

CULTURAL FEAS

**Cultural Programme**  
*Occasion:* The death anniversary of Kazi Nazrul Islam  
*Organiser:* Nazrul Institute  
*Venue:* Nazrul Institute, Kabibhaban, 330-B, Road 28, Dhanmondi  
*Date:* August 27-31  
*Title:* Nator Ker Gaan  
*Occasion:* The death anniversary of Kazi Nazrul Islam  
*Organiser:* Nazrul Sangeet Shilpi Parishad  
*Venue:* Nazrul Institute, Dhanmondi  
*Date:* September 01, at 6:30pm

**Cultural Programme**  
*Title:* Drishyakabya  
*Artists:* Bhashwar Bandyapadhyaya, Naheed Parveen, Sirajul Islam, Nasima Khan, Anjumara Bakul  
*Organiser:* Manabi Production  
*Venue:* Russian Cultural Centre, Dhanmondi  
*Date:* August 26, at 5:30pm

**Musical Soiree**  
*Title:* Songs of Yesteryears  
*Organiser:* Srijon  
*Venue:* Begum Sufia Kamal Auditorium, National Museum  
*Date:* August 27, at 6:05pm  
*Title:* Classical Music  
*Organiser:* Shuddha Sangeet Proshar Goshthi  
*Artist:* Zabir Imam Khan Shahi and Karim Shahabuddin  
*Venue:* Biswa Shahitya Kendra  
*Date:* August 25, 7pm

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

**Premiere**  
*Title:* Enechhi Shurjer Hashi  
*Organiser:* NGO Service Delivery Programme  
*Venue:* Ballroom, Pan Pacific Sonargaon Hotel  
*Date:* August 29, at 7pm

**Film Festival**  
*Title:* British Animation Awards Film Festival  
*Organiser:* British Council  
*Venue:* British Council, 5, Fuller Road  
*Date:* August 22-26, at 6pm everyday

**Exhibition**  
*Artist:* Murtaza Basir  
*Venue:* Bengal Gallery of Fine Arts, Dhanmondi  
*Date:* August 17-31  
*Medium:* Hand made appliques  
*Artiste:* Shaheli  
*Venue:* Drik Gallery, Dhanmondi  
*Date:* August 26- September 02, 11am to 8pm  
*Title:* Shato Borsher Dhaka  
*Venue:* Gallery Shilpangan  
*Date:* August 11- 25, 10 am to 1 pm and 5 pm to 8 pm  
*Occasion:* 1000th anniversary of the capital of the Republic of Tatarstan, Russia- the city of Kazan  
*Venue:* Russian Cultural Centre, Dhanmondi  
*Date:* August 28-September 03

**Solo Musical Evening**  
*Artiste:* Zannat-E-Ferdousi  
*Occasion:* The death anniversary of Kazi Nazrul Islam  
*Venue:* Alliance Francaise, 26, Mirpur Raod, Dhanmondi  
*Date:* August 28, at 7pm

# Dhaka through the eyes of artists



Rose Garden from the dark clouds by Hamiduzzaman Khan

**KAVITA CHARANJI**

A horse carriage in old Dhaka, a floating restaurant in the Buriganga, a race course in Dhaka after a riot, Tongi bridge, a view of the Dhakeshwari temple and Nimtoli Palace. These are the many facets of Dhaka on display at an art exhibition titled "Shotoborsher Dhaka". The venue is the Shilpangan Art Gallery at Dhanmondi. The exhibition, which concludes today, airs the works of 10 well known and upcoming artists—Rafiqun Nabi, Hamidu-zzaman Khan, Abdur Razzaque, Abdus Shakoor, Biren Shome, Chandra Shekhor Dey, Alokesh Ghosh, Ranjit Das, Ivy Zaman, and Maksudul Ahsan.

Explaining the raison d'etre of the exhibition, Rumi Noman, director of Shilpangan Gallery, says, "The aim of the display is to make people think about the need to preserve the city's glorious heritage. We have had a very good response from the public."

Along time watcher of the art scene, Fauzul Karim, also a media consultant, adds, "Such an exhibition can go a long way in reminding people about

their past and revive their nationalism. Just see some of the changes—only 350 years ago foreign ships used to come to the Buriganga."

Some of the artists who displayed their works at Shilpangan gave a first hand view of the city through their eyes:

**Rafiqun Nabi**

One of Nabi's works depicts a horse carriage in old Dhaka. A watercolour in shades of green, yellow and grey, this painting evokes the Dhaka of his childhood and adolescence. Says a nostalgic Nabi, "The carriages were a common mode of transport at a time when motor cars—mostly Fords—were few and far between."

Nabi harks back to what he calls a "different era", a Dhaka replete with greenery and still a small, friendly city. However, he says, there are some welcome changes. For one, Dhaka has become a major art centre, with numerous artists (an estimated 5,000 working artists) and 15 art galleries.

Nabi bemoans the lack of streamlined town planning in Dhaka, which is exemplified by the haphazard



SM Hall surrounding the green of present time by Ivy Zaman

proliferation of buildings. "From what I hear, the town planning here is definitely not on par with other cosmopolitan cities in the world," he asserts.

**Hamiduzzaman Khan**

One of Khan's eye-catching watercolor works is a view of Curzon Hall. Once it housed British offices and today it is the science faculty of Dhaka University. "I am proud of this 100-year structure. Likewise denizens of Dhaka should feel great about the old city which dates back about 400 years," maintains Khan. Another source of inspiration for Khan is the Armenian Church which goes back by 200 years. "One can still see the beautiful church," says Khan, who has also done works on the Rose Garden.

Khan believes that the theme of the exhibition is appropriate as it zeroes in on the need to preserve Dhaka's precious heritage. He asserts that there is a possibility of a second such display in time to come. In the meanwhile, he points out, town planners should rationalise future construction.

**Ivy Zaman**

One of Ivy's works is based on the Lalbagh fort. A watercolour in shades of pink, blue and green, the painting depicts the fort as it is today. "I like this work because it is based on history," says Ivy who is better known as a sculptor. Ivy also points to other works: one a painting of SM Hall in the University and the other of the Nimtoli Palace, which is broken and now houses the Asiatic Society.

Despite the proliferation of buildings in Dhaka, Ivy is optimistic about the future. As she says, "Dhaka is my home. However, we need better organisation and planning, while keeping our traditions alive."

This exhibition should not be missed by anyone who loves his or her city—notwithstanding all its noise, smells, traffic and pollution. By viewing Dhaka as it once was, viewers and conservationists may be motivated to preserve the city's grand heritage.

# Nadia's new TV play

## CULTURAL CORRESPONDENT

Glamorous small-screen actress Nadia will soon be seen in a different role in the TV play *Chupi Chupi Churi Churi*. She is a con-artist in this play. The story line is as follows: Two sisters Saleka and Maleka come from a broken family. They engage in dubious activities such as duping people for money by posing as cops or resorting to blackmail.

In a parallel theme, the sisters develop an attraction for two thieves, Sonu and Panu. Meanwhile the sisters seek to lead honest lives.

Popular model Shimul plays the role of Nadia's love interest. Under the concept and direction of Nazrul Qureshi, the shooting of the play is underway. The serial will be telecast this September on BTV.



Nadia (L) and Mishti in the comedy

# The odd couple: ATM Shamsuzzaman and Tarin



A scene from the play

## CULTURAL CORRESPONDENT

ATM Shamsuzzaman and Tarin are set to hit the small-screen in the tele-film *Ekhane Shundor Nihito*.

They are joined by Mahfuz, Joyanto Chottopadhyay and Joy Raz. Aronnya Anwar is the scripwriter and director of the play. The plot is as follows: A couple

(played by Shamsuzzaman and Tarin) are on their honeymoon in Rangamati. One day their idyll is interrupted by the entry of a stranger who out of the blue says, "Shuronjona! How are you?" This incident fuels Shamsuzzaman's suspicion and he loses his temper with Tarin. The caretaker of the resort informs Shamsuzzaman that the man is wealthy—a fact which leads latter to devise a nefarious plan. In a complete turnaround, he allows Tarin to talk to the stranger. What happens next is for the viewer to see.

Talking about his work, Anwar says, "I'm exploring many different genres. I don't want to limit myself; rather I seek to provide new elements. The age difference of ATM Shamsuzzaman and Tarin is an interesting twist in the telefilm. I'm sure the audience will appreciate *Ekhane Shundor Nihito*."

BTV will telecast the tele-film on Eid-UI-Fitr.

# ALL TIME GREATS

## Elvis Presley: The King of rock n' roll

Elvis Presley, popularly known as "the King of rock n' roll" or just "The King", may very well be the single most important figure in 20th century popular music. No one can argue that he was the musician most responsible for popularising rock n' roll on an international level. Dozens upon dozens of international smashes may make him the highest-selling performer in history.

More important from a music lover's perspective, however, are his remarkable artistic achievements. Elvis was the first to assertively fuse country and blues music into the style known as 'rockabilly'. His explosive stage presence set standards for the music's visual image; his vocals were incredibly powerful and versatile.

Presley's first single was *That's all right Mama* (1954), a version of an Arthur Crudup blues tune. He began singing for the label RCA in 1955. His single, *Heartbreak Hotel* rose to number one and aided by some national television appearances, helped make Elvis an instant superstar. *I want you* was



another chart-topping follow-up. Elvis' aspirations were too big to be limited to records and live appearances. Late 1956 saw the release of his first Hollywood movie, *Love Me Tender*. This was followed by other screen ventures. However, in smoky, sentimental ballads such as *Loving you*, Elvis' vocal swoops became more exaggerated and stereotypical.

While there were some quality efforts on Presley's early '60s

albums, his discography was soon dominated by forgettable soundtracks. By 1967 and 1968, there were slight stirrings of an artistic reawakening by Elvis through singles like *Guitar Man*, *Big Boss Man*, and *US male*.

The 1968 album *Elvis in Memphis* was the first LP in nearly a decade in which Presley seemed cognizant of current trends. 1969 hits like *Suspicious minds* and *In the ghetto*, returned him to the top

of the charts. Elvis returned to live performing in 1969, breaking in with weeks of shows in Las Vegas. Elvis' final years have been the subject of a cottage industry of celebrity bios, tell-alls, and gossip screeds from those who "knew him well". He became isolated from the outside world except for professional purposes, rarely venturing outside of his Graceland mansion in Memphis.

On August 16, 1977, Presley was found dead in Graceland. The cause of death remains a subject of widespread speculation. An immediate cult sprang up around his legacy, kept alive by the hundreds of thousands of visitors who make the pilgrimage to Graceland annually. Elvis memorabilia is another industry in its own right. Dozens, if not hundreds make a comfortable living by impersonating 'the King' in live shows. And then there are all those Elvis sightings, reported in tabloids on a seemingly weekly basis.

Compiled by Cultural Correspondent

# Pitt and Aniston become single again



1998, will divide their possessions but do say they have reached an out-of-court agreement. Aniston, 36, filed for divorce in March, citing irreconcilable differences; 11 weeks after the couple announced their separation.

The former *Friends* star later told *Vanity Fair* magazine she still loved Pitt but was getting on with her life. "The sad thing, for me, is the way it's been reduced to a Hollywood cliché - or maybe it's just a human cliché," she said.

# Rings star becomes football hooligan

The *Lord of the Rings* star Elijah Wood is in Edinburgh for the UK premiere of his latest film *Green Street*, in which he appears as a football hooligan.

Wood plays a student who gets drawn into the hooligan "firm" at West Ham. The actor became a West Ham regular during his research and said he was impressed by the "passion and devotion and rabid, dog-like, manic energy" of the fans.

Director Lexi Alexander, a former hooligan, said violence at her club in Germany was "an expression of love".

Wood, who starred as Frodo in the Oscar-winning *Rings* trilogy, plays a former Harvard student who moves to London. After Tuesday's premiere in Edinburgh, the film's cast and crew travelled to the London premiere on Wednesday.

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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) 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 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**  
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**  
09:00 Satellite Programme  
12:30 Shastho Tithya  
02:05 Khetley Khetley Computer  
02:30 Bangla Feature Film  
05:05 Protyashar Alo  
05:30 Dhrupadi  
06:10 Talk Show  
06:35 Jiboner Alo  
07:00 News Headlines, Share Market, Weather Forecast  
07:05 Grantha Bhuban  
07:30 Egiye Cholar Pothey  
07:45 Rekha O Lekha  
08:40 Aarshi  
10:25 Teknaf Theke Tetulia  
10:30 Rimjim  
12:05 Satellite Programme  
09:30 Shongbad Potrey Bangladesh and Public Reaction  
09:45 Tritiya Matra  
11:30 Drama Serial: Din Choley Jai  
12:00 TVC sky shop  
12:30 Aaj Dupurey O Citicell Tarokakothon (live)  
01:00 Ebong Cinemar Gaan  
01:25 Public Reaction  
03:10 Hridoye Mati O Manusher Daak  
04:00 Bashudhara amader gaan  
04:20 Agora Shopping Guide  
04:45 Sa Re Ga Ma  
05:30 RC Brain Storming  
06:00 Music Plus  
06:30 Amar Chhobi  
07:50 Drama Serial: Fanush  
08:25 Drama Serial: Albatross  
09:35 Drama Serial: Shompurna Rangin  
10:00 Drama Serial: PI

**ATN BANGLA**  
10:30 Annodishti  
11:05 ATN Taroka(acting)  
12:20 Bangla Feature Film  
03:50 ATN Ranna Ghar  
04:25 Shundar Jiboner Jonno  
04:45 Ishpani Pure Snax  
05:00 Quiz Time  
05:10 Puralkirtir Bangladesh  
05:45 Islami Sawal O Jawab (live)  
06:20 Mortal Combat  
08:00 Conquest  
08:00 Drama Serial: Char Deyaler Chand  
08:30 Drama Serial: Ferari Siren  
09:00 Drama Serial: Britto  
09:30 Drama Serial: Mohona  
10:35 Char Deyaler Kabbyo  
12:20 Cinema Cinema  
**ntv**  
08:35 Aajker Shokal  
09:00 Islami Sawal O Jawab (live)  
09:30 Nari Gharey Bairey  
10:05 Chalachchitra Katha  
11:30 Dhakar Cinema  
01:05 Mukhtangan  
02:35 Drama Serial: Belabhumii  
03:15 Kichhu Katha Kichhu Gaan  
03:50 Drama Serial: Rangchhut  
04:25 Shapla Kuri  
05:15 Din Darpan  
05:20 Mohila Angan  
06:20 Shubho Shondha  
06:50 Biz Week  
08:25 Drama Serial: Kachher Manush  
09:20 Music Express  
10:00 Quiz Show: Medhaba  
11:25 Dindarpan  
12:10 Shangskruti Ei

**HBO**  
10:15 The Master of Disguise  
12:00 Ocean's Eleven  
02:15 Sunshine State  
05:00 XXX  
07:30 Queen of the Damned  
09:30 The Matrix Reloaded  
12:15 The Sweetest Thing  
02:00 Friday the 13<sup>th</sup> Part III  
**STAR PLUS**  
10:30 Picture Perfect  
10:05 Cheaper By The Dozen  
11:45 Sonny  
09:30 Dekhmagapayase  
11:00 Meri Saheli  
11:30 Shanti  
12:00 Tedhe Medhe Sapney  
12:25 Film Topper  
12:30 Hit Filmlein Hit  
12:30 Sangeet  
12:55 Taaza Hits  
02:00 Bhabhi  
02:20 Kesar  
03:00 Saarthi  
06:00 Shaadi Number One  
06:30 Aladdin  
07:00 Kim Possible  
07:30 Kumkum - Pyara Sa  
**STAR MOVIES**  
11:00 Assassination File  
12:45 Veronica Guerin  
02:30 Distinguished Gentleman  
04:20 Bridget Jones's Diary  
06:00 Seabiscuit

**HBO**  
08:20 Bandhan  
09:30 Princess  
10:00 Dollieauruskamagibag  
10:30 Dekkho Magar Pyar Se  
11:00 Kasauti Zindagi Kay  
11:30 Miliee  
12:00 Kavyanjali  
13:00 Kahaani Ghar Ghar Kii  
14:00 Kyunki Saas Bhi Kabhi Bahu Thi  
15:30 Kahiin To Hoga  
16:00 K.Street, Pali Hill  
**STAR WORLD**  
10:30 The Practice  
12:30 J.A.G.  
01:30 The A Team  
02:28 Star Asia Travel  
02:30 Oprah Winfrey Show  
03:30 Bold And Beautiful  
04:30 Hollywood Squares

05:00 Whose Line Is It Anyway  
05:30 Buffy The Vampire Slayer  
06:30 The Simpsons  
07:00 That 70s Show  
07:30 Friends  
08:00 Newsradio  
08:30 Scrubs  
09:00 Growing Up Gotti  
09:30 Rockstar: Inxs  
10:00 Arrested Development  
10:30 Angel  
11:28 Star Asia Travel  
**ANIMAL PLANET**  
09:30 Animal Miracles  
10:30 Ray of Light  
11:30 Pet Powers  
01:00 Extreme Programming  
02:30 Wild Spirits  
03:00 Australia Tour Of England  
04:00 Npower Test

04:30 Beyond the Unexplored  
05:30 White Shadows  
06:30 The Crocodile hunter  
07:00 Diaries emu Rescue  
08:30 The Planet's Funniest Animals  
09:00 Pet Powers  
09:30 Animal Miracles  
10:30 One Planet Gorilla  
11:30 Encounters  
12:30 The Natural World  
**DISCOVERY**  
10:30 Wild discovery  
11:30 Yatra  
12:00 Amazing Baby Videos  
12:30 Battlefield Detectives  
01:30 Great cars  
02:00 One Step Beyond  
02:30 Horror Stories  
03:00 Werewolves  
03:30 Celebrity Doubles  
04:00 Great Romances of the 20th Century  
04:30 Wild Discovery  
05:30 Endurance House of Cards  
06:00 Zach's Ultimate Guide  
06:30 Birds of Prey  
07:30 Discovery Wings The Flight Departure  
08:30 Raw Nature  
09:30 World's Best Beach Bites  
10:30 Himalaya with Michael Palin  
11:30 Science Frontiers Mind over Medicine  
12:30 Guilty or Innocent?  
01:30 Mad About Sport (R)  
02:30 Extreme Programming  
03:30 Sports Mania (T)  
04:30 Pga Tour Highlights  
05:30 Tm Impact (R)  
06:30 Extreme Programming  
07:30 Wild Spirits  
08:30 Australia Tour Of England  
09:30 Npower Test

05:00 Series Manchester  
06:00 England Vs Australia 3rd Test  
07:00 5 Highlights(R)  
08:00 Tna Xplosion (T)  
09:00 Australia Tour Of England  
10:00 Npower Test  
11:00 Series Nottingham  
12:00 England Vs Australia 4th Test  
01:00 1st Session(L)  
02:00 Super Spells  
03:00 Spells With Wasim Akram (R)  
04:00 Australia Tour Of England  
05:00 Npower Test  
06:00 Series Nottingham  
07:00 England Vs Australia 4th Test  
08:00 2nd & 3rd Session(L)  
09:00 Tna Xplosion (R)  
10:00 Asian Festival Of Speed  
11:00 Porsche Infoneon  
12:00 Carrera Cup Asia Beijing  
01:00 China Round 6(T)  
02:00 Football Crazy Nokia  
03:00 Football Crazy (S)  
**ESPN**  
08:00 Tri-Series In Zimbabwe  
09:00 Zimbabwe Vs New Zealand 1st Odi  
10:00 Highlights(S)  
11:00 English Premier Football  
12:00 League English Premier  
01:00 Football League 2005/6  
02:00 Sunderland England  
03:00 Sunderl And Vs Manchester City (R)  
04:00 X Games Invitational  
05:00 Thailand X Games Cup  
06:00 Highlights Rajamangala  
07:00 Thailand (R)  
08:00 Great Outdoor Games  
09:00 Espn Great Outdoor  
10:00 Games (R)  
11:00 English Premier Football  
12:00 League English Premier  
01:00 Football League 2005/06  
02:00 Blackburn England  
03:00 Blackburn Rn

05:00 Rovers Vs Fulham (T)  
06:00 Football Crazy Nokia  
07:00 Goals! (R)  
08:00 Mad About Sport (T)  
09:00 Tri-Series In Zimbabwe  
10:00 Zimbabwe Vs New Zealand 1st Odi  
11:00 Highlights(R)  
12:00 Sportscenter  
01:00 Sportscenter India (L)  
02:00 English Premier Football  
03:00 League English Premier  
04:00 Football League 2005/6  
05:00 London England  
06:00 Chelsea Vs West Bromwich Albion (T)  
07:00 Mad About Sport  
08:00 Sportscenter  
09:00 Sportscenter India  
10:00 Sportscenter  
11:00 FIM Speedway World Cup : Poland  
12:00 Champ Car World Series H/Ls: Denver, USA  
01:00 Caribbean Classics  
02:00 Golf Highlights  
03:00 Portuguese League H/Ls : Ep  
04:00 World Hockey Magazine  
05:00 ATP Tennis  
06:00 Transworld Sports: Ep 34  
07:00 WWE: The Bottom Line  
08:00 EPGA: BMW Intl Open, Munich Germany Day 1  
09:00 Athletic World Show  
10:00 Legends:US Open (2000 Final Safin v Sampras)  
11:00 WWE: The Bottom Line