

CULTURAL FEAST

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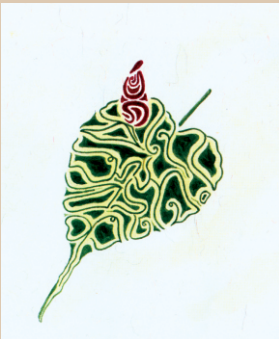
Organiser: Bangla Academy
Venue: Bangla Academy premises
Date: February 1-28
Month-long book fair

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

Folk Theatre Week 2007

Organiser: Department of Theatre and Film, Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy
Venue: Experimental Theatre Hall
Date: February 22-28
Time: 6:00pm

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

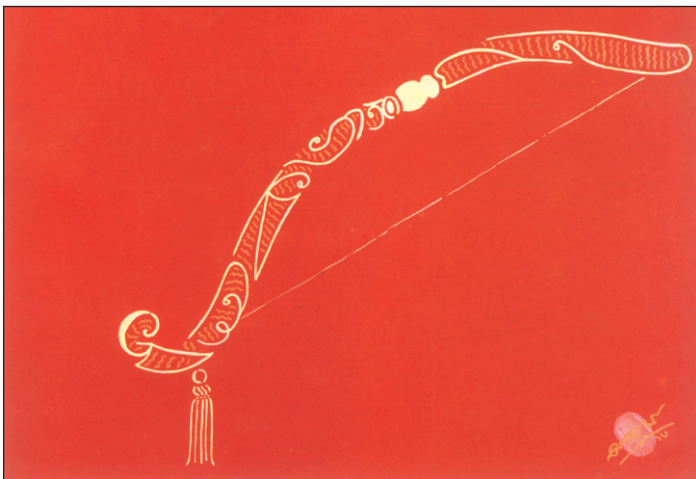
Title: Obstacle of Life
Artist: A S M Rashidul Alam (Manik)
Venue: Institute of Fine Arts, University of Dhaka
Date: February 17- 23
Time: 11:00pm-8:00pm

Helmut Käutner Retrospective

Venue: Goethe-Institut Dhaka
Organiser: Zahir Raihan Film Society and the Goethe-Institut Dhaka

February 20th:
 The Affair of Julie and Sky without Stars

Arham's soothing Bangla calligraphy on display



FAYZA HAQ

Dr June Rollinson, director, British Council, speaking at Arham-ul-Huq Chowdhury's calligraphy exhibition at the British Council, recently, said that Arham was one of the first Bangla calligraphists. Having a great interest in

plant life in particular, she said that the artist's colourful and soothing works included images from the natural environment— a stunning heron, a fish in a river— their bodies embedded with curly Bangla words. "Sometimes we see a single vibrant flower, its petals and leaves blooming in the shape of beautifully curved letters, or a tree, or an animal."



Arham's calligraphy on display at the British Council

On the occasion Luva Naheed Chowdhury, director general Bengal Foundation, said that Arham's interests vary from painting to land-scaping. His objective, she said, was to seek out art in everyday life. By moulding phrases, she said, Arham had lent interest to a century old script. His work, she said, was both sensitive and humane.

Dr Farida Zaman of the Institute of Fine Arts said that Arham's outlook is different as he plays with his inner feelings and brush. Sultana Kamal of the Ain O Shalish Kendro spoke of how the artist concentrates on folk art and proverbs, while he immerses himself in the everyday life of the people of Bangladesh.

Calligraphy as an art is being recently revived in Bangladesh. Earlier people saw this only in the Islamic script but today even artists like Murtaja Baseer are delving into it. Arham uses Bangla script and deals with everyday life around him. He brings in natural objects like flowers, fish, boats and sky. His scripting is deliberate and dynamic. Some of his works are imaginative

as when he brings in the moon over the rose. At home with both the rounded and angular folk motifs, he brings in clear images.

In *Promise to break the bow*, one finds a golden bow stretched out against a startling vermilion background. A pink rose, complete with thorns and buds, is seen in a dark night under the silvery moon. The pigeon, complete with its wings and tail, enjoys its domesticity. A snake, ready with its fangs, is seen delicately wrapped around a tree branch in *Venomless snake swirls to conspire*. A cute elephant confronts the viewer in grays and blues, outlined with delicate black in the proverb about the elephant. The tiger and the soldier, done in shades of orange and yellow touched with white and black are also eye-catching. The cat on the cushion and the boat on the high wave are equally arresting.

Arham has had seven solo exhibitions. He is at present completing his PhD in Architectural Anthropology.

Exhibition on Bangladesh's art in Paris coming up

Bangladesh is going to get a great global exposure when the country's rich repository of archaeology, arts, paintings, music and films will be put on international display in Paris, the citadel of art and culture.

France's famous artist Guimet Museum, who is dedicated to Asian arts, will mainly sponsor the four-month-long exhibition styled Sonar Bangla that will begin on October 24 this year.

Some 120 objects selected from Bangladesh National Museum, Mahasthangarh, Paharpur and Mainamati Archaeological Muse-

ums and Varendra Research Museum will be showcased at the Guimet Museum.

Moreover, the paintings by famous Bangladeshi and French artists, music, fashion show and film show will be organised during the exhibition, for the first time in France.

"We don't know much about Bangladesh's rich culture and heritage. This exhibition will promote the image of Bangladesh," French ambassador Jacques-Andre Costilhes told reporters at the embassy Sunday evening. The

briefing was also attended, among others, by deputy head of mission, Jean Romnicianu, Cultural attaché Magali Siaudeau and Press attaché Shakhawat Hossain.

The French envoy said French president Jacques Chirac is very keen to see the exhibition on Bangladesh. The director general of Guimet Museum, Jean Francois Jarrige, will come to Dhaka early next month to sign a protocol.

Source: UNB

'Aha! Jatray'

Nirjhar's documentary screened

ERSHAD KAMOL

This is probably the first time in the country that a documentary film has been made on the making of a full-length movie. *Aha! Jatray*, a documentary based on the making process of long awaited movie *Aha!* was screened at the Biam Auditorium on February 18.

In the documentary artistes and crew of the feature film *Aha!* share their concepts, and ideas during the making process. *Aha! Jatray* features two major characters of the film—Tariq Anam Khan as AR Mallick and Shathi Yasmin as Ruba-- and evaluates their respective characters in *Aha!* Another important aspect of the documentary is screening of clippings of the feature film. Above all, director Enamul Karim Nirjhar has given priority to Debojyoti Misra, the music director of the film. To lend emphasis to the music director, Nirjhar in the documentary has used the ant's eye technique. And the technique clearly reveals the vital role of music in *Aha!*. However, the audience would have liked to know about the concepts of the director, cinematographer and art director in the documentary.

Earlier, an album featuring the soundtrack and music of the feature film was released. Eminent artist Mostafa Monwar was the chief guest of the album-



A scene from the documentary

launch.

In his speech Monwar said, "I enjoyed the tunes and lyrics of the movie's songs."

AKM Arifur Rahman, chairman of Laser Vision, said, "We don't usually release movie song albums, as in most of the cases

film songs are not high quality. I believe the audience will love songs of *Aha!*"

Faridur Reza Sagar, managing director of Channel-i, singer Fahmida Nabi and actor Shahidul Alam Shachchu were the other discussants of the programme.

Documentary Film Festival ends

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A four-day documentary film festival 'Documenting Bangladesh 2' organised by the Bangladesh Documentary Council ended on February 19 at the Shawkat Osman Memorial Hall of the Central Public Library.

On the last day, eminent writer and columnist Hasnat Abdul Hye handed over the Young Documentary Filmmaker Award (2005-2006). Saiful Islam Jamal, Faruk

Hossain Tanvir and Nurullah, final year students of the Department of Film and Media, won the award for their debut film *Chhobir Haat*. The documentary depicts the gathering and cultural programmes in the open gallery at "Mollar Canteen" of Institute of Fine Arts. The gallery has the ambience of a traditional village fair and paintings are sold on the weekends.

A total of 33 documentary films were screened at the festival.



(L-R) Hasnat Abdul Hye, Nurullah, Tanvir and Manzarehassin Murad at the closing ceremony

Small screen

'Kopal' to go on air



Tauquir Ahmed and Tarin in a scene from the TV play

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Kopal, a single episode TV play, will be aired tonight on ATN Bangla at 8:40pm. The play revolves around Shayla, a housewife from a middle class family. Her husband is the financially straitened Faruk. Shayla has a rich sister, whose affluent and wealthy life fascinates her. One-day Shayla's sister buys her a lottery ticket and tells her, if she wins she

will have to give her half the money. Shayla agrees to the proposal because she doesn't believe that she will be so lucky. However, when the draw of the lottery is announced, the story takes a very interesting twist. What happens next remains to be seen.

Tauquir Ahmed, Tarin, Abul Hayat play the lead roles. The play is written by Masum Reza and directed by Syed Awlad.

Awards

Chinese film 'Tuya's Marriage' takes Berlin honours

REUTERS, Berlin

Chinese movie *Tuya's Marriage*, which explores the environmental and human cost of the country's rapid economic growth through the lives of Mongolian herders, won the Berlin film festival's top honour last Saturday.

The Golden Bear for best picture makes it a pair for Chinese cinema at Europe's top film festivals, after similarly themed *Still Life* won the Golden Lion in Venice last September.

Tuya's Marriage is set against the desertification of remote parts of China, which is forcing traditional shepherds into towns and cities.

"I think that it is important, particularly in this time when the economy is booming, to ponder and reflect on what we're losing," director Wang Quan'an said. "Once we've lost them (culture and tradition), we'll never be able to get them back," he told reporters after the prize ceremony.

"The best films aren't those that solve problems or give answers, but those that simply show things as they are ... that portray life authentically. That means we start to think

about the lives of other people."



Director Wang Quan'an and actress Yu Nan of *Tuya's Marriage* pose with their Golden Bear

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, 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

CHANNEL-i

08:40 Shobha Protidin
 09:05 Shomapi
 11:15 Shukhi Poribar
 11:40 Desher Gaan
 12:05 Maa O Shishur
 12:30 Swapno Sonar
 Gaon
 01:00 Shobar jonno Shikha
 01:30 Mati O Manush
 02:15 Laulik Bangla
 03:05 Cartoon
 03:30 Educational
 Programme
 04:00 Amader Angina
 04:30 Band Show
 05:05 Moner Kotha
 05:30 Onushilon
 06:40 Tagore Song
 07:00 Quiz Quiz
 07:30 Drama Serial: Uzan
 Protidin Bangladesh
 08:35 Ekush Amar Ohonkar
 09:25 Lok Lokalay
 10:30 Shilpo O Shahityo

ATN BANGLA
 10:30 Aktel Anyodrishti
 12:15 Amar Computer
 01:30 Shur O Chhobi
 02:30 Talk Show
 03:15 Drama Serial: O
 Amar Chokhu Nai
 Aha Ki Anondo
 04:20 Special Programme:
 Bangla Basha
 Chorchha O Prochar
 Madhom
 05:10 Ainar Shamney
 05:45 Purakir Bangladesh
 06:20 Kothamala
 08:00 Drama Serial: Shokal
 Shondha
 08:45 Drama: Kopal

CHANNEL-i

09:30 Shongbad Potrey
 Bangladesh
 09:45 Public Reaction
 09:50 Grameenphone
 Tritiyomatra
 11:05 Cricket Online (Live)
 11:30 Amar Chhobi
 12:30 Citycell Tarokakothon
 01:05 Ebong Cinemar
 Gaan
 01:30 Shongbad Potrey
 Bangladesh
 01:45 Public Reaction
 02:40 Selected Drama
 04:05 Amader Gaan
 04:35 Sharif Melamine
 Shangheetmela
 04:50 Sa Re Ga Ma
 05:30 Boi Mela Protidin
 06:00 Drama Serial: Klanto
 Shomoy
 06:20 Drama Serial:
 Ochenha Adhar
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 07:50 Drama Serial: Tin
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 09:35 Grameenphone Aiker
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 08:35 Aiker Shokal
 09:30 Crime Watch
 10:05 Bhinn Swader
 10:30 Music Express
 11:00 Cine Gaan
 12:02 Ei Shomoy
 01:00 Japan Video Topic
 03:15 Kichhu Kotha Kichhu
 Gaan
 03:50 Drama Serial: Bhalo
 Basha Mondo Basha
 04:25 Apnar Jigyasha
 05:20 Shubho Shondhya
 06:20 Path Chaoatei

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05:10 Talk Show: Ei Mon
 06:00 Aiker Bangladesh
 06:35 Amar Desh
 08:00 Magazine
 Programme: Char
 Deyal
 08:50 Drama Serial:
 Nirontor
 10:45 Rtv Exclusive
 10:50 Prithibir Pothey Pothey
 09:00 Talk Show: Khola
 Chokhey
 09:00 Joyitar Joy Jatray
 09:50 Drama Serial: Neer
 Din Dorpon
 11:25 Rtv
 09:10 Talk Show: Khola
 Chokhey
 10:00 Purush
 10:40 Praner Manush
 Achhey Praney
 12:00 Cinema Ar Cinema
 01:00 Aj Potrikay
 01:35 Islamic Programme
 03:45 Drama Serial: Black
 and White
 04:20 Path Chaoatei

STAR PLUS
 09:00 Bolly V - Star Plus
 09:30 Kumkum - Pyara Sa
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 02:00 Bhabhi
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 04:00 Kayamath
 04:30 Karam Apnaa Apnaa

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05:00 Thodi Si Zameen
 Thoda Sa Aasma
 06:30 Mickey Mouse And
 Friends
 07:00 The Suite Life Of
 Zack And Cod
 07:25 Bolly V - Star Plus
 07:30 Prithviraj Chauhan
 07:55 Bolly V - Star Plus
 08:00 Baa Bahoo Aur Baby
 08:30 Karam Apnaa Apnaa
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12:00 Paraya Dhan
STAR MOVIES
 09:35 The Spy Who Loved
 Me
 11:45 Robots
 01:20 Mummy Returns, The
 03:30 Lizzie McGuire Movie,
 The
 05:15 Hide And Seek
 07:00 National Treasure
 09:10 Charlie's Angels
 10:50 Mummy Returns, The
STAR WORLD
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10:00 Everything you Need
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 01:30 Wild Europe Special
 02:30 Detective Stories
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 08:30 Honey we're Killing the
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 09:30 Bringing Home Baby
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 10:30 Champions Of The
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 11:00 Chappell-Hadlee
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 02:30 Indian Premier Hockey
 League
 04:30 2006 Marshall's Us
 Figure Skatin
 06:00 Football Focus With
 John Dykes
 07:00 Indian Premier Hockey
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 Sunil Gavaskar
 10:30 Sportscenter India
 11:00 Sportscenter Asia

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