# CULTURE

## CULTURAL FEAST

## **Exhibition**

Title: Places, spaces Artist: Kashef Mahboob Chowdhury Venue: Goethe-Institute. Dhanbmondi Date: June 29-July 14

## Film Screening

Organiser: High Commission of India Venue: Indian Cultural Centre, House 25, Road 96, Gulshan-1 **Date**: July 4-22 **Schedule** 

Junoon Nazar Biyallish

Title: German Feature Film Venue: Goethe-Institute, Dhanbmondi Date: July 17-25

## Play

Title: Brand Group: Centre for Asia Theatre Venue: Bonomali Theatre Auditorium, Date: July 09-10, from 7pm

Group: Dhaka Theatre Venue: Experimental Theatre Hall, Shilpakala Academy Date: July 09, from 7pm Title: Prachya

Group: Dhaka Theatre Venue: Mahila Samiti Auditorium, Baily Date: July 16, from 7pm

## Group Exhibition

Artist: Eleven artistes from Chittagong Venue: Alliance Francaise, 26, Mirpur Road, Dhanmondi Date: July 08-14

## CD Release

Title: Trishna Amar Hariye Gechhey Lvricist: KG Mustafa Organiser: Panchashwar Guests: Kalim Sharafi, Robin Ghosh, Subal Das, Mobarok Hossain Khan Venue: Goethe-Institute, House 10, Road 09. Dhanmondi Date: July 15, at 6:30pm

# Faiz Ahmed and his passion for art

FAYZA HAQ

AIZ Ahmed, the first head of Bangladesh Shangbad Shangtha (BSS), was always fascinated by fine arts, although he himself did not study it academically. Artists like Zainul Abedin, Quamrul Hassan and Safiuddin Ahmed shared meals and exchanged ideas with him before the Partition of 1947, and the eventful years that followed. Since 1991 he has run his art gallery Shilpangan to encourage artists. His was the first private gallery, which in 1997 had paintings and prints flown from Europe and USA, with the works of artists like Picasso and Braque, to raise necessary funds for the gallery. Recently there was the exhibit of subcontinental artists, with major artists like Souza and F M Hussain, Shahabuddin, exhibited here five times. Today he has two assistants, his nephew Rumi Noman of ATN, and Anukul, a free-lance painter. Although in his late 70s, he is always on the run, constantly advising artists and connoisseurs, and even patrons, in his office room in Dhanmondi.

Coming from a family of zamindars, he was into acting in jatras like Nawab Sirjudaullah and Tipu Sultan and had his poem published in a Kolkata paper when he was in Class VIII. He was into music of various genres, and his exercise books were full of sketches and doodles, rather than the regular school home tasks. He went to Europe as a young man. With his horizons widened by this exposure, his sojourn in India, and his brushing of shoulders with our senior painters, he felt compelled to do something for the paintings, prints and sculpture work that he admired so

Asked to compare his gallery with



A portrait of Faiz Ahmed

others in the city, Faiz Ahmad comments, "The other art galleries are much newer. At my gallery even

compiled and directed by Secre-

tary General of PTA, Liaquat Ali

Lucky, is the collection of world

famous children's songs. The

students of PTI presented a com-

mendable rendering of songs on

Banglar Mukh dramatised and

directed by Lucky. This play cap-

Subsequently, they staged

peace and harmony.

not a child's play and they often fold up a few years after their opening, like 'Gallery Tone', or 'La Gallerie' or even 'Gallery 21'. However, it's not quite fair to pass judgements. One must admit, nevertheless, that one has to keep at it with dedication and diligence -- forfeiting many other interests and preoccupations. "There are others that are pure art shops, rather than galleries. They tend to have space enough for crammed displays -- and little room to sit together or have spirited

hold their solos. Other galleries

have sometimes the support of

patrons who are into business in a

big way, and convert their art galler-

ies into other centres for art. Even

Mohammad Muniruzzaman, direc-

tor of Chitrak, once worked for

Shilpangan. Running art galleries is

exchange of informative ideas and views. I too have to sell my art works, but that is not my only concern. At Shilpangan, artists are encouraged to come and have regular addas in the evening. Sometimes large joint exhibitions have followed from the work output of these group discussions. There might just be only puffed rice and tea at these sessions; but it's not only views and gossip that prevail in these get-togethers of artists."

He ended his parley with this brief comment on Bangladeshi artists, " You can't compare them with those from India: our neighbouring country is so vast that if the artists simply turn around and adapt what they can see around them -- dating back to Ajanta and Ellora -- they will flourish. In comparison, in Bangladesh, there's just a handful, like Monirul Islam, Shahabuddin Shahid Kabir and Kalidas Karmakar, who have made their name overseas.

## Concert

## Live Now at National Museum

16 bands play to raise funds for SMF

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Shabab Murshid Foundation (SMF) sponsored a concert titled Live Now on July 7 at Novera Hall, National Museum. Proceeds will go to SMF in its mission to promote music, sports and culture, while generating health awareness among the youth.

Shabab Murshid (15), son of economist Dr KAS Murshid and artist Shameem Subrana passed away on May 10, 2005 in Phnom Penh, Cambodia while playing basketball at school. It is surprising that the cause of this sudden death was a Pulmonary Cardiac Arrest. Shabab was a child who always lived for the moment, and hence the concert was titled Live

In the loving memory of Shabab, his family and friends

have joined hands to form SMF. The Foundation aims to reach out to youngsters. What happened to Shabab on that fateful day can happen to anyone, believe the organisers. In their view, there are preventive measures that can be taken, such as keeping trained nurses at all school premises at all times, keeping the necessary medical equipments, sound emergency procedures in case of 'accidents', and mandatory screening of all children every

SMF will actively work to ensure that schools and parents are informed of what can go wrong and the measures that need to be taken. The Foundation also aims to work with street and destitute children in the form of slum schools and other institutions. The concert is the first event

organised by SMF to raise funds.

Popular underground bands such as Artcell, Cryptic Fate, The Watson Brothers, Arbovirus, dNA, Birodh, Nemesis, Delude and others played at the show that started at 1pm. This was the first time for sixteen bands playing at the same show. A special surprise appearance by Bangla's Ornob was indeed a treat. He sang the famous She jey boshe achey and received rounds of applause from the raving audience. Artcell dedicated the song Bhul jonmo, while The Watson Brothers dedicated Rong to Shabab's memory.

All in all, the concert was a huge success and drew a diverse audience. It was a day to live for the moment, as the concert title



The Watson Brothers performing at the concert

## Certificate giving ceremony of Peoples Theatre Institute

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Among the few organisations in the country that operate training programmes for young theatre enthusiasts, Peoples Theatre Institute (PTI) is significant. It is a sister concern of Peoples Theatre Association (PTA). The former offers a one-year certificate course

for children's theatre. On July 8, at Mahila Samity Stage, PTI arranged a certificate giving ceremony amongst the successful trainees.

The certificate giving ceremony was followed by the staging of two plays -- Biswa Bina and Banglar Mukh -- by the children who participated in the course. Biswa Bina, a musical play

tured our glorious heritage and rebellious past. Lucky then distributed the certificates to the participants. Speaking on the plus points of children's theatre, Lucky said, "Theatre practice is helpful for the development of children. Besides offering entertainment, theatre can be a very effective learning tool. I firmly believe that theatre practice can be introduced at the school level as part of co-curricular activities. PTI's aim is to involve all the students of the country in theatre

## Abbum release

noted Bangladeshi artists from

overseas, such as, Monirul Islam

and Shahid Kabir, have come to

## Patar Bhela Bhashai -- Ila's album of Tagore song



The cover jacket of the album

launched the album of Tagore songs

at the Bengal Shilpalaya. Shahnaz Nasrin IIa, lecturer of the In her welcoming speech, Luva Department of Theatre and Music of Nahid Chowdhury, director of Bengal Foundation, said, "Bengal Dhaka University, released her first solo album on July 7. Eminent literary personality Dr Anisuzzaman

their albums. Patar Bhela Bhashai is the 81st album produced by Bengal Foundation. Shahnaz Nasrin Ila's solo album is our 35th production of Tagore songs. Chief guest Dr Anisuzzaman

said, "After training in music in Bangladesh, Shahnaz Nasrin Ila received further education in Tagore songs from Maya Sen at Bishwabharati University, India, Her album includes spiritual and love songs of Rabindranath Tagore.

After the launching ceremony, Ila rendered all of the 11 songs of the album and three other songs. She started with the devotional song Danrao mono ananto brahmando majhe. The audience seemed moved by Ila's performance during the rendition of the stave of sentimental peace Taar hathey chhilo Her voice modulation in this song and in the devotional piece Prachanda garjane was really enjoyable.

## Malaika Arora says Yahoo



Yahoo! India has signed MTV VJ and Bollywood actress Malaika Arora Khan to launch its new campaign 'Yahoo India Mail'. Yahoo plans to gain in more email users by getting in Malaika to promote facilities that includes larger storage space, bigger attachments, advanced spam control and email alerts on mobile.

That apart, Yahoo is also coming up with a special 'Malaika Arora Signature Series' zone for Yahoo! Mobile. The Signature series will feature exclusive mobile content that includes themes, wallpapers, screensavers, video-clips, Malaika's favorite ringtones and Malaika mobile games.

## Ram Gopal Varma plans Sholay remake

Riding high on the recent success of Sarkar, Ram Gopal Varma is all set to implement one more dream. The filmmaker has planned a remake of Sholay - a film close to his heart and one of his all time favourites.

The remake will be titled, Ram Gopai Varma Ka Sholay and instead of Ramgarh, the location of the film will be Varma's favourite, Mumbai underworld. The legendary Gabbar Singh will not be a leader of dacoits but an urban don.

Varma says that Godfather and Sholay have always been his dream projects and if the remake of one is successful, he wouldn't resist remaking the other. The film will feature fresh



Source: Internet

## TV GUIDE

PICK OF THE DAY

All programmes are in local time. The Daily Star will not be responsible for any change in the programme.

scene from Banglar Mukh

## 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) **CHANNEL-i** News (Bangla) at 7:15 am. 9:00am,

## 2:00pm, 7:00pm, 9:00pm, 10:30pm,

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. Latest News (Bangla) at 9:00 a.m,10:00 am. 11:00 am.1:00pm.3:00 pm. 4:00pm.6:00 pm and 8:00 pm. ntv

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

News Headlines (Bangla) at 10:00 am.

12:00 am. 6:15 pm. 9:30 pm.

**BBC WORLD** Every hour on the hour

**BTV** 08:15 Quiz Quiz 08:40 Bishwa Protidin 01:05 Nibedon 01:30 Selected Programme Sesamepu 02:05

03:05 Drama of the Week 04:05 Nakkhatrer Alo 04:30 Magic Show 05:05 **English Debate** Competition 05:55 Shamakalin Arthoniti 06:00 Khabor: Desh Janopad 06:10 Wrestling 07:00 News Headlines. Share Market, Weather

Forecast 07:05 Ei Prithibi 07:30 Drama Serial: Gaaner Pakhi Shapholya Gantha Drama: Bhalobasha 09:00 Dot Com Teknaf Thekey Tetulia

### 10:35 Agun Jhora Shondhya CHANNEL-i 09:45 Tritiyo Matra 10:45 Na Bola Kotha

12:00 TVC Sky Shop 12:30 Aj Dupurey O Citicell Taroka Kothon 01:00 Ebong Cinemar Gaan 01:25 Public Reaction 01:30 Shanbadporev Banaladesh 02:30 Rona Berona 03:00 Dhaka Guide 04:20 DVC Music Café

Shurer Mela 04:45 Sa Re Ga Ma 05:15 Janopader Khabor Sangeetmala 06:00 Music Plus 06:30 Drama Serial: Ekti Nodir Mrityu 07:50 Drama Serial

Swapnoloker

Drama Serial: Nona 09:35 Hridove Mati O 10:00 Pothey Choltey Choltey ntv

08:35

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09:30 10:05 Glamour World 10:30 Bangla Feature Film 01:05 Muktangan 02:35 Manush 03:15 Musical Programme 03:50 Drama: Manoshi Children's Programme 05:15 Itihasher Ei Diney Alokpat 05:20 06:20 Shubho Shondhya 06:50 Right Click Drama Serial: Jhui

## Dindarpan 10:30

Annodrishtee Char Devaler Kabva Bangla Feature Film: Bahadur Nawjowan Shurer Madhuri Children's Programme Hattima Tim Tim Children's Programme Amader Joto Kotha Islami Sawal O Jawab Danish Pothey Pothey Drama Serial: Jol

Drama Serial: The New

Drama Serial: Lal Neel

Shabuj Opera

# Kalpokatha

Aaiker Shakal Drama Serial: Kachhei Manush Amra Ekhon Unish Kuri Drama Serial: Kachhei

Special Programme

## 11:25 **ATN BANGLA**

Porey Pata Norey

Drama Serial: Pothey

**Pothey Pothey Choltey Choltey** On Channel i at 10:00pm

09:30

9:30

12:15

2:00

## 09:00 Dui Bochhor Periye

12:10 8:45 11:00 1:00 3:30 5:45 7:45

**ERSHAD KAMOL** 

Drama Serial Cast: Ishita, Sweety, Chhobi, Tauquir, Bonya Directed by Chayanika Chowdhury

### Drama Serial: Ek Janomev Musical Programme: Rock & Rhythm Bangla Feature Film:

**HBO** Tyson No Way Back Disclosure Eternal Sunshine of The Spotless Mind Spawn Joe's Apartment Dreamcatcher

The Assassin

Disclosure

**STAR MOVIES** 9:30 Frailty 11:15 Wrong Turn 12:45 Good Morning Vietnam 2:45 Grinch 4:40 First Knight Hridoye Lekha Nam 7:00 Shanghai Knights

### 9:00 10:55 Stark Raving Mad Frailty STAR GOLD 12:30 Soldie 4:30 Rakshak

Zu:WarriorsofThe & Iron Monkey STAR PLUS 12:00 Karishma Ka Karishma

## Foundation supports promising and quality singers through releasing

Shanghai Knights On Star Movies at 7:00pm Genre: Action / Adventure / Comedy Cast: Jackie Chan, Owen Wilson, Fann Wong **Directed by David Dobkin** 

2:30 Armour Of God Telebrands 5:00 6:00 Tedhe Medhe Sapney 6:30 Aladdin 7:00 Hercules 7:30 Krisshna Arjun 8:00 Sonpari Shararat - Thoda Jadu 9:00 Kasautii Zindagii Kay

Tu Tu Main Main

Loc- Life Out Of Control 9:30 Star Pariyaar Ka 10:30 Shukravar 11:00 Saara Akaash 11:30 Kalcchakra Kahani Jurrm Ki 12:00 STAR WORLD

Adventure Divas

The King Of Queens 2:00 Yes Dear 2:30 Boston Public 3:30 The Kumars At No. 42 4:30 Bitches And Beauty 5:30 One Tree Hill 6:30 8:30 Tna Xplosion **Outrageous Celebrity** 

Look-A-Like Behavior

Dog The Bounty Hunter

Caught On Tape

Cops Stupid Behavior Caught NATIONAL **GEOGRAPHIC** 12:00 Serious: Jungle

10:30

1:00 Monkey Business Storm Stories Built For Destruction 2:30 National Geographic Special Sears Towers 8:30 Guardians Of Angkor

Showreal Asia

Unlocking Da Vinci's

The Natural World

The Crocodile Hunter

Ng Special

Wildlife Detectives

### Code ANIMAL **PLANET**

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Diaries Animals A-Z Seals The Octopus Challenge 4:30 Action Big Cat 5:30 Growing up Wild Camel 6:30 Pet Star 7:30 Private Life of Plants Monkey Business 8:30 9:00 Chimpanzee Diary 9:30 Squirrels Under Siege 10:00 Animals A-Z 10:30 Spidermania 11:30 Animal X

### DISCOVERY 12:30 Mummy Autopsy

Understanding Archaeological Mysteries 2:30 Impossible Heists 3:30 Amazing Baby Videos In Therapy 4:00 4:30 Wild Discovery Africa 5:30 Truth or Scare Night 6:00 Visitors Challenge Science of 6:30

7:30

Superhuman Strength

Junkyard Wars Drag

Wild Discovery

Discover India

### Discovery Wings 72 Hours Casino Diaries STAR SPORTS

Max Power 2005 (R) Extreme Programming 9:30 Sports Mania (R) Icc Cricket World (T) Formula One Highlights 2005 Magny Cours France French Grand Prix(R) Gillette World Sports 2005 (T)

12:30 Lions Tour Rugby Hq Asia (L) British & Irish Lions Tour To New Zealand 2005 Zealand Vs British Lions Football Asia (T)

Nba Inside Stuff (R) 4:00 14th Sultan Azlan Shah Cup Australia Vs South Korea (R) World Superbike Championships 2005 Mid-Season Review(T) Formula One Qualifying 2005 Silverstone Great Britain Foster's British

Gillette World Sports 2005 (R) 7:30 Cricket Classics Super Doubles (T) 8:00 Team India Programming India Glorious (R) Formula One Qualifying 2005 Silverstone Great

Grand Prix Gualifying(L)

Britain Foster's British

Grand Prix Gualifying(R)

Hall Of Fame Tennis C'ships 2005 Newport Riusa Men's Semifinal

### **ESPN** Espn School Quiz 2005 8:00 Brazilian Goal (R) 8:30 Sportscenter Week In Review (T) 9:00 I'd Do Anything (T) 10:00 Hitz (R) 10:30 Sportscenter Week In Review (R) 11:00 Cricket Gold (T)

I'd Do Anything (T) Junior Golf Champion ship 2005 Jakarta Indonesia Highlights World Pool Championships 2005 Chinese Taipei Day 8 Quarterfinals & Semifinals (L) Icc Cricket World (R)

World Pool Champion ships 2005 Chinese Taipei Day 8 Semifinals(L) 10:30 Espn School Quiz 2005

## (R) **TEN SPORTS**

7:30 Trans World Sports 8:00 Gamer TV 9:00 WWE Velocity 9:30 World Rallly 10:00 Winning Post Ep 4 1:00 Tour De France, Day 7 2:00 Legends 3:00 FIM Speedway Grand Prix: Denmark 3:30 Athletic World Show 4:00 World Rally 4:30 Speed

Gillette World Sport 5:30 Winning Post 6:30 **WWE Experience** 

World Hockey