

CULTURAL FEAST

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

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

Exhibition

Group Exhibition
Title: The Tarantula
Organiser: Shako
Venue: Zainul Gallery, Institute of Fine Arts
Time: December 17-23

Solo Art Exhibition

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

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
Title: The Tarantula
Organiser: Hyacinth Garden Gallery
Venue: Zainul Gallery, Institute of Fine Arts
Date: December 17-23
Time: 3:00 am to 8:00pm

Australian Painting Exhibition

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

Film Festival

Organiser: Dhaka Chalochchitra Shobha
Title: Asian Film Festival 2005
Venue: Alamgir Kabir Film Centre, 62 Science Laboratory
Date: December 18
Film **Time**
 Abaro Aranya 3:30pm
 Uttara 6:00pm
Date: December 19
Film **Time**
 Red Cherry 3:30pm
 East Palace West Palace 6:00pm

Date: December 20
Film **Time**
 The wind will carry us 3:30pm
 Laila 6:00pm

Date: December 21
Film **Time**
 Baichumo 3:30pm

Theatre

Play: Shonai Bibir Pala
Troupe: Centre for Asian Theatre
Venue: Experimental Theatre Stage
Date: December 22 at 6:30 pm

Play: Khudhito Pashan
Troupe: Shubochan Natya Sangsad
Venue: Experimental Theatre Stage
Date: December 23 at 6:30 pm

Berger young painters' art competition

Celebration of creativity



Md Zohurul Islam : Tradition



Hanifur Rahman: Conversation



Sahid Kazi: Social perspective

CULTURAL CORRESPONDENT

TUESDAY evening, citizens of Dhaka were returning home after a long busy day. Rush hour traffic was seen blocking the major intersection of the city. Just like every other week day, exhaustion took over the minds and bodies of Dhakaites. Despite the hectic metropolitan schedule, the art lovers dug out some time that evening and attended the 10th annual Berger young painters' art competition at the Hotel Sonargaon Ballroom on December 13.

In this celebration of creativity, the young artists were awarded six prizes for their paintings. First the jury mem-

bers were awarded for their participation. The jury members included Professor Qayyum Chowdhury, Professor Hashem Khan, Rafiqun Nabi, Professor Abdus Shakoor Shah, Professor Abdus Sattar of the Institute of Fine Arts DU, Mahmudul Haque, DG Dhaka National Museum, and Dr Farida Zaman, Director, Institute of Fine Arts, DU. This award has acquired enormous prestige as it includes a jury board revered by the cultural communities of Bangladesh.

The talented young winners at the competition captured the many facets of Dhaka. Rickshaw is a major part of our lives in Dhaka, and not many artists can present the beauty of its art and structure as did first prize winner

Md. Zohurul Islam in his painting *Tradition*. He painted a picture of our daily life that reveals the parallels between our lives and the rickshaws—simple, nature loving and artsy.

The second prize went to a painter from old Dhaka, Hanifur Rahman Faisal for his brilliant work, *Conversation*, which displays crows lined up on cables and seemingly engaged in conversations with other crows. About the painting, Hanifur said that "It seems that these birds, who are very old citizens of Dhaka, also share views, ideas, joys and sorrows as we do." The third prize winner, Sahid Kazi said "In totality our society is still male-centric." In his paintings he symbolically represented how the total inno-

cence of our society is exploited every day.

The award giving function came to a close with a dynamic performance by acclaimed singer Runa Laila. The auditory senses of the audience were filled by the sweet and enchanting voice of Runa as she sang popular songs like *Pan khaiya thot lal korlam*, *Maskalandar* and *Bondhu teen deen*.

The works of these young talented artists can be viewed at the Zainul Gallery, Institute of Fine Arts, from today. The exhibition will be open to all from 11:00am to 7:30pm.

Photography

Of realism and romance



Zia Islam captured this picture of a woman guiding two calves home



Sharif Sarwar's photograph shows workers at the end of the day

FAYZA HAQ

The images captured by the six photojournalists at Zainul Gallery-1, recently, were admirable. The participants included Sheikh Hassan, Sharif Sarwar, Zia Islam, Manzurul Islam, SK Hasan, Feroze Chowdhury and his five-year old daughter Faiza.

The focus was not only on tragic reality, but also the serene and tranquil scenario, which one finds from Dhaka to far-flung districts in the north of Bangladesh. The scintillating photographs stressed more on peace and harmony around us, rather than the rampant ugliness that mars our socio-political sce-

nario. Most of the colours in the photographs ranged from bright vermilion to Prussian blue, yellow-ochre to jade-green. Streaks of opalescent white formed gentle contrasts. There were more messages of peace than war. This was photography with a purpose: a display by professionals, doing their level best, at the present juncture.

Zia Islam, the group's spokesperson said, "We haven't worked further on our next artistic project for a while, but hope to bring out something even more positive in our next endeavour." He added that the group had included the freedom fighter Md Alam, a freedom fighter and photojournalist, as their chief

guest to reveal the importance of photojournalists—who are often brushed aside in places such as Dhaka.

Zia said that the group members were not complacent but yearned to do better in future. However, the sea of viewers and their praises gave them hope and aspiration, he added. There were 60 photographs, with 10 pictures from each member. Feroze, had dwelt on the ethnic scenes and portraits from northern Bangladesh. The old lady with a pipe appeared to be wreathed in smiles and coolly smoked a pipe. The other bedecked old lady smoked a cigarette and appeared to have the same laid back attitude.

The pictures of a baby iguana and a woman taking home two calves, spoke of the photographers' maturity, skill and vision in skill and vision.

The other photojournalists, in their entries, had included more turbulent scenes, such as the after effects of bombing in Dhaka and pictures of child-labour. They had included differently-abled children too, but the faces of the children had been happy in most of the photographs. There are also angst-ridden images of a young bomb blast victim. Yet, the final message of the exhibit was that of serenity and hope.

Theatre festival in Chittagong

Mrinaler Chithi: A Kalpurush production

CULTURAL CORRESPONDENT

As part of the ongoing 13-day theatre festival arranged by Group Theatre Forum in Chittagong, theatre troupe Kalpurush will stage *Mrinaler Chithi* at the Shilpakala Academy Auditorium today.

Shantanu Biswas has adapted the play from Rabindranath Tagore's popular short story *Streer Patra*.

Shantanu Biswas directs *Mrinaler Chithi*, which deals with a vital contemporary issue gender inequality. Through the story of a middle-class housewife named Mrinal, the play delves into the oppression of women in society.



A scene from the play Mrinaler Chithi

Venture

Fokhrul's latest foreign endeavour

CULTURAL CORRESPONDENT

Md Fokhrul Islam's 10-day solo exhibition at Lahore, Islamabad, finished recently. His last solo was held at Italy, this year. His latest display in Bangladesh was seen in the joint venture at the Institute of Fine Arts, Dhaka

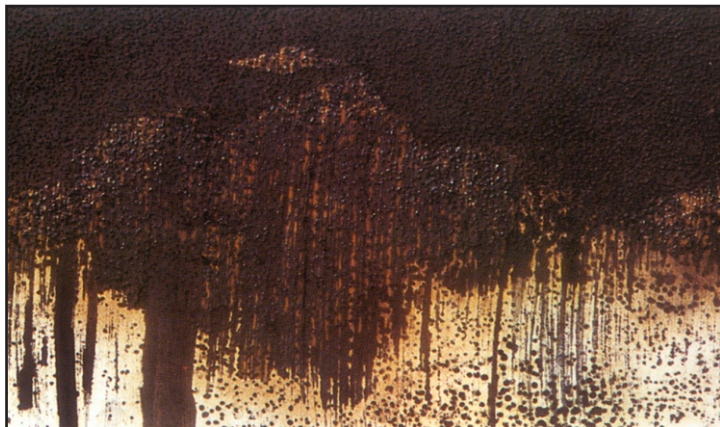
University, September, last year. He has participated in various group and solo exhibits at home, in venues, including the various Asian Biennales, at Shilpakala Academy, Zainul Gallery, and that of Alliance Francaise. He has also exhibited at Kolkata and Japan.

Fokhrul won an award at the 1ST Artists' Support Competition at Gallery, Goho, Japan.

At present he is a freelance artist, full of confidence and passionate about his medium. He paints mind-boggling landscapes in black printer's ink and mustard oil on paper.



Md Fokhrul Islam



An art work by the artist

Tara TV launches a music video on Victory Day

Many writers and poets have waxed eloquent on *Bijoy Dibosh* and the *Mukti Juddhas* (Freedom Fighters). Hassan Hafiz is one such poet. Now Tara TV, a pan-Bengali channel based in Kolkata, has produced a music video of *Shudhu Bangladesh*, which sensitively portrays a short, simple message from the poet, says a press release.

The song, *Tomra roker rongey akash rangiye chiley*, pays tribute to the *Mukti Juddhas* and the soldiers from our neighbouring country who fought together to achieve freedom. The lead singer is Lopamudra Mitra, accompanied by Bangladeshi singers now studying in Rabindra Bharati University, Kolkata. The latter are Arpita, Jhumur Dutta, Sanjay Mandal, Anisur Rahman and Monika Biswas.

The tune of the video was composed by Buddhadeb. On December 16, the video was premiered on all Tara channels. The video will also be launched in Bangladesh by Broadcast Worldwide Ltd (Tara TV) branch office.

BSA cultural team wings its way to Nepal

A 12-member cultural delegation has left Dhaka to participate in a five-day cultural programme in Nepal. The group, which includes artists of the Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy (BSA), is led by Masud Arun MP, the member of Parliamentary Committee of Ministry of Cultural Affairs, says a press release.

The cultural programme has

been arranged by the Bangladesh High Commission in Nepal to celebrate the Victory Day of Bangladesh.

The artistes of the cultural team are---Belayat Hossain Khan, Begum Salma Chowdhury, Sonia Akhtar, Tasnuva Tasnin Senjuti, Tamanna Tabassum, Salma Begum, Anana Barua, Kochi Rahman, Ladli Mohan Moitree and Syed Mahbub Reza.



The cultural delegates pose for a photograph

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, 9:00 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, 11pm.
 News (English) 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) 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

08:15 *Shubhechchha Nin*
 09:35 Satellite Programme
 12:30 *Natun Kunri- 2005*
 02:15 *Sisimpur*
 02:40 Bangla Film
 05:05 *Nabo Anonde Jago*
 06:10 Wrestling
 06:55 Programme From Chittagong Centre
 07:00 *Loukik Bangla*
 08:40 *Shafolya Gantha*
 10:25 *Teknaf Theke Tetulia*
 10:30 *Kothar Pithe Kotha*
 12:05 Satellite Programmes

CHANNEL i

09:45 *Tritiyo Matra*
 10:30 *Tele Prescription*
 11:30 *Hridoye Mati O Manush*
 12:30 *Aj Dupurey O Cityell Tarokakothon*
 01:00 *Ebong Cinemar Gaan*
 01:25 Public Reaction
 01:30 *Shangbadpotrey Bangladesh*
 04:00 *Bashundhara Amader Gaan*
 05:30 *Janala*
 06:00 Music Plus
 08:00 *BBC Bangladesh Shongbad*
 09:35 Drama Serial: *Cholchhe Cholbe*
 10:00 Drama Serial: *Aarshi*
 11:05 *Anyadrishi*
 11:05 Drama Serial: *Ek Janamey*
 11:35 *Gandharaj Samsung Cine Aha*
 12:15 *Dipur Janya Elegy*
 12:50 *Smirit Monikothae*

ATN BANGLA

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 12:50 *Smirit Monikothae*

01:30 *Shoishobhin Shishuder Galpo*
 02:30 Drama Serial: *Thunpoka*
 03:10 Mega Serial: *O Amar Chokkhu Nai*
 04:20 *Nabo Kheli Islami Sawal Jawab*
 05:45 Three Stooges
 06:25 Drama Serial: *Jol*
 08:00 *Porey Pata Norey*
 08:30 Drama Serial: *The New Shabuj Opera*
 09:00 Drama Serial: *Nirey Taar Neel Dheu*
 10:00 Drama Serial: *Ek Akasher Shopno*
 10:40 Business This Week

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08:35 *Aajker Shakal*
 09:30 Talk Show
 10:05 Zoo Adventure
 10:30 Bangla film
 02:35 Drama Serial: *Romjir Ayna*
 03:15 Close-up 1 *Tomakei Khujchhe Bangladesh*
 04:25 *Bhinna Swader*
 05:10 *Khobor*
 05:20 *Dindarpan*
 05:20 *Apnar Jigyasha*
 06:20 *Shubho Shondhya*
 06:50 Right Click
 08:25 Drama Serial: *Labonya Probha*
 09:10 *Bari Ghar Thik Thak*
 09:35 Drama Serial: *Akash Chhonya*
 11:25 *Dindarpan*
 8:30 *Tremors II After-shocks*
 10:10 *Rugrats Go Wild*
 10:30 A Civil Action

HBO



The New Shobuj Opera

On ATN Bangla at 8:30 pm

Genre: Drama Serial

Cast: Fazlur Rahman Babu, Tamalika, Jayanto

2:30 Clear and Present Danger
 5:15 Forbidden Sins
 6:45 A Simple Wish
 8:30 The Matrix Revolutions
 11:00 Kull the Conqueror
 1:00 Return to the Blue Lagoon
 3:00 Whispers in the Dark
 8:30 All Dogs Go To Heaven 2
 10:00 Underworld
 12:00 Six Days Seven Nights
 1:45 Cold Creek Manor
 3:45 Hidalgo
 6:00 The Alamo

PICK OF THE DAY



Matrix Revolutions

On HBO at 8:30 pm

Genre: Action/Adventure

Cast: Keanu Reeves, Laurence Fishburne

11:30 *Jai Ganga Maiya*
 12:30 *Hit Filmein Hit*
 Sangeet Entertainment
 Star Bestseller
 Entertainment
 Hit Filmein Hit
 Sangeet Entertainment
 2:05 Film Toppers
 3:30 Shanno Ki Shaadi
 Kora Kagaz
 Hit Filmein Hit
 Sangeet Entertainment
 5:00 Ssshhh...Koi Hai
 Drama
 6:30 Disney Time
 7:30 Meri Mrs Chanchala
 8:00 Pardey Ke Peechey
 8:30 Kaboom
 9:30 Kaun Banega

7:30 The Simpsons
 Comedy
 8:00 Parkinson
 9:00 Oprah Prime Time
 10:00 Life As We Know It
 11:30 Desperate Housewives

ANIMAL PLANET

10:30 Mad Mike And Mark
 11:30 Animal Precinct
 12:30 Whole Story
 1:30 Fun Zone
 2:30 Crocodile Hunter Diaries
 3:30 Honda Presents: Animal Planet Insights
 4:30 Attenborough Presents
 5:30 Fun Zone
 6:00 Fun Zone
 6:30 Emergency Vets
 7:00 Emergency Vets
 7:30 Honda Presents: Animal Planet Insights
 8:30 Animal Icons
 9:30 Fun Zone
 10:30 Animal Planet Showcase
 11:30 Animal Planet Showcase

DISCOVERY

10:30 Great Ideas
 11:30 2005 Rerospective
 12:30 Urban Explorers
 1:30 Discovery Wings
 2:30 Mystery Hunters
 3:00 Fat Free
 3:30 Women On Top
 4:30 Wild Discovery
 5:30 Extreme Evidence
 6:00 Conspiracies On Trial
 6:30 Extreme Machines
 7:30 Wild Discovery

8:30 2005 Retrospective
 9:30 Discovery Biggest Shows
 10:30 Night Safari
 11:30 Impact Stories Of Survival

NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC

10:30 Backyard Science
 10:45 Doc Eureka
 11:00 Serious: Jungle
 11:30 Backyard Science
 11:45 Doc Eureka
 12:00 Serious: Arctic
 12:30 Wild Orphans
 1:00 Mission Udaan
 1:30 Air Crash Investigation S2
 2:30 Air Crash Investigation
 3:30 Seconds From Disaster
 4:30 Air Crash Investigation
 5:30 Seconds From Disaster
 6:30 Evolution
 8:30 Inside Hurricane Katrina
 10:30 Mission Udaan
 11:00 Mission Udaan
 11:30 Kalahari

ESPN

8:00 Cricket Classics Indian Legends (R)
 9:00 Football Extra
 10:00 Malaysia Airlines
 11:00 Cricket Classics
 12:00 Indian Legends (T)
 12:30 Cricket Classics
 1:00 Indian Legends (T)
 1:30 Final Score (R)
 2:00 Sportscenter Week In Review (R)
 3:00 Fifa Club World Championship AI

11:30 Ittihad Vs Deportivo
 12:30 Sapriisa 3rd/4th
 Placing(L)
 3:30 Fifa Club World
 Championship Preview
 To Final(T)
 4:00 Fifa Club World Sao
 Paulo Vs Liverpool
 Final(L)
 6:30 Hitz (R)
 7:00 Super Sunday (L)
 7:25 English Premier
 Football League
 Middlesbrough Vs
 Tottenham Hotspur (L)
 9:30 Super Sunday (L)
 9:55 English Premier
 Football League
 Arsenal Vs Chelsea (L)
 12:00 Final Score (L)

STAR SPORTS

10:30 Icc Cricket World(T)
 11:00 Cricket Star Sports
 Australia Vs South
 Africa 1st Test; Day 2;
 2nd & 3rd Session(L)
 3:30 Wrestling Tna
 Impact(R)
 4:30 Soccer
 Auto RacingStar
 Sports IndiaA1 Grand
 Prix Highlights Uae;
 Uae(T)
 6:30 Golf Asian Tour
 Weekly 2005(T)
 07:30 International Sports
 News
 07:24 Australia Vs South
 Africa 1st Test; Day 2;
 Highlights(S)
 08:54 English Premier
 Football League
 2005/06 London;
 England West Ham
 United Vs Newcastle
 United(L)