

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

**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 Land 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 24  
6:00 pm Aradhana (Bangla)  
November 27  
6:00 pm Aradhana (Hindi)  
*Venue:* House no-25, Road no-96, Gulshan-2

**Photography Exhibition**

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

**Solo Art Exhibition**  
*Artist:* Samiran Chowdhury  
*Venue:* Art & Soul Gallery  
*Date:* November 24-December 4  
*Time:* 11:00pm-08:00pm

**Puppet Theatre Evening**  
*Organiser:* Goethe Institute Dhaka and The Royal Danish Embassy  
*Venue:* Goethe Institute Auditorium  
*Date:* November 29  
*Time:* 03:30pm&06:30pm

**Seminar on Archaeology in Bangladesh**  
*Organiser:* Goethe Institute Dhaka  
*Venue:* Goethe Institute Auditorium and on site  
*Date:* December 2-9

# Down Memory Lane

## Eighth solo painting exhibition of Rafiqun Nabi



Artworks by Rafiqun Nabi: *Madonna* (L) and *Tokai*

ERSHAD KAMOL

NOSTALGIA is the theme of the eighth solo painting exhibition of renowned artist and cartoonist Rafiqun Nabi. Using different media such as acrylic, oil and water colour, Nabi has touched human emotions as well as the interrelationship between man, animal and nature. In this sense, he is romantic in approach. Some of these paintings are reflections of the artist's psyche and some are the realistic presentations of the rural fauna and flora.

The specialty of the ongoing exhibition at the Bengal Shilpalaya titled, *Down Memory Lane*, is the different dimensional use of colours and compositions. Seventy six canvases are on display: Some of the canvases are huge and multi-dimensional, a departure from Nabi's norm. And the most important feature of the seasoned artist's exhibition is the varied and optimal use of acrylic medium.

The canvases featuring Nabi's memories and his close association with nature, are very bright in particular. He has used vibrant colours such as blue, green, black and others in these paintings. Interestingly the human figures on these canvases are also very bold. In fact Nabi has presented the inner emotion of the human beings through black and blue

shades. And the characters of the paintings are everyday working class people.

Nabi's landmark character 'Tokai' (rag picker) is also included in the exhibition. But this time Tokai has been presented more aesthetically. Nabi has used only charcoal as the medium for the *Tokai* canvases, though for some years he presented his popular character using different colours. On this regard the artist said, "I was not satisfied using colours for *Tokai*. Though the street children struggle throughout their lives, their surroundings are very colourful. The charcoal drawn *Tokai* series in my array of colourful romantic canvases is sort of a metaphor. Plus the black and white *Tokai* series gets extra attention in midst of so many colourful canvases."

Inaugurated on November 19, the exhibition will continue till December 3. The exhibition was inaugurated by eminent educationist Professor Khan Sarwar Murshid. Artist Qayyum Chowdhury and *The Daily Star* editor and publisher Mahfuz Anam were special guests of the event.

Luva Nahid Chowdhury, director general of Bengal Foundation, delivered the welcome speech at the inauguration programme.



The artist

## In conversation with Tanvin Sweetie

### Delving deep into the world of acting

MAHMUDA AFROZ

Tanvin Sweetie describes herself as a human being who is an actress on screen but a very simple and emotional girl off screen. She grew up in a big happy family of seven sisters and two brothers. Playing dolls with her sisters and running around in the open fields with her siblings are some of her first and fondest memories of childhood. Today she is the very successful small screen actress Sweetie.

Sweetie did not emerge on the scene as an actress initially. As a matter of fact she was among that generation of models who bought a complete roundabout change to the advertising scene in Bangladesh. She began her modelling career with Afzal Hossain's Diamond Brand in 1991. "I was interested in modelling and went with a friend of mine for the screen test. Within a week I was called for the shoot. But I was so nervous and uncomfortable in front of the camera that it took me 12 takes to give my first shot." However, later when she saw herself on TV she couldn't believe it was the same girl.

After that first commercial Sweetie understood she needed grooming and went to a grooming school. Later on, Afzal Hossain's advice she also enrolled herself in the 'theatre school' in Bailey Road. "Soon I overcame my nervousness and acted in my first ever play *Sporndha* by Abdullah Mamun. I won accolades for my role in that. I also continued full fledged with the ramp, still and TV modelling."

"After four years I did my first ever television serial *Shopner prithibi*. It was with Mamunur Rashid's serial *Shundori* that my name finally changed from model Sweetie to actress Sweetie. That was another positive step in my career," informs this Virgo. Some of her highly acclaimed serials are *Dokanir bou*, *Haraner nath jamai*, *Roopali nodir dheu*, *Jamila* and *Labonno probha*.

These days Sweetie hardly takes modelling assignments. She says in explanation, "I cannot concentrate and give my best to two things at the same time. I had my share of fame for modelling and thought it was time to broaden my horizons. In acting I have to play out the character of so many different people; in modelling the scope was limited during our times: we had to be beautiful well groomed women just showcasing a product."

Asking her the pros and cons of being a popular artiste, Sweetie says, "I feel very embarrassed and bad when I go to a marriage or a religious festival and people around forget the main occasion and either come up to me or keep whispering about me. On the other hand I enjoy the love the audience showers on me. On the streets I am often stopped for a quick chit chat and I like talking with my fans."

Talking about some of the ongoing mega serials she says, "While there are plenty of single episodes going on air: I think *Dokhiner janala khola*, *alo ashey alo fire jay* by Mezbaur Rahman Shumon has been made brilliantly. It



Tanvin Sweetie

will be aired on Rtv tomorrow (November 10) of this month. It is the story of a girl who is mentally imbalanced. In our society such a person is branded as being mad. But no one delves into the details of why she/he becomes so."

Has Sweetie's family life been affected by her tight and busy schedule? Sweetie exclaims "I am perfectly happy and so is my family. For some reason general people think our lifestyle is very different and that we neglect our family, this is applicable especially for women. But our job is like any other professional job. For that matter I think it is less hectic than a private job where the hours are crazy. Why are they not accused?"

Last but not the least, Sweetie requests the people of Bangladesh all around the globe to watch Bangladeshi channels more than ever before. "We have great entertainment on our channels; why should we watch foreign channels when they don't even air our channels in their country? This is also a form of patriotism," she concludes.

## TV Watch

### 'Hattimatimtim': A show for tiny tots

CULTURAL CORRESPONDENT

*Hattimatimtim*, a fortnightly TV show for children, is being aired Tuesdays at 3:45pm on ATN Bangla since 2003.

The show, based on the everyday activities of young children (aged between three to six), consists of two segments -- studio part and outside of the studio part. In the first part, children showcase their talents in extempore speaking, acting and miming. It also includes sketches, story telling, games and quizzes for the kids. Dr Begum Jahanara hosts this part. The second part includes a discussion session with the children's parents at their residences.



Dr Begum Jahanara (2-R) with young ones in the show

Asked about the show, Shampa Mahmud, director of the show and producer of ATN Bangla, said, "Children can sharpen their creativity through fun and games. The show seeks to represent everyday life of the young ones. The show is entertaining and as well educational and it tries to reflect the imagination of children. The simplicity of *Hattimatimtim* has been designed to give children a sense of achievement and success, to make them feel more confident and assured."

"Nawajish Ali Khan, senior vice president (programme) of ATN Bangla, is the mastermind of the show. The 50th episode of the show will be aired on December 5."

## Tom Cruise and Katie Holmes tie the knot

Hollywood stars Tom Cruise and Katie Holmes were married On November 18 in a medieval castle in Italy. The ceremony was, apparently, fairytale, even if outside the fans were left a little grumpy. It rained, and no one came out to sign autographs.

The two actors were reported to have made emotional vows to each other in a hall decorated with roses and lit by thousands of candles, in a celebration conducted by a Church of Scientology minister and witnessed by 150 family and friends. The event on its own, however, without any kind of civil service, is not legally binding in Italy or elsewhere in the world, and is being seen as ceremonial. It didn't matter, the media were still there, almost outnumbering the fans.

Details of the ceremony began filtering out shortly after it was announced that Cruise, 44, had married his bride, who is 17 years his junior.



(L-R) Holmes, Cruise and their daughter Suri at the wedding

Among those watching the ceremony were Cruise's two adopted children by second wife Nicole Kidman. The couple's seven-month-old daughter, dressed in white, was also present. The guests included Jennifer Lopez and her husband Marc Antony, Brooke Shields, Victoria Beckham and her sister -- without husband David who had to return to Spain after being ordered back by Real Madrid -- Giorgio Armani and his niece Roberta, and Priscilla Presley.

Source: Internet

## TV GUIDE

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

### \* News Bulletin

**BTB**  
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 BTB 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 BTB 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 BTB 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

**BTB**  
08:10 *Deshar Gaan*  
08:20 *Bishwa Protidin*  
08:30 *Open University*  
11:15 *Shukhi Poribar*  
11:40 *Musical Programme*  
12:30 *Maa O Shisur Kotha*  
01:30 *Mati O Manush*  
02:15 *Selected Programme*  
02:40 *Cartoon*  
04:30 *Band Show*  
05:05 *Talk Show*  
06:40 *Tagore Song*  
07:00 *Oi Nutune Keton Urey*  
09:25 *Lok Lakaloy*  
10:25 *Teknaf Theke Tetulia*

**ATN BANGLA**  
10:30 *Anyodrishti*  
11:05 *Drama Serial: Nire Tar Nii Dheu*  
11:35 *Three Stooges*  
12:15 *Amar Computer*  
01:30 *Shur Chhobi*  
02:30 *Talk Show*  
03:15 *Drama Serial: O Amar Chokkhu Nai*  
03:45 *Children's Programme*  
05:10 *Bangla Namer Desh*  
05:45 *Islamic Programme*  
06:20 *Aynar Shamney*  
07:50 *Drama Serial: Jollad*  
08:20 *Drama Serial: Ferrari*  
08:50 *Drama: Lets Talk*  
10:40 *Talk Show: Mukto Shonglap*

**CHANNEL-i**  
09:30 *Shongbad Potrey Bangladesh*  
09:45 *Public Reaction*  
09:50 *Grameen Phone Tritiyomatra*  
11:05 *Cricket Online (live)*

11:30 *Amar Chhobi*  
12:30 *Aaj Dupurey O Citycell Tarokakothon*  
01:05 *Ebong Cinemar Gaan*  
01:30 *Shanghabadpotre Bangladesh*  
01:45 *Public Reaction*  
02:40 *Humayun Ahmed's Selected Drama*  
04:05 *Amader Gaan*  
04:30 *Sharif Melamine Shangitmla*  
04:50 *Sa Re Ga Ma*  
05:30 *i Sports*  
06:00 *Chhayajhankar*  
06:20 *Shutloy Badha Projapoti*  
07:50 *Rup Rohoshyo*  
08:20 *Drama Serial: Ferrari*  
09:35 *Ekhoney Shomoy*  
10:00 *Drama Serial: Shada Rang Er Swapno*  
12:00 *Grammenphone Ajker Shanghabadpotro*

**ntv**  
08:35 *Aajker Shokal*  
09:05 *Drama Serial: Labonyaprobha*  
10:30 *Music Express*  
11:00 *Cine Gaan*  
11:30 *Gambhira*  
12:02 *Single Episode Drama*  
01:00 *Muktangan*  
02:30 *Ramizer Aina*  
03:15 *Kichhu Kotha Kichhu Gaan*  
04:25 *Din Darpan*  
05:15 *Apnar Jigyasha*  
05:20 *Shubho Shondhya*  
06:20 *K Tahare Chinite*  
06:50 *Parey*  
08:25 *Drama Serial: Labonyo Probha*

PICK OF THE DAY

**Amader Anondo Bari**  
On ntv at 9:50pm  
Drama Serial  
Cast: Tarana Halim, Ahmed Reza Rubel

09:00 *Talk Show: Joyitar Joyjatra*  
09:50 *Drama Serial: Amader Anondo Bari*  
11:25 *Din Dorpon*  
08:40 *Shuprobhat Bangladesh*  
09:30 *Chokh Mele Dekhi*  
10:30 *Bangla Feature Film*  
03:30 *Drama Serial: Daar Kak*  
04:30 *Bioscope*  
05:15 *Shukh Tara*  
06:00 *Saaj Bela*  
06:30 *Top News*  
06:45 *Ithasher Path Dhorey*  
07:00 *Nongor*

PICK OF THE DAY

**Commander in Chief**  
On Star World at 10:30pm  
TV Series  
Cast: Geena Davis, Donald Sutherland

08:15 *Drama Serial: Daar Kaak*  
09:00 *Fashion Programme: Rupantorer Golpo*  
09:30 *Fusion Biz*  
10:50 *Expression*  
08:10 *Drama Serial: Shonar Fhoal*  
09:20 *Agamir Kontho*  
08:30 *Om Namah Shivay Spiritual*  
09:00 *Telebrands Tele*  
09:30 *Shopping*  
10:00 *Charbusters Music*  
10:30 *Music Mantra Music*  
11:00 *Man Mein Hai Visswas*  
12:00 *Kaajjal - Sabbki Ankhon Mein Basi Drama*  
12:30 *PM Ek Ladki Anjaani Si*  
01:00 *PM Thodi Khushi Thode*

10:30 *Bigg Boss Reality Based*  
11:00 *Vaidehi Drama*  
11:30 *Khauffnaak Thriller/ Horror*  
**STAR PLUS**  
09:00 *V First Day First Show- Starplu*  
09:30 *Kumkum - Pyara Sa Bandhan*  
10:00 *V Trailers - Star Plus*  
10:30 *Shaka Laka Boom Boom*  
11:30 *Karam Apnaa Apnaa*  
12:00 *V Trailers - Star Plus*  
12:25 *Bolly V - Star Plus*  
12:30 *Resham Dankh*  
01:00 *Kasautii Zindagii Kay*  
01:30 *Kumkum - Pyara Sa Bandhan*  
02:00 *Bhabhi*  
02:30 *Kesar*  
03:00 *Saarthi*  
03:30 *Kyunki Saas Bhi Kabhi Bahu Thi*  
04:00 *Kahin To Hoga*  
04:30 *Karam Apnaa Apnaa*  
05:00 *Prithviraj Chauhan*  
05:30 *Antariksh*  
05:55 *V First Day First Show- Starplu*  
06:00 *V Trailers - Star Plus*  
06:25 *Bolly V - Star Plus*  
06:30 *Aladdin*  
07:00 *Timon And Pumbaa*  
06:25 *Bolly V - Star Plus*  
07:30 *Sonpari*  
07:55 *Bolly V - Star Plus*  
08:00 *Karishma Ka Karishma*  
08:30 *Antariksh*  
09:00 *Kasautii Zindagii Kay*  
09:30 *Viraasat*  
10:00 *Karam Apnaa Apnaa*  
10:30 *Kahaani Ghar Ghar Kii*  
11:00 *Kyunki Saas Bhi Kabhi Bahu Thi*

11:30 *Kahin To Hoga*  
12:00 *Paraya Dhan*  
**HBO**  
08:15 *Crocodile Dundee*  
10:15 *Crash Landing*  
12:00 *Bad Boys (1995)*  
02:15 *Mortal Kombat Annihilation*  
04:15 *Empire of The Sun*  
07:15 *The Corruptor*  
09:30 *A Cinderella Story*  
11:30 *Hero of Hong Kong 1949*  
01:45 *Blade: Trinity*  
04:00 *Tales From The Crypt 24: As Ye Sow*  
04:45 *Mean Girls*  
**STAR MOVIES**  
08:20 *Moonraker*  
10:30 *Confessions Of A Sociopathic Soc*  
12:00 *Mrs Doubtfire*  
02:05 *Braveheart*  
05:00 *Diamonds Are Forever*  
07:10 *For Your Eyes Only*  
09:00 *Edison*  
11:00 *Diamonds Are Forever*  
**STAR WORLD**  
09:00 *The Simpsons*  
09:30 *The Oprah Winfrey Show*  
10:30 *My Wife And Kids*  
11:00 *The King Of Queen*  
11:30 *Grey's Anatomy*  
12:30 *Everybody Loves Raymond*  
01:00 *Becker*  
01:30 *Knight Rider*  
02:30 *Oprah Winfrey Show*  
03:30 *The Bold And The Beautiful*  
04:30 *General Hospital*  
05:30 *Desire: Table For Three*  
06:30 *The Simpsons*  
07:00 *Cheers*

07:30 *Friends*  
08:00 *Seinfeld*  
08:30 *One Tree Hill*  
09:30 *Ghost Whisperer*  
10:30 *Commander In Chief*  
11:30 *Desire: Table For Three*  
**NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC**  
08:30 *Night On The Wild*  
09:30 *The Real Serengeti*  
10:30 *Dark Side of Elephants*  
11:30 *Air Crash Investigation*  
12:30 *Crime Night*  
02:30 *Nat Geo Encores*  
03:30 *The Real Serengeti*  
04:30 *Nat Geo Junior*  
06:30 *The Real Serengeti*  
07:30 *Lions Behaving Badly*  
08:30 *Naked Science*  
09:30 *Is It Real?*  
10:30 *The Real Serengeti*  
11:30 *Rated W*  
**DISCOVERY CHANNEL**  
08:30 *Attenborough Special*  
09:30 *Discovery Marquee*  
11:30 *Extreme Machines*  
12:30 *Honey We're Killing the Kids*  
01:30 *Tiger Special*  
03:30 *Ultimate Guide*  
04:30 *Attenborough Special*  
05:30 *Junkyard Wars*  
06:30 *Deadliest Catch*  
07:30 *Tiger Special*  
08:30 *Honey We're Killing the Kids*  
09:30 *Bringing Home Baby*  
10:00 *Runway Moms*  
10:30 *Science Frontiers*  
11:30 *America's Most Haunted Places*