

CULTURAL FEAST

Ekushey Book Fair

Organiser: Bangla Academy
Venue: Bangla Academy premises
Date: February 1-28
Month-long book fair

Ekushey Cultural Programme

Organiser: Sammito Sangskritik Jote
Venue: Central Shaheed Minar Premises
Date: February 9-19
Time: 4:00pm

Organisers: Sammito Sangskritik Jote
Venue: Rabindra Sarobar Amphitheatre (Dhanmondi)
Date: February 15-21
Time: 4:00pm

Bangla Calligraphy Exhibition

Artist: Arham-ul-Hug Chowdhury
Venue: British Council, 5 Fuller Road, Dhaka
Date: February 17-28
Time: 10:00am-8:00pm

Documentary Festival

Venue: Shawkat Osman Smriti Auditorium, Central Public Library, Shahbag
Date: February 15-18
Time: daily at 11am, 3pm, 5pm and 7pm

Children's Painting Exhibition

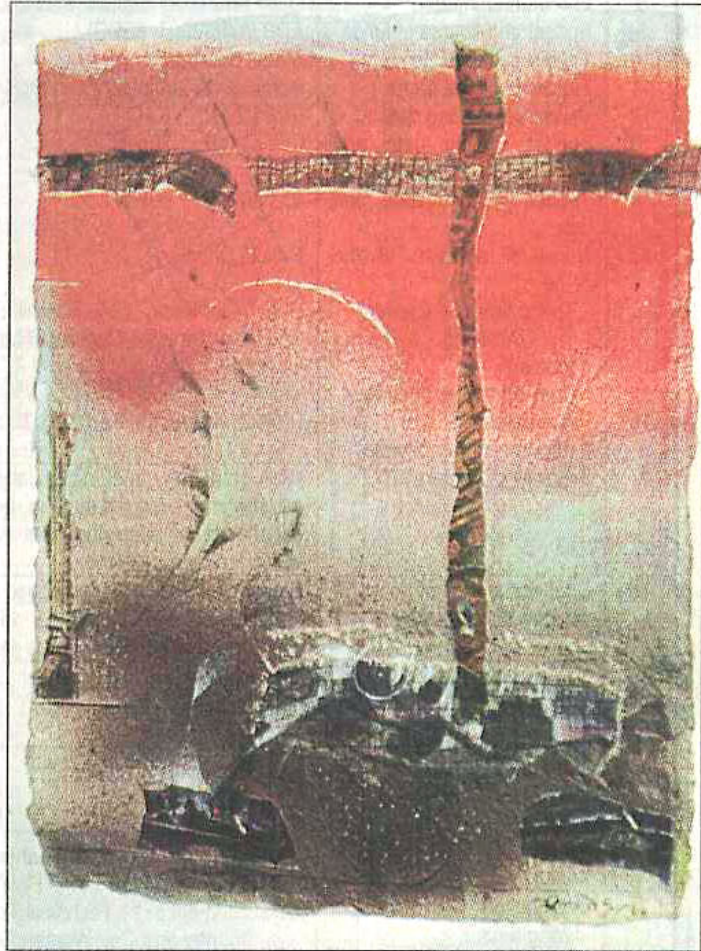
By Russian and Bangladeshi school children-winners and participants of the 4th International Children Art Biennale Bangladesh-2006
Venue: Exhibition Hall, Russian Centre of Science & Culture
Date: February 15-20
Time: 10am-7pm

Solo Painting Exhibition

Title: Alluvial Dream & Reality
Artist: Kalidas Karmakar
Venue: Bengal Gallery of Fine Arts, Bengal Shilpalaya, House no-275/F, Road no-27 (Old), Dhanmondi
Date: February 18-March 2
Time: 12:00pm-8:00pm

Exhibition

Capturing images from nature



Painting (top) by Swapna Chowdhury and photograph by Sajal Khaled at the exhibition

FAYZA HAQ

"SAJAL and I have both worked on nature," says Swapna Chowdhury about the recent joint exhibition at Chitrag. While Swapna translated them into mixed-media on paper, Sajal fixed elements of nature in his camera work. "We have taken different ways of pre-

sending nature," says Swapna.

In *Time and nature*, Swapna depicts the breeze with a variety of butterflies fluttering around. He hasn't tried to bring in birds but rather the movements of birds in the air. "Instead of painting a person, an artist might try to paint her ability and charm. Similarly, I haven't taken in a full flower but a suggestion of the form. Thus the

brown, red and yellow are hints of butterflies on an expanse of beige liquid tea which I've spread on the background."

Some of the papers have raised surfaces forming patterns and designs of their own. Sometimes he has folded paper and pasted that on to give a fullness to his delineation. Hence we see the image of a bird. Swapna does not present a full flower or bird. He has taken fragments of images and decorated the picture with them. The lines stand for rhythm.

One picture has a surfeit of pink and purple with hints of brighter colour to suggest flowers and birds. "I paint for myself and hope you can find pleasure in these paintings too," says Swapna when asked why he goes in for abstraction. In one picture, the paper is torn and one can see the colour beyond the surface. Music of rhythms of the scattering of pollen and falling of raindrops on leaves are among the elements that he wants to capture in his lines and colours. He uses mixed media, acrylic, water-colour and pastel as he feels comfortable in those mediums.

Swapna's teachers were Mohammed Kibria, Abdul Basset, Aminul Islam and Rafiqun Nabi. "They taught me the system. I paint in my own way." He con-

plates on his work before he sets about it. "Painting is a diary of a painter," he says.

Sajal Khaled has learnt from many photographers and photographic circles. He says that overseas, 40 percent of pictures are based on photography although here in the subcontinent we recognise it more as a documentation or record of a historical fact. It is seldom recognised as an integral part of art, he comments. "In the Asian Biennales, however, many photographs are to be seen and admired," he adds. "There are a few centres for education in photography and it should be introduced as a subject at the Institute of Fine Arts, Dhaka University," he says.

"I react to various elements of life. There could be maybe 10 stones before me; I may pick up two and arrange them as I like. My pictures present various beautiful elements of life that we tend to overlook. My theme of searching for beauty in nature matches Swapna Chowdhury's work so I planned to display my work along with his," Sajal adds.

Swapna has had eight solo exhibitions in Dhaka, and group shows in Bangladesh, Japan, India, Germany and USA. Sajal has exhibited in Dresden and Dhaka.

Chinese spring festival at Dhaka
The Year of the Pig underway

PHOTO: STAR

Lion dance at the programme

KAVITA CHARANJHI

Bengalis bursting into Chinese songs, performing Chinese martial arts, playing giant Chinese drums and dances -- all this and more awaited the visitor on February 15. The occasion was the 15-day Chinese Spring Festival (also known as Chinese New Year) which begins on February 18. The venue: the Chinese Department of the Institute of Modern Languages, Dhaka University.

Entering the institute, one was greeted by traditional red Chinese lanterns, decorations and balloons. Celebrating the function were largely Chinese Embassy staff, a Chinese teacher and students of the Chinese Department. The evening began with the loud bursting of balloons by the audi-

ence an apt option to the ear-shattering traditional Chinese fire-crackers. Then followed the rendering of the Chinese national anthem by Yang Jin Xiang, a teacher of Chinese in the Chinese Department of the Institute, who later went on to demonstrate the martial art of Tai Chi (similar to Indian yoga) with immense grace and fluid movements.

Another highlight of the show was a lion dance led by Liu San Zhen, cultural counselor in the embassy. As the 'lion' pranced around, a delighted audience watched spellbound. Joined in by students, he also gave a loud rendering on the Chinese drums. Initially inhibited, the students joined in with gusto.

Several students later performed the Chinese Wu Shu, a

martial art. One of the stars of the show was the knife-wielding Muhammad Rezaur Rahman, who demonstrated southern boxing, followed by Nan Quan, a shorthand boxing, joined in by students from the Bangladesh Wu Shu Association.

Both the loquacious host and the hostess of the evening, displayed tremendous fluency in the Chinese language. Other features of the evening were the rendering of Chinese songs by the students. Linda, along with her two young children, sang *Lu Bing Hua* (a song to mother).

Fun and games were the order of the day game akin to the passing of the parcel, hitting balloons with the head, *Chang Yi Zi* (catch the chairs) and lotteries. All in all a cosy evening to remember even after the curtains went down.

Much hyped 'Daruchini Dwip' goes into production

KHALID-BIN-HABIB

Talented playwright Humayun Ahmed's work has a distinctive style and quality. The *mohurat* of his most recent and much-awaited film *Daruchini Dwip* based on his book with the same name, was held at Dhaka Sheraton Hotel yesterday. Celebrated actor-turned-director Tauqir Ahmed will direct the film. Popular artists Abul Hayat, Asaduzzaman Noor, Aly Zaker, Dolly Zahur, Riaz, Challenger, Sara Zaker, Afroza Banu, Fazlur Rahman Babu, *Lux Channel i Super Star '06* finalists Bindu and Badhon and others are the major cast members of the film. The film will be shot at the Dhaka Kamapur railway station along with the panoramic locations of Saint Martin, Chittagong seaport and Dhamrai.

Charisma, confidence, stage presence and overall performance were the evaluating criteria by the esteemed judges who decided on last year's *Lux Channel i Super Star*. The finalists were selected out of more than 10,000 entries from all over the country. The winner of the contest Momo was selected to play the lead role of Jori in the film based on *Daruchini Dwip*.

Naushad Karim Chowdhury, brands and development director of Uniliver Bangladesh Limited and sponsor of the film, Faridur Reza Sagar, managing director of Channel-i and Impress Telefilm Ltd, writer Humayun Ahmed, artists of the film Aly Zaker, Asaduzzaman Noor; director and artist of the film Tauqir Ahmed spoke on the launching ceremony. Humayun Ahmed captivated the audience with his stimulating ideas and humorous anecdotes.

The film will be made under the banner of Impress Telefilm Limited.



(L-R) Tauqir Ahmed, Humayun Ahmed, Asaduzzaman Noor, Riaz, Momo, Bindu and Aly Zaker at the event

Refining artistic skills

Exhibition at Cubic School of Fine Arts

"I see art and other forms of cultural expression as playing an important role in connecting people and cultures. Art provides an avenue for us to communicate our values and our particular sense of what beauty is to others." With these words, Stefan Frowein, head of the delegation of

European Commission, inaugurated a seven-day second annual art exhibition of the Cubic School of Fine Arts on February 16, says a press release. Naheed Akhter, associate professor of the Institute of Fine Arts, Dhaka University, was present as special guest.



Dr Stefan Frowein (C, first row) surrounded by young participants

TV GUIDE

PICK OF THE DAY



Mirror
On Channel i at 6:20pm
Talk Show
Guest: Patricia A Butenis, US ambassador



Swapna Chura
On Banglavisat at 9:50pm
Drama Serial
Cast: Meer Sabbir, Sumaia Shimu

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) 6:20am, 7:00pm
Latest News (Bangla) at 9:00 a.m, 10:00 am, 11:00 am, 1:00pm, 3:00pm, 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

BANGLAVISAT
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 Drama
11:40 Shukhi Poribar
12:30 Swapna Shonar Gaon
01:00 Maa O Shihur
Kotha
01:30 Mati O Manush
02:15 Nokhotrer Alo
02:40 Cartoon
05:05 Debate
06:10 Prescription
07:00 Ei Shoptaher
Boimela
07:30 Dance Programme
08:35 Ekush Amar
Ohonkar
09:00 Drama Serial:
Shukhi Shur
09:25 Alochhaya
10:30 Prothom Ontora

ATN Bangla

10:30 Talk Show:
Onnodrishti
11:15 Drama: Debar Chal
12:15 Shutho Thakun
01:30 Shomeli Shada
Kalo
02:30 Telefilm: Biyer
Phool
04:20 Shonar Gaon Loko
O Karu Shilpomela
Gram Gonjer
05:00 Khobor
05:10 Documentary
Program: Prapok
05:45 Ekusher Uchyaron

06:25

Three Stooges
08:00 Drama Serial:
Outdoor
08:40 Drama Serial: Nirey
Taar Nil Dheu
09:20 Drama Serial:
Pichhutan
Channel i
08:30 Shokaler Gaan
09:30 Shangbadpotre
Bangladesh
09:45 Public Reaction
09:50 Grameenphone
Tritomatra
11:05 Apollo Tele
Prescription
12:30 Citycell Taroka
Kathan
01:05 Ebong Cinemar
Gaan
01:30 Shangbadpotre
Bangladesh
01:45 Public Reaction
04:05 Citycell Medha
Bikash
04:35 Amader Gaan
04:50 Sa Re Ga Ma
05:30 Boimela Protidin
06:00 Anondodhara
Cheer Ashor
06:20 Mirror
07:50 Mega Serial:
Bhober Haat
09:35 Drama Serial: Mon
Chhutney Jay
10:00 Mega Serial: Jog
Beyog
12:00 Grameenphone
Ajker Shengbad

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Shubprobat
Bangladesh
09:30 Chokh Mo Dekhi
10:00 Magic Show
10:30 Bangla Feature
Film
02:00 Bishwa Jurey
Shethdin
03:30 Drama Serial:
Shunney
Boshobash
04:30 Drama Serial:
Godhuli Beley
06:10 Saaj Bela

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Top News
06:45 Jibhasher Path
Dhorey
07:00 Padmoraag
08:15 Drama Serial:
Shunney
Boshobash
09:00 Shomoyer Swad
09:30 Cine Tune
11:00 Akar Ekar
Rtv
09:05 Aj Potrikai
09:10 Citycell R Music
10:00 Nazrul Song
12:00 Bishwa Jurey
01:00 Aj Potrikay

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Islamic Programme
03:40 Drama Serial: Surey
Aka Chhobi
04:20 Akter Gopshop
05:10 Prasongik
06:00 Ajker Bangladesh
06:35 Gaan Ar Gaan
08:00 Wide Angle
08:50 Raat Jaga Pakhi
10:45 Rtv Exclusive
BANGLAVISAT
09:05 Desher Pathay
09:30 Bangla Feature Film
02:35 Shukher Kanta
03:00 Amai Ami

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Drama Serial:
Krishno Pokho
04:20 Drama Serial: Guest
Proldiner Boimela
Cinebit
06:10 Drama Serial:
Chaitali Jochhoney
Ekli Meye
09:15 Anar Agami
09:50 Drama Serial:
Swapna Chura
STAR PLUS
09:00 Yatra
09:30 Krishna Kathaiyon
10:30 Khichdi
11:30 Great Indian laughter

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12:30 Ji Pradhan Mantriji
01:00 Farz
04:30 Musafir Hoon Yaaron
05:30 Mickey Mouse And Friends
06:00 The Suite Life Of Zack And Cod
06:25 Bolly V - Star Plus
06:30 Lucky
07:30 Ek Se Badkar Ek
08:30 Saibaba
09:30 Prithviraj Chauhan
10:00 Baa Bahoo Aur Baby
10:30 Thodi Si Zameen
Thoda Sa Aasma
11:30 Kaboom

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Grammy Awards
04:30 Grey's Anatomy
05:30 Hollywood Shootouts
06:00 Travel Asia
06:30 Koffee With Karan
07:30 Malcolm In The Middle
08:00 The Kumars At No. 42
08:30 Fashion House
09:30 Koffee With Karan
10:30 Angela's Eyes
11:30 Third Watch
DISCOVERY CHANNEL
09:30 Discover India
10:30 Sacred India
11:30 Honey We're Killing The Kids
12:30 Man Made Marvels Asia
01:30 Wild Discovery
02:30 Planet Earth
03:30 Extreme Engineering
04:30 Wild Discovery
05:30 Mean Machines
06:00 Building The Ultimate
06:30 Meerkat Manor
07:00 Animal Camera
07:30 Wild Discovery
08:30 Discovery's Biggest Shows
10:30 Night Safari
11:30 Seven Wonders Of The Industrial World
NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC
08:30 The Living Edens

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10:00 Ashes Heroes
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11:00 Cricket Crazy
12:00 Enjoy Jakarta Astro Indonesia
03:00 Malaysia Airlines
Football Extra
04:00 Action Asia Challenge Series 200
04:30 Wrc Highlights Show (Auto Racing)
05:30 Csi Casas Novas (Horseshow Jump)
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