

CULTURAL FEAST

Children's Art Competition and Exhibition

Title: 4th International Children-Art Biennale Bangladesh-2006
Venue: Ziaur Rahman Auditorium, Bangladesh Shishu Academy
Date: July 11-25
Time: 11:00am to 6:30pm

Film Screening

Title: Juliette Binoche Retrospective
Organiser: Zahir Raihan Film Society and the Alliance Francaise of Dhaka
July 18: 5:00pm Chocolate 7:00pm The Country of My Skull
Venue: Alliance Francaise, Dhaka

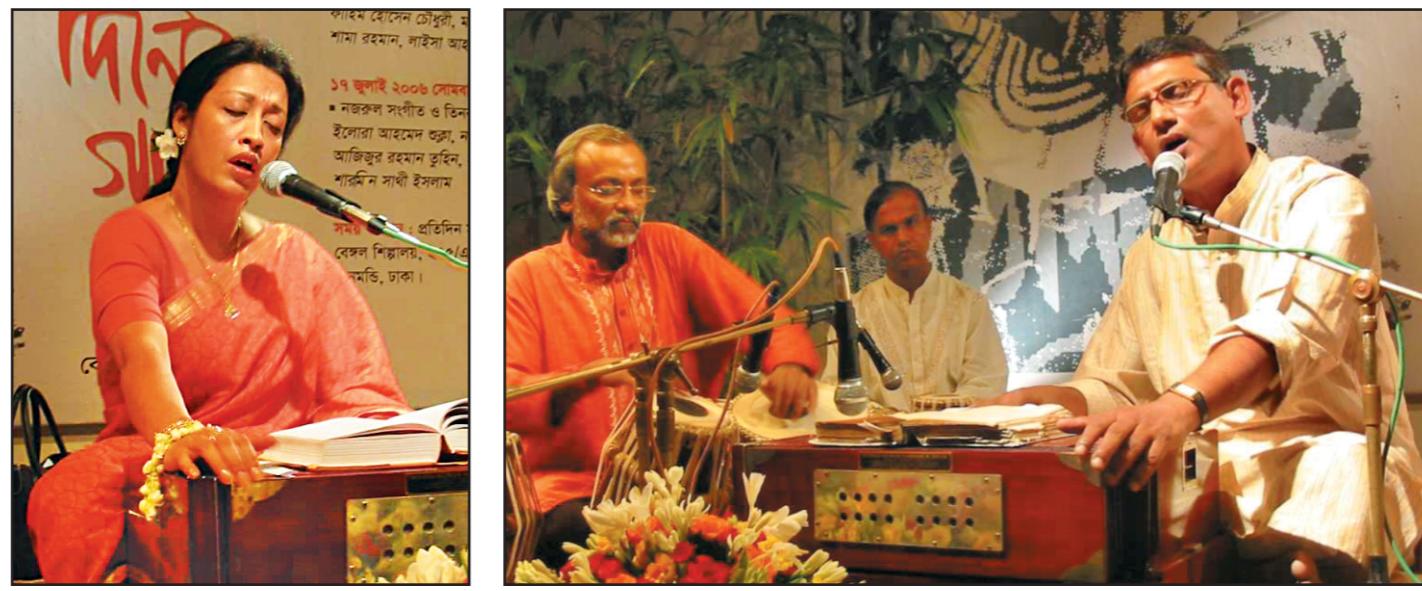
Contemporary Indian Art

Artists: M F Hussain, Jogen Chowdhury, Sanat Kar, Niren Sen and others
Title: Contemporary Indian Art
Venue: Shilpangan, Road 3, House 13/A, Dhamondi, Dhaka
Date: July 14-28
Time: 10am to 1pm and 5pm to 8pm

Photography Exhibition

Artist: Tuhin Samaddar
Title: Language of Lens
Venue: Alliance Francaise de Dacca
Date: July 13-19

Songs of rain at Bengal Shilpalaya



Shama Rahman and Fahim Hossain Chowdhury perform at the musical soiree

ERSHAD KAMOL

On the first eve of Srabon, the second month of Bangla rainy season *Borsha*, singers rendered Tagore songs on the monsoon. These seasonal songs fall under 'Prakriti' section of *Gitanjali*, Tagore's main and final compilation of songs. Though the songs presented at the musical soiree featured the rainy season, these were not mere descriptions of natural beauty. Rather they reflected the rich emotional life of Bengalis, such as love and admiration against the backdrop of a rainy day.

Fahim Hossain Chowdhury, Shama Rahman, Mahiuzzaman Chowdhury, Laisa Ahmed Lisa and Tania Mannan were the singers at the musical soiree titled *Badolo Diner Gaan* arranged by

Bengal Shilpalaya on July 16. The function was a part of the four-day musical programme arranged by the organisation, featuring classical music, Rabindra Sangeet, Nazrul Sangeet and songs of three poets. The singers presented both popular as well as not frequently rendered Tagore songs at the soiree.

Tania Mannan was the first singer of the evening. She rendered *Amar din phuralo*, *Ei srabono bela badolo jhara*, *Aajemon kore gaichhe akash*, *Poob hawate dey dola* and *Pagla hawar badol dine*. Her presentation of the romantic song *Pagla hawar* was appealing.

Fahim Hossain Chowdhury presented songs that speak of gloomy rainy days evoking pathos. The songs he rendered were *Ami ki gaan gaboe*, *Amar je din bheshe geche*, *E ki goibori bani elo*,

Aji tomaye abar and Emono dine tare bola jay. His stentorian voice modulation of the melancholy songs touched the audience.

The third singer of the musical soiree was Shama Rahman. She rendered *Gahono rate srabono dhara*, *Aaji godhuli lagone*, *Megher pore megh jomeche*, *Mone holo jeno periy elem* and *Nilonjon chhaya*.

Aashar kotha hote aaj, *Aaji srabono ghono*, *Borshonmondronto andhokare*, *Eshogo jele diye jao* and *Shoghono ghano ratrie* were the songs presented by Mahiuzzaman Chowdhury.

Laisa Ahmed Lisa was the last singer of the evening. Her presentations of *Chitto amar haralo*, *Aajj saboner purimite*, *Swapne amar mone holo*, *Ogo santali chhele* and *Osru bhora bedona* were enjoyable.

4th Children's Art Biennale '06 Paintings by children from around the globe

FAYZA HAQ

The paintings and drawings at the 4th Children's Art Biennale 2006 at the Shishu Academy reflected skill, imagination and devotion. Despite their young age the artists from 32 countries have done remarkably well.

The Grand Prize was won by Md. Nazmuz Sakib Priyo and it presented a storm in the village. The people and animals appeared distressed and helpless. The gold medal in Group A



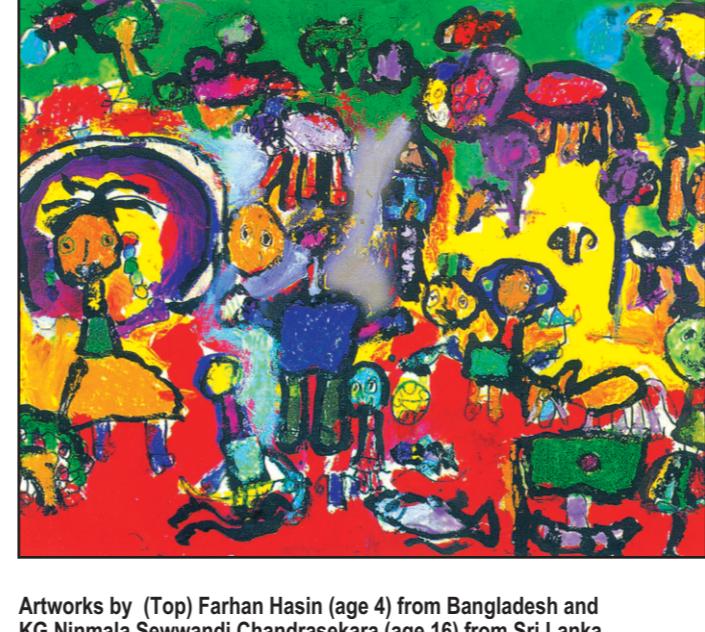
was taken by Farhan Hasin, aged four, of Bangladesh. On a background of green, vermilion and yellow, it brought a vast dimension of children at play.

Silver medals of Group A were won by three contestants including Poomipat Meeypo of Thailand (aged 3). Poomipat's work had five children standing under an umbrella during a rainfall. Sachinthaka Kavindu Viduranga Hathansinghe's black elephants and their young ones in the

jungle was the other winner. Sachinthaka's work brought in delightful reflection of the animal world. Asma Shweteg of Egypt (aged 5) with her work in shades of pink and blue, which brought in people, trees and houses was the other winner in this group.

From UAE, Maitha Mohammed Al-Nuaimi (aged 7) won the gold medal in Group B with the depiction of children playing in the garden with their mother. Silver medals were won by Loh Swaney of China (aged 7), Loginov Vitaliy of Russia and Fahmidur Rahman (aged 7) of Bangladesh. Loh had brought in children and toys with neat lines, Loginov showed a scene from a farmer's home, where the man is sitting, waiting for the meal which his wife is bringing in. Fahmidur's work was a depiction of the countryside – complete with boats in sail, haystacks, a baul, women working on a *nakshi kantha*, and boy flying a kite.

A young warrior with bow, arrow and a magic carpet at the back was the subject of the work by Boikov Vladimir (aged 9) of Russia. This won the gold medal in Group C. Silver medals in this section had been bagged by Md. Imrul Bahar (aged 8) of Bangladesh, Alia Salah Salim Al Rashdi (aged 8) of UAE and Galib Mabashir (aged 8) of Bangladesh. Imrul's work showed football players



Artworks by (Top) Farhan Hasin (age 4) from Bangladesh and KG Ninmala Sewwandi Chandrasekara (age 16) from Sri Lanka

with their fans looking on. Alia's work depicted a family at the zoo. Galib's was also a representation of everyday life.

Green hills, birds the rising sun and people dancing were the subject of Thakshila Dihani (aged 10) of Sri Lanka who won the gold medal in Group D. Sultana Iftiqar (aged 12) of Bangladesh, Asma Binta Jalal

(aged 11) of Bangladesh and Ravindu Sanjula Yapa Dahanayake (aged 11) got the silver medals of Group D. Sultan Iftiqar had depicted a musical performance in the village. Ravindu showed traditional dancers of Sri Lanka, atop crimson clad elephants.

The Daily Star and ATN Bangla are the media partners of the event.

Miss Photogenic '05

Razzle dazzle and glamour

CULTURAL CORRESPONDENT

Glamour and glitz were much in evidence at the final round of the 'Goalini Binondon Bichitra Miss Photogenic 2005' contest on July 16. The function was held at the Bangladesh China Friendship Conference Centre. Eleven of the participants up instead of one, namely-Silvi Azmi (22, Honours 1st year) and Nusrat Sharmin Ismriti (21, BBA 4th semester). The third runner up was Nazira Ahmed Mou (19, fashion designer). There were also four special category awards

in which the best smile went to Sadia Rahman. Best performance went to Rifat Ara Mortuza, best hair went to Farzana Oni and the best look award went to Opoma Hawladar.

Barrister Najmul Huda, Commu-

nations Minister and Abdul Jalil general secretary, Bangladesh Awami League was present at the event.

While the 11 participants showcased their talents on the catwalk, dancing and singing, the audience was also entertained renowned media personalities. Abida Sultan, Rafiqul Alam, Ayub Bachchu, Bijori Barkatullah, Shubro Dev, Dolly Shayantoni, Rabi Choudhury and others mesmerised the audience with their melodious voices and at the same time personalities from the film industry such as Rumana, Sajal, Kamol, Faiza and Rahul Khan danced away to popular Bangla film songs.

'Goalini Binondon Bichitra Miss Photogenic 2005' was sponsored by S.A Group of Industries.



The winners strike a pose for the camera

Aesthetic balance with Ikebana

CULTURAL CORRESPONDENT

A day-long solo Ikebana exhibition by Rina Rahman, a student of Dhaka Japanese Ikebana School was organised by the National Association of Unesco Clubs in Bangladesh at BNCCU Conference Hall on July 17.

On display at the exhibition were 25 seasonal and artificial floral arrangements. The arrangements created an aesthetic balance of flower, vase and the surrounding space and a harmony of linear construction, rhythm, and colour.

Professor M. Asaduzzaman, chairperson, University Grants Commission, inaugurated the exhibition while journalist Gias Kamal Chowdhury presided over the function. ANM Bazlur Rahman, secretary, Bangladesh National Commission for Unesco, Takashi Asai, first secretary, Japanese embassy in Bangladesh, Mahbubuddin Chowdhury, secretary general Unesco Club Association and Rina Rahman also addressed the inaugural ceremony.



TV GUIDE

All programmes are in local time. The Daily Star will not be responsible for any change in the programme.

BTV

09:05 Open University
12:15 Songbad Poter Pata
12:30 Sastho Totto
01:00 Cartoon
01:30 Sobor Jonno Sikha
02:15 Computer Show
02:40 Selected Programme
03:05 Band Show
03:30 Children's Programme Star

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04:00 Sangita
04:30 Prothashar allo
05:05 Jibon Dhara
05:30 Uvdid o Jibon
06:10 Shondha Maloti
07:00 Quiz Quiz
07:30 Gaan Shudhu Gaan
08:35 Protidin Bangladesh
08:45 Drama Serial: Shap
09:25 Drama Serial: Polotaka Prem
10:25 Teknai Theke Tetulia

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09:30 Shongbad Potre

Bangladesh

09:45 Public Reaction

10:15 Tritiyomatra

11:05 Cricket Online

12:30 Aaj Dupurey O

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07:50 Rup Rohoshyo
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08:35 Ajaker Shokal

Khaborer

Shondhane

Music Express

11:00 Cine Gaan

11:30 Gambhira

12:05 Single Episode

Drama

01:00 Muktangan

02:30 Ramizer Aina

03:50 Drama: Bibamo

Bhalobasha

04:25 Gallery

05:15 Din Dorpon

Ajaper Jigysa

06:20 Shubho Shondhya

06:50 Ganner

Shomoy

08:25 Drama Serial: Labonyo Probha

09:50 Amader Anondo Bari

11:25 Din Dorpon

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12:00 Bangla Feature Film

01:30 Shuktara

03:30 Drama Serial: Daar

Somosomoyik

04:30 Talk Show: Nari

05:15 Small Ville

06:00 Islami Sawal O

Jobab

06:45 Jonotor Istithar

Aynar Samney

07:00 Nonggor

08:00 Drama Serial: Ferari

Syren

08:40 Drama: Dokanirbou

09:30 Musical Programme

10:40 Mukto Shonglap