

CULTURAL FEAST

Painting Exhibition

Babul's buoyant world of whirling images

Cultural Programme
Organisation: Autism Welfare Foundation
Venue: National Theatre Stage, Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy
Time: April 28, at 3:55pm

Film Screening
Title: Russian War Films
Organiser: Jahangirnagar University and the Russian Centre of Science and Culture
Venue: TSC auditorium, Jahangirnagar University
Time: April 27-28

Exhibition
Title: Boichiri
Artist: Fardousy Priyobhshini, Ra Kajol, Tayabuzzaman Topu
Venue: British Council, 5, Fuller Road
Time: April 13-30, 10am to 7pm

Artist: Babul Mahmood
Venue: Russian Centre of Science and Culture, House 510, Road 7, Dhanmondi
Time: April 24-30

Title: Rejection
Artist: Abdus Salam
Venue: Alliance Francaise, 26, Mirpur Road, Dhanmondi
Time: April 22-30, from 9am to 12pm, 5pm to 9pm

Artist: Biren Shome
Venue: Shilpangan Gallery, House 25, Road 5, Dhanmondi
Time: April 28-May 12, from 10am to 1pm and 5pm to 8pm

Title: Eiffel Tower
Photographer: Proshanto Kamakar Buddha
Venue: Alliance Francaise, 26, Mirpur Road, Dhanmondi
Time: April 15-30, from 9am to 12pm and 5pm to 8pm

Artists: Mazarul Islam Khan, Sudipta Mallick and Subir Obayed of Charon
Venue: Dnk Gallery, House 58, Road 15/A, Dhanmondi
Time: April 26- May 05, from 10am to 8pm

Monthly programme of Nazrul Parishad
Organiser: Nazrul Sangeet Shilpi Parishad
Date: April 27 at 6:00 p.m.
Venue: Nazrul Institute

Play
Title: Kamola Shundari
Group: Nalya Tirha
Venue: Nilima Ibrahim Auditorium, Bangladesh Mahila Shamiti, Baily Road
Time: April 29, at 7pm

Title: Metamorphosis
Group: Centre for Asian Theatre (CAT)
Venue: Goethe-Institut, House 10, Road 9, Dhanmondi
Time: April 21, 28, June 9, 16, 23, 30, at 7pm

Handicrafts Fair
Organiser: Autism Welfare Foundation
Venue: House 428, Road 02, Baytal Amin Housing Society, Shyamoly
Time: April 29, from 10am onwards

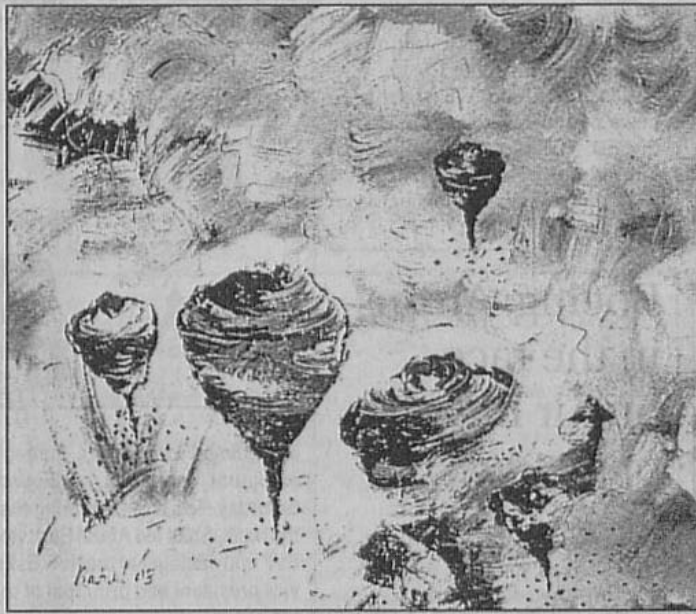
FAYZA HAQ

BABUL Mahmood's buoyant acrylic, watercolour and mixed media works are on display at an exhibition at the Russian Science and Culture Centre. He has continued with his acrylic work, and gone on to do watercolour, and more mixed media to express his unique emotions and experiences.

In his mixed media work on Iraq and the Language Movement, Babul says, "An artist in Bangladesh, like myself, cannot take up arms against any powerful country waging a war. I can, however, show my protest. Similarly, I've idealised the martyred

hundreds in 1952. In the watercolours, I've delineated my recent adventures and experiences at St Martin's Island, in the south of Bangladesh. This includes underwater diving during the full moon."

Babul has continued with his theme of nostalgia for his childhood days in his acrylics as he feels that childhood in his time, 30 years ago, was quite different from that of the present day Dhaka child - cooped up in the urban existence of claustrophobic flats. "Even the parks and playgrounds of the schools, where children play, are limited in number and space or are non-existent. We've enjoyed large expanses of the countryside during my holidays. Today children do have vacations, but often that time off



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from school is crammed into TV viewing or book reading," he says. That is why he has repeated the images of the whirling tops and the flying, gliding kites, and the spools of threads. In search of a dramatic impact, he has gone in for contrast-tingled colours.

Babul makes sketches of his works, and plans them out as he goes about his routine daytime profession. As the sun sets he begins painting. This is not just for the extra buck. He invests the earning from his exhibitions to buy more art equipment. "Urban existence in Dhaka is such that it is difficult to survive without an added income," Babul comments.

In the mixed media work are metal nails, wire netting, small cloth- and wool dolls, and tiny wooden houses. These lend a new angle to Babul's works since his last

flamboyant one at the Indian Cultural Centre. The swimming fish, coral, sand and sea representations in his St. Martin's Island portrayal capture the snoozing underwater world - which local artists and photographers have diligently and cleverly covered over the last five years.

Babul did his Bachelors in Fine Arts from the Institute of Fine Arts, before proceeding to the Banaras University, through an Indian cultural exchange scholarship. Here he had some of the crème de la crème Indian art teachers. He began exhibiting his works in Banaras, as a student. He has, so far, taken part in more than 25 exhibitions at home and abroad - including the displays at Kolkata, at the national competitions of the Shilpakala Academy, and those organised by the Institute of Fine Arts, DU (1985-1995).

Channel Click

Abdul Hadi: Tracing the history of Bangla songs

CULTURE DESK

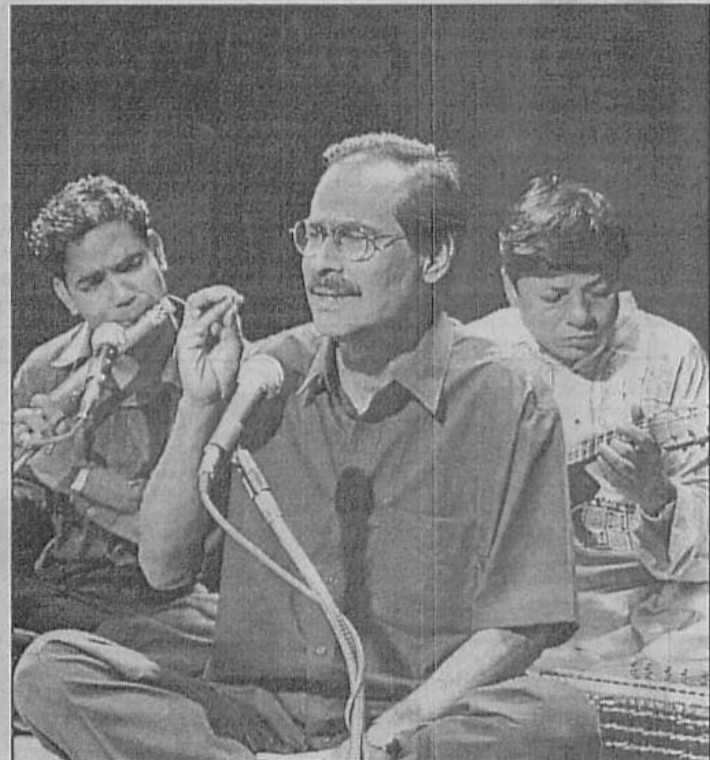
Syed Abdul Hadi, a renowned singer, hosts a programme titled Kichu Kotha Kichu Gaan on ntv. The programme is currently running its 73rd episode.

"The programme has been planned to chronologically present 500 years of Bangla songs - from Vaishnava Padavali to contemporary songs. There aren't many songs on the Vaishnav Padavali and I had presented a song taught by renowned music director Abdul Ahad years ago. In the programme we have presented songs from Nidhu Babu's tappa, kirtan, popular yesteryears songs and the contemporary songs," says Hadi.

"Bangla classics such as songs by masters of the 1950s like Hemanta, Satinath Mukherjee, Shyamol Mitra, Manna De and Shandhya Mukherjee are the treasure troves of our music world," adds Hadi.

"Similarly, during the 1970s, Bangladeshi songs developed to great heights and, as such, became immensely popular even in West Bengal. Music directors Sattya Saha, Khondokar Nurul Alam, Anwar Pervaz, Shubol Das, Alam Khan, Alauddin Ali and others dominated the music scene with their creativity. The young generation should be proud of our heritage," says Hadi.

The programme encourages the contemporary lyricists and



Hadi presenting a song in Kichu Kotha Kichu Gaan

upcoming singers also. Every week a duo performs solos and duets and there is a brief discussion on the history of the songs in a lighter vein to attract the viewers.

At a time when few singers give

live performances, the programme presents assorted songs and has a popular viewership.

Today Shabnam Mushtari and SD Rubel will perform songs of various genres at 8.50pm.

Musical evenings with Parapar

Good tidings for music lovers in the city. On May 2 and May 3, Parapar, a London-based group, is to stage a performance at the British Council, says a press release. The group, built around the voice of singer-lyricist Moushumi Bhowmik, draws its repertoire from her own compositions and the rich folk heritage of Bengal.

Originating three years ago in a collaboration between Moushumi and composer/guitarist Oliver Weeks, the ensemble has since expanded to include cellist Rosalind

Acton and bassist Ben Hillyard.

Though Parapar works on several different cultural levels, they aim to create a subtle, organic music that stresses continuity between diverse musical traditions - kirtan, bhaitiyali, modern, the blues and both Indian and western classical music - aiming to avoid the superimpositions and awkwardness of much 'fusion music'. The aim is to foster mutual understanding and cross-cultural integration through music.

Rambo director dies at 64

Director George P. Cosmatos, best known for box-office hits Rambo and Tombstone, died last week.

Cosmatos had recently been diagnosed with lung cancer. "George was just a wonderful, bigger-than-life character," Donner said. "You never forgot his entrance and hoped there would never be an exit."

Known for an ability to fix troubled projects and create blockbuster films, he delivered what many consider his finest achievement in 1993 - Tombstone, the film about legendary American lawman Wyatt Earp, starring Val Kilmer and Kurt Russell.

Source: AP

Interpreter heads US film chart



Kidman plays a UN employee whose life is endangered

Political thriller The Interpreter has topped the North American box office on its opening weekend. The film, directed by Sydney Pollack and starring Nicole Kidman, drew \$22.8m (£11.9m) in ticket sales.

It knocked haunted house remake The Amityville Horror from first place after just one week at the top. Adventure movie Sahara, starring Penelope Cruz and Matthew McConaughey, dropped to third place with takings of \$9m (£4.7m).

The success of The Interpreter has been attributed to its appeal to older audiences, with the over-35s comprising 60 percent of its audience.

Source: BBC

Review

Page 3: The bold and the beautiful

Page 3 has now become renowned as the newspaper page which brings to the common person the world of the rich and famous glitterati and their exclusive hangouts. Indeed there is vicarious pleasure in poring over the exploits and events of those who live in the fast lane.

The film charts the story of a tabloid journalist Madhavi (Konkona Sen Sharma) who hobnobs with the Page 3 lot - with all the parties, events and soirees that go with mingling with the who's who of Mumbai, including fashion designers, models, aspiring actors, industrialists and socialites.

However, it's a tightrope walk for Madhavi to keep up with the glitterati. She begins to recoil from the jet setters when she realises that the glamour world in which she has



Konkona Sen essays the role of a journalist

been living is fake, where friendships are capricious, relationships based on convenience and everyone seemingly leading dual lives. Slowly

she comes to terms with the hard realities of life.

The film is also an ace for director Madhur Bhandarkar (Chandni Bar Satta) who has told a compelling story minus frills. Among the issues that have been dealt with in the film are dysfunctional families, infidelity, paedophilia, drug culture and wife-swapping.

Page 3 differs from the typical Bollywood fare. It does not offer the viewer the song and dance routine, melodrama and action of the average Hindi film. Says a review on the Internet: "Part dynamic commentary, part dynamic satire, Bhandarkar's tale is unrelenting and ruthless, yet thoroughly entertaining."

Compiled by Cultural Correspondent

TV GUIDE

PICK OF THE DAY



RC Travel On On Channel 1 at 7:55pm Travel Show Hosted by Shahriar Shakil

Terminator 3 On HBO at 9:30pm Genre: Sci-Fi/Action/Thriller/Adventure Cast: Arnold Schwarzenegger, Nick Stahl

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, 2:00pm, 7:00 pm, 9:00pm, 10:30, 12:15 am. Telecast of BTB news (Bangla and English) at 11:30 pm.

ATH 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 BTB News (Bangla and English) at 11:30 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. Telecast of BTB News (Bangla and English) at 11:30 pm.

TARA BANGLA News Headlines (Bangla) at 5:30pm, 7:30pm. 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 Shubhecha Nin Programme From BTB Archive 08:40 Bishwa Protidin 09:00 Satellite Programme Shingbadpotter Pala Thekey 12:30 Shasthya Taihya Kathamala 02:05 Sesamepur 02:30 Hijol Tomal 03:05 Open University Geeto Bitan 04:30 Shukhi Poribar 05:05 Mafi O Manush 05:30 Apon Bhumi 06:00 Dosh Janapad 06:10 06:35 Special bulletin for the hearing impaired News Headlines, Weather forecast, Share Market 07:05 Barta Probaho 07:30 Special Programme on Sher-e-Bangla AK Fazul Haque 08:25 Protidin Bangladesh Drama Serial: Alo Chhayar Golpo 10:25 Taknaf Thaka Tatulia Kemon Achhan 11:00 Anandachara 12:05 Satellite Programme

CHANNEL i 09:30 Shongbad Potrey Bangladesh and Public Reaction 10:45 Sports Time 12:00 TVC Sky Shop 12:30 AJ Dupuray O Citycall Tarokathon 01:00 Ebang Cinemar Gaan 01:25 Public Reaction 02:30 Special Programme

03:50 Banglar Gaan 04:20 Campus Campus Sa Ra Ga Ma 04:45 05:30 Special Programme Music Plus 06:00 Gillette Sports Programme 07:55 RC Travel On 08:25 Drama Serial: Kichhu Megh Kichhu Roddur Drama Serial: Din Chokei Jay 10:00 Drama Serial: Megaband

ATN BANGLA 10:30 Onnodishthi 11:05 Shobar Jannyo 11:35 Drama Serial: Shimahin Shimanay Baishakhi 12:15 Gaaney Shury Tarunoy Motamot 02:30 Drama Serial: Nil Akasher Nichey Drama Serial: Nana Ronger Din 03:50 Drama Serial: New Files 04:25 Cinema Cinema Education Zone 05:10 Manoshi 06:20 The Sword of Tipu Sultan 08:30 Drama Serial: Alo Chhaya 09:00 Drama Serial: Bayoscope 09:30 Drama Serial: Ek Akash Nil 10:30 Health Show 12:10 Amar Computer

ntv 08:30 Aajker Shakal Drama Serial: Spasher Bairey 09:05 Frankly Speaking 09:30 Science Workshop

HBO 09:30 Life as a House 12:00 Fallen 2:30 Kindergarten Cop

10:30 Arshinagar 11:00 Transworld Sports 12:05 Millennium 02:35 Drama Serial: Spasher Bairey Nupur 03:15 Drama Serial: Sheola 04:25 Cartoon: Fardi 05:20 Apanar Jigyasha 06:20 Shubho Shondhya 06:50 Nari Gharey Bairey 08:15 Siddika Kabir's Recipe 08:50 Kichhu Katha Kichhu Gaan 09:40 Drama Serial: Shyaola 11:25 Dindarpan

4:45 Sneakers 7:15 Kiss The Girls 9:30 Terminator 3: Rise of the Machines 11:45 Legend of the Red Dragon 1:30 The Glass House 8:40 Lock Up 10:30 Mystery Men 12:35 Chamber 2:30 For Love Of The Game 4:45 Die Hard 7:00 Die Hard 2: Die Harder 9:05 Courage Under Fire 11:00 Opening Night 11:30 Mystery Men

STAR GOLD 10:10 Sir

1:30 Saajan Chale Sasural 4:25 GOLDEN G 5:00 Disco Dancer 8:30 Chamel 12:00 Zahreela 5:00 Tedhe Medhe Sapney 6:00 Maal Hai To Taal Hai 6:30 Adventures Of Mickey Anddonald 7:00 Disney's The Weekenders 7:30 Kumkum - Pyara Sa Bandhan 8:00 Hello Dollie 8:30 Dekho Msagar Pyaar Se 9:00 Kasauti Zindagi Kay 9:30 Milee 10:00 Kavyanjali 10:30 Kahaani Ghar Ghar Ki

11:00 Kyunki Saas Bhi Kabhi Bhu Thi 11:30 Kahin To Hoga K.Street Pali Hill 12:00 STAR WORLD 10:30 Charmed 11:30 Wild Card 12:30 Miss Match 1:30 Koffee With K 2:30 Oprah Winfrey Hollywood Squares 4:30 Whose Line Is It Anyway 5:30 Ally Mc Beal 6:30 The Simpsons 7:30 That 70s Show Friends 8:00 Milee 8:30 American Idol 9:30 The Practice

10:30 J.A.G. 11:30 Newsradio 12:00 Cover Story 10:30 Hollywood Superstars 11:30 Prosecutors 12:30 Wild Discovery Platypus 1:30 Egypt Week 2:30 Classic Discovery 3:30 Hollywood Superstars 4:30 Prosecutors 5:30 Mystery Hunters Area 6:00 Living Pulse 6:30 Great Cars 7:00 Massive Engines With Chris Barrie Bikes 7:30 Wild Discovery 8:30 Egypt Week Pharaoh's Revenge 9:30 Days That Shook The World 10:30 Past is Wild 11:30 New Detectives

ANIMAL PLANET 10:30 The Planet's Funniest Animals 11:00 Amazing Animal Videos 11:30 Deep into the Wild Bears 12:00 Wild and Dangerous Rhino Patrol 12:30 Pet Nation 2:30 Animal Planet 4:30 Animal Miracles Raging Bull 5:30 Animal X English Big Cats 6:00 Monkey Business 6:30 The Planet's Funniest Animals 7:00 Amazing Animal Videos 7:30 Animal Planet Showcase 10:30 Supernatural Paranormal 11:00 Secret World of Gardens 11:30 Wild Encounters Big Five, Little Five Lion

NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC 4:00 Dogs With Jobs 4:30 Backyard Science 4:45 Doc Eureka 5:00 Serious: Arctic 5:30 Ng Explorer 6:30 Interpol Investigates 7:30 Insects From Hell 8:00 Totally Wild 8:30 Adventure Challenge 9:30 Cheating Death 10:30 Seconds From Disaster Taboo 7:00 Sportscenter Asia (R) 7:30 Nba Playoffs (L) 10:00 Uefa Champions League 2004/05 Semifinals Leg 1(R) 12:00 Hitz (R) 12:30 Wnter X Games Ix-Day 4 Mt. Aspen Co Usa (T) 3:30 Football Focus (R) 4:30 Motorsport Asia (T) 5:00 Espn School Quiz 2004 National Finals #1(R) 5:30 Nba Playoffs (R) 8:00 Hitz (T) 8:30 Sportscenter India (L) 9:00 Goal! (T) 9:30 Cricket Gold (R) 11:30 Sportscenter India (R)

STAR SPORTS 8:30 Asian Tour Weekly 2005 (R) 9:00 Road Racing Great Ireland Run 2005 (T) 9:30 Gymnastics Fig World Cup 2005/06 Cottbus Germany (T) 12:30 Football League 2004/05 Norwich C Ity

2:30 Vs Charlton Athletic (R) Watersports Programming Hot Water (T) 3:30 Max Power 2005 (T) 4:30 Extremes Downunder (T) 5:00 Outdoor Quest 2004 Malaysia Day Three Highlights(T) 6:00 Hitz (R) 6:30 Alp Tennis Us Men's Claycourt C'ships 2005 Houston Tx Usa Men's Semifinal Match #2(R) Sportsline (L) 8:00 Uefa Champions League 2004/05 Semifinals Leg 1(S) Sportsline (R) 11:00 Golf Focus (T) 11:30 Golf Tournament 33rd Hassan II Golf Trophy Morocco Highlights(T)

TEN SPORTS 8:00 European PGA Golf H/Ls Johnnie Walker Classic 10:00 WWE Smackdown 10:30 Gamer TV 11:00 IRB Rugby 7s Highlights :Singapore 12:00 History of Football 2:00 ABF Tour 28th Malaysian Intl Open Legends 4:00 History of Football Gillette World Sport Italian Serie A - Highlights 5:30 WWE Alter Bum German League Highlights 8:00 Gillette World Sport Caribbean Classics 10:00 Portuguese League H/Ls: Ep 30 12:00 WWE Alter Bum