

CULTURAL FEAST

Exhibition
 Title: Dhaka Art Circle Paintings 2005
 Organiser: Society for Promotion of Bangladesh Art in association with Saju Art Gallery
 Artists: 14 contemporary artists of Bangladesh
 Venue: Saju Art Gallery, DCC Super Market 2nd Circle, Gulshan II
 Date: June 04-14

Title: Boshy Anko 2005
 Artists: 165 children
 Venue: Zainul Gallery -2, Institute of Fine Arts, Dhaka University
 Date: June 10-16

Title: Eighth Calligraphy Exhibition 2005
 Artists: Murtaja Bashir, Abdus Sattar, Enayet Hossain and other 30 artists
 Venue: National Museum
 Date: June 05-17, from 10am to 5pm

Title: Sundarbans: The Sound of Silence
 Photographer: BKS Inan
 Venue: Bengal Gallery of Fine Arts
 Date: June 09-18, from 12pm to 8pm

Title: Miniature Art
 Artists: 105 artists
 Venue: Shilparag, House 15, Road 16, Dhanmondi
 Date: June 03-30, from 11:30am to 2pm and 4:30pm to 9pm

Artist: Nazmul Ahsan
 Venue: La Gallery, Alliance Francaise
 Date: June 03-June 16, from 9am to 12 noon and 5pm to 9pm

Musical Soiree
 Title: Smritimoy
 Artists: Agun and Sraboni
 Organiser: Orchestra
 Venue: All Community Club Auditorium, House 40, Road 35, Gulshan 2
 Date: June 17, at 7pm

Play
 Title: Mangula
 Troupe: Palakar
 Venue: Experimental Theatre Stage
 Date: June 11-12, from 7:00 pm

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

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

June 13
 4:30pm Taxi in Leipzig
 6:15pm The Delicatessen Shop
 Owner

June 14
 3:00pm Toy Stuffed Animals
 4:45pm Coming to a Closing
 6:30pm Moltke

June 20
 3:00pm Three Bottles of Tokay
 4:45pm The Duel
 6:30pm Death in the Chaff-cutter

June 21
 3:00pm Thanner's New Job
 4:45pm Manila
 6:30pm A Fatal Fairytale

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 13 Padosan
 June 17 Abar Aranye (Bangla)
 June 20 Lucky
 June 24 Chokher Bali (Bangla)
 June 27 Black

Miniature painting
Small is beautiful
 105 artists assemble at Shilparag

FAYZA HAQ

MINIATURE paintings have been a recognised art form for 500 years. Not only is it reduced to a small frame, but it's carefully handled and the workmanship is flawless. The ongoing exhibition at Shilparag is an effort to revive and inspire this art form in our culture, drawing both professional and amateur artists. This is in continuation of a similar exhibition held in 2003.

Shilparag is keen to continue with this art form as more artists wish to participate in this type of exhibition. Last year there were 58 artists and this year there are 105. The scope this year is much wider. Nowadays we tend to live in smaller apartments, so miniature paintings fit our dwelling with limited spaces. As more paintings are in demand, the artists get more encouragement.

The artists participating in this year's exhibition, such as Monirul Islam, Abdus Shakoor, Hashem Khan, Naima Haque, Nadiya and Chandra Shekhar Dey, had participated in the previous exhibition as well. The young ones are the students from the Institute of Fine Arts.

Watercolour, acrylic, print and pencil work are to be seen in the exhibition. Terra-cotta and paper work have been included as well. The special attraction is the collection of nine sketches by Quamrul Islam.



Abdus Shakoor's portrait. Simple, bold lines complete the details of the face, clothes and ornaments. Naima Haque's mixed media is an abstraction, which brings in motifs in dots, swirls and lines on black, purple and gray. Chandra Shekhar Dey has painted a delicate portrait of a woman in an open blouse. This is in shades of yellow, with orange and black lines. N Ahmed Nadvi brings in a pristine image with three lines of crows sitting neatly on electric poles.

Atiya Islam Anne, in her masks of laughing men, shows the weird world of human fantasy. The charm of the countryside, with people driving bullock carts, has been idealised in dark and contrasting shades, with details worked in carefully. Motiur Rahman's watercolour presents a profile of a woman in a sari. The realism in gray and black with washes of warm pink is remarkable indeed. Md Fokrul A Tofa's watercolour brings in the beauty of the play of light and shade in a village home.

Mahmudul Islam's paper folding shows a seated village woman, seen against a branch of a tree. Mahmudul Hassan's terra-cotta shows details from a temple with boats, horses and men at arms. The watercolour by Marjita Prima depicts the ruins from Sonargaon, highlighting the broken bits of brick that speak of the glory of a bygone world.

Theatre
Drishyapat presents Socrates-er Jobanbondi

ERSHAD KAMOL

A common dilemma of modern society is whether one should concur with the abuse of democracy or protest against any aberration. Does democracy truly allow an individual to speak his/her mind? These questions were the leitmotif of Drishyapat's presentation *Socrates-er Jobanbondi*.

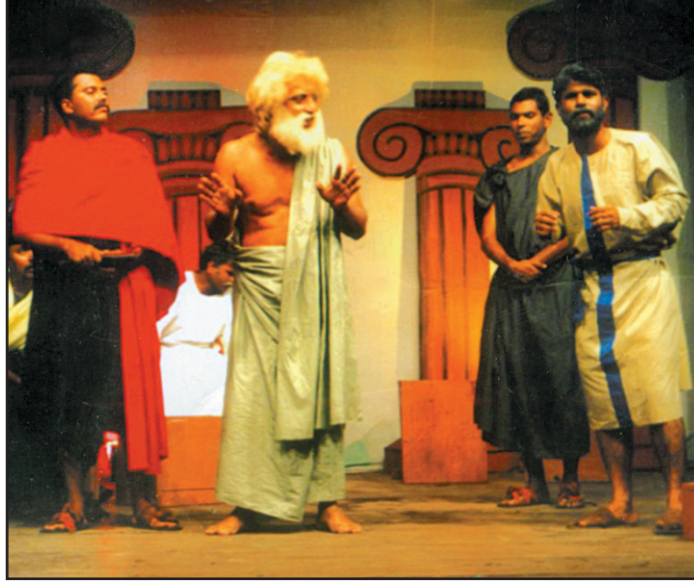
Socrates-er Jobanbondi is adapted from *Apologia Sokratous (Defense of Socrates)* by Plato. Here philosopher Socrates encounters the dilemmas of democracy.

The 50th show of *Socrates-er Jobanbondi*, adapted by Shishir Kumar Das, was staged at the Experimental Theatre Stage on June 10.

The trial of Socrates was held in the spring of 399 BC. The defendants, three members of the elite class, Anytus, Melenus and Polocrates, falsely accused Socrates - who always lampooned ignorance, intellectual pretension and arrogance through his philosophy. Apparently, he had misled the younger generation and in the process had committed blasphemy. 501 Athenians had to vote to choose between the two punishments offered by the prosecution and the defendants, which was a mockery of democracy.

Plato, a direct disciple of Socrates, witnessed the trial and indexed the proceedings.

Through the conflict between an



individual and state, in *Socrates-er Jobanbondi*, adapter Shishir Das depicted the misuse of democracy, which pushes a nation towards a police state.

A panel of directors have backed *Socrates-er Jobanbondi*. Typical Brechtian directorial style has been followed. In the first part of the play, conflict and action have been maintained, however, in the second half, the play lost its pace.

Hasan Shahriar's set design is simple. A few stools have been used as the set of the play. A general light wash was projected throughout the play.

Ali Mahmud, through his voice modulation and bold appearance on stage, has perfectly presented the eloquence of Socrates. His gestures are perfect for a man in his 70s. Nehal Ahmed, Hasan Shahriar and Ahsan Habib were impressive. However, Josh Zaidy, Moin Ahmed and Piku Bakshi seemed to over act in the play.

Talent hunt
Close up 1: Tomakey Khujchhey Bangladesh



CULTURAL CORRESPONDENT

The most hyped contemporary talent hunt of the country, *Close up 1 Tomakey Khujchhey Bangladesh* has kicked off at Rangpur on June 11. Among the 1700 contestants of Rangpur, 150 performers will be selected in the preliminary round. The contestants will be adjudged according to their abilities of presenting a tune aptly, pronunciation, voice modulation and emoting according to the moods of the songs. The contestants must sing Bangla songs only, without any instrumental backups in the primary round (a cappella). After the selection in Rangpur, the next session will be held in Bogra followed by Rajshahi.

About 40,000 contestants will participate in the competition in 11 districts: Dhaka, Chittagong, Rajshahi, Khulna, Sylhet, Baarisal, Rangpur, Bogra, Faridpur, Comilla and Mymensingh. There will be two rounds in the preliminary selection: audition and selection rounds. The month long selection process will be telecast soon. The judges in the preliminary rounds will be: Ali Akhbar Rup, Pronob Ghosh, Ferdous Ara, Labu Rahman, Piaru Khan, Partha Barua, Showkat Ali Imon, Fahmida Nabi, Bappa Majumdar, Selim Ashraf and Anup Barua. The three judges for the final rounds will be Kumar Biswajit, Shakila Zafar and Ahmed Imtiaz Bulbul.

Blockbuster
A new and darker Batman takes over

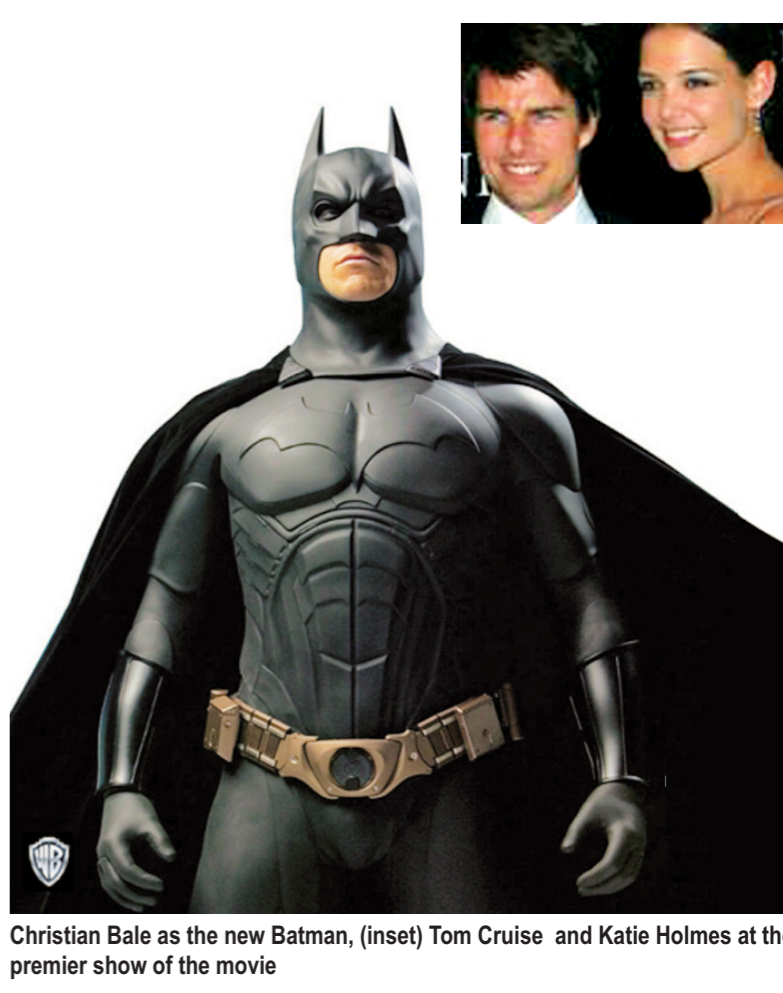
Batman Begins, a new beginning for the Dark Knight, features a new actor playing the title role. British actor Christian Bale takes his turn as Batman, in a movie that examines his origin and the reasons why he left Gotham City to go off to London. Of course, the villains of this story, Ra's Al Ghul and The Scarecrow, help push the story line with their criminal antics.

At the premier show of the movie, Tom Cruise along with current girlfriend Katie Holmes, stole the limelight. Katie plays one of the lead roles in *Batman Begins*.

She was all smiles while walking down the red carpet, even gave hints of an engagement.

"Look, I can't lie. We have to talk about that, Tom and I. But it just makes me smile when you ask about that. I'm so happy, I'm thrilled. I'm so in love with Tom and that's all that I care about. He's just the most amazing man in the whole world," -- gleamed Katie.

Source: Internet



Christian Bale as the new Batman, (inset) Tom Cruise and Katie Holmes at the premier show of the movie

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, 7:30pm, 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) 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

12:15 *Shangbadporer Pata Thekeya*
 12:30 *Shashthya Tatthya*
 01:05 *Bashori*
 02:05 Selected Programme
 03:35 *Shukhi Poribar*
 04:05 Cartoon Show
 04:30 Selected Programme
 05:05 Television Debate Competition
 06:00 *Khabor: Desh Janapad*
 06:10 *Geetanjali*
 06:35 Programme From Chittagong Centre
 07:00 News Headlines, Share Market and Weather Forecast
 07:05 *Mati O Manush*
 07:30 *My Three Sisters*
 08:25 *Protidin Bangladesh*
 08:30 Drama Serial: *Terci April*
 09:00 Drama Serial: *Swapno Shonar Gaon*
 10:25 *Teknaf Theke Tetulia*
 10:30 *Shubarno Atti*

CHANNEL-i

10:30 *Tele Prescription*
 11:30 *Hidoye Mati O Manush*
 12:30 *Aj Dupurey O Citycell Tarokakathon*
 01:30 *Shangbadpotrey Bangladesh*
 02:35 Special Programme *Banglar Gaan*
 03:50 *My Three Sisters*
 04:45 *Sa Re Ga Ma*
 05:30 *Janala*
 06:30 *Chhaya Jhankar*
 07:50 Special Programme on Child Labour
 08:25 *Rupkatha*
 09:35 Drama Serial: *69*
 10:00 Drama Serial: *Pothey Pothey Cholthey*

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09:05 Drama Serial: *Jhut Jhut*
 09:20 *Shanskriti Ei Shoptho*
 11:00 *Mon Amar Shandhan Kori*
 11:30 *Kj Kotha Tahar*
 12:05 *Shathey Pandemic: Facing AIDS*
 01:05 *Potrkar Khabor*
 01:30 *TVC*
 02:35 Drama Serial: *Kachher Manush*
 03:15 *Pantene You Got the Look 2005*
 05:20 *Apnar Jigyasha*
 06:20 *Shubho Shondhya*
 06:50 *Ain O Jibon*
 08:15 Drama Serial: *Jhut Jhamela*
 08:50 *Right Click*
 09:40 *Medhabi*
 11:25 *Dindarpan*

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11:05 Drama Serial: *Ek Janomey*
 12:15 Documentary Programme
 12:50 *Smritir Monikothay*
 02:30 Drama Serial: *Ghumpoka*
 03:15 Drama Serial: *O Amar Chhokhu Nai*
 03:50 Children's Programme
 04:25 Special Programme *Gram Ganjer Khabor*
 05:00 *Islami Sawal O Jawab*
 05:45 *Three Stooges*
 06:25 Drama Serial: *Jol Porey Pata Norey*
 08:30 Drama Serial: *The New Shabuj Opera*
 09:00 Drama Serial: *Nirey Taar Nela Dheu*
 09:30 Drama Serial: *Mohona*

PICK OF THE DAY

Pothey Pothey Cholthey Cholthey
 On Channel i at 10:00pm
 Drama Serial
 Cast: Ishita, Shahed Sharif Khan, Chhobi, Tazin
 Written and Directed by Chayanika Chowdhury

Sleeping With the Enemy
 On Star Movies at 10:45pm
 Genre: Drama / Thriller
 Cast: Julia Roberts, Patrick Bergin, Kevin Anderson
 Directed by Joseph Ruben

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| <p>10:35 Business This Week</p> <p>HBO</p> <p>08:00 Slate of Emergency 09:45 Backdraft 12:30 Decoys 02:30 Superbabies: Baby Geniuses 2 04:15 Body Snatchers 06:00 Beverly Hills cop III 08:00 The Big Preview: batman Begins 08:30 D-Tox 10:30 Tales from the crypt 24: as ye sow 11:15 final analysis 01:45 Esther Khan 04:45 What Girls Learn</p> <p>STAR MOVIES</p> <p>8:45 The Flintstones</p> | <p>10:15 Sleeping With The Enemy Madhouse 1:15 Hot Chick 3:15 Hope Floats 5:15 Barbershop 7:00 Stuck On You 9:00 The Guru 10:45 Sleeping With The Enemy</p> <p>STAR GOLD</p> <p>8:30 Dance Dance 1:00 Hello Brother 9:00 The Transporter</p> <p>STAR PLUS</p> <p>1:00 Musafir Hoon Yarron 1:30 Mirch Masala</p> | <p>6:30 Disney's Mickey Mouse Works 7:00 Marsupilami 7:30 Ssshhhh...Koi Hai... 8:30 Samsung Iifa Award 9:00 Khakee</p> <p>STAR WORLD</p> <p>2:30 Charmed 3:30 The Apprentice 4:30 Miss Match 5:30 Fashion Tv 6:30 Baywatch Hawaii 7:30 Malcolm In The Middle 8:00 Parkinson 9:00 Oprah Winfrey Show 10:00 One Tree Hill 11:00 The Kumars At No. 42 11:30 Rendezvous With Simi Garewal</p> <p>AXN</p> <p>11:30 Guinness World Records: Primetime 12:30 Congo 03:00 Snake Eyes 05:30 Hollywood's Greatest Stunts 06:00 E Buzz 06:30 The World's Most Shocking Moments Caught On Tape Guinness World Records: Primetime 08:30 Back To The Future Part II 11:00 E Buzz 11:30 Uncovered</p> <p>CHANNEL [V]</p> <p>01:30 Pop Diaries 02:00 [V] Work Outs</p> | <p>02:30 [V] Top 40 04:30 [V] Video Patrol 11:00 [V] Tommy 11:30 [V] Luke's After Hours</p> <p>NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC</p> <p>12:00 Serious: Arctic 12:30 Hayden Turner's Wildlife Chall 1:00 Monkey Business 1:30 Air Crash Investigation 2:30 Seconds From Disaster 3:30 Interpol Investigates 4:30 Air Crash Investigation 5:30 Seconds From Disaster 6:30 Showreal Asia 7:30 Autobahn 8:30 Adventure Challenge 9:30 The Egypt Detectives 10:30 Built For The Kill 11:30 Deep Jungle</p> <p>04:30 Supernatural Science 05:30 Mystery Hunters 06:00 Kitchen Chemistry 06:30 Wind Driven 07:00 Speed 07:30 Wild Discovery 08:30 Discover's Biggest Shows 10:30 Night Safari Flight to Freedom</p> <p>STAR SPORTS</p> <p>09:00 Fim World Enduro Championships 2005 Fatima Portugal (T) The Golf Club (R) Cricket Classics Super Doubles (R) 10:30 Gillette World Sports 2005 (R) 11:00 Formula One Saturday Qualifying Canadian Grand Prix 12:00 Wimbledon Official Film 1987 (T) 01:00 Football Asia (R) 01:30 Malaysian Field Hockey 14th Sultan Azlan Shah Cup Final(R) 03:00 Icc Cricket World (R) 03:30 Team India Programming India Glorious (R) 05:00 Formula One Saturday Qualifying(R) 06:00 International Triathlon Union 2005 World Cup Event Highlights(T) 07:00 Formula One Sunday Qualifying(R) 08:00 Fim World Enduro Championships 2005 Portugal (R) 08:30 Wimbledon Official Film 1988 (T) 10:00 Race Day Canadian Grand Prix(L) 10:45 Formula One World</p> <p>Championship Canadian Grand Prix(L) ESPN 11:00 Medium Cheerleading Orlando Fl Us (T) 11:30 Cricket Gold (T) 01:30 Motorsport Asia (R) 01:57 U.S. Open Golf Championship Official Film (T) 02:57 Motogp World Championship 2005 Catalunya 250cc(L); 125cc (S); 500cc(L) 07:00 School Quiz 2005 Review Show (R) 08:00 Sportscenter Weekend (T) 08:05 Mathcounts National Competition Detroit Mi Usa (R) 09:00 Cricket Gold (R) 11:00 Cheerleading Uca Nhscc Open Div. Medium Cheerleading Orlando Fl Us (R) 11:30 School Quiz 2005 Review Show (R) TEN SPORTS 07:30 South American WC Qualifiers:Argentina v Brazil 09:30 TVS Futsal Championship 10:00 Transworld Sports: Ep 23 11:00 Gillette World Sports 11:30 WWE Heat 12:30 FIM Speedway Grand Prix : Slovenia 01:30 MotoGP: Grand Prix Catalunya - Montmelo Pakistan - India Football Series k.o. 1600 uae 06:30 European PGA Golf: The KLM Open Day 4 09:00 TVS Futsal Championship 09:30 WWE Heat 10:30 MotoGP: Grand Prix</p> |
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