

CULTURAL FEAST

Musical Soiree
Title: Songs of Yesteryears
Organiser: Srijon
Venue: Begum Sufia Kamal Auditorium, National Museum
Date: July 30, at 6:05pm

Solo Concert
Organiser: Rishijo Shilpi Goshthi
Artist: Fakir Alamgir
Venue: Bangladesh Shishu Academy Auditorium
Date: July 30, at 7:30pm

Theatre
Title: Brand
Group: Centre for Asian Theatre
Venue: National Theatre Stage, Shilpakala Academy
Date: July 30, at 7pm

Poetry Recitation
Title: Bhuley Jetey Bhuley Jai
Organiser: Muktothara Shangshkriti Charcha Kendra
Artist: Rafiqul Islam
Venue: National Theatre Stage, Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy
Date: August 05, at 7pm

Special Programme
Occasion: Hiroshima Day
Programme: Commemorative meeting participated by children
Venue: Liberation War Museum, Shegun Bagicha
Date: August 06, at 5pm

Film Screening
Theme: Contemporary Russian Films
Organiser: Russian Cultural Centre in cooperation with Stamford University
Venue: Russian Cultural Centre, House 510, Road 7, Dhanmondi
Date: August 01-02

Exhibition
Title: Imaginings
Artist: Abu Taher
Venue: Bengal Gallery, Dhanmondi
Date: July 27-August 09, from 12pm to 8pm

Artist: Shulekha Chaudhury
Venue: Alliance Francaise, 26, Mirpur Road, Dhanmondi
Date: August 05-19, From 9am to 12am and 5pm to 9pm

T-shirt Exhibition
Title: Abar Elo Borsha
Organiser: Nittopohar
Artists: Qyyum Chowdhury, Hashem Khan, Abul Barok Alvi, Sheikh Afzal, Chandra Shekhor Shaha, Dhruba Esh
Venue: Nittopohar, 118/A, Aziz Super Market (2nd floor), Shahbagh
Date: July 23- August 10

Sculpture Exhibition
Artist: Maynul Islam Paul
Venue: La Gallery, Alliance Francaise, 26, Mirpur Road, Dhanmondi
Date: July 22-31, from 9am to 12am and 5pm to 9pm

Photography Exhibition
Title: Impressions 0505
Artist: Kashef
Venue: Drik Gallery, Dhanmondi
Date: July 25-August 3, from 3pm to 8pm

Title: Russia: Country and People
Occasion: Day of State Flag of the Russian Federation
Venue: Russian Cultural Centre, House 510, Road 7, Dhaka-1205
Date: August 16-25

Exhibition

Abu Taher's interplay of line and form

FAYZA HAQ

ABU Taher, currently exhibiting his works at the Bengal Gallery, went ahead to study fine arts, despite the initial protests of his immediate family. He was lucky enough to have people such as Zainul Abedine, Quamrul Hassan, Safiuddin and Anwarul Haque as his teachers. He also had Aminul Islam and Rashid Chowdhury as his instructors.

Influenced by Picasso and Giacometti , his colours are evolutionary. They are often like random splashes, although done with painstaking care. While parts of the compositions appear like techniques of action paintings, portions depict careful brushwork. He sometimes uses the spatula to create bands of colours which are crisscrossed in many directions-- creating balance in tension.

The Liberation had a great effect on his painting. He had been taken away for questioning by the Pakistan Army and that left an indelible mark on his psyche. It resulted in some of his pessimistic works that included figures like Egyptian mummies. In the '70s he turned to loud and luminous colours. After Picasso's death in 1973 he broke away from his dark conservative hues and went into scintillating brightness. The images of people disappeared from his pictures. His works became an "outward expression of an inward need". In the '80s his colours were random, evolutionary and sensuous. Some examples of that time are *Whirlpool*, *Agression* and *Old Hut*.

He had, in the early '90s also used Chinese landscape painting with abstract expressionism, the latter being his basic style all along, and by 1995 he had been regarded as one of the 10 top artists of Bangladesh. By the late '90s he used two new forms of expression . Abstract forms were created on heavily textured surface in one. The texture was made by external materials like netted textile or paper. In the other he made large collages from photographs taken from foreign



Tribute to My Master

magazines. Abu Taher has done geometrical forms, images of human faces, landscape paintings and human studies. Abue Taher also deals with the human mind and so the complexity in his canvases. The bright pulsating lines and forms are a reflection in which the human mind functions.

Today, in his work there is a combination of red, blue and yellow, creating a radiance of space and lines. There is no background of white there is instead a soothing watery blue to frame the speeding, splashing colours. You can't help but feel the inner tide. The paintings take us to a world of colours ,where the painter moves from one dreamy

vision to another. Although he loves to bring in abstractions and geometrical shapes, is also good at portraying human forms and elements that go with it such as earthen vessels and *dhol*s.

Abu Taher has had 11 solo paintings and innumerable joint ventures. He has had four awards. These include Honourable Mention in Pakistan National Art Exhibition in 1965, Silver Jubilee Art Award from the Bangladesh College of Arts and Crafts, and the Ekushey Padak of 1994.He has also participated in many seminars and workshops at home and abroad.

Citycell-Channel i Music Awards 2004

A pledge to uphold Bangla music

CULTURAL CORRESPONDENT

Amidst razzle-dazzle Citycell-Channel i Music Awards '04 was held at the Ballroom of Pan Pacific Sonargaon Hotel on July 28. Almost all known faces from the music fraternity attended the event, among other distinguished guests.

The opening act was a very charged performance of *Takdum takdum bajey Bangladesher dhol* by Kiran Chandra Roy accompanied by 20 *dhol* players. Following that, Intekhab Mahmud, Senior Vice President (Sales and Marketing) of Citycell, said in his speech, "It's unfortunate that till now there hasn't been any award that is solely based on different categories of music. We intend to hold similar award functions in a bigger and better way in future."

Faridur Reza Shagor, Managing Director of Channel i said, "People of this country have a passion for music. That's why it's shocking that till now we haven't had an award based on music. When we decided that we're going to organise this award programme, we had no idea what a mammoth task it would turn out to be. We hope this will be a boost to our music."

Artistes Abdul Latif, Khalid Hasan Milu, Nafisa and sound engineer Mobin who passed away this year, were remembered and revered by maintaining a one minute silence. The main event then kicked off with announcing the lifetime achievement award. Legendary folk singer Abdur Rahman Boyati was honoured with the award for his immense contribution to Bangla music. The veteran artiste, decrepit from illness had to be supported to the stage and while receiving the award he couldn't hold back his tears as he was expressing his gratitude. Boyati received a crest, a certificate and a check for Tk one lakh.

Artistes Mehreen and Habib then performed the theme song of the event, *Esho saregama diye gai*. The song received rounds of applause from the audience. Runa Laila and Alamgir then presented the awards for best folk, mystic and *adhunik* (modern) singer. Mustafa Zaman Abbasi, Farida Parveen and Bappa Majumdar won the laurels respectively.

Amitho premya podini from the movie *Bachelor* was awarded as the best film



Kiran Chandra Roy (R) along with dhol players performing at the event

song. While waiting for someone to receive the award, Runa joked, "Since there is no mention of the singer, would any of the bachelors here please receive this award?"

A group performance by popular artistes Subir Nandi, Shakila Zafar, Manam Ahmed, Kumar Bishwajit and Maqsud captivated the audience. Specifically Bishwajit's 'scatting' while rendering *Torey putul-er moto korey shajiye* seemed to make the crowd go wild. The performance ended with the song *Bangladesh*.

Shudhin Das and Ferdousi Rahman presented the awards for best Tagore, Nazrul and classical singers. Rezwana Chowdhury Bannya, Shaheen Samad and Anilkumar Shaha respectively received the honours.

Following that, guitarist Tintin made an innovative instrumental presentation. The presentation was a fusion of acoustic and electric guitars with authentic indigenous instruments. Artists from *adivasi* (indigenous) groups -- Tripura, Murong, Chakma and Marma -- performed with Tintin and the other

guitarists. Ferdous Waheed and Pilu Mumtaz performed their hit numbers *Amon ekta ma de na*, *Ekdin tho choley jabo* and *Eiejey duniya*, making the audience nostalgic.

Due to repeated audience requests, Runa Laila rendered an all-time favourite *Shadher lau*. She was accompanied with hundreds of *ektara*, *dugdugi* and flutes that all guests received in their gift packages.

The awards for best lyricist and best music composer went to Kabir Bokul and Ahmed Imtiaz Bulbul. Ektara received the award for best music video. Renaissance and James won the awards for best musical group and best pop artiste respectively. Shumona Bardhan was awarded as the most talented newcomer.

The event ended with a group performance of *Aaj jey shishu* by members of Renaissance, Rezwana Chowdhury Bannya and Yasmin Mushtari. The programme was hosted by Shimul and Mehzaad Galib.

ATN Taroka, Tarokader Taroka to be aired soon

CULTURAL CORESPONDENT

ATN Taroka, Tarokader Taroka, one of the talent hunts in the country, has been launched recently to discover and promote talented artistes. For the programme, ATN Bangla has divided the country into 17 parts. Aspiring artistes will be primarily selected in two principal segments - music and acting. The selected talents will then take part in the competition in Dhaka.

Participants from all over Bangladesh are slated to participate in this year-long cultural extravaganza. The talents will be selected by both judges and the audience. Viewers can vote for their favourite participants through SMS.

The selection process is already over in Rajshahi, Dinajpur, Rangpur, Bogra, Khulna, Jessore and Kushtia. The selection at Rangpur will be telecast on August 1 and 2. Hopefully *ATN Taroka* will be a new window for aspiring artistes in Bangladesh.

Channel Click A special Let's Move

CULTURAL CORRESPONDENT

This month's episode of popular magazine show *Let's Move* will present star cricket players of the Bangladesh national team Khaled Mahmud Sujan and Muhammad Ashraful. The cricketers will participate in different items of the programme, including interview, music video and game shows.

One of the main attractions of the show is a medley featuring popular model Tisha paired up with Sujan. The number composed by Manam Ahmed also features 12 rickshaw-pullers.



Sujan and Tisha performing in the medley



Ashraful (L) and Razzak in the show

Veteran actor Razzak will appear as the judge of the final round of a quiz show. Popular singers Kumar Bishwajit and Kanokchampa will render a duet written by Kabir Bakul and composed by Imon Shaha.

Hosted by Farzana Brownia and directed by Shahidul Alam Sachchu, the episode has been shot at the Bangladesh Kirira Shikha Protishthan (BKSP) and Pan Pacific Sonargaon Hotel.

The programme will be aired on Channel i at 7:50pm tomorrow.

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.

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
08:15 Quiz Quiz
08:40 Bishwa Protidin
09:00 Satellite Program
12:15 Shangbadpotrer Pata Thekey
12:30 Shasthya Tatthya
01:05 Nibedon
01:30 Selected Programme
02:05 Sesamepur
02:30 Shukhi Poribar
03:05 Drama of the Week
04:05 Nakhatrer Alo
04:30 Magic Show
05:05 English Debate
05:55 Shamakalin Arthoniti
06:00 Khabor: Desh
06:00 Janopad
06:10 Wrestling
07:00 News Headlines, Share Market, Weather Forecast
07:05 Documentary
07:30 Drama Serial
08:30 Shapholya Gartha
09:00 Drama
10:25 Teknaf Thekey Tetulia
10:35 Special Programme
12:00 Satellite programmes

ATN BANGLA
08:15 Music Plus
06:30 Drama Serial: Ekti Nodir Mrityu
07:50 Special Programme
08:25 Drama Serial: Nona Joler Kabuya
09:35 Hridoye Mati O Manush
10:00 Drama Serial: Arshi
10:35 Annodishitee
11:05 Mohona
12:15 Shurer Madhuri
02:27 Mukjiddher Ei Diney
04:25 Children's Programme: Chalo Gaan Gai
05:10 Ishkul Bela
05:45 Islami Sawal O Jawab
06:20 Danish Pothey Pothey
08:00 Drama Serial: Jol Porey Pata Norey
08:30 Drama Serial: The New Shabuj Opera
09:00 Drama Serial: Lal Neel Beguni
09:30 Drama Serial: Ek Janomey
10:35 Musical Programme
12:10 Special Concert: Live Dhamaka

CHANNEL-i
09:45 Tritiyo Matra
10:45 Na Bola Kotha
12:00 TVC Sky Shop
12:30 Aj Dupurey O Citicell
Taraka Kothon
01:00 Ebong Cinemar Gaan
01:25 Public Reaction
01:30 Shanbadporey Bangladesh
02:30 Special Programme
03:00 Dhaka Guide
03:15 Chhithi Pelam
04:20 Special Programme
04:45 Sa Re Ga Ma
05:15 Janopader Khabor
05:30 Sangeetmala

HBO
8:45 Tremors
10:45 The Iron Giant
12:30 About Schmidt
3:00 Panic Room
5:15 Whatever It Takes
7:15 Sleepy Hollow
9:30 The Big Saturday : Once Upon A Time in Mexico
11:30 Iron Monkey II
1:30 About Schmidt
STAR MOVIES
8:40 Madeline
10:10 Stuart Little
11:40 28 Days Later

STAR GOLD
8:25 Kuch Hit Kuch Superhit
8:30 Maya
12:30 Badal
12:30 Doodh Ka Karz
8:30 Maya
9:00 ThelnspearsWearsKirts &Skirts II
2:25 Film Topper
6:00 Musafirhoonya
7:30 Aladdin
8:30 Chupa Rustam

STAR PLUS
1:25 Down With Love
3:10 Preacher's Wife
5:15 Agent Cody Banks
7:00 Terminator 2: Judgment Day
9:15 Die Hard 2: Die Harder
11:00 Taaza Hits
9:05 Hit Filmlein Hit
11:00 Sangeet- 20 M
9:30 Kahani Jurm Ki
10:30 Hit Filmlein Hit
11:00 Sangeet- 20 M
11:30 Dharam Aur Hum
12:25 Hit Filmlein Hit
11:30 Sangeet- 20 M
12:30 Taaza Hits
11:00 Star Bestsellers
2:00 Taaza Hits
2:05 Hit Filmlein Hit
11:00 Sangeet- 20 M
1:30 Film Topper
2:00 Musafirhoonya
6:00 Aladdin
7:00 Hercules

Die Hard 2: Die Harder
On Star Movies at 9:15pm
Genre: Action/Adventure/Comedy/Thriller
Cast: Bruce Willis, Bonnie Bedelia, William Atherton
Directed by Renny Harlin

STAR WORLD
7:00 Whose Line Is It Anyway
7:30 Piya Bina
8:00 Pardey Ke Peechey
8:30 Khulja Sim Sim
9:30 Sawan
7:25 Film Topper
7:30 Piya Bina
8:00 Pardey Ke Peechey
8:30 Khulja Sim Sim
9:30 Sawan
12:30 Adventure Divas
1:00 Travel Asia
1:30 The King Of Queens
2:00 Yes Dear
2:30 Boston Public
3:30 The Kumars At No. 42

ANIMAL PLANET
10:30 Growing up Wild
10:30 Marsupial Moms
11:30 Pet Star
12:30 The Natural World Year of the Jackal
1:30 The Crocodile Hunter Diaries
2:30 Monkey Business
3:00 Chimpanzee Diary
3:30 Animals A-Z
4:30 Action Big Cat Temple of the Tigers
5:30 Growing up Wild
5:30 Marsupial Moms
6:30 Pet Star
7:30 Attention Presents The Private Life of Plants
8:00 Monkey Business
9:00 Chimpanzee Diary
9:30 Animals A-Z Beavers
10:00 Animals A-Z Water Vole
10:30 Warriors of the Yukon
11:30 Animal X Maryland Goat Man
12:00 The Planet's Funniest Animals

DISCOVERY
4:00 Arrested Development
4:30 Desperate Housewives
5:30 One Tree Hill
6:30 Tru Calling
7:30 The Collector
8:30 Tna Xplosion
9:30 Prisoners Out Of Control
10:30 Little Britain
11:00 Little Britain
11:30 Cops
12:00 Stark Raving Mad
12:30 Wild Discovery
13:30 Discovery Showcase
Freefall
12:30 Mummy Autopsy
1:30 Understanding Fire
2:30 Impossible Heists
Amazing Baby Videos

NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC
10:30 Backyard Science
10:45 Doc Eureka
11:00 Serious: Desert
11:30 Backyard Science

STAR SPORTS
8:30 Team India Programming
11:30 India Glorious (R)
2005 Hockenheim Mobil 1 German Grand Prix (R)
12:30 Icc Cricket World (T)
1:00 Golf Focus (R)
1:30 Malaysian Field Hockey
14th Sultan Azlan Shah Cup India Vs Malaysia
5th/6th Placing (R)
3:00 Football Asia (T)
3:30 Nba Inside Stuff (R)
4:00 Track & Field Highlight
Programming laaf World Youth Championships 2005 (R)
4:57 Formula One Qualifying
2005 Hungarian Grand Prix Qualifying(L)
6:00 Gillette World Sports
2005 (R)
6:30 Tri-Nations Series Rugby
Rugby Hq Asia (L)
Tri-Nations Series
Rugby South Africa Vs Australia (L)
7:00 Malaysian Field Hockey
14th Sultan Azlan Shah

TEN SPORTS
7:00 Champ Car World Series: San Jose , USA
8:00 Trans World Sports
9:00 WWE Velocity
9:30 World Rally
10:00 Winning Post Ep 7
1:30 Goodwood
Straight Drive
5:40 India v Sri Lanka 1st ODI 1st Session
6:40 India v Sri Lanka
10:25 India v Sri Lanka 2nd Session

ESPN
7:00 Sportscenter Asia (S)
7:30 Espn School Quiz 2005 (R)
8:00 Brazilian Goal (R)
8:30 Sportscenter Week In Review (T)
9:00 Espn School Quiz 2005
11:30 Hitz (R)
12:00 Cricket Gold (T)
2:00 I'd Do Anything (R)
3:00 Sportscenter Week In Review (R)
3:30 Hitz (R)
4:00 Uk Domestic Cricket
Twenty20 Cup 2005 Semifinal 1(L)
7:00 Uk Domestic Cricket
Twenty20 Cup 2005 Semifinal 2(L)
10:00 Uk Domestic Cricket
Twenty20 Cup 2005 Final(L)

Cup Pakistan Vs New Zealand 3rd & 4th Placing (R)
10:30 Malaysian Field Hockey
14th Sultan Azlan Shah Cup Australia Vs South Korea Final(R)
12:30 Formula One Qualifying
2005 Hungarian Grand Prix Qualifying(R)