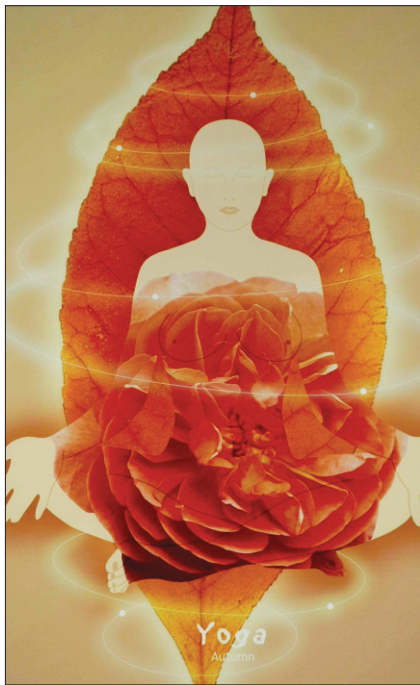


Exhibition

Chinese graphic art in Dhaka



Artworks at the exhibition



The Chinese Ambassador (C) with other distinguished guests at the inauguration PHOTO: STAR

FAYZA HAQ

ZHENG Qingdian, the Chinese ambassador, speaking at the inauguration of the China Graphic Design Exhibition at Sufia Kamal Hall, National Museum, yesterday, said that the show depicts the latest art trend in China. He said that this exhibition would introduce Chinese graphic art to Bangladesh. He added that while China was growing rapidly, importance was also given to the country's cultural background.

A B M Abdul Howk Chowdhury, secretary, Ministry of Cultural Affairs, lauded Bangladesh's ties with China. He also stressed on the importance of our cultural delegations to China.

Samar Chandra Pal, director general of

National Museum, praised China's prowess in the field of art that is recorded in history.

Package, one of the fascinating graphic posters, has birds, flowers and trees in gold, set on a backdrop of red. The parcel is tied with a gold silk thread. It is a liquor packaging and the designing has been done by Chen Xiaolin. *The New year Gift Packaging* brings in wine once more as the subject and the designer is Hao Xueting. Different angles of the bottles and the packages are presented with care and savvy.

Fish, done by He Jie brings in a huge fish dominated by black checks. It has a black body, fins and tail and it rests on a brown foreground. Chen Man has brought in a poster with elephants, birds and other animals, recalling Noah's ark. Motifs of waves and fish decorate the main figures. *The Big*

Fortune by Uyu Xiangdang brings in two fish with fascinating scalloped designs on the body. Dots and lines decorate it. On one side is a crane bringing in peach flowers and on the other side are two children playing under a tree. The peeping sun is seen in the backdrop. This is in red, brown and black.

Celebrating the 25th anniversary of China's reform is the work of Zhou Ming. This presents a huge woollen mat bearing the words "Open". The poster by Tian Duanhong introduces waves, boats and fish. This is in bold sweeps of lines and curls. Tian's other piece shows flying cranes in black and white. In the background are blue and yellow umbrellas and flowers against a beige setting.

The poster celebrating the 5th anniversary of the return of Macao by Li Fan presents

ents a flower with burning candles. Both the flowers and candles are pink, set off by green. *Image of Cheng Du* by Hu Shaozong brings in swirls of black presenting the image of a chair. *Exhibition of Chinese Calligraphy* shows a thick brush that is held upside down, bearing a pot of black ink.

Happiness by Tong Jinpeng presents a woman in gold and red. She is smiling and bears a fan with the design of a phoenix. *Yoga* by Li Fan brings in a figure, emerging from flower petals. The form appears to emerge from a leaf. *Gate* by Li Donsang shows a boy skating, with doors opening up at the sides, ushering in figures from the pages of history.

The exhibition continuing till May 23, is sure to generate interest in contemporary Chinese art.

'Kobi': New drama serial on Channel-i

CULTURAL CORRESPONDENT

Kobi, a new drama serial by eminent playwright Humayun Ahmed will go on air from tonight at 9:35pm. The serial will be aired every Monday and Tuesday on Channel-i.

Celebrated author Humayun Ahmed's comedy *Kobi* centres around hilarious incidents involving three friends -- Sajjad, Atahar and Majid -- who want to establish themselves as poets.

The serial is directed by Shaon. Dr. Enamul Haque, Jayanto Chattapadhyaya, Abul Kashem, Wahida Mallick Jolly, Zahiruddin Piar, Apurbo and others play the major roles in the serial.



A scene from Kobi

Magician Ali Raj performs at Shenzhen festival



Magician Ali Raj during a performance

Bangladeshi magician Ali Raj recently mesmerised an audience in China with his performance. Raj was the only Bangladeshi magician invited at the Happy Valley Theatre in the city of Shenzhen, at the second biggest 10-day international magic fest held in China, says a press release.

Raj's illusion titled *The Mystery of Bengal*, along with his other performances, were highly appreciated by the audience and participating magicians from around the world including Brett Daniel and France Harary from the USA. The Mayor of Shenzhen presented Raj with a token of honour.

CULTURALFEAST

Art Exhibition

Title: Mukti
Organiser: Liberation War Museum
Venue: Liberation War Museum
Date: May 7-20
Time: 10:00am- 8:00pm

Title: Reviving Traditional techniques through contemporary art
Organiser: Art Club Bangladesh
Venue: Art Club Bangladesh Gallery, Suite: 3B, House: 4, Road: 104, Gulshan: 2
Date: May 12-18
Time: 11:00am- 8:00pm

Theatre

Play: Shikondi Kotha
Troupe: Nattyadhara, Chittagong
Venue: National Theatre Stage, Bangladesh Shipakala Academy
Date: May 17
Time: 6:30pm

Grand Group Art Exhibition

145 art works of renowned Bangladeshi artists on display
Venue: Saju Art Gallery, F/40-41, D.C.C. North Super Market 2nd Circle, Gulshan
Date: April 28- May 28
Time: 9:00am to 7:00pm (Friday closed)

Small screen

'Moner Janala': TV series on domestic violence

CULTURAL CORRESPONDENT

Premier of the drama serial *Moner Janala* was held at Bokul Hall, Dhaka Sheraton Hotel, yesterday. The series will go on air tonight and will be aired every Tuesday on ATN Bangla at 9:00pm.

The serial is an initiative by Oxfam to generate awareness on domestic violence and abuse of women's rights. The initiative is supported by GTZ and DFID, UK.

Chief guest at the programme was Geeteera Safiya Choudhury, adviser to the caretaker government. Special guests were Anwar Chowdhury, UK High Commissioner to Bangladesh and Hans-Hinrich Schnelle, First Secretary and head of development cooperation, Embassy of the Federal Republic of Germany. Also present at the occasion were Oxfam GB Country Representative Anil P Tambay, media personalities Asaduzzaman Noor, Abul Hayat, Anisul Haque and others.

The plot of the series revolves around four families living in the same building in Dhaka, highlighting crises in the urban middleclass family structure.

A young couple -- Mehedi and Kanta -- lives in the ground floor. Mehedi, a promising singer, is having an extra-marital affair.

An elderly couple -- Professor Kabir Ahmed and Kazi Shahida -- lives on the first floor. Shahida, an activist working for women's rights, is more interested in her social work than her



(L-R) Hans-Hinrich Schnelle, Geeteera Safiya Choudhury, Anwar Chowdhury, Abul Hayat and Anisul Haque at the premier

family.

Engineer Hassan Zaman with his mother, wife and two daughters live on the second floor. Hassan's mother, desperate for a grandson, forces her daughter-in-law to conceive another child.

The landlord Sagir Chowdhury and his family live on the top floor. Ill-tempered Sagir always terrorises his family members especially the

females.

And so the story follows. Each episode of the series zooms in on the different ways women are abused in our society -- verbal, physical and more.

Based on a story by Anisul Haque, script for the serial has been developed by Brindaban Das. Directed by Abul Hayat, the series features Azizul Hakim, Richi Solaiman, Aruna Biswas and others in central roles.

TV GUIDE

PICK OF THE DAY



Ei Shob Ondhokar
On Banglavisian at 8:15pm
Drama Serial
Cast: Shahiduzzaman Selim, Shompa Reza



Prison Break
On Star World at 10:30pm
Genre: Drama
Cast: Wentworth Miller, Dominic Purcell, Amaury Nolasco

03:30	Drama Serial: <i>Keu Kachhey Keu Durey</i>	09:05	<i>Ebong Classer Bairey</i> Musical Programme	Bandhan	10:00	V Trailers - Star Plus	06:30	Kasturi	Roshni
04:00	Bioscope	09:30	Cinebit <i>Shada Kalo</i>	10:30	Aladdin	11:00	Timon And Pumbaa	07:00	Kahaani Ghar Ghar Kii
05:15	Stop n Rock	10:40	Amar Ami	11:30	V Trailers - Star Plus	12:00	Kasturi	07:30	Prithviraj Chauhan
06:00	Saaj Bela	11:10	Public Forum	12:30	Meri Awaz Ko Mil Gayi	12:00	Kasturi	08:00	Baa Bahoo Aur Baby
06:45	<i>Ilthasher Path Dhorey</i>	02:40	Drama: <i>Kumur Jibon Kotha</i>	01:00	Kasautii Zindagii Kay	09:30	Meri Awaz Ko Mil Gayi	08:30	Karam Apnaa Apnaa
07:00	<i>Alpo Sholpo Golpo</i>	04:15	<i>Shamol Bangla</i>	01:30	Kumkum - Pyara Sa	11:45	Two Moon Junction	11:30	Chain Reaction
08:15	Drama Serial: <i>Keo Kachhe Keo Dure</i>	05:00	<i>Deshor Pathhey</i>	02:00	Bhabhi	10:00	Kasturi	04:30	Sauna Belt
09:00	<i>Rupantorer Golpo</i>	05:40	<i>Diner Sheshey</i>	02:30	Kesar	10:30	Kahaani Ghar Ghar Kii	05:30	Kings of Construction
09:30	Expression	06:25	<i>Mohan May Dibosh</i>	03:30	Saarrthi	11:00	Kyunki Saas Bhi Kabhi Bahu Thi	06:30	Deadliest Catch
10:50	<i>Gaaner Kotha Kothar Gaan</i>	08:15	Drama Serial: <i>Ei Shob Ondhokar</i>	04:00	Kayamath	11:30	Kayamath	07:30	Tiger Week
		09:10	<i>Agamir Kontho</i>	05:00	Paraya Dhan	12:00	Paraya Dhan	08:30	Spiritual Nation
				05:30	V Trailers - Star Plus			09:30	Baby Story
				06:00	Meri Awaz Ko Mil Gayi			10:00	Baby Whisperer

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.

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.

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

ATN Bangla

08:15 *Ajker Shongbadpotro*

08:30 Drama Serial: *Pichhutan*

09:15 ATN Commentary Box

10:30 Talk Show: *Aktel Onyodrishti*

11:05 Drama Serial: *Outdoor*

11:35 Three Stooges

12:15 *Amar Computer*

02:30 Talk show

03:15 Drama Serial: *O Amar Chokhu Nai*

03:45 Children's Programme: *Aaha Ki Anondo*

05:20 *Aainar Shamne*

06:20 Talk show: *Kothamala*

08:00 Drama Serial: *Shokal Shondha*

08:45 Drama: *Abhoron*

12:00 *Grameenphone Lead News*

CHANNEL-i

09:30 *Shongbad Potrey Bangladesh*

09:50 *GrameenphoneTriti yomatra*

11:05 Cricket Online (Live)

11:30 *Amar Chhobi Citycell*

12:30 *Tarokakothon*

01:05 *Ebong Cinemar Gaan*

01:30 *Shanghbad Potrey Bangladesh*

01:45 Public

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12:10 Talk show: *Ei Shomoy*

01:05 Japan Video Topic

03:15 *Kichhu Kotha Kichhu Gaan*

03:50 *Bhalobasha Mondo Basha*

04:25 Gallery

05:15 *Dindorpon*

06:50 *K Tahare Chinitney*

08:15 Drama Serial: *Mon-e Mon-e*

08:50 *Barighor Thik Thak*

09:45 Drama Serial: *Neer*

Channel 1

08:40 *Shuprobhat Bangladesh*

09:30 *Chokh Mele Dekhi*

10:00 Cartoon

10:30 Bangla Feature Film

12:00 *Shuktara*

Reaction

Selected Drama of Humayun Ahmed

03:30 *Sa Re Ga Ma*

04:05 Musical Programme

05:30 *Muktijuddho Protidin*

06:00 Drama Serial: *Klanto Shomoy*

06:20 Drama Serial: *Ochena Adhar*

07:50 *D Rockstar 2*

09:35 Mega Serial: *Kobi*

10:00 RC Travel On

12:00 *Grameenphone Ajker Shongbadpotro*

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