#### **CULTURAL FEAST**

#### **Solo Exhibition**

Artist: Murtaza Basir Venue: Bengal Gallery of Fine Arts,



Date: August 17

Title: Romance with Nature Artist: KMA Quayyum Venue: Saju Art Gallery

#### **Photo Exhibition**

Date: August 14-23

Title: Russia: Country and People Occasion: Day of State Flag of the 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:. Nusrat 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.

# An evening of Tagore and Nazrul songs

HE High Commission of India, Dhaka paid rich tributes to Rabindranath Tagore and Kazi Nazrul Islam at a flower bedecked musical soiree arranged at the Shaheed Zia Auditorium, National Museum on August 13.

Eminent and upcoming artistes of Tagore and Nazrul songs performed to a packed audience at the programme titled Bhora Thak Smriti Shudhaye. In his welcome speech, Deputy High Commissioner Sarvaieet Chakravarti thanked the Ministry of Cultural Affairs for the recent three-year cultural exchange signed between the two coun-

between the two countries," he said. The Dhaka University choir, Surma took the stage with a medley of songs by Tagore and Nazrul; Aguner poroshmoni and Dao shourjo dao dhoirji. The programme was followed by Bhaswar Banerjee's recitation from Tagore's Balaka. Distinguished singer Rezwana Chowdhury Bannya performed Aamar din phuralo. Mita Haque enthralled the audience with her rendition of Majhey Majhey tobo dekha



(Top) Artistes of Surma rendering a chorus. (Bottom) Mita Haque (L) and Rezwana Chowdhury Bannya performing at the event





pai. Bulbul Islam's presentation of Aachey dukhkho, and Aditi Mohsin's Aacho ontorey were well appreciated. The other singers who performed were Azizul Rahman (Jokhon podbey na mor), Shahnaz Nasrin Ila (Pathey choley jetey), Shama Rahman (Aamarey tumi oshesh) and Lily Islam (Bhora thak smriti

The second part comprised artistes of Nazrul songs. Bhaswar Banerjee recited Rabihara which was written by Nazrul after the demise of Tagore. Yaqub Ali presented Phuler jalsai, Sharmin Shathi sang Shur o banir mala, Yasmeen Mushtari presented Nahi Maney hiarey aamar while Khairul Anam Shakeel presented a Shyama Sangeet Shyama namer aglo. Pragna Laboni recited from Nazrul's

Dr Mridul Kanti Chakravarty, the programme planner in his inaugural speech, presented an excerpt from the song Shobar Hridoye Rabindranath Chetonaye Nazrul, (Tagore and Nazrul are embedded in our hearts). Indeed the innovative music of both has brought in a whiff of fresh air in the world of Bangla music.

However, programmes with similar format are noticed throughout the year. The audience expects a variation of songs, both theme and presentation-wise.

# From ramps to small screen

### Chit chat with **Monalisa**

**CULTURAL CORRESPONDENT** 

Popular Bangladeshi model Monalisa has firm views about success. In her words, "Success is achieving what you set out to do. But I haven't got to that stage yet. Success is very important to me. I don't think any numan being sets out in life to be a failure.'

Beginning as a ramp model, Monalisa became popular for her outstanding appearance in television commercials that included cosmetics, soft drinks, dress materials, and electronic goods. Monalisa is also a promising actress of the small screen. She has acted in television plays including Bayosh Jokhon Ekhush, Kagojer Phool, Putro Daae and Humayun Ahmed's Trisna. Coming up next for Monalisa is Chayonika Chowdhury's ambitious venture Eid-ul-Fitr's special drama Akasher Shokal Shondha where she plays the character of a model.

Monalisa stepped into the media as a model in 1997. "My first scheduled performance as a professional model on television was just after I turned 15, says Monalisa. She has modeled for the commercials of Lilly beauty soap, Fizz-Up, Fair and Lovely, Meril Lemon Soap, Swan Coconut Oil, Jhony Print Saree, Toshiba Colour Television and many more

She has received several awards such as Bangladesh Reporters Association award, BIMA Award from London, Dhallywood award from America, Channel-i performance award, Meril Daily Prothom Alo award 2002. "I was really happy and extremely emotional when I went up on stage to receive my Meril Daily Prothom Alo award 2002. At the same time I was in tears. That was certainly one of the most unforgettable days in my life," reminisces Monalisa.

She says, "Though I took part in all the extracurricular activities such as dramatics, dance and singing competitions in school and college, I never missed out on my studies. I am quite a spirited girl and I put in my best. My work in the media was appreciated and I knew I would make a mark." Recently she has completed her H.S.C examination

Ask about how she spends her free time. a



smiling Monalisa says, "I love dancing and that's what I do whenever I'm free. I put on the music in my room and dance till I'm beat! My mother often screams from outside asking me to open the

Talking about her hopes and aspirations, Monalisa states, "I want all of us to work together to make our country a better place. Every morning each one of us should pledge to accomplish at least one noble deed and improve the society. We must accept people the way they are, and not judge them according to their religion and class. It's necessary to empathise with the less fortu-

About her future plans, she explains, "I would like to get involved in business. I want to be known as a performer not a star. A lot of people have pinned their hopes on me, signed me on. All this means a lot of responsibilities. I will have to live up to their expectations. I promise to give it

### S Rafi's exhibition

# Glorifying the buffalo

S Rafi's recent exhibition at the Divine Gallery took the form of miniatures, keeping in mind the Moghul miniatures of the past, although the contents were overtly modern. The buffalo is Rafi's longstanding symbol of beauty and simplicity. The buffalo, in the artist's mind, is linked up with the bison in the prehistoric caves. " Each buffalo is depicted as pregnant, bringing in positive element. Some have been seen with young buffaloes. These are taken from my childhood memories in the village. I used to make them very realistic before. Now their shapes are simplified and geometric. The tails are depicted as elongated and swinging to bring in the element of happiness. The colours used in the 27 miniatures are blue for the body of the buffalo and red for the surrounding sky and field of paddy. The red also stands for the soul of the buffalo."

The next picture has included the Shahid Minar because the artist feels that it is an integral part of the

life of a Bangladeshi. Another picture has a man seen behind bars and his hands are seen as large and overwhelming. The man is in a house where you find images of diamonds and pearls. " What I want to show here is that man often accumulates a large amount of worldly gains but is still not happy," says Rafi. " There is sometimes no end to our needs even though we have aplenty. Despite owning a lot of things and enjoying a lot of privileges some people can still be discontented. At the same time," he adds, "a man could be living in a simple mud house and still be at peace."

This time the miniatures have concentrated quite often on the eyes of the buffalo. These have been made unusually large and express simplicity and innocence. The buffalo stands for man and often it has been depicted as carrying some paddy in the mouth as one of man's basic needs is food. Through the images of the buffalo, the artist has tried to show the inner feelings of man. The depiction of the



An art-work by S Rafi

subject is much more complex that what it was 10 years before. This is because the artist's thought processes have become more difficult to sort out and present for examination. All the works have been done with pen and coloured ink.

Rafi has had three solo exhibitions and six international exhibitions, including ones in Japan and USA. He has won seven awards, including the Honourable Mention, at the Young Artists' Exhibition in

## Singer Ibrahim Ferrer passes away at 78

HAVANA, (AP)

Septuagenarian singer Ibrahim Ferrer, a leading voice with the hugely popular Buena Vista Social Club of vintage Cuban per-formers, died Saturday last. He was 78.

Ferrer's colleagues said he suffered from emphysema in recent years and was feeling ill earlier in the week

during a flight home from Europe

Ferrer was a wirv, animated figure who clearly enjoyed performing Cuba's traditional son music of the 1940s and 1950s for new generations of fans.

Among a group of older Cuban performers recruited by U.S. musician Ry Cooder, Ferrer performed on the Buena Vista Social Club album that won a Grammy in 1999 and was among those appearing in the film of the same name.

Also in 1999 he was featured in one of a string of albums that followed, Buena Vista Social Club Presents Ibrahim Ferrer, and won a Latin Grammy for best new artiste in 2000.

Originally from Cuba's eastern city of Santiago, Ferrer was born on February 20, 1927. He was still a boy when he began singing professionally with Santiago groups in 1941. By the late 1950s he was a well-known singer.

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### American Idol sticks with Paula Abdul

American Idol judge Paula Abdul will remain with the hit Fox TV series after an investigation found no proof that she had an affair with a contestant or helped him on the talent show, the network said Friday last

Lawyers who investigated claims by former contestant Corey Clark of an affair with Abdul could not substantiate his allegations. "Paula Abdul, therefore. can continue as a judge on American Idol," the network and series producers said in a statement. But "an enhanced non-fraternization policy" will be

added to prevent future incidents that could appear to call into question the relationship between judges, contestants or any others connected to American Idol, they said.

"I'm grateful this ordeal is over, and I'm so looking forward to getting back to the job I love," Abdul said in a statement. "Once again, I thank my fans from throughout the world for their undying love and support.'

Wild Discovery

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Postpartum

For Women Only

Celebrity Doubles

Wild Discovery Night

Zach's Ultimate Guide

Physical Science in

Space and Universe

Life on the Edge

**Great Leaders** 

Colour of War

Australia Tour Of

**England Npower** 

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Highlights(S)

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England Vs Australia

Places

Action

Lion Week

FBI Files

**STAR SPORTS** 

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Night Safari The Need

America's Most Haunted

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## 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.

#### News Bulletin

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

### TARA BANGLA

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#### 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

**BBC WORLD** Every hour on the hour

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#### Bela Bhumi On ntv at 08:25 p.m. Genre: Drama Serial Cast: Abul Hayat, Richi Solaiman, Tauqir Ahmed

12:10 Adibashi Janopad **HBO** 08:30 Vampire in Brooklyn 10:30 Assassins 02:00 Path to Paradise 01:15 Bad Bovs II Marci X 04:00 05:45 The Big Hit 07:30 The Adventures of Pluto Nash

Terminator 3: Rise of the Machines 11:45 Deadwood 05: The Trial of Jack McCall & Deadwood 06: Plague Vampire In Brooklyn 02:15 4:15 Bad Boys II **STAR MOVIES** 

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**Bold And Beautiful** 

Whose Line Is It **Buffy The Vampire** The Simpsons That 70s Show Friends

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Crocodile Hunter 04:30 Monkey Business 05:00 Lords Of The Animals 05:30 The Jeff Corwin Experience 06:30 The Planet's Funniest Animals 07:00 Animal X 07:30 Amazing Animal Videos

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**TEN SPORTS** Gillette World Sport 09:00 **WWE Heat** 11:00 87th PGA Champion ship Day 4 H/Ls Champ Car World Series: Denver, USA

(SDD) 01:30 Gillette World Sport 03:30 Rabo Trophy: Spain v 05:30 Final Highlights (7th ODI) 07:30 WWE Raw 08:00 10:00

This Week in Review 87th PGA Championship Day 4 H/Ls 11:00 Italian League Highlights: Ep 2