

CULTURAL FEAS



**Art Exhibition**  
*Title:* Cosmic Journey  
*Artist:* Ali Imam  
*Venue:* Bengal Gallery of Fine Arts  
*Time:* February 09-22, from 12pm to 8pm

**Ceramics Exhibition**  
*Title:* Twelve Hundred Degree Celsius Plus  
*Organiser:* Clay Image  
*Venue:* Gallery Kaya  
*Time:* February 11-24, from 11am to 8pm

**Musical Soiree**  
*Artistes:* 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, at 5:30pm

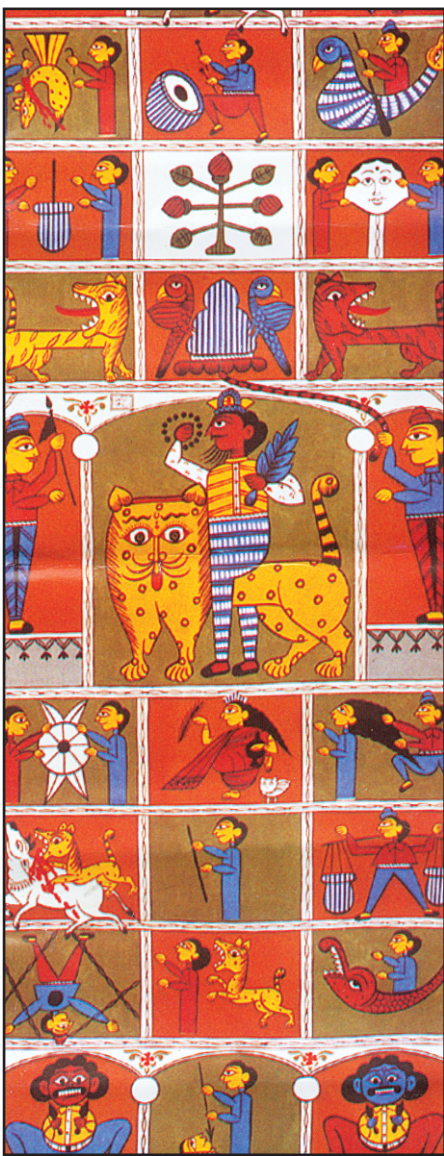
*Artistes:* Meeta Pandit and Allie Delfau  
*Organiser:* Alliance Francaise  
*Venue:* Goethe-Institut, House 10, Road 9, Dhanmondi  
*Time:* February 19, at 7pm

**Drama Festival**  
**Nagarik Natyangan Natya Utshab 2005**  
*Organiser:* Nagarik Natyangan  
*Venue:* National Theatre Stage, Bangladesh Shilpakal Academy  
*Date:* February 6-12, at 6:30pm  
**Schedule**  
**Feb 10** *Ami Birongana Bolchhi* (Nagarik Natyangan)  
**Feb 10** *Shikarokti* (Abhash, India)  
**Feb 11** *Char Adhyay* (Do)  
**Feb 12** *Apurba Golap* (Do)

**Drama Festival**  
*Title:* Udichi Natyatshab 2005  
*Organiser:* Udichi  
*Venue:* Mahila Shamiti Auditorium  
*Date:* February 11-16, at 6:30pm  
**Schedule**  
**Feb 11** Bou Bashanti (Udichi)  
**Feb 12** Shangkraniti (Aranyak)  
**Feb 13** The Freedom of the City (Udichi)  
**Feb 14** Circus Circus (Prachyanaut)  
**Feb 15** Jalbalika (Padatik Natya Shangsbad)  
**Feb 16** Chilekothar Sepai (Udichi)

# The call of Gazir Pot

## Folk art in progress



Colourful cloth and paper scroll paintings illustrate tales from local folk legends

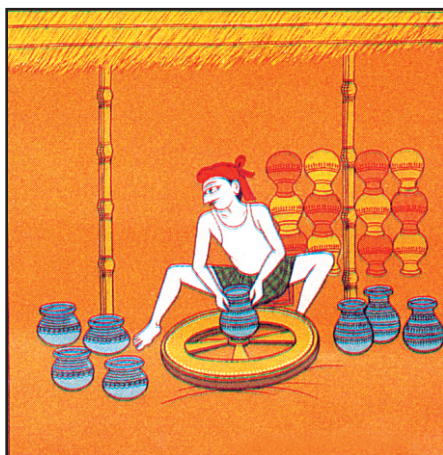
**FAYZA HAQ**

**S**HAMBHU Acharya can trace his interest in arts and crafts back to nine generations (450 years). His family did paintings of not only *Gazir Pot* (scrolls illustrating the myth of the Muslim saint Gazi) but *Mahabharata*, *Ramayana*, *Behula*- Lohindor Kahini, Sri Krishna and *Muharram Pot* (based on the life of Hussain and Hassan). A *pat*, Shongho explains, is a story, and a *potobhumi* is a series of stories that revolve around a hero.

Shambhu does stories of both Hindus and Muslims. Gazi, he says, the subject of many of his paintings was a powerful Muslim general with a metaphysical force, who tamed wild animals, and has a following among the gypsies. He is specially associated with the tiger and is often presented as riding a tiger. He was revered by both Hindus and Muslims and had an assistant called Kalu. Shongho has done 27 panel paintings with Gazi as his subject. He makes his canvases by layering *markin* cloth with brick powder, tamarind juice and egg yolk. He has also used various oxides and black soot.

Shambhu had been a drop out at school, studying upto class VIII. Even at school, he did two hours of regular studies a day and the rest of the time was spent on his paintings. He went to a festival in London in 1999 with his *Gazir pot* paintings and found himself a success. There Mahjabeen Khan had helped him. This was through the National Craft Council, whose chairman was Tofail Ahmed, who encouraged Shambhu a lot. Tofail Ahmed had found the *Gazir pot* in Kolkata, and with the help of Hamida Hussain of the National Craft Council, found another such specimen of the *Gazir pot* at the home of a gypsy, Durjon Ali. They persuaded Shambhu, to whose house they had finally traced the *Gazir pot*, to be a member of the council, and undertake *Gazi* pot paintings for Shilu Abed of Aarong and Joyapati of Kumudini, and so promote the paintings.

Today he has 24 panels on the subject of the freedom struggle and hopes to exhibit these in Dhaka. He has brought in the freedom effort of the Bangalis during the British rule and later during the time of the Pakistani supremacy. He has brought in Titumir, Pritilata, Surjo Sen and Dudu Mia. He has depicted Mahatma Gandhi, Mohammad Ali Jinnah and Bongobondur Sheikh Mujibur Rahman. The Language Movement of



**Potter**

1952 has not been left out. Each panel, 5ft by 2 ft, has taken him 12 days. The delineation has followed the folk style that one found in the *Gazir pot* collection, that had been exhibited in 2003 at Chittrak.

Some of the work has been done outdoors and some inside the house. He did the base with a piece of tied up cloth dipped in colours. Next with brushes he added the fine lines in black, red and other colours. Apart from ambitious subjects, he has also dealt with the conventional topics of fishermen, farmers and women dressing and doing their hair. The conventional folk forms have been incorporated and these have his distinctive style. He did try oil colours but he did not feel comfortable with this medium.

He had no problems in selling his paintings as he had the support of Ramendu Majumdar of ad firm Expressions and he had access to Chittrak gallery. This presentation of folk stories with paint on cloth is unique. Shambhu's parents used to make traditional statues out of clay and Shambhu had studied them. "However, the work of my parents followed the Hindu custom while I wanted to bring in subjects that would interest the Muslims as well," Shambhu says.

With the presentation of the subject of the freedom fighters, Shambu hopes to continue with the preservation of traditional art in Bangladesh.

# Nagorik Natyangan Drama Festival 2005

## Preview

### Aami Birangana Bolchhi

**ERSHAD KAMOL**

*Aami Birangana Bolchhi*, written by Dr Neelima Ibrahim, is an autobiography of a *Birangana* (woman war victim). After many years of our Liberation War, many people have manipulated our freedom movement for their personal interest. As a result, the history of Liberation has become a kind of enigma to the new generation. Through the autobiography, Neelima Ibrahim has tried to present some facts of the dark days of 1971.

Lucky Inam presents the autobiography through script reading on stage, an experimental theatrical presentation to introduce a new play, which Nagorik Natyangan stages today at the National Theatre Stage at Shilpakala Academy.

Mahmudul Islam Selim designs the set and light of the play.

## Swikarokti



**A scene from the play Swikarokti**

Abhash, a theatre troupe from India, stages *Swikarokti* today at the National Theatre Stage as part of the week-long drama festival arranged by Nagorik Natyangan.

Shekhor Samaddar has adapted Ariel Dorfman's play which is set against the backdrop of the communal conflict which took place in Gujarat on February 28, 2002. Through the confession of the criminals of the Hindu-Muslim riot, the playwright has shown how the innocents suffered during the communal conflict. Shekhor directs *Swikarokti*. Ajit Roy designs the set while Badal Das designs light in the play.

Malay Chattopadhyay, Mili Samaddar, Shekhor Samaddar and others perform in *Swikarokti*.

# Panchashwar's tribute to Pratima and Geeta



Nasima Shaheen performing at the programme

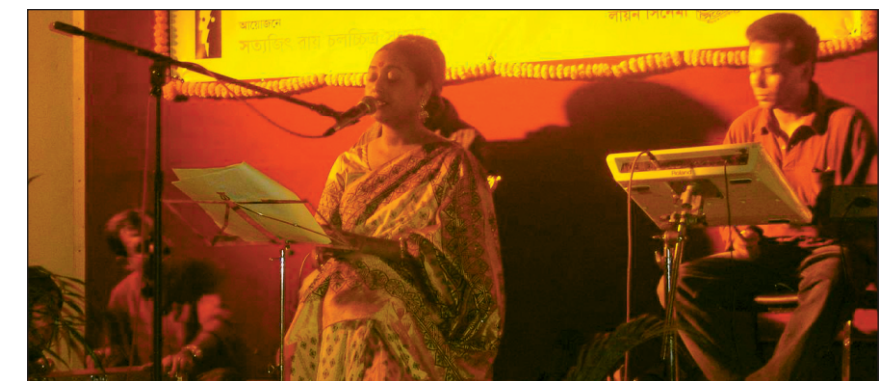
**CULTURAL CORRESPONDENT**

In the busy, mechanised city life of today, there is little time for traditional Bangla cultural pursuits. Among them is *Jalsa* (musical soiree), which is fast losing its popularity. However, there are a few organisations which strive to promote our age old traditions by arranging appealing musical programmes. Panchashwar, is one such organisation. The *Jalsa* organised by Panchashwar, recently, was a delightful treat for the audience. Among the high points of the programme was the rendition of the songs of the legendary Pratima Bandyopadhyay and Geeta Dutta.

The programme was an appropriate tribute to the two great singers. Artistes Nasima Shaheen, Farhana Akhter and Jannat-e-Ferdousi took the audience on a nostalgic sojourn through 20 timeless songs of the two singers. *Aamar haat dhorey tumi, Ekta gaan likho aamar jonno, Tomay keno lagche ete chena, Bash baganer mathar upor, Boro shadh jagey, Tomar duchokhey amar swapno*, among the 11 songs by Pratima, were rendered in a distinctive style on the occasion.

The audience went down memory lane with Geeta's popular nine songs *Nishi rat baka chad, Ei shundar sharnali shondhai, Tumi je amar, Tumi bina e phagun, Jak na muchhey jak* and others as the three promising singers enthralled the audience with their renditions.

# Musical evening at Biswa Sahitya Kendra



**A view of the programme**

**CULTURAL CORRESPONDENT**

Satyajit Ray Film Society organised a solo music recital *Eki Shonar Aloy Jibon Bhoriey Diley* by an upcoming artiste Sayma Rahman Labonya at the Biswa Sahitya Kendra auditorium recently. The programme was dedicated to the celebrated music composer and actor Khan Ataur Rahman who contributed immensely to the golden era of cinema in our country. This is the second such programme organised by the society.

Sayma rendered some of the beautiful movie songs of the golden era of Bangla cinema such as *Gaan hoyey eley, Jar chhaya porechhey moner aynatey, Akasher hatey achhey* and *Eki shonar aloy*. The first song of the programme *Gaan hoyey eley*, originally rendered by Ferdousi Rahman, was performed well by Sayma. The selection of her songs was appropriate. The auditorium was filled to its capacity as people have scant opportunity to listen to these melodious songs live. And these all-time hit songs have never lost their appeal.

However, the programme lacked professionalism. The accompanists and the acoustic system failed to do justice to the songs of yesteryears. A continual effort is needed to revive the music of the golden era.

# Five nominated acts will open Grammys

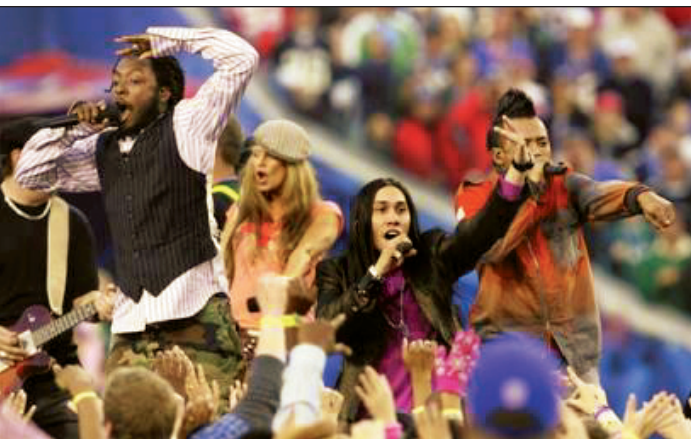
**AP, New York**

The 47th Annual Grammy Awards show will open with music acts that could give Live Aid a run for its money.

The show, taking place on February 13 from the Staples Centre in Los Angeles, will begin with performances by five nominated artists: the Black Eyed Peas, Gwen Stefani (performing with Eve), Los Lonely Boys, Maroon5 and Franz Ferdinand. They will perform separately across three stages at the start of the broadcast, the Recording Academy announced Tuesday.

Usher, who is nominated for eight Grammys, joins previously announced performers Jennifer Lopez and Marc Anthony, Green Day, Alicia Keys, U2 and Tim McGraw, the Recording Academy also announced. Also planned is a tribute to Ray Charles featuring Bonnie Raitt and Billy Preston, and a salute to Southern Rock with Gretchen Wilson, and others.

Queen Latifah will host the show.



TV GUIDE

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

**\* News Bulletin**

**BTB**  
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.

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

**ntv**  
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.  
Teletext of BTB 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

**BTB**  
07:30 Shubhechha Nin  
09:00 Satellite Programme  
12:15 Shongbad Potrer Pata Thekey  
12:30 Health Programme  
01:05 Loukik Bangla  
02:05 Computer Time  
02:30 Bangla Feature Film  
05:30 Protichitra  
06:00 Khabor: Desh Janapad  
06:10 Development Issue Based Programme  
07:00 News Headlines, Share Market, Weather Forecast  
08:25 Protidin Bangladesh  
08:30 Drama of the Week  
10:25 Teknaf Tetulia Amader Ain  
12:05 Satellite Programme  
09:30 Shongbad Potrey Bangladesh and Public Reaction  
09:45 Trityo Matra  
11:00 Agora Shopping Guide  
11:30 TVC Sky Shop  
12:00 Ebong Cinemar Gaan  
12:30 Aaj Dupurey  
01:00 Special Programme  
02:15 Trityo Matrai Apni  
02:40 Rutiner Bairey  
03:10 Hridoye Mati O Manusher Daak  
03:45 Banglar Gaan  
04:20 Live from Ekushey Book Fair  
04:45 Musical Programme  
05:30 RC Tunes and Tunes  
06:00 Music Plus  
06:30 Amar Chhobi  
07:50 Drama: Keboli Raat Hoye Jai  
08:25 Beast Master  
09:35 Drama: Shompurno

**ATN BANGLA**  
10:00 Rongin Drama: Aarai Tola Bari  
10:30 Annondrishti  
11:05 Ek Dui Tin  
11:45 Mile Phalak Ray  
12:15 Television's Audience Forum Programme  
03:50 ATN Rannaghar  
04:25 Shundar Jiboner Jonno  
05:10 Bangla Namer Desh  
05:45 Islami Sawal O Jawab  
06:20 Moharajar One Day  
08:00 Drama Serial: Tana Poren  
08:30 Drama Serial: Mati  
09:00 Drama Serial: Rater Kanna Bhorer Shishir  
09:30 Drama Serial: Mohona  
10:30 Musical Programme  
12:20 Cinema cinema  
08:30 Aajker Shakal  
09:00 Siddiqi Kabir's Recipe  
09:30 Nari Gharey Bairey Priyomukh  
11:30 Bangla Feature Film: Doshi  
02:35 Sporsher Bairey  
03:15 Kichhu Katha Kichhu Gaan  
03:50 Drama Serial: Sheola  
04:25 Gombhira  
05:20 Mahilangan  
05:30 Shubho Shondhya  
06:20 Special Programme on AIDS  
08:20 Drama Serial: Urey Jay Bak Pakkhi  
09:00 Gontobayasthal Dindarpan  
11:25  
07:00 Tales from the Crypt 27: People who Live

**STAR GOLD**  
09:55 Mahaveera  
1:30 Hero Hindustani  
4:45 Police Officer  
8:30 Shirdi Sai Baba  
12:00 Dadagiri  
06:00 Rocky li  
8:00 Tooth  
9:30 Die Another Day  
11:45 Abandon  
1:30 Conan The Barbarian  
3:30 My Big Fat Greek Wedding  
5:10 Sweet Home Alabama

**STAR PLUS**  
3:30 Kyunki Saas Bhi Kabhi Bhu Thi  
4:00 Kahiin To Hoga  
4:30 K.Street Pali Hill  
5:00 Maan  
6:00 Patang  
6:30 Adventures Of Mickey Anddonald  
7:00 Johnny English  
8:30 Joe Dirt  
10:05 Insomnia  
12:00 Sweet Home Alabama  
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**STAR WORLD**  
12:30 Third Watch Iii  
1:30 Magnum P.I.  
2:28 Star Asia Travel  
4:30 Hollywood Squares  
5:00 Whose Line Is It Anyway?  
5:30 Ally Mcbeal  
6:30 The Simpsons  
7:00 Home Improvement

**NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC**  
2:30 Cheating Death  
4:30 Backyard Science  
4:45 Doc Eureka  
5:00 Serious: Desert  
5:30 Flying Devils  
6:30 Dogs With Jobs  
7:00 Storm Stories  
8:30 Hot Science

**DISCOVERY CHANNEL**  
12:30 Orphans Of Chimfunshi,  
1:30 Ultimate cars Road Rally  
2:00 Building the Ultimate I & II Skyscrapers  
2:30 Supervweapons of the Ancient World Claw  
3:30 Franklin & Eleanor Roosevelt  
4:00 Legends of the Isles  
4:30 Loch Ness Monster  
4:30 The Case Studies in Forensic Scie At Close Range  
5:30 I Love My Music, My Animal And My House

**ESPN**  
08:30 England Tour Of South Africa 5th Odi  
12:00 Super Centuries (R)

**TEN SPORTS**  
11:00 Dubai Racing Preview  
11:30 Portugese League H/Ls: Ep 20  
12:30 Transworld Sports  
1:30 India-Pakistan Unforgettables  
2:30 Brazil v Hong Kong  
3:30 Transworld Sports  
5:30 WWE: The Bottom Line  
6:30 Top Ten Batsmen  
7:00 Bajaj Cricket Ratings  
8:00 Brazil v Hong Kong  
10:00 French League Highlights  
11:00 WWE: The Bottom Line  
12:00 Dubai Racing Preview

**STAR SPORTS**  
08:00 Indian Premier Hockey League (R)  
08:30 FIFA World Cup : Asian qualifiers South Korea  
10:30 Five / Six Nations Championships Royal Bank Of Scotland Six Nations 2005 Italy Vs Ireland (R)  
12:30 English Premier Football League 2004/05 Aston Villa Vs Arsenal (T)  
2:30 FIFA World Cup : Asian Qualifiers Bahrain Bahrain Vs Ir Ir  
4:30 Extreme Programming Sports Mania (T)  
5:30 England Senior International England Vs Holland Int Ernational Friendly(R)  
7:30 Sportsline (L)  
8:00 Premier Hockey League Hyderabad Sultans Vs Sher- E- Jalandhar Tier (L)  
10:30 Sportsline (R)  
11:00 Football Crazy (S)  
12:00 Super Centuries (R)

**CLASSIC**  
10:00 Classix Winter X Games English Premier Football League 2004/05 Tottenham Hotspur Vs Portsmouth (T)  
12:30 Champions Tour Golf Turtle Bay Championship Kahuku Hi Hawaii Second Round(R)  
2:30 Int'l Friendlies (England) England Senior International England Vs Holland Int Ernational Friendly(S)  
4:30 Icc Cricket World (R)  
5:00 Football Crazy (L)  
6:00 Goals! (R)  
6:30 English Premier Football League 2004/05 Crystal Pa Lace Vs Bolton Wanderers (R)  
8:30 Sportscenter India (L)  
9:00 Harsha Ki Khoj Studio Round #6(T)  
10:00 Goals! (R)  
10:30 Pool/ Snooker World Pool League 2004 Poland Rodney Morris Vs Francisco Bustamante (T)  
11:30 Sportscenter India (R)