

CULTURAL FEAS

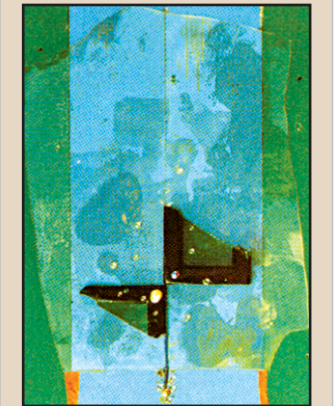
Art Exhibition



Artist: Ali Imam
Venue: Bengal Gallery of Fine Arts
Time: February 09-22, from 12pm to 8pm

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

Title: Reflection & Revelation
Artists: Kazi Rakib



Venue: Gallery Kaya, House 20, Road 16, Sector 4, Uttara
Time: February 01-07, from 11am to 8pm

Title: Exposition
Artist: Ronni Ahmmed
Venue: Alliance Francaise, 26, Mirpur Road, Dhaka
Time: February 18-26

Ceramics Exhibition

Title: Twelve Hundred Degree Celsius Plus
Organiser: Clay Image
Venue: Gallery Kaya, house 20, Road 16, Sector 4, Uttara
Time: February 11-24, from 11am to 8pm

Musical Soiree

Artists: Prithwiraj and the members of Gayokee Music Academy
Organiser: Gayokee Music Academy
Venue: Alliance Francaise, 26, Mirpur Road, Dhanmondi
Time: February 9-10, at 7pm

Solo Concert

Artist: Kumar Biswajit
Organiser: Fusion
Venue: Bangladesh Shishu Academy Auditorium
Time: February 10

Drama Festival

Nagarik Natyangan Natya Utsab 2005
Organiser: Nagarik Natyangan
Venue: Experimental Theatre Hall, Bangladesh Shilpakal Academy
Date: February 6-12, at 6:30pm
Schedule
Feb 07 Janatar Rangashala (Do)
Feb 08 Golmatha Chokhamatha (Do)
Feb 09 Brand (CAT)
Feb 10 Ami Birangana Bolchhi (Nagarik Natyangan)
Feb 10 Shikarokti (Abhash, India)
Feb 11 Char Adhyay (Do)
Feb 12 Apurba Golap (Do)

Expressions

Shomi Kaiser: In search of excellence

HARUN UR RASHID

"I F I hadn't become an actress, I definitely would have been a singer...or maybe an architect," says Shomi Kaiser, a celebrated actress of our theatre and electronic media. Indeed, the initial interest of the popular heroine of many TV plays was in music and hardly in acting. "Director Atiqul Haque Chowdhury once spotted me at a musical programme," recalls Shomi. "He was looking for a girl who could speak the native Noakhali dialect for his play titled *Keba Apon Keba Por*. And as I am from Noakhali, he asked me to do the role." After a little hesitation, Shomi finally agreed to perform. And the audience response showed that they liked the new girl on the block.

However, Shomi at that stage did not have any plans to enter the acting arena. She was rather planning to study at a foreign university. It was at that time that Abdullah Al Mamun sent producer Fakhru Abidin Dulal to Shomi asking her to do another role. It was the three-episode play *Joto Durey Jai* based on a novel of Imdadul Haque Milon. Shomi's acting in the role of a cancer-affected girl won the audience's hearts.

"It also altered my decision," says Shomi. She stayed back home and went on performing scores of different kinds of roles in many popular TV plays and serials such as *Nakkhoter Raat*, *Chhoto Chhoto Dheu*, *Sparsho*, *Ekjona*, *Ariyana*, *Akashhey Anek Raat*, *Mukti*, *Antorey Nirantor*, *Swapno*,



Shomi in a relaxed moment

Thikana and many more. Besides the electronic medium, Shomi Kaiser has also been a successful name on stage. A

member of Dhaka Theatre, Shomi's creditable stage plays include mainly *Haat Hodai* in which she acted against

Shahiduzzaman Selim. "Theatre is the place where one actually develops their talent," asserts Shomi adding, "Most of the young generation performers lack acting skills."

At present, Shomi is busy with her production house Dhansiri Production. Initially, after my mother's suggestion we decided to make plays and telefilms on our Liberation War. We have made *Mukti* and *Antorey Nirantor*—written by my mother, Panna Kaiser. "Later, however, the house changed its policy. "At present, we are more into ad films. I'm also making a 26-episode drama serial from my house," says Shomi. Titled *Tomay Dilam Prithibi*, the serial is based on Shomi's story of two companies.

Shomi's talents are evident on the silver screen. She has performed in two films: *Lalon* and *Hason Raja*. "I was not expecting much from *Hason Raja* as it was made completely from a commercial point of view. But *Lalon* has really been one of my favourite works," says Shomi. She has featured in another film, *The Name of a River*, based on the biography of eminent filmmaker Ritwik Ghatak. "Unfortunately, the film hasn't been shown in Bangladesh," says Shomi.

One of Shomi's dreams is to make a film of *Shangshaptak*, the novel by her martyred father Shahidullah Kaiser. "The drama serial based on the novel was a super hit. So, I believe, the film should equally be great." However, Shomi has not yet decided when she is going to undertake that enterprise.

Bob Marley: Popularising the melody of Jamaica



The legendary reggae singer, Bob Marley, was the first Jamaican artist to attain fame. In the bargain he was a central figure in popularising the melody of his native island, Jamaica. His music captured themes such as the day-to-day struggles of the country's impoverished

and oppressed, and also the devout spirituality that remains their source of strength.

Among his popular numbers are his first single *Judge Not*, followed by other songs with the Wailers such as *I'm still waiting*, *Simmer down* and *Dancing shoes*. Later came other songs such as *No woman no cry*, *Buffalo soldiers*, *Get up stand up* and *Jamming*.

On his birth anniversary (February 6, 1945), it is timely to remember the famous Jamaican reggae singer. Through his dedication, modesty and profound wisdom he has earned recognition as an artiste of stature. Marley, the Natural Mystic, may yet prove to be the most significant musical artist of the twentieth century.

Marley has won acclaim all round the world and even today, 24 years after his death, he lives on in the collective memory. "He's taken his place alongside James Brown and Sly Stone as a pervasive influence on rhythm and blues", says the American critic Timothy White, author of the acclaimed Bob Marley biography *Catch A Fire*. "His music was pure rock, in the sense that it was a public expression of a private truth," adds White.

Going back to the roots of this legend: The first superstar from the Third World was born in rural St Ann's Parish, Jamaica. He was the product of a mixed marriage.

At the age of 14 he left to pursue a musical career in Kingston, becoming a pupil of local singer Joe Higgs. He cut his first single, *Judge not*, in 1962. Then followed a host of other hits.

It is testimony to the stature of this legendary musician (he died in 1981) that even the present generation are avid listeners of his songs. As one young fan put it, "Marley is a spokesperson for Black people's rights through his songs—as for instance *Buffalo soldiers*."

Source: Internet

Star Cineplex to screen Matir Moina



Good news for filmgoers: the acclaimed movie *Matir Moina* will be released at the Star Cineplex in the Bashundhara City, says a press release. The one-week run of the film will begin from February 10.

Directed by Tareque Masud and produced by Catherine Masud, the film *Matir Moina* won the International Critics Award at the Cannes festival. It was also the first Bangla film to compete in the Oscars and has won top awards at film festivals in Pakistan and Morocco. Over the past two-and-a-half years, *Matir Moina* has been released in many countries including France, Canada, the USA and UK to a large audience.

Nagorik Natyangan Drama Festival 2005

A festival of satirical plays

ERSHAD KAMOL

To mark its 10th anniversary, Nagorik Natyangan's weeklong drama festival began yesterday. In the run up to the festival, Lucky Inam, the chief of Nagork Natyangan, said, "There is turmoil and instability all over the world. The socio-political condition of our country is no exception. In the present situation, the cultural activists of the country should play a greater role. That is why the slogan of the festival is *Apona majhe*

shakti dharo nijere karo joy [We believe that we can overcome the crisis]. Therefore, we have included plays which are a satire on the present social turmoil. "All of our productions in the festival—*H a b u c h a n d r a Gabuchandra*, *Janotar Rangoshala*, *Golmatha Chokhamatha* and *Aami Birangana Bolchhi*—deliver strong messages against evil and injustice. We have included the Centre for Asian Theatre's (CAT) *Brand*, as young theatre activists have to

learn from this quality production, particularly directorial guidelines and histrionic skills required for a good play. Moreover, we have a very good rapport with the Indian group Abhash. They will stage four plays in the festival. Of these, *Swikarokti* deals with the recent Gujarat incidents where many innocent people died," Lucky added.

The contemporary, socially relevant themes should make for a successful theatre festival.



Lucky Inam

Janotar Rangoshala A satire on the contemporary social structure



A scene from the play

Mujibur Rahman Dilu has adapted German drama legend Bertolt Brecht's *The Threepenny Opera* to the Bangladeshi context. The play satirises the contemporary social structure of Bangladesh, where the bourgeois, criminals and policemen are in collusion and perpetrate evil.

Today, as part of the ongoing drama festival arranged by Nagorik Natyangan, the group presents *Janotar Rangoshala*, directed by Dr Inamul Haque at the National Theatre Stage.

Mahmudul Islam Selim designs the set while Tariq Mahbub Rousseau designs the light of *Janotar Rangoshala*.

Dr. Inamul Haque, Sajjad Reza, Hridi Haque and others perform in the play.

Legendary Manhattan studio closing its doors

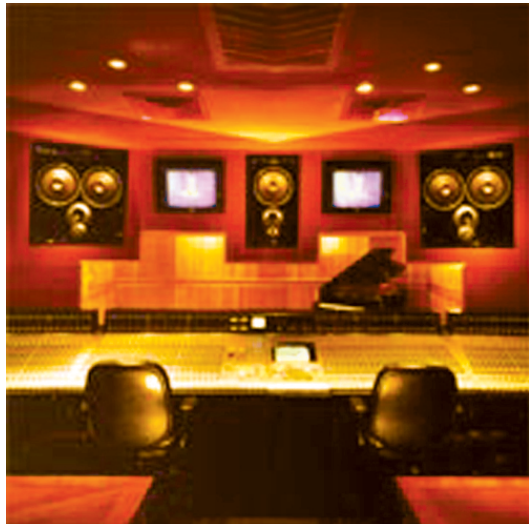
For more than 30 years, legendary New York recording studio the Hit Factory has been witness to some of rock, hip-hop and Rhythm & Blues greatest highs and lows.

Bruce Springsteen recorded parts of *Born in the U.S.A.* there. John Lennon recorded his *Double Fantasy* album there, and a little more than a month after the album's release, he would be shot to death returning home from the studio. Whitney Houston's smash *I Will Always Love You* from *The Bodyguard* was recorded at the Hit Factory. And in 2000, a young 50 Cent was stabbed outside the studio. In addition, there were Michael Jackson, Madonna, U2, Paul Simon, Run-DMC, Jay-Z and Beyoncé.

In addition to Springsteen, Lennon, Houston and 50 Cent, Michael Jackson, Madonna, U2, Paul Simon, Run-DMC, Jay-Z and Beyoncé have also laid down tracks at the studio. In 1994 the studio made history when its output collected 41 Grammy nominations, thanks in large part to the strength of *The Bodyguard* soundtrack.

Now, all those events will fade a little further into the past, as the Hit Factory is shutting its doors for good—the victim of technological advances that made home recording cheaper and easier than the big-studio experience. The other Hit Factory, in Miami, will remain open and serve as the new base of operations for Hit Factory Inc.

"The Hit Factory paved the way for how recording studios approached the artistic process of making music," studio owner Janice Germano said in a state-



ment Thursday. "In doing so, it forever changed the way artists thought about creating records and raised the art form to a new level of innovation. That approach will continue in its Miami facility."

Source: Internet

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) 11:30 pm.
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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, 6:00 pm and 8:00 pm.

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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

BTV

07:30 Shubhechha Nin
08:15 Programme From Archive
08:40 Bishwa Protidin
09:00 Satellite Programmes
12:15 Shangbadpotrer Pata Thekey
12:30 Shashthya Tatthya
01:05 Lal Golap
02:05 Computer Round
02:30 Anu Paramanu
03:05 Shur Lahori
04:05 Lekhapora
04:30 Open University
05:05 National Television School Debate Competition
05:45 Chhotoder Khorob
05:55 Shomokalin Arthonoti
06:10 Dolon Champa
06:35 Nritayer Taley Taley
07:00 News Headlines, Share Market, Weather Forecast
07:05 Hridoye Muktiuddha
07:30 Drama Serial
08:25 Protidin Bangladesh
08:30 Drama Serial: Swapnoloker Deshey
09:00 Drama Serial
10:25 Teknaf Theke Tetulia
10:30 Shindhu Hindol
12:05 Satellite Programmes

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09:45 Tritiya Matra
10:30 Uchcho Shikkhay Desh Bidesh
11:30 TVC Sky Shop
12:00 Ebong Cinemar Gaan Chhiti Pelam
12:20 Dhaka Guide
12:30 Aj Dupurey O Citycell
01:00 Bangladesh Feature Film: Shikar (Ilias Kanchan, Anju Ghosh)
01:25 Public Reaction
01:30 Shangbadpotrey Bangladesh

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02:15 Live Telecast from Ekushey Book Fair
03:45 Banglar Gaan
04:45 Sa Re Ga Ma
05:30 Alokit Bangladesh
06:00 Music Plus
06:30 Banijyo O Arthoniti
06:50 Business Show
07:50 Drama Serial: Poribar O Ekti Company
08:25 Sunskil Apshora
09:35 Drama Serial: Shompurna Rangin
10:00 Career Show
09:30 Ain O Jibon
10:05 Animal Kingdm
10:30 Dhakar Cinema
02:35 Drama Serial: Jhut Jhamela
03:15 Right Click
03:40 Drama Serial: Akashhey Anek Raat
04:25 Khabor Deshey Deshey
05:20 Aapnar Jigyasha
06:00 Desher Khabar
06:20 Shubho Shondhaya
06:50 Crime Watch
08:15 Drama Serial: Sporssher Bairey
08:50 Alochon
09:40 Drama Serial: Anyorakam
11:20 Dindarpan
03:15 Atin Bangla
10:30 Annordrishti
11:05 Drama Serial: Ek Janamey
11:35 Musical Programme
12:15 Dekhi Nayan Melia
02:30 Drama Serial: Ghunpoka
03:15 Drama Serial: O Amar Chokkhu Nai
03:50 Uro Cola Saat Rang
04:30 Children's Programme
05:10 Matir Shubash

PICK OF THE DAY

Shukhnagar Apartment
On ATN Bangla at 8:00pm
Drama Serial
Cast: Subarna Mustafa, Tazin Ahmed
Direction: Arun Chowdhury

The Wisdom of Crocodiles
On Star Movies at 10:30pm
Genre: Romance/Thriller
Cast: Jude Law, Elina Löwensohn, Timothy Spall
Direction: Po-Chih Leong

05:45 Islami Sawaal O Jawab	1:45 Two Can Play that Game	6:00 Sangeet Patang	9:50 Jaane Jigar
06:20 Shobar Jonnyo	STAR MOVIES	6:30 Adventures of Mickey and Donald	1:30 Ishq
08:00 Shukhnagar Apartment	10:00 Down With Love	7:00 Disney's The Weekenders	4:30 Gold Preview: Black Betaabi
08:30 Drama Serial: Shimahin Shimanay	11:45 Road To Perdition	7:30 Kumkum - Pyara Sa Bandhan	8:30 Auzaar
09:00 Sushtha Thakun Live	1:45 Sleeping With The Enemy	8:00 Hello Dollie	12:00 Ladaai
10:35 Katha Mala	3:30 Lost Junction	8:30 Dekho Magar Pyaar Se	STAR WORLD
12:20 Adibashi Janapad	5:15 Barbershop	9:00 Kasauti Zindagi Kay Des Mein Nikkila Hog Chand	2:30 Oprah Winfrey Show
HBO	10:00 Bringing Down The House	9:30 Kavyanjali	3:30 Bold And Beautiful
05:45 Charlotte Gray	8:45 Life	10:00 Kahaani Ghar Ghar Kii	4:30 Hollywood Squares
12:30 Two Can Paly That Game	10:30 The Wisdom Of Crocodiles	11:00 Kyunki Saas Bhi Kabhi Bhu Thi	5:00 Whose Line Is It Anyway?
1:45 Star Trek Nemesis	12:15 Barbershop	11:30 Kahiin To Hoga	6:30 The Simpsons
4:00 Evolution	STAR PLUS	12:00 K.Street Pali Hill	7:00 Home Improvement
6:00 Magnolia	4:00 Kahiin To Hoga	5:00 Maan	7:30 Friends
9:30 The Wisher	4:30 K.Street Pali Hill	5:30 Hit Filmlein Hit	8:00 Newsradio
11:15 Sabrina	5:00 Maan		8:30 That 70s Show
	5:30 Hit Filmlein Hit		9:00 Everybody Loves Raymond

9:30 Grounded For Life	3:30 Crocodile Hunter Diaries	11:30 4th ODI Highlights (S)
10:00 Becker	4:00 Ultimate Killers Man Eaters	Nba Basketball Dallas Mavericks Vs Indiana Pacers (R)
10:30 The Casino	4:30 Miami Animal Police	2:00 Nba Basketball Houston Rockets Vs Minnesota Timberwolves (R)
11:30 Newsradio	5:30 Vets In The Wild	4:30 Final Score (R)
12:00 Cover Story	6:30 Monkey Business	5:00 Winter X Games Classic (R)
NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC	6:30 The Planet's Funniest Animals	5:30 FA Classic Matches England Vs Holland World Cup Qualifier 1994 (T)
2:00 Serious: Desert	7:00 Amazing Animal Videos	7:30 English Premier League Highlights 2004/05 (T)
2:30 World's Worst Weather	7:30 The Blue Planet The Coral Seas	8:30 Sportscenter India (L)
3:30 Cheating Death	8:30 Water Cobra	9:00 English Premier Football League 2004/05 Aston Villa Vs Arsenal (R)
4:30 Backyard Science	9:30 Crocodile Hunter Diaries	11:00 Toyota Football Up Close (T)
4:45 Doc Eureka	10:00 Ultimate Killers Speed	11:30 Sportscenter India (R)
5:00 Serious: Desert	10:30 Animals of the Chinese Zodiac	12:00 Sportscenter Asia (S)
5:30 Truth Files	11:30 The Whole Story The Beetles	TEN SPORTS
6:30 Dogs With Jobs	STAR SPORTS	9:00 WWE Heat
7:00 Storm Stories	10:00 Spanish Football League 2004/05 Real Madrid Vs Espanyol	9:30 Top Ten Batsmen Cricket Classics: IND v SL 6/11/98
7:30 National Geographic Special	12:00 English Premier Football League 2004/05 Aston Villa Vs Arsenal (R)	11:30 Gamera TV
8:30 Descent Into Hell	2:00 Tour of Langkawi Telekom Malaysia Stage #10 (S)	12:00 ATP Tennis
9:30 National Geographic Special	3:30 International Motorsports News 2005 (T)	1:30 Speed: Racing (5th Round)
10:30 Riddles of the Dead	4:00 Football Asia (R)	1:30 Gillette World Sport Legends: Australias Greatest Games
11:30 National Geographic's Taboo	5:30 Six Nations Championships 2005	4:30 German League Bayern Munich v Bayer Leverkusen
DISCOVERY	6:00 Italy Vs Ireland (S)	5:30 History of Football
2:30 Mystery of the Tibetan Mummy	7:00 Spanish Football League 2004/05 Barcelona Vs Atletico Madrid (S)	7:30 WWE Raw
3:30 Night Safari With Nigel Marven	8:00 Sportsline (L)	8:00 Top Ten Batsmen
4:30 Alcohol on the Tiles	8:30 Indian Premier Hockey League Tier II(T)	8:30 Indian Golf Show
5:30 Ghosthunters	9:30 Sportsline (R)	9:00 Gillette World Sport Speed: Racing (5th Round)
6:00 Baby It's you In The Beginning	11:00 Hitz (R)	
6:30 Sand-River Of Riches	11:30 English Premier League Highlights 2004/05 (T)	
7:00 Amazing Baby Videos	ESPN	
7:30 Night Underwater	2:00 England Tour Of South Africa Standard Bank One Day International Series	
8:30 Understanding Future Wars		
9:30 Junkyard Wars Fire Trucks		
10:30 Real King and Queen of England		
11:30 FBI Files		
ANIMAL PLANET		
2:00 Holly's Triple Bypass		
2:30 Spitting Cobra		