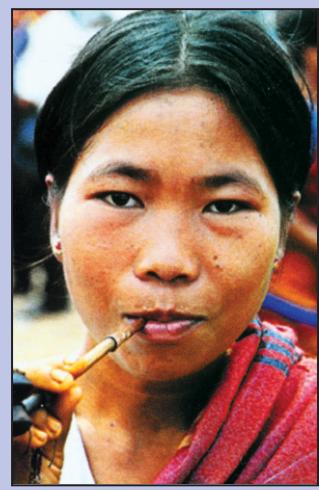


## CULTURAL FEAST

## Photography Exhibition



**Title:** Stolen Forests  
**Photographer:** Philip Gain and Ronald Halder  
**Venue:** Drik Gallery, House 58, Road 15A, Dhanmondi  
**Date:** May 18-24  
**Time:** 3pm-8pm

## Solo Art Exhibition

**Title:** Anadi Kumar Boiragi's Quest for Self-Entity  
**Venue:** Gallery Zoom, Alliance Francaise, 26 Mirpur Road, Dhanmondi  
**Date:** May 18-31  
**Time:** 9am-12pm, 5pm-9pm

## Collage Workshop

**Title:** Collagekalpa  
**Venue:** Bengal Gallery of Fine Arts, House 275/F, Road 27 (old) Dhanmondi  
**Date:** May 20-26  
**Time:** 12pm-8pm

## Album Launch

**Title:** Bhorer Hawa  
**Artist:** Salauddin Ahmed  
**Venue:** Sufia Kamal Auditorium, National Museum  
**Date:** May 20  
**Time:** 6pm

## Art Exhibition

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

## 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)

## Classical Music Soiree

**Organiser:** Shuddhi Sangeet Proshar Goshthi  
**Artists:** Karim Shahabuddin, Arju Akther Baby and Shahinur Reza  
**Venue:** Bishwa Shahity Kendra, Dhaka  
**Date:** May 31  
**Time:** 7pm

## International Greig Commemoration '07

## Norwegian classical and folk music in Dhaka



Joachim Kjelsaas Kwtzinsky presents Greig's music



Actors of Centre for Asian Theatre perform at the programme

## AHSAN HABIB

On May 18, a concert featuring classical and folk music of Norwegian master composer Edvard Grieg at the British Council Dhaka was a treat for Dhakaites. As part of the International Greig Commemoration 2007, the Royal Norwegian Embassy celebrated Grieg's music. The programme included performances by visiting musicians -- folk singer-composer Unni Lovlid and pianist Joachim Kjelsaas Kwtzinsky.

This year marks the 100th death anniversary of Edvard Grieg (1843-1907), one of the finest Norwegian musicians of all times. The occasion is being observed all over the world.

The concert, a part of the cultural programme, started off with the introduction and cadenza

Greig's influence on the history of Norwegian music has been significant. It is said that his work represents the realisation of a dream, which Norwegian musicians and cultural patriots had nurtured for a hundred years.

Grieg is renowned as a nationalist composer, drawing inspiration from Norwegian folk music. "Like many composers of his time, Grieg took an interest in collecting sounds he heard in nature and in rural Norway. This was an expression of a process of national awakening and identity-building," said the Norwegian Ambassador Ingebjorg Stofring, in her speech.

Grieg was a close friend of the Norwegian playwright Henrik Ibsen and composed the scores for one of Ibsen's famous plays -- *Peer Gynt*. Six familiar pieces -- capturing the rising of the sun, lamenting after a death, the imagery of a chase scene and a dance -- were presented at the concert.

Actors from Centre for Asian Theatre performed selected scenes from *Peer Gynt*. The last set of presentation was a combination of Norwegian and Bangladeshi songs. Norwegian folk songs were performed with Bangladeshi musical instruments like *banshi*, *tabla*, *sitar*, *dotara* and *dhol*. Two Bangladeshi folk songs were also performed. The concert ended with the last song of "opus 66" -- "Gjendine's Cradle Song (lullaby)", first the traditional version and then Greig's version.

The visiting artists, Unni Lovlid and Joachim Kjelsaas Kwtzinsky, are among the key performers of International Greig Commemoration 2007.

## Bangladeshi artistes perform at Rabindrasadan



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Bangladeshi artistes and members of Mitali-Bharat-Bangladesh Shanskritik Sangsads present a song at Rabindrasadan

## Michael Moore Screens 'Sicko'

## AP, New York

It could have been a college reunion: hugs, tears, laughter, photos, and a big friendly guy in shorts and sneakers organising it all. But the guy in shorts was Michael Moore, whose new documentary, *Sicko*, takes aim at the US health care industry with the same fury -- laced with humour, of course, and plenty of statistics -- that he directed in his *Fahrenheit 9/11*.

And the people who'd flown in for this intimate first screening, a day after the film had been shipped to the Cannes Film Festival, included grateful September 11 "first responders," suffering lung problems or other ailments from their days at ground zero. In the film, Moore takes them to Cuba and tries to get them treated at the US base at Guantanamo Bay -- where, he contends, terror suspects were getting better medical care than the heroes of 9/11.

The Cuba trip actually accounts for just a small part of *Sicko*, which aims its wrath at private insurance and pharmaceutical companies and HMOs, while praising socialised medicine in countries like France and Britain. Moore fills it with stories like that of a woman whose ambulance ride after a car crash wasn't covered -- because it wasn't "pre-approved."

But Cuba has loomed large in the flurry of pre-release publicity. That's because the director, an unabashed critic of President Bush, is being investigated by the Treasury Department for possibly violating the US trade embargo by travelling to the island nation. Moore has fired back with an open letter accusing the administration of "abusing the federal government for raw, crass political purposes."

At his screening Tuesday evening at a Manhattan hotel, however, Moore was focused on the reaction of his invited guests.



Michael Moore

## Wood works of a differently-abled artist win appreciation

## AMINUL ISLAM, Mymensingh

Cleufa Rema, a differently-abled artist in Mymensingh has drawn the attention of the locals as well as people from other regions in the country for his wood works. The artist who cannot hear or speak, can be an inspiration to many.

Cleufa (40), son of Sadar Kubi and Herunika Rema was born in the village Sanyasipara Barurakona Bazar of Kamalakanda Upazila in Netrokona district. Cleufa had typhoid at the age of eight. After a long ailment, he was cured but lost his hearing and speaking abilities. Since childhood Cleufa had a knack for making toys using clay. After losing his hearing-speaking abilities, he involved himself more with making things like toys, flowers, birds and idols. Sharing these with other children made him happy.

Taije Brother House, a mission took Cleufa to Mymensingh town in 1993 after getting acquainted with his talents. The missionaries encouraged Cleufa in honing his skills in woodcuts. For the last 12 years, he has been continuing his artistic endeavours at the Commu-



nity Centre for Handicapped

(CCH) in Mymensingh. He also works as a trainer of wood works at CCH. Cleufa's wife Hena Jumbil also has to work, as his meagre earning is not enough to run a family of three.

The wood works have an extra appeal to art enthusiasts from and out of the region, said Niljanan Bose, executive director of CCH. Visitors from countries including Japan, France, England, Netherlands, Germany and USA, who come to the CCH, are awed by the impressive creations of an artist who can only communicate with them through his smiles.

Among Cleufa's works figures of Jesus Christ, pencil boxes, miniatures of animals, flower vases, pen stands, calendars, the Holy Cross, miniatures of musical instruments and more are quite popular.

Wood works by Cleufa are found in different shops in Mymensingh and Dhaka, however, CCH cannot supply the artworks according to demands, a source in the CCH told *The Daily Star*.



Cleufa's woodcuts

## CULTURAL CORRESPONDENT

Information and Cultural Department of the West Bengal Government of India and Mitali-Bharat-Bangladesh Shanskritik Sangsads jointly organised a programme titled *Kobi Pronam* at Rabindrasadan, Kolkata, recently. The programme was a homage to Nobel laureate Rabindranath Tagore on his 146th birth anniversary.

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## TV GUIDE

**PICK OF THE DAY**

**Swapnochura**  
On BanglaVision at 9:30pm  
Drama Serial  
Cast: Sumaiya Shimu, Meer Sabbir

**LAW & ORDER: S.V.U.**  
On Star World at 10:30pm  
TV Series  
Cast: Mariska Hargitay, Christopher Meloni

**Channel 1**

07:00 Dhorey	06:00 Tepantorer Mathey	09:30 Drama Serial: High Tension	08:00 Din Protidin	09:30 Boishakhi
07:00 Ekti Tara Duiti	08:15 Drama Serial: Shantokutir	09:35 Rtv Exclusive	09:00 Cartoon	09:30 Dr. Dolittle
07:30 Shuprobhath	09:30 Shomporo	10:35 Shantokutir	12:30 Cartoon	09:45 Jackie Dee Story
Bangladesh	Boshobash	Bhalobasha	Talk Show	02:45 Cinderella Man
08:00 Drama Serial: Outdoor	09:30 Cine tune	Mondobasha	Drama Serial: Polatok	05:15 American Pie 2
Nir-e Taar Nil Dheu	11:00 Musical Programme	Din Dorpon	03:30 Drama Serial: Polatok	05:15 The Perfect Catch
08:40 Shondhikhonbey	12:00 Bangla Feature Film	Rtv	04:00 Chitro Geeti	05:45 Be Cool
08:40:30 Expression	09:00:30 Born-e Born-e	02:40 Drama Serial: Bachelor Dompoli	05:30 Shohoj Kotha	05:45 A View To A Kill
08:45:30 Shokaler Gaan	09:30:30 Shomkhabash	06:15 Drama Serial: Musical Programme	06:00 Documentary Programme	01:00:30 The Grudge
09:30:30 Shangbadpote	07:30:30 Gaan Ar Gaan	06:30:30 Diner Sheshey	06:00:30 Talk Show	02:45 Santa Baby
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Ajker Shangbad	Bijer Golpo	06:30:30 Shomkhabash	08:15 Drama Serial: Swapnochura	09:30:30 Wild Discovery
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**DISCOVERY CHANNEL**

08:30:30 Dr. Dolittle	06:30:30 Koffee With Karan	06:30:30 Mega Factories
09:30:30 Find Me Guilty: The Week	07:30:30 The Simpsons	07:30:30 Tigers Of The Snows
10:30:30 Cinderella Man	08:30:30 Wills India Fashion Week	08:30:30 Titanic
11:30:30 American Pie 2	09:30:30 Law & Order: S.V.U.	09:30:30 Munich Olympic Massacre
09:30:30 The Perfect Catch	10:30:30 Third Watch	10:30:30 Jet Age
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11:45:30 Santa Baby	02:45:30 Santa Baby	09:00:30 Zero Hour
01:45:30 Company Business	04:15:30 Company Business	09:30:30 Wild Discovery
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03:45:30 Discover India	08:30:30 Baby Story	10:30:30 Everest: Beyond the Limit
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