

ULTURAL FEAS



**Musical Soiree**

**Occasion:** Rabindranath Tagore and Kazi Nazrul Islam's Death Anniversary  
**Organiser:** High Commission of India  
**Venue:** Main Auditorium, National Museum  
**Date:** August 13, at 7pm

**Title:** Shango Jobey Hobey Pala  
**Organiser:** Bulbul Lalitokala Academy (BAFA)  
**Venue:** BAFA Auditorium  
**Date:** August 12, at 10am

**Title:** Jay Din Srabono Dino Jay  
**Organiser:** Rabi Rashmi  
**Venue:** National Museum Auditorium  
**Date:** August 12, evening



**Monsoon from Nazul's view**

**Title:** Nazruler Chokhey Barsha  
**Organiser:** Nibedan  
**Venue:** Central Kanchi Kanchar Ashor  
**Date:** August 11, 7 p.m.



**Solo Exhibition**

**Artist:** Murtaza Basir  
**Venue:** Bengal Gallery of Fine Arts, Dhanmondi  
**Date:** August 17

**Photo Exhibition**

**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

**CD Launch**

**Title:** Abar Elo Borsha  
**Artist:** Sabiha Mahboob  
**Venue:** Bengal Gallery of Fine Arts  
**Date:** August 11, evening

# A portrait of a promising folksinger

Abu Bakar Siddiqui talks on the current music scene

ERSHAD KAMOL

ABU Bakar Siddiqui ranks among the few young singers who render quality folksongs. For his resonant voice Bakar, the special grade singer of radio and TV, has bagged the attention of the audience as well as the experts at home and abroad. His song *Moyna* received the prestigious Asia-Pacific Broadcasting Union award (ABU award) in 1985. He has also received two other awards in India -- Kanailal Padak from Agartala and Satsangha Padak from Kolkata.

Talking about the current scenario of folksongs, Siddiqui says, "Ironically, today our traditional folksongs are more popular in the Bangla-speaking region of India than in Bangladesh. Often quality folksingers of Bangladesh are invited to perform in India."

Why does he predominantly opt for folksongs? Siddiqui says, "I started singing folksongs in my childhood. One day with my friends, I was singing at Dhaka Music College and co-incidentally, my rendition caught the attention of music exponent Laila Arjumand Banu, the then principal of the college. She advised me to seek admission at the college. So I began my studies and completed B Music and M Music from the institution. From then onwards I began singing folksongs. Later, I completed M Music in classical music from India. Besides, singing folksongs I regularly render



Abu Bakar Siddiqui (L) performing at a programme

classical songs at *jalshas*.

"Classical music singers are very versatile. My ability to render folksongs is a spin off from my practice of classical music. Nowadays, I fuse classical tunes with the folk genres. Moreover, I use western musical instruments during the rendition of folksongs, which I believe, improves the presentation of folksongs."

Siddiqui has also worked for the preservation of folksongs. To quote him, "In 1987, after an 'International

Folklore Workshop' organised by the Bangla Academy, I worked with many renowned researchers such as Mostafa Zaman Abbasi, Dr Ashraf Siddiqui and a few foreign experts. During our fieldwork, we have collected many songs from the Manikganj, greater Mymensingh and greater Rajshahi divisions. In 1994-95, I came across an interesting folk tradition in Rajshahi region called *Barasia*, *Alkab*, *Bhadu* and *Tusu*. The tune of the melodious *Barasia* genre is derived from the

blending of popular *Bhawaia* and *Bhatiali*. However, the lyrics and presentation style are melancholy. *Alkab* is rhythmic and the lyrics of the songs are light. The dramatic presentation of *Bhadu* and *Tusu* genres is similar to the *Shong pala*. The tune and lyric of both of the genres are akin to devotional songs such as *Kirtan*. The project has been discontinued, however. I have got the notation and lyrics of these songs and I teach my students these genres at the Bulbul academy of Fine Arts (BAFA)."

Siddiqui adds, "Though many singers render folk songs at home and abroad, in Bangladesh folksongs have been relegated as a topic of discussion in seminars and symposiums. Folksingers do not get their due respect in the country. Even, the death or birth anniversaries of Lalon Shah, Hasan Raja, Abbas Uddin, Abdul Alim and others are not celebrated in a big way."

A staff producer of Bangladesh Betar, Siddiqui says, "With its limited resources, Bangladesh Betar alone has provided support to folksongs and folksingers. TV channels, Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy and Bangla Academy could certainly do more in the sphere of traditional folksongs."

So far Abu Bakar Siddiqui has released solo 12 folksongs albums. As a member of the government cultural team, he has visited Uzbekistan and Pakistan.

# Joyjatra at the archives of Impress Telefilm

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To promote quality films, Impress Telefilm Ltd has produced several cinematic works. To augment its archive, the organisation has recently bought the rights of *Joyjatra*.

The film based on Amjad Hossain's novel, *Obelay Osomoy*, is a story of humanity and survival, and revolves around the Liberation War. The film also depicts the communal harmony prevalent in our country for thousands of years. The film is scripted and directed by popular actor Tauquir Ahmed.

The world premiere of the movie was held last Eid on ntv and was released in Star Cineplex and other movie halls in the country.

In recent years there has been a great demand for good films. With a view to spread the authentic history amongst the young generation Impress Telefilms has taken up initiatives to present movies revolving on our Liberation War. The films include *Shyamol Chhaya*, directed



(L-R) Azizul Hakim, Chandi and Bipasha Hayat in a scene from the film.

by Humayun Ahmed, *Laal Shobuj*, directed by Shahidul Islam and Chashi Nazrul Islam's *Megher Porey Megh*.

# Kolpoloker Padabali: Documentary on artist Abu Taher



Paintings of Abu Taher at a recent solo exhibition

CULTURAL CORRESPONDENT

Directed by Mahbub Alam Pallab and produced by Bengal Foundation, *Kolpoloker Padabali* is a documentary on the recent solo exhibition of Abu Taher's works. It also includes artist Rafi Haque and art critics Shafi Ahmed and Mizarul Qayes' observation on Abu Taher

and his style. The documentary was screened at Bengal Shilpalay on August 9.

According to Abu Taher, "Aesthetic appreciation and the practice of different art forms reduce violence in the society. A true admirer of art can never lean towards crime. I feel every artist has responsibilities towards the community, he/she is a

part of." Shafi Ahmed said, "What's special about Abu Taher is that he has always occupied himself with art. In Taher's *Tribute to his Guru* -- a homage to Qamrul Hasan, the four human figures and water seem so vibrant that it moves the viewer." Mizarul Qayes, in turn, dubbed Taher's works as "feasts of colours".

# Rival Matisse exhibits put Danish museums at loggerheads

AFP, Copenhagen

Two of Denmark's biggest art museums, Louisiana and the National Gallery, will this week open separate exhibits dedicated to French fauvist painter Henri Matisse, putting them at loggerheads.

Denmark's avant-garde museum Louisiana, located in Humlebaek north of Copenhagen and the most popular museum in the country with some 500,000 visitors per year, will open "Matisse, A Second Life" on August 12, featuring 150 of the master's paintings.

The following day, Copenhagen's National Gallery, also known as

Statens Museum for Kunst, will inaugurate its exhibit "Matisse og" (Matisse and), showing nine of his most famous works.

Both shows were designed to mark the 100th anniversary of the birth of fauvism in 1905.

"I've always thought that it was a bad idea (for the National Gallery) to show Matisse at the same time as us," said Louisiana's director Poul Erik Toejner. He said he informed the National Gallery about his museum's plans back in 2003.

But National Gallery curator Allis Helleland rejected the criticism, saying one should expect her



Nature morte, fleur et tasse by Henri Matisse

museum to "put Matisse on display at any moment". The gallery last held a Matisse exhibit in 1999.

# TV GUIDE

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

**News Bulletin**

**BTB**

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) at 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 BTB 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 BTB News (Bangla and English) at 11:30 pm.

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

**ntv**

News Headlines (Bangla) at 10:00 am, 12:00 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 BTB 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

**CHANNEL i**

09:30 Shongbad Potrey Bangladesh and Public Reaction  
09:45 Tritiyo Matra  
11:30 Drama Serial: Din Choley Dai  
12:00 TVC sky shop  
12:30 Aaj Dupurey O Citicell Tarokakothon (live)  
01:00 Eboni Cinemar Gaan  
01:25 Public Reaction  
03:10 Hridoye Mati O Manusher Daak  
04:20 Agora Shopping Guide  
04:45 Sa Re Ga Ma  
05:30 RC tones and tunes  
06:00 Music Plus  
06:30 Amar Chhobi  
07:50 Drama Serial: Fanush  
08:25 Shubho Shondha Albatross  
09:35 Drama Serial: Shompurna Rangin  
10:00 Drama Serial: PI

**ATN BANGLA**

10:30 Annodrishti  
11:05 ATN Taroka(Acing) Bogura Zone  
12:20 Bangla Feature Film: Amar Antore Tumi  
02:27 Muktiuddher Ei Diney  
03:50 ATN Rannaghar  
04:25 Shundar Jiboner Jonno  
04:45 Live Quiz Show  
05:10 Bangla Namer Desh  
05:45 Islami Sawal O Jawab (live)  
06:20 Mortal Combat  
08:00 Conquest  
08:00 Drama Serial: Char Deyalar Chand  
08:30 Drama Serial: Feryari

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09:00 Drama Serial: Britto  
09:30 Drama Serial: Mohona  
10:35 Char Deyalar Kabbyo Cinema Cinema  
12:20  
08:35 Ajker Shokal  
09:00 Drama Serial: Titumirer Bashor Kella  
09:30 Ain O Jibon  
10:05 Chalachchitra Katha  
11:30 Dhakar Cinema  
01:05 Mukangan  
02:35 Drama Serial: Belabumi  
03:15 Kichhu Katha Kichhu Gaan  
03:50 Drama Serial: Rangchhut  
04:25 Shapla Kuri  
05:20 Mohila Angan  
06:20 Shubho Shondha  
06:50 Biz Week  
08:25 Drama Serial: Kachher Manush  
Music Express  
Dindarpan  
09:20  
11:25  
10:15 Puppet Master 4  
12:00 Kiss the Girls  
02:15 Goodfellas  
05:15 The Skulls II  
07:15 Ripley's Game  
09:30 The Animatrix  
11:30 Executive Decision

**HBO**

10:15 Stepmom  
12:15 The Ticket  
12:45 Odd Girl Out  
12:25 Baseketball  
04:10 The Hand That Rocks The Cradle  
06:00 Trauma  
07:35 Alex & Emma

PICK OF THE DAY




**Britto**

On ATN Bangla at 9 p.m.  
Genre: Drama Serial  
Cast: Nader Chowdhury, Tarin, Mamumur Rashid

09:15 For Love Of The Game  
11:30 Bereft  
**STAR PLUS**  
11:00 Meri Saheli  
11:30 Shanti  
12:30 Hit Filmsein Hit  
Sangeet  
12:55 Taaza Hits  
02:00 Bhabhi  
02:30 Kesar  
03:00 Saarthi  
05:25 Film Topper  
06:00 Tedhe Medhe Sapney  
06:30 Aladdin  
07:00 Kim Possible  
07:30 Kumkum - Pyara Sa Bandhan  
08:00 Princess  
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08:30 Dekkho Magar Pyar Se  
09:00 Kasautii Zindagii Kay  
10:00 Millee  
10:30 Kavyanjali  
10:30 Kahaani Ghar Ghar Kii  
11:00 Kyunki Saas Bhi Kabhi Bahu Thi  
11:30 Kahiin To Hoga  
12:00 K.Street Paili Hill  
**STAR WORLD**  
09:30 Oprah Winfrey Show  
10:30 The Practice  
11:30 Rockstar: Inxs

Science Frontiers

On Discovery at 10 p.m.  
Today's episode of Science Frontiers takes the viewers through an enlightening look of insomnia



09:30 Muddy Waters  
10:30 The Fatal Flower  
11:30 Beyond The Unexplored Colors of the Orinoco  
**DISCOVERY**  
10:30 Wild Discovery, Great Siberian Grizzly  
12:00 Amazing Baby Videos  
12:30 Battlefield Detectives, The Gallipoli Disaster  
01:30 Great Cars  
02:00 One Step Beyond  
02:30 The Horror Stories  
Demonic  
03:30 Celebrity Doubles  
04:00 Great Romances of the 20<sup>th</sup> Century Franklin & Eleanor Roosevelt  
04:30 Wild Discovery Ducks Eye View  
05:30 Endurance Water Looped  
06:00 Zach's Ultimate Guide Bears  
06:30 Discovery Wings Concorde: The Final Flight  
07:30 Raw Nature Raw Family  
08:30 World's Best Suite Luxury  
09:30 Triumph Of Life The Four Billion Year War  
10:30 Science Frontiers The Trouble With Sleep  
11:30 Guilty or Innocent?  
**STAR SPORTS**  
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05:30 Super Spells Super Spells With Wasim Akram (R)  
06:00 Australia Tour Of England Npower Test Series Manchester England England Vs Australia 3rd Test Da Y 1 2nd & 3rd Session(L)  
10:30 Tna Wrestling Programming Tna Wrestling  
12:00 Football Asia (R)  
**ESPN**  
08:00 New Zealand Tour Of Zimbabwe New Zealand Tour Of Zimbabwe 2005 Zimbabwe Vs New Zealand 1st Test Da Y 4 Highlights(R)  
09:30 Champions Tour Golf 3m Championship  
Maineville Oh Usa  
12:00 Bull Riding Pro Bull Riders Association Built Ford Tough Series 2005 Portland Me Usa (R)  
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04:30 New Zealand Tour Of Zimbabwe New Zealand Tour Of Zimbabwe 2005 Harare Zimbabwe Zimbabwe Vs New Zealand 2nd & 3rd Session(L)  
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10:00 Team India Programming India Glorious (T)  
12:00 Sportscenter Sportscenter Asia (S)  
**TEN SPORTS**  
09:00 Italian League Highlights: Ep. 1  
10:00 European Tour Weekly 2005: Ep 30  
12:30 German League Highlights : Ep 1  
02:30 Athletics World Sport  
03:00 ATP Tennis  
03:30 Final Highlights (7th ODI)  
05:30 WWE: The Bottom Line  
06:30 Transworld Sports: Ep  
07:30 Legends:US Open:(2002 Final Agassi v Sampras)  
09:00 ATP Tennis  
09:30 Bradman Era  
10:30 Great Centuries