

CULTURAL FEAST

Exhibition

Title: Alluvial Pain And Salvation

Artist: Kalidas 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 Vottashali Gallery, National Museum

Date: November 23-30, from 10:30am to 4:30pm

Title: Ifat 2005

Artist: Ifat Ara Dewan

Venue: Shilpanagan 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

Artist: Nagarbashi Barman

Venue: Gallery Kaya, House 20, Road 16, Sector 4, Uttara

Date: November 25- December 04, from 11pm 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

Theatre

Play: Court Marshal

Group: Theatre Art

Venue: Mahila Shamiti Stage, Baily Road

Date: November 23, at 6:30pm

Book Publication

Title: Galpa: Short Stories by Women from Bangladesh

Editors: Firdous Azim and Niaz Zaman

Venue: Bengal Shilpalay, Dhanmondi

Date: November 25, at 4pm

Cultural Programme

Title: Shetubandhan: Ma, Mati and Konya

Organiser: Spectra Group

Venue: Shaheed Zia Auditorium, National Museum, Shahbagh

Date: December 02, at 4pm

Courage in adversity

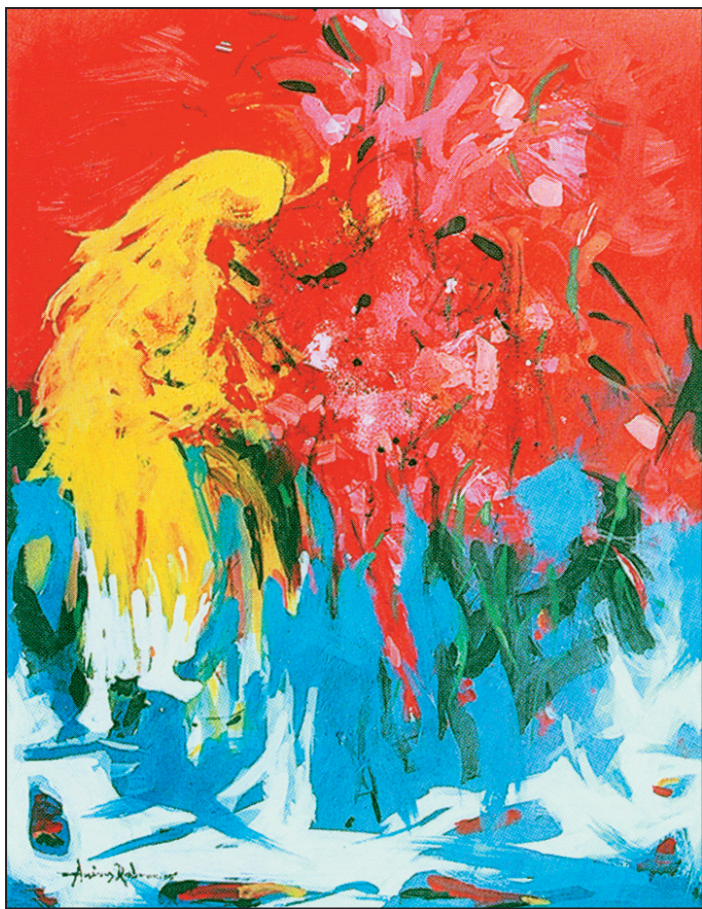
Anisur Rahman's solo exhibition

KAVITA CHARANJI

IN these competitive, frenetic times, it is sometimes difficult to follow the Biblical dictum of 'Love thy neighbour.' However, artist Anisur Rahman is a firm believer in the power of loving one's fellow beings. In fact, his favourite themes are human figures and nature.

Rahman's 60 paintings are on

display at the Art & Soul Gallery till November 30. The exhibition was inaugurated by Michael Popinchalk, Superintendent of American International School, Dhaka on November 18. Enter the gallery and one's attention is arrested by *Shelter*, a semi-abstract work in acrylic. With hues of green, black, red, yellow and green, this work depicts a bird in search of shelter.



Woman in the garden



Chief guest Michael Popinchalk views Anisur Rahman's solo art exhibition after the inauguration

Then there's the semi-abstract *Moving*, also in acrylic, which zeroes in on the figure of a woman in motion. The predominant colours are red, turquoise, black, blue and white. The grace of the woman is a noticeable feature of the painting.

Rahman's life is a saga of courage and perseverance in the face of great adversity. Rahman managed to overcome all odds when he painstakingly learnt to paint with his left hand instead of the right, which was paralysed.

"I believe in Romanticism," says the artist, pointing out that "A subject has to attract me from within. I would also say that I get inspired by reality." Rahman puts in a six-hour day when he paints at his home in Azimpur. At present he is a freelance artist, having

worked for the Department of Films and Publication, Ministry of Information, Bangladesh, for 30 years as an illustrator and layout-expert. He has held solo exhibitions in Dhaka and Paris and taken part in several group exhibitions in Dhaka.

Rahman, a graduate of fine arts from the Institute of Fine Arts, Dhaka University, says he is a great admirer of the works of Mohammad Kibria and Rafiqun Nabi. His advice for young artists, "I want the younger generation of artists to paint works with aesthetic appeal and learn to love their fellow beings."

That's a tough message to follow in this *Kalyug* (an era of chaos and destruction in Hindu mythology). But empathy for one another can certainly go a long way in righting the balance.

Tonight's episode of Shukher Lagiya

CULTURAL CORRESPONDENT

The 36th episode of mega-serial *Shukher Lagiya* will be aired tonight at 8:30pm.

Tonight's episode will start with Asman Talukdar inquiring why Nishi was crying on the roof. However, Nishi doesn't reveal the reason; instead she prefers to be mysterious.

Meanwhile, the enigmatic Mostaqim has been missing for quite a while. His discipline begins to hang

out with some youngsters. Why he shaved his head, went to the hills or wants to mingle with the young crowd, are still unknown.

Meanwhile, Neela has taken over her mother-in-law's business firm. Will her life go through major changes?

All these and more are the attraction of tonight's episode. Azizul Hakim, Moushumi, Romana, Fazlur Rahman Babu and Elora Gowhar play the major roles in the mega-serial.



New Zealander artist Trina Bohan Tyrie recently opened an exhibition in Gulshan. Her works, such as *Hill tracts: Smoking*, in mixed media, attracted a great deal of attention. A self-professed 'realist impressionist', her work can be viewed till November 24 between 2-6 pm, at 15/5A, United Nations Road, Baridhara.

Tête-à-tête

Swapan Dutta: Firmly rooted in Rabindra Sangeet

NOVERA DEEPITA

Tagore singer Swapan Dutta traces his musical talent to his childhood. "My mother was my prime inspiration in music. I grew up listening to her songs. I think I have inherited her melodious voice," he reminisces. Early on he used to sing his favourite songs and play them on the harmonium. Later he began to learn classical music under Ustad Habibur Rahman alias Shathi. He was a regular singer in school and college functions.

However, his talent received a boost in the early 1970s when he joined Rajshahi University. While studying there, Swapan entered his name in a competition titled *Raagshur*. This was a part of the cultural week organised by the Rajshahi University Students Council. He secured the first position in three categories: Tagore, Nazrul and patriotic songs; he even won the second prize in folk song category. As a result, he became a champion in that competition. A nostalgic Swapan says, "This was the first time I got proper recognition in a well attended function."

Swapan is a contemporary of popular singers such as Andrew Kishore, and Fatema Tuz Zohra. The teacher who inspired him to go in for Tagore songs was Gulam Murshid. "He could identify which singer was best suited to a particular genre of music. He told me that I should sing Tagore songs," says Swapan.

Soon after, in the special musical



Swapan Dutta performing at Rabindra Sadan

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programme organised on the occasion of Saraswati Puja, he performed the songs sung by Bajro Sen, the protagonist, in *Shyama*.

In 1980, Swapan returned to Dhaka and got admitted to Chhayanaaut. However, he quit the organisation after four years. His first performance on TV was in 1977, when he performed the popular song of Hemanto Mukhopadhyay, *Pother shesh kothay*.

Meanwhile, he met popular singer Saadi Muhammad and in 1988 joined the cultural organisation Rabiraag which is committed to promote Tagore singers. Swapan says, "In a sense, Saadi is my mentor from whom I have learned the basic rules of

Tagore songs. He taught me how to present the song with emotion."

Swapan has released two solo audio albums so far: an audiocassette *Nana Ronger Dinguli* in the early 1990s and a CD *Shurey Shurey Tarey Khunji* in 1997. He is also an active member of Rabindra Sangeet Shilpi Shangstha. He has established a cultural organisation for child artists named Anandadhara. He has performed in many stage shows in Kolkata and Agartala organised by different cultural groups, including Dakkhini, Rabindra Sangeet Shilpi Shangstha and Mitail in popular venues like Shantiniketan and Rabindra Sadan.

News Flash

Cowell's uncertain "Idol" future

American Idol could be headed for an extreme makeover.

Not much publicity has surfaced around the January debut of the talent competition's fifth season and, according to the *New York Times*, a primary reason for the silence is the possibility that acid-tongued judge Simon Cowell may not be returning to the show to crush the dreams of *Idol* hopefuls in his signature fashion.

Cowell entered into the reportedly "delicate and hugely expensive renegotiation" process with a major card to play—his massively successful talent competition, *The X-Factor*, which he created for British television.

Though Cowell signed a contract in 2003 locking him into *Idol* for an additional three seasons, he only retained the rights to sign the show's winner to his Sony BMG-based record label for the first two of those seasons, meaning the winner of the upcoming season will not have to sign with Cowell.

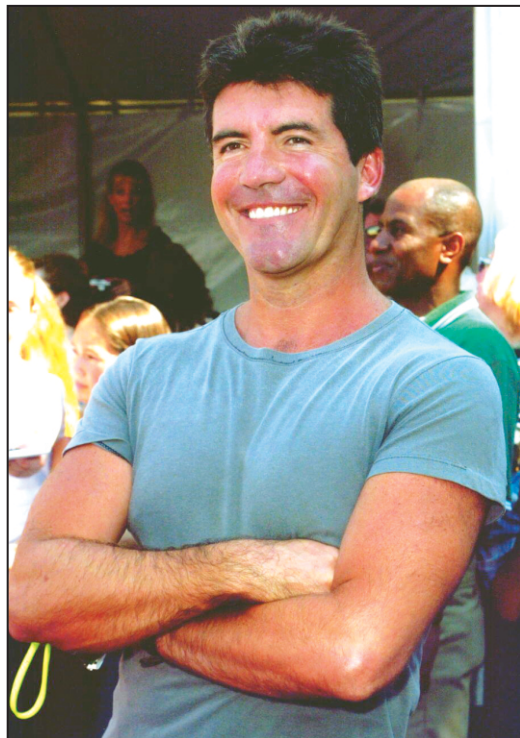
An associate of Cowell's told the *Times* that the judge is "not interested in making a star for another label," which may provide him with further incentive to ditch the show and try his luck selling the *The X-Factor* to a rival network.

However, when it comes to the future of Cowell's *Idol* career, there's another factor at play. The pessimism purveyor has been sued for copyright infringement by Simon Fuller, whose company 19 Entertainment was the driving force behind both *American Idol* and its British predecessor, *Pop Idol*.

At issue was Fuller's allegation that Cowell stole the idea for *The X-Factor* from the *Idol* model.

Cowell has referred to Fuller's claims that he stole the concept for *X-Factor* from *Idol* as "totally ridiculous."

If the dueling Simons failed to reach a settlement over the weekend, the copyright infringement case was sched-



uled to kick off Monday. And, if no settlement is secured, *Idol* as viewers have come to know it could be history.

Source: Internet

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.

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News Headlines (Bangla) at 10:00 am, 12:00 am, 6:15 pm, 9:30 pm.

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

CHANNEL i

09:45 *Tritiyo Matra*

10:45 Sports Time (Live)

12:00 TVC Sky Shop

12:30 *Aaj Dupurey O Citicell Tarokakothon* (live)

01:00 *Ebong Cinemar Gaan*

01:25 Public Reaction

02:40 Special Programme

04:00 *Bansundhara Amader Gaan*

04:45 *Sa Re Ga Ma*

05:30 *Alokitto Bangladesh*

06:00 Music Plus

06:30 Campus

07:50 RC Travel On

08:25 Drama Serial: *Ek Akasher Tara*

09:35 Drama Serial: *Jhora Patar Kabbyo*

10:00 Drama Serial: *Rangila Manush*

ATN BANGLA

08:45 Talk Show: *Kothamala*

09:25 Drama Serial: *Fiat No. 40*

10:30 *Onnodrishti*

11:05 *ATN Taroka* (music): Camilla Zone

12:15 Cinema Cinema

12:50 Band Show: *Ganey Shurey Tarunnye Motamot*

02:30 *Vim Chapat Ranna Jhatpat Porishkar*

03:15 Drama Serial: *Nana Ronger Din*

03:50 Musical Programme

04:20 *Islami Ki Boiley Amra Ki Kori*

04:45 *Ispahani Pure Snax Quiz Time*

05:10 *Shobar Jonnyo Islami Sawaal O Jobab Live*

05:45 Sports Time (Live)

06:20 The Sword of Tipu Sultan

08:00 Drama Serial: *Hortoner Bibi*

08:30 Drama Serial: *Shukher Lagiya*

09:30 Drama Serial: *Shadkalo*

10:35 City cell Face To Face (live)

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08:35 Aajker Shokal

09:30 Gaaner Shomoy

10:05 Colours

10:30 Gallery

11:00 Circus Lights

12:05 *Shurer Jolsha Mukhangon*

01:00 TVC

02:35 Drama Serial: *Belabumi*

03:15 *Closeup 1: Tomakei Khujchhey Bangladesh*

04:25 *Chalachitra Katha Apnar Jigyasha*

05:20 *Shubho Shondhya Nari Ghorey Bairey*

06:50 Drama Serial: *Titumirer Bansher Kella*

09:20 *Kichhu Kotha Kichhu Gaan*

10:00 Drama Serial: *Amader Anondobari*

HBO

12:00 Tango & Cash

02:00 American Ninja2: The Confrontation

03:45 The Trumpet of the

PICK OF THE DAY

Closeup 1
On ntv at 3:15pm
Talent Hunt
Hosted by Debashish and Fima

Jaws 3
On HBO at 9:30pm
Genre: Horror / Sci-Fi
Cast: Dennis Quaid, Bess Armstrong

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| 05:15 Swan | 05:15 Air America | 05:15 Showtime | 05:15 Jaws III | 05:10 The Time Machine | 05:15 10 Things I Hate About You | 11:45 First Knight | 2:00 Snow Dogs | 3:45 Tuck Everlasting | 5:15 Safe Men | 7:00 Nature Unleashed: Fire | 8:35 Saving Jessica Lynch | 10:10 Rocky II | 12:15 Last Supper The |
| 05:15 Desperate Housewives | 2:28 Star Asia Travel | 2:30 Oprah Winfrey Show | 4:30 Hollywood Squares | 5:00 Whose Line Is It Anyway | 5:30 Buffy The Vampire Slayer | 6:30 The Simpsons | 7:00 The King Of Queens | 7:30 Friends | 8:30 33rd American Music Award | 11:30 Seinfeld | | | |

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| 04:30 Predator's Prey | 05:00 Young and Wild | 06:30 Jeff Corwin Experience | 07:30 Lynda's Lifeline | 08:30 In the Wild | 09:30 Fun Zone | 10:00 Fun Zone | 11:30 O'Shea's Big Adventure | 11:30 Wild Rescues | 10:30 Wild Discovery | 11:30 Risk Takers | 12:30 Discovery Rewind | 1:30 Speed Week | 02:30 Truth or Scare | 03:00 Living Pulse | 03:30 Amazing Baby Videos |
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