

CULTURAL FEAS

Book Launch



Mosque Architecture in Bangladesh
Author: Dr. Abu Sayeed M. Ahmed
Venue: Goethe-Institute Auditorium, House 10, Road 9 (New), Dhanmondi Dhaka.
Date: November 30
Time: 5 pm

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

Artist: Jallur Rabbi Tamim
Venue: Alliance Française de Dacca, 26 Mirpur Road, Dhanmondi
Date: November 24-December 7
Time: Sunday to Friday 9:00am-12:00pm and 5:00pm-9:00pm, Saturday 5:00pm to 8:00pm

Artist: Samiran Chowdhury
Venue: Art & Soul Gallery, Rd No 36, House 16, Gulshan
Date: November 24-December 4
Time: 11:00am-08:00pm

Artist: Hasibur Rahman Kiron
Organiser: Alliance Francaise de Dacca
Venue: La Galerie, 26 Mirpur Road, Dhanmondi Dhaka
Date: December 7-13
Time: 9:00am to 12:00pm and 5:00pm-8:00pm
 Except Saturday 5:00pm-8:00pm

Theatre

Play: Triptych: Art in Three Acts
Troupe: Dhaka Stage
Venue: American International School, Baridhara, Dhaka
Date & Time: November 29 at 7:30pm, November 30 at 8:15pm, December 1 at 7:30pm

Exhibition

Samiran's swirls of colour

KAVITA CHARANJI

SAMIRAN Chowdhury belongs to the category of upcoming artists of Bangladesh. With a multitude of paintings in mixed media, water colour, pastel, oil and acrylic, his works are engaging. Currently on display at the Art & Soul Gallery, is his array of artistic works. The exhibition continues till December 4.

Comprising semi-abstract works along with enchanting female figures, his art embraces a gamut of subjects—the lives of the common people, bathing women, moonlit night and pastoral scenes, among others.

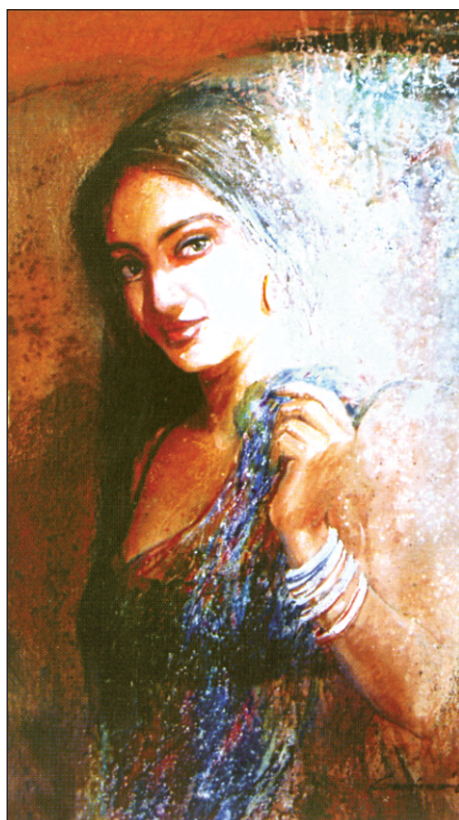
Two of Chowdhury's paintings on display are mixed media works: *Fisherman* and *After Bath*. The former, with shades of blue, white and brown, depicts a fisherman unloading his catch from a boat. The second depicts a half-clad woman in hues of red, green, beige, brown and white. "Though the woman is the focal point of the painting, one needs to see the splash of colours at the base. The work is fun for both the painter and viewer," asserts Chowdhury. Why the fascination for mixed media? Chowdhury says he favours the depth and magnitude offered by this media. While "oil and water colour have one layer, mixed media is more intense," he says.

When it comes to the figures of women, he says that beautiful models are hard to get in Bangladesh, while this profession is looked askance by the conservative elements. Then there is the high cost of hiring them, a damper for artists. The most difficult part of his works, he says, is depicting the intricacies of the human hand which features in many of his paintings.



Artworks by Samiran Chowdhury

Chowdhury has held several solo exhibitions, mostly in Bangladesh. He has also participated in numerous group exhibitions. Recognition has come his way in the form of awards such as the Best Award in Water Colour Annual Art Exhibition, Institute of Fine



Art, University of Dhaka. He is also founder of the Narayanganj Fine Art Institute (Art College) Bangladesh.

The ongoing exhibition is yet another milestone in the artistic career of Chowdhury.

ALL TIME GREATS

Bruce Lee: The Dragon lives on

November 27 marked the 66th birthday of Bruce Lee (born as Bruce Jun Fan Lee), the American-born Chinese martial artiste, instructor, actor, father of the philosophy known as 'Jeet Kune Do' and originator of the martial art called Jun Fan Kickboxing. Bruce Lee is widely regarded as one of the most influential and famous martial artists of all time. He is also widely known as the greatest icon of martial arts cinema and a key figure of modern popular culture.

Lee's films elevated the traditional Hong Kong martial arts film to a new level and sparked a greater interest in Chinese martial arts in the West. His pioneering efforts paved the way for future martial artistes and martial arts actors such as Jackie Chan, Jet Li and Chuck Norris, bringing martial arts films and actors to the mainstream.

He was known as Li Xiaolóng (Lee Little Dragon) in Asian cinema. This name was first used by the directors of the early Cantonese movies in which Lee performed. It is likely that he was called by that name because he was born in the Year of the Dragon and in the Hour of the Dragon, according to the Chinese zodiac.

In 1959, Bruce got into a fight with a feared Triad gang member's son in Hong Kong. His father became concerned about his safety and Bruce was sent to the United States to live with an old friend of his father's. All he had

was US \$100 and the title of 1958 Crown Colony Cha Cha Champion of Hong Kong. After living in San Francisco, he moved to Seattle. Lee completed his high school education in Seattle. He enrolled at the University of Washington as a Philosophy Academic major. There he met his future wife Linda Emery. Bruce and Linda married in 1964 and had two children together, Brandon Lee and Shannon Lee.

Lee went on to star as Kato in the TV series *The Green Hornet*, which ran from 1966 to 1967. Lee often used film cameras to teach and demonstrate his martial arts fighting techniques and theories.

He also appeared in the film *Marlowe* in 1969 and a few episodes of the TV series *Longstreet* in 1971. In 1972, Lee introduced Chuck Norris to the big screen, as an opponent in *Return of the Dragon* (aka *Way of the*

Dragon).

Lee starred in a number of films, three of which (*Enter the Dragon*, *Way of the Dragon*, and *Game of Death*) premiered after his death.

Bruce Lee was named *TIME Magazine's* 100 Most Important People of the Century and as one of the greatest heroes & icons and among the influential martial artists of the 20th century. The 1993 film *Dragon: The Bruce Lee Story* is a fictionalised biographical film about Bruce Lee.

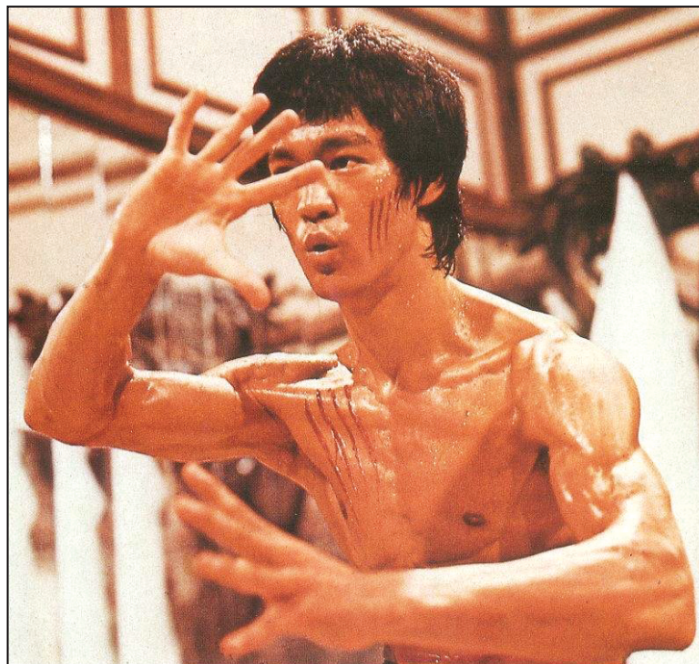
Last year Lee was remembered in Hong Kong with a bronze statue to mark his sixty-fifth birthday.

Bruce Lee's death was officially attributed to cerebral edema.

On July 20, 1973, Bruce Lee died in Hong Kong. He was only 32. The medical staff examining him concluded that the immediate cause of death was cerebral edema. However, the exact details of Lee's death were controversial from the moment it was announced. His sudden death has since passed into the realm of legend, with one legend claiming that Lee faked his death, and will return when he has perfected his martial arts.

In his own words, "I'm not a master. I'm a student-master, meaning that I have the knowledge of a master but I'm still learning. I don't believe in the word 'master.' I consider the master as such when they close the casket."

Compiled by Cultural Correspondent



"When I become angry my neck, forehead, hand, my whole body becomes stiff..." -- Mahfuz

Model, actor, director and former journalist--Mahfuz has done it all. He will soon be seen in his own directorial venture *13th October*. Mahfuz does not believe in acting in mega serials. According to him mega serials mean repeating the same expressions and playing the same character over and over again. Here's more on the actor:

Birth date
October 23.
Describe yourself in a sentence.
I am an uncomplicated middle class Bengali guy.
Any pet name?
None. I am Mahfuz -- at home, among friends, everywhere.
Favourite co-star..
I am fond of all my co-stars; not partial to anyone in particular.
An actor you would love to work with..
Julia Roberts. Though I know it will always remain a dream.
Favourite movie?
Hindi -- Black, English -- Forest Gump and Bangla -- Matir Moina.
Everyone knows about the good sides of their favourite stars, tell us about your not-so-positive side.



I am extremely hot tempered and when I become angry my neck, forehead, hand, my whole body becomes stiff. I also stutter badly.

Fond childhood memories?

As a young one in the village, I loved cows, taking care of them, feeding them grass and even milking them.

Your favourite mobile phone set...

I use Nokia N-73. That is my favourite brand.

Suppose you have won a billion dollars, what is the first thing you would do with the money?

I would make a movie of international standard and show the world that in Bangladesh we are capable of making good movies. The movie will obviously feature Julia Roberts and me.

Are you fond of video games?

I am not a big fan of all that techno stuff. Art, music and cricket do it for me.

Favourite song...

There are so many but at this moment Leaving on a jet plane by John Denver comes to mind.

How do you handle your female fans?

I feel embarrassed when anyone praises me whether it's on my looks, fashion sense or acting skills. It's embarrassing for me whether the fan is a female or male.

Upcoming serials..

Bhabnagulo Onnorkom and Nibhe Jai Nokkhotro with Shuborna Mustafa and Chokher Bali.

Talk show 'Election 2007' on Channel i



(L-R) Muhammad Jahangir with guests Haidar Akbar Khan Rano and Fatema Yusuf

Election 2007, a talk show is being aired on Thursdays and Saturdays at 6:00pm on Channel i, says a press release.

The programme, which began on November 11, focuses on definition of clean and capable candidates, accountability of elected representatives, marking 'No' vote in ballot paper, duties and responsibilities of MPs, boycott of Parliament and accountability of MPs, independent and effective Election Commission, among others.

Participating in the discussion are eminent lawyers, educationists, journalists and civil society leaders.

The talk show is directed and hosted by Muhammad Jahangir.

BTV's drama of the week 'Harjit'

CULTURAL CORRESPONDENT

The BTV drama of the week, titled *Harjit*, is set to go on air tonight. The play revolves around a miserly young man Hasnat Chowdhury and the efforts of his family to change his habit. He has a family of four: his wife Rubina, his university- going sister Bithi and his brother-in-law Hira. Frustrated with her brother's stinginess Bithi decides to go to a hostel. Hasnat welcomes her move because he senses the attraction between her and Hira and thinks that this will prevent further development in the relationship. However, Hira does not lose hope; instead of giving up he starts seeing Bithi regularly. The bond between them strengthens. One day they decide to take action to change Hasnat's penny-pinching habit. From this point begins the real story.

Meer Sabbir, Mita Nur and Shah Alam Dulal are the major cast members of the play. *Harjit* will air right after the 8:00 pm news. The play is scripted by Akhtaruzzaman and produced by Faridur Rahman.



Shah Alam Dulal and Mita Noor in the play

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. (To be telecast on all Bangla channels).

CHANNEL-i
 News (Bangla) at 7:15 am, 9:00am, 2:00pm, 7:00pm, 9:00pm, 10:30pm, 12:15am.

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.
 Latest News (Bangla) at 9:00 am, 11:00 am, 1:00pm, 3:00 pm, 4:00pm, 6:00 pm and 8:00 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, 10:00pm, 12:30am.

CHANNEL 1
 News (Bangla) at 8:00am, 12:00pm, 2:30pm, 6:30pm, 7:30pm, 10:00pm, 12:30am.

BANGLAVISION
 News (Bangla) at 8:00am, 2:00pm, 6:00pm, 7:15pm, 10:30pm.
 News Headlines (Bangla) at 9:00pm.
 News Headlines (English) at 9:05pm.

RTV
 News (Bangla) at 7:00am, 3:00pm, 7:15pm, 10:00pm.
 News Headlines (Bangla) at 10:30am.

BTV
 09:05 One-Day Cricket Match: Bangladesh Vs Zimbabwe
 05:05 Bansuri
 05:30 Matri Bhasha
 06:10 Documentary Programme
 06:40 Jiboner Alo
 07:00 Shangita
 08:35 Protidin Bangladesh
 08:45 Drama of the Week: Haar Jit
 10:25 Teknaf Thekey Tetulia

ATN BANGLA
 09:20 Drama Serial: Shokal Shondha
 10:30 Anyodrishti
 11:05 Drama Serial: Shoyombar Shobha
 12:15 Bangla Feature Film: Megla Akash
 03:45 ATN Ranna Ghar
 04:20 Shundor Jiboner Jonno
 05:10 Amader Joto Kotha
 05:45 Islamic Programme
 06:20 Prapok
 08:00 Drama Serial: Hottoner Bibi
 08:30 Drama Serial: Ferrari Siren
 09:00 Drama Serial: Koto Chena Koto Ochena
 09:30 Drama Serial: Chhaya Mukh Protidin
 10:40 Drama Serial: Shangkhat Potre
 09:30 Drama Serial: Megh Bolechhe Jabo Jabo
 09:50 Grameen Phone

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 08:35 Aaker Shokal
 09:00 Siddiqua Kabir's Recipe
 09:30 Ki Kotha Tahar Shatey
 10:05 Cholochitro Kotha
 10:30 Dhakar Cinema
 01:05 Muktangan
 02:35 Drama Serial: Labonyoprobha
 03:15 Mega Serial: Rang Er Manush
 03:50 Drama Serial: Amader Anondo Bari
 04:25 Baul Gaan
 05:15 Dindarpan
 05:20 Smritir Janalay
 06:20 Shubho Shondhya
 06:50 Right Click
 08:25 Drama Serial: Megh Bolechhe Jabo Jabo
 09:00 Glamour World

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 09:45 Public Reaction
 09:50 Grameen Phone

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04:25 Hindoye Mati O Manusher Daak
05:30 Sa Re Ga Ma
06:35 Nirbachon 2007
07:50 Amar Chhobi
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PICK OF THE DAY



Bangladesh Vs Zimbabwe
 On BTV at 9:05am
 First of the five one-day matches
 Live from Khulna

10:00 Drama Serial: Bishkroy Dindarpan	08:00 Drama Serial: Ebong Bhola	01:00 Cellular	09:05 V Trailers - Star Plus
11:25 Rtv	08:50 Cookery Show	03:00 Mortal Kombat Annihilation	09:30 Kunkum - Pyara Sa Bandhan
08:00 Ei Shokal	09:20 Drama Serial: Surey Aka Chhobi	09:30 Tomorrow Never Dies	10:00 V Trailers - Star Plus
09:05 Aj Potrikay	10:45 Rtv Exclusive	11:30 Dude, Where's My Car?	10:30 Shaka Laka Boom Boom
09:30 Prithibir Pathay Pathay	09:15 Bad Boys (1995)	12:55 Dodgeball: A True Underdog Story	11:00 Shaka Laka Boom Boom
10:30 Griho Sholli	11:30 The Big Preview: Happy Feet	02:30 The Alamo	11:30 Karam Apnaa Apnaa
12:05 Jugal Bondi	12:00 The Lord of the Rings: The Two Towers	04:50 View To A Kill, A	11:55 V First Day First Show- Starplu
01:00 Aj Potrikay	03:30 Islamic Programme	07:00 The World Is Not Enough	12:00 Bolly V - Star Plus
01:30 Drama Serial: Griho Sholli	03:40 Buried Alive II		12:25 Resham Dankh
11:30 Bishwa Jurey	05:10 Nazrul Song		12:30 Kasauti Zindagii Kay
12:05 Jugal Bondi	05:30 Children's Programme		01:30 Kunkum - Pyara Sa Bandhan
01:00 Aj Potrikay	06:00 Ajker Bangladesh		02:00

02:30 Kesar

03:00 Saarthi

03:30 Kyunki Saas Bhi Kabhi Bahu Thi

04:00 Kahini To Hoga

04:30 Karam Apnaa Apnaa

05:00 Hum Saath Aath Hain

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

07:25 Bolly V - Star Plus

07:30 Sonpari

07:55 Bolly V - Star Plus

08:00 Karishma Ka Karishma

08:30 Antariksh

08:00 Kasauti 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 Kahini To Hoga

12:00 Paraya Dhan

STAR WORLD

09:00 The Simpsons

09:30 The Oprah Winfrey Show

10:30 Ed

11:30 Ncis

12:30 Grey's Anatomy

01:30 Law & Order: S.V.U.

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 Hope & Faith

09:00 According To Jim

09:30 The Office

10:00 Two And A Half Men

10:30 The Scholar

11:30 Desire: Table For Three

SONY

08:30 Om Namah Shivay

09:00 Telebrands Tele

09:30 Shopping

09:30 Chartbusters Music

10:00 Music Mantra Music

10:30 Music Beats Music

11:00 Boogie Woogie Dance

11:30 Cont. Cont.

12:00 Kaajal - Sabbki

12:30 Ankhon Mein Basi Drama

13:00 Ek Ladki Anjaani Si

01:00 Thodi Khushi Thode

01:30 Vaidehi Drama

02:00 Rishiton Ki Dor Drama

02:30 Bigg Boss Reality