

CULTURAL FEAST

Theatre

Title: Chhayanaut
Troupe: Nagorik Natya Sampradaya
Venue: Experimental Theatre Stage
Time: December 14 at 6:30 pm

Australian Painting Exhibition

Title: Desert Voices
Venue: Shipangan Gallery
Time: December 17-26

Group Photography Exhibition

Title: Chhoy Alok Chitri
Venue: Zainul Gallery, Institute of Fine Arts, Dhaka University
Time: December 9-16, from 2 pm to 9 pm

Tri-Continental Film Festival Dhaka

Venue: Star Cineplex
Screening Schedule

Platform (Director Jia Zhangke, China)

Day: Tuesday, 13 December
Time: 12:45 pm

The Silences of the Palace (Director Moufida Tlatli, Tunisia)

Day: Tuesday, 13 December
Time: 4:30 pm & 7:30 pm

Thursday, 15 December
 4 favourite films of the festival will be screened on the closing day.

Asian Film Festival 2005

Organiser: Dhaka Chalochchitra Shobha
Venue: Alamgir Kabir Film Centre, 62 Science Laboratory

Date: December 13
Film **Time**
 Suicide Club 3:30pm
 The Fast Runner 6:00pm

Date: December 14
Film **Time**
 Dukhai 3:30pm
 Kittankhola 6:00pm

Date: December 15
Film **Time**
 The Little Angel 3:30pm
 Puteri Gunung Liding 6:00pm

Exhibition

Title: Indigenous Textiles, Handicrafts and Food Exhibition
Venue: Design and technology Centre, Road # 10, House # 53, Block # E, Banani
Time: December 16-18 from 10 am to 8 pm

Art Exhibition

Title: 10th Berger Young Painters' Art Exhibition 2005
Organiser: Berger Paints (BD) Ltd.
Venue: Zainul Gallery, Institute of Fine Arts
Date: December 18-22
Time: 11:00am to 7:30pm

Film Screening

Title: The Disappeared Project: Migration, national identity and Visual Arts.
Venue: Bengal Gallery of Fine Arts
Time: December 13 at 5:45 pm

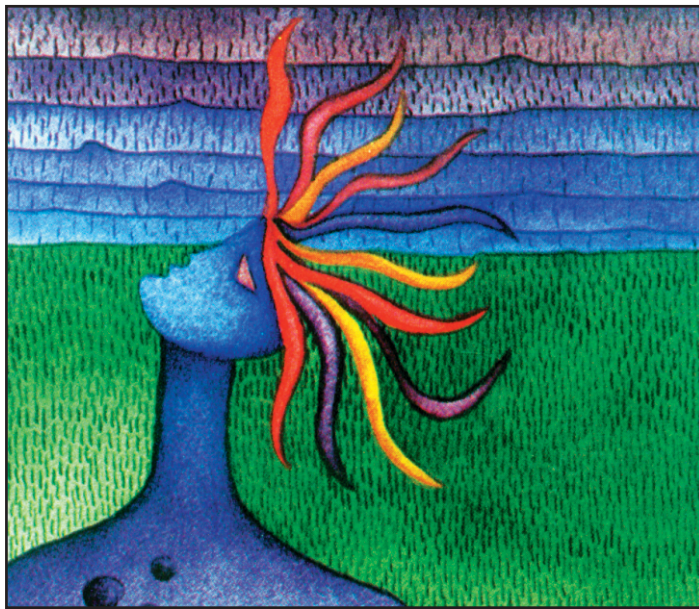
Profile

“Constructive criticism encourages the artist” -- Gautam Chakraborty

FAYZA HAQ

GAUTAM Chakraborty, basically a painter and print-maker, has a ready explanation for his passion for painting. In his words, “My father Devdas Chakraborty was basically a painter. Ours was a family where artistic activities such as music, poetry and painting flourished. Naturally I developed a love for painting and other affiliated subjects.” He decided to study architecture and left Shantiniketan with that purpose in mind. His mother’s untimely death caused him to return to Dhaka. Next he joined the Fine Arts Department of Dhaka University. Since Rafique Chowdhury of crafts fame, was there to guide him, life proceeded in almost an idyllic way, particularly in comparison to life now for an aspiring artist.

Gautam, asked about his earliest source of inspiration, in Dhaka and Chittagong, says that there were visitors from the upper echelons of the city like Murtaja Baseer, Aminul Islam, Shamsur Rahman and Syed Shamsul Haque. Now in 2005, he makes his living doing graphic designing on the computer. However, he has always wanted to be a painter in water-colour and oil. Much earlier, at the Shilpakala Academy in



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1997, he has made subtle and sophisticated water and oil colour paintings, with series on Animals, Reptiles, Faces in procession, Adolescence, Portraits and Abstractions, among others.

Commenting on the rapport between the teachers and students in his student days and today, Gautam says, “In the late ‘80s, Dhaka was definitely different. We had session jams, as they

put it, but the situation has grown much worse. One should persevere to improve the situation before the atmosphere grows from bad to worse to insufferable and incorrigible. Surely one should not take shelter behind excuses galore. We regarded our teachers as actual gurus. I can trace the teacher-student relationship for three generations, tracing it from my father.” One should act and

work for our aims, Gautam insists.

Asked to speak for himself as a painter and patron of arts, he says that he has had about 10 exhibitions so far and recently, as Gallery Kayas's patron, he is encouraging recognition of the lesser-known but talented artists, who require patronage. He is not interested in making his gallery just a sale centre the sale proceeds of which he pockets, “Of course one needs finance but that is not my ultimate goal. My ultimate goal is to project the best in fine arts in Bangladesh, in my own way. My latest venture is Ovishek: in this project we hope to hold three exhibitions each year.” He said that the majority of his gallery's patrons are local aesthetes.

Touching on the topic of art appreciation, Gautam adds that there is a dearth of analytic criticism: if this takes place the perception of the critique would present some insight of the artist and his/her work. “Constructive criticism encourages the artist; in this manner a perception is created. Rave reviews alone are not enough. The artist and the art world, in this manner, would glean much from constructive comments.”

Gautam has a superb international reputation—unsurpassed by any other local painter his age.

First documentary film on Zahir Raihan

Legendary filmmaker Zahir Raihan is a trendsetter in our film history. His documentary film, *Stop Genocide*, depicts the genocide perpetrated by the Pakistani military regime during our Liberation War. The film played an important role during the freedom movement by raising public awareness about the brutality of the oppressors and generating sympathy for the Bengalees.

Zahir Raihan was also the maker of many renowned full-length feature films like *Jibon Theke Neya*, *Kancher Deyal* and others.

Now for the first time a documentary film is being made based on the biography of Zahir Raihan, featuring his disappearance, immediately after the Independence of Bangladesh, says a press release. Shahenshah Begum, the younger sister of Raihan, is the filmmaker.

Zahir Raihan's fans and a few professional artists are performing in the documentary film, which is likely to be released next year.



Zahir Raihan

10-day drama festival ends

ERSHAD KAMOL

A 10-day festival of 10 top popular stage plays of Dhaka ended on December 11 at the Experimental Theatre Stage of the Bangladesh, Shilpakala Academy. The festival, titled 'For the welfare of Mujibur Rahman Dilu and other theatre activists', was arranged by the Bangladesh Group Theatre Federation (BGTF). The programme was a fundraiser for the treatment of the popular theatre activist and Freedom Fighter, Mujibur Rahman Dilu, who has been suffering from GBS.

A sizeable audience turned up

to watch the plays—*Inggit*, a Dhaka Padatik production, *Projapati*, a Natyakendra production, *Gharjamai*, a Dhaka Theatre Mancha production, *Bhaddarmak*, a Natyachakra production, *Binodini*, a Dhaka Theatre production, *Kanjush*, a Loko Natya Dal production, *Circus Circus*, a Prachyanat production, *Nitya Puran*, a Desh Natak production *Raktokarobi*, a Nagorik Natya Samradaya production and *Raarang*, an Aranyak Natya Dal production.

The best audience response, marked by ticket sales, has been for three plays—*Raktokarobi*, *Raarang*

and *Kanjush*, said Liaquat Ali Lucky, the secretary general of BGTF. “On an average about Taka 15,000 has been collected,” he added.

Mamunur Rashid, the chairperson of BGTF said, “A large part of the collection will be handed over to Mujibur Rahman Dilu's family. With the rest of the money we will establish a fund to aid the artistes in crisis. We will even talk to other groups and cultural organisations to donate funds raised in their shows.”

Christmas in Dhaka

A fundraiser for Jago Art Centre

KAVITA CHARANJI

What better way to usher in the Yuletide than a musical concert? Two western musical choirs, Cantemus (with 30 men and women singers) and Morning Sky (with 12 women's voices) did just that when they performed 'Christmas in Dhaka' on December 10 at the American International School/Dhaka (AIS/D) auditorium. As in previous years, the show was a complete sell-out.

And it's all in a good cause. This year, the proceeds from the Christmas concert will go to the Jago Art Centre. The Centre aims to maintain and expand the art form of dance in Bangladesh and to popularise dance—primarily within the low-middle income groups.

An inkling of Jago Art Centre's success is that many of its graduates have become renowned dancers and represent Bangladesh at various cultural events both nationally and internationally, while others have established their dance schools.

The Christmas concert had early English songs, from the 14th century to the 21st century. At the performance, Cantemus and Morning Sky joined hands with a variety of favourite songs such as *Virgin Mary Had a Baby Boy*, *Up! Good! Christmas Folk and Listen* (in the Proclamation section) and *For the Beauty of the Earth* (Nativ-

ity section).

The soloists too turned in a good show. The guest soloists were Saad Chowdhury (piano) and Tiahna Warkentin (vocals). Other performers who won attention were Jill Chowdhury (soprano and director of Morning Sky), Teri Khan (soprano and music teacher at the American International School/Dhaka), Laura Watson (alto) and David Snowdon (trumpet).

After the show, one caught up with the directors of the organisations. Said Dawne Warkentin, the Canadian director of Cantemus, “The audience responded warmly and graciously to our

singing.” Likewise, an elated Jill Chowdhury said, “The one hour-show was very lovely, friendly and evoked the Christmas spirit.”

Both Dawne and Jill are unequivocal about the commonality of their interests: “To create harmony within the community, spread the joy of singing and generate friendships cutting across languages and nations.”

Though not in the spotlight after the concert, the members of the two groups can continue to pursue their passion for music at their weekly get togethers.



The combined choir of Cantemus and Morning Sky perform Christmas songs

Special TV programmes on Victory Day



Subir Nandi and Farida Parveen will present patriotic songs!

Tony Dayes will perform in a play titled *Janom*

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To observe our Victory Day, satellite channel ATN Bangla has arranged special programmes including musical soirees, magazine programmes, documentary programmes, special plays and others.

The channel will begin airing special programmes from December 16, morning. At 7:30 am in a musical programme, eminent singers Farida Parveen, Shahnaz Rahmatullah, Subir Nandi, Abida Sultana and others will render patriotic songs. The title of the musical programme is ‘Selected patriotic songs’.

Another musical programme, titled *Hridoye*

Shodesh, will be aired at 9:05 am. Subir Nandi, Abida Sultana, Fatema Tuz Zohra, Ferdous Ara and Lily Islam will render songs in the programme.

At 9:35 am the channel will live telecast the Victory Day Parade from the Bangabandhu National Stadium.

On Victory Day, the regular programmes of the channel like *Shesh Akkhor* and *Amra Korbo Joy* are also imbued with patriotism.

At 8:00 pm freedom fighters will share their experience in a magazine programme, titled *Smruti Aakhore Lekha*. Shilpi Mohalanobish will host the programme.

Framer Preme Bijoy, a special documentary programme featuring the photographs on the

Liberation War, will be aired at 8:30 pm. The pathos, struggles and triumphs of the people are well captured on the frame.

A special Victory Day play, titled *Janom*, will be aired at 9:00 pm. AD Dula's play depicts the struggle of a expectant lady named Kalmi. Bijori Barkatullah, Khairul Alam Shahuj, Shirin Alam, Tony Dayes and others perform in the play.

Mukti Juddha O Amader Choloচিত্রা, a documentary, features movies on our Liberation War. Eminent filmmakers of the country will exchange notes on the limitations of making movies on the freedom movement. *Mukti Juddha O Amader Choloচিত্রা* will be aired at 10:35 pm.

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, 11pm.
 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.
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 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) 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

09:30 *Shongbad Potrey Bangladesh Tritio Matra*
 09:45 *Live Educational Program*
 10:45 *Aaj Dupurey*
 12:30 *Ebong Cinemara Gaan*
 01:00 *Public Reaction*
 01:25 *Shongbadpotrey Bangladesh*
 06:20 *Bashudhara Amader Gaan*
 04:40 *Saa Re Gaa Maa*
 05:30 *Baniya O Othonity*
 06:00 *Musik Plus*
 06:20 *Din Bodoler Gaan*
 07:50 *Hatya*
 08:20 *Drama Serial: Shimana*
 09:35 *Drama Serial: Shompurno Rangin Aarshi*

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08:35 *Aajker Shokal*
 09:30 *Crime Watch*
 10:05 *Vinna Swader Khabor*
 10:30 *Bari Ghar Thik Thak*
 11:00 *Cin gaan*
 11:30 *Ganbhira*
 12:02 *Single Episode Drama*
 02:30 *Drama Serial: Bela Bhumi*
 03:50 *Akash Chhonya*
 04:25 *Gallery*
 05:20 *Apnar Jiggasha*
 06:20 *Shubho Shondhya*
 06:50 *Frankly Speaking*
 08:25 *Drama Serial: Bela Bhumi*
 09:10 *Nupur*
 10:00 *Drama Serial: Amader Anondo Bari Dindapan*

ATN BANGLA

11:25 *Talk Show: Annodishiti*
 11:05 *Drama Serial*
 11:35 *Business This Week*
 12:15 *Amar Computer*

12:45

02:30 *Cholo Gaan Gai*
 Drama Serial: *Ghumpoka*
 03:15 *Drama Serial: O Amar Chokkhu Nai*
 03:45 *Aha Ki Anondo*
 04:20 *Somosomok*
 04:50 *Selected programme*
 05:10 *Nari*
 05:45 *Islami Swal Jawab*
 06:20 *Aynar Shamney*
 08:00 *Drama Serial: Shukhnagar Apartment*
 08:30 *Ferari Siren*
 09:00 *ATN Taroka* (acting)
 10:40 *Mukta Shonglap*

HBO

07:00 *The Accused*
 09:15 *Executive Decision*
 12:00 *In the Line of Fire*
 02:30 *Kingpin*
 04:45 *After the Rain*
 06:45 *Blood Work*
 09:00 *The Big Preview: King Kong*
 09:30 *Bad Boys* (1995)
 11:45 *Freddy vs Jason*
 01:45 *Executive Decision*

STAR MOVIES

06:45 *Agent Red*
 08:35 *Death Wish V*
 10:30 *12 Days Of Christmas Eve*
 12:30 *Teenage Mutant Ninja turtles II*
 02:15 *Kiss Of Death*
 04:10 *Chupacabra: Dark Seas*
 06:00 *Double Impact*
 08:10 *Tremors 3*
 10:15 *Heaven's Pond*
 11:50 *Child's Play 2*
 01:20 *Dr.T & The Women*

STAR WORLD

10:30 *Kevin Hill*
 11:30 *World's Most Shocking*

PICK OF THE DAY




Din Bodoler Gaan
 On Channel-i at 6:20 pm
 Genre: Song Masses
 Host: Fakir Alamgir

Bad Boys
 On HBO at 9:30 pm
 Genre: Action/Adventure
 Cast: Will Smith, Martin Lawrence, Tea Lenoi

12:30	Moments	11:30	Fun Zone Amazing Animal Videos	10:00	Fun Zone Amazing Animal Videos
01:30	Tru Calling	12:00	Friends	10:30	Jeff Corwin Experience
	Desperate Housewives		One Planet State of the Great Ape		Bridge Between the Americas
02:30	The Oprah Winfrey Show	03:30	One Planet Genesis II	11:30	Lyndal's Lifeline Flight to Freedom
03:30	Bold And Beautiful	04:30	Most Extreme Eaters		
04:30	Hollywood Squares	05:30	Fun Zone Amazing Animal Videos		
05:00	Whose Line Is It Anyway	06:00	Fun Zone Amazing Animal Videos		
05:30	Buffy The Vampire Slayer	06:30	Austin Stevens: Most Dangerous In Search of the Monster Rattler		
06:30	The Simpsons	07:30	Miami Animal Police Pit Bull Raid		
07:00	The King Of Queens	08:30	Predators' Prey Agility		
07:30	Friends	09:00	Young And Wild First Steps		
08:00	Seinfeld	09:30	Fun Zone Amazing Animal Videos		
08:30	Smallville				
09:30	Medical Investigations				
10:30	Desperate Housewives				

01:30	Metropolis Athens	05:30	2005/06(T) The Rugby Show England; England Leicester Tigers Vs Ospreys(T)	05:30	Cricket Classics Super Doubles(R)
02:30	Popular Mechanics for Kids Ice	07:30	Tna Xplosion(R)	06:00	Winter X Games Classix(T)
03:00	Fat Free	08:28	Sportscenter India Sportscenter Update(L)	07:00	Icc Cricket World(R)
03:30	Ten Years Younger lets get physical	08:30	Sportskills Samsung Sportskills Semifinal #2(T)	07:30	Cricket Classics David: The Wall(T)
04:30	Wild Discovery the Chamois Goat	09:00	Soccer Fifa Fever(R)	08:00	Sportscenter Sportscenter India(L)
05:30	FBI Files Sniper at Home	09:30	Born To Play: Masters Of Football(T)	08:30	Cricket Classics Indian Legends(R)
06:30	Reel Race	10:00	Sportscenter India Sportscenter Update(L)	09:30	Australia Cricket One Day Australia Vs South Africa 2nd Odi; Highlights(R)
07:30	Wild Discovery Tracking Deadly Vipers	10:02	Tna Xplosion(R)	10:30	Sportscenter Sportscenter Asia(S)
08:30	2005 Retrospective Pope John Paul II Ambassador of Peace	11:00	The Golf Club The Ubs Golf Club(T)	11:00	Sportscenter Sportscenter India(R)
09:30	Discovery Rewind Ancient Secrets Pyramids	11:30	A1 Grand Prix A1 Grand Prix Sprint Race UAE; Uae(R)	11:30	Football Focus(R)
10:30	Extreme Machines Speed Freaks				
11:30	New Detectives Lethal Encounter				

STAR SPORTS

07:30	Bull Riding Programme	07:30	Cricket Classics Super Doubles(R)
08:30	Hit(R)	07:30	Nfl Football (I) Atlanta; Ga Usa New Orleans Vs Atlanta Falcons(L)
09:30	Champions League Extra Group Phase 1	11:00	Hit(R)
11:30	Icc Cricket World(R)	11:30	Champions League Extra Group Phase 1; Matchweek 6(T)
12:00	English Premier Football League Bolton Wanderers Vs Aston Villa(R)	01:30	Fifa Club World Championship Sydney Fc Vs Deportivo Saprissa Match 2(R)
02:00	Golf Tourament Tna	03:30	English Premier League Highlights(R)
04:00	Xplosion(R)	04:30	Football
05:00	Extreme Programming Wild Spirits		

ESPN

07:00	Cricket Classics Super Doubles(R)	07:30	Gamer Tv
07:30	Nfl Football (I) Atlanta; Ga Usa New Orleans Vs Atlanta Falcons(L)	08:00	Wwe Raw
11:00	Hit(R)	10:00	World Hockey Magazine
11:30	Champions League Extra Group Phase 1; Matchweek 6(T)	10:30	Sahara Hockey Champions Trophy Pakistan VS Australia
01:30	Fifa Club World Championship Sydney Fc Vs Deportivo Saprissa Match 2(R)	12:30	Sahara Hockey Champions Trophy India V Germany
03:30	English Premier League Highlights(R)	02:30	Wwe Smackdown
04:30	Football	04:30	Sahara Hockey Champions Trophy Australia Vs Germany
		06:30	Sahara Hockey Champions Trophy Spain V Pakistan
		08:30	Sahara Hockey Champions Trophy Netherlands V India
		10:30	Gamer Tv