

CULTURAL FEAS

Ekushey Book Fair

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

Ekushey Cultural Programme

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

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

Bangla Calligraphy Exhibition



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

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 16-March 2
Time: 12:00pm-8:00pm

Title: Obstacle of Life
Artist: A S M Rashidul Alam (Manik)
Venue: Institute of Fine Arts, University of Dhaka
Date: February 17-23
Time: 11:00pm-8:00pm

Helmut Käutner Retrospective

Venue: Goethe-Institut Dhaka
Organiser: Zahir Raihan Film Society and the Goethe-Institut
 Dhaka
 February 19th:
 Romance in a Minor Key and The Devil's General
 February 20th:
 The Affair of Julie and Sky without Stars

Poetry on canvas

Painting exhibition on poetry at Gallery Chitrak

KARIM WAHEED

Ut pictura poesis...
 (As is painting, so is poetry)

-- Horace, Roman poet
 (circa 13 BCE)

It is often said that paintings are poetry on canvas. Correspondingly, poets create visions and images with words. The two arts have been wedded in the critical mind for ages. Poets and painters have turned to each other for inspiration and the result has been mutually beneficial; for instance, Allen Ginsberg's *Cezanne's Ports*, inspired by Paul Cezanne's oil on canvas *L'Estage*. A sizeable number of artwork, inspired by literature, has been produced over the centuries.

As part of the two-day National Poetry Festival 2007, National Poetry Council and Gallery Chitrak are holding a painting exhibition. The exhibition was opened on February 17 at Chitrak's Dhanmondi gallery and features 37 paintings by noted and upcoming painters. Each painting deals with, tries to visualise or explores a rousing poem.

The exhibition is dedicated to the memories of poet Shamsur Rahman and artist Nitun Kundu. Veteran journalist, writer Faiz Ahmed was the chief guest at the inauguration. Special guests were Zohra Rahman and Falguni Kundu. The event was presided over by Rabiul Hossain, president of National Poetry Council. Among others speaking on the occasion were eminent poets Belal Chowdhury, Rafiq Azad, Habibullah Siraji (convenor of the poetry festival's organising committee), Samudra Gupta (general secretary of the poetry council) and artist Muniruzzaman.

Speaking on how the exhibition came about, artist Kanak Champa Chakma said, "Rabiul Hossain, on behalf of National Poetry Council, presented the idea in late January

and we were keen on it. We were given around 15 days to get the paintings done. I chose *Ohay Shakuntal* by Muhammad Samad, mainly because my favourite subject is life in the hill tracts and the poem mentions hills and nature."

Kanak Champa's painting (acrylic on canvas) shows an indigenous woman looking across the distance. Cobalt blue sky and blue-grey hills define the horizon.

The highlight of the exhibition is perhaps a painting by Nitun Kundu paired up with Shamsur Rahman's *E Shohor*. Lines like *E Shohor khudhakei nihshongo bastob joney dhulaye goraye, e shohor paltan-er mathey chhotey...protokkhho lorai korey bohuroopi nekrer shathey...* are accompanied by overlapping geometric shapes in blue, light

words are visualised through decaying brown facades of the city that has a witnessed a few centuries.

Ranjit Das' painting on Hasan Hafiz's *Hridoybhashini Dhaka* highlights the artist's familiar swirling movements and shades -- subtle orange, vermilion yellow and white. Accompanying excerpts read *Ekhono hawni tumi tilottoma...tao tumi ontorgoto labonye ujol*.

Other works by seasoned artists include Hashem Khan's take on poet Rabiul Hossain's *Priyo Brikhhogulo*, Rafiqun Nabi's painting inspired by Syed Shamsul Haq's *Amar Shohor*, Abdus Shakoor Shah's artwork on Faiz Ahmed's *Bidrohi Ek Rudro Dhaka* and Farida Zaman's vision of Khaleda Edib Chowdhury's *Modhyoraat-er Dhaka Tumi*



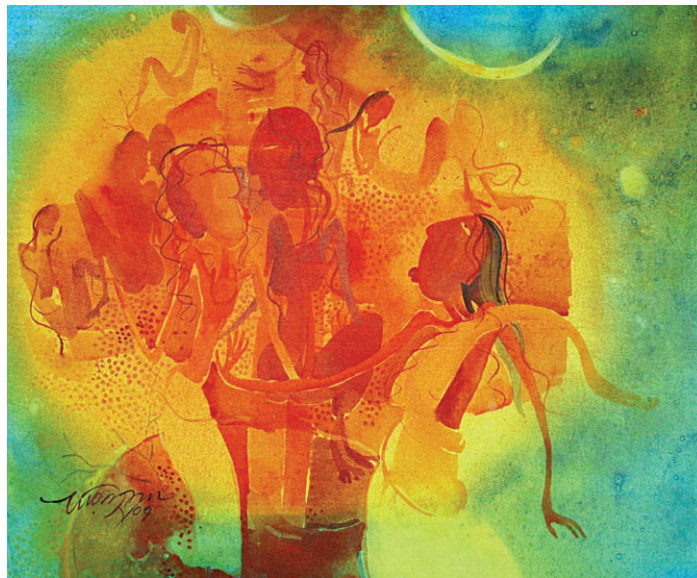
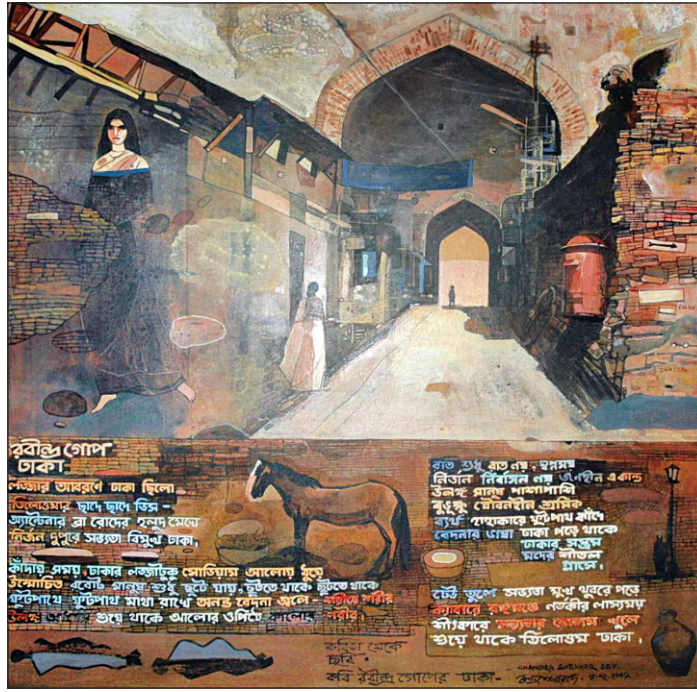
Clockwise (from top-right): Paintings by Chandra Shekhar Dey, Farida Zaman and Hashem Khan

green and orange.

A good number of the paintings are inspired by poems on Dhaka. Chandra Shekhar Dey has used excerpts from Rabindra Gope's poetic ode to our city. Riveting

Mayabi Shohor. The exhibition will continue throughout this month.

The National Poetry Festival was inaugurated yesterday at Dhaka University by celebrated poet and playwright Syed Shamsul



Haq. National Poetry Council has been organising the festival for last 20 years. This year around 200 Bangladeshi poets and a number of poets from other countries including Nirendranath

Chakrabarti, Samarendra Sen Gupta, Kamol De Sarkar, Syed Hasnat Jilil, Arne Johnson, Niklas Soderberg, Henrick C Enboham and Clara Diesen are taking part in the festival.

TV play 'Biborton' on Banglavisision tonight

CULTURAL CORRESPONDENT

Biborton is set to air tonight at 9:15pm on Banglavisions's slot of drama of week.

Written by Masum Shahriar and directed by Ziaul Zia, the play revolves around a married couple. The wife is docile by nature and the husband always pushes her to be more outgoing and spontaneous. Though reluctant initially, she too wants to change her sedate ways eventually and asks her vivacious younger sister for help. The sister, incidentally, has her share of melodrama going on regarding her love interest.

Litu Anam, Farah Ruma, Chandni and Apurbo play the major roles in *Biborton*.



Apurbo and Chandni in *Biborton*

Clint Eastwood receives top French honour

Hollywood star Clint Eastwood has been presented with the highest civilian distinction in France, Legion d'honneur, at a ceremony in Paris. The private ceremony was held at the winter garden of the presidential Elysee Palace.

President Jacques Chirac told the 76-year-old actor -- known for films such as *Dirty Harry* -- that he embodied "the best of Hollywood".

He also paid tribute to Eastwood's "immense talent as an actor" and "genius as a director". The veteran actor occupied an "exceptional place" in the world of cinema, he said.

Eastwood's latest work as a director, *Letters From Iwo Jima*, has received four Oscar nominations, and received its European premiere in Berlin Film Festival last week.

The film tells the story of the bloody Battle of Iwo Jima, in 1945, from the perspective of Japanese forces. It is a Japanese-language companion piece to the director's other film of 2006, *Flags of Our Fathers*, which tells the story from the US perspective.

Source: BBC



Clint Eastwood receives the medal of the Legion d'honneur from French president Jacques Chirac

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TV GUIDE

PICK OF THE DAY



Ontoralar Katha

On Channel i at 6:15pm

Genre: Action / Adventure
 Cast: Dennis Quaid, Miranda Otto



Flight of the Phoenix

On Star Movies at 10:15pm

Genre: Action / Adventure
 Cast: Dennis Quaid, Miranda Otto

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| 11:25 | Basha Mondo Basha | 08:35 | Shomrajo | 06:30 | Rtv Exclusive | 02:00 | Bhabhi |
| 09:30 | Gaaner Khata | 09:00 | Gaaner Khata | 06:35 | Cinema Ar Gaan | 02:30 | Kesar |
| 09:30 | Bioscope | 09:30 | Bioscope | 08:00 | Magazine Programme: | 03:00 | Saarthi |
| 11:00 | Stop n Rock | 11:00 | Stop n Rock | 08:50 | Purush | 04:00 | Kahiin To Hoga |
| 09:30 | Chokh Mele Dekhi | 09:05 | Aj Potrikai | 08:50 | Drama Serial: Raat | 04:30 | Karam Apnaa Apnaa |
| 10:00 | Magic Show | 09:10 | Talk Show | 09:30 | Jaga Pakhi | 05:00 | Aek Chabhi Hai |
| 10:00 | Pranay | 10:00 | Pranay | 10:45 | Rtv Exclusive | 06:00 | Padoss Mein |
| 12:00 | Swapno Diner Gaan | 12:00 | Swapno Diner Gaan | 11:00 | Kumkum - Pyara Sa | 06:30 | Mickey Mouse And Friends |
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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

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 Shomapi
 11:15 Musical Programme
 12:00 Maa O Shishur Kotha
 12:30 Swapno Shonar Gaon
 01:00 Shukhi Poribar
 01:30 Mafi O Manush
 02:15 Sisimpur
 02:40 Shilpo O Shahitto
 04:00 Onu Poromanu
 04:30 Desh O Bigyan
 05:05 Debate
 06:10 Amader Muktiyuddho
 06:40 Dolon Chapa
 07:00 Shafolyo Gatha
 07:30 Shurer Shurohbi
 08:35 Ekush Amar Ahonkar
 09:00 Chhayachondo

ATN Bangla

10:30 Talk Show: Onnodrishti
 12:10 Motamat
 01:25 Cholochitrer Golpo
 02:30 Drama Serial: Nirob Kosto
 04:20 ATN MUSIC
 05:00 Gram Gonjer Khobar
 05:10 Shornali Din
 05:45 Business Week
 06:20 Ashey Pasher Manush
 08:00 Drama Serial: Kathakoylar Chhobi
 08:45 Meet the Press

Channel i

08:30 Shokaler Gaan
 09:30 Shangbadpotre Bangladesh
 09:45 Public Reaction
 09:50 Grameenphone

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11:05 Educational Programme
 12:30 Citycell Taroka Kathan
 01:05 Ebong Cinemar Gaan
 01:30 Shangbadpotre Bangladesh
 01:45 Public Reaction
 04:05 Citycell Medha Bikash
 04:50 Sa Re Ga Ma
 05:30 Boimela Protidin
 06:00 Star gate SG one
 06:15 Ontoralar Katha
 06:40 Business Show
 07:50 Ispahani Shonali Diner Gaan
 09:35 Drama Serial: Tin Tin
 10:00 Drama Serial: Shada Ranger
 12:00 GrameenPhone Ajker Shangbad Potro

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08:35 Ajker Shokal
 09:30 Drama Serial
 10:05 Zo Adventure
 10:30 Shaj Ghar
 11:00 Siray Shonitey
 11:30 World of Arts
 01:05 Japan Video Topic
 03:15 Shomoshomoy
 04:25 Bhinyo Swader Khobar
 05:10 Din Dorpon/ Itihaser Ei Diney
 05:20 Apnar Jigyasha
 06:50 Crime Watch
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DISCOVERY CHANNEL

08:30 Snake Week
 09:30 Discovery Biggest Shows
 11:30 I Shouldn't Be Alive
 12:30 Yummy Mummy
 01:00 Runway Moms
 01:30 Wild Discovery
 02:30 Detective Stories
 03:30 Planet Earth
 04:30 Snake Week
 05:30 How Do They Do It?
 06:30 Extreme Machines
 07:30 Wild Europe Special
 08:30 Massive Engines With Chris Barrie
 09:00 Everything You Need To Know
 09:30 The X Re evolution
 10:30 Extreme Engineering
 11:30 New Detectives

NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC

09:30 ShowReal Asia
 10:30 Global Sky Shop
 10:15 Bhagyashali Ratna
 10:45 Telemat: Sauna Belt
 11:30 Fight Science
 01:30 Russia's Nuclear Sub
 02:30 Monkey Business
 03:00 Crabs
 03:30 ShowReal Asia
 04:30 Sacrific on the Shire
 05:00 Nat Geo Genius
 06:00 A Killer Cure
 06:30 ShowReal Asia
 07:30 Adoption
 08:30 Hanging By A Thread
 09:30 US Embassy Bombings
 10:30 Samurai Sword

Undersea Deception

STAR SPORTS

09:30 Five World League 2006
 11:00 2007 Euromithoes Dakar
 11:30 Hyundai Hopman Cup Xix
 02:30 Nba All-Star Saturday
 05:00 Pro Bull Riders Association Build
 06:00 World's Strongest Man 2006
 06:30 Tna Badshah
 08:30 Commonwealth Bank Series 2006-07
 10:00 Full Toss? Haste Rehna Boss
 10:30 Pro Bull Riders Association Build
 11:30 Engine Block
 12:00 Rally Norway
 10:30 Spanish Football League
 12:30 Global Football Championship 200
 02:30 Indian Premier Hockey
 04:30 Us Figure Skating
 06:00 Campbell's Cup
 07:00 Indian Premier Hockey League
 09:30 Sportscenter India
 10:00 Champions Of The World
 10:30 Sportscenter India
 11:00 Sportscenter Asia
 11:30 Super Spells With Wasim Akram
 12:00 Castle Test Series