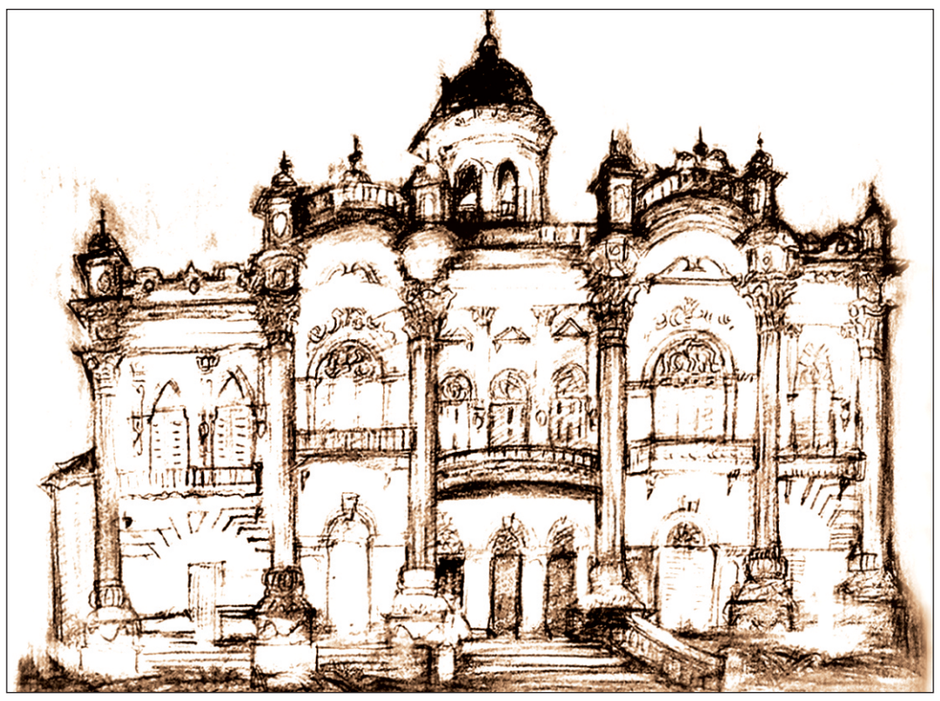
Book launch

Sketches to recapture splendour of 'Rose Garden'



Sketches by Hamiduzzaman Khan, featured in the book

FAYZA HAQ

HAMIDUZZAMAN Khan, the reputed sculptor-cum-painter, has done the illustration for the book *Rose Garden* which was launched recently in the city. Most of the book-- that bears Hamid's name on the cover-- contains sketches in pen-and-ink, crayon, along with water-colour illustrations at times. The text has been written in English by Kazi Mohammed Sajid; meanwhile Hamid's friend, contributed 20 photographs in black and white to lend substances to the historical background of the Rose Garden -- set in Old Dhaka, and built 70 years back.

Hamid says that the Rose Garden is a palace with a large sprawling garden, built over seven acres, which includes two large ponds. This was built during the British regime and therefore contains architecture that harks back to seven decades. It was built by Hrishikesh Das, says Hamid and as it contained a rose garden, it was known by that name.

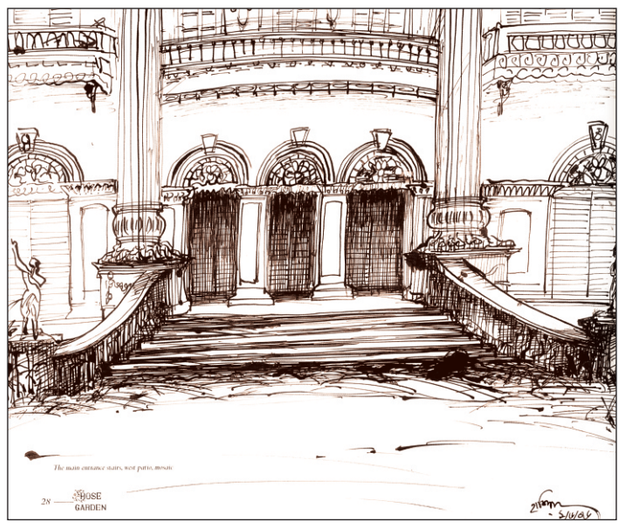
The owners include two sons, a daughter and the mother, he elaborates. Kazi Sajid, one of the sons, is an engineer who worked for the World Bank when Hamid was sculpting for them for their new building, at Agargaon, Dhaka. It was Sajid who suggested that Hamid visit their family home, which inspired the making of the book. The superb, old palace includes intricate architectural decorations like cement friezes, tinted glasses, intricate western classical -styled statues in the form of light stands and fountains. It contains ornamental heirlooms in the shape of regal beds and other pieces of furniture. These have been aptly projected in the book of 50 splendid sketches and washes, contained in 88 pages.

Dealing with both the exterior and interior of the palace, Hamid brings in cement, wood and glass artifacts in his focus. "The building is in pristine white," Hamid stresses. In the book we come across a woman's statue, with hair piled up, with a stand for a light in the hand. Her frills, belt on the waistline and the folds of her long dress are projected in quick and deft strokes of black on white. Her Greek goddess-like figure is well projected as also her gently moulded visage.

The cupid has a conventional skimpy loin-cloth, and he looks down with mischief and glee. He too is a torch- bearer. The figures -- the decorative base of the cement plaster of the main gate entrance -- are *The guardian lads* and this too is intricate in formation with innumerable floral designs, intertwining curls, loops, ribbons, and lines. This is done in rapid pen-and-ink strokes.

The maiden twins, brings in the twirling, gliding figures of two nymph-like figures. They have short robes, and stand on a base decorated with garlands. The sentinel *Light-keeper*, done in stone and cement in the west patio, is linked up with the balustrade, an arch and a Doric pillar. This too is aptly represented in fine sketches.

One is fascinated by the historical record of Hamid's flamboyant strokes.



Heritage

Moulding deities from clay

MUKLESUR RAHMAN LITON,
Kishoreganj

Shaping idols out of clay has been Ranjeet's forte for over 36 years. Once purely his passion, Ranjeet has made it his profession to fashion such idols --covering the Hindu pantheon of Durga, Saraswati, Kali, Radha-Krishna and Gour-Nitai-- since 1971.

Ranjeet, 55 said, "I never consider idols as lifeless objects when I give the finishing touches. All of them have different characteristic features. I try to bring out the inner beauty of all the *Pratimas* (idols) while shaping the gods and goddesses."

Ranjeet's two sons, Rawnak Pal, 21, an undergraduate student and Rana Pal, 17, a college student have also pitched in to help him.

Ranjeet's *Pratimas* are in great demand in the district and even adjacent districts. Ranjeet said he could double the income that he earns regularly, but then his work would not be a piece of art. They would be mere lifeless idols made of clay and straw, he added.

Ranjeet did not continue his education after HSC. Reminiscing on his childhood days, Ranjeet pointed out that his father would come from Munshiganj to make *Pratimas* in the district every year during Durga Puja. And the young Ranjeet would accompany his father. Breaking into a smile on his broad weather-beaten face he said, " So I now reside permanently with my family at Naogaon area in the town. I hope my two sons will continue the art of making *Pratimas* and will overcome my limitations."

Ranjeet at work

Now Ranjeet is busy making Saraswati *Pratimas* at the premises of Kali Bari in the town as Saraswati Puja will be held on January 23.

Movie Watch

'Jane Eyre' restored to full glory

It is easy to understand a filmmaker's instinct to embellish Charlotte Bronte's classic *Jane Eyre*.

There's an urge to make the heroine more beautiful than the one Bronte created and to make Edward Rochester, the man of her dreams, more dark and mysterious than Bronte described him.

So here's the good news: The new adaptation written by Sandy Welch and directed by Susanna White doesn't add new colours to Bronte's romantic novel. Rather, it brings out all the shades and hues of the original portrait, restoring it to its full glory.

The careful restoration applies not only to the characters but also to the breathtaking cinematography. Scene after scene transports viewers across time and space to a place made vivid and real. By doing all this, the robust, two-part, four-hour "Masterpiece Theatre" programme raises the bar for future *Jane Eyre* productions to a level that will not be easily hurdled.

The key to getting this story right is, first and foremost, finding the right Jane. This was accomplished with the discovery of newcomer Ruth Wilson, who acts as if she was born to play the part. Neither a dazzling beauty nor plain, Wilson exudes confidence. As Jane, she has to reveal her inner emotions without expressing them outwardly, which she does effortlessly. On top of all that, Wilson has a Mona Lisa smile, a slightly mysterious glow that makes her a riveting presence.

Bronte's novel, published in 1847, is about a parentless child who is poorly treated by the wife of her late uncle and, ultimately, sent to live in a cold and loveless orphanage. She somehow survives the experience and manages to get a good education as well. She advertises for a governess position and is hired to care for the spirited ward of Mr. Rochester (Toby Stephens), the wealthy master of Thornfield Hall.

Jane and Mr. Rochester fall in love, but naturally, there are unforeseen complications that intrude on their happiness and push them apart. Their attraction occurs too quickly to be fully savoured, but there's no doubt about the chemistry between Wilson and Stephens. All the while, White advances the story with artistic camera angles, appropriate lighting and a keen eye for detail.

Source: Internet

Newcomer Ruth Wilson and Toby Stephens in *Jane Eyre*

Small screen

Mega serial 'Labonyo Probha' comes to an end

Wahida Mallick Jolly (L) and Tinni in the serial

CULTURAL CORRESPONDENT

The 115th episode of the popular mega-serial *Labonyo Probha* will be aired tonight at 8:25pm. The series received wide acclaim for its untried, fresh storyline.

Labonyo Probha highlights the routine lives of women living in a hostel. Suraiya Begum, owner and manager of the hostel, looks after the girls as best as she can, without interfering in their personal lives. Piyashi, Mehjabeen, Nishi, Ferdausi, Kakoli, Monica and Rimin are some of the young women living in the hostel. Kushum khala, the domestic help taking care of the girls, is a colourful character. Everyone has her share of issues and emotional baggage. At times they get together and catch up with each other, even help out when needed. Residents of the hostel often move out, new faces are introduced, new bonds formed. The hustle and bustle in the hostel remains unchanged.

Written by Matiya Banu Shuku and Nurul Alam Atiq, the series has been directed by Giasuddin Selim, Akram Khan, Badrul Alam Saud and Taher Shipon. The cast includes Wahida Mallick Jolly, Rokeya Prachy, Jayanto Chattyopadhyay, Jaya Ahsan, Tanveen Sweety, Chandni, Tinni and others.

The last (116th) episode of the mega serial will be aired tomorrow at 8:25pm.

'Black and White': A search for understanding

CULTURAL CORRESPONDENT

TV serial *Black and White* features the crisis of a childless young couple-- Eva and Probal. When the doctor informs the duo that they cannot have a child because of a problem with the husband, they begin to live apart. Subsequently, the wife becomes involved with another person. On the other hand, the husband spends more time with another lady.

But, at the end, the couple realises that their separation and extramarital affairs are no solution. Later they search for a mutual understanding.

Taher Shipon directs the serial in which Shimul and Nadia are the major cast members.

Black and White will be aired tonight at 8:00 pm.

Fima and Shimul in a scene from *Black and White*

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, 12:15 am.**

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 a.m,10:00 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.10:30 pm.**

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
- 08:40 *Bishwa Protidin*
- 09:05 Shomapti
- 11:15 Musical Programme
- 12:00 Maa O Shishur Kotha
- 12:30 Drama Serial
- 01:30 *Mati O Manush*
- 02:15 *Sisimpur*
- 02:40 *Shilpo O Shahityo*
- 03:05 Cartoon
- 03:30 Football Shekha
- 04:00 *Onu Poromanu*
- 04:30 *Agrodut*
- 05:05 Debate
- 06:10 *Kobi O Kobita*
- 06:40 *Dolonchapa*
- 07:30 Musical Programme
- 08:35 *Protidin Bangladesh*
- 09:30 *Jibon Jibika*

ATN Bangla
- 09:20 Mega Serial *Laal Neel Beguni*
- 10:30 Talk Show: *Aktel Onnodrishti*
- 11:05 Mega Serial: *Ek Jonomey*
- 12:10 *Motamot*
- 01:25 *Colochitrer Golpo*
- 02:30 Drama Serial: *Nirob Kosto*
- 03:10 Drama Serial: O Amar Chokhu Nai
- 03:45 *Chotoder Prithibi*
- 04:20 ATN MUSIC
- 05:00 *Gram Gonjer Khobor*
- 05:10 Documentary Program: *Ashey Pasher Manush*
- 05:45 Business Week
- 06:20 *Aktel Protidin*
- 08:00 Drama Serial: *Kath Koylar Chhobi*
- 08:45 Talk show: Meet the Press

Channel i
- 08:30 *Shokaler Gaan*
- 09:30 *Shangbadpotre Bangladesh*
- 09:45 Public Reaction
- 09:50 *Tritiomatra*
- 12:30 *Citycell Taroka Kathan*
- 01:05 *Ebong Cinemar Gaan*
- 01:30 *Shangbadpotre Bangladesh*
- 01:45 Public Reaction
- 04:05 *Amader Gaan*
- 04:25 *Nirbachoni Olympiad*
- 05:30 *Banijjo O Orthoniti*
- 06:00 Stargate SG One
- 06:20 *Ontorarel Kotha*
- 06:40 Business Show
- 08:00 BBC Bangladesh Shanglap
- 09:35 Drama Serial: *Shimana*
- 10:00 *Shadha Ranger Swapno*
- 12:00 *GrameenPhone Ajker Shangbad Potro*

ntv
- 08:35 *Aajker Shokal*
- 09:05 *Ramizer Aaina*
- 09:30 *Probashey Bangladesh*
- 10:05 Zoo Adventure
- 01:05 *Muktangon*
- 02:35 Drama Serial: *Ramizer Aaina*
- 03:15 *Prothom Voter*
- 03:50 *Shomoshomoy*
- 04:25 *Bhinno Swader Khobor*
- 05:10 *Din Dorpon/Itihasher Ei Diney*
- 05:20 *Apnar Jigyasha*
- 06:20 *Shubho Shondha*
- 06:45 *Khoborer Shondhaney*
- 08:15 Drama Serial: *Labonya Probha*
- 09:00 Music Express
- 09:50 Drama Serial: *Bhalobasha Mondobasha*
- 11:25 *Din Dorpon*

CHANNEL 1
- 08:40 *Shuprobhat Bangladesh*
- 09:30 *Chokh Mele Dekhi*
- 10:00 Cartoon
- 10:30 Bangla Feature Film
- 02:00 *Padmorag*
- 03:30 Drama Serial: *Shunney Boshobash*
- 04:00 Golden Moments
- 04:30 *Shomoyer Shanglap*
- 06:00 *Saaj Bela*
- 06:30 Top News
- 06:45 *Itihasher Path Dhorey*
- 07:00 *Shuktara*
- 08:15 Drama Serial: *Daar Kaak*
- 09:00 *Gaaner Khata*
- 09:30 Bioscope
- 11:00 Stop n Rock

Rtv
- 09:05 *Aj Potrikai*
- 09:10 Talk Show: *Prio Mukh*
- 09:35 Cinema Ar Cinema
- 10:00 *Jugol Bondi*
- 12:00 *Bishwa Jurey*
- 01:00 Human Nature
- 02:00 *Aj Potrikay*
- 03:40 Drama Serial: Black and White
- 04:20 *Praner Manush Achhey Praney*
- 05:10 *Khola Chokhey*
- 05:30 Tagore Song
- 06:00 *Ajker Bangladesh*
- 06:30 Rtv Exclusive
- 06:35 *Cinema Ar Cinema*
- 08:00 Drama Serial: Black and White
- 08:50 Magazine Programme: *Purush*
- 10:45 Rtv Exclusive

BANGLAVISION
- 09:05 *Shurer Bhuban*
- 09:30 Media Bhuban
- 10:10 *Cinebit Shada Kalo*
- 10:45 Drama Serial: *Sukher Kanta*
- 11:10 Article Thirty-Nine
- 12:30 *Ebong Classer Bairey*
- 02:30 Drama Serial: *Magno Choitoney Shish*
- 03:00 *Apnar Agami*
- 03:45 Drama Serial: *Uro Chithi*
- 04:20 Cinebit
- 05:00 Drama Serial: *Hashuli Bagumer Upokotha*
- 05:30 *Diner Sheshey*
- 06:30 *Amader Ranna Ghar*
- 08:10 *Desher Pathey*
- 09:15 Talkshow: *Khola Money*

HBO
- 09:00 Mona Lisa Smile
- 11:30 Tales From the Crypt 25: Forever Ambergris
- 12:00 President Evil: Apocalypse
- 02:00 Breakin' All the Rules
- 03:45 Balto 3: Wings of Change
- 05:30 Miss Congeniality 2: Armed and Fabulous
- 07:45 Body Snatchers
- 09:30 Ocean's Twelve
- 12:00 Resident Evil: Apocalypse

STAR PLUS
- 09:00 Bolly V - Star Plus
- 09:05 V Trailers - Star Plus
- 09:30 Kumkum - Pyara Sa Bandhan
- 10:00 V Trailers - Star Plus
- 10:30 Shaka Laka Boom Boom
- 11:00 Shaka Laka Boom Boom
- 11:30 Kahaani Ghar Ghar Kii
- 12:30 Karam Apnaa Apnaa
- 01:00 Kasautii Zindagii Kay
- 01:30 Kumkum - Pyara Sa Bandhan
- 02:00 Bhabhi
- 02:30 Kesar
- 03:00 Saarrthi
- 03:30 Kyunki Saas Bhi Kabhi Bahu Thi
- 04:00 Kahiin To Hoga
- 04:30 Karam Apnaa Apnaa
- 05:00 Aek Chabhi Hai Padoss Mein
- 06:30 Mickey Mouse And Friends
- 07:00 The Legend Of Trazan
- 08:00 Baa Bahoo Aur Baby
- 08:30 Karam Apnaa Apnaa
- 09:00 Kasautii Zindagii Kay
- 09:30 Kaun Banega Crorepati-Srk
- 10:30 Kahaani Ghar Ghar Kii
- 11:00 Kyunki Saas Bhi Kabhi Bahu Thi
- 11:30 Kahiin To Hoga
- 12:00 Paraya Dhan

STAR MOVIES
- 09:30 Meltdown: Days Of Destruction
- 11:15 Man On Fire
- 01:45 House Of D
- 03:30 Shark Zone
- 05:10 Sixth Sense, The
- 07:00 Cake
- 08:45 Fat Albert
- 10:30 Skeletonman
- 12:00 First Power, The

STAR WORLD
- 08:30 Cheers
- 09:00 The Simpsons
- 09:30 The Oprah Winfrey Show
- 10:30 The Apprentice
- 11:30 The Office
- 12:00 Two And A Half Men
- 12:30 Law & Order: S.V.U.
- 01:30 Criminal Minds
- 02:30 Oprah Winfrey Show
- 03:30 The Bold And The Beautiful
- 04:00 General Hospital
- 05:00 Desire: Table For Three
- 06:00 Arrested Development
- 06:30 The Simpsons
- 07:00 Cheers
- 07:30 Friends
- 08:00 Seinfeld
- 08:30 My Wife And Kids
- 09:00 Everybody Loves Raymond
- 09:30 The King Of Queen
- 10:00 Frasier
- 10:30 Desire: Table For Three
- 11:30 Table For Three

DISCOVERY CHANNEL
- 09:30 Discovery's Biggest Shows
- 11:30 I Shouldn't Be Alive
- 12:30 Warrior Women
- 01:30 Wild Discovery
- 02:30 Detective Stories
- 03:30 Serengeti is Alive
- 04:30 Nigel Specials
- 05:30 How Do They Do It?
- 06:30 Extreme Machines
- 07:30 Wild India Week
- 08:30 Massive Engines with Chris Barrie
- 09:00 Mean Machines
- 09:30 Future Perfect
- 10:30 Extreme Engineering
- 11:30 New Detectives

NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC
- 09:30 Chupacabras
- 10:30 Telemall: Sauna Belt
- 11:00 Shop 24 Seven
- 11:15 Global Sky Shop
- 11:30 Eye Of The Leopard
- 01:30 Ultimate Vegas Casino
- 02:30 Monkey Business
- 03:00 Hayden Turner
- 03:30 Chupacabras
- 04:30 Nat Geo Junior
- 05:30 Big Bang
- 06:00 Nat Geo Junior
- 06:30 Chupacabras
- 07:30 Deep Jungle
- 08:30 Nat Geo Encores
- 09:30 Crash Scene Investigation
- 10:30 The New Mafia
- 11:30 Night On The Wild

STAR SPORTS
- 12:55 Spanish Football League (Soccer)
- 03:00 Spanish Football League (Soccer)
- 05:00 Australian Open 2007 Presented B
- 06:00 Australian Open 2007 Presented B
- 12:30 Ashes Legends (Cricket)
- 01:30 International Motorsport News 20
- 02:30 Australian Open 2007 Presented B
- 06:00 Pro Bull Riders Association Buil
- 07:00 2007 Euromilhoes Dakar (Auto Rac
- 07:30 Australian Open 2007 Presented B
- 08:30 Sri Lanka Tour Of New Zealand (C
- 10:00 Full Toss? Haste Rehna Boss (The
- 10:30 Pro Bull Riders Association Buil

ESPN
- 10:00 Final Score (Soccer/Futbol)
- 11:00 English Premier Football League
- 01:00 Castle Test Series (Cricket)
- 04:30 Great Finishes (Cricket)
- 05:00 Castle Test Series (Cricket)
- 09:30 Sportscenter India (Sport News)
- 10:00 Close Encounters (Cricket)
- 10:30 Sportscenter India (Sport News)
- 11:00 Sportscenter Asia (Sport News)

PICK OF THE DAY

Shimana
On Channel i at 9:35pm
Drama Serial
Cast: Tauquir Ahmed, Bipasha Hayat

Ocean's Twelve
On HBO at 9:30 pm
Genre: Comedy / Crime
Cast: Brad Pitt, George Clooney, Julia Roberts