

CULTURAL FEAST

Solo Art Exhibition

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

Chobi Mela IV

Theme: "Boundaries"
Duration: November 9-30

Exhibition Venues: National Museum, Bangladesh Shilpala 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 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 Alochitro Shobha
Venue: Dots Contemporary Art Centre, 19/1A, Haque Tower, Tejgaon, Gulshan Link Road, Tejgaon
Date: November 12-22
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

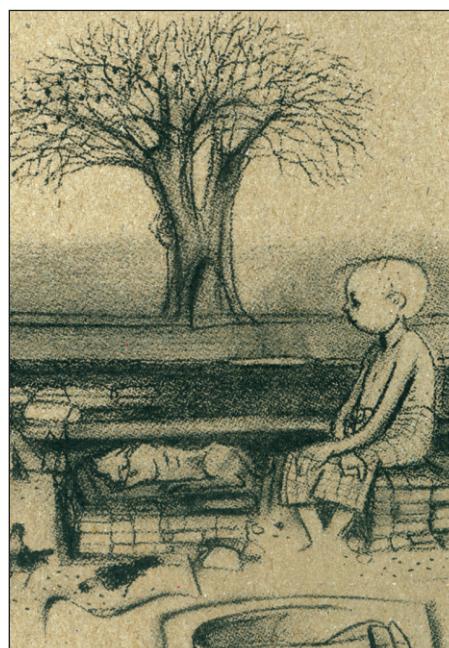
Organiser: Goethe Institute Dhaka
Venue: Goethe Institute Auditorium and on site
Date: December 2-9

Down Memory Lane

Eighth solo painting exhibition of Rafiqun Nabi



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



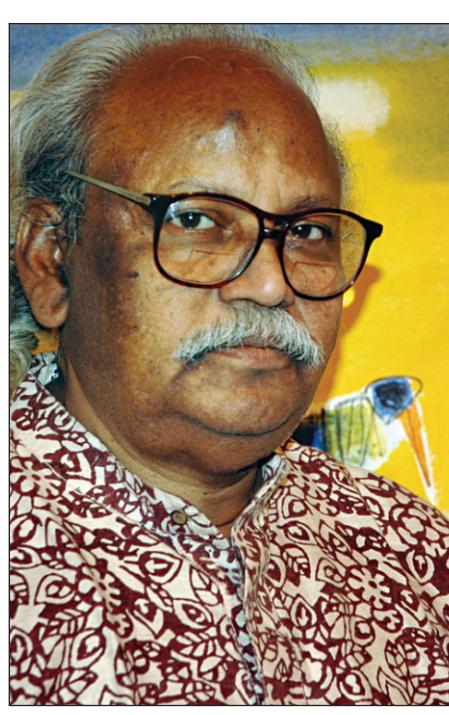
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The artist

The specialty of the ongoing exhibition at the Bengal Shilpala 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

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TV Watch

'Hattimatimtim': A show for tiny tots

CULTURAL CORRESPONDENT



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."

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.

In conversation with Tanvin Sweety
Delving deep into the world of acting

MAHMUDA AFROZ

Tanvin Sweety 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 Sweety.

Sweety 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 Sweety 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 Baily Road. "Soon I overcame my nervousness and acted in my first ever play *Spordha* 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 *Shoper pribiti*. It was with Mamunur Rashid's serial *Shundori* that my name finally changed from model Sweety to actress Sweety. That was another positive step in my career," informs this Virgo. Some of her highly acclaimed serials are *Dokanir bou*, *Hararer nath jama*, *Roopali nodir dheru*, *Jamila* and *Labbonno probha*.

These days Sweety 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, Sweety 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 kala kholo, alo ashey alo fire jay* by Mezbaur Rahman Shuman has been made brilliantly. It



Tanvin Sweety

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 Sweety's family life been affected by her tight and busy schedule? Sweety 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, Sweety 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.

Tom Cruise and Katie Holmes tie the knot



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

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.

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 Anthony, 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

PICK OF THE DAY



Amader Anondo Bari

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

Commander in Chief

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

10:30	Bigg Boss Reality Based	11:30	Kahiin To Hoga	07:30	Friends
11:00	Vaidehi Drama	12:00	Paraya Dhan	08:00	Seinfeld
11:30	Khauffnaak Thriller/ Horror			08:30	One Tree Hill
				09:30	Ghost Whisperer
				10:30	Commander In Chief
				11:30	Desire: Table For Three
HBO					
08:15	Crocodile Dundee	10:15	Crash Landing	08:30	Empire
12:00	Bad Boys (1995)	12:00	Bad Boys	09:30	The Real Serengeti
02:15	Mortal Kombat	13:00	Annihilation	10:30	Dark Side of Elephants
		13:30	Empire of The Sun	11:30	Air Crash Investigation
		14:00	The Corruptor	12:30	Crime Night
		14:30	A Cinderella Story	20:30	Nat Geo Encores
		15:00	Hero of Hong Kong 1949	03:30	The Real Serengeti
		15:30	Aladdin	04:30	Nat Geo Junior
		16:00	Blade: Trinity	05:30	Lions Behaving Badly
		16:30	Tales From the Crypt: 24 As You Sow	06:30	Confessions Of A Sociopath
		17:00	Resham Dankh	07:30	Mrs Doubtfire
		17:30	Kasauti Zindagi Kay	08:00	Braveheart
		18:00	Kumkum - Pyara Sa	08:30	Diamonds Are Forever
		18:30	Bandhan	09:00	For Your Eyes Only
		19:00	Starplus	09:30	Edison
		19:30	Kumkum - Pyara Sa	10:00	Diamonds Are Forever
		20:00	Bhabhi	10:30	The Simpsons
		20:30	Kesar	11:30	Friends
		21:00	Saamrithi	12:00	Desire: Table For Three
		21:30	Kyunki Saas Bhi Kabhi	12:30	Honey We're Killing the Kids
		22:00	Bahu Thi	01:30	Tiger Special
		22:30	Kahin To Hoga	03:30	Ultimate Guide
		23:00	Karam Apnaa Apnaa	04:30	Attenborough Special
		23:30	Pritiviraaj Chauhan	05:30	Discovery Marquee
		00:00	Starplus	06:30	Extreme Machines
		00:30	My Wife And Kids	07:00	Honey We're Killing the Kids
		01:00	The King Of Queen	07:30	Tiger Special
		01:30	Grey's Anatomy	08:00	Attenborough Special
		02:00	Timon And Pumbaa	08:30	Science Frontiers
		02:30	Everybody Loves Raymond	09:30	America's Most Haunted
		03:00	Aladdin	10:00	Runway Moms
		03:30	Braveheart	10:30	Friends</