

CULTURAL FEAS

**Cultural Programme**  
**Organiser:** Nrityanandan  
**Artists:** Lubna Mariam, Mustafa Manwar, Aly Zaker, Rizwana Chowdhury Bonya, Sanjida Khatun, Sharmila Bandyopadhyay  
**Venue:** WVA Auditorium, Road 27, Dhanmondi  
**Date:** August 17, at 7pm

**Theatre Festival**  
**Title:** Moliere Festival  
**Venue:** Alliance Francaise, Dhanmondi  
**Date:** August 24-26, at 7pm everyday  
**Schedule**  
 August 24 George Dandin  
 August 25 Pejege  
 August 26 Bauder Pathshala

**Book Launch**  
**Title:** Tree Without Roots, translated version of *Laishalu* by Syed Waliullah  
**Organiser:** Words 'n Pages and writers.ink  
**Venue:** Words 'n Pages, 125, Gulshan Avenue, Gulshan-2  
**Date:** August 17, at 6:30pm

**Chilean Film Festival**  
**Organiser:** Bangladesh Federation of Film Societies and Embassy of Chile  
**Venue:** Russian Cultural Centre, Dhanmondi  
**Inauguration:** August 18, at 6:30pm

**Film Festival**  
**Organiser:** High Commission of India  
**Venue:** Auditorium, High Commission of India, House 25, Road 96, Gulshan 2  
**Date:** August 12-29, at 6pm everyday  
**Schedule**  
 August 17 Lagaan  
 August 22 Lakshya  
 August 26 Roja  
 August 29 Bariwali

**Solo Exhibition**  
**Artist:** Murtaza Basir  
**Venue:** Bengal Gallery of Fine Arts, Dhanmondi  
**Date:** August 17-31

**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

**Group Exhibition**  
**Title:** Shato Borsher Dhaka  
**Venue:** Gallery Shilpangan  
**Date:** August 11-25, 10 am to 1 pm and 5 pm to 8 pm

**Solo Painting Exhibition**  
**Artist:** Shulekha Chaudhury  
**Venue:** La Gallery, Alliance Francaise, Dhanmondi  
**Date:** August 05-19, from 9am to 12am and 5pm to 9pm



Art works by KMA Quayyum

Inspired by nature

KMA Quayyum's exhibition at Saju Art Gallery

FAYZA HAQ

KMA Quayyum in his ongoing exhibition at Saju Art Gallery lures you into gazing for hours at details of nature. He is of the opinion that we owe a lot to nature. He combines reality with exaggeration and imagination and brings before you compositions of petals, buds and leaves in a manner that you find irresistible. Quayyum does not believe in going into abstracts. He draws his inspiration from nature that surrounds him in plenty in Chittagong, adding imagination to his presentation, so that it does not appear photographic. Thus his petals and pistils sometimes appear larger than the leaves and trees that surround them. At times he goes in to present human figures, which he does in a Marc Chagall-like manner, so that they appear to be floating above you. Quayyum, as a student of the Dhaka Art College in the early '70s, and the Chittagong University, had Rafiqun Nabi, Mahmudul Haque, Rashid Chowdhury, Devdas Chakravarty and Murtaza Baseer as his teachers. "At different times I've had different masters in mind such as Chagall, Picasso and Dali," the artist says. "I haven't always dealt with nature. Once I dealt with social pressures. It's now that I've gone in entirely for the simple and exotic." He has been a teacher of drawing and painting in Chittagong for 30 years.

In one of his paintings, *Golden kernel*, one feels one is confronted with a half of a jack-fruit or pineapple, dissected and coloured with the hues of paradise. *Heart of nature* has seeds and the fleshy centre of what appears to be both a fruit and flower. "These exotic living things

are a symbol of pulsating life," says the artist. *Column with leaves*, brings us to more eastern plants and their fleshy leaves that appear to be swaying and dancing with colours. The leaves are reddish, blue and green while the glistening tree branch is black and gray.

A section of the exhibition contains paintings from Bandarban. *Heart of nature*, an oil, again deals with leaves. The beautiful, tiny, purple flowers that you find in the grass are elaborated in *Wilderness*. Another picture of colourful leaves is seen when they are held against a purple moon and are bathed in orange and yellow. Yet another painting is a delineation of hyacinths seen with myna birds. *Travelling vendor* brings in a human figure with a basket of fruits and vegetables. *Alone on a seashore* depicts sea-shells on a banana leaf on the beach, with the moon, skies and the beach on the backdrop.

The figure work that has been included in the exhibition appears to be floating in a dream. The portrait of a woman has her carrying a water vessel; the man is playing a flute; the bullock cart with the newly weds sways homewards. The paintings have lotus, moon and tiny birds included in the composition. Quayyum often makes sketches for his paintings in his sketch book and develops them later when he moves on to the canvas. He enjoys both watercolour and acrylic, and oils have been his passion for decades.

Quayyum has won six awards including the Shilpakala Award in the 12th National Art Exhibition. He has had three solos and many group shows overseas and at home.

Classic based compositions are her forte

Tête-à-tête with Perveen Sultana



Perveen Sultana

CULTURE DESK

The songs of yesteryears have a unique appeal because of their timeless lyrics and compositions. In one of the recent programmes, *Kichhu kotha kichhu gaan* aired on ntv, Perveen Sultana received rave reviews from critics when she performed the popular song *Modhumalati dekey ay* by Sandhya Mukherji and Pratima Bandyopadhyay's *Money agun joley*.

Perveen, a talented singer, has been pursuing her career for the last 18 years. She has drawn the attention of the music aficionados through her presentation of Nazrul songs and the songs of the yesteryears.

She has trained extensively in classical music under Ustad Akhtar Sadmani, Zakir Hossain and now Sanjib De.

Initially trained in Chhayanaut and later in Hindol, under the guidance of Khaled Hossain, Perveen has about 21 mixed cassettes and

two solo albums to her credit. She has so far lent her voice for playbacks in several films as well. She has recently released a solo album titled *Parbati hotey chai*.

An enlisted artiste of television and radio, Perveen is of the opinion that the music scene is conducive to cultural development and the people are always eager to listen to quality music in our country. "The regular *jalsas* held under private initiative, are a boost to the talented artistes. However, the media and the cassette companies need to support the gifted singers, lyricists and composers so that we can develop a steady group of listeners," she adds.

"My voice is well suited to the classic based compositions," she says.

Her song *Bidroho chari dikey*, composed by Imtiaz Bulbul, is played regularly on the radio programme titled *Geetali*, where songs are played on request. Songs composed by Bashir Ahmed and Haimanti Shukla are among her favourites she says.

"Although music videos are coming up, it has to be technically sound to compete with the other international channels," asserts Perveen.

"It's heartening to know that several music channels are coming up in Bangladesh. We have untapped potential which needs to be realised. The recent talent hunt programmes carried out by different organisations are encouraging, as this would promote the prospective talents" she concludes.

Solo musical evening at Biswa Shahitya Kendra



Anisur Rahman

Veteran Tagore exponent and economist, Professor Anisur

Rahman performed Rabindra Sangeet in a solo recital at the Isfendiar Zahed Hassan auditorium of Biswa Shahitya Kendra recently. In keeping with his previous performances, he rendered songs accompanied by the violin and tanpura.

In this show he performed Rabindra Sangeet from different categories including *Ek hatey or kripan*, *Mala hotey kshoshey pora*, *Ogo pother shathi*, *Jetey jetey ekla pothey*, *Shudhu tomar bani*, *Tumi keboli chhoibi*, *Bhalobashi bhalobashi*, *Amakey karo tomar beena*, *Krishnakoli*, *Naho mata naho konyah* and *Tumi robey nirobey*.

After the concluding song, *Tomar holo shuru amar holo shara*, Anisur Rahman answered the queries of the audience. In addition, he said that on the heels of the recent solo recital in Gaibandha, he would stage musical soirees in different districts of the country soon.

Murtaja Baseer Covering 55 years on canvas



Murtaja Baseer and Qayyum Chowdhury at the exhibition inauguration.

Murtaja Baseer's fortnight long exhibition on works of 55 years at the Bengal Gallery opens today. The exhibit includes his pen-and-ink drawing of the '50s. In the same decade he did some linocuts and lithos depicting landscape and figures. Next he did variations of cubism.

Later, using triangles and squares, Baseer went to celebrate life and nature, ignoring the seamy side of life. In the '60s Baseer was overcome by ennui and loneliness. During the Liberation War that followed he

commemorated martyrs with a simple arrangement of pebbles.

In the late '70s he dealt with motifs taken from religious amulets and prayer mats and was drawn away by his fascination by the world of numismatics. In 1992 he resumed painting and went into stylised folk painting using the colours of the Pala paintings of Bengal.

The exhibition which begins today coincides with the artists birthday.

Irish rockers U2 honoured by Portugal



Portugal awarded Irish rockers U2 the country's Order of Liberty on Sunday to honour the band's humanitarian efforts.

President Jorge Sampaio awarded the Dublin four -- lead singer Bono, guitarist The Edge, bassist Adam Clayton and drummer Larry Mullen Jr. -- the order at the presidential palace a few hours before a concert in Lisbon.

Bono urged the Portuguese to help Africa, saying it was unacceptable for children to go hungry and 3,000 a day died from malaria, *Lusa* news agency reported.

Sampaio said that in the last 25 years the band had "combined the public exposure it received from its musical success with the protection of humanitarian causes."

The president especially praised the band's efforts to help ease the debt burdens of poor nations.

Bono was a major figure in the Live Aid concert for Ethiopian famine relief 20 years ago and has since campaigned for the world's poor. U2 were also involved in last month's Live 8 concert held to pressure rich nations to alleviate poverty.

Kronos Quartet goes to Bollywood

David Harrington of the Grammy-winning string ensemble Kronos Quartet says his group jumped at the chance to work with legendary Indian singer Asha Bhonsle and take its eclectic chamber music to Bollywood.

In choosing songs for the group's latest album, all of them composed by Bhonsle's late husband, RD Burman, Harrington said he selected those that appealed to his ear as a musician, with no understanding of their Hindi and Bengali lyrics.

It wasn't until days before Kronos began recording last summer that Harrington realised the group had put together a collection of plaintive love songs, many of them lesser-known examples of Burman's songcraft.

"I was reacting to the music totally as a listener and as a musician," the violinist told Reuters in an interview. The song selection surprised Bhonsle, too, but she felt they had rendered a strong sense of Burman as a composer, he said.

The result was *You've Stolen My Heart: Songs from R.D. Burman's Bollywood*, to be released on August 23 by the New York-based independent label Nonesuch Records.

Source: Reuters



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.  
 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 pm, 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 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 Smritimoy Archives  
 08:40 Biswa Protidin  
 09:00 Satellite Programmes  
 12:30 Shasho Tathya  
 01:00 Rimjhim  
 01:50 Sisimpur  
 02:30 Hijo! Tomal  
 03:05 Selected Programme  
 03:35 Geeto Bitan  
 04:00 Prottyashar Alo  
 04:25 Desh O Bigyan  
 05:05 Mati O Manush  
 05:30 Lekhapoda  
 06:10 Malancha  
 06:55 News Headlines, Share Market, Weather Forecast  
 07:00 Shusthya Thakun  
 Bhalo Thakun  
 07:30 Amra Shobai Jantey Chai  
 08:25 Protidin Bangladesh  
 08:30 Drama Serial: Golap Kano Kalo  
 09:25 Drama Serial: Aboth  
 10:25 Teknaf Theke Tetulia  
 10:25 Kemon Achhen  
 11:00 Swadesh Shangshkniti

**CHANNEL i**  
 09:30 Shongbad Potrey  
 Bangladesh and Public Reaction  
 09:45 Trilipi Matra  
 10:45 Sports Time (Live)  
 12:00 TVC Sky Shop  
 12:30 Aaj Dupurey O Citicell Tarokakathon (live)  
 01:00 Ebong Cinemar Gaan  
 01:25 Public reaction  
 02:40 Special Programme  
 04:00 Bansundhara Amader Gaan  
 04:20 Dhaka bank priyo Dhaka  
 04:45 Sa Re Ga Ma  
 05:15 Janapader Khobor

05:30 Gaaner oparey  
 06:00 Music Plus  
 06:30 Campus  
 07:55 RC Travel On  
 08:25 Drama Serial: Ek Akasher Tara  
 09:35 Drama Serial: Din Choley Jay  
 10:00 Drama Serial: Mega Bond

**ATN BANGLA**  
 10:30 Onnordishti  
 11:05 ATN Taroka (Music)  
 Khulna Zone  
 12:15 Cinema Cinema  
 12:50 Band Show: Ganey Shurey Tarunnrye Molarnot  
 01:25 Muktiuddher Ei Diney  
 02:27 Drama Serial: Kanch Ketey Karukaaj  
 03:15 Drama Serial: Nana Ronger Din  
 03:50 Drama Serial: New Files  
 04:20 Islam Ki Boley Amra Ki Kori  
 04:45 Ispahani Pure Snax Quiz Time  
 05:10 Poraner gaan  
 05:45 Islami Sawal O Jawab (live)  
 06:20 The Sword of Tipu Sultan  
 08:00 Drama Serial: Tanaporen  
 08:30 Drama Serial: Shukher Lagiya  
 09:00 Drama Serial: Bayoscope  
 09:30 Drama Serial: Shadakalo

**ntv**  
 08:35 Agiker Shokal  
 09:05 Belabhumii  
 09:30 Frankly speaking  
 10:05 Images of Lights

PICK OF THE DAY



**Titumirer Basher Kella**  
 On ntv at 8:25pm  
 Drama Serial  
 Cast: Tauqir Ahmed, Ferdousi Majumdar



**Shukher Lagiya**  
 On ATN Bangla at 8:30pm  
 Drama Serial  
 Cast: Ilora Gawhar, Maushumi, Mahbuba Islam Shumi

11:30 Circus Lights  
 12:05 Shurer Jolsha  
 01:00 Muktangan  
 01:25 TVC  
 02:35 Drama Serial: Belabhumii  
 03:15 Dance Programme: Nupoor  
 04:25 Cholo chchitro Kotha  
 05:15 Din Darpan  
 06:20 Shubho Shondha  
 06:50 Nari Ghore Bairey  
 08:25 Titumirer Basher Kella  
 09:20 Kichhu Kotha  
 Kichhu Gaan  
 10:00 Drama Serial: Rangchhut

**HBO**  
 8:30 Texas Chainsaw  
 Massacre the Next  
 Generation  
 10:15 Diagnosis Murder  
 12:00 Executive Decision  
 02:45 Baby Boy  
 05:15 HBO Sneak Peek : Bad Boys  
 05:45 John Carpenter's  
 Ghosts of Mars  
 07:45 Deadly Swarm  
 09:30 Hulk  
 12:15 Threshold  
 02:00 Rumpelstiltskin

**STAR PLUS**  
 05:00 Telebrands  
 06:00 Tedhe Medhe Sapney  
 06:30 Aladdin  
 07:00 Kim Possible  
 07:30 Kumkum - Pyara Sa  
 Bandhan  
 08:00 Princess  
 Dollieauskamagibag  
 08:30 Dekkho Magar Pyar Se  
 09:00 Kasautii Zindagii Kay  
 09:30 Miilee

07:00 That 70s Show  
 07:30 Friends  
 08:00 Newsradio  
 08:30 The Practice  
 09:30 Rockstar: Inxs  
 10:30 J.A.G.  
 11:30 Newsradio  
 12:00 Friends

**ANIMAL PLANET**  
 11:30 Growing Up Wild Lion  
 12:30 The Planet's Funniest  
 Animals  
 01:00 Animal X  
 02:30 King of the Jungle  
 03:30 The Planet's Funniest  
 Animals  
 04:30 Growing Up wild Lion  
 05:30 The Jeff Corwin  
 Experience Nepal  
 06:30 The Planet's Funniest  
 Animals  
 07:00 Animal X  
 08:30 King of the Jungle  
 09:30 The Planet's Funniest  
 Animals  
 10:30 Growing Up Wild  
 Clouded Leopard  
 Monkey Business  
 11:30 Lords of the Animals

**DISCOVERY**  
 11:30 Ten Years Younger  
 Face Off  
 12:30 Classic Discovery  
 01:30 Extreme Machines  
 02:30 New Detectives  
 04:00 Living Pulse  
 04:30 Baby It's You  
 04:30 Lion Week Lion  
 Battlefield  
 05:30 Truth Or Scare  
 06:00 Mystery Hunters  
 06:30 Great Cars Adventure  
 07:00 Adventure Capital of  
 the World  
 07:30 Lion Week  
 08:30 Yatra  
 09:00 Amazing Baby Videos

09:30 Battlefield Detectives  
 10:30 Great Cars  
 11:00 One Step Beyond  
 11:30 The Horror Stories

**STAR SPORTS**  
 09:00 Super Spells With  
 Wasim Akram (R)  
 09:30 International Triathlon  
 Union (Itu) 2005 Itu  
 Salford World Cup  
 Event Highlights(T)  
 10:30 Pga Tour Highlights  
 (R)  
 11:30 Tna Wrestling  
 Programming (R)  
 12:30 English Premier  
 Football League  
 2005/06 Manchester  
 City Vs West  
 Bromwich Albion (S)

02:30 Watersports Program-  
 ming Hot Water (T)  
 03:30 Samsung Nations Cup  
 2005 Ireland  
 Highlights(T)  
 04:30 Tna Wrestling  
 Programming (R)  
 05:30 Team India Program-  
 ming India Glorious  
 (R)  
 07:00 Hitz (R)  
 07:30 Tna Wrestling  
 Programming (R)  
 08:30 Mad About Sport (T)  
 09:00 Inside The Pga Tour  
 (T)  
 09:30 Classic Boxing Alexis  
 Arguello Vs Olivares  
 (R)  
 10:30 Tna Wrestling  
 Programming Tna  
 Wrestling (R)  
 11:30 Golf Focus (S)

12:00 Super Spells With  
 Wasim Akram

**ESPN**  
 09:00 English Premier  
 Football League  
 2005/06 Aston Villa Vs  
 Bolton Wanderers (R)  
 11:00 Clearleanding Uda  
 College Dance Teams  
 Div 1a Dance Orlando  
 FI Us (R)  
 11:30 Football Focus (R)  
 12:30 New Zealand Tour Of  
 Zimbabwe 2nd Test  
 Da Y 2 Highlights(R)  
 01:57 New Zealand Tour Of  
 Zimbabwe 2nd Test  
 Day 3 1st Session(L)  
 04:00 Hitz (R)  
 04:30 New Zealand Tour Of  
 Zimbabwe 2nd Test  
 Day 3 2nd & 3rd  
 Session(L)  
 09:00 Sportscenter India (L)  
 09:30 Hitz (T)  
 10:00 Goals! (T)  
 11:30 Classic Boxing - Ali V  
 Wepner (T)  
 12:00 Sportscenter India (R)

**TEN SPORTS**  
 10:00 WWE Smackdown  
 12:00 Rabo Trophy: India v  
 Germany  
 02:00 Rabo Trophy: Korea v  
 Australia  
 03:00 German League  
 Highlights : Ep 2  
 03:30 Inside Grand Prix  
 Turkey  
 05:30 Rabo Trophy:  
 Netherlands v England  
 06:30 WWE After Burn  
 08:30 Rabo Trophy: India v  
 Germany  
 10:30 Rabo Trophy: England  
 v Australia  
 11:00 WWE After Burn