

## CULTURAL FEAST

## Art Exhibition

**Title:** Lines of Madness  
**Venue:** Goethe Institute Gallery  
**Date:** June 4-14  
**Time:** 10am-8pm (closed Friday and Saturday)

## Group Art Exhibition

**Title:** Chitra Mela: Art Fair 2007  
**Venue:** Shilpangan, Road 3, House 26, Dhamondi  
**Date:** May 31-June 14  
**Time:** 10am-8pm

## Theatre

**Troupe:** Jibon Sanket Natya Gosthi Hobigonj  
**Title:** Bibhajon  
**Venue:** Theatre Institute Chattogram  
**Date:** June 1  
**Time:** 5:00pm/7:00pm

**Organiser:** Space & Acting Research Centre  
**Title:** Short Theatre Festival-2007  
**Venue:** Goethe Institut  
**Date:** May 29-30  
**Time:** 7:00pm

**Troupe:** Palakar  
**Title:** Dakghor  
**Venue:** Palakar Theatre Studio, 133, Natox Shorony, New Bailey Road  
**Date:** May 31 & June 1  
**Time:** 7:00pm

**Play:** A Birthday Party  
**Organiser:** Department of Theatre and Music, University of Dhaka  
**Venue:** Naat Mondol, Dhaka University Campus  
**Date:** May 28-31  
**Time:** 7:00pm

## Cultural Show

**Organiser:** Autism Welfare Foundation  
**Venue:** Central Public Library  
**Date:** May 31  
**Time:** 5:15pm

## Film Screening

**Organiser:** Bangladesh Federation of Film Societies  
**Venue:** Alamgir Kabir Chalachitra Kendro, 62, Science Laboratory  
**Date:** June 2  
**Time:** 4:30pm Nironitor  
**6:30pm** Shonkhonad

## Group Exhibition

**Title:** Chitral Varendra  
**Venue:** Bengal Gallery of Fine Arts, House 275/F, Road 27 (old) Dhamondi  
**Date:** May 30-June 10  
**Time:** 12pm-8pm

## Musical

**Presented by:** Dhaka Stage  
**Title:** Working  
**Venue:** American International School, Dhaka Theatre  
**Date:** May 30 7:30 PM  
**June 1 Matinee 2:00 PM, Evening Performance 7:30 PM**

## Ikebana Exhibition

**Organiser:** Embassy of Japan & Japan Foundation  
**Title:** Ikebana Demonstration and Seminar 2007  
**Venue:** Shaheed Zia Auditorium & Nalinikanta Bhattachari Hall  
**Date:** June 4-5  
**Time:** 5:30pm

## Discussion

**Title:** Munier Chowdhury Shoroney  
**Organiser:** Bangladesh Shilpkala Academy  
**Venue:** National Theatre Stage, Bangladesh Shilpkala Academy  
**Date:** May 31  
**Time:** 5:00pm

# Jago Art Centre's tribute to Gaohar Jamil

## Dance programme ends

ERSHAD KAMOL

**A**RTISTES of Jago Art Centre, one of the leading dance schools of the country, founded by noted dancer Gaohar Jamil in 1959, paid homage to their guru by staging his compositions on May 28 at the National Theatre Stage, Bangladesh Shilpkala Academy (BSA). The event wrapped up the two-day dance programme arranged by the Department of Production, BSA.

Guided by Kanta Jamil and Belayet Hossain Khan, young artistes of the school presented dances composed by Gaohar Jamil between 1954-1980. They

performed 10 compositions -- *Sroddhanjoli*, *Fishing in Shallow Water*, *Jhumur*, *The Snake charmers*, *Hunting by the Garos*, *Dancing with Tambourine*, *Murong*, *Mother's Love*, *A Village Fair* and a scene from the dance drama *Shamanya Khoti*.

Dancer Kanta Jamil, adviser-director of the Jago Art Centre, who is also the daughter of Gaohar Jamil said, "Gaohar Jamil trained under the legendary dancer Pandit Uday Shankar. Jamil introduced a unique style, which blends elements of Bharat Natyam with our folk dance. The genre is otherwise known as the 'Gowhar Jamil style'. This explains our focus on Bharat Natyam and folk dance."

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Artistes of Jago Art Centre (top and bottom) perform at the show



The first composition, *Sroddhanjoli*, a semi-classical composition, was a homage to Gaohar Jamil. *Fishing in Shallow Water* portrayed how men in the villages fish with a simple tool *paalo*.

Choreographed by Gaohar Jamil in 1954, *Jhumur* is a folk dance. *Murong* and *Hunting by the Garos*, composed by Jamil in 1976, feature the colourful lifestyles of the ethnic communities - *Murong* and *Garo*.

Students also performed a dance based on Tagore's poem *Shamanya Khoti*.

The other compositions performed at the programme -- *The Snake charmers*, *Dancing with Tambourine*, *Mother's Love*, *A Village Fair* -- featured the colourful lifestyle of Bengal.

Noted dancers Lubna Marium, Sharmila Bandopadhyaya, Shibly Mohammed and Shamim Ara Nipa spoke on Gaohar Jamil at the programme.

## Photo exhibition

# Bangladesh through Russian eyes

FAYZA HAQ

cityscape and portraits too, at times, apart from the tranquil Bangladeshi rivers. When I first came to Bangladesh I was not mesmerized by the charm of nature around me right away, but gradually I grew to appreciate it. Now I long to record it so that when I'm away I'll carry these memories with me. I usually take colour photos," adds Sasha.

In one photo one sees a delightful greenish bird, sitting on an electric cable. Next is a close-up of a butterfly sitting on a cluster of blue flowers. The subject is black and gold with lines and dots across it, seen against a pale grey backdrop. A picture of sunset in Rajshahi brings in a river with bushes and trees. The picture is buoyant with colours of a dying day.

"I wanted to capture the beauty of forms and colours of trees, birds and insects and I felt that photography was a good way to do that," says Sasha. "I'd brought in



Photographs by Alexander Komorov Sasha

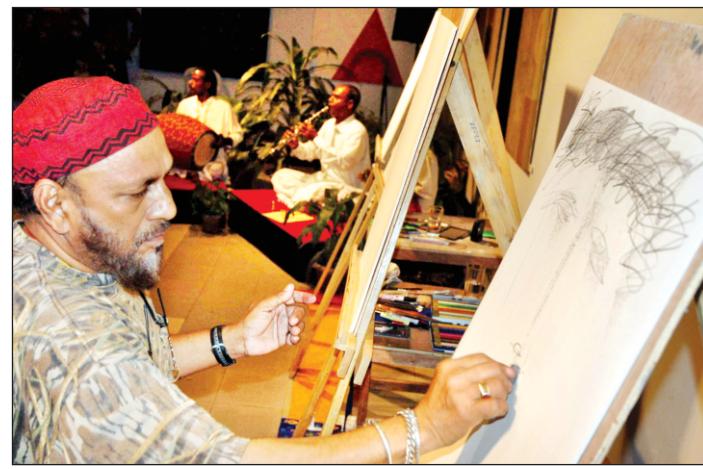
Several people are seen on a boat in another photograph. Along with other fauna are the typical banana trees and haystacks seen in the Bangladeshi countryside. The sky is bluish pink while the water is a scintillating mauve. The trees appear like a line of paper cut-outs seen against the sky. The scene speaks of peace and harmony. In another scene is a man rowing a boat while behind him, on the river-bank, are bricks from a kiln nearby.

Men cleaning fishing nets and sorting fish with some onlookers are seen in another photograph.

# Kalidas Karmakar receives French grant

Celebrated artist Kalidas Karmakar has been awarded a special grant from the French government, which will allow him to learn and research on stained glass art at the famous *atelier* (studio) *Maison du Vitraill Andrieux* in Paris for two months (June and July this year), says a press release.

This is for the first time a Bangladeshi artist has been offered this opportunity. Earlier, Kalidas obtained another grant (in 1981) to learn the French coloured technique gravure at the famous *Atelier 17* in Paris. After moving back, Karmakar introduced the technique to young Bangladeshi artists. Kalidas plans to introduce the technique of stained glass to young artistes in the country upon his return.



Kalidas Karmakar

## Tête-à-tête

# Shikha Rouf: A promising Nazrul singer



Shikha Rouf

AHSAN HABIB

Talented upcoming Nazrul singer Shikha Rouf started taking music lessons in her school days. She completed a five-year course in Classical and Nazrul songs in 1986 from Chhayanat. Eminent artistes Sohrab Hossain, Narayan Chandra Bosak, Anjali Roy, Shudhin Das, Shaheen Samad are among her gurus. She also received *taalim* from Ustad Phool Muhammad in classical music. She prefers Nazrul's *ghazals*, *kirtan*, *Islamic* and romantic songs.

Shikha has an album of Nazrul songs to her credit to date. The album *Anjali Laho Mor* was released in 2003. Production of the album was done in Kolkata. In 2002 she had been to Kolkata on a cultural exchange tour along with Yaqub Ali Khan.

Explaining the limited number of released Nazrul *sangeet* albums, she says, "The music companies are hesitant to release albums of Nazrul songs as they don't consider the genre lucrative. They are more enthusiastic about popular artistes. Young artistes have to face several impediments." She is also cynical about the current situation of Nazrul songs, as taking it professionally has become an arduous job for young artistes. She is now working on an album of *adhnunik gaan*.

She won the first prize in a national *hamd* and *naat* competition organised by BTV. In 1992, during her university days, she became the champion in a music competition organised by DUCSU.

Sikha Rouf is currently working as an Assistant Professor of music at University Laboratory School and College. She is also involved with Nazrul Sangeet Shilpi Sangstha. She practices *adhnunik* and folk songs along with Nazrul songs. She is an enlisted Grade A artiste in *adhnunik* and Nazrul song category at BTV.

On her future plan she says, "I want to work towards popularising the melodious tunes of Nazrul maintaining the original *gaayaki*."

## Reunited Police start world tour

ties leading to arguments as they developed their musical ideas.

"We play nicely for two or three days, and then we start to get on each others' nerves," he told Reuters. "Then we have a screaming match, and then we hug and kiss, and then we play even better."

The group never officially split up in



The Police, from left, Andy Summers, Sting and Stewart Copeland

the 1980s but huge creative tensions meant that relations were difficult between the trio for many years.

The world tour, which runs until 2008, will touch down in North America, Europe, Latin America, Japan, Australia and New Zealand.

Source: Internet

## TV GUIDE

**PICK OF THE DAY**

**Adbhutorey**  
On Channel-i at 8:25pm  
Drama Serial  
Cast: Shahed, Ishita

**Grey's Anatomy**  
On Star World at 10:30pm  
TV Series  
Cast: Ellen Pompeo, Sandra Oh

03:15 Drama Serial: <i>Ranger Manush</i>	08:40 <i>Grilo Sholi</i>	11:30 <i>Rupantor</i>	09:30 Kumkum - Pyara Sa
03:50 Drama Serial: <i>Neer</i>	09:30 Drama Serial: <i>Raater Golpo</i>	10:00 <i>V Trailers - Star Plus</i>	10:00 <i>Paraya Dhan</i>
04:25 <i>Enechi Shurjer Hashi</i>	10:35 Rtv Exclusive	10:30 <i>Aladdin</i>	10:30 <i>V Trailers - Star Plus</i>
05:20 <i>Aparn Jigyasha</i>	08:35 <i>Shubho Shokal</i>	11:00 <i>Timon And Pumbaa</i>	10:30 <i>Baby Story</i>
06:50 <i>Ki Kotha Tahar</i>	09:05 <i>Amader Ranna Ghar</i>	11:25 <i>Bolly V - Star Plus</i>	05:55 <i>Bolly V - Star Plus</i>
09:30 <i>Shayet</i>	09:30 <i>Bangla Feature Film</i>	11:30 <i>V Trailers - Star Plus</i>	06:00 <i>Bolly V - Star Plus</i>
09:45 <i>Cooking Show</i>	09:30 <i>Conan</i>	11:55 <i>Bolly V - Star Plus</i>	06:30 <i>Baby Whisper</i>
09:50 <i>Diners Sheshey</i>	09:30 <i>Throttle</i>	12:00 <i>Hatim</i>	11:00 <i>Baby Story</i>
09:55 <i>Nanan Ranger Din</i>	09:30 <i>On The Lot</i>	12:25 <i>Bolly V - Star Plus</i>	11:30 <i>Deadliest Catch</i>
10:25 <i>Guli</i>	09:30 <i>Saw</i>	12:30 <i>V Trailers - Star Plus</i>	12:30 <i>Body Basics</i>
10:30 <i>For Your Eyes Only</i>	09:30 <i>The Ticket</i>	12:45 <i>Bolly V - Star Plus</i>	01:30 <i>Wild Discovery</i>
10:30 <i>Return To The Batcave</i>	09:30 <i>Saarthi</i>	12:55 <i>Bolly V - Star Plus</i>	02:30 <i>Detective Stories</i>
10:30 <i>Media Bhuban</i>	09:30 <i>Return To The Batcave</i>	13:00 <i>Hatim</i>	03:30 <i>Million 2 One</i>
10:30 <i>Dokhinyay Golpo</i>	09:30 <i>Drama Serial: Biley Golpo</i>	13:00 <i>Kii</i>	04:00 <i>Everything You Need To Know</i>
			04:30 <i>Leopard Week</i>
			05:30 <i>Mega Builders</i>
			06:30 <i>Impact Stories of Survival</i>
			07:30 <i>Wild Discovery</i>
			08:30 <i>Destination India</i>
			09:30 <i>Drama on Discovery</i>
			10:30 <i>Engineering the World's Rally</i>
			11:30 <i>Friends</i>
			12:00 <i>Deadliest Catch</i>

04:30 <i>Karam Apnaa Apnaa</i>	12:00 <i>Friends</i>	08:30 <i>Outbreak Investigation</i>
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