

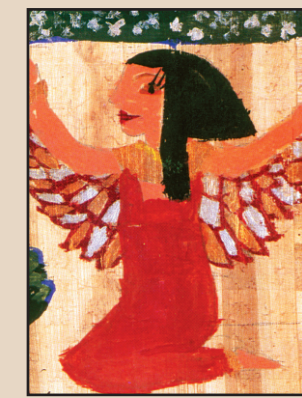
CULTURAL FEAS

Group Exhibition

**Title:** Winter Art Exhibit  
**Organiser:** Shako  
**Venue:** Art & Soul Gallery, Road# 36, House 16, Gulshan Avenue  
**Time:** December 16-26 from 11 am to 8 pm

Solo Art Exhibition

**Title:** Devotion  
**Artist:** Aadil Hoque  
**Date:** December 18-24, from 12-8pm  
**Venue:** Bengal Gallery Of Fine Arts



Theatre

**Title:** Katha '71  
**Troupe:** Dhaka Padatik  
**Venue:** Liberation War Museum  
**Time:** December 16 at 7:00 pm

Australian Painting Exhibition

**Title:** Desert Voices  
**Venue:** Shilpanagari 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  
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 15  
**Film** **Time**  
The Little Angel 3:30pm  
Puteri Gunung Lidang 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

# Songs that ignited the spirit of freedom

## In conversation with Bipul Bhattacharjee

ERSHAD KAMOL

CULTURAL activists played a pivotal role during our Liberation War. Not only did they perform in fundraiser programmes for the Freedom Fighters, they also sought to mobilise public opinion overseas in favour of Bangladesh and rendered songs to boost the morale of the valiant Freedom Fighters.

Renowned folk singer Bipul Bhattacharjee was one of the choir members who rendered songs of masses and patriotic songs at the Mukti Bahini and refugee camps during our freedom movement.

In May 1971, Bipul crossed the border and went to Meghalaya to take part in the Liberation War. From there he went to Kolkata and joined Swadhin Bangla Betar Kendra (SBBK). Going back to those eventful days, Bipul said, "Initially I went to Kolkata to render songs at SBBK. There I met Wahedul Haque and other activists of Bangladesh Shilpi Shahittik Buddhijibi Samity (BSSBS) such as Sanjida Khatun, Rathindra Nath Roy, Mahmudur Rahman Benu and Shahin Samad."

"Wahedul Haque sent a choir group to Delhi which included singers such as Shahin Samad, Laila Hasan, Milia Ali, Dalia Nawsheen, Naila Khan, Flora Ahmed, M Moshad Ali, Mahmudur



Bipul Bhattacharjee

Rahman Benu and myself. We presented a musical soiree titled *Rupantorer Gaan*. It was a fundraiser for the freedom fighters. Later, we held similar fundraisers in

Kolkata. The local singers also joined us in our effort," added Bipul. The choir of BSSBS rendered *Mukti Gaan* (songs of freedom) at different refugee camps as well as

at the dens of the Freedom Fighters. Moshad Ali was the lyricist and Mahmudur Rahman Benu was the team leader of the choir. Bipul Bhattacharjee took the lead in the chorus while rendering in folk tune. Bipul said, "The songs touched the heart of the valiant fighters, and they would often break down in tears, listening to our National Anthem at the camps. If American documentary maker Lear Levin had not recorded all those moments in his documentary, I could not have kept track of the places we travelled to."

"Jamil Chowdhury recorded 14 songs at Tollygunj, Kolkata of which I was the lead vocalist of six choruses, including *Amay bol bol bolre*, *Pak poshoder marite hobe*, *Ful Khelbar din noy addya* and others for SBBK," said Bipul.

Moreover, Bipul Bhattacharjee sang along with another troupe lead by Kalyani Ghosh. Uma Islam, Probal Chowdhury, Rafiqul Alam and others were active in this team.

"Undoubtedly the leaders and frontline fighters had major roles in our freedom movement. However the cultural activists also played a central part in these momentous times," said Bipul.

Exhibition

# Dramatic symbolism in art works



Utshab by Sultan Parvez Likhon

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The recent show of powerful strokes and subtle lines, seen at the exhibition at the National Museum, drove home the point that Chittagong artists are a force to be reckoned with. The wooden sculpture pieces by Alok Roy, along with art pieces in wood, oil, water-colour, acrylic crayon and mixed-media, proved beyond doubt that artists from the port town had sheer genius. All their work could be seen as symbolic of the turbulent world around us. The apparently scintillating, and, at times, tranquillising images, contained a vital message of a turbulent world. One had to study the pieces closely, in order to get the message. Every line and layer of colour had deep thoughts and consideration behind them.

Probir Das Gupta's *Utshab*, an oil on canvas, stood for celebration in general and reflected our roots. This mirrored a segment of our society, with the playing of the *dhul*, and a flute and *do-tara* players, and the flashing of vermilion, joyous sticks around the main musician. It was apparent that this scene is from the minority communities, which sometimes have grievances but camouflage them, and bravely move ahead. The composition had bright, exotic colours -- ruby red, orange and sap-green -- in contrast with sweeps of darker ones to offset the images. It reflected the artist's hopes and aspirations.

Abdul Halim had done *Manusher*

*manchitra* in charcoal on paper. In this he represented the sufferings of the poor in Bangladesh: Three angular faces; one in the centre of an old man in dire distress, in ragged clothes, balanced by two haggard women. They had been imprisoned by three rectangles, while softer swirls of crayon at the back bound the composition loosely. The impact of the composition was that of agony, turmoil and abject poverty.

A reflection of globalisation was seen in Sukanto Sengupta's powerful entry, where one could see man as the puppet of intriguing and dicey dealers, who led him on like a donkey with the carrot hung ahead with strings, here the lure being a partially eaten apple. Details of limbs, torsos, faces and derrieres had been included in the glass beaker in the lower part of the composition. A depiction of a multi-coloured globe, depicted in muted colours, sat carefully on top of the painting. Purple, gray and blue strokes formed the backdrop. This symbolic work was against the violation of global environment, and the reported oppression of the Third World. This was subtle and bursting with brilliant hues.

More tales of disparity were seen in many of the other paintings, such as the bright composition by Masud Ali Biswas. Dark, ugly and vicious sharks, with wide open mouths, lined by flashing sharp teeth, were seen gulping apparently giant sized gold fish in front. The gentle brightly hued rounded, delicate prey had fluttering diaphanous tails. The marine world had been captured with a combination of gentle and harsh strokes, and images, including the variegated green fauna.

The viewers left the gallery impressed by the treasure trove from the Chittagong University of Fine Arts.



A dramatic image

# Tri-Continental Film Festival Dhaka

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Movie-goers are flocking to Star Cineplex to see their choice of films at the ongoing Tri-Continental Film Festival (which is on till December 15). Today they can take their pick from award-winning feature films from Africa, Latin America and Asia.

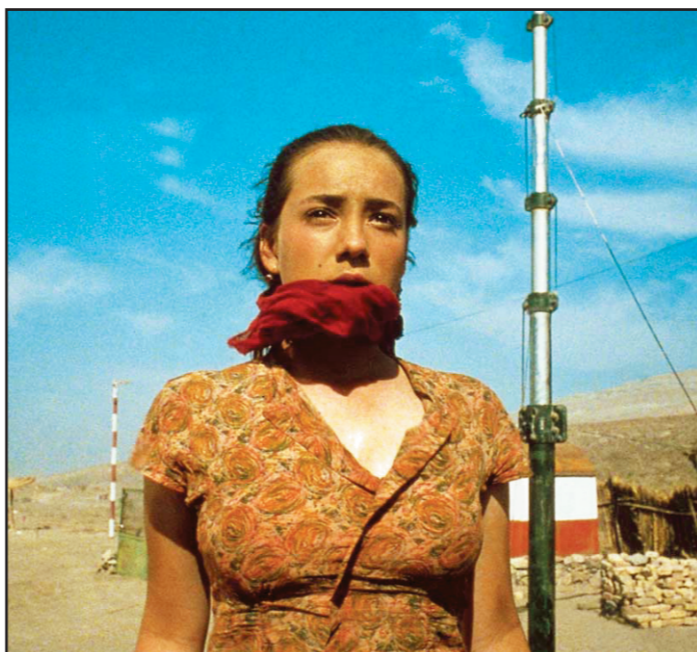
Here is a quick look at some of these films:  
**West Beyrouth**  
Synopsis: Beirut, April 14, 1975: civil war breaks out. Tarek, a young boy

from Muslim West Beirut, befriends a Christian girl against the backdrop of growing violence.

Timings: 12:15 noon, and at 4:15pm

**Khamosh Pani**

Synopsis: Ayesha is a middle-aged widowed mother whose life centres around her son Saleem, a gentle, dreamy teenage boy. When Saleem gets involved with a group of religious fanatics, he begins to change, and his relationship with his mother becomes estranged.



Still from *Luna Papa* (R) and *West Beyrouth* (L)

Timings: 2:15 noon, 7:30pm

**Luna Papa**  
Synopsis: One moonlit night, young Mamlakat Bekmaroudova is seduced by a mysterious stranger. He then disappears, leaving Mamlakat pregnant. She and her father set out to find the culprit, along with her brother Nasreddin, who has returned from the Afghan war.

Timing: 12noon and 4:30pm

**Matir Moina**

Synopsis: In the turbulent late 1960s in East Pakistan, a religious father sends his young son Anu off to a madrasa. The country becomes increasingly divided, mirroring growing divisions within the madrasa and Anu's family.

Timings: 2:30 noon and 7pm.

## Theatre Festival in Chittagong

### 13-day programme by Group Theatre Forum

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Group Theatre Forum, an alliance of theatre troupes, has arranged a 13-day theatre festival beginning December 17 at the Shipakala Academy, Chittagong.

*Gono Sangeet* (song of masses) artiste Hari Prasanna Pal will inaugurate the festival at the Shipakala Academy premises. Veteran poet

Mahbub Ul Alam Chowdhury, famed for writing the first poem on our Language Movement, will be the chief guest at the inauguration programme.

Local Chittagong troupes, including Kalpurush, Shomikaran Theatre, Nandimukh, Ganayan Natya Sampradaya, Tirjak Natya Goshthi, Theatre Guild, Protinidhi Natya Sampradaya, Kathak Theatre,

Shabda Natya Charcha Kendra, Theatre Workshop Chattogram and Angan Theatre Unit, will stage shows. Moreover, Prangone Mor, a theatre troupe from Dhaka, will participate in the theatre festival.

Street plays, song of masses, patriotic songs, mime and recitation, among others, also feature in the theatre festival.

# 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 a.m., 11:00 a.m., 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 5:30 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

**BTV**

09:25 *Shashwato Jibon*  
10:00 Satellite broadcast  
12:30 *Shashtho Tathya*  
01:00 *Loukik Bangla*  
02:15 *Tathya Prajukti*  
02:40 Selected Programme  
04:00 *Moner Kotha*  
04:30 *Campus*  
05:05 *Pratyashar Alo*  
06:10 *Shaptadinga*  
06:35 *Jiboner Alo*  
07:30 *Egije Cholar Pothey*  
07:50 *Amader Bijoy Amader Ahonkar*  
08:35 *Protidin Bangladesh*  
08:45 *Weekly Drama*  
10:25 *Teknaf Tete Tutila*

**CHANNEL i**

09:30 *Shongbadpotrey Bangladesh and Public Reaction*  
09:45 *Tritiyo*  
12:30 *Aaj Dupurey O Citicell Tarakakothon*  
01:00 *Ebong Cinemar Gaan*  
01:25 *Public Reaction*  
02:40 *Tritiyo Matrae Apni*  
03:10 *Hridoye Mati O Manusher Daak*  
04:00 *Bashudhara Amader Gaan*  
04:45 *Sa Re Ga Ma*  
05:30 *Amar Chhobi*  
06:00 *Music Plus*  
06:20 *Din Bodoler Gaan*  
07:50 *Albatross*  
08:20 *Musical Game Show: D-furti*  
09:35 *Drama Serial: Shampurno Rangin*  
10:00 *Drama Serial: Pothey Jekey Jekey*

**ATN BANGLA**

10:30 *Annodishti*  
11:05 *ATN Taroka* (Acting)  
12:15 Musical Programme  
01:05 *Telefilm: Khonj*  
02:27 *Muktijuddher Ei Diney*  
03:45 *ATN Rannaghor*  
04:20 *Shundor Jiboner Jonno*  
04:45 *Ispahani Pure Snax*  
05:05 *Quiz Time*  
05:10 *Documentary: Purakirtir Bangladesh*  
05:45 *Islami Sawaal O Jobab* (Live)  
06:20 *Mortal Combat Conquest*  
08:00 *Drama Serial: Char Deyalar Chand*  
08:30 *Drama Serial: Ferari Siren*  
09:00 *Drama Serial: Hortoner Bibi*  
09:30 *Drama Serial: Britto Feather Touch Char Deyalar Kabbyo*

**ntv**

08:35 *Aajker Shokal*  
09:00 *Drama Serial: Titumirer Bansher Kella*  
09:30 *Talk Show: Uchcharonguli Shoker Chalachitra Kotha*  
11:30 *Bangla Cinema: Jibon Thekey Neyo*  
01:05 *Drama Serial: Muktangan*  
02:35 *Drama Serial: Labonyaprobha*  
03:15 *Kichu Kotha Kichu Gaan*  
03:50 *Drama Serial: Amader Anondo Bari*  
05:20 *Smitir Janalae*

PICK OF THE DAY

**Kachher Manush**  
On ntv at 8:25pm  
Mega Serial  
Cast: Alamgir, Faridee, Subarna, Preeti

**Street Fighter: The Ultimate Fighter**  
On HBO at 9:30pm  
Genre: Action/Adventure  
Cast: Jean-Claude Van Damme, Kylie Minogue

06:20 <i>Shubho Shondhya</i>	The Two Towers	05:30 <i>Buffy The Vampire Slayer</i>	12:30 <i>Predators' Prey</i> Agility
06:50 <i>Biz Week</i>	<b>STAR MOVIES</b>	06:30 <i>The Simpsons</i>	01:00 <i>Young And Wild</i> First Steps
08:25 <i>Drama Serial: Kachher Manush</i>	08:55 <i>Robocop</i>	07:00 <i>The King Of Queens</i>	02:30 <i>Jeff Corwin Experience</i>
09:10 <i>Music Express</i>	10:55 <i>The Firm</i>	07:30 <i>Friends</i>	03:30 <i>Bridge Between The Americas</i>
10:00 <i>Drama Serial: Chithi</i>	01:45 <i>LE DIVORCE</i>	08:00 <i>Seinfeld</i>	04:00 <i>Great Romances of the 20th Century</i> Grace Kelly & Prince Rainier
11:25 <i>Dindarpan</i>	04:05 <i>Curse Of The Komodo</i>	08:30 <i>Scrubs</i>	04:30 <i>Wild Discovery Great Siberian Grizzly</i>
12:10 <i>Shangskriti Ei Shaptaho</i>	06:00 <i>Prophecy: Uprising</i>	09:00 <i>8 Simple Rules</i>	05:00 <i>Spy Stories Why Intelligence Fails</i>
	07:55 <i>Terminator 2</i>	09:30 <i>Less Than Perfect</i>	06:30 <i>Discovery Wings Elite Choppers</i> Birds of Prey
	<b>STAR WORLD</b>	10:00 <i>Arrested Development</i>	07:30 <i>Wild Tech Seeing</i>
08:15 <i>For Love or Money</i>	10:30 <i>Smallville</i>	10:30 <i>Angel</i>	08:30 <i>2005 Retrospective Comet Collision</i>
10:15 <i>The Lone Ranger</i>	11:30 <i>Medical Investigations</i>	<b>ANIMAL PLANET</b>	09:30 <i>Days That Shook the World</i>
12:00 <i>21 Grams</i>	12:30 <i>Life As We Know It</i>	10:00 <i>Austin Stevens: most Dangerous In Search of the Monster Rattler</i>	
02:30 <i>Blade II</i>	01:30 <i>The A Team</i>	11:30 <i>Miami Animal Police Pit Bull Raid</i>	
04:45 <i>Tupac: Resurrection</i>	02:30 <i>The Oprah Winfrey Show</i>		
07:15 <i>Time Line</i>	04:30 <i>Hollywood Squares</i>		
09:30 <i>Street Fighter-The Ultimate Battle</i>	05:00 <i>Whose Line Is It Anyway</i>		
11:30 <i>The Lord of the Rings:</i>			

**DISCOVERY**

09:30 *Fun Zone Amazing Animal Videos*  
10:30 *Mad Mike and Mark Lion Crawl*  
09:30 *Great Palaces of the World: The Escorial Spain*  
10:00 *Africa's Great Rivers Rufiji-The Perennial River*  
10:30 *Wild Discovery wolverine: Devil of the North*  
11:30 *2005 Retrospective The Case Against Saddam*  
12:30 *Great Palaces of the World The Summer Palace-Beijing*  
01:00 *Africa's Great Rivers Olifants-River of Treasures*  
01:30 *Science Frontiers Can Prayer Heal?*  
02:30 *Real Kids Real Adventures Through the Ice*  
03:00 *Healthy Living Where We are now*  
03:30 *Baby Story Baby Williams*  
04:00 *Great Romances of the 20th Century Grace Kelly & Prince Rainier*  
04:30 *Wild Discovery Great Siberian Grizzly*  
05:30 *Spy Stories Why Intelligence Fails*  
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09:30 *Days That Shook the World*

**STAR SPORTS**

09:00 *Gymnastics Fig World Cup 2005* Maribor, Slovenia(T)  
12:00 *English Premier Football League 2005/06* West Bromwich Albion Vs Manchester City(R)  
02:00 *Australian Open Golf Championship 2005* Melbourne Day Four(T)  
05:00 *United Strongman Series 2005* Moscow, Russia(R)  
05:30 *English Premier Football League 2005/6* Manchester United Vs Wigan Athletic(R)  
07:30 *Tna Xplosion*(R)  
08:30 *Sportscenter India Update*(L)  
08:32 *Super Centuries*(R)  
09:00 *Cricket Classics Indian Legends*(T)  
10:00 *Sportscenter India Update*(L)  
**ESPN**  
08:00 *Tri-Series In Zimbabwe* Videocon Cup India Vs New Zealand 5th Odi; Highlights(R)  
10:00 *Fifa Club World Championship* Toyota Cup Japan Vs Sao Paulo Semifinal 1(R)  
12:00 *1cc Cricket*

**TEN SPORTS**

03:30 *Fifa Club World Championship* Toyota Cup Japan Vs Liverpool Semifinal #2(L)  
07:30 *Cricket Classics India* Down Under Australia Vs India World C'ship Of Cricket (Group Stage)(R)  
08:00 *Sportscenter India*(L)  
08:30 *Nokia Football Crazy*(S)  
09:30 *Pakistan Tour Of New Zealand, New Zealand Vs Pakistan 1st Odi; Highlights*(R)  
10:30 *Sportscenter Asia*(S)  
11:00 *Sportscenter India*(R)  
11:30 *Cricket Classics India* Down Under, Australia Vs India World C'ship Of Cricket (Group Stage)(R)  
**TEN SPORTS**  
08:30 *Sahara Hockey Champions Trophy* India v Pakistan  
10:30 *WWE: The Bottom Line* Pakistan v England: 3rd ODI (Preview)  
12:00 *Pakistan v England: 3rd ODI* (1st Session)  
03:30 *Pakistan v England: 3rd ODI* (Interval)  
03:45 *Pakistan v England: 3rd ODI* (2nd Session)  
07:15 *Legends: Height of*