

Exhibition

Quamrul's unique lines and hues

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NINETY-NINE paintings and sketches by Quamrul Hassan, from journalist Mizanur Rahman's collection, are on display at Bengal Gallery. Quamrul Hassan and Mizanur Rahman were fast friends who shared their experiences in life and helped each other. Quamrul Hassan was once Mizanur Rahman's teacher. When Mizanur Rahman became a publisher and editor he commissioned numerous works by his friend. Today that both have parted this world the exhibition stands a tribute to their friendship.

Quamrul Hassan, born and educated in India, has had many solo exhibitions in UK, Hong Kong, Japan, Myanmar, Pakistan, Malaysia, and India. He won the President's gold medal in 1965, and the Independence Award by the Government of Bangladesh in



CULTURAL FEAS

Painting & Drawing

Exhibition of Quamrul Hassan

Title: Quamrul Hassan in Line and Colour

Venue: Bengal Gallery of Fine Arts, Bengal Shilpalaya, House 275/F, Road 27, Dhanmondi

Date: September 20-October 4

Time: 12:00 pm to 8:00 pm

Painting Exhibition

Title: Conventional Abstract

Artist: Abdus Salam

Venue: Dots Contemporary Art Centre, 191/A, Haque Tower, Tejgaon-Gulshan Link Road, Tejgaon

Date: September 16-30

Time: 11:00 am to 8:00 pm

1979. The special gallery of Quamrul Hassan at the National Museum has one thousand and five hundred paintings and sketches done by him. During the Liberation War he was head of the Publicity Division of the Bangladesh Government. He retired as the director of Design Centre, Bangladesh Small and Cottage Industries Corporation. Till his death he worked as a freelance artist.

In "Reclining woman" in watercolour on paper, we find a woman with bare bosoms. She wears a simple white sari with a narrow vermilion border, with a few scarlet bangles; reclining on her bed, with one of her legs perked up. In the backdrop of deep red is an arrangement of yellow flowers in a porcelain cup. Another beautiful female portrait is "Woman and parrot". Bold broad splashes of blue, red and green form the subject and the pet bird. The background remains untouched beige. This is done in poster colours on paper.



Works by Quamrul Hassan (from top-right): Self-portrait, Razakar, Woman and parrot and Flower and birds

The famous creation of "Three women" was done with felt pen on paper. The female forms are clad in yellow, orange and mauve saris, have silver waist chains and have their faces covered decorously with the sari ends. In their hands are clay pitchers for carrying water from the river nearby. Broad banana leaves in mauve and yellow are there in the backdrop. "Flower and birds", watercolour on paper, bring in nature's glory with birds, blossom and entwining leaves in branches. Done in red, beige, burnt sienna and blue, the work highlights flora and fauna embracing each other.

A moving linocut in black and white is "Bangladesh 1974". This has women being embraced by men, birds, reptiles and other

living forms all entangled with one another. "Nude women", done in oil on canvas, have female forms in golden hues. Bangles and beads decorate the women with flowing long, blue hair. Broken abstract images in blue and vermilion form the background. Another painting features the mother and child theme done in a semi abstract manner, brining in fish, child, woman and blossoms.

Quamrul's famous sketch "Razakar" shows Yahya Khan with prayer beads in hand, with fangs for teeth and burning, vicious evil eyes, mussed up shoulder-length hair and sharp talon. The portraits of the "baul" and lotus-eyed woman, done in the most economic of lines, are also remarkable.



Movie Watch

Blackout: In pursuit of dreams

CULTURAL CORRESPONENT

*Blackout*, a film by Tokon Thakoor, which had its premiere recently at the Russian Cultural Centre, presented the day-to-day lives of two young friends. Scripted and directed by Tokon Thakoor, the length of the film is 97 minutes.

One of the protagonists, Madol, is a poet while the other, Rafi, is an artist. They live in an attic, putting on an appearance of well-being. In the absence of any endearing love life they turn to painting, poetry, sitting and talking things over and analysing their own lives. As they talk the artist is seen with his girl friend at the Goethe Institut tea terrace, Dot art gallery, and the restaurant near the Dhanmandi lake.

The artist and his girl friend, Miti, are also seen in the attic where the two friends stay while the girl poses for his paintings and chats on the cell phone. Her aim is to be a famous fashion model some day. The two friends, the poet and the painter, are also seen going about with their mundane daily activities. The poet dreams of a *baul* whom he knew in his childhood, and also another young woman. The camera also focuses on some faces in the city, friends of the two comrades. The lens has also concentrated on well-known paintings and sculptures in the city.

The story begins with the childhood of one of the friends when he was caught smoking and when he was punished. It tapers off with the duo contemplating making a film. One night, as the eagle sweeps over the moon, and a horse neighs in the backdrop, the two stop their friendly chatting and realise that they are getting nowhere.

The entire film focuses on the life of the director himself, Tokon Thakoor, who is a writer and an artist. He calls it a "docu-fiction" as many of the faces appear as they are in real life such as "Dadu" the old artists' model at the Institute of Fine Arts DU, Kafil Ahmed, a singer,



Scenes from the film

and Bimol baul.

Manzer-e-Haseen Murad says about the film, "The director has tried to draw his personal experiences in the film. His background as a poet and painter is strongly visible in the film. Thus autobiographical elements are there. The

visuals can be related to modern poetry. The theme is the life of a young artist caught between dream and reality, with energy to pursue the dream, notwithstanding the results. As a director Thakoor has the knack of compiling images which is commendable."

Small Screen

Shanjhabela scores 100



A scene from the TV show

CULTURAL CORRESPONENT

Channel 1's daily evening programme *Shanjhabela* aired its 100th episode yesterday. The programme is planned by Aditi Sengupta. Sharlin, Bonya and Jhumur host different episodes of *Shanjhabela*.

The programme is divided into six parts; *Jana din ajana kotha* presents a highlight of important historical events of that date; *Bindu bishorgo* provides general facts about a particular object; clips of a classic film are presented in *Dhrupodi*; *Shobdopara* gives an update on audio market and information on theatre and exhibitions held in Dhaka. In *Boier pata*, a detail of a book is presented and a part of the book is read out and *One highlights* provides the highlights of the day's programmes.

*Shanjhabela*, produced by Debashish Roy, is aired daily at 6:00 pm.



Children perform at a cultural programme organised by World Vision at Phulbari, Mymensingh recently. The programme was a part of a gathering of child forum members

Buzz

Hannibal Lecter rises again

AP, New York

A new *Hannibal Lecter* novel, originally scheduled to come out last year, will be published this December.

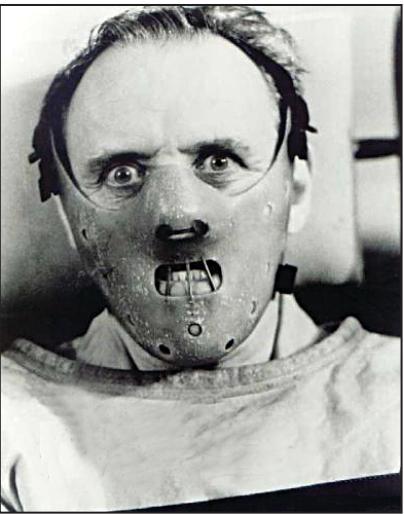
Thomas Harris' *Hannibal Rising*, which tells of the early years of literature's most famous cannibal, is the fourth of the million-selling series that includes *The Silence of the Lambs*, made into an Academy-Award winning film starring Anthony Hopkins.

The new book will have a first printing of at least 1.5 million copies.

"Now, in *Hannibal Rising*, readers will at last learn of Lecter's beginnings and will see the evolution of his evil," Irwyn Applebaum, president and publisher of the Bantam Dell Publishing Group, said in a statement.

Harris' novel was originally titled *Behind the Mask* and was supposed to come out in the fall of 2005. Applebaum declined comment when asked by *The Associated Press* why the book took longer than expected, saying, "Sometimes, that's how the process works."

Harris was simultaneously writing the screenplay for a film version of *Hannibal Rising*, due in early 2007.



Anthony Hopkins in *The Silence of the Lambs*

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.

**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

CHANNEL i

09:45 Public Reaction  
Grameenphone Titilo Matra  
11:05 Naa Bola Kotha  
12:30 Citycell Taroka  
01:05 Ebong Cinemar Gaan  
01:30 Shangbadpotre Bangladesh  
02:40 Shat Rang  
04:05 Educational Programme  
04:25 Shothyer Shondhaney  
06:00 Music Plus  
06:20 Shath Goenda  
07:50 Mega Serial: Bhober Haat  
09:35 Hridoye Mati O Manush  
10:00 Jhora Patar Kabyo  
12:00 Grameenphone  
Aikar Shangbadpotro

**ATN BANGLA**  
10:30 Anyodrishti  
12:00 Bangla Feature Film  
03:45 Shurer Madhuri  
04:20 Children's Programme  
05:10 Job Vacancy  
06:20 Purakirtir Bangladesh  
08:00 Drama Serial: Jol Pore Pata Nore  
08:30 Drama Serial: The New Shobuj Opera

09:00 Drama Serial: Lal Neel Bagune  
09:30 Drama Serial: Ek Jonome  
10:40 Shushtho Thakun  
08:35 Aikar Shokal  
09:00 Drama Serial: Megh Bolechhe Jabo Jabo  
09:30 Dance programme  
10:05 Magic Magic  
10:30 Hip Hip Hurray  
12:05 Apnar Jigyasa  
01:05 Muktangan  
02:35 Drama Serial: Kachher Manush  
03:15 Tomader Pelo Bangladesh  
03:50 Drama Serial: Kuhak  
05:10 Din Darpan/ Itihasher Ei Diney  
05:20 Alokpat  
06:20 Shubho Shondhya  
06:50 Amra Ekhon Unish Kuri  
08:25 Ramizer Aina  
09:10 Drama: Chhayabash  
11:25 Dindarpan

**Rtv**  
08:00 Ei Shokal  
09:05 Aj Potrikay  
09:30 Sa Sa Dhin Tai  
10:00 Ami, Tumi, R...  
02:30 Islamic Programme  
03:40 Bangla Feature Film  
06:00 Aikar Bangladesh Talk Show  
06:35

CHANNEL 1

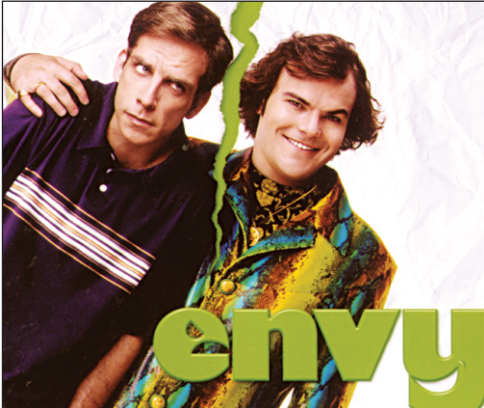
06:40 Wide Angle  
08:00 Aktel Gopsop  
08:50 R-music  
10:50 Drama Serial: Modyaborti  
09:30 Chokh Mele Dekhi  
10:00 Cartoon  
10:30 Talk Show  
11:30 Tele Film  
01:30 Drama: Hat  
03:30 Drama: Korian  
04:30 Drama Serial: Ghor Phera

**BANGLAVISION**  
08:40 Shubho Shokal  
09:05 Get Set Fit  
09:30 Drama Serial: Tarik Ali Hadari  
10:00 Shomoy Ashomoy  
11:30 Cine Bit

PICK OF THE DAY



**Bhober Haat**  
On Channel i at 7:50 pm  
Mega Serial  
Cast: ATM Samsuzamman, Fazlur Rahman Babu



**Envy**  
On HBO at 9:30 pm  
Genre: Comedy  
Cast: Ben Stiller, Jack Black, Rachel Weisz

05:30 The Triangle - Ep. 03  
07:00 Freaky Friday  
08:40 Hide And Seek

**STAR PLUS**  
10:00 V Trailers - Star Plus  
10:30 Kyaa Hoga Nimmo Kaa  
12:25 Bolly V - Star Plus  
12:30 V Trailers - Star Plus  
12:55 V First Day First Show-Starplu  
01:00 Mirch Masala  
01:30 Shararat - Thoda Jadu Todhi Naz  
02:00 V First Day First Show-Starplu  
02:05 V Trailers - Star Plus  
02:25 Bolly V - Star Plus  
02:30 Maal Hai To Taal Hai  
03:00 Karm Apna Apna  
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05:30 Krishna Kathaiyen  
06:30 Brandy And Mr. Whiskers  
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**STAR WORLD**  
10:30 The Bold And The Beautiful  
12:30 Rendezvous With Simi Garewal  
01:00 Travel Asia  
01:30 Miss World 2006  
02:00 Yes Dear  
02:30 Wild Card  
03:30 The Simpsons  
04:00 Growing Up Gotti  
04:30 Miss World 2006  
05:30 Criminal Minds  
06:30 Ghost Whisperer  
07:30 Philly  
08:30 Tna Xplosion  
09:30 Miss World 2006  
10:30 Enterprise  
11:30 Cops

**SONY**  
09:30 Chart Busters Movie Based  
10:00 Music Mantra Music  
10:30 Music Beats Music  
11:00 Crime Patrol Thriller  
11:30 Akela Thriller/ Horror  
12:30 Jhalak Dikhla Jaa - Gala 3 Dance  
02:00 Boogie Woogie Dance  
03:00 Maltnee - Ramji  
03:30 Londonwale Movie  
04:30 Contd. Contd.  
06:30 Music Beats Music  
07:30 Chart Busters Others  
08:00 Khushi Ki Duniya Drama  
08:30 Cine Prime - Zeher Movie

09:00 Contd. Contd.  
11:30 Valdehi Drama  
12:00 Contd. Contd.

**DISCOVERY**  
08:30 Wild Discovery  
09:30 Life Unlimited  
10:30 Sci-Fi Zone  
11:30 I shouldn't Be Alive  
12:30 Feast India  
12:30 Yatra-Indian Travels  
01:30 Wild Discovery  
02:30 Discovery's Biggest Shows  
04:30 Wild Discovery  
05:30 Beyond Tomorrow  
06:30 Stung Junkies  
07:30 Wild Discovery  
08:30 Discovery India  
09:30 Sci-Fi-Zone  
10:30 How Do They Do It?  
11:30 World's Strangest UFO Stories

**NATIONAL**  
10:30 Dogs With Jobs  
11:00 Wildlife Diary  
12:00 Nat Geo Junior  
12:30 Seconds from Disaster  
01:30 Air Crash Investigation  
02:30 Naked Science  
03:30 Is It Real?  
05:30 Megastructures  
06:30 Monkey Business  
07:00 Wild Safari  
07:30 Big Cats  
09:30 NG Investigates  
10:30 Wild  
11:30 Interpol Investigates