

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

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

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

Australian Painting Exhibition

Title: Desert Voices
Venue: Shilpangan 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 19

Film: Red Cherry 3:30pm
East Palace West Palace 6:00pm

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

Date: December 21
Film: 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
Play: Brand
Troupe: Centre for Asian Theatre
Venue: Experimental Theatre Stage
Date: December 24 at 6:30 pm

A call for harmony

Musical soiree at Liberation War Museum

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THE Bangalees have always spoken out against injustice and for peace. Music has been a strong force in propelling them to hold their own, despite the dark clouds on the horizon. Even in the face of extremist threats, cultural organisations have stood tall. One example is the Jatiyo Rabindra Sangeet Shammilian Parishad's (JRSSP) open stage concert on December 17. The function, held at the Liberation War Museum, conveyed the message that they would pull out all the stops to protect their identity.

The function featured a group of performers presenting a mix of Tagore, Nazrul and folk songs to invite the new generation to look back at our Liberation War. During the War the whole nation came together and demonstrated utmost courage and persistence in driving away the Pakistani oppressors from our land.

A patriotic Nazrul song, Durgam giri kantar moru was rendered by the group, which spoke about the need to boost the morale of the masses, urging them to unite against all social



Artistes performing a chorus song at the programme

differences. With this song the audience was reminded that people of all religion have been living together in harmony for hundreds of years in this land. Despite efforts by malicious

elements to divide us and take away our peace, united, we have stood strong.

Other songs performed at the event were Aji Bangladesh hridoy hotey and Shankoche

bihbolota. Artistes performing at the event included Polash, Tuhin, Lopa, Parvez, Shetu, Swati, Seema, Anupam and Partha. Bhaswar Bandyopadhyay recited poems in between the songs.

Blast from the past

Ora Egara Jon revived

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To celebrate the 34th Anniversary of our Liberation War, Laser Vision has made a commendable effort by releasing the VCD and DVD versions of Ora Egara Jon. Considering that the original print is not fit to be screened at movie theatres, the young generation will now get a chance to experience the first movie released, based on the war.

Directed by Chashi Nazrul Islam, the film follows the struggles of a guerrilla-group of 11 Muktojodha (Freedom Fighters) as they seek to overthrow the invading Pakistani Army. The film bagged several awards, including a National Award.

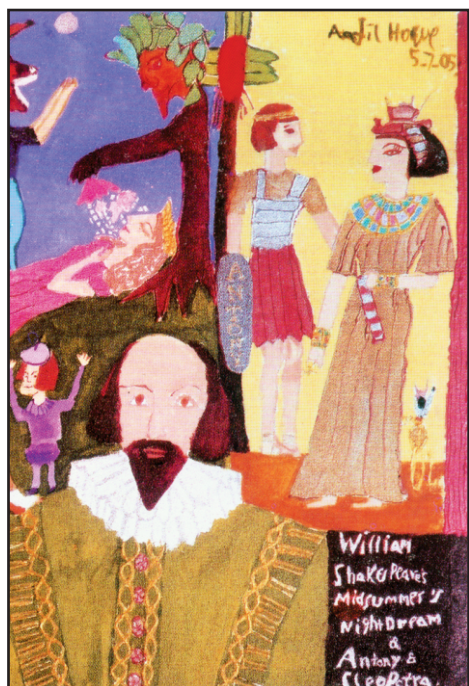
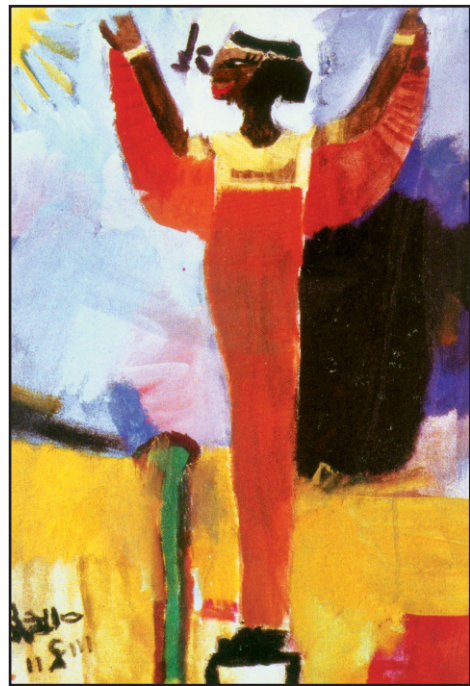
Khasru, Shabana, Razzaque, Hasan Imam, Nootan, Altaf, Murad, ATM Shamsuzzaman and others have played the major roles in the movie. Edited by Bashir Hossain, the film was shot by Abdus Samad. Khondokar Nurul Alam composed the music of the movie.



(L-R) Sabita, Sumita Devi and Khasru in a dramatic scene from Ora Egara Jon

Exhibition

Aadil's attractive feat in oils



Aadil's works featuring an Egyptian Goddess (L) and Shakespeare (R)

FAYZA HAQ

Gold-medal winner Aadil Hoque, to be 16 soon, held his second superb solo at the Bengal Gallery on December 18. This was called Devotion. Despite being autistic, at the press preview, held a day earlier, he read out his speech amidst applause. The exhibition itself dealt with Egyptian gods, goddesses as well as literary figures, like Shakespeare, Percy B Shelley and others from Bangladesh arts. This includes the master sculptor, Hamiduzzaman Khan, Aadil's mentor in painting.

Aadil is interested in books on Egyptian history, fine arts, literature and anything related to his work as a painter. He works at a centre for autistic

children in Mohammedpur, and his art materials are sent to him from USA by his maternal uncle, who shares his passion for fine arts. The credit for his overcoming his shortcoming as a differently-abled artist, goes to his mother Dr Leady Hoque—who has stood by him through the vicissitudes of his teenage years.

The talented Aadil has gone about his work like an adult painter. He has executed each of his vast paintings e.g. a water-colour running like some giant scroll, which was completed within a few hours. The others too, seen in the vast gallery, had been done in a remarkably short span of time. Inspired by Hamiduzzaman Khan, he has done some sculptures too, which are included in the display. Amalgamating the present with the

past— in doing paintings with his quicksilver imagination and talent, Aadil has presented a treasure-trove of highly imaginative paintings in oil, acrylic, mixed-media and water-colour.

The paintings appeared like scintillating, bejewelled creations, set against the backdrop of the pristine encasing frames of paler, matching shades. The compositions appeared balanced, with a magic of their own. They were so compelling that one could gaze at them, each, for hours and still not be surfeit. For one so young, the creations were compelling. One envisages that Aadil's works in future, with their passion and inspiration, will be more mature. Bengal Gallery has never been known to patronise an artist so young. This endeavour by the gallery deserves praise.

The paintings are a series based on the artist's experiences in life. The one on Shakespeare is inspired by his Midsummer Night's Dream. When Aadil was back in Oxford, at a very early age, he loved the illustrations in a book called Shakespeare and another, called Animated Tales. One sees the protagonists and some of the lesser characters like Queen Titania, King Oberon and Bottom, Puck going about their work of total theatrical enjoyment. Here one witnessed Aadil's learning and imagination at work.

The entry on Hamiduzzaman Khan, a mixed-media, presented the artist at work in his youth. This painting was based on an old photograph. This was amalgamated with a present portraiture done again in mixed media. Carefully and colourfully combined, the final effect was thought provoking.

One of the paintings, an oil on canvas, presented the ancient Egyptian romance of Antony and Cleopatra with impact. It presented the royal heyday on a gently floating barge, seen against an overwhelming turquoise base. It presented the well-known idyll with the inclusion of overpowering images of gods and goddesses—all done with the immaculate precision of a goldsmith.

Azmi to star in Nargis' Megher Koley Roud



Shabana (L) with Nargis

Renowned film actress, Shabana Azmi was recently in Dhaka to participate in Brac's annual meeting, says a press release. In the course of her stay, she paid a courtesy visit to Nargis Akhter, the director of the first Bangladeshi movie she acted in, Meghla Akash. There she took part in a short programme with the film's crew and other officials.

Shabana congratulated Nargis for the success of Meghla Akash. In her words, the film had created great awareness on the need to combat HIV/AIDS, one of the biggest threats to mankind.

Shabana is also slated to perform in Nargis' second film on HIV/AIDS, titled Megher Koley Roud. Accordingly, she will be returning to Dhaka for a week in March, 2006.

The day was also notable for another reason. Accompanied by Nargis, Shabana visited Brac's different development projects (sanitation, women's health care and housing). She wound up the day with a visit to FemCom Bangladesh—producer of Meghla Akash—in the evening.

Ongoing theatre festival in Chittagong

As part of the ongoing 13-day theatre festival by Group Theatre Forum in Chittagong, Shomikoron Theatre will stage Two Idiots at 7 pm today at the Shilpalkala Academy Auditorium, Chittagong.

Directed by Swapan Bhattacharya, Two Idiots deals with social turmoil. Through the story of three people—an unscrupulous leftist leader, a corrupt police officer and a downtrodden man, the play features a flawed social milieu, where everybody tries to oppress the other.



A scene from the play Two Idiots

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, 9:00am, 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 5:30pm, 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

BTV 10:00 Satellite Programme 12:30 Shashya Tatthya 01:00 Laal Golap 02:15 Sisimpur 03:05 Nitol Tata National Football League: Muktojodha vs Bangladesh Shenabahini 05:05 Television Debate Competition 05:50 News For Children Apon Bhumii 06:10 Nriyter Taley Taley 06:35 Darshok Forum Channel-i viewers' forum 08:45 Drama Serial: Enechhi Shurjer Hashi 09:25 Drama Serial: Atopar Nuri Huda 10:35 Magazine Show: Anondolok CHANNEL i 09:45 Titiyo Matra 10:45 Uchhya Shikkhaye Desh Bidesh (live) 12:30 Aaj Dupurey O Citycell Tarokakathon Ebong Cinemar Gaan 01:25 Public Reaction 01:30 Shangbadpotrey Bangladesh Amar Channel-i Darshok Forum Channel-i viewers' forum 03:40 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

08:25 Drama Serial: Shimana 09:35 Drama Serial: Shampurna Rangin 10:00 Drama Serial: Aarshee ntv 09:30 Agrojo 10:00 Grammen Phone Shironam 10:05 Zoo Adventure 10:30 Dhakar Cinema 02:35 Drama Serial: Ramizer Aaina 03:15 Closeup1 Tomakei Programme on Liberation War 04:25 Drama Serial: Bhinna Swader Khobor 05:20 Apnar Jigyasha 06:20 Shubho Shondhaya Khobor 06:50 Shondhyane 08:25 Drama serial: Labonya Probha Bari Ghar Thik Thak Dindarpan 09:10 ATN BANGLA 10:30 Anodishti 11:05 Drama Serial: Ek Janamey 11:40 Tele-film: Amader Rumjhum 01:30 Musical Programme Muktojuddher Ei Diney 02:30 Drama Serial: Ghun Poka 03:15 Drama Serial: O Amar Chokkhu Nai 03:50 Musical Programme Chhotoder Prithibi 04:25 Ispahani Pure Snax Quiz Time 05:45 Drama: Hatya 06:20 Jobab (live) 08:00 BSB Education Zone Drama Serial: Shukhnagar 08:30 Drama Serial: Flat No. 40 09:00 ATN Taroka (Music) : Greater Dhaka Zone Kothamala 10:40 Tales from the Crypt 12:20 Adibashi Janopad HBO 09:00 Esther Kahn 12:00 Collateral Damage 02:15 Tale of Two Wives 04:00 Donnie Darko 06:15 Tales from the Crypt 37: Only skin deep Executive Decision 11:00

PICK OF THE DAY Kathamala On ntv at 9:50 pm Genre: Drama Serial Host: Tania, Shahiduzzaman Selim, Aupi Karim The Last Samurai On HBO at 9:30 pm Genre: Action/Adventure Cast: Tom Cruise, Ken Watanabe

STAR MOVIES 09:20 Hidalgo 11:35 Eve's Christmas 01:15 Back By Midnight 02:40 Bottle Rocket 04:15 The Whole Ten Yards 06:00 Good Shepherd The 07:35 Double Impact 09:30 Aliens 11:50 Berett 01:30 Dark Harvest 09:30 The Last Samurai 12:30 Wimbledon 02:30 No Way Up 03:00 Kasautii Zindagii Kay 02:30 Kasaatii Zindagii Kay 03:00 Kesar 03:30 Saarthi 04:00 Kyunki Saas Bhi Kabhi Bahu Thi 05:00 Kahini To Hoga K.Street Pali Hill0 06:30 Maan 07:30 Timon and Pumbaa 08:00 Kumkum - Pyara Sa Bandhan 08:30 Akkad Bakkad Bambeey Bo 09:00 Mum Tum Aur Hum 09:30 Kasautii Zindagii Kay Milee 10:00 Kavyanjali 10:30 Kahaani Ghar Ghar Kii Kahini To Hoga 11:00 Kesar 11:30 Saarthi 12:00 Monk 12:00 Enterprise 12:00 Parkinson 01:00 The A Team 01:58 Star Asia Travel 03:00 Bold And Beautiful 03:00 Hollywood Squares 04:00 The King Of Queens 05:00 Friends 07:00 Seinfeld 07:30 Married To The Kellys 08:00 Everybody Loves

09:30 Raymond Becker 10:00 The Office 10:30 Coupling 10:58 Star Asia Travel ANIMAL PLANET 10:30 Crocodile Hunter Diaries 11:30 Honda presents 12:30 Attenborough Presents 01:30 Fun Zone Amazing Animal Videos 03:00 Animal Planet Showcase 04:30 Lords of the Animals 05:00 Wild Island 06:30 One Planet State of the Great Ape 08:30 Most Extreme 09:30 Fun Zone Amazing Animal Videos 10:30 Austin Stevens: Most Dangerous 11:30 Miami Animal police DISCOVERY 10:30 Wild Discovery 11:30 Discovery's Biggest Shows 01:30 Night Safari 02:30 Energy In Action 03:00 In Therapy 03:30 Body Basics 04:30 Wild Discovery 05:30 Impact Stories of Survival 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 11:30 Analyse This The Collapse of Big Blue 11:30 FBI Files NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC 10:30 Seconds From Disaster 11:30 Holy Cow 12:30 National Geographic Specials 01:30 The Road Is My Life 02:30 Seconds From Disaster 03:30 On Assignment 04:30 Backyard Science 04:45 Doc Eureka 05:00 Serious: Desert 05:30 Croc Chronicles 06:30 Planet Wild 07:30 Extinct 08:30 Is It Real? 09:30 Interpol Investigations 10:30 Seconds From Disaster 11:30 Mission Udaan STAR SPORTS 10:30 Cricket Star Sports Australia Vs India 01:30 Cricket Star Sports India Sportscenter India 03:30 Cricket Star Sports India Cricket Classics Close Encounters(R) 11:00 Soccer/Futbol Star Sports India English Premier League Highlights (T) 12:00 Cricket Star Sports India Super Centuries(R) ESPN 10:30 Cricket Classics Indian Legends (R) 11:30 FIFA Club World Championship Al Itihad Vs Deportivo Saprissa 3rd/4th Placing(R) 01:30 Final Score (R) 02:30 Pakistan Tour Of New Zealand New Zealand Vs Pakistan 5th Odi, Highlights(T) 03:30 English Premier Football League Arsenal Vs Chelsea (R) 04:00 FIFA Club World Championship Sao Paulo Vs Liverpool Final(R) 07:30 English Premier League Highlights (T) 08:30 Sportscenter Sportscenter India (L) 09:00 Cricket Classics 11:00 Sportscenter Asia (S) 09:00 Sport News India 09:00 Sport News India