

CULTURAL FEAS

Solo Exhibition



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

Title: Romance with Nature
Artist: KMA Quayyum
Venue: Saju Art Gallery
Date: August 14-23

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

Musical Soiree

Title: Classical Music
Organiser: Shuddha Uchcharan Sangeet Prosar Kendra
Artist: Zabir Imam Khan Shahi and Karim Shahabuddin
Venue: Biswa Shahitya Kendra
Date: August 25, 7 p.m.

Solo Violin Evening

Organiser: Katha Kali Sangeet Bidyalaya
Artist: Nurat Mumtaz Rupashi
Venue: National Museum Auditorium
Date: August 16, 7:30 p.m.

Group Exhibition



Title: Shato Borsher Dhaka
Venue: Gallery Shilpangan
Date: August 11-25, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 5 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Festival

Title: Sraon Mela
Venue: Premises of Institute of Fine Arts
Date: August 11-14, at 4 p.m.



Book launch

Hamiduzzman Khan, a modern sculptor

CULTURAL CORRESPONDENT

THE book launching of Hamiduzzman Khan, a modern sculptor was held on August 12 at the Bengal Gallery. Rafiqun Nabi, Professor Nazrul Islam, Professor Kaiser Haque and Nahas Khalispoke on the occasion. Rafiqun Nabi said that he had known Hamiduzzaman Khan as a student and colleague. He said that not only his sculpture but also his water colours and oil were admirable. Nabi spoke of the time Hamid had a serious accident and his friends feared for his death. In Nabi's words, "We were told that the artist had to go abroad for a cure. This added to his experience in studying art and affected his style. Another major influence on his work was the Liberation Movement which resulted in work on genocide. For me, sculpture is a difficult part of fine arts, which I wouldn't dare to approach. Even Hamid's watercolours are well worth studying." Professor Nazrul Islam said, "I have been associated with Hamid for two years while the book was being put together. In the book, in my article, I traced his development to the present position in the field of sculpture. Along with Shahabuddin,



Cover jacket of the book

Hamiduzzaman has well represented the Liberation War. The book cover has been designed by Aatur Rehman Ripon. He felt the need for a book on himself when he went to Korea and found that other artists

had books on themselves. This book is a good representation of Bangladesh through sculpture." Professor Kaiser Haque said that the production was a superior one. He said that as he is Hamid's neighbour he had an opportunity to see the book being put together. He also remarked that Hamid's personality is an irresistible one. The book, he said was not only a record of Hamid's sculpture but also his paintings. It is important, he added, that the book should be well distributed. Nahas Khalil, architect, said that there is a dearth of good sculpture on par with that of Hamid's. Khalil said that even though we are a poor country we should keep sculptors in mind when we are building public places. Hamiduzzaman, speaking to The Daily Star, said, "I've been planning to have this book written since I was a student of fine arts. The book is written by Professor Nazrul Islam. When I went overseas and met foreign artists, specially when I was in Korea, I felt the need of a book to acquaint others on the kind of work I've done in my country. The book traces the development from my student days of representative art to the abstract work that I'm doing today. My metal work has especially been stressed on."

ITI seminar in Nepal

CULTURAL CORRESPONDENT

The Nepal Centre of the International Theatre Institute (ITI) recently arranged a seminar on "The Idioms of South Asian Theatre". Aatur Rahman, an eminent actor-director and general secretary of ITI Bangladesh Centre and Tamanna Rahman, a reputed dancer of the country presented papers in this Tri-Nation Seminar which opened recently in Kathmandu. Aatur Rahman presented a paper titled *Social Reality in South Asian Theatre* and chaired a session. His paper included the street theatre scenario of India and Bangladesh. Tamanna Rahman presented a paper on *Dance form of South East Asia*, which emphasised on a common heritage of the region. She also chaired a session. The seminar was attended by the eminent scholars and theatre activists of Nepal, India and Bangladesh. The participants had the opportunity to watch two stage plays and the traditional dance of Nepal known as *Chariya*. *Fire in the Manastrey*, written by Professor Abhi Subedi, president of ITI Nepal and directed by Sunil Pokhyel, was very impressive both in content and presentation.

Queen Nefertiti returns to Berlin

REUTERS

The famous bust of Egyptian queen Nefertiti, regarded by many as the Mona Lisa of the ancient world, has returned to Berlin's Museum Island, 66 years after being evacuated at the outbreak of World War Two. Ever since its first public exhibition in 1923, the precision of the 3,300-year-old sculpture's symmetrical lines and its finely wrought features have drawn thousands of admirers from around the globe. On show for most of the past 40 years at the Egyptian Museum in west Berlin's Charlottenburg district -- separated by the Berlin Wall



from her former home in the east of the city -- Nefertiti has become an icon of the German capital. German curators say they are confident of keeping her, despite an

Egyptian campaign for her return. "She's flawless," said Peter-Klaus Schuster, general-director of Berlin's state museums, "although we have recently discovered that she has a few wrinkles. She's not an idealized woman, she actually looked like that in real life." The bust of Nefertiti, whose name can be roughly translated to mean "the beautiful one has come," was found in Egypt in 1912 at Tel-el-Amarna, the short-lived capital of Nefertiti's husband, the Pharaoh Akhenaten, who some believe was the father of Tutankhamun.

Discussion on Nazrul held in Comilla

A CORRESPONDENT, Comilla

A discussion on our National Poet, Kazi Nazrul Islam was held by the Nazrul Memorial Academy, Comilla, at the Comilla Town Hall premises recently. The event was presided over by Professor Amir Ali Chowdhury and Executive Director of Nazrul Institute, Dhaka, poet Abdul Hye Sikdar was the chief guest. ADC (Rev) of Comilla, Abdul Wahab Khan attended the programme as the special guest. Other distinguished guests at the programme were

Principal of Nazrul Memorial Academy, Comilla, Professor Hasan Imam Fatik, journalist Dr Ali Hossain Chowdhury and poet Zahirul Huq Dulal. The chief guest assured government cooperation in preserving Nazrul's memory in Comilla. He added that Comilla had a deep impact on Nazrul's works. Later a cultural function was held where students of Nazrul Memorial Academy, Comilla, staged a performance. On the occasion, a photo exhibition on Kazi Nazrul Islam was arranged at the Town Hall.



Artistes performing at the event

Musical evening on Tagore by Rabirashmi

ERSHAD KAMOL

Formed in 1998, Rabirashmi, is among the cultural organisations which have organised musical soirees on Tagore songs in Bangladesh. On the seventh anniversary of the organisation, Rabirashmi arranged a musical soiree at the National Museum Auditorium on August 12. Eminent Tagore singer Kalim Sharafi was the chief guest of the evening. Presided over by Tagore singer Mahadev Ghosh, the director of Rabirashmi, in the anniversary programme, the organisation honoured acclaimed Tagore singer Tapan Mahmud for his contribution. Several organisations and Tagore singers such as Bangladesh Rabindra Sangeet Shilpi Shongstha, Baitalik, Sadi Mohammed, Anup

Bhattacharya, Mokhes Alam and others also felicitated Tapan. A modest Tapan said, "I do not consider myself suitable for this laurel. I need to do more to deserve such an honour." In his generosity, Tapan Mahmud has contributed the token money of Taka 10,000 to augment the fund of Bangladesh Rabindra Sangeet Shilpi Shongstha. The aim is to provide succor for singers who are struggling to eke out a living. In his speech chief guest Kalim Sharafi, said, "Tagore songs inspire us to face the challenges of this chaotic world. By honouring acclaimed Tagore singer Tapan, Rabirashmi has encouraged the Tagore singers of the country." The president of the anniversary programme Mahadev Ghosh said, "We are glad to honour acclaimed

Tagore singer Tapan Mahmud. Each year in the anniversary programme, we honour eminent Tagore singers of the country. Earlier we have honoured Kalim Sharafi, Shudhin Das, Wahedul Haque, Ajit Roy and Anup Bhattacharaya." On the heels of the discussion programme, the singers of Rabirashmi, gave a choral rendering. The chorus began with the rendition of Tagore's devotional song *Bhubon Ishwaro Hey*. And then they rendered *Bishwabina*, followed by a few other Tagore songs on nature and love. Then dance troupe Nrityalok Shankskritik Kendra staged a dance performance directed by Kabirul Islam Ratan. Bhashwar Bandopadhyay was the host of the anniversary programme.



Participants at the contest

Lux Channel i Super Star 2005 Onwards to the second round

The second round of the glamorous and much talked-about event, *Lux Channel i Super Star*, started yesterday, says a press release. In the organisers' quest for beautiful and talented girls, contestants from the six divisions -- Dhaka, Chittagong, Khulna, Barisal, Sylhet and Rajshahi will take part in this round. As in the regional rounds, the judges for this round too will be Subarna Mustafa, Shamim Ara Nipa and Tariq Anam Khan. Viewers were able to participate in this round, commencing

yesterday. They had the option to vote for their favourite contestant through SMS. All they had to do is send the name of the contestant to "3456" from any mobile phone. From thousands of applicants in the first round, 120 were selected. Out of these, 30 made it to the second round. In this round too, they had to demonstrate their talent in dancing, acting or singing. The contestants went through an intensive training and grooming session in the BRAC centre of Rajendrapur before joining this

round. They were trained under camp counselor Koushiki Nasser Tupa, physical trainer Munna, dance trainer Shibly Mohammad, music trainers Subir Nandi and Kaniz Suborna and acting trainer Dr Israfil Shaheen of Dhaka University. Twelve winners, selected through viewers' SMS and judges evaluation will get the golden opportunity to go to the final round. To see these beautiful, talented girls from all over the country, stay tuned to Channel i every Saturday at 7:50 pm and every Tuesday at 10:00 pm.

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

CHANNEL-i

09:45 Tritiyo Matra
10:30 Tele Prescription
11:30 Hridoye Mati O Manush
12:00 TVC Sky Shop
12:30 Aj Dupurey O Citycell Tarokakothon
01:00 Ebong Cinemar Gaan
01:25 Public Reaction
01:30 Shangbadpotrey
02:45 Bangladesh Chithi Pelam
04:00 Bashundhara Amader Gaan
04:45 Sa Re Ga Ma
05:30 Janala
06:00 Music Plus
06:30 Chhaya Jhankar
07:50 Jibon Jekhanei Jamon
08:15 Amar Shwapno Amar Bari
08:25 Roopkotha
09:30 Drama Serial: 69
10:00 Drama Serial: Aarshi
ATN BANGLA
10:30 Annodrishti
11:05 Drama Serial: Ek Janamey
11:35 Gandharaj Samsung Cine Aha
12:15 Adibashi Janapad
12:50 Smriti Monikothaey
01:25 Shornali Shadakalo
02:27 Muktiudher Ei Diney
02:30 Drama Serial: Ghunpoka
03:15 Drama Serial: O Amar Chokkhu Nai
03:45 Shapla Shaluk
04:15 Musical Programme
05:10 Shustha Thakun Live
05:45 Islami Sawal O Jawab
06:20 Three Stooges
06:20 Drama Serial: Jol
06:30 Porey Pata Norey
08:30 Drama Serial: The

New Shabuy Opera
Drama Serial: Nirrey
Taar Neel Dheu
Drama Serial: Mohona
Business This Week
ntv
08:35 Aajker Shakal
09:30 Right Click
10:30 Natorer Gaan
11:00 Baul Gaan: Mon Amar Shondhan Kori
11:30 Ki Kotha Tahar Shathay
12:05 Documentary: Pandemic Facing AIDS
01:05 Mukhtangan
01:30 TVC
02:35 Drama Serial: Kachher Manush
03:15 Special drama: Kaak Jona
04:25 Putulnaach
05:20 Apnar Jigyasha
06:20 Shubho Shondhya
06:50 Agrojo
08:25 Drama Serial: Jhut Jhamela
09:25 Closeup 1 Tomakei Khujchhey Bangladesh
11:25 Dindarpan
HBO
8:45 On Deadly Ground
10:45 Tales from the Crypt: Demon Knight
12:45 The Sweetest Thing
2:30 Texas Chainsaw Massacre: The Nest
5:00 Generation Identity
6:45 Ghost
8:30 Tales from the Crypt: The Assassin
11:00 Tremors 2: After-shocks
11:45 Deadly Desire
1:45 Urban Cowboy
3:45

PICK OF THE DAY

Closeup 1 Tomakei Khujchhey Bangladesh
On ntv at 9:25pm
Hosted by: Aupi Karim and Debashish

Desperate Housewives
On Star World at 11:30pm
TV Serial
Starring: Terry Hatcher, Marcia Cross, Eva Longoria

STAR MOVIES

08:20 Grosse Pointe Blank
10:15 Black Hawk Down
12:45 A Murder Of Crows
02:30 Nine Months
05:15 Six DaysSeven Nights
06:00 Runaway Jury
08:10 Terminator 2: Judgment Day
10:30 Agent Red (Aka Captured)
12:15 Jill Rips
STAR PLUS
08:30 Dharam Aur Hum
09:30 Jai Ganga Maiya
10:30 Yatra
11:00 Meri Mrs Chanchala
11:30 Aladdin
12:00 Kim Possible

12:25 Film Topper
12:30 Chupa Rustam
01:00 Musafir Hoon Yarron
01:30 Mirch Masala
02:00 Taaza Hits
02:05 Hit Filmlein Hit
02:30 Sangeet- 20 M
03:30 Pardey Ke Peechey
03:00 Loc-Life Out Of Control
03:30 Maal Hai To Taal Hai Jeet
04:30 Hit Filmlein Hit
05:25 Sangeet- 20 M
05:30 Taaza Hits
05:30 Kismey Kitnaa Hai Dam Aaj Dekh
06:25 Film Topper
06:30 Khakee
09:30 Kaun Banega Crorepati 2

10:30 Baa Bahoo Aur Baby
11:00 Shanno Ki Shaadi
11:30 Shararat - Thoda Jadu
12:00 Todhi Naz
12:00 Taaza Hits
STAR WORLD
08:30 Billboard Us Countdown
10:30 The Bold & The Beautiful
12:30 The Practice
01:30 Tru Calling
02:30 Ed
03:30 The Apprentice
04:30 J.A.G.
05:30 Fashion Tv
06:00 Travel Asia
06:30 Baywatch Hawaii
07:30 Malcolm In The Middle
08:00 Parkinson
09:00 Oprah Winfrey Show

10:00 One Tree Hill
11:00 The Kumars At No. 42
11:30 Desperate Housewives
ANIMAL PLANET
8:30 The Protectors Animal Precinct
9:30 Confessions of the Crocodile Hunter
10:30 Growing Up Wild Lion
12:30 Amazing Animal Videos
The Natural World Hotel Heliconia
1:30 The Crocodile Hunter Diaries Growing Pains
2:00 The Crocodile Hunter Diaries Under Pressure
2:30 Animals Planet Showcase Marsupial Mayhem

3:30 Animals Planet Showcase Meet the Weasels
4:30 Muddy Waters
5:30 Growing Up Wild Lion
6:30 Amazing Animal Videos
7:30 Animal Planet Insights Tacugama: Forest of Hope
8:30 Animal Planet Showcase Missing: Presumed Eaten
9:30 Animal Planet Showcase Unexplained, TV with Teeth Sharks The Truth
11:30 Animal X
12:00 Animals Planet's Funniest Animals
DISCOVERY
8:30 Discovery Wings
9:30 Super Sunday
10:30 Super Sunday Fighting Hurricanes
11:30 Discover India Maneating Leopards of India
12:30 Junkyard Wars Hot Rods
1:30 Discovery Wings Military Planes
2:30 72 Hours
3:00 Casino Diaries
3:30 Amazing Baby Videos
4:00 Healthy Living
4:30 Wild Discovery
5:30 Mystery Hunters
6:00 Endurance
6:30 Adventure Crazy
7:00 African Adventures
7:30 Wild Discovery
8:30 Discovery's Biggest Shows
9:30 Night Safari
10:30 America's Most Haunted Places
STAR SPORTS
09:00 Football Extra Malaysia

Airlines Football Extra (L)
10:00 Brazilian Football: Brazilian Championship
Sao Paulo Brazil
Palmeiras Vs Ponte Preta (T)
12:00 Atp Masters Series Rogers Masters Montreal Montreal Canada Semifinal #2(S)
13:30 Australia Tour Of England Npower Test
Series Manchester England England Vs Australia 3rd Test Da Y 3 Highlights(R)
03:27 Australia Tour Of England Npower Test Series Manchester England England Vs Australia 3rd Test Da Y 4 1st Session(L)
05:30 Icc Cricket World (R) Australia Tour Of England Npower Test Series Manchester England England Vs Australia 3rd Test Da Y 4 2nd & 3rd
10:00 Hitz (T)
11:00 Classic Boxing Sugar Ray Robinson Vs Jake Lamotta Vi (R)
12:00 Atp Masters Series Rogers Masters Montreal Montreal Canada Final(L)
ESPN
08:30 X Games Invitational Thailand X Games Cup Highlights Rajamangala Thailand (R)
10:00 Icc Cricket World (R) Cricket Gold (T)

English Premier Football League English Premier Football League 2005/06 London England West Ham U Nited Vs Blackburn Rovers (S)
02:30 X Games Invitational Thailand X Games Cup Highlights Rajamangala Thailand (R)
04:00 Football Extra Malaysia Airlines Football Extra (S)
05:00 I'd Do Anything (R)
05:30 Super Sunday (L)
06:25 English Premier Football League English Premier Football League 2005/06 London England Arsenal Vs Newcastle United
08:30 Super Sunday (L)
08:55 English Premier Football League English Premier Football League 2005/06 Wigan England Wigan Athletic Vs Chelsea (L)
11:00 Final Score (L)
11:30 Cricket Gold (R)
TEN SPORT
08:30 WWE Experience
10:30 87th PGA Championship Day 3 H/Ls
12:30 Sri Lanka v India 4th ODI H/Ls
02:30 Champ Car World Series : Denver, USA (SDD)
03:00 Winning Post
04:30 WWE Heat
06:00 RABE Trophy: England v Korea
07:00 Transworld Sports: Ep 32
09:00 Rabo Trophy: Spain v India
11:00 87th PGA Championship Day 3 H/Ls
12:00 WWE Heat