dakar Rally 2005 Telefonica Day 11 Highlights(R)
7:30 Soccer Really Bend It Like Beckham (T)
8:00 Sportsline(L)
8:30 Women's Tennis Celebration Match Chiang Mai Thailand (T)
10:30 Sportsline(R)
11:00 Australian Open 1999 Highlights (T)
12:00 Australian Open 2000 Official Film (T)

TEN SPORTS

8:00 Zimbabwe Tour Of Bangladesh Chittagong Bangladesh 1st Test Day 5 Highlights(R)
9:00 FA Cup 2004/05 Yeading Vs Newcastle United Third Round (T)
12:00 PGA Tour Golf Mercedes Championships USA 1st Round (T)
3:30 World Tenpin Bowling Masters 2004 (R)
4:30 Tour De Taiwan 2004 (Inf) (R)
5:30 FA Cup Highlights (R)
6:30 Football Focus (L)
7:30 Motorsport Asia (T)
8:00 ICC Cricket World (R)
8:30 Sportscenter India (L)
9:00 Pakistan Tour Of Australia 3 Mobile Test Series 3rd Test Day 5 Highlights(T)
10:30 FA Cup Highlights (R)
11:30 Sportscenter India (R)
12:00 Football Focus (R)
10:00 WWE Raw
11:00 ICC Cricket World Gillette World Sport
11:30 ATP Tennis
2:30 Italian Serie A - Highlights
2:30 ATP Tour Chennai Open Day 7 H/Ls
3:30 Legends - Tiger Woods
4:00 IRB Rugby 7s Highlights
4:30 Top Ten Batsmen
5:00 Gartner TV
5:30 Gillette World Sport
7:30 WWE Smackdown
8:00 Gartner TV
9:00 Italian Serie A - Highlights
9:30 MRF-MAI FORMULA MONDIAL CHAMP 04
10:00 Sportswatch
11:00 India-Pakistan Unforgettable

ESPN

7:30 ICC Cricket World(R)
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