

CULTURAL FEAST

Retrospective

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

Exhibition

**Title:** Ceramics and Painting Exhibition  
**Artiste:** Halimul Islam Khokon  
**Venue:** Zainul Gallery, Institute of Fine Art, Dhaka University  
**Time:** January 14-20, from 11am to 6pm  
**Title:** Terra-cotta Ornaments & Pottery Exhibition  
**Artiste:** Shahidul Hasan  
**Venue:** Zainul Gallery, Institute of Fine Art, Dhaka University  
**Time:** January 11-17, from 10am to 8pm  
**Title:** Russian Crystal Mela  
**Venue:** Exhibition Hall, Russian Centre of Science and Culture, House 510, Road 7, Dhanmondi  
**Time:** January 10-19, from 11am and 7pm

**Title:** Les Jours de Jean-Jacques Rousseau  
**Artiste:** Jean-Jacques Rousseau  
**Venue:** Alliance Francaise, 26, Mirpur Road, Dhaka  
**Time:** January 27-February 10

Play

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

Space Exhibition

**Title:** Exploring the Solar System  
**Organiser:** British Council  
**Venue:** British Council, 5, Fuller Road, Dhaka-1000  
**Time:** January 16-February 15, from 10am to 6pm

Art Exhibition

**Title:** Exposition  
**Artiste:** Ronni Ahmed  
**Venue:** Alliance Francaise, 26, Mirpur Road, Dhaka  
**Time:** February 18-26

Exhibition

Young painters at their best

FAYZA HAQ

THE ongoing children's exhibition at the Bengal Foundation Gallery presented many forms, figures and selection of shapes and colours. Young in age, the artists were sure with their fingers, as they had confidently put on the layers of lines and colours to bring in scenes of the Bangladeshi cities and countryside.

Mahjabin Kaderi, who won the Grand Prize, had her painting dancing with happy colours and forms.

Robayda Islam, who won the 1st prize in the C category, has women of different ages, sitting and cooking. Behind was a standing woman carrying a vessel of water. The cooking utensils were gray and brown while the women are dressed in gray, blue, orange and red. A boy in front in a singlet and lungi was selling nectar from earthen pots hanging from his shoulders. Behind were thatched houses, kitchen gardens and date trees. Farmers and boatmen had also been included in the background.

The 2nd prize in this group went to Jharna Akhter who has painted women stone-breakers at work. Although clothed in single drapes of the sari, the poor women stood out from the gray stones that surrounded them and the tall buildings in the background due to the choice of bright garments. Soft washes of blue and mauve brought in the sky while splashes of green and yellow depicted neighbouring greenery and shanties. The umbrellas that protect the workers were visible too in the background.

Koushik Saha won the third prize in the category. The painting had a row of children walking down a bridge, while in front were three baby tigers facing the viewer. The children were dressed in



Mahjabin Kaderi's painting that won the Grand Prize

bright clothes like orange, red and blue. The water and the greenery were in clear blue and jade, touched with waves and lines.

Deenshah Sanmy, Rahatul Jannat and Ifrat Binte Reaz won the special prizes in the section with their colourful portrayal of a wedding, a boat race and a

procession. The paintings were packed with faces and figures of young people with their coloured clothes.

Anik Saha won the first prize in the B section and this had boatmen at work, rowing and catching fish. Numerous brightly coloured fishermen in orange, green, blue and yellow were seen going about their work. Sirazur Rayan Ankon won the second prize in this group. His painting had brought in a game of football with players on the green grass, the goal keeper against the net and the waving crowd looking on. The painting was bright with its blues, pinks, greens and reds.

Sraboni Karmakar took the 1st prize with her depiction of a road scene, complete with buses, taxis, cars, and bright-eyed young drivers on motorbikes. The painting was neat and clean and done with the application of dots, mostly yellow-ochre and green. Sadya Jafar Jannat won the 2nd prize with her depiction of people, houses, boats birds, trees and flags. Her figures appeared to be floating on air.

The 3rd prize was won by Shahriar Hossain. In his painting one found birds, animals and humans all sitting down in a garden to chat and apparently have a little picnic in the green.

The special prizes in the group went to Sadya Nausheen, Nasim Ahmed Raqib and Tslim Moritz for their depiction of scenes of children and adults in their everyday environment.

The exhibition assured us that the future generation of Bangladeshi artists had plenty of hope and promise.



Art work by Shahriar Hossain that won the third prize

Indian Idol

A gripping entertainment show

This weekend it was time as usual for the popular TV show Indian Idol. The judges were Bollywood names: Anu Malik, Sonu Nigam and Farah Khan. Film actress Juhi Chawla appeared as special guest. The anchors were Aman Yatan Verma and Mini Mathur. The producers were Vipul D Shah and Sanjeev Sharma of Optymystix and Nireet and Nikhil Alva of Miditech.

Thursday night with the theme Indi popsizzled with excitement. While Amit Sana of West Bengal got plaudits from the judges, Ravinder Ravi, a painter from Punjab, was asked to get his act together. Mukesh's performance drew a lukewarm response, while Prajakta, who "looked like Jennifer Lopez and sang like Asha Bhonsle, looked like a pop diva," commented Farah Khan. According to the judges, Abhijeet and Harish looked like rock stars. The two other contestants, Aditi Paul from West Bengal and Rahul Vaidya, also impressed the judges.

"It is not about unveiling some pop star, nor is it about another jury star. But Indian Idol is really all about unearthing one amazing talent," said Tarun Katial, Sony Entertainment Television India's executive vice president at a press conference in Mumbai in September last year.

choose for the next round. Winners are revealed the following night. By the end of the season, the show comes to a nail-biting countdown and the field is narrowed to two with viewers picking up a winner.

Based on the US hit serial, American Idol, the format was conceived by Fremantle Media Asia, 19TV and Simon Cowell, one of the judges on the American Idol panel.

Now plans are afoot for localised versions for Singapore, Indonesia and Malaysia. The latest entrant in this show is Nepal Star which is hunting for latent talent, especially in the "underprivileged segment of society."

One quick look would reveal that the winners of such talent show are simply scooped up by the private media companies, and within a short time transformed into idols, so that we stand in awe at their performances. And it is these artists who promote their culture internationally, invigorate the entertainment industry and keep the wheels of culture rolling. What is most attractive about the show is the transparency of the judges. Every single candidate is criticised or praised rightfully and is groomed to become a performer.



Actress Juhi Chawla (M) along with the contestants pose for a photograph.

The show, which will have 33 episodes, hit the small screen in October 2004. The whole process, which kicked off with auditions in August, will last seven months. The winner will be crowned in February, this year and get a contract worth Rs 1 crore with Sony Entertainment. He/she will also be awarded a recording contract with a major Indian music label.

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How does the gruelling competition work in practice? Aspirants in the 16-35 age group are invited to phone in and register. This is also the show's target audience and would be applicable to 10 cities. Auditions were then held from September 8-October 8 in Kolkata, Delhi, Mumbai and Ahmedabad.

Every week viewers get to see 10 performers. At the end of the show they get to phone in a vote on who they

Among the many aspirants was a fruit seller, who was offered a three-year scholarship by Sonu Nigam to study music. An emotionally charged Farah Khan offered the talented Rahul Saxena a chance to sing for her next playback as he was unexpectedly dropped from the list of the talented ten.

Every episode had something new, as the aspirants were seen recording an album under Leslee Lewes from the Coltrian Cousins, had lively discussion sessions with Hollywood and Bollywood stars like Richard Gere, Hrithik Roshan and others. The show, with a tagline "Sab kuch bhula de", meaning "A show which will make you forget everything", is a musical journey filled with emotion, humour and entertainment, identifying the most talented singing personality and a heartthrob for the coming years.

Compiled by Cultural Correspondent

Musings

Our Cultural Correspondent recently spoke to Fima, hostess of the Fashion Talkies on ntv. Fima talks about her views on fashion and a memorable experience in the course of her career as a model and actress.

Trendy attire  
 "I always try to match my attire with my personality. Cotton or handloom saris with beautiful blouses are my all time favourites. But I also prefer the gorgeous Kanchivaram or South Indian silks for partying."

Flash-back  
 Fima talks about an interesting event that took place sometime

back.  
 "While I was getting ready for a TV commercial in Mumbai, I met a make-up artiste in a famous studio. He was a burly guy with curly hair and was in his 60s. While he worked on my make-up, I overheard him saying that he had just come from another shooting spot where he applied make up on Madhuri Dixit. Madhuri is my all-time favourite and my fashion icon as well. The next thing I did was put his hands on my face and close my eyes. Then I felt that I was floating through air. He is a skilled make up artiste and I was totally satisfied with the end result. So, it was truly a great feeling for me."



Fima

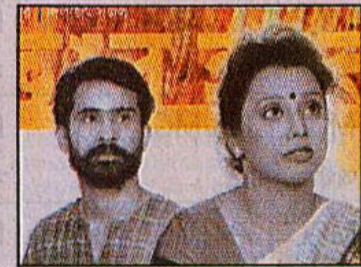
Padatik celebrates 27th anniversary

January 21 is Padatik Natya Sangshad's 27th founding anniversary. On this occasion, the theatre group has arranged a programme today at the Mahila Samity auditorium at 6:35 pm, says a press release.  
 Celebrated theatre personality Ramendu Majumdar will inaugurate the celebration programme featuring performance of theatre songs from all Padatik productions.  
 After the musical presentation, Padatik will stage a special show of its current production Jolbelika.

Album review

CULTURAL CORRESPONDENT

Music production house Surer Mela has released an audio album titled *Bhor Hobey*. Eminent Sardar Fazlul Karim formally launched the album at the Isfandiar Zahid Hasan auditorium of Biswa Sahitya Kendra recently.



The cover jacket of the CD

The duet album features young artistes Diljit Shajal and Manasi Shadhu. The album contains 12 tracks of which one is sung solo by both Manasi and Diljit. Diljit has written and tuned all the tracks of the album except the number *Chhaya chhaya* which is

written by Faruk Wasif. The album surely promises of a talent in Diljit. His lyrics have the

profundity reflecting the modern life with all its components--frustration, disillusionment and hope. Numbers like *Etokai porey*, *Din chhilo*, *Phul hobey na*, *Dukkho loiya*, *Shobai bojhey* and the titular *Bhor hobey* possess nostalgia that take one to bygone days. The tunes are a blend of folk music and modern Bangla songs. They also mark the brilliance of an original composition by the young musician Diljit.

Both Manasi and Diljit have voices attuned in the folk music style. This qualifies their songs with an affinity to the country's culture.

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.  
 Telecast 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.  
 Telecast of BTV News (Bangla and English) at 11:30 pm.  
**CHANNEL-i**  
 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, 11:30 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

07:50 Amar Shwapno Amar Bari

07:30 Shubhechha Nin

08:15 Programme From Archive

09:00 Live Telecast of the 2nd Test Match Between Bangladesh & Zimbabwe

04:30 National Television

05:05 Debate Competition

05:45 News For Children

06:10 Geetanjali

06:35 Programme From Chittagong Centre

07:00 News Headlines, Share Market and Weather Forecast

07:05 Mali O Manush

07:30 My three Sisters

08:25 Proidin Bangladesh Drama Serial: Ekka Dokka

08:30 Drama Serial: Bhakobasha Bhato Na Toknai Theka Tetulia

10:25 Ahibabshi

08:25 Rupkatha

09:35 Drama Serial: 69

10:00 Drama Serial: Kahinir Shondhaney

08:00 Aajker Shakal

08:30 Drama Serial: Jhut Jhamela

09:20 Shanskriti Ei Shoplatho

10:02 Alankar

10:30 Gallery

11:00 Mon Amar Shandhan Kori

11:30 KJ Kotia Tahar

Shathey

12:02 American Cinema

01:00 Patirikar Khabor

01:30 TVG

02:35 Drama Serial: Jhut Jhamela

PICK OF THE DAY



**Hart's War**  
 On Star Movies at 10:40pm  
 Genre: Drama / War  
 Cast: Bruce Willis, Colin Farrell  
 Directed by Gregory Hoblit



**Dotta**  
 On Channel I at 2:30pm  
 Special Telefilm  
 Cast: Ahmed Rubel, Mim, Khalilullah Khan  
 Story: Sharatchandra Chatyapadhayay

- 08:00 Danish Pathe Pathe  
 Drama Serial: The Well  
 08:30 New Shabuj Opera  
 The Adventure of Sinbad  
 09:00 The Adventure of Sinbad  
 09:30 Drama Serial: Mohona  
 10:35 Business This Week  
 Dekhi Noyon Meila  
**HBO**  
 8:45 Written In Blood  
 10:45 The Truman Show  
 12:45 Getting There  
 Valentine  
 2:30 Seeing Double  
 4:30 America's Sweethearts  
 8:30 Air America  
 10:45 Tales From The Crypt: Death of Some Salesmen

- 11:30 Tales From The Crypt: OIL's Well That Ends Well  
 12:00 Dangerous Liaisons  
 2:30 The Matchmaker  
**STAR MOVIES**  
 11:45 Darkman  
 1:30 Insomnia  
 3:30 Jet Lag  
 5:00 Stuart Little  
 6:30 Hollywood One On One  
 7:00 Bruce Almighty  
 8:40 Double Impact  
 10:30 Insomnia  
 12:30 Two Bits  
**STAR WORLD**  
 12:30 Philly  
 1:30 The Chronicle: News  
 2:30 From The E  
 Charmed  
 3:30 The Apprentice  
 4:30 Manhunt  
 5:30 Fashion TV  
 7:30 The Simpsons  
 8:00 Parkinson  
 9:00 Rendezvous With Simi  
 9:30 Garwal  
 10:30 Britannia India's Child  
 11:30 The Kumars At No. 42  
 11:30 Top Drive Getaway  
 11:30 Koffee With Karan  
**STAR PLUS**  
 12:30 Chupa Rustam  
 1:00 Musafir Hoon Yaaron  
 1:30 Mirch Masala  
 2:30 Ghar Ho To Aisa  
 6:30 Disney's Mickey Mouse

- 12:30 Condition Black  
 1:30 Riddle Of The Dead  
 2:30 Frontlines Of Construction  
 7:30 Mosquito Hell  
 8:30 National Geographic Special  
 9:30 Violent Earth  
 10:30 Next Wave  
 11:30 Truth Files  
**DISCOVERY**  
 11:30 Terrorism Revealed  
 Chasing The Sleeper  
 Cell  
 12:30 Wild Discovery 10 Million  
 Wildcats  
 1:30 Discover India  
 2:30 Drama on Discovery  
 Medical Casebook  
 3:30 History in Colour: British  
 Empire in Colour Legacy  
 4:30 Terrorism Revealed  
 Moscow Siege  
 5:30 Mystery Hunters  
 Ogopogo Lake Monster  
 6:00 The Baby Whisperer  
 Leanne O'Connell  
 6:30 Triumph of Life, Wild  
 Asia Eternal Arms Race  
 7:30 Wild Discovery Tracking  
 Deadly Vipers  
 8:30 Discovery's Biggest  
 Shows Billion Dollar  
 Disasters  
 10:30 Night Safari Elephant's  
 Empire  
 11:30 Coloured Lives Altered  
 Statesmen Yeltsin  
**ANIMAL PLANET**  
 11:30 In The Wild Horsemen of  
 Mongolia  
 12:30 Growing Up Wild /  
 Clouded Leopard  
 1:30 Shark Gordon Makos  
 2:00 On The Edge Ultimate  
 Killers Chemical Killers  
 2:30 Girls Night in Chimpan-

- 3:30 The Natural World Top  
 Bel  
 4:30 The Jeff Corwin  
 Experience Royalty of  
 Siam  
 5:30 Nick's Quest Shark  
 6:00 Extreme Contact  
 Alligator  
 6:30 The Most Extreme  
 Venom  
 7:30 Shark Gordon Makos  
 8:00 On The Edge Ultimate  
 Killers  
 8:30 Girls Night in Chimpan-  
 zee Diary  
 9:30 The Natural World Last  
 Tusker  
 10:30 Animal Planet Showcase  
 Ten Deadliest Sharks  
 11:30 TV With Teeth Profiles of  
 Nature 10 Coyote  
**STAR SPORTS**  
 8:30 The Golf Club 2004 (T)  
 9:00 Tri-Series In Australia  
 Australia Vs Pakistan  
 2nd Odi Highlights(S)  
 1:00 Zimbabwe Tour Of  
 Bangladesh 2nd Test  
 Day 3 2nd & 3rd  
 Session(L)  
 4:30 Dakar Rally 2005  
 Telefonica Dakar Rally  
 Day 16 Highlights(S)  
 5:00 Sri Lanka Tour Of New  
 Zealand 1st Test Day 2  
 Highlights(S)  
 6:30 Tri-Series In Australia  
 Australia Vs Pakistan  
 2nd Odi Highlights(S)  
 8:00 Indian Premier Hockey  
 League Bangalore  
 Hiflers Vs Sher E  
 Jalandhar (L)  
 10:30 English Premier Football  
 League 2004/05 Mid  
 Disbrough Vs Everton  
 (S)  
**ESPN**  
 11:00 Dream Job - Harsha Ki  
 Khoj Studio Round  
 #2(R)  
 12:00 Football Extra (S)  
 1:00 Sportscenter Weekend  
 (T)  
 1:05 England Tour Of South  
 Africa 4th Test Day 3  
 Highlights(R)  
 2:27 England Tour Of South  
 Africa 4th Test Day 4  
 1st Session(L)  
 4:30 Hiz (R)  
 5:00 England Tour Of South  
 Africa 4th Test Day 4  
 2nd & 3rd Session(L)  
 9:30 Dream Job - Harsha Ki  
 Khoj Studio Round  
 #2(R)  
 10:30 English Premier Football  
 League 2004/05  
 Tottenham Hotspur Vs  
 Chelsea (T)  
**TEN SPORTS**  
 8:00 Gerner TV - Ep 2  
 9:00 WWE Experience  
 9:30 Winning Post  
 10:30 India Pakistan  
 Unforgettables  
 11:00 Sportswatch  
 Transworld Sports: Ep 2  
 12:30 Winning Post  
 Legends - Tiger Woods  
 2:00 Top Ten Batsmen  
 4:00 Cricket Classics  
 4:30 Indian Golf Show  
 Legends - Tiger Woods  
 6:30 WWE Heat  
 7:30 Transworld Sports: Ep 2  
 India-Pakistan  
 Unforgettables  
 Sportswatch  
 Portuguese League -  
 Benfica v Boavista