

CULTURAL FEAST

Exhibition

Title: Dhaka Art Circle Paintings 2005

Organiser: Society for Promotion of Bangladesh Art with association of Saju Art Gallery

Artists: 14 contemporary artistes of Bangladesh

Venue: Saju Art Gallery, DCC Super Market 2nd Circle, Gulshan II

Date: June 04-14

Title: Searching Soul in Triangle

Artists: Anadi Kumar Boyragi, Rafiqul Islam Chowdhury, Samir Mazumder

Venue: Shaju Art Gallery, House F/28, DCC, North Super Market, 2nd Circle, Gulshan

Date: May 21-31, from 10am to 8:30pm (Friday closed)

Title: Mixed Media Mural Exhibition

Artists: Sameena M. Karim

Venue: Art & Soul Gallery, Road 36 House 16, Gulshan

Date: May 20- June 4, from 11am to 8pm.

Theme: Paintings, photographs and reproductions of Italian pictures and landscapes

Organiser: Italian Embassy

Venue: Bangladesh National Museum

Date: May 24-31

Artist: Nazmul Ahsan

Venue: La Gallery, Alliance Francaise, 26, Mirpur Road, Dhanmondi

Date: June 03- June16, from 19am to 12am and 5pm to 9pm

Title: Image of Nature

Artists: Khurshid Alam Saleem

Venue: Gallery Chitrak, House 21, Road 4, Dhanmondi

Date: May 27-June 05, from 10am to 8:30pm

Title: From the Ashes

Artist: Arham-ul-Huq Chowdhury

Venue: Bengal Shilpalaya, House 275/F, Road 27, Dhanmondi

Date: May 27-June 05, From 12pm to 8pm

Photography Exhibition

Title: International Inter University Photography Exhibition 2005

Venue: Shilpakala Academy

Date: May 28- June 04, from 11am to 7pm

Title: Architectural landmarks of St. Petersburg

Occasion: International Day of Museums

Venue: Russian Centre of Science & Culture, House 510, Road 7, Dhanmondi

Date: May 16-31

Cultural Programme

Occasion: Birth Anniversary of Nazrul

Organiser: Chhayanaut

Venue: Experimental Theatre Stage, Shilpakala Academy

Date: June 04, at 7pm

Musical Soiree and Exhibition

Title: Ragmala Paintings

Organiser: The High Commission of India

Venue: Indian Cultural Centre, House no # 2, Road # 142 Gulshan 2

Date : June 3 at 6 p.m.

Film Screening

Title: Krzysztof Keislowski Retrospective

Organiser: Zahir Raihan Film Society

Venue: Alliance Francaise, 26, Mirpur Road, Dhanmondi

Date: May 23- June 08

Exhibition

Of gliding, lyrical forms in wood

FAYZA HAQ

REJAUL Islam Lovelu's wood carvings are idyllic in every way. They combine the folk with the modern and nature with mankind. As the figures twirl and glide around, above and under each other one gets romantic swirls of colours and forms in 3-D. They include birds, animals, insects and reptiles with the folds of leaves and soft caress of the flower petals. In his recent third solo exhibition, Wooden muse that has recently opened at the Zainul Gallery, the natural pale beige of the wood combines with the browns and

greens of the sculpted, painted sections. They blend and unite in a lyrical composite whole. Lovelu carves on wood as that that is how he can best express himself. He turns to the beauty of nature in rural Bangladesh as an escape from the quagmire of urban existence. He brings in interesting female figures and strutting peacocks, along with cozy nesting scenes of exotic birds, with branches and leaves forming romantic arcades of heaven.

With the same ease he brings in flying dolphins, perched kingfishers and wide-winged butterflies in

burnt sienna, burnt umber, turquoise and Indian red.

The forms are carefully and patiently carved creating a sense of peace, joy and harmony in the mind of the onlooker. Sometimes the elements of nature are seen on their own and at times seen against the enveloping figure of a woman, who holds birds of different shapes and sizes. The female wood-nymph appears to be an integral part of the trees, branches and blossoms seen behind the human form.

When seen by themselves, as in birds on a goat, the impact is still poetic -- with the upward looking birds with long beaks and tails -- perched on the elongated back of a brown goat with large staring eyes, curved horns and other curled details of the head and body. The seven elegant birds are paler than the goat, and so stand out with their folded wings and curved tails. In *Image-1* with the flower burst, one is faced with a large flower with five-

Nature-5

petals, done in shades of burnt sienna and black, edged with dashes of white. Turquoise flue forms the backdrop for the simple but sophisticated composition.

Elephants, elephants and more elephants are seen in *Nature-7*. One is overwhelmed by the projection of elephant tusks, heads and ears, blended with the elements of the forests, such as its trees, birds and reptiles. This is found in curls, loops and scallops of blue and variations of brown. Semi-abstract creations are also to be found, where one pauses at various sweeps and folds to find suggestions of heads of animals and birds.

In addition to the sculpture pieces are sketches of elements from nature. These too have been done with pristine lines and loops, depicting owl, peacocks, storks, fishes of various shapes and sizes.

Lovelu, who has a superb academic record from the Fine Arts Institute, DU, has seven awards to

Shahed Sharif Khan is a talented actor who is quite popular with his female fans for being easy on the eyes. He started his acting career in theatre in the '90s. At present he is playing diverse roles in some on-going TV serials, including "Shukhnagar Apartment" and "Pothey Pothey Cholley Cholley". Here's looking at Shahed off-camera:

The real Shahed is...

On one hand I am an introvert and then again I can be very fun loving as well. Only my near and dear ones inhabit my own little world. I'm pretty particular about my personal space.

Interesting experience

For the first time in my life I had to endure cross-dressing in one of the episodes of Shukhnagar Apartment. The concept was, my brother-in-law had switched my personality with my co-artist Mim, by hypnotising us. Mim transformed into a rugged young man, while I saw myself as a pretty belle. So, when I came out of the dressing room, geared with make-up and all, my co-stars cracked up and it was a riot! One went to the extent of saying that I could be the next hottest seductress in Bangla films, while another remarked that with this look I could have any man I want. It was pretty embarrassing.

Do you think the theatre experience helps TV actors?

Of course! It is very important and I consider it a must. Facial expressions and body language that an actor learns in theatre are important for any medium. In fact when it comes to TV, the emphasis is more on these factors as the actors are often closely shot.

Does being a part of a star family have its perks?

Not necessarily. I was already an established actor when I got married to Natasha. However, I often take suggestions from my in-laws (Abul Hayat, Bipasha and Taqur).

Who are your favourite actors?

Among the actresses there are Kate Winslet, Winona Ryder, Julia Roberts and among the gifted actors are Bruce Willis, Sean Connery, Al Pacino and Tom Cruise.

Aside of you that you're not so proud of...

I can be sluggish sometimes and I love dozing off. I realise that I often miss good opportunities because of my idleness. However, if and when I'm convinced, I can totally get hooked to my work.

What would you ask a noted actor?

I have thousands of questions to ask them: about their talents, how they portray the characters that they have no similarity with, or how they cope with their personal problems and yet not let them affect their work.



What are your shortfalls as an actor?

I need to focus more on my career and get into a routine.

If given a chance, would you want to be in 'Never Land'?

Peter Pan's life is something dreams are made of but I don't think I want to be immortal. I don't mind time taking its toll on me.

What is your dream role?

Amitabh Bachchan's role in "Agnipath" or Sanjay Dutt in "Munna Bhai MBBS."

What are the prerequisites of an actor?

He or she must be a well-rounded individual. Sincerity, modesty, adaptability and patience are important and not just actors, any human being should embody these qualities.

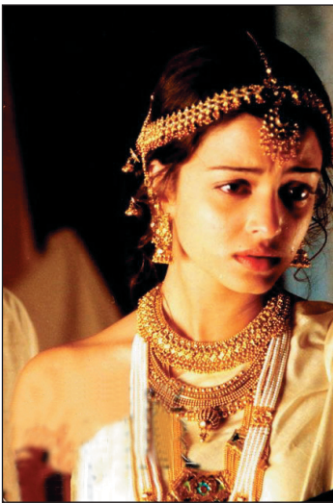
Tug of war involving Aishwarya

Almost a year ago, after the success of *Khakee*, Raj Kumar Santoshi was considering several story ideas from *Prithviraj Sanjuka* to *Chatrapati Shivaji*.

Santoshi subsequently started Keshu Ramsay's *Family* early in 2005, starring Amitabh Bachchan, Akshay Kumar and Arjuman and this time fortunately the project is going ahead steadily. Of all his story-ideas prior to *Family*, *Prithviraj Sanjuka* was the one that still fascinated him and he had plans to make a film on the subject with Ajay Devgan and Aishwarya Rai in title roles.

But in between all this, he zeroed in on a new theme and launched another film *Saamna*, starring Ajay Devgan, Aishwarya Rai, Akshay Kumar and Nana Patekar. So after *Family*, it's *Saamna* which means *Prithviraj Sanjuka* will still have to wait.

Amidst all this, another talented filmmaker Chandraprakash Dwivedi, who earlier directed the masterpiece period drama *Pinjar*, was enthralled by the life history of



the Rajput king Prithviraj Chauhan and his lady love Sanjukta. The director, whose meticulous detailing shown in *Pinjar*, did his share of research on the subject and wanted to cast Sunny Deol in the role of Prithviraj. However his choice for Sanjukta was the same as Santoshi's - Aishwarya.

Dwivedi had also offered *Pinjar*

to Aishwarya earlier but she couldn't do the film. However this time Dwivedi desperately wanted Ash to be a part of his period drama. But Aishwarya was ethically committed to Santoshi on the same subject though the film still had some time to start-off.

So finally the two filmmakers reportedly seem to have reached on a settlement. The deal is that only one among Santoshi and Dwivedi will make a film on Prithviraj-Sanjukta. And Aishwarya will work with the one who starts the movie first. In most probabilities Dwivedi may prove out to be the winner since Santoshi is currently busy with *Family* and will soon start *Saamna* thereafter. Also the agreement between the directors doesn't end there. The buzz is that the filmmakers are ready to share their research knowledge with each other.

Whichever of the two men wins, it's a win-win situation for the lady. So, here's to Aishwarya!

Compiled by cultural correspondent

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.

CHANNEL-i

News (Bangla) at 7:15 am, 9:00am, 2:00pm, 7:00pm, 9:00pm, 10:30pm, 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) 6:20am, 7:00pm

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, 1:00 pm, 2:00 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

08:40 Bishwa Protidin

09:00 Satellite Programme

12:30 Shasthya Tathya

01:30 Shobar Jonyo Shikha

02:05 Hater Kachhe Computer

02:30 Shikkhangon

03:05 Open University Programme

04:05 Shongita

05:30 Talk Show

06:10 Shondhya Maloti

07:00 News Headlines, Weather forecast, Share Market

07:05 Quiz Quiz

07:30 Musical Programme

08:25 Protidin Bangladesh

08:30 Drama Serial: Monalisa

09:00 Drama Serial: Arshinagar

10:25 Teknaf Theke Tatulla

10:30 Katha Mala

12:05 Satellite Programme

Channel i

09:30 Shongbad Potrey

09:35 Bangladesh and Public Reaction

09:45 Tritio Matra

10:45 Grameen Phone Cricket Online

11:30 Aamar Chhobi

12:00 Chittri Pelam

12:30 Aaj Dupurey

01:00 Ebong Cinemar Gaan

01:25 Public Reaction

01:35 Special Programme

03:50 Banglar Gaan

04:20 Musical Programme

04:45 Sa Re Ga Ma

05:30 i Sports

06:00 Music Plus

06:30 Amader Adibashi

07:50 Drama Serial: Ponbar O Ekti Company

08:25 Drama Serial: Ek Akasher Tara

09:35 Drama Serial: Chalchhe

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10:00 Chalbey

Close-up Juke Box

08:30 Aajker Shakal

09:05 Drama Serial: Sporsher Bairey

09:30 Crime watch

10:05 Tarar Shathe

10:30 You got the look

11:00 Chhobir Gaan

11:30 Khabor Deshey Deshey

12:02 Single Episode Drama

02:30 Drama Serial: Jhut Jhamela

03:15 Tifiner Fankey

03:40 Drama Serial: Anyorokom

04:25 Hoi Hullor

05:15 Ithasher Ei Diney

06:20 Shubho Shondhya

06:50 Shiray Shority

08:10 Drama Serial: Sporsher Bairey

08:50 Nupur

09:40 Drama Serial: Shaeola

11:25 Dindarpan

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10:30 Talk Show: Annodrishti

11:05 Drama Serial: Mohona

11:35 Business this Week

12:15 Amar Computer

12:50 Musical Programme

02:30 Cine Gaan

03:15 Ghunpoka

03:15 Drama Serial: O Amar

03:50 Chokhko Nai

04:25 Drama Serial: Bhawal

04:45 Raja Shannyashi

05:10 Shomoshamoyik

05:10 Nari

05:45 Islami Sawal Jawab

06:20 Aynar Shamney

08:00 Drama Serial: Shukhnagar Apartment

08:30 Drama Serial: Ek Akash Neel

09:00 Drama Serial: Shukher

PICK OF THE DAY

Ek Akasher Tara

On Channel-i at 8:25 p.m.

Genre: Drama Serial

Cast: Jamaluddin Hossain, Srabonti, Jeetu Ahsan

Director: Ejaz Munna

Matrix Reloaded

On HBO at 9:30 p.m.

Genre: Sci-Fi / Action / Thriller (more)

Cast: Ray Anthony, Christine Anu, Andy Arness

Director: Andy Wachowski, Larry Wachowski

3:45 Rocketman

5:25 Nemesis Game (Aka Nemesis4)

7:00 The Jackal

STAR GOLD

9:00 Betaabi

9:00 Karloos

9:00 TGS SFK Spotlight

STAR PLUS

11:30 Shararat

12:00 Karishma Ka Karishma

12:30 Hit Filmlein

1:00 Kasauti Zindagi Kay

1:30 Kumkum - Pyara Sa Bandhan

2:00 Bhabhi

2:30 Kesar

3:00 Saarthi

3:30 Kyunki Saas Bhi Kabhi

STAR MOVIES

9:05 Roommates

11:00 Hope Springs

12:30 Lord Of The Files

2:00 Assignment The

4:00 Bhu Thi

4:30 Kahiin To Hoga

5:00 K.Street Pali Hill

5:00 Tedhe Medhe Sapney

5:30 Hit Filmlein

6:00 Maal Hai To Taal Hai

6:30 Disney Time

7:00 Disney Time

7:30 Kumkum - Pyara Sa Bandhan

8:00 Princess

8:30 Dollieaurskamagicbag

8:30 Dekkho Magar Pyar Se

9:00 Kasauti Zindagi Kay

9:30 Millee

10:00 Kkavyanjali

10:30 Kahaani Ghar Ghar Kii

11:00 Bhui Thi

11:30 Kahiin To Hoga

12:00 K.Street Pali Hill

ANIMAL PLANET

12:30 Breed All>About It II Bull Terrier

1:00 K-9 to 4 (Season II)

Episode 21

1:30 Emergency Vets (9)

Episode 2

2:00 Champions of the Wild Iv

Mountain Lions

2:30 The Protectors CellDogs

Lexington

3:30 The Protectors Animal

Precinct 4 Episode 1

4:30 Pet Star 1 Episode 5

5:30 Pet Powers Empathy and Telepathy

6:00 Monkey Business 5

Episode 2

6:30 The Planet's Funniest Animals

7:00 Amazing Animal Videos

Episode 17

7:30 From Cradle to Grave

8:30 The protectors CellDogs, Toledo

9:30 The Protectors

10:30 Deep Into the wild

11:00 Wild and Dangerous

Shark Seas

11:30 Wild Encounters

DISCOVERY CHANNEL

11:30 Diagnosis Unknown

Sudden Death

12:30 Wild Discovery Double

Pack: Wild Dogs and Wolves

1:30 Discovery's Biggest

Shows Krakatoa Episode 1

2:30 Discovery's Biggest

Shows Krakatoa Episode 2

3:30 Night Safari Wingbeats to the Amazon

4:30 Diagnosis Unknown

Summer Exposure

STAR WORLD

11:30 Boston Public

12:30 Still Standing

1:00 Frasier

1:30 Magnum P.I.

2:28 Star Asia Travel

2:30 Oprah Winfrey

3:30 Bold And Beautiful

4:30 Hollywood Squares

5:00 Whose Line Is It Anyway

5:30 Buffy The Vampire Slayer

6:30 The Simpsons

7:00 That 70s Show

7:30 Friends

8:00 Newsradio

8:30 Charmed

9:30 Criss Angel Supernatural

10:30 Miss Match

11:30 Newsradio

12:00 Cover Story

2:00 Super 12 Rugby Hq Asia (R)

2:30 12 Rugby 2005 Final(R)

4:30 Tna Xplosion (T)

5:30 Extreme Programming

Wild Spirits

6:00 The Rugby Show (T)

6:30 Gillette World Sports

7:00 Horseshow Jumping

Rolax Kentucky

8:00 Sportsline (L)

8:30 Fa Classic Matches)

ESPN

9:00 School Quiz Show Espn

9:30 School Quiz 2005 (R)

10:30 Motorsport Asia (R)

10:30 Bangladesh Tour Of England Highlights

11:30 Icc Cricket World (R)

12:00 Winter X

1:00 Nba Conference Finals

3:30 Epl Celebration

3:30 School Quiz Show Espn

3:30 School Quiz 2005 (T)

6:00 Winter X Games

6:30 Selected programme

8:00 Icc Cricket World (R)

8:30 Sportscenter India (L)

9:00 Nba Conference Finals 2005

TEN SPORTS

8:00 Gamer TV

10:00 WWE Raw

11:00 French Tennis: Day 8 (Round of 16 Highlights)

1:00 Wl v PAK: 1st Test, Day 5 Highlights

2:00 French Tennis: Day 8 (Round of 16 Highlights)

4:00 WWE Smackdown

9:30 French Tennis: Day 9 (Singles Qtr Finals)

11:00 Wl v PAK: 1st Test, Day 5 Highlights