

CULTURALFEAST

Film Screening

Films: Pather Panchali, Aparajito, Apur Sansar, Agantuk, Kanchenjunga, Charulata, Asani Sanket, Jana Aranya, Aranyer Din Ratri, Hirak Rajar Deshe, Shakha Prashakha and Ghare-Baire
Organiser: Rainbow Film Society
Venue: Sufia Kamal Auditorium, National Museum
Date: April 23-25
Time: Daily at 11am, 2pm, 4pm and 6pm
Organiser: Jahangirnagar Film Society
Date: April 23
Film: The Departed
Time: 2:30pm
Award: Oscar 2007

Film: The wind that shakes the Barley
Time: 6:30pm
Award: Cannes 2006
Venue: German Cultural Centre, House10, Road 9 Dhanmondi R/A

Organiser: Goethe- Institut Bangladesh in cooperation with Children's Film Society, Bangladesh
Date: April 26, May 31
Venue: Goethe- Institut Bangladesh auditorium
Time: 4:00pm

Ikebana Exhibition

Artist: Jonaky Mahmud
Venue: Conference Hall of BNCU, BANBESIS Bhaban, Palassy-Nilkhet
Date: April 30

Solo Art Exhibition

Title: The Forms and Poetry of Nature
Artist: Alakesh Ghosh
Venue: Bengal Gallery of Fine Arts, House 275/F, Road 27 (old) Dhanmondi
Date: April 21-May 5
Time: 12pm-8pm

Photography Exhibition

By the members of Muktachokh, Pathshala, 2007
Title: Baiyati Prashade
Venue: Alliance Francaise Gallery Zoom, 26 Mirpur Road, Dhanmondi
Date: April 20-May 3
Time: Saturday-Friday 9am-12pm, 5pm-8pm
Title: Aesthetic Beauty of Trees
Photographer: Ismat Jahan
Venue: Art & Soul Gallery, House 16 Road 36, Gulshan Avenue
Date: April 5-18
Time: 11:00am-8pm

Loko Oitijya Prodorshoni: Kantha

Organiser: Liberation War Museum
Venue: Liberation War Museum
Date: April 20-29



Exhibition

Alakesh's pristine washes



Art works by Alakesh Ghosh

FAYZA HAQ

ALAKESH Ghosh, a superb artist of landscapes in water colours, is having a solo exhibition featuring over a hundred works at the Bengal Gallery. He has tried his hand at oils too and this exhibition contains some remarkable portraits in that media.

"This is a country of numerous rivers. If I do just one painting of each, I will have at least a hundred paintings in my hand. I find water colour cheaper and easier to handle. When I paint the rivers, I have water easily at hand," says Alakesh. Sometimes he makes sketches before he gets on to the paper but often he paints directly, without any premeditation. He usually finishes his water colours in a day.

The artist who influences him

most is Mohammed Kibria, although Kibria works on abstract and does graphics. Apart from Kibria, Rafiqun Nabi and Monirul Islam guided Alakesh when he was a student. Quamrul Hassan and Shafiuddin Ahmed have also had their influence on him. Recently he has been working on ethnic subjects, but unfortunately he has not been able to include those works in his exhibition.

As he often works outdoors, the works of Van Gogh, Cezanne and Gauguin too have inspired him. "In my 40 years of painting I've painted what fascinated me and so I had no difficulty in going about my work," Alakesh says. "I concentrate on my work -- whether it be water-colour or pencil sketch or oil." Water-colour remains his forte, which he does with speed, dexterity and versatility. The vistas and possibili-

ties of vast strokes make subjects like the Buriganga and Brahmaputra dear to him. Even though he does not have figures in his paintings, they carry an intimate feeling and a personal touch.

In Khagrachari boats, suggestion of people, with cliffs and trees in the distance and the water in front make up the serene imagery. It is in greys, blues, beige, and white. In Buffalo herd, the artist has brought in buffaloes moving through fields with vast washes of purple as the landscape at the back, and brown crops in the front.

Sunderbans features bushes, trees and roots of mangrove trees all amalgamated in a delightful profusion of light strokes of brown, blue, purple and red. The area of the water and sky are left untouched.

Alakesh loves to bring in the

lanes of old Dhaka too, specially with the ambience of the afternoon, with the rickshaws, passers-by, old sagging electrical wiring and billboards. In Bara Katara (water colour) he has brought in buildings and houses with a series of black and beige strokes. Old Dhaka-2 features a lane with overhead lights of shops and electrical riggings. Alakesh loves the jostling crowds, transports and draft animals just as he enjoys the banks of rivers, which he expresses in broad brush sweeps.

Alakesh Ghosh has taken part in joint exhibits in Japan, India and Bangladesh. He has participated in about ten workshops and art camps. A freelance artist, he has worked as a designer for Dainik Bangla and Bichitra.

Riding the ad wave

In conversation with Nimai Mondal



Nimai Mondal

CULTURAL CORRESPONDENT

Nimai Mondal recently won plaudits for his role in a TV commercial of Grameen Phone (GP) directed by Mustafa Sarwar Farooki. The commercial, on the theme of International Mother Language Day, touched a responsive chord with the audience. Since 1996, Nimai has

been working as a senior copywriter in an advertising firm. He holds a bachelor's degree in Bangla literature from Dhaka University.

Talking about his entry into modeling, he says, "Ever since my college days, I was into extra-curricular activities like stage shows and poetry recitation. I got into modeling by chance. Last

year I dropped in my curriculum vitae at an advertising firm. The firm selected me for the character of a gardener in the GP commercial, which got me a good amount of recognition."

Asked about the reason for success, he says, "I often wonder how it went on to be so popular but have never been able to really figure it out. It could be that Bangladeshis have strong emotional ties with their country."

Talking about his writing and poetry-reciting career, he says, "I had the rare opportunity to meet the pioneers in the recitation arena in Bangladesh such as Naren Biswas, Qazi Arif and Pragna Laboni, as well as noted writers. It inspired me to follow suit. My first poetry album titled Anonto Trishna was released in 1996. I followed it up with a book called Abrittir Kolakoushal (1997), which was published by Bangla Academy."

On his dream roles, he says, "I haven't given it a serious thought. But I would like to do a variety of roles in quality films and TV plays -- be it comedy, action, thriller, or drama. In a nutshell, any role with substance interests me."

Sanjaya Malakar to dine with George Bush

Indian-American teen Sanjaya Malakar, whose dream run in the American Idol came to an end last week, will now be a guest at a White House correspondents' dinner, also expected to be attended by President George W Bush.

The 17-year-old who survived several rounds in the show despite numerous questions being raised about his singing prowess, has been invited to the glittery event by the People magazine.

"The most gushed-over guests at Saturday's White House Correspondents' Association Dinner will be eclipsed by the one-name sensation just added to the list: Sanjaya," the Washington Post reports.

Sanjaya was voted out by the viewers of American Idol last Wednesday, and Washington Post said, "People's celebrity wranglers nailed his RSVP within hours of his boot."

Source: Internet



Pahela Baishakh around the world

Celebration in Tokyo

Bangladeshi expats in Japan celebrated Pahela Baishakh with much gusto at the Shaheed Minar premises at Ike Bukuro Nishiguchi Park, Tokyo city centre recently, says a press release.

Over the years, the Baishakhi celebration accompanied by a curry festival has become a major event and congregation of Bengalis as well as enthusiastic Japanese individuals.

Apart from performances by local artistes, appearances by noted gano sangeet artiste Fakir Alamgir and dancer-actress Mukti were major attractions of the event.

Among the dignitaries, the Bangladeshi ambassador to Japan, Ashraf-ud-Doula attended the event.

Fakir Alamgir's performance included his popular numbers, Ramnar botomul-e shajey nari



Fakir Alamgir performs at the programme

beli phul-e, Bhalobashi Dhaka, Sokhina gesosh kina bhuila Sokhina ke deshe-e rekhay and O amarey.

Udichi's cultural programme in UK



A colourful Udichi rally

Udichi Shilpi Gosthi (USG) UK in London, celebrated Pahela Baishakh, the first day of Bangla New Year, says a press release. The day was a rare treat for Bengali expats living in the UK.

The celebrations (on April 14) kicked off with members of Udichi

bringing out a colourful rally from Altaf Ali Park (East London). The rally ended at Whitechapel Art Gallery. Slogan of this year's celebration was Muchhey Jaak Glani Ghuchey Jaak Jora.

The cultural programme at the festival featured group and solo

dance performances, recitation and music by students of Udichi School of Performing Arts. Senior artistes of Udichi, UK also performed at the event.

Pitha, payesh, panta and llish were special attractions at the festival.

'Phoring Bondhu': Drama of the week on Banglavisión

CULTURAL CORRESPONDENT

Banglavisión will air Phoring Bondhu tonight at 8:55pm, in its drama of the week slot. Written by Azad Abul Kalam the play is directed by Ripon Nabi.

The play centres on Idris, a villager who moves to Dhaka in search of livelihood. He contacts Shilu, his childhood friend. Shilu who now goes by the name Selina Rahman, is wife to rich businessman Zubaer Rahman. Seeing Idris at her office, Selina becomes a little perturbed but assures him that she would do something for him. Idris gets a job and the story unfolds.

The play features Bijori Barkatullah, Arman Pervaz Murad and Shueb Islam in the lead roles.



Bijori Barkatullah in the TV play

TV GUIDE

PICK OF THE DAY



Antoraler Kotha
On Channel i at 6:20pm
Docudrama to generate public awareness against gender violence



Half Past Dead
On AXN at 2:00pm
Genre: Action/Thriller
Cast: Steven Seagal, Morris Chestnut

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, 1:00 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
09:15 Shomapti
11:15 Musical Programme
11:40 Desher Gaan
12:05 Maa O Shishur Kotha
12:30 Swapno Shonar Gaon
01:00 Shukhi Poribar
01:30 Mati O Manush
02:15 Sisimpur
02:40 Desher Gaan
03:05 Cartoon
03:30 Football Shekha
04:00 Anu Porumanu
04:30 Agrodut
05:05 Debate
06:10 Kobi O Kobita
06:40 Dolon Chanpa
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ATN Bangla

08:30 Musical Programme
09:15 ATN Commentary
Box
10:30 Talk Show: AKTEL Onyodristhi
11:05 Mega Serial: Laal Neel Beguni
12:10 Mota Mot
01:25 Cholo Chitr Golpo
02:30 Drama Serial: Nirab Kosto
03:15 Drama Serial: O Amar Chokhu Nai Children's Programme
03:45 Matir Shubatash
04:20 Shushuto Thakun
05:10 Business week
05:45 Ashkeypasher
06:20

08:00 Manush
Drama Serial: Kath Koylar Chhobi
Meet the press
08:45 CHANNEL-i
09:30 Shongbad Potrey Bangladesh
09:45 Public Reaction
09:50 Grameenphone Trililyomatra
11:05 Educational Programme
12:30 Citycell Tarokakothon
01:05 Ebong Cinemar Gaan
01:30 Shangbad Potrey Bangladesh
01:45 Agrodut
02:40 Selected Drama of Humayun Ahmed
03:05 Educational Programme
04:05 Critick Bishwa Cup Special
04:50 Sa Re Ga Ma
05:30 Muki iuddho Protidin
06:00 Stargate SG one
06:20 Antoraler Kotha
06:40 Business Show
07:50 BBC Bangladesh Shanglap
09:35 Drama Serial: Tin Tin
10:00 Drama Serial: Shadha Ranger Swapno
12:00 Grameenphone Aker Shangbadpotro
08:35 Shubho Shokal
09:05 Agamir Kontho
10:10 Article Thirty-Nine
11:10 Sports Vision

11:40 Cinebit
02:40 Drama Serial: Choitali jochhonay Eka Meyeti
03:10 Apnar Agami
04:15 Drama Serial: Swapno Chura
05:00 Drama Serial: Tarik Ali Hadari
05:40 Diner Sheshey
06:25 Amader Ranna Ghar
06:40 Bishwacup Protidin
08:15 Desher Pathhey
08:55 Drama: Phoring Bondhu
10:30 V Trailers - Star Plus
11:30 Shaka Laka Boom Boom
12:00 Kahaani Ghar Ghar Kii
12:30 V Trailers - Star Plus
01:00 Kayamath
01:30 Kasauti Zindagii Kay
02:00 Kumkum - Pyara Sa Bandhan
02:30 Bhabhi
03:00 Kesar
03:30 Saarthi
04:00 Kyunki Saas Bhi Kabhi Bahu Thi
04:30 Kayamath
05:30 Aek Chabhi Hai Padoss Mein
06:30 V Trailers - Star Plus
07:00 Aladdin
07:30 That's So Raven
08:00 Prithviraj Chauhan
08:30 Baa Bahoo Aur Baby
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12:00 Kayamath
STAR MOVIES
10:00 Adam And Eve
11:25 The Nightmare Before Christmas
12:45 Die Another Day
03:00 Home Alone 2: Lost In New York
05:05 The Prince & Me
07:00 Blue Crush
08:45 Kids In America
10:15 The Last Shot
11:50 FX 2
12:45 Home For The Holidays
STAR WORLD
09:30 The Simpsons

10:00 Oprah Winfrey Show
11:00 The Apprentice
12:00 Crumbs
12:30 8 Simple Rules
01:00 Koffee With Karan
02:00 Angela's Eyes
03:00 Oprah Winfrey Show
04:00 The Bold And The Beautiful
04:30 General Hospital
05:30 Fashion House
06:30 Less Than Perfect
07:00 The Simpsons
07:30 Cheers
08:00 Friends Sr 8
08:30 Seinfeld
09:00 My Wife And Kids
09:30 Still Standing
10:00 The King Of Queen
10:30 Frasier
11:00 Fashion House
AXN
09:30 Beastmaster (Season 1)
10:30 SI Factor (Season 3)
01:00 CSI: Crime Scene Investigation (Season 6)
02:00 Half Past Dead
04:00 Maximum Exposure (Season 2)
05:30 Amazon
06:30 The Shield (Season 4)
07:30 PSI Factor (Season 3)
08:30 Maximum Exposure (Season 2)
09:30 The Amazing Race: All-Stars
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11:30 CSI: Crime Scene Investigation (Season 6)

12:30 The Amazing Race: All-Stars
DISCOVERY CHANNEL
09:30 Discovery Biggest Shows
11:30 Junkyard Wars
12:30 Ten Years Younger
01:30 Wild Discovery
02:30 Detective Storeis
03:30 Planet Earth
04:30 Wild India Week
05:30 Wild Safari
06:30 Extreme Machines
07:30 Africa Week
08:30 Colours of India
09:30 Future Weapons
10:30 Million 2 One
11:00 Everything you need to know
11:30 Life on the edge
NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC
11:30 Sauna Belt
11:45 Global Sky Shop
12:00 Jack Johnson
01:30 Earthpulse
02:00 Greece
03:00 Dakota, Orca, Target
03:30 Monarch Butterflies
04:30 Mad Labs
05:30 Mission To Malaysia
06:00 Nat Geo Junior
06:30 Black Waters
07:00 The Adventure Of Zheng He
08:00 Journey Into Amazonia
08:30 Air Crash Investigation
10:00 Seconds From Disaster

11:00 Dangerous Encounters
STAR SPORTS
10:00 Bwf Super Series - Swiss Open
01:00 Volvo China Open
02:00 Masters Series Monte- Carlo Pres
04:00 Gillette World Sport 2007 (Inter
04:30 Debutants
05:00 English Premier Football League
07:00 K1 World Grand Prix 2005 (Wrestl
09:00 Vb Series
10:30 Full Toss? Haste
Rehna Boss (The
11:30 Pro Bull Riders Association Buil
12:00 Engine Block
ESPN
09:00 Asian X Games 2005
Presented By Planet Speed
2006/2007
10:00 Final Score
10:30 X-Games 12
11:00 Greece
06:00 Bmw Asian Open
06:00 Ironman Western Australia (Triat
07:00 Asian X Games Vi
Presented By To
08:00 English Premier League Highlight
10:00 Roberto Duran: The Early Years -
11:00 Sportscenter India
11:30 Sportscenter Asia
12:00 Chappell-Hadlee Trophy