

CULTURAL FEAST

Photography Exhibition

Title: Gunter Grass: Photographs
Photographer: Nasir Ali Mamun
Venue: Exhibition Gallery, Goethe Institut, Dhanmondi Dhaka.
Date: October 14-30

Occasion: 150th birth anniversary of Russian Scientist-Orchard Selectionist Ivan V. Micurin

Venue: Russian Cultural Centre
Date: October 20-26

Theme: Photo exhibition on Palestinian Intifada against aggressive Zionism

Organiser: Embassy of the Islamic Republic of Iran

Venue: Sculptor Novara Hall, National Museum

Date: October 23-27, from 9am to 4:30pm

Group Exhibition

Artists: Students of Department of Crafts

Venue: Zainul Gallery, Institute of Fine Arts, Dhaka University

Date: October 22-27, from 10am to 8pm

Book Exhibition

Occasion: 135th birth anniversary of Russian writer Ivan A. Bunin

Venue: Russian Cultural Centre

Date: October 27-31

Art Exhibition

Title: Les Illustrés

Artist: 15 Contemporary artists of France

Venue: La Gallery, Alliance Francaise 26, Mirpur Road, Dhanmondi

Date: October 14-30

Film Screening

Organiser: Alliance Francaise

Venue: La Gallery, Alliance Francaise 26, Mirpur Road, Dhanmondi

Date: October 07-28

Schedule

October 26 Venus Beauty Institute
October 27 Augustin King of Kung Fu
October 28 Yamakasi

November 1 The Taste of Others

November 2 Fat Girl

Title: Hybrid Forms, New Trends in the Documentary Film

Organiser: Goethe-Institut with cooperation with Zahir Raihan Film Society

Venue: Goethe-Institut, House 10, Road 9, Dhanmondi

Date: November 08-10

Schedule

November 08

4:30pm Buenos Aires, My History
6:00pm Hans Wärns, My 20th Century

November 09

4:30pm The Last Documentary Film

5:45pm Divine Obsession

6:15pm Master Game

November 10

4:30pm The Housewife's Flower

6:00pm Vacancy

6:20pm Vagabonding Images

Classical Music

Organiser: Goethe-Institut with cooperation with Panchaswar

Venue: National Museum Auditorium

Date: November 20, at 6pm

In memoriam

Abdur Razzaque, a master sculptor passes away

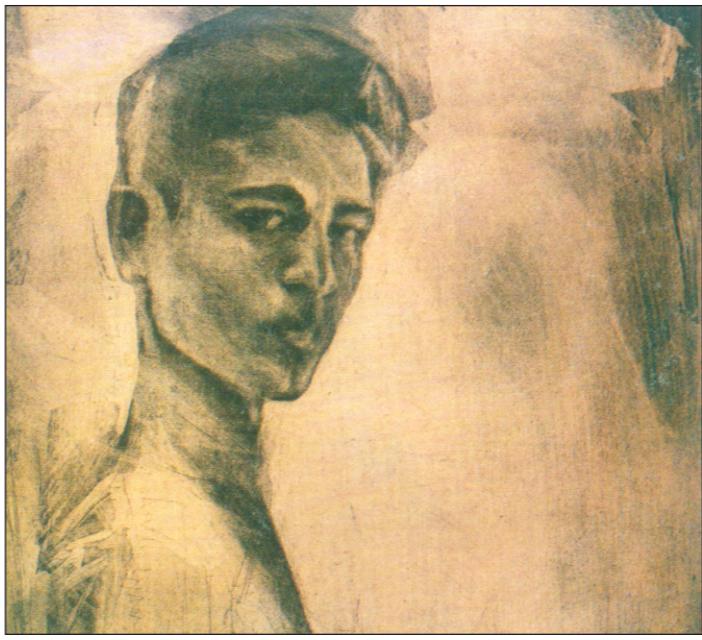
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PROFESSOR Abdur Razzaque, a leading artist, passed away on October 23. He died of cardiac arrest in Jessore.

Razzaque was basically an abstract and geometric artist in his sculptural work. He was a purist in painting and print making too. He worked in oil, acrylic and water colour during the 50s, 60s and later, he got his post

graduate education from Iowa, USA in 1957 and worked under the famous print maker Mauricio Lasansky.

Proficient in graphics, sculpture and painting, he is especially remembered for his role in establishing the Department of Sculpture in Fine Arts, DU, in 1959. He was famous for his smooth, concave, abstract work in the modern concave style. His *Face of an old woman*, 1966, is a powerful wooden work. His metal sculptures



Self portrait (top) by Abdur Razzaque and one of his sculptures



are generally compositions balancing vertical and horizontal planes and spaces.

Although sculpture was close to his heart, he also spent a lot of time in painting. Razzaque said, "I have always remained close to nature, which is ever changing and powerful. I have tried to learn the rules of nature. I am interested in knowing life fully and portraying it. I arrange form and space with colour, line and shapes. My work develops gradually, experiencing many changes." One of his memorable works

is *The Garden* done in yellow, red and blackish brown. It was exhibited in the Fifth Asian Biennale.

He had six solo shows in USA and Bangladesh. His joint shows, 30 in number, were held at USA, UK, Germany, Poland, Norway, Turkey, Iran, Brazil, Pakistan, India, and Sri Lanka. He participated in numerous Asian Biennales arranged by the Shilpakala Academy.

He won the Ekushe Padak in 1987, and the Bangla Charu Shilpi Shangad Honour in 1989.

Roszaruzehtsentr: Alive and kicking at 80

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The evening of October 23 was auspicious for Roszaruzehtsentr or the Russian Centre of Science and Culture. On this day the organisation, with branches in 66 countries, turned 80. To mark this momentous occasion, an award giving ceremony was held at Dhanmondi, at the Dhaka branch of the organisation. Through a photo exhibition, the occasion also offered a glimpse of the activities at different centres of Roszaruzehtsentr across the world.

Chief guest Vladimir T Dzhunkovskiy, deputy head of mission of the Russian Federation to Bangladesh and Guest of Honour Justice KM Sobhan and Yury I. Makarov, Head, Russian Centre of Science and Culture, Dhaka were also present.

Altogether 23 illustrious personalities received awards, from Roszaruzehtsentr, for their immense contribution to the noble cause of strengthening Russia-Bangladesh ties and friendship and promoting people to people contacts.

The recipients of the Sign of Honour award are Justice KM Sobhan, Asaduzzaman Noor, Ali Aksad, Ambassador Walur Rahman, Enam Ahmed Chaudhury, Major General (Retd.) Amsa Amin, Ndc, psc, KM Shamsur Rahman, MM Rezaul Karim, and Mustafa Faruq Muhammed.

Fourteen recipients received the Letter of Appreciation award. The awardees are Nasrine R Karim, Prof. KH Bazlul Haque, Mr. Mozammel

acknowledge contributions of people from different sectors.

"The biggest asset of Bangladesh is that people are very friendly here," remarked Yuri I. Makarov, Head, Russian Centre of Science and Culture. As Roszaruzehtsentr in Dhaka has a dedicated staff, one can only hope for more enthralling treats from this cultural centre in future.



Some of the award recipients at the event

Haque MP, Dr Zahid Hossain Prodhan, Zaved Zafar, chief administrative officer, AHM Mustafizur Rahman, Professor Mahmudul Haque, SK Bashir Ahmed Mamun, director, Fayza Haq, Rumi Noman, Takir Hossain, Advocate Abdul Mannan Khan, Dr Tahir Shah and Mohammad Yusuf Hasan Nipu. The awardees appreciated Roszaruzehtsentr's attempt to

celebrate its 80th anniversary.

Chief guest of the event was noted

Eid special

Abu Sufian's TV plays on three channels

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Abu Sufian has written three TV plays on the occasion of this Eid, for different channels: BTV, ATN Bangla and Channel i. *Joutukachar* will be telecast on BTV on the second day of Eid. The dowry-demanding father of Jalal seeks a sum of Taka 8 lakh as a pre-condition for giving his son in marriage. Helena is a girl from the same village who is determined to marry without dowry. The irony is that the duo get married despite their initial hesitation.

The second play is for ATN Bangla. The play, titled *Jalrangpadya*, will be aired on the third day of Eid at 9 pm. This comedy is about an aspiring playwright Imran, who comes face to face with an obstacle: the TV channel for which he wants to write a play poses the condition that he should first find a popular director for his play.

The final work is *Harkat-e-Badan* scheduled to be telecast on Channel i on the seventh day of Eid. The protagonist of the play, Tahsin's mother, can see into the future through her special power of *Harkat*. This leads to amusing incidents within the family. These three plays will feature Tauquir Ahmed, Richi Solaiman, Meer Sabbir, Chunki, Enamul Haque, Raisul Islam Asad, Rahmat Ali, Rasheed Harun, Shabnam Parveen, Ferdousi Leena, Hridi Haque, Amirul Islam and a cluster of new artists.



(Clockwise) Raisul Islam Asad, Richi Solaiman and Tauquir Ahmed

Kumar Bishwajit

25 years in music

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From *Torey putuler moto korey shajhey* to *O doctor*, Kumar Bishwajit's musical journey of 25 years has been interesting. Bishwajit is currently one of the most sought after singers in our country. His popularity and reputation exceed the boundaries of Bangladesh thanks to his talent and superior music skills. Millions over the years have hummed his *adhnunik* songs and he is still going strong.

Laser Vision released the singer's new VCD album *Celebrates 25 years of Kumar Bishwajit's music in live*. The launching ceremony was held at Bishwa Shahitya Kendra (BSK) auditorium on October 23.

In his welcoming speech, the artiste said, "Music is an integral part of my life. I feel deeply content and honoured that my songs are still popular. The album is an effort to bring people closer. However, I still have a lot more to do."

Chief guest of the event was noted



(L-R) Ahmed Imtiaz Bulbul, Kumar Bishwajit and Shakila Zafar along with other guests at the VCD launch

music director Ahmed Imtiaz Bulbul. Popular singer Shakila Zafar, journalist and composer Kabir Bakul, Omar Mirza -- president of Melody Entertainment, AKM Arifur Rahman -- chairman of Laser Vision and other prominent names of our cultural arena attended the function.

After launching the VCD, the music videos were premiered. Lux-Channel i super star participant Juthi was the MC of the programme.

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, 12:15am.

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.

STAR GOLD

News Headlines (Bangla) at 10:00 am, 12:00 pm, 2:00 pm, 4:00 pm, 6:00 pm, 8:00 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.

STAR MOVIES

News Headlines (Bangla) at 5:30pm, 7:30pm.

Tara News (Bangla) at 8:30 pm, 11:30 pm.

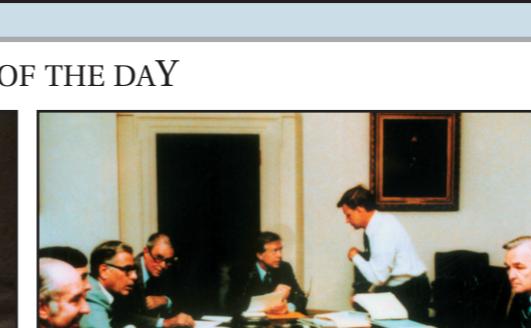
Tara News Bangladesh (Bangla) at 9:30 pm.

BBC WORLD

Every hour on the hour.



Kichhu Kotha Kichhu Gaan
On ntv at 9:20pm
Musical Programme
Hosted by: Syed Abdul Hadi



Spy Stories
On Discovery at 11:30pm
Discovery goes behind the doors of the CIA directly to the files marked "top secret"



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