

## Exhibition and workshop

## Kalidas' clever craftsmanship

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**K**ALIDAS Karmakar, one of our most renowned print-makers, is conducting a fortnight-long workshop in collaboration with Bengal Foundation on printmaking at Alliance Francaise, Dhaka. Along with the workshop is an exhibition of Kalidas' prints.

Kalidas has always used new methods and materials, bringing in the familiar forms with the surreal. He is also influenced by Tantric philosophy. He searches for holy symbols, looking for them in Hindu and non-Hindu beliefs. He works with both symbols and abstractions. Highly skilled in drawing, he has also worked with mixed media and collages. He is one of the first to introduce installation art to Bangladesh.

Educated in Poland, France and Japan, Kalidas had his basic training in Fine Arts in Kolkata. Kalidas says, "My primary training in print was under Professor S W Hayter. Hayter is known as the father of colour viscosity, which is a new technique of applying colours to etching. Known methods before him required different plates for each colour. The process is labour, cost and time consuming. Hayter also introduced a workshop-based work system with artists from all over. Earlier artists used to work on their own in their studios. By exchanging ideas and views among themselves they developed new trends in their works."

Tracing the history of graphic art, Kalidas says that print-making was regarded as second class art before World War I, though artists like Rubens, Raphael,



A collage of Kalidas' works

Goya and Rembrandt did engraving, etching and aquatint. He adds that all major artists up to Pablo Picasso worked in this medium at some stage or another.

Kalidas had established his studio at Atelier -17 where eminent artists like Samarjit Rai Chowdhury, Hamiduzzaman Khan and Biren Shome participated.

Going through his works on reality and dreams in the prints on display at the Alliance Francaise gallery at the exhibition titled *Soul, Soil, Symbols* one sees a creation with sweeps of red, yellow, brown and black, with strips of curling white in between. Kneeling, seated and bent figures come together in another brown and white composition with a giant figure in the centre, which appears like a massive tree. In the next composition is a butterfly fluttering over an outstretched palm of a hand, with curls and wiggles on the rest of the paper. This is in burnt umber, black and pale yellow ochre and brings out his mastery over details.

Two more prints are pulsating with buoyant colours and abstract images of circles, loops, lines and the formation of an eye in the centre. Flecks of white add harmony to the compositions. Bright orange and brown are balanced with blues and greens. Another moving one has a goddess, with symbols, images and figures surrounding it. On top is a chimney from which floats a burst of leaves and a pale dragonfly. In another work, a peacock is presented with variations of black lines of calligraphy.

## Talent hunt by Palli Baul Shamaj Unnayan Shangtha



Young contestants at the talent hunt

## CULTURAL CORRESPONDENT

As part of their talent hunt programme, Palli Baul Shamaj Unnayan Shangtha (PBSUS), a cultural organisation, in association with the German embassy, held a daylong cultural event recently at the Engineers Institution auditorium.

Titled 'Talent hunt top ten baul', the programme featured 210 entries from all over the country - among them only 60 (40 singers and 20 instrumentalists) will make it to the

second round. The programme aims to find ten talented folk artists and six skilled instrumentalists. The event was inaugurated by cultural personality Mobarak Hossain Khan. In his speech he emphasised on the importance of preserving our folk songs.

The contest started with a Lalou song *Ami opar hoye boshay achhi* by one of the participants, Badhon. Throughout the day the programme featured several folk numbers including songs of Lalou, Hason Raja, Duddu Shah, Panju Shah, Kalu Shah

Fakir, Abdul Karim, Radha Raman, Jalal Uddin Khan, Kari Amir Uddin and other rural bards.

Among the judges were noted folk artists Kanganini Sufia, Himangshu Biswas and Abinash Chandra Sheel.

The programme went well into the night till 9pm. The event came to an end with a speech by folklorist Dr Ashraf Siddiqui.

## CULTURAL FEAST

## Theatre Festival

Organiser: Ethnic-Diversity Council & First Adivasi Theatre Festival 2007 Celebration Committee

Inauguration: April 2 at 4:00pm

Venue: National Theatre Stage, Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy

Play: Kania

Troupe: Sadi Theatre

Venue: National Theatre Stage, Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy

Date: April 2

Time: 7:00pm

Play: Tuanya

Troupe: Hor Gayan Dol

Venue: National Theatre Stage, Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy

Date: April 3

Time: 7:00pm

Play: Sri Krishna Kirtan

Troupe: Manipuri Theatre

Venue: National Theatre Stage, Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy

Date: April 4

Time: 7:00pm

Play: Hokkani Dhonpana

Troupe: Jum Aesthetic Council, Rangamati

Venue: National Theatre Stage, Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy

Date: April 4

Time: after the staging of Sri Krishna Kirtan by Manipuri Theatre

Play: Mangula

Troupe: Palakar

Venue: Experimental Theatre Stage, Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy

Date: April 5

Time: 7:00pm

Play: Rarang

Troupe: Aranyak Natyadol

Venue: Experimental Theatre Stage, Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy

Date: April 6

Time: 7:00pm

## Jatiya Rabindra Sangeet Sammilan Parishad's annual conference ends

## MAHMUDA AFROZ

One of the country's largest and renowned cultural organisations - Jatiya Rabindra Sangeet Sammilan Parishad's 26th annual conference wrapped up on April 1. To commemorate the event, the Parishad (council) had organised seminars and cultural programmes at the Chhayant Sangskriti Bhavan. The 3-day event featuring performances by talented Tagore artistes from all

corners of the country attracted thousands of music enthusiasts.

A new working committee was formed for the working calendar 2007-2009. Members from all 49 branches of the organisation were present at the conference. Professor Zillur Rahman Siddiqui was elected as president, Dr Sanjida Khatun as the executive president and Bulbul Islam as the general secretary.

In a joint announcement the

Parishad stated that, "Though Bangladesh as a nation is still new, its trade and commerce, rivers, people and culture are ancient. People are the breathing soul of a nation. Unless we learn to respect and appreciate everything about our language and heritage, as a nation we will not progress. Yes, there have been obstacles over the years but we'll continue our struggle to overcome these impediments."

The Parishad has also put forward

its proposals for the coming years. To name but a few: to imbibe values of patriotism amongst the younger generation, to improve quality of the education system, to build Shaheed Minars at all major educational institutions, unity among cultural figures to confront the evils in society, to appoint at least one teacher at every educational institute who'll oversee cultural activities, to use and pronounce Bangla in its purest form in the media etc.

The third and final day of the conference saw the Parishad announcing its most prestigious award 'Guni Shommanona'. The award went to folk singer Abdus Sattar Sarkar from Jaipurhat. The Parishad also distributed prizes among winners (in two categories - youth and general) of its competition.

During the cultural programme in the evening, the Chhayant Sangskriti Bhavan was brimming with people from all walks of life. Among the forty artists performing songs in the evening were Shifayetullah, Shama Rahman, Lily Islam, Kanchona Mustafa, Moinuddin Nazir, Shumon Chowdhury, Laisa Ahmed Lisa, Neelotpal Shadhdho, Taniya Mannan, Mita Haq, Fahim Hussain Choudhury and Aditi Mohsin. Orno Komolika performed dance. The event came to an end with a choral rendition of our National Anthem.



Tagore artistes perform at the conference

## An upcoming artiste performs at the 56th monthly programme of yesteryear songs organised by Srijan at the Sufia Kamal Auditorium, National Museum. The organisation arranges the programme once a month (last Saturdays)

PHOTO: STAR



## Jennifer Hudson gets her wings

Oscar winner Jennifer Hudson is on board for *Winged Creatures*. The singer-actress will play the daughter of fellow Oscar winner Forest Whitaker in this ensemble drama by Little Fish helmer Rowan Woods. *Winged Creatures* is based on a novel by Roy Freirich following the survivors of a murderous restaurant stick-up.

Kate Beckinsale, Guy Pearce, Dakota Fanning, Jeanne Tripplehorn and Oscar nominee Jackie Earle Haley are set to be in the movie as well.

Source: Internet

## 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.

## 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

## BTV

08:40 Bishwa Protidin  
09:05 Shomapti  
11:15 Shukhi Poribar  
11:40 Desher Gaan  
12:05 Maa O Shishur  
12:30 Swapno Shonar Gaon  
01:00 Talk Show  
01:30 Mati O Manush  
02:15 Musical Programme  
02:40 Cartoon  
03:05 Cartoon  
03:30 Educational Programme  
04:00 Amader Angina  
04:30 Band Show  
05:05 Moner Kotha  
05:30 Anushilon  
06:10 Nobo Anonday Jago  
06:40 Cricket Cricket  
07:15 ICC World Cup 2007: Ireland Vs South Africa

## ATN Bangla

08:15 Aiker  
Shangbadpotro  
08:30 Drama Serial: Pichu O Chhobi  
ATN Commentary Box  
10:30 Talk Show: AKTEL Onyodrishti  
11:05 Drama Serial: Out Door  
11:15 Three Stooges  
12:15 Amara Computer  
01:30 Shur O Chhobi  
02:30 Talk show  
Drama Serial: O Amar Chokhu Nai Aha Ki Anondo  
03:45 Ainar Shamney  
05:10

05:45 Shodaipati  
06:20 Talk show: Kothamala  
08:00 Drama Serial: Shokal Shondha  
08:45 Anubhobey Chhuye Jay  
CHANNEL-I  
09:30 Shongbad Potrey Bangladesh  
09:45 Public Reaction  
09:50 Grameenphone Tritiyamatra  
11:05 Cricket Online (Live)  
11:30 Amar Chhobi Citycell  
12:30 Tarokakothon  
01:05 Ebong Cinemar Gaan  
01:30 Shangbad Potrey Bangladesh  
01:45 Public Reaction  
02:40 Selected Drama of Humayun Ahmed  
04:05 Crictalk Bishwa Cup Special  
04:50 Sa Re Ga Ma  
05:30 Muk juddho Protidin  
06:00 Kianto Shomoy  
06:20 Drama Serial: Ochna Adhar RC Travel On  
07:50 Shadha Ranger  
10:00 Swapno  
12:00 Grameenphone Aiker  
Shangbadpotro

## ntv

06:50 K Taharey Chinitay Parey  
07:50 Ranger Manush  
08:15 Mon-e Mon-e

PICK OF THE DAY

**ICC World Cup 2007**  
On BTV at 7:15pm  
Ireland Vs South Africa  
Providence Stadium, Guyana

**Anubhobey Chhuye Jay**  
On ATN Bangla at 8:45pm  
Weekly Drama  
Cast: Shahed Sharif, Queen Rahman

08:50 Shomporko  
09:40 Drama Serial: Neer Jobanbonndhi  
10:30 Shongshoy  
CHANNEL 1  
08:40 Shuprobhat Bangladesh  
09:30 Chokh Mele Dekhi  
10:00 Cartoon  
10:30 Bangla Feature Film  
02:00 Shuktara  
03:30 Drama Serial: Shomrajyo  
04:00 Gaaner Khata  
04:30 Bioscope  
05:15 Stop n Rock  
06:00 Saaj Bela  
06:45 Ilthasher Path Dhorey  
07:00 Nongor  
08:15 Drama Serial: Doloner Jobanbonndhi  
08:30 Prio Gaan  
09:15 Chena Shur Ochna Shor  
09:30 Drama Serial: Pakhira Ghorey Pherey  
BANGLAVISION  
08:35 Shubho Shokal  
09:05 Ebong Classer Bairey  
09:30 Music Moment  
10:10 Dui Humayun  
10:40 Amar Ami  
11:10 Public Forum  
02:40 Telefilm: Tulite Aka Swapno  
04:15 Nongor  
05:00 Musical Programme  
05:40 Diner Sheshey  
06:25 Talk Show  
06:40 Bishwacup Protidin  
08:15 Drama Serial: Shonar Phool  
Agamir Kontho  
09:00 Kumkum - Pyara Sa Bandhan  
11:00 Shaka Laka Boom Boom  
11:30 Kahaani Ghar Ghar Kii  
12:00 V Trailers - Star Plus  
12:30 Kayamath  
01:00 Kasautii Zindagii Kay  
01:30 Kumkum - Pyara Sa Bandhan

02:00 Bhabhi  
03:00 Saarrthi  
03:30 Kyunki Saas Bhi Kabhi Bahu Thi  
04:00 Kayamath  
04:30 Karam Apnaa Apnaa  
05:00 Thodi Si Zameen  
06:30 Thoda Sa Aasma  
06:00 V Trailers - Star Plus  
06:30 Aladdin  
07:00 That's So Raven  
07:30 Prithviraaj Chauhan  
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 Kayamath  
12:00 Paraya Dhan  
02:00 Prison Break  
02:30 Oprah Winfrey Show  
03:30 The Bold And The Beautiful  
04:00 General Hospital  
05:00 Fashion House  
06:00 Less Than Perfect  
06:30 The Simpsons  
07:00 Cheers  
07:30 Friends Sr 8  
08:00 Seinfeld  
08:30 Falcon Beach  
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08:30 The Real Serengeti  
09:30 Ambushed  
11:00 Telemall: Sauna Belt  
11:15 Global Sky Shop  
11:30 Helicopter Down  
12:30 Zebrugge Ferry Disaster  
01:30 Inside Maxisium Security  
02:30 Holy Cow  
03:30 Ambushed  
04:30 Mad Labs  
05:00 Mutant Tiger Snakes  
05:30 Backyard Science  
06:00 Cobra Fest / Cave Croc  
06:30 Ambushed  
07:30 Triumph of Life  
08:30 Surviving Nature's Fury  
09:30 Sleepwalking Murders  
10:30 Shark Invasion  
11:30 Mosquito Hell  
STAR WORLD  
09:00 The Simpsons  
09:30 The Oprah Winfrey Show  
10:30 My Wife And Kids  
11:00 The King Of Queen  
11:30 Grey's Anatomy  
12:30 Still Standing  
01:00 Frasier

STAR MOVIES  
08:30 Baywatch: Hawaiiian Wedding  
10:00 Ational Treasure  
12:15 Engaged To Kill  
02:00 D3: The Mighty Ducks  
03:45 Melinda And Melinda  
05:30 Trump Unauthorised  
07:00 Home Alone 2: Lost In New York  
09:00 Lightplan  
10:40 Her Minor Thing  
12:15 Ecret Lives  
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STAR SPORT  
08:30 Sports Max 2006/07  
09:30 World's Strongest Man - The Maki  
10:30 English Premier  
12:30 Football League  
Open  
02:00 India'S Best With Sunil Gavaskar  
02:30 English Premier  
04:30 Tna Archive (Wrestling)  
05:30 International  
06:30 Tna Archive  
07:30 Hitz  
08:00 India'S Best With Sunil Gavaskar  
08:30 Debutants  
09:00 Remember The Titans  
09:30 Cricket Crazy  
10:30 Tna Archive  
11:30 Spirit Of Yachting - A Winning T  
ESPN  
08:30 Asian X Games Vi  
09:00 Presented By To  
09:30 Taking Guard - West  
09:30 Indias Speci  
09:30 Nba Basketball  
12:00 Hitz  
12:30 English Premier  
02:30 Cricket Gold  
04:30 English Premier  
05:30 League Highlight  
06:30 Sachin The Great  
06:00 Taking Guard - West  
06:30 Indias Speci  
07:00 Asian X Games 2005  
07:00 Presented By  
07:30 Football Focus With  
07:30 John Dykes  
07:30 2006/07 Spanish  
10:30 League Highlight  
11:00 Sportscenter Asia  
11:30 Commonwealth Bank  
Series 2006-07