

CULTURAL FEAS

Solo Art Exhibition

Title: Down Memory Lane
Artist: Rafiqun Nabi
Venue: Bengal Gallery of Fine Arts, Bengal Shilpalaya, House no-275/F, Road no-27 (Old), Dhanmondi
Date: November 20-December 3
Time: 12:00pm-8:00pm

Title: In Colours, In Letters
Artist: Najma Akhter
Venue: Shilpangan Gallery, Road 3, House 13/A, Dhanmondi
Date: November 10-18
Time: 10:00pm-1:00pm & 5:00pm-8:00pm

Chobi Mela IV

Theme: "Boundaries"
Duration: November 9-30

Exhibition Venues: National Museum, Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy, Bengal Gallery, British Council, Alliance Francaise, Goethe Institut, Russian Centre for Science and Cultural and Drik

Moving Exhibition

(on rickshaw vans)
Venues: Mirpur to Mohammadpur, Bahadur Shah Park, Sadarghat to Dhaka University

Workshops and portfolio reviews
Venues: Pathshala-South Asian Institute of Photography, The British Council and Drik

Film Screening

Organiser: Indian Cultural Centre
 November 18
 6:00 pm Chandmabeshi (Bangla)
 November 20
 6:00 pm Chupke Chupke (Hindi)
 November 24
 6:00 pm Aradhana (Bangla)
 November 27
 6:00 pm Aradhana (Hindi)
Venue: House no-25, Road no-96, Gulshan-2

Photography Exhibition



Title: Dilapidated Architecture of Bangladesh
Photographer: Babu Ahmed
Organiser: University of Asia Pacific & Traditional Photo Gallery
Venue: University of Asia Pacific, H-51, R-4/A, Dhanmondi
Date: November 8-20
Time: 10:00am-6:00pm

Organiser: Dhaka Alokchitra Shobha
Venue: Dots Contemporary Art Centre, 191/A, Haque Tower, Tejgaon-Gulshan Link Road, Tejgaon
Date: November 19-22
Time: 11:00am-8:00pm

In conversation with AKM Zakaria

Films with a message

KAVITA CHARANJI

"I got no support from my family. The only help I got was that they never stopped me from going out or doing late night duties and never tried to get me married forcefully as usually happens with other families." -- Munni Saha, former reporter with ETV and now chief reporter, ATN Bangla.

"As all the policy makers are men, we have to face the same kind of discrimination in newspapers as in other sectors of society... People who distribute assignments among us sometimes discriminate, as most of them are men. They decide how far we can go or not. For instance, they do not allow us to do late night duties as they consider it impossible for us. Our families too are not used to accepting girls working late at night." - Shamima Binte Rahman, former reporter of *Daily Bhorer Kagoj* and currently reporter with Channel 1.

These are the voices of two intrepid and successful female journalists, captured evocatively on film by AKM Zakaria, an avid filmmaker. Eve teasing, discrimination and rigid parental expectations are the bane of women like Munni and Shamima. As Munni points out in Zakaria's documentary titled *In through the outdoor*, "My mother is a bit disappointed as I could not be a school teacher or a government employee."

The bottom line, as the film reveals is that like Munni and others of her ilk are paving the way for

Zakaria behind the camera (Top), Munni Saha in the documentary *In through the outdoor* (Bottom-left)

succeeding generations through their long struggle for gender equity. How does the film differ from other women-centric works? Zakaria has a ready answer, "In *Outdoor*... there is no commentary, only interviews." Focusing on the theme, he asserts, "In the film I have tried to reveal the discrimination between the two sexes and women's long struggle to succeed in a male-dominated sphere."

Zakaria's passion for filmmaking is exemplified by his record. A previous short film is *Iti, salma* with a somewhat esoteric treatment of the chaotic break up between a man and a woman. This complex work only consists of a series of images -- a phone ringing continuously, a messy room, bits of paper flying around, plants, toys and a clock chiming every hour.

Zakaria's short films and documentaries have won much appreciation. *Iti*, *Salma*, the 16 mm

short fiction, was shown in the competition section of the fifth Annual International Film Festival, Expression En Corto, Mexico 2002, regarded as the most prestigious film festival of Latin America. The film has also been shown at the second Kara Film Festival -- the Karachi International Film Festival, 2002.

Other films include his co-direction and co-scriptwriting of *Shei Dhaka*, *Shei Buriganga*, focusing on the declining state of the river Buriganga. The film was produced by Steps Towards Development. There are several others such as his direction of a short fiction film, for the Bangladesh Short Film Forum.

Now on the anvil for Zakaria is a documentary film on renowned Madrid-based Bangladeshi painter Munirul Islam. The film has been shot in Dhaka, the artist's hometown of Chandpur and Madrid.

Poster competition on combating forced marriages

CULTURAL CORRESPONDENT

Aiming to increase awareness on forced marriage and understanding the legal and religious positions on the practice, the British High Commission in Dhaka, The British Council and Bangladesh National Women Lawyers Association (BNWLA) organised a poster competition with the slogan "Combating forced marriages -- ensuring the rights to consent in marriage".

Winners of the competition were handed awards at the launching of the project, held at the residence of the project, held at the residence of The British High Commissioner on November 16.

This year the prize for best poster design (an amount of Tk 10000) went to Iftekhar-Ul-Karim, who recently completed HSC from Notre Dame College and the prize (an amount of Tk 5000) for best slogan went to Raina Ekram for the slogan "Ar noy nirob dohon, tomaro achhey bechhey neyar odhikar". Raina is a



Raina Ekram (L) receives her award from the chief guest Law Commission Chairman Justice Mustafa Kamal (C)

student of the department of Architecture, Bangladesh University of Engineering and Technology (BUET).

The theme of their work represents the combat against forced

marriage. The project will consist of a series of road shows' including street theatre, panel discussions and generating awareness in different villages throughout the Sylhet region.

Jackson booed during London performance



Michael Jackson made his return to the London stage on November 15 but fans were left disappointed.

The star was widely tipped to perform his classic *Thriller* at the World Music Awards (WMA) event at Earls Court, but only managed to sing a few lines of his charity hit *We Are The World*.

Jackson was at the event to collect a Diamond Award

for selling more than 100 million albums, as well as a Guinness World Record award for sales of his 1982 album *Thriller*. But fans outside the venue were left fuming when Jackson failed to greet them and then revealed he would not be performing -- despite many reports stating he would sing live in the British capital for the first time in nine years.

In the end, Jackson did make it onstage to join a gospel choir performance of the 1985 UK Number one he co-wrote with Lionel Richie as a US response to Band Aid's *Do They Know It's Christmas*. But he only sang a couple of lines, leading to boos from the half-full arena.

After receiving his awards from Beyonce, Jackson thanked his friends, family and fans. He said, "I'm greatly humbled by this award. It was my dream that *Thriller* would become the biggest selling album ever. I thank God and you for its success."

Major winners at the WMA were: Madonna (best pop artist for *Hung Up*), Nelly Furtado (best pop/rock artist for *Maneater*), Beyonce (best R&B artist for *Déjà Vu*), Kanye West (best rap/hip-hop artist for *Touch the Sky*), Shakira (best Latin artist for *Hips Don't Lie*) and James Blunt (best new artist).

Source: Internet

Samia Afreen: Promising face on small screen

KHALID-BIN-HABIB

Samia Afreen is a model-turned-TV show host, frequently seen anchoring the popular game show, *Aktel Hip Hip Hurray*, on ntv. The show showcases musical performances by two singers along with an interesting competition for TV viewers participating from home and abroad.

Samia attained popularity as an anchor with two TV shows *Shubho Shokal* and *Diner Sheshey* on Banglavisian this year. She also anchored a talk show, titled *Shanjibela* on Channel 1. Recently, she signed an agreement with the musical talent on ntv, *Closeup 1 Tomakei Khujche Bangladesh* as an anchor. She will soon be seen in a mega serial titled *Poroshpor*. Samia has also worked in quite a few TV commercials such as ads for Aktel Joy and Laser Medical Centre. She holds a bachelor's degree in English literature.

The emerging TV personality



talked to *The Daily Star* recently. The conversation veered from her life and work to challenging assignments, among others.

Talking about the factors needed to succeed, she says, "There is no formula for success, except honesty and dedication. Everyone has to struggle in his/her own way to become the person they want to be. I am no exception to this rule and I have had to struggle too. In fact I'm still struggling. I have a long way to go and there is a lot I want to do."

Asked about the key sources of inspiration, she says, "My husband encourages me a lot. He also provides me with constructive criticism so I can improve."

Talking about her plans for the future, Samia says, "I am quite content being a model and an anchor and don't wish to pursue acting as a career. I enjoy hosting TV shows and will continue to do so. There is much room for learning and improvement in this field."

AP, London

The new blond Bond -- Daniel Craig -- met his public as *Casino Royale* had its world premiere in London.

Queen Elizabeth II, Elton John and Sharon Osborne were among those in the audience at Leicester Square last Tuesday as Craig made his screen debut as the suave secret agent 007.

Casino Royale, the 21st James Bond film, opened in Britain and North America on Friday. Craig said the movie shows how Bond became who he was. "He makes a few mistakes, but at the end of the day he becomes Bond," he said.

Craig, whose screen credits include *Munich* and *The Jacker*, was already being praised in some quarters as the best Bond since Sean Connery, who played the first Bond role in 1962's *Dr. No*.

An adaptation of Ian Fleming's first-ever Bond novel, *Casino Royale*, was previously filmed as a 1967 spoof starring Peter Sellers. It is one of the few Bond adventures not to feature the M16 gadget-maker Q or the sharp-witted secretary Miss Moneypenny.

But the Sony Pictures film retains many of the essential Bond elements, including sharp suits, gravity-defying chase sequences and spectacular locations. Judi Dench once again appears as Bond's boss, spymaster M.

But the screenplay, partly written by *Crash* writer-director Paul Haggis, provides a grittier-than-usual take

Daniel Craig (R) greets the Queen at the premier of *Casino Royale*

on Bond, showing how he earns his license to kill.

When asked if he prefers his martini shaken or stirred, he replies, "Do I look like I give a damn?"

Craig has already signed up for the 22nd Bond film, due for release in November 2008.

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.

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.

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

08:30 Esho Gaan Shikhi
 11:40 Shukhi Porbar
 12:30 Ma O Shishur Kotha
 01:30 Mati O Manush
 02:15 Sisimpur
 02:40 Bangla Feature Film
 05:05 Nobo Anonde Jago
 07:00 Laukik Bangla
 07:30 Shopto Dinga
 08:35 Documentary
 Programme
 09:00 Documentary
 Programme
 10:25 Tekhnaf Theke
 Tetulia

ATN BANGLA

09:15 Koto China Koto
 Ochina
 10:30 Talk Show
 11:05 Drama Serial:
Hortoner Bibi
 12:15 Shurer Madhuri
 01:30 Talk Show: Nari
 02:30 Bangla Feature Film
 05:00 Gramgonjer Khobor
 05:45 Islamic Programme
 06:20 Business this Week
 08:00 Drama Serial: *Jol*
Pore Pata Nore
 08:30 Drama Serial: *The New Sabuj Opera*
 09:00 Mega Serial: *Laal Neel Beguni*
 09:30 Mega Serial: *Ek Jonome*
 10:40 Shushtho Thakun

CHANNEL-i

08:05 Nazrul Song
 08:30 Shokaler Gaan
 09:30 Shangkadpotrey
 Bangladesh
 09:50 Grameenphone
 Tritomatra
 11:05 Na Bola Kotha
 11:30 Mukto Bazar

12:30

Citycell Taroka
 Kathan
 01:05 Ebong Cinemar
 Gaan
 01:30 Shangbad Potre
 Bangladesh
 01:45 Public Reaction
 02:40 Shathi Rang
 03:30 Banglalink Money
 Talk

04:05

Educational
 Programme
 04:25 Shoyer Shondhaney
 Drama
 05:30 Nirbachon 2007
 06:35 Shathi Goenda
 07:50 Mega Serial: *Bhober Haat*

09:35

Hridoye Mati O
 Manush

10:00

Drama Serial: *Jhora Patar Kabayo*

ntv

09:30 Japan Video Topics
 10:05 Magic Magic
 10:30 Aktel Hip Hip Hurray
 02:30 Drama Serial: *Megh Bolechhe Jabo Jabo Nupur*
 04:25 Din Dorpon/ Ithasher
 Ei Diney
 06:50 Amra Ekhon Unish
 Kuri
 08:25 Drama Serial:
Ramizer Aaina
 09:10 Drama: *Swapno Jot*
 11:25 Din Darpan

Rtv

08:00 Ei Shokal
 Children's
 Programme
 09:30 Antorongo Alap
 10:00 Islamic Programme
 02:30 Islamic Programme
 03:45 Bangla Feature Film:
Obuj Hridoy
 06:00 Aiker Bangladesh

PICK OF THE DAY

Godhuli Belay
 On Channel 1 at 9:30pm
 Drama Serial
 Cast: Meer Sabbir, Richi

06:35 Talk Show:
Prasongik
 06:40 Wide Angle
 08:00 Antorongo Alap
 08:50 R Music
 10:50 Drama Serial:
Modhyo Borti

CHANNEL 1

09:30 Chokh Mele Dekhi
 10:00 Cartoon
 11:30 Telefilm: *Nosto Nir*
 03:30 Drama: *Tala*
 09:30 Drama Serial:
Godhuli Belay
 05:15 Shoptaho Sheshey
 06:00 Saaj Bela
 06:45 Jonotar Istihar
 07:00 Bishwa Jurey
 Shatidin

08:15 Rupali Pata
 09:00 Shondhi Khoney
 09:30 Drama Serial:
Godhuli Belay
 04:30 *Amader Ranna Ghar*
 05:00 *Ebong Classer Bairey*
 05:30 *Din Er Sheshey*
 06:30 Talk Show: *Khola Mone*
 08:10 Drama Serial:
Krishopkoho
 09:15 *Amar Ami*
 09:50 Drama Serial: *Shukher Kata*
 08:45 Beethoven's 2nd
 10:30 The Challenge
 12:30 Final Descent
 02:30 Bad Boys
 04:45 Vanity Fair
 07:30 Double Team
 09:30 Man of the House
 11:30 The Mask of Zorro

HBO

02:15 Exorcist II The Heretic
 04:30 The Real Cancun
 08:30 Garfield The Movie
 10:00 Austin Powers:
 International Man Of
 Mystery
 11:30 First Daughter
 01:20 Red Dragon
 03:30 Cyborg 2
 05:10 Hitchhiker's Guide To
 The Galaxy
 07:00 Sahara
 09:05 On Her Majesty's
 Secret Service

STAR PLUS

08:30 Hum Saath Aath Hain
 09:00 V First Day First Show-

Starplu
 09:05 V Trailers - Star Plus
 09:30 Saans
 10:00 V Trailers - Star Plus
 10:30 Antariksh
 11:00 Antariksh
 11:30 Antariksh
 12:00 Antariksh
 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
 Todi Naz
 01:55 V First Day First Show-
 Starplu
 02:00 V Trailers - Star Plus
 02:25 Bolly V - Star Plus
 02:30 Kora Kagaz
 03:00 Kahaani Ghar Ghar Kii
 05:00 V Trailers - Star Plus
 05:25 V First Day First Show-
 Starplu
 05:30 Krishna Kathaiyen
 06:30 Aladdin
 07:00 Timon And Pumbaa
 07:25 Bolly V - Star Plus
 07:30 Shararat - Thoda Jadu
 Todi Naz
 08:00 Saathii Re
 08:30 Lucky
 09:30 Prithviraj Chauhan
 10:00 Baa Bahoo Aur Baby
 10:30 Nach Baliye 2
 11:30 Thegreatindialau-
 ghterchampion 2
 Saans
 12:25 STAR WORLD
 08:30 Most Haunted
 09:30 Ncis
 10:30 The Bold And The
 Beautiful
 12:30 Rendezvous With Simi
 Gare
 01:00 Travel Asia

01:30 My Wife And Kids
 02:00 The King Of Queen
 02:30 Wild Card
 03:30 Malcolm In The Middle
 04:00 The Office
 04:30 Criminal Minds
 05:30 Desire: Table For
 Three
 06:30 Ghost Whisperer
 07:30 The Simple Life
 08:00 The Simple Life
 08:30 Tna Xplosion
 09:30 World's Most Amazing
 Videos
 10:30 Enterprise
 11:30 Desire: Table For
 Three
 08:30 Wild Discovery
 09:30 Discovery Spotlight
 10:30 Discovery Spotlight
 11:30 Honey We're Killing
 The Kids
 12:30 Stunt Junkies
 01:00 Discovery Week
 01:30 Attenborough Special
 02:30 Discovery's Biggest
 Shows
 04:30 Wild Discovery
 05:30 Discovery Marquee
 07:30 Wild Discovery
 08:30 Discover India
 09:30 Destination India
 10:30 Discovery Week
 11:00 Feast India
 11:30 Deadliest Catch

NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC

08:30 Wild
 09:30 Shark Quest
 10:30 Sunday Night Special
 12:30 NG Investigates
 Terrorism
 02:30 Wild Safari
 03:00 Wild Safari

03:30 Naked Science
 04:30 Going To School In
 India
 05:00 Dogs With Jobs
 05:30 Nat Geo Junior
 06:30 Nat Geo Junior
 06:30 Seconds From
 Disaster
 07:30 Secrets of Turtle Tomb
 08:30 Indyehal
 09:30 Leopards of Bollywood
 10:30 Nat Geo Utsav
 11:30 The Mafia
 08:30 Om Namah Shivay
 Spiritual
 09:00 Telebrands
 09:30 Teleshopping
 Chart Busters Movie
 Based
 10:00 Music Mantra Music
 10:30 Music Beats Music
 11:00 Cadburys Bournvita
 Quiz Contest Drama
 11:30 Current Bollywood
 Others
 12:00 Man Mein Hai
 Vishwas Spiritual
 12:30 Contd. Contd.
 01:00 Akela Thriller
 01:30 Contd. Thriller
 02:00 Boogie Woogie
 Dance
 03:00 Maitnee - Qayamat
 Movie
 06:30 Music Beats Music
 07:00 Music Mantra Music
 07:30 Chart Busters Others
 08:00 Khushi Ki Duniya
 Drama
 08:00 Boogie Woogie
 Dance
 09:00 Bigg Boss Masala
 Reality Based
 10:00 Akela Contd.
 11:00 Khauffnaak Contd.