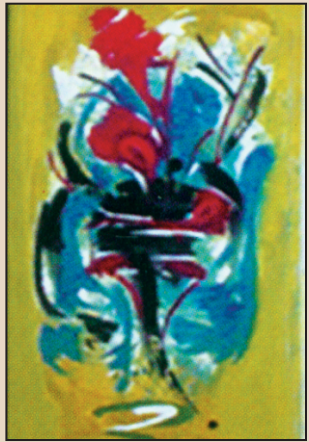


CULTURAL FEAST

Exhibition

**Title:** Alluvial Pain And Salvation  
**Artist:** Kaildas Karmakar  
**Venue:** Alliance Franciase, Dhanmondi  
**Date:** November 17-30, from 9am to 12pm, 5pm to 9pm



**Artist:** Anisur Rahman  
**Venue:** Art & Soul Gallery, Road 36 House 16, Gulshan  
**Date:** November 18-27, from 11am to 8pm

**Title:** Along with Chaos  
**Artist:** Imtiaz Islam Shohag  
**Venue:** Nolini Kanto Votshashi Gallery, National Museum  
**Date:** November 23-30, from 10:30am to 4:30pm

**Title:** Iffat 2005  
**Artist:** Iffat Ara Dewan  
**Venue:** Shippanagan Gallery, Road 05, House 25, Dhanmondi  
**Date:** November 17-30, from 10 am to 1pm and 5pm to 8pm

**Title:** Art Expo-2005: 60 Small-Formats  
**Artist:** Matlub Ali  
**Venue:** Zainul Gallery, Institute of Fine arts, DU  
**Date:** November 18-23, from 2:30pm to 7:30pm

**Title:** Enlightenment  
**Artist:** Kanak Champa Chakma  
**Venue:** Bengal Shilpalay, Dhanmondi  
**Date:** November 20- December 03, from 12pm to 8pm

Film Screening

**Organiser:** Dhaka Film Society  
**Venue:** Russian Cultural Centre  
**Date:** November 29-30

**Schedule**  
**November 29**  
 2:30pm King Lear  
 5:30pm Hamlet  
**November 30**  
 2:30pm Crime And Punishment  
 5:30pm Anna Karenina

Book Exhibition

**Occasion:** 90th birth anniversary of Russian writer Konstantin M Simonov  
**Venue:** Library, Russian Cultural Centre House 510, Road 7, Dhanmondi  
**Date:** November 15-30

Exhibition

Kanakchampa's latest gems



Buddha purnima

**K**ANAKCHAMPA Chakma's *Enlightenment*, the ongoing exhibit at Bengal Gallery, showcases her dexterous and lyrical work with confidence and subtlety. Known both overseas and at home for her ethnic paintings, she marches on to present her gem-like creations in a collection of mixed media and oil on canvas works. Combining her career as a painter and homemaker, she is buoyant and lyrical, as she marches ahead with her creative work of marvellous painting. She used to work in oil colours alone at one time but now for a fairly long time has gone into mixed media-- as seen at a recent joint venture at Saju's Art Gallery.

In her latest superb attempt, Kanakchampa has traced the origin and spread of Buddhism. Her interest in the subject lies in the fact that she comes from Rangamati, and her

parents are Buddhists. In her gorgeous display, she presents the conception, birth, life and the achievement of nirvana by Buddha (also known as Siddharta, before his enlightenment). She has even imagined caves, with stalactites and stalagmites, and with powerful symbols, has presented her theme with an impact. She presents her subjects with great care on each canvas and mixed-media, framed with soft or sharp bars. The figures are held within frames, while motifs are added with imagination, care and perfection.

Her *Dream of Mahamaya*, seen in this exhibit, depicts her mixed-media work, with her nonpareil lyricism. There is a lady reposing on a chariot, with her dream of a child symbolised by a baby elephant. We see this held on in a bar of ochre, with twirling, gliding leaves and tendrils, and



In quest of truth

gentle autumn leaves in the backdrop, done in reds, greens, turquoise and other bold, joyous tints. An attendant is fanning the princess. The effect is soft, poised and graceful. Balancing this image is a line on the left of the composition, with crosses and bars. Streams and lakes are included in the work. There could be nothing more complete and exact in a painting, perhaps, for an artist fairly young, like Kanakchampa. Yet, she is not heady or flushed with success with her work. The painting presents a satisfied and happy mind.

We find the same mind-whirling images, as we progress on to Buddha's facing of the reality in the world around. Kanakchampa has managed to present the truth with daring and swift strokes-- even the problems that Buddha was faced with, once he realised the poverty, hunger and unending suffering in the world

beyond the palace that he lived in as a youth. Even when Buddha achieved nirvana, as he did sitting under the *pipul* tree, in India.

Having watched Kanakchampa toiling away ceaselessly in her studio, which she shares with her husband K M Mithu, one continues to admire her work. In her 20 minutes parley with *The Daily Star*, she presented the image of a painter, confident about the response from the connoisseurs and art lovers in Dhaka. Yet another feather in the cap for Kanakchampa, who was adjudged the best "Top 10 woman personalities of Bangladesh" of the 20th century by the "Anannya" Award in 1994. She has won 10 awards, has had 5 solo exhibits, and has been included in 117 group exhibitions at home and overseas.

By FAYZA HAQ

The New Shobuj Opera reaches 100



Jayanta Chattapadhyay (R) and Dilip in the mega serial

Last night, mega-serial *The New Shobuj Opera* crossed its 100th episode mark. The TV serial features the struggles of *Jatra* artists. Adapted from Mamunur Rashid's concept, Brindaban Das is the script writer of the serial.

On the serial's story line, director Mamunur Rashid said, "So far we have shown the problems that indigenous artists face from the local musclemen in the course of staging a *Jatra Pala*. Other important facets are professional jealousy and scandals within the troupe."

There have been issues within the *Jatra* troupe in the serial. Subsequently the artists of the troupe are exploring different avenues to bring in the bread and butter. These developments mark a turning point of the serial, says Mamun.

What's next? Mamun says, "It is difficult to say at the moment, but we hope to run the serial till the 1000th episode."

ATN Bangla airs *The New Shobuj Opera* on Saturdays and Sundays at 8:30 pm.

On tonight's episode of Flat No 40

Zakaria's uncle incessantly bugs him and won't leave him alone. Lima comes to his rescue with the excuse that Zakaria has a business lunch to attend. Zakaria's uncle realises that he has been intentionally evaded and decides to meander around Dhaka. There's only one problem: he is from out of town and doesn't know his way around the city.

Zakaria's uncle is missing. Meanwhile, Zakaria, Lima and Muna are worried when their uncle doesn't return

home. However, he comes across a police officer, Majnun and the officer brings him home. Zakaria's uncle realises that Dhaka is not for him. The next morning he takes off, without informing anyone.

The episode features actors, Shahiduzzaman Selim, Tony Dayes, Elora Gawhor, Shahidul Alam Sachchu and others.

*Flat No 40* is aired every Monday night at 8:30pm on ATN Bangla.



A scene from the serial

Cultural Network

Great music from the Commonwealth

REZAUL KARIM

Music is the medium that Dorothea Sultana de Maria and Alison Cox are using to bring people together from across the Commonwealth countries. Their idea to stage a multicultural concert by 100 performers in Malta has given birth to "The Commonwealth Resounds!", according to a news report received from the Commonwealth Secretariat recently.

This musical event will be held on the eve of the Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting (CHOGM) on November 25-27.

Foreign Minister M Morshed Khan will lead the Bangladesh delegation at the CHOGM.

The Ngati Rana Maori group will greet the audience at the Manoel Theatre in Valletta on November 24 before handing over the spotlight to a music group from South Asia, which will entertain with a blend of melodies from India and Pakistan.

From the pulsating beat of the drums to the rhythmic sounds of the steelpan, the theatre will resound to the performance by the Trinidad and Tobago Defense Force Steel Orchestra.

They will also be entertained by the musical repertoire of the Cyprus State Orchestra and the Purcell School Trio from the UK. Traditional folk music from Malta and Ghana will take centre stage as well as the Ashe Performing Arts Ensemble of Jamaica.

The evening is likely to end on a high note with the Cantores Sancti Juliani Choir of Malta keeping the 600-strong audience engrossed.

"Commonwealth Resounds! aims not only to showcase

talent, but also serves as a platform for friendship and understanding that can promote peace and unity. Music can transcend cultures, beliefs and politics -- it can foster collaboration and nurture creativity. I hope that this musical event will develop into a cultural network of musical artists and music lovers in the Commonwealth," said Dorothea, co-director of Commonwealth Resounds!

Dorothea, who is also the Deputy Mayor of Warminster Council in the UK and Chairperson of the biennial Warminster Music and Arts Festival, teamed up with Alison, Head of Composition at the Purcell School of Music, who had organised a special concert at Buckingham Palace for the Queen's Royal Music Day in March 2005.

"In organising Commonwealth Resounds! we hope to facilitate interaction between singers and musicians in the Commonwealth, which will generate energy, enthusiasm and enjoyment at a concert where the talent of the Commonwealth can resound in Malta and reverberate across the world," said co-director Alison.

She expressed hope that the November 24 concert will unveil new talent and open the doors for accomplished artists to perform in other venues around the Commonwealth.

The Commonwealth Resounds! has been made possible through sponsorship by a number of Commonwealth governments.

In his message, Malta's President Dr Edward Fenech-Adami says: "Music is certainly a means of communication, a universal language, and is indeed a dynamic and unifying force that has the power to overcome all social and economic confines."



Bengal Foundation has embarked on the second round of its talent hunt, Bengal Bikash. The regional selection of Chittagong zone began recently at the Chittagong Theatre Institute. Aspiring singers, their parents, relatives and friends throng the audition premises in the photograph.

Delhi to host film festival on environment

Delhi, the Indian capital, is all set to go green. On November 21 begins a four-day environment and wildlife film festival. The venue: the plush India Habitat Centre. Titled Vatavaran 2005, the festival will have over 47 films competing for awards in different categories.

With the spotlight on the theme of "Forests for life", the event will showcase old problems, new challenges, achievements and failures. The festival will see an all new focus on Asia through films made by Asian directors in the Asian Panoramasection.

Discussions will also be held on the subjects of these films.

A notable feature of the festival will be a retrospective of British filmmakers Doug Allan and Richard Brock. To add a touch of excitement to the proceedings, a special underwater filming workshop



is to be conducted by Allan, the principal cameraman for BBC's award-winning series *Blue Planet*. Another attraction will be a workshop on e-journalism.

Organised by the Centre for Media Studies (CMS), the event will also witness the 13th Congress of the International Federation of Environmental Journalists (IFEJ) on "Human-wildlife conflict and sustainable development".

Sharing his views on the festival is Shyam Benegal, renowned filmmaker and chairperson of the jury. To quote him, "It is wonderful to see such dedication and commitment. It only goes to bolster my belief that no worthwhile development is possible without paying long term and continuing attention to the well being and to the environment in which we live."

Compiled by Cultural Correspondent

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, 9:00 am, 2:00 pm, 7:00 pm, 9:00 pm, 10:30 pm, 12:15 am.  
 Telecast of BTV news (Bangla and English) at 11:30 pm.  
**ATN BANGLA**  
 News (Bangla) at 7:00 am, 10:00 am, 2:00 pm, 7:00 pm, 10:00 pm, 11 pm.  
 News (English) at 8:20 am, 7:00 pm.  
 Telecast of BTV News (Bangla and English) at 11:30 pm.  
 Latest News (Bangla) at 9:00 am, 10:00 am, 11:00 am, 1:00 pm, 3:00 pm, 4:00 pm, 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) at 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 5:30 pm, 7:30 pm.  
 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 *Tritiya Matra*  
 10:45 Live Educational Programme  
 12:30 *Aaj Dupurey O Citycell Tarokakothor*  
 01:00 *Ebong Cinemar Gaan*  
 01:25 Public Reaction  
 01:30 *Shangbadpotrey Bangladesh*  
 02:40 Special Programme  
 03:40 *Amar Channel-i*  
 03:40 *Darshok Forum*  
 Channel-i viewers' forum  
 04:00 *Bashundhara Amader Gaan*  
 04:45 *Saa Re Gaa Maa*  
 05:30 *Banjijo O Orthonity*  
 06:00 Music Plus  
 06:30 Drama Serial: Star gate SG-1  
 07:50 Drama: Hatya  
 09:35 Drama Serial: *Shampurna Rangeen*  
 Drama Serial: *Aarshee*

**ntv**  
 10:05 *Zoo Adventure*  
 10:30 *Dhakar Cinema Muktaggan*  
 01:05 *Travel show: Road to Dhaka*  
 02:35 *Closeup 1 Tomake Khujchey Bangladesh*  
 03:50 *Siddiqia Kabir's recipe*  
 04:25 *Vinna Swader Khobor*  
 05:10 *Ilnashar Ei Diney*  
 06:00 *Apar Jiggasha*  
 06:20 *Shubho Shondhaya*  
 06:50 Crime Watch  
 08:25 Drama Serial: *Bela Bhumi*  
 09:20 *Shaj Ghar*  
 10:00 Drama serial: Akash Chhonya

Dindarpan

11:25 *Punno Ei Raat*  
**ATN BANGLA**  
 10:30 *Annodrishti*  
 11:05 Drama Serial: *Ek Janamey*  
 Drama: *Chikitsha Shonok*  
 12:50 Drama: *Janok: Babar O Chodra*  
 02:27 *Muktijuddher Ei diney*  
 02:30 Drama Serial: *Ghul Poka*  
 03:15 Drama Serial: *O Amar Chokkhu Nai*  
 03:50 Drama Serial: *Tin Tekka*  
 04:45 Quiz Show  
 05:45 Selected programme  
 06:20 BSB Education Zone  
 08:00 Drama Serial: *Shukhnagar Apartment*  
 Drama Serial: *Flat No. 40*  
 08:30 ATN Taroka  
 10:40 Kathamala  
 12:20 *Adibashi Janopad*

HBO

08:15 *Spawn*  
 10:15 *Anna's Dream*  
 12:00 Radio  
 02:15 *Lost Treasure*  
 04:00 *The Lone Ranger*  
 05:45 *The Guardian*  
 07:30 *Cradle 2 The Grave*  
 09:30 *Drop Zone*  
 11:30 *Carnivale 23 & 24*  
 01:30 *Outside New Canaan/New Canaan, CA*  
 01:45 *Friday The 13<sup>th</sup> Part III*  
**STAR MOVIES**  
 09:30 *Die Another Day*  
 11:45 *Madonna: Truth Or*

PICK OF THE DAY



**Akash Chhonya**  
 On ntv at 10:00pm  
 Drama Serial  
 Cast: Shahiduzzaman Selim, Aupi Karim



**Drop Zone**  
 On HBO at 9:30 pm  
 Genre: Action/Adventure  
 Cast: Wesley Snipes, Gary Busey

01:45 *Dare*  
 03:25 *Good Girl The*  
 05:00 *Rik*  
 07:00 *Mystery Men*  
 08:45 *Species*  
 10:15 *Species 2*  
 12:25 *Die Another Day*  
 01:30 *Cube 2: Hypercube*  
**STAR WORLD**  
 10:30 *Monk*  
 11:30 *Enterprise*  
 12:30 *Parkinson*  
 01:30 *The A Team*  
 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*

06:30 *Slayer*  
 07:00 *The Simpsons*  
 07:30 *The King Of Queens*  
 08:00 *Friends*  
 08:30 *Seinfeld*  
 09:00 *Married To The Kellys*  
 09:30 *Everybody Loves Raymond*  
 10:00 *King Of Queens*  
 10:30 *Miss World*  
 11:00 *The Office*  
 11:30 *Coupling*  
 12:00 *Seinfeld*  
 12:30 *Friends*  
**STAR PLUS**  
 09:05 *Hit Filmein Hit*  
 09:30 *Sangeet- 20 M*  
 09:30 *Kumkum - Pyara Sa Bandhan*

Planet Insights  
 12:30 Attenborough Presents  
 01:30 Fun Zone  
 02:00 Fun Zone  
 02:30 Animal Planet  
 Showcase  
 03:30 Animal Planet  
 Showcase  
 04:30 Meerkat Mano  
 05:00 Wild Island  
 05:30 Fun Zone  
 06:00 Fun Zone  
 06:30 One Planet  
 07:30 One Planet  
 08:30 Most Extreme  
 09:30 Fun Zone  
 10:00 Fun Zone  
 10:30 Austin Stevens: Most Dangerous  
 11:30 Miami Animal Police

DISCOVERY

10:30 *Wild Discovery*  
 11:30 *Discovery's Biggest Shows*  
 1:30 *Speed Week*  
 02:30 *Energy In Action*  
 03:00 *In Therapy*  
 03:30 *Body Basics*  
 04:30 *Wild Discovery*  
 05:30 *Speed Week*  
 06:30 *Wind Driven*  
 07:00 *Speed*  
 07:30 *Wild Discovery*  
 08:30 *Amazing Baby Videos*  
 09:00 *Force Of Nature*  
 09:30 *Engineering Wonders*  
 10:30 *Speed Week*  
 11:30 *FBI Files*

NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC

10:30 *Interpol Investigates*  
 11:30 *National Geographic Special*  
 12:30 *Last Chance Journeys*  
 01:30 *From The Heart*

2nd Test Day 5 Highlights(S)  
 10:30 Sportscenter India Sportscenter Update  
 10:32 Super Centuries  
 11:00 English Premier League Highlights (T)  
 12:00 Internationals in England Rugby Hq Asia  
**ESPN**  
 10:30 English Premier Football League  
 12:30 Brazilian Football (S)  
 02:30 Final Score (R)  
 03:30 Pga Tour Golf Algarve (S)  
 05:00 Atp Masters Series Tennis (T)  
 07:00 Uefa Champions League (T)  
 07:30 English Premier League Highlights  
 08:30 Sportscenter India Sportscenter India Cricket Classics Indian Legends  
 10:00 Cricket Classics Super Doubles 0  
 10:30 Cricket Classics Dravid: The Wall  
 11:00 Sportscenter Asia  
 11:30 Sportscenter India  
 12:00 Team India Programming India Glorious (R)

STAR SPORTS

08:00 West Indies Tour Of Australia 3 Mobile Test Series Hobart Australia Australia Vs West Indies 2nd  
 12:30 Test Day 5 2nd & 3rd Session  
 01:30 Interpol Investigates International Motorsports News (T)  
 03:00 Asian Tour Magazine Show (R)  
 02:00 Golf Focus (R)  
 02:30 Internationals In England Rugby Hq Asia (T)  
 03:00 England Vs New Zealand (T)  
 05:00 Spanish Football League (S)  
 07:00 Atp Masters Series Tennis Masters Cup Shanghai 2005 Shanghai China Highlights(T)  
 08:00 Gillette World Sports Special  
 08:30 Cricket Classics Great Indian Partnerships  
 09:02 Australia Vs West Indies

TEN SPORTS

08:00 WWE Heat  
 10:20 Pakistan v England: 2nd Test Day 1 H/Ls  
 01:00 Pakistan v England: 2nd Test Day 2  
 08:00 WWE Raw  
 09:00 Italian League Highlights  
 11:00 Pakistan v England: 2nd Test Day 2 H/Ls  
 01:00 WWE Raw