

## CULTURAL FEAST

## Exhibition

Artist: Laila Sharmin  
Title: Truth, Beauty and Me  
Venue: Bengal Gallery of Fine Arts  
Date: July 19-26

## Children's Art

## Competition and Exhibition

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

## Contemporary

## Indian Art

Artist: M F Hussain, Jogen Chowdhury, Sanai Kar, Niren Sen and others  
Title: Contemporary Indian Art  
Venue: Shilpgram, Road 3, House 13/A, Dharmondi, 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

## Theatre

Play: Bela Sheher Golpo  
Troupe: Nandimukh  
Venue: Experimental Theatre Hall, Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy  
Date: July 21  
Time: 7:00pm

## Play: Konjush

Troupe: Loko Natyadal  
Venue: Experimental Theatre Hall, Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy  
Date: July 19  
Time: 7:00pm

## Play: Ghamri

Troupe: Nayanadhar  
Venue: Mahila Sharmi Auditorium  
Date: July 18  
Time: 7:00pm

## Film Screening

Organiser: Alamgir Kabir Chalachitra Kendro  
Title: Comedy for Life  
July 18: 3:00pm Ivan Vasilyevich Changes His Profession  
5:00pm Tomas Alea & Juan Tabo  
July 19: 3:00pm Bent Hamer  
5:00pm Kidnapping in Caucasian Style  
Venue: Russian Cultural Centre  
July 21: 5:00pm Matir Moyna  
7:00pm Akatturer Jishu  
July 22: 5:00pm Chitra Nadir Pare  
7:00pm Padma Nadir Majhi  
Venue: Alamgir Kabir Chalachitra Kendro, 62 Science Laboratory Road

# Musical programme on rain at Bengal Shilpalaya ends

KARIM WAHEED

BENGALIS celebrate each season with gusto. Endless songs and literary works about the six seasons attest to that. Among the seasons, however, *Borsha* (season of rain) holds a special significance.

Be it torrential rain, drizzle or the looming dark clouds -- *Borsha* stirs up an array of emotions. Perhaps, it's our heritage of innumerable songs and poems involving rain that work as catalysts. Rain creates a sense of isolation that often metamorphoses the 'not so perceptive' among us, even if temporarily.

A three-day musical programme titled *Badal Diner Gaan* at Bengal Shilpalaya to celebrate *Borsha*, was a treat for Dhakaites. The

programme ended on July 17 with artistes performing songs of Nazrul, Atul Prasad, DL Roy and Rajnikant (songs of the latter three are commonly known as *teen koir gaan*).

Elora Ahmed Shukla was the first performer. Accompanied by the tabla, mandira, violin and keyboard, Elora rendered *Badal-o jhumjhuma boley, jol boley chal* and *Ke go gahiley pohey*. Her performance of *teen koir gaan* was, however, somewhat monotonous. Noted Tagore singer Mita Haq was on the harmonium.

Sharmin Shathi Islam rendered an Atul Prasad song, *Borsha aalo o ghomoghoray*, followed by *Neend nahi aankhipatey*. The latter, a DL Roy classic, performed without tabla and mandira, received a warm response from the audience.



Sumona Bardhan (Top) and Azizur Rahman Tuhin perform at the programme

The artiste ended her performance with a Nazrul Sangeet, *Rumjhum-o rumjhum ke elo nupur paye*.

Azizur Rahman Tuhin sang *Sraban-o-jhula tey Amon-obadole tumi kotha, Aji tomar kachhey bhashia jaye ontor amar and Kobey erishito moru*.

Sumona Bardhan was next. The artiste rendered three Nazrul songs -- *Ajhor dhara-e borsha jhorey, Bondhu phira esho* and *Tomar amar ejey biroho*. Pining for a beloved one, solitude, mourning, lost love and pondering bygone opportunities -- Nazrul's interpretation of complex emotions in his 'rain songs' remain unmatched. Sumona also performed *Abar tui bandhili basha*, an Atul Prasad song. The artiste whose vocals reminds one of refreshing 'Sandhya

Mukherjee lilt' received rounds of applause from the audience.

The last singer of the evening was Naseema Shaheen. Perhaps the artiste was feeling a little under the weather, as her vocal organs did not seem to fully cooperate. After a shaky start, Naseema's rendition did seem to liven up. The singer performed Nazrul songs -- *Deep nibhia chhey jhorey, abar ki elorey badol, Porodeshi megh* and *Shanjer pakhira phirilo kula-e*.

A packed venue indicated that classic Bengali 'rain songs' still appeal to music enthusiasts. Getting drenched in the monsoon or staying indoors, enjoying the rhythm of trickles -- songs about rain continue to be tied in with our innermost emotions.



Close Up talent hunt auditions

## 'Yes' to promising singers

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Chittagong

Twelve promising songsters got Yes Cards in the selection round of the country-wide *Close Up 1*-ntv talent search programme that ended here in the port city on Monday.

Over 2000 participants from different parts of greater

Chittagong took part in the four-day programme that began at the Theatre Institute Chittagong (TIC) auditorium on July 14.

After a lively audition round of the first three days, 96 participants were selected for the selection round of the talent search in Chittagong held on July 17.

The judges of the three-day audition round included Sujeel Shayam, Ahmed Imtiaz Biulbul, Selim Ashraf, Jalal Ahmed, Pranab Ghosh, Anisur Rahman Tanu, Kumar Biswajit, Fahmidha Nabi, Basudeb Ghosh, Monowar Hossain Tutul, Piyari Khan, Partha Barua and Sumona Bardhan.



A contestant auditions in Chittagong

## Aniston opens door to 'Friends' reunion

AP, London

Jennifer Aniston says she would like to reprise her role as Rachel Green in a reunion show of TV's most famous group of 'Friends.'

"The only thing I can think of maybe for fun, is doing a Thanksgiving episode," Aniston said in a TV interview that was set to air on Channel Four. "Our Thanksgiving episodes were really fun."

'Friends', which centred on the lives of six young friends living in Manhattan, ended its 10-year run in 2004.

The NBC comedy also starred Courteney Cox, Lisa Kudrow, Matt LeBlanc, Matthew Perry and David Schwimmer.

Aniston, 37, was in London to promote her new film, 'The Break-Up', co-starring Vince Vaughn.



## Golmaal: A quirky comedy about pranks

A recent crop of Bollywood films such as *Pyaare Mohan, Tom Dick and Harry* and *Chup Chup Ke* have a comical element, despite being set around a handicap. Now, *Golmaal* joins the bandwagon.

The film hinges on an elderly, blind husband and wife (Paresh Rawal and Sushmita Mukherjee) living in a carrot-coloured mansion. They await the arrival of their only grandson, Samir, settled in the US.

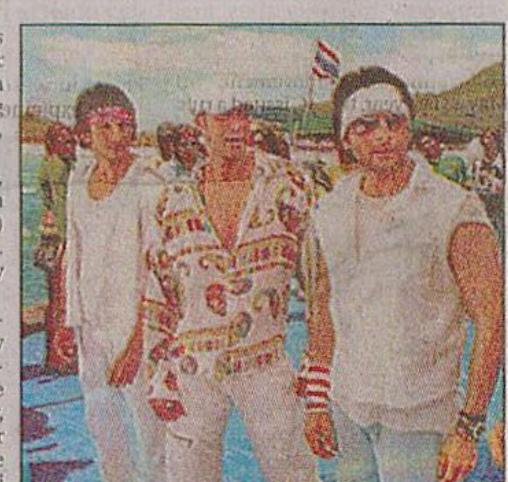
Meanwhile, four certified pranksters Gopal, the bully (Ajay Devgan); Madhav, the procrastinator (Arshad Warsi); Laxman, the coward (Sharmaji Joshi); and Lucky, the babbling dummy (Tushar Kapoor) are thrown out of college by their shrieking Dean (Manoj Joshi) and hounded by the local moneylender, Vasooli (Mukesh Tiwari). The aged duo's bungalow appears to be the perfect hideout.

Laxman gets roped in reluctantly and agrees to play the US returned grandson, while Gopal becomes his voice. Madhav and Lucky are mute spectators to this con show. To add to the confusion, director Rohit Shetty introduces a romantic angle with Nirali (Rimi Sen).

Thankfully, the film is without too many song sequences, other than the playful title number (by Vishal Shekhar) that keeps popping up every now and then.

Ultimately, say the critics, while *Golmaal* works in its consistent fun. Even if circumstances are not really humorous, the reactions they invoke are.

Source: Internet



A scene from Golmaal

## TV GUIDE

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

## BTV

10:00 Satellite Broadcast  
12:15 Shongbadpoter Pata Thoke

Ma O Shishu Sisimpur

02:40 Selected Programme

03:05 Hjol Tomai

03:30 Geet Bilan

04:00 Protash Alo

04:30 Desh O Bigyan

05:05 Mat O Manush

05:30 Cartoon

06:10 Malanchya

07:00 Shustibh Thakun

Bhalo Thakun

08:35 Drama Serial: Shop Ludu

10:25 Teknal Thekey Tetulia

12:30 Omnidashi

12:15 Cinema Cinema

12:50 Ganey Shurey

Tarunire

01:25 Motamol

02:30 Drama Serial: Anondo

03:15 Bedona Gantibyo

04:20 Drama serial: Bhalobashor Rong

05:30 Shapla Sheluk

04:20 Kj Kori

05:10 Shobor Jonno

05:45 Islami Sawai O Jobob

06:20 The Sword Of Tipu

Sutan

08:00 Drama Serial:

Sharabala

Potichola

08:30 Drama Serial:

Shukher Lagiya

09:00 Drama Serial: Hoi Hoi

## Channel-i

09:30 Shongbad Potrey

Bangladesh

10:35 Citycell Face to Face (live)

09:30 Drama Serial: Tushar Rohnsho

Rohsho

10:35 Citycell Face to Face

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