

CULTURAL FEAST

**Play**  
**Title:** Mukti  
**Director:** Tropa Majumdar  
**Group:** Theatre  
**Venue:** Mahila Shamiti Auditorium, Baily Road  
**Date:** July 21, from 7pm

**Exhibition**  
**Title:** Khagrachhari through the eye of an artist  
**Artist:** 12 artists who participated in Watercolour Artist Camp held at Khagrachhari  
**Venue:** Shilpakala Academy, Shegun Bagicha  
**Date:** July 12-21, from 11am to 7pm on weekdays and 3pm to 8pm on Fridays

**Photography Exhibition**  
**Title:** Quest for Harmony  
**Artist:** Noazesh Ahmed  
**Venue:** Bengal Gallery of Fine Arts, Dhanbmondi  
**Date:** July 11-24, from 12pm to 8pm

**Musical Soiree**  
**Title:** Jakhon Bristhi Namlo  
**Organiser:** Nandan  
**Artists:** Fahim Hossain Chgowdhury, Tanzina Parveen, Nilotpaul Shadhya, Anjumam Ferdousi, Mahmudur Rahman Tuhin, Salma Akbar  
**Venue:** Bangladesh YWCA Bhaban, 3/23, Iqbal Road, Muhammadpur  
**Date:** July 22, at 6:30pm

**Film Screening**  
**Title:** German Feature Film  
**Organiser:** Goethe-Institute in co-operation with Zahir Raihan Film Festival  
**Venue:** Goethe-Institute, Dhanbmondi  
**Date:** July 17-21

Schedule  
**July 19**  
 4:00pm Winter-Sleeper  
 6:15pm Run Lola Run  
 7:45pm The Princess and the Warrior  
**July 20**  
 4:00pm Short Sharp Shock  
 5:45pm In July  
 7:30pm Goodbye, Lenin  
**July 21**  
 3:30pm Trains N Roses  
 5:00pm Anansi  
 6:30pm Enlightenment Guaranteed  
 8:15pm The Farewell

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



Shimul Yousuff performs in the role of Binodini Dasi

**ERSHAD KAMOL**  
 LIKE Dhaka, Chittagong, the port city of Bangladesh, has a rich theatre tradition. Established in October 7, 2004, the Theatre Institute of Chattogram (TIC) has added dynamism to the theatre scene in Chittagong. One of TIC's initiatives is to stage the plays of theatre troupes from outside Chittagong at the TIC Auditorium. Dhaka Theatre, a popular theatre troupe of the country, and TIC have come to an agreement on staging a Dhaka Theatre production each month for the Chittagong audience. Each month Dhaka Theatre will stage their latest production *Binodini* at TIC Auditorium.

dition is supporting us. After this venture Aranyak Natyadal will have a similar agreement with us." Nasiruddin Yousuff, chief of Dhaka Theatre, said, "Audience from outside Dhaka hardly come to Dhaka to watch plays. As a result they miss many quality stage plays. That is why we have planned to stage *Binodini* for the Chittagong audience. In the coming winter we have plans to stage *Binodini* in a few districts of North Bengal. Moreover, we hope to stage the play at Sylhet." *Binodini* is a play on the biography of the pioneer theatre activist of Indian sub-continent Binodini Dasi, an actress with a dark past. Simon Zakaria, with guidance from Selim Al Deen, Nasiruddin Yousuff and Shimul Yousuff, has dramatised *Binodini*. Simon has used two autobiographies by Binodini Dasi— *Aamar Kotha* and *Aamar Abhinoy Jibon*, several poems written by Binodini and a few reference books on this pioneering female theatre artiste of the sub-continent. Directed by Nasiruddin Yousuff, *Binodini* is a solo performance by Shimul Yousuff. *Binodini* will be staged tomorrow evening at TIC Auditorium.

Fashion Show '05  
**Designers put their best foot forward**



CULTURAL CORRESPONDENT

Fashion design is an art that is a melange of functionality and style. And there's more to a fashion show than just images of youthful ultra-slim models sashaying down ramps dressed in fancy designer wear. On display also is the creativity of the designers. "Fashion Show 2005", organised by the Inspiration School of Design and Technology at the Ball Room of Dhaka Sheraton Hotel recently, was a show with a difference. Firstly the show revealed the future of our fashion scenario through the works of the young talents and aspiring fashion designers of the institute. Secondly, it was a joyous moment for the students as the institution has completed six successful years.

It was back in 1998 when Architect Alamgir Jaiil established the Inspiration School of Design and Technology, which is affiliated and supported by the Inspiration Design School of Singapore. Today Inspiration has achieved the position of a leading fashion institute in the country. As a part of its curriculum, Inspiration regularly arranges exhibitions, workshops and fashion shows. From 2001 it has regularly organised annual fashion shows which are regarded as a major event. The fourth annual fashion show by the students of the institution drew the attention of the fashion savvy people. This year the designers worked on nine especial themes. The designs were based on the theme of "reincarnation", focusing on keeping alive the heritage of designs, while "twilight beauty" simply celebrated the beauty of wonderful nature. The designs, based on the theme "summer chill", revealed cool styles and "Chic Charis" ma" was a display of great beauty. The other themes: enigma, night magic, misty wood, back to basics and sporty spirit also conveyed the unique works of the designers. Sometimes the designers went back to our traditions; sometimes they veered around to fusion works by mingling the East with the West; while sometimes they just simply went wild with the West. Moreover, this fashion show successfully projected the works of a good number of innovative designers who have the potential to lead our future fashion industry.

Indian Idols regale  
**Dhaka audience**

CULTURAL CORRESPONDENT

The three Indian Idols were in town, regaling audiences with their melodious voices. Following a successful concert for invitees in Chittagong, the trio gave two performances yesterday for the general audience. Bangladeshi band Prometheus also performed with the Indian Idols. "We got a huge response from Bangladesh which we didn't get from India," said Indian Idol artist Prajakta Shukre at a press conference on Sunday. Idols Abhijeet Sawant and Rahul Vaidya made similar observations. And the concert was for a good cause. Former president of Rotary Club (Dhaka north) Luffur Rahman



(L-R) Prajakta Shukre, Rahul Vaidya and Abhijeet Sawant at the press conference

Tribute  
**Rahman passes away**



Renowned film actor Abdur Rahman popularly known as Rahman died of old-age complications on July 18 in Dhaka. He was 68. Born in February 27, 1937, Rahman made his debut in the role of a villain in the film *Ei Desh Tomar Amar* directed by Ehtesham. His performance in films such as *Talash*, *Chanda Darshan* and others made him one of the most popular actors in the then East and West Pakistan. In fact, he was the only Bangalee actor-director who reigned in the erstwhile West Pakistani film industry. Rahman-Shabnam were a popular duo at that time. Just after the Liberation he continued his film career in Pakistan. *Chahat*, *Doraha*, *Lagan* are the films he made in Pakistan. Later he returned to Dhaka and renewed his acting career. *Milon* is his first film after Liberation. Following an accident, he made only a few appearances on the silver screen. He made his last appearance in the film *Aamar Shongshar* by Ashok Ghosh. He was the recipient of the prestigious Nigar Award in Pakistan. The Daily Star condoles the death of the eminent actor Abdur Rahman.

Nusrat Yasmeen Tisa, a popular TV actress of the late 1980s and 90s after a hiatus of six years, has returned to the media with a different look. TV plays and serials *Gharer Chhaya*, *Phirey Pawa*, *Lal Nil Beguni* and *Jhut Jhamela* are her most popular works. Recently, she shared her experiences and thoughts about her acting career. Here are excerpts from an interesting conversation with Tisa.

**Any interesting experience during shooting?**  
 We usually have quite a lot of fun on the sets of the ongoing popular comedy serial, *Jhut Jhamela*. I play the role of a very slow-witted and talkative girl. As the eldest daughter of the family everyone avoids her due to her nagging nature. She has a habit of talking about her husband who resides abroad. Once while shooting a scene with all the members of the family present in the living room, as soon as the director said "Action!" I started to deliver the dialogue. Seeing my amusing gestures, actor Intekhab Dinar began to laugh. Laughing is contagious and soon Romana started to giggle followed by others. The director had to retake the shot and finally the shot was okayed at the eighth attempt.

**What if you were not an actress?**  
 I would have been a singer, no doubt about that. I trained under Ustad Narayan Boshak in my childhood. I also took music lessons under Nazrul exponent Sohrab Hossain as a student of *Chhayanaut*.

**Which is your favourite season and why?**  
 Winter is my favourite. Although the soothing colour green is missing from nature during the season, winter attracts me the most. There is nothing more appealing than the blue sky of a misty morning. I always love to touch the cold dew on the green grass and feel it on my cheeks and forehead.

**Dream role**  
 I have a very long list of dream roles. The list will include Nazrul's Shiuli Mala, Rabindranath Tagore's Haimanti, Birajbou of *Sharatchandra Chhattyapadhyay*, and also *Madhobilata* of *Shamaresh Majumder's* *Kalpurush*.

**Who was your childhood hero?**  
 My father has been my idol and hero all my life. I have not come across anybody so bold and charismatic. My father was my best friend in my childhood.

**Any dream that came true?**  
 I never thought that I would be able to return to the limelight after such a long pause. But I always wanted to come back and act in TV plays. So, when I re-entered the entertainment world in 2003 with the drama serial *Lal Neel Beguni*, the response from the audience was way beyond my expectations. I consider myself



**"I have a very long list of dream roles"**  
 -- Tisa

very fortunate that I still hold a special place in the hearts of the audience. Otherwise, it would have been very difficult to survive in the competitive environment of the contemporary entertainment world.

**What is your most treasured possession?**  
 My son.

**Which is your best performance?**  
 I have not done it yet.

**Where do you see yourself 10 years down the road?**  
 I will definitely continue my acting career on TV, especially in the character roles.

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) 8:20am, 7:00pm.  
 Telecast of BTV News (Bangla and English) at 11:30 pm.

**ntv**  
 News Headlines (Bangla) at 10:00 am, 12:30 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 9:00 am, 10:00 am, 11:00 am, 1:00 pm, 3:00 pm, 4:00 pm, 5:00 pm, 7:00 pm, 11:30 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 Educational Programme  
 01:30 Computer round  
 02:30 Khabor  
 03:05 Open University Programme  
 04:05 Shangeeta  
 04:30 Shukhi Paribar  
 05:05 Jibon Dhara  
 06:35 Chittagong Programmes  
 07:00 News Headlines, Weather forecast, Share Market  
 07:05 Quiz Quiz  
 07:30 Musical Programme  
 08:45 Home Circus  
 09:25 Drama Serial: Arshinagar  
 10:25 Tarknaf Theke Tatulia  
 10:30 Katha Mala  
 12:05 Satellite Programme

**CHANNEL i**  
 09:30 Shongbad Potrey Bangladesh  
 09:45 Trito Matra  
 10:45 Grameen Phone  
 Cricket Online  
 11:30 Aamar Chhobi  
 12:30 Aaj Dupurey  
 01:00 Ebong Cinemar Gaan  
 01:25 Public Reaction  
 02:30 Special Programme  
 04:20 Dhawaleshwari Banke  
 04:45 Sa Re Ga Ma i Sports  
 05:30 Music Fun  
 06:00 Amader Adibashi  
 06:30 Drama Serial: Poribar  
 07:50 O Ekti Company  
 08:25 Drama Serial: Ek Akasher Tara  
 09:35 Drama Serial: Chalchhe Chalbey

**10:00** Close-up Juke Box  
**ntv**  
 08:30 Aajker Shakal  
 09:05 Drama Serial: Bela Bhumi  
 09:30 Khaborer Shondhyane  
 10:05 Bhinyo Swader  
 10:30 Khabor  
 11:00 Alochon  
 11:30 Chhobir Gaan  
 12:02 Ei Amader Gram  
 12:02 Single Episode Drama  
 02:30 Drama Serial: Jhut Jhamela  
 03:15 Tifiner Fankay  
 03:40 Swarbaro Theatre  
 04:25 Gallery  
 05:15 Din Darpan  
 06:20 Shubho Shondhya  
 06:50 Frankly Speaking  
 08:10 Drama Serial: Bela Bhumi  
 08:50 Drama Serial: Nupur  
 09:40 Drama Serial: Rangchhut  
 11:25 Dindarpan

**ATN BANGLA**  
 10:30 Talk Show: Annodishti  
 11:05 Drama Serial: Mohona  
 11:35 Business this Week  
 12:15 Amar Computer  
 12:50 Musical Programme  
 01:25 Cine Gaan  
 02:30 Drama Serial: Ghunpoka  
 03:15 Drama Serial: O Amar  
 03:50 Chokkhu Nai  
 04:25 Drama Serial: Bhawal Raja Shannayashi  
 05:10 Shomoshamoyik  
 05:40 Nari  
 05:45 Islami Sawal Jawab  
 06:20 Aynar Shamney  
 08:00 Drama Serial: Shukhnagar  
 08:30 Drama Serial: Shikor

PICK OF THE DAY

**Ek Akasher Tara**  
 On Channel-i at 8:25 p.m.  
 Genre: Drama serial  
 Cast: Jeetu Ahsan, Bonya Mirza

**Lara Croft Tomb Raider**  
 On HBO at 7:15 p.m.  
 Genre: Action/Adventure  
 Cast: Angelina Jolie, Gerard Butler, Ciarán Hinds

**STAR MOVIES**  
 10:15 Just Married  
 12:00 Alien  
 2:00 Madeline  
 3:35 Beethoven's 2nd  
 5:10 Father Of The Bride  
 7:00 Johnny English  
 8:30 In Hell  
 10:15 Just Married  
 12:00 Poolhall Junkies

**STAR GOLD**  
 10:25 Prem Deewane  
 2:15 Hum Hai Bemisal  
 6:00 Aitbaar

**STAR PLUS**  
 1:30 Kunkum - Pyara Sa  
 2:00 Bhandhan  
 9:30 Cats And Dogs  
 11:15 Sex and the City 54:  
 Baby, Talk is Cheap  
 12:00 Tango and Cash  
 2:00 Glitter

**9:30** Rockstar  
**10:00** The Simple Life  
**10:30** Tru Calling  
**11:30** Newsradio  
**12:00** Friends

**ANIMAL PLANET**  
**10:30** The Jeff Corwin Experience  
**11:30** Growing Up Wild Walrus  
**12:30** The Planet's Funniest Animals  
**1:00** Animal X Western Cattle Mystery  
**1:30** Pet Star  
**2:30** The Protectors Gator Sabotage  
**3:30** Animal Precinct  
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**8:30** The Protectors Freeway Gator

**9:30** Animal Precinct  
**10:30** Growing Up Wild Tiger  
**11:30** Animals A-Z  
**12:00** Chimpanzees  
**12:30** Animals A-Z

**DISCOVERY**  
**11:30** Great Leaders Mandela- The Living Legend  
**12:30** Colour of War The British Story  
**1:30** Space and Universe  
**2:30** Fireballs From Space  
**3:30** FBI Files  
**4:00** Kitchen Chemistry  
**4:30** Chocolate  
**5:00** Fat Free  
**5:30** Wild Discovery Ways of Being Male  
**6:00** Wild Discovery Choosy

**5:30** Females  
**6:00** Operation Junkyard  
**6:30** Splat  
**7:30** Man And Machine  
**8:00** Speed Gliding  
**8:30** Wild Discovery Race For The Egg  
**9:30** Wild Discovery A Parental Dilemma  
**10:30** Ten Years Younger Mind Games  
**11:30** Classic Discovery  
**12:30** Hidden History of Rome  
**1:30** Extreme Machines Car Crash  
**2:30** Red Space  
**3:30** Extreme Machines Car Crash  
**4:30** Backyard Science  
**4:45** Doc Eureka  
**5:00** Serious: Desert  
**5:30** Snake Wranglers  
**6:00** Planet Wild  
**6:30** Ng Explorer  
**7:30** Golden Baboons  
**8:30** Red Space  
**9:30** Asteroid! The Doomsday Rock  
**10:30** Seconds From Disaster  
**11:30** Red Space

**NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC**  
**12:00** On Assignment  
**12:30** Staying Alive  
**1:00** Staying Alive  
**1:30** Explorations  
**2:30** Hunt For The Death Star  
**3:30** National Geographic Special  
**4:30** Backyard Science  
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**STAR SPORTS**  
**9:00** Cricket Classics Super Doubles (R)  
**9:30** Team India  
**10:00** Programming India  
**10:30** Glorious (R)  
**11:00** Hitz (R)  
**11:30** Gillette World Sports Special  
**12:00** Diving Fina Grand Prix

**ESPEN**  
**8:30** The Open Championships  
**12:30** This Week in Sport  
**2:30** Champ Car World Series: Edmonton, CAN  
**3:30** WI v SL, 1st Test Day 5  
**4:15** H/Ls  
**4:45** Champ Car World Series H/Ls: Edmonton, CAN  
**5:00** Trans World Sports  
**5:30** Gamer TV