

CULTURAL FEAST

Exhibitions

**Title:** Traditional Boats of Bangladesh  
**Venue:** Bangladesh National Museum  
**Date:** March 19-April 06, 10am to 5pm and 39m to 7pm on Fridays

**Title:** Colour of SHAKO  
**Artists:** 13 artists of the women artists association SHAKO  
**Venue:** Bengal Gallery of Fine Arts, House 275/F, Road 27, Dhannomdi  
**Date:** March 23-April 06, 12pm to 8pm

**Title:** Opening Exhibit  
**Artist:** Md. Tanvir Islam  
**Venue:** Art & Soul Gallery, Road 36 House 16, Gulshan  
**Time:** March 25-April 4, from 12pm to 8pm.

**Artist:** Aminul Islam  
**Venue:** Shipkalan Gallery, House 25, Road 5, Dhannomdi  
**Date:** March 18-April 10, from 10am to 1pm and 5pm to 8pm

**16th National Art Exhibition**  
**Artists:** Eminent and promising artists of the country  
**Venue:** National Art Gallery, Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy  
**Date:** March 12-April 11, 1am to 7pm and 3pm to 8pm on weekends

**Bangladesh Denmark Cultural Exchange**  
**Organiser:** Royal Danish Embassy, Bangladesh and Mass Line Media Centre  
**Occasion:** Birth Bicentennial of Hans Christian Andersen  
**Date:** March 17-April 12  
**Schedule**  
April 02  
**Programme:** Launching of book: Fairytale  
**Venue:** Bookshop ETC  
April 04  
**Programme:** Staging of the play *Prohibition* by Protigya Parishad  
**Venue:** Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy, National Theatre  
April 07-08  
**Programme:** Staging of the play *The Emperor's New Clothes* by Theatre  
**Venue:** Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy, National Theatre  
April 09-10  
**Programme:** Staging of the play *Nightingale and Ugly Duckling* by Puppet Theatre  
**Venue:** Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy, Experimental Theatre  
April 12  
**Programme:** screening of the movie *Move Me*  
**Venue:** The British Council

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**Organiser:** Shilpakala Academy  
**Venue:** Shilpakala Academy, Plaza  
**Date:** March 30-April 05, at 6:30pm

**Schedule**  
April 02  
**Rajshahi Zila Upajatiyo Cultural Evening**  
April 03  
**Maulvibazar Zila Upajatiyo Cultural Evening**

Debate Festival

**Title:** Prothom Jatyo Paribotya Bitanko Ushab 2005  
**Organisation:** National Debate Federation, Global Village Rangamali  
**Venue:** Upajatiyo shangshnik Institute, Rangamali  
**Time:** April 02-03

Musical Soiree

**Programme:** Jatyo Rabindra Sangeet Shammelon  
**Organisation:** Jatyo Rabindra Sangeet Shammelon Parishad  
**Venue:** Central Public Library Auditorium, Shahbag  
**Time:** April 02-04

Kabori's screen heroes

AFSAR AHMED

ALTHOUGH four decades have gone by, Kabori's memories of her co-stars remain firmly etched in her mind. "Subhash Dutta was my first onscreen hero and, more than that, he is my mentor. He gave me the first break in film and my entire fame owes to him. From the very first day of my film career I've learnt the ropes of acting from Subhash Da. It was back in 1964 that I acted in my first film, *Shutorang*, under Subhash Da's direction. And coincidentally just after 40 years, in 2004, Subhash Da acted in the movie *Aaina* under my direction. Isn't that interesting?" laughs Kabori.

Kabori along with Razzaque formed one of the most enduring romantic pair in the history of Bangladeshi cinema. Together the Kabori-Razzaque pair heralded the golden age of Bangladeshi cinema. *Rongbaaj*, *Abirbab*, *MoynaMoti*, *Agonituk*, *Anirban*, *Chokher Joley*, *Upohar* and several others enthralled film buffs during the 1970s and mid-'80s. "Rongbaaj was a revolutionary action film in the post-independence Bangladesh. In fact, it was a turning point in our film industry as film goes started to accept the genre of action film in addition to the family oriented social movies," says Kabori. "Razzaque was the hero of most of my films. From the beginning, we built a good understanding. He was very cooperative; in fact, when the camera and lights were on, we knew



Kabori with Razzaque (above) in *Rongbaaj* and with Farook (left) in *Shareng Bou*

very well which expressions we should give. "We had such interaction that we could suggest each other about signing new films together. And our pair was so popular that most of the producers and directors chose us for their films and, as a result, most films of a year were often done by us. For such repetitive appearance, some people and magazines even criticised us as 'the boring pair of the year'," she laughs.

Kabori harks back to the shooting of *MoynaMoti*. Apparently Razzaque and she gave such a moving portrayal of the characters that the unit crewmembers could not hold back their tears. "It was a saddening sequence when Moyna (myself) was going to marry a landlord and her heartbroken lover Moti (Razzaque) was singing the song *Anek shadher moyna amar badhon kete jay*. All present at the location were completely spellbound," Kabori says.

Kabori has also had remarkable on-screen chemistry with Farooq in the 1970s. This was evident in two blockbusters *Shujon Shokhi* and *Shareng Bou*. "It was in 1974. When Farooq and I did the film *Shujon Shokhi*, it was a massive hit and the song *Shob shokhirey paar korite* became very popular. Many re-mixes of the film have been made afterwards."

Drawing a comparison between the two heroes, Kabori asserts, "Razzaque was quite

calculating. He always used to maintain a certain distance from his co-artists. On the contrary, Farooq is a very outspoken yet emotional actor. He is very intelligent and can devote in a better cause selflessly," says Kabori.

Kabori made pair with Bulbul Ahmed in most talked about film *Devdas*, made on Sarat Chandra Chatterjee's timeless classic. And she still misses the great sense of humour of his co-actor Bulbul. "Apparently Bulbul looks very calm and quiet, but he has the greatest sense of humour among the industry people."

On another legendary actor Rahman, she reminisces the shooting of their only film *Bahana*, which was made in Urdu by Zahir Raihan. Kabori says, "Rahman was a perfect gentleman in the industry and I wish I could do more films with him!"

With Sohel Rana, Ujjal and Wasim, her onscreen presence was also appreciated and regaled by the audience.

Besides the heroes, Kabori also recalls the character role players. "In fact, their acting was more powerful than ours. They did the real performance in films while we took care of the glamorous elements," she asserts. Among these actors, Khan Ataur Rahman, Golam Mustafa, Anwar Hossain and ATM Shamsuzzaman are most noteworthy to Kabori.

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Khanda Chitra

Framing the details of everyday life

CULTURAL CORRESPONDENT

The pessimists may say that life is not a bed of roses, but there are many who believe it is an exciting adventure. The melange of happiness and sorrow, says this school of thought, enriches life. But do we really observe every minute detail of our daily life?

Apparently it is now widely believed that these diminutive incidents of our lives that we often look down have a great impact on us. With this philosophy as a cornerstone, Monir Hossain Jibon will launch his new 13-episode drama serial *Khanda Chitra*.

The shooting began on March 5 at Gazipur. "First day first take" of the shooting depicts three girls going to school after receiving blessings from an elderly person. This is the trademark of Monir's work, which attempts to delineate different educational and social issues. In his words, "I feel comfortable working on the lifestyle of the masses. Many small incidents occur everyday in



A scene from the drama serial *Khanda Chitra*

our society that have their own distinctive value. I have just tried to portray these elements in my new venture."

So what's new about the story? Monir, the director as well as the playwright of the serial, replies, "It's not a typical play. Rather it will be a minuscule analysis of events occur-

ring in society." The story revolves around an educated innocent villager and a singer, Ratul, who inspires his fellow people with the spirit of class revolution. As a result, he is targeted by the evil sections of society. But as the truth will eventually emerge, the innocent villagers realise the identity of their enemies and stand united in their opposition to the evil elements.

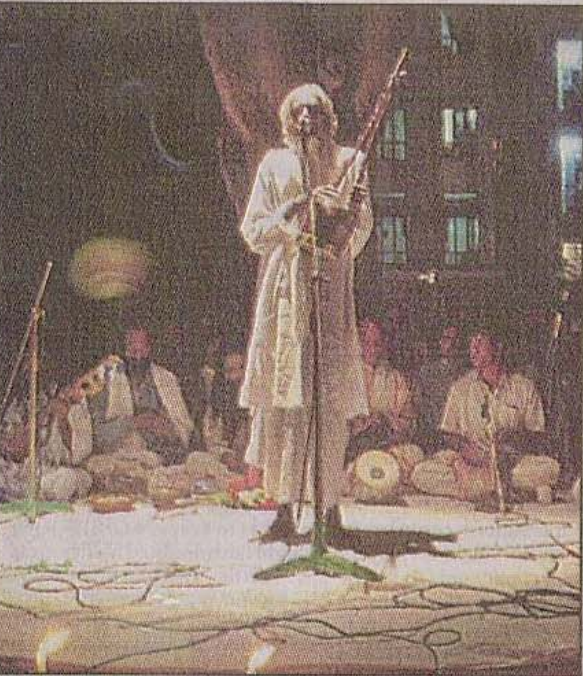
There are other facets of the serial: Ratul's rendition of songs grips a famous music director. With the director's help, Ratul's call for unity reaches every corner of the country.

"Almost 10 episodes of the serial have been shot so far. Hopefully, the shooting will be completed by end of March," asserts Monir. The actors in this serial are Mir Sabbir, Dipa Khandokar, Pallab, Nisha, Saleh Ahmed, Sirajul Islam and others. Khorshed Alam Chowdhury does the camera work while Maksud Jamil Minu is the music director of the serial. Made under the banner of Swadhin Chalachchitra and CD Plus, the serial will hit the national TV channel, BTV, soon.



Sirajul Islam plays an important character of the serial

A mystic treat

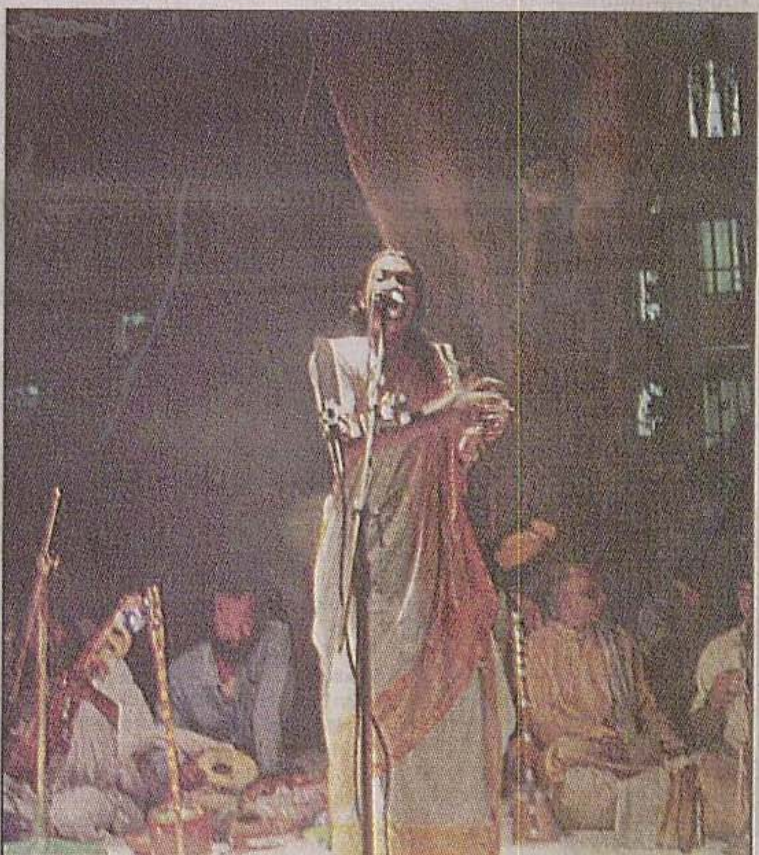


BAULS, the mystic singers of the rural Bangladesh, have their own rituals and traditions. One of the most significant features of this folk community is their occasional congregation at the *akhra* (dens) of their Gurus or at the house-yards of their disciples. Even, Lalon Fakir, the most revered among the Bauls, himself introduced the yearly Dol Festival at his *akhra*.

And the tradition still goes on. These mystical artists from Kushtia, Chuadanga, Meherpur, Magura and Narshingdi gathered on the night of March 31 at the Institute of Fine Arts of Dhaka University. Organised by Baul aficionados Jalchhabai and some students of the institute, the programme was a presentation of authentic mystic rituals.

Under a Krishnachura tree, the pungent smell of the *dhoop* (traditional incense) and the luminosity of the candles created an illusory ambience for the audience. The moving performances of Lalon songs accompanied with rural musical instruments such as ektara, dotara, mandira, khajanchi, dhol, shinga and flute added to the intensity of the environment.

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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, 3:30 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 3:30 pm, 10:30 pm.  
Late Night News (Bangla and English) at 11:30 pm.

**CHANNEL-i**  
News (Bangla) at 7:15 am, 9:00am, 2:00pm, 7:00 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, 11pm.  
News (English) 8:20am, 7:00pm.  
Telecast of BTV news (Bangla and English) at 11:30 pm.

**TARA BANGLA**  
News Headlines (Bangla) at 5:30pm, 7:30pm.  
Tara News (Bangla) at 8:30pm, 11:30pm.  
Tara News Bangladesh (Bangla) at 9:30 pm.

**BBC WORLD**  
Every hour on the hour

**BTV**  
08:15 Quiz Quiz  
09:00 Satellite Programme  
10:30 The ODI match between India and Pakistan  
06:00 Desh Janapad  
06:10 Wrestling  
07:00 News Headlines, Share Market, Weather Forecast  
07:05 Lokik Bangla  
07:30 Shurey Shurey  
08:25 Prothom Bangladesh  
08:30 Swadhinota Mohan Swadhinota  
08:35 Drama Serial: Ashapoterer Tumil  
09:05 Drama: Gayer Pakhi  
10:25 Teknat Thekey Tetulia  
10:35 Anandjherma  
11:00 Rangdhanu  
12:05 Satellite programmes

**CHANNEL-i**  
10:45 Nao Bole Koitha Chithi Pelani  
12:00 Dhaka Guide  
12:30 Aaj Dupure O Citycell Tarokathon  
01:00 Ebong Cinemar Gaan  
01:25 Public Reaction  
01:30 Shapbadastrey Bangladesh  
01:35 Bangla Film  
03:50 Bangla Gaan  
04:20 Special Programme  
04:45 Sa Re Ga Me  
05:15 Janapader Khabar  
05:30 Cine Music  
06:00 Music Plus  
06:30 Drama Serial: Dalchhut  
07:50 Anubhabey Tumil  
08:25 Drama Serial: Nona  
09:35 Hridoye Mati O Manush  
10:00 Drama Serial: Megabond

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08:30 Aajker Shikol  
09:05 Drama Serial: Kachher Manush  
09:30 Anra Ekhon Unish Kuri  
10:30 Bangla Feature Film  
10:30 Drama Serial: Kachher Manush  
03:15 Pepsi Music Express  
03:50 Drama: Anyanayak  
04:25 Gallery  
05:15 Ithashere Ei Diney  
05:20 Alokal  
06:20 Shubho Shandhya  
06:50 Shonkskity Ei Shoptaho  
08:15 Drama Serial: Jhut Jhamela  
09:00 Telefilm: Uttap  
11:25 Dindarpan

**ATN BANGLA**  
11:35 Char Deyaler Kabaya  
12:15 Bangla Film: Sri Hoyta  
03:45 Musical Programme: Shurer Madhuri  
04:20 Chalo Gaan Gal  
05:10 Amader Jato Katha  
05:45 Jibon Jigyasha  
06:20 Auto Man  
08:00 Drama Serial: Lodiya  
08:30 Drama Serial: The New Shabuj Opera  
09:00 Drama Serial: Lal Neel Beguni  
09:30 Drama Serial: Ek Janoney  
10:35 Musical Programme: Mon Chhoye Jay  
12:10 Bangla Feature Film: Bhalobasha Karey Koy

**HBO**  
7:00 Held up  
8:45 Delta Force 2: The

PICK OF THE DAY

**The New Shobuj Opera**  
On ATN Bangla at 8:30 p.m.  
Genre: Drama Serial  
Cast: Fazlur Rahman Babu, Tamalika, Sweetie  
Writer: Brindaban Das, Director: Mamunur Rashid

**India Vs Pakistan**  
On BTV and Ten Sports at 10:30am  
First ODI match  
Live From India  
TVS Cup

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