

CULTURAL FEAST

Exhibition

Paintings 2005: Dedicated to creativity

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THE antique glass chandelier or the mahogany statues of dancers and other artifacts collected from the bygone zamindar and nawab's palaces and ruins, give the Saju Art Gallery a grand look. And this aristocratic ambience of the gallery comes to viewers with the inauguration of the 10-day long art exhibition titled "Paintings 2005" on June 4. The Society for Promotion of Bangladesh Art (SPBA) in association with Saju Art Gallery organised this event of the Dhaka Art Circle (DAC) comprising of 14 contemporary artists of Bangladesh.

The exhibition was inaugurated by the Ambassador of Norway to Bangladesh, Aud Lise Norheim. This exhibition is dedicated to the memory of Professor Samsul Islam Nijami, an artist of great creativity, talent and compassion, who died in 2004.

On the occasion as chief guest, Aud Lise Norheim stated "Bangladesh is an extremely colourful country. Art reflects our society, culture and time and the vibrant colours scattered in the country. The aesthetic aspects and conscience of the people are depicted in these paintings."

She thanked SPBA, Saju Art Gallery and DAC for their struggle in creating a taste for art in Bangladesh and their effort in giving opportunities to artists to express themselves through their creative works.

Eithem Kabir, chairman of the SPBA, who conducted the programme said, "This non-profit society embarked on its journey to promote Bangladeshi art in the outside world three to four years



(L-R) Eithem B Kabir, Rafi Haque, Norwegian Ambassador Aud Lise Norheim, Abu Taher and Ramiz Ahmed Chowdhury at the opening of the exhibition

ago. This was done with the help of a few art savvy friends." Regarding the exhibition he said, "This exhibition is dedicated to a great artist Samsul Islam Nijami."

"We have already organised a few exhibitions abroad such as France, USA, Japan, India and published a very impressive book on Bangladeshi Art. And we plan to take our creative exhibits to Pakistan, UK and India soon."

Abu Taher, president of DAC said, "DAC was a group of 14 artists, which is down to 12 now. The organisation is dedicated to creativity and seeks to bring together the diverse styles of its

members through exhibitions. And this display is a rare opportunity for art lovers to experience the depth and passion of each of its 14 artists in one exhibition."

The exhibition of 54 paintings by Abu Taher, Samsul Islam Nijami, Golam Sarwar, Samarjit Roy Chowdhury, Mohammed Mohsin, Pranesh Mandal, Syed Enayet Hossain, Anwarul Huq, Rezaul Karim, Biren Shome, Swapan Chowdhury, Abdus Shakoor, Chandra Shekhar Dey and Rafi Haque, provided a glimpse into the rich artistic culture of Bangladesh and the depth and passion of the artists on a wide range of art forms

like oil on canvas, watercolour, acrylic and mixed media.

The works of these contemporary painters are more varied, more experimental with the medium and the forms. The best feature of this exhibition is that it houses works of all types of artists on all conceivable themes.

A brochure was published and distributed among viewers which contained details about the art forms and the artists.

The show will run till June 14 at Saju Art Gallery, DCC North Super Market, Gulshan-2.

Grameen Phone sponsored the exhibition.

Event

Cultural evening on Nazrul by Chayyanaut

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To celebrate National Poet Kazi Nazrul Islam's 106th birth anniversary, renowned cultural institution, Chayyanaut arranged a soiree comprising his songs and poetry on June 4 at the Experimental Theatre Stage, Shilpakala Academy.

The season of rain and rain itself capture a kaleidoscopic mélange of emotions. Rain sometimes evokes nostalgia, reminds one of his/her par amour in some far off land, augments some hidden sorrow and even manifests the phenomenon of 'done with the old, get with the new'. Rain can be the disclosure of unconstrained joy when lovers meet after a prolonged and fervent wait. Very few Bangalee poets could capture the entire essence of rain with flawless precision as Nazrul and that became apparent at the programme.

Eminent artistes Shaheen Samad, Khairul Anam Shakil and dancer Sharmila Bandyopadhyay who teach at Chayyanaut and their students participated at the event. Bhashshor Bandyopadhyay and Dalia Ahmed recited poems in between the songs, which created the mood for each song based on diverse human emotions related to rain.

Sharmila and her students did dance presentations with several of the songs, which obviously accentuated the message of the songs. For the dance presentations, Sharmila adopted different styles, such as Bharatnatyam, Chatka, Odissi and Manipuri, which suited the moods of different numbers.

Shaheen Samad validated her vocal finesse yet again with her rendition of a 'Monsoon Raga' based song *Boroshia oi elo boroshia*. With the twists and turns of her voice and her effortless movement from one octave to another, she made some music aficionados go spontaneously 'bah! bah!'

A chorus song *Rim rimjhim namilo deya* followed by *Meghmedur boroshia-e kotha tumi*, a 'Raga Jay Jayanti' based number were performed. A graceful dancer clad in *kathak* costume sort of stole the show with the rendition of *Kajari gahiyia esho gopo-lolona*. An artiste performing *Toran oshanto ke birchi* could not quite capture the rebellious, restless essence of the song, with her very slow, timid rendition.

Ambar-e megh minidong bajay accompanied with an Odissi dance presentation by Sharmila was intriguing. Khairul Anam Shakil's rendition of *Shonar hindol-e kishor kishori doley* received ovation from the audience. His distinct style of singing is laudable.

The event ended with a chorus rendition of *Desh gauru bijoy debray*, consorted with a Manipuri group



Sharmila Bandyopadhyay (L) with a student dancing with a song

dance presentation, which seemed to go haywire. The dancers seemed to lack proper coordination in the beginning and the singers were hardly audible, either due to faulty sound management or just lack of skills.

Shaheen Samad, Khairul Anam Shakeel, Kalpana Anam and Sharmila Bandyopadhyay charmed the audience. However, the students who performed the chorus and solo numbers were not up to the mark. Dalia Ahmed's pronunciation and style of reciting some lines in Hindustani sounded artificial.

The event, with the theme of rain, left the audience craving for some long overdue showers in the blistering summer evening.

Costume Display

Title: Summer Collection
Boutique: Ananya
Venue: 60, Kemal Ataturk Avenue, Bonani
Date: June 01-30

Festival

Title: Tonatuni Utshab 2005
Organiser: Tonatuni production house
Venue: National Theatre Stage, Shilpakala Academy
Date: June 02-06, at 7pm everyday
Schedule:
June 06
Musical recital by Kironchandra Roy and Shakila Zafar and staging of *Dui Pakhi* by Tonatuni

Play

Title: Socrateser Jabanbandi
Group: Drishyapoti
Venue: Experimental Theatre Hall, Shilpakala Academy
Date: June 06, at 6:30pm

Film Screening

Title: Krzysztof Keislowski
Retrospective
Organiser: Zahir Raihan Film Society
Venue: Alliance Francaise
Date: May 23- June 08

Title: Germany in the Crosshairs
Organiser: Zahir Raihan Film Society
Venue: Goethe-Institut
Date: June 13-21

June 13
4:30pm Taxi in Leipzig
6:15pm The Delicatessen Shop
Owner
Organiser: High Commission of India
Venue: Indian Cultural Centre Auditorium, Road 96, House 25, Gulshan 2
Time: June 06-27, at 6pm everyday
Schedule:
June 06 Mughal-E-Azam
June 10 Munna Bhai MBBS
June 13 Padosan
June 17 Abar Aranye (Bangla)

Madonna and Sting to duet

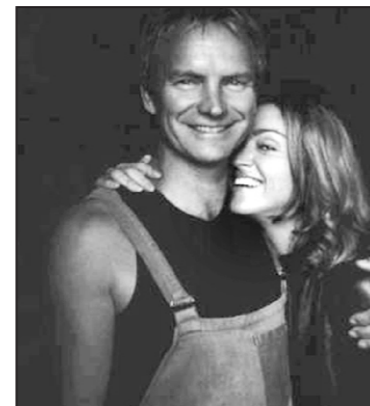
Madonna will duet with Sting during Live 8. Reports suggest the pair could sing John Lennon's classic *Imagine*.

A source said: "They have had a discussion about performing a cover version. They thought about a Beatles song or maybe *Imagine*. Madonna sang it on her Re-Invention tour."

Other performers due to play include Keane, U2 and Coldplay reports *The Sun*.

The gigs will take place on July 2 in London's Hyde Park as well as shows in Philadelphia, Berlin, Rome and Paris.

Source: Internet



Lost & found Statue of Egyptian Pharaoh found after 3,600 years

Buried for nearly 3,600 years, a rare statue of Egypt's King Neferhotep has been brought to light in the ruins of Thebes by a team of French archaeologists.

Archeologists unearthed the 1.8 metre (six foot) tall statue, as they were carrying out repairs around Karnak Temple in the southern city of Luxor, Egypt's antiquities chief Zahi Hawass told reporters.

Francois Larche, one of the team that found the limestone statue of the king, whose name means "beautiful and good", said it was lying about 1.6 metres below ground near an obelisk of Queen Hatshepsut, the only woman to have

reigned as a Pharaoh in Egypt, ruling from 1504-1484 BC.

The statue shows the king wearing a funeral mask and royal head cloth or *nemes*.

The forehead bears an emblem of a cobra, which ancient Egyptians used as a symbol on the crown of the Pharaohs.

Neferhotep was the 22nd king of the 13th Dynasty. The son of a temple priest in Abydos, he ruled Egypt from 1696-1686 BC. Experts believe his father's position helped him to ascend the throne, as there was no royal blood in his family.

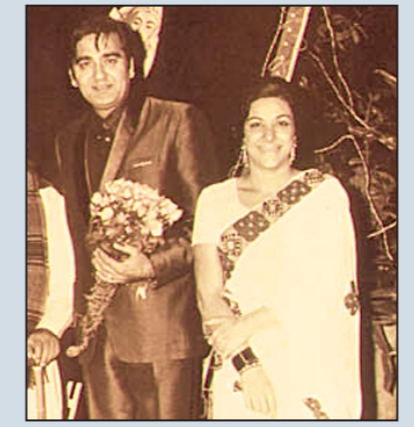
Source: AFP



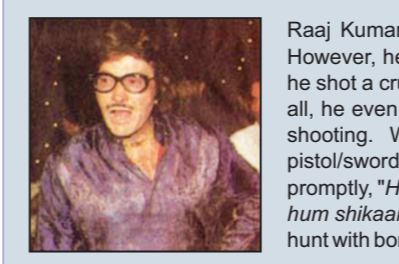
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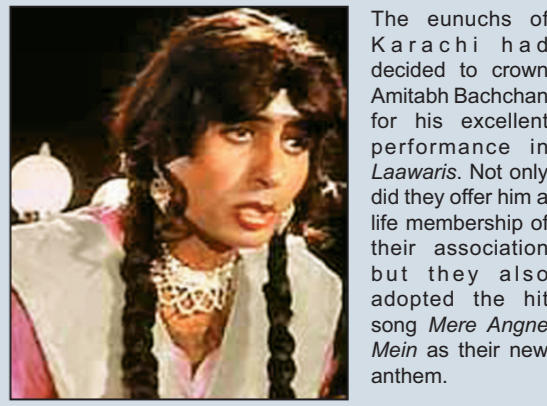
Sunil Dutt started as radio-show host and celebrity interviewer at All India Radio. Wife-to-be Nargis was one of the celebrities he met in the course of his work.



Late Priya Rajvansh is the only Indian artiste till date to pass out of the Royal Academy of Drama, London. Her picture hangs there in the Hall of Fame.



Raaj Kumar was known for not shooting in night shifts. However, he made an exception for *Betaj Badshah* when he shot a crucial sequence with Ajit till midnight. That's not all, he even brought his personal pistol and sword for the shooting. When asked why didn't he use the fake pistol/sword used regularly for film shootings, he replied promptly, "*Hum Betaj Badshah hain. Kiraye ke samaan se hum shikaar nahin karte.*" (I'm the uncrowned King, I don't hunt with borrowed stuff.)



Manoj Kumar called himself Bharat in almost all his productions. In 1977, the actor and film-maker registered a number of titles which included the word Bharat in them, viz. *Naya Bharat*, *Doosra Bharat*, *Ek Aur Bharat*, *Krantikari Bharat*, *Bharat Aur Kranti* and *Bharat Ka Naya Roop*.

Compiled by Cultural Correspondent

The eunuchs of Karachi had decided to crown Amitabh Bachchan for his excellent performance in *Laawaris*. Not only did they offer him a life membership of their association but they also adopted the hit song *Mere Angne Mein* as their new anthem.

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, 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 8:30 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
12:15 *Shangbadpotrer Pata Thekey*
12:30 *Shashitya Tathya*
01:05 *Lal Golap*
02:05 *Sisimpur*
02:30 Programme on Books
03:05 *Shuro Lahori*
03:35 Open University
04:05 *Lekha Pora*
04:30 *Shukhi Porbar*
05:05 Debating programme
05:55 *Shamokalin Arthonity*
06:10 *Dolon Champa*
06:35 *Nritter Tale Tale*
07:00 News Headlines, Weather forecast, Share Market
07:05 *Hridoye Muktiuddha*
07:30 Drama Serial: *Akash Bhora Megh Protidin Bangladesh*
08:30 *Swapanlokter Deshey*
09:00 Drama Serial: *Shukno Phul Romgini Phul*
10:25 *Teknal Theke Tatulla*
10:35 Magazine Show
12:05 Satellite Programme
CHANNEL i
09:45 *Trityo Matra*
10:45 Live Educational Programme
11:30 *Chitni Palam*
12:00 Special Programme
12:30 *Aaj Dupurey O Citycell Tarokothon Ebong Cineram Gaan*
01:00 *Public Reaction*
01:25 *Shangbadpotrer Bangladesh*
02:30 Selected programme
03:50 *Banglar Gaan*
04:20 *Amar Channel i Darshak Forum*
04:45 *Sa Re Ga Ma X-Music*
05:30

06:00 Music Plus
06:30 *Banjio O Aurthoniti*
06:50 Business Show
07:50 Drama Serial: *Porbar O Ekti Company*
08:25 *Sunsilk Apsora*
09:35 Drama Serial: *Shampurna Ranganee*
10:00 Drama Serial: *Megaband*
ATN BANGLA
10:30 *Annordrishti*
11:05 Drama Serial: *Ek Janamey*
11:35 Musical Programme
12:15 *Dekhi Nayan Mella*
12:25 *Chhobir Golpo*
02:30 Drama Serial: *Ghumpoka*
03:15 Drama Serial: *O Amar Chokhu Nai*
03:50 Drama Serial: *Aashulia Theke*
04:25 *Chhotoder Prithibi*
05:10 *Shonali Din*
05:45 *Islami Sawaal O Jawab*
06:25 *Three Stooges*
08:00 Drama Serial: *Shukimagar Apartment*
08:30 Drama Serial: *Fiat Number Forty*
09:00 *Sushtia Thakun Live*
10:35 *Katha Mala*
12:20 *Shesher Kobita*
01:00 *Ain O Jibon*
01:25 *Bangladeshey Rabindranath*
10:30 Cinema: *Niytir Khela*
02:35 Drama Serial: *Jhut Jhamela*
03:15 *Right Click*
03:40 *Medhabi*
04:25 *Zia Lokkho Koti Antare*
05:20 *Aapnar Jigyasha*
06:00 *Deshher Khabar*
06:20 *Shubho Shondhaya*
06:50 *Crime Watch*
08:20 Drama Serial: *Sposher Bairey*
08:50 *You got the look*
09:40 Drama Serial: *Anyarakom*
11:20 *Dindarpan*
10:00 *Crocodile Hunter The: Collision Course*
11:35 *Corto Maltese*
1:10 *Far From Heaven*
3:00 *Opening Night*
3:30 *Rocky Iv*
5:05 *Dying Young*
7:00 *When Harry Met Sally*
8:00 *Laws Of Attraction*
10:15 *Crocodile Hunter The: Collision Course*
11:45 *Return To Cabin By The Lake*
STAR PLUS
2:30 *Kesar*
3:00 *Saarathi*
3:30 *Kyunki Saas Bhi Kabhi Bhu Thi*
4:00 *Kahiin To Hoga K.Street Pail Hill*
5:00 *Teleshopping*
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11:00 *Kyunki Saas Bhi Kabhi Bhu Thi*
STAR WORLD
2:30 *Oprah Winfrey Show*
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 *The King Of Queens*
9:00 *Still Standing*
9:30 *Yes Dear*
10:00 *Frasier*
10:30 *Boston Public*
11:30 *Newsradio*
12:00 *Friends*
CHANNEL [V]
3:30 [V] Fdfs
4:00 [V] Back To Back
4:30 [V] Basement

PICK OF THE DAY



Kangaroo Jack
On HBO at 9:30 p.m.
Genre: Drama Serial
Cast: Jerry O'Connell, Anthony Anderson, Christopher Walken

5:00 *Teleshopping*
5:30 *Hit Filmlein Hit*
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5:30 *V Get Gorgeous*
6:00 [V] Latest
6:30 *Chosen One*
7:00 *Nach Le*
7:30 [V] Club V
8:30 [V] Double Shot
9:30 [V] Top 40
11:00 *V Basement*
12:00 *Late Night [V]*
AXN
1:30 *When Disasters Strike*
2:30 *The Amazing Race (Season V)*
3:30 *Csi: Miami (Season 1)*
4:30 *7 Days (Season Iii)*
5:30 *Hollywood's Greatest Stunts*
6:00 *Back To The Future*
8:30 *The Shield (Season Iii)*
9:30 *Fear Factor (Season V)*
10:30 *Anaconda*
12:30 *Fear Factor (Season V)*
STAR ONE
2:00 *Instant Khichdi*
2:30 *Remix*
3:30 *Hey...Yehii To Haii Woh!!!*
4:00 *Dil Kya Chahta Hai*
4:30 *Pyaar Ki Kashti Mein*
5:00 *Happy Go Lucky*
5:30 *Siddhanth*
6:30 *The Great Indian Comedy Show*
7:00 *Apni Tuning Jamegi*
7:30 *Aflatoons*
8:00 *Braceface*
8:30 *Remix*
9:30 *Sarabhai Vs Sarabhai*
10:00 *Special Squad*
11:00 *Hey...Yehii To Haii Woh!!!*
11:30 *The Great Indian Comedy Show*
ANIMAL PLANET
12:30 *Pet Nation Breed All about it II*
1:00 *To 5 (Season Ii) Episode*
1:30 *Emergency Vets*
2:00 *Champions of the Wild Iv Hyenas*
2:30 *On the Edge*
4:30 *Pet Star 1 Episode 6*
5:30 *Twisted Tales Cat. The*
6:00 *Monkey Business 5*
6:30 *The Planet's Funniest animals*
7:00 *Amazing Animal Videos*
7:30 *Predators Mass Attack*
8:30 *On the Edge*
10:30 *Animal Planet Showcase*
11:30 *Land of the Tiger desert Kingdom*
DISCOVERY CHANNEL
12:30 *Wild Discovery*
1:30 *Discovery's Biggest Shows Year Without Summer*
3:30 *Night Safari Big Cats: Secret Lives*
4:30 *Diagnosis Unknown deadly Spores*
5:30 *Popular Mechanics for Kids III Water Behind The Scenes At Big Events*
6:00 *In Therapy (aka Celebrity Therapy) In therapy*
6:30 *Life on the Edge amazing Adventures (Ian Wright)*
7:30 *Wild Discovery Chamois Goat. Animal Face off Gorilla Vs. Leopard*
9:30 *Seven Wonders of The Industrial World Panama Canal*
NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC
1:00 *Explorations*
2:00 *Showreal Asia*
3:00 *National Geographic Special*
4:00 *Dogs With Jobs*
4:30 *Backyard Science*
4:45 *Doc Eureka*
5:00 *Serious: Desert*
5:30 *Ng Explorer*
6:30 *Explorations*
7:30 *Chimp Diaries*
8:00 *Wildlife Diary*
8:30 *Tales Of The Living Dead*
9:00 *Mummy Road Show*
9:30 *Riddles Of The Dead*
10:30 *Air Crash Investigation*
11:30 *National Geographic's Taboo*
STAR SPORTS
9:00 *Formula One Highlights*
10:00 *Lions Tour Rugby*
10:30 *Lions Tour British Lions Tour To New Zealand*
12:30 *Wimbledon Library*
1:30 *International Motorsports*
2:30 *Bangladesh Tour Of England England Vs Bangladesh 2nd Test Day 3 Highlights(R)*
6:00 *The Golf Club (R)*
11:00 *Sportline*
11:30 *Wimbledon Library*
ESPN
9:00 *India Sportscenter Update*
9:01 *Table Tennis 2005*
9:30 *U.S. Open Golf Championship*
10:30 *India Sportscenter Update (R)*
10:31 *Fim World Motorcycle Championship*
1:30 *Nba Conference Finals*
4:00 *Asian 9-Ball*
5:30 *School Quiz Show*
8:30 *Sportscenter India*
9:00 *Cricket Gold (R)*