

CULTURALFEAST

Ikebana Exhibition



**Organiser:** Embassy of Japan & Japan Foundation  
**Title:** Ikebana Demonstration and Seminar 2007  
**Venue:** Main Auditorium & Nalinikanta Bhattacharya Hall, National Museum  
**Date:** June 4-5  
**Time:** 5:30pm

Children's Film Screening

**Title:** Sonar Kella  
**Organiser:** Children's Film Society & Goethe Institut Bangladesh  
**Venue:** German Cultural Centre, House 10, Road 9, Dhanmondi  
**Date:** May 31

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, Dhanmondi  
**Date:** May 31-June 14  
**Time:** 10am-8pm

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

Film Screening

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

Theatre

**Troupe:** Bongorongo Natyadol  
**Title:** Ummochon  
**Venue:** Mahila Shomity Auditorium  
**Date:** June 3  
**Time:** 7:00pm

**Organiser:** Theatre School  
**Title:** Shormistha  
**Venue:** National Theatre Stage  
**Date:** June 2  
**Time:** 6:30pm

# View from Varendra

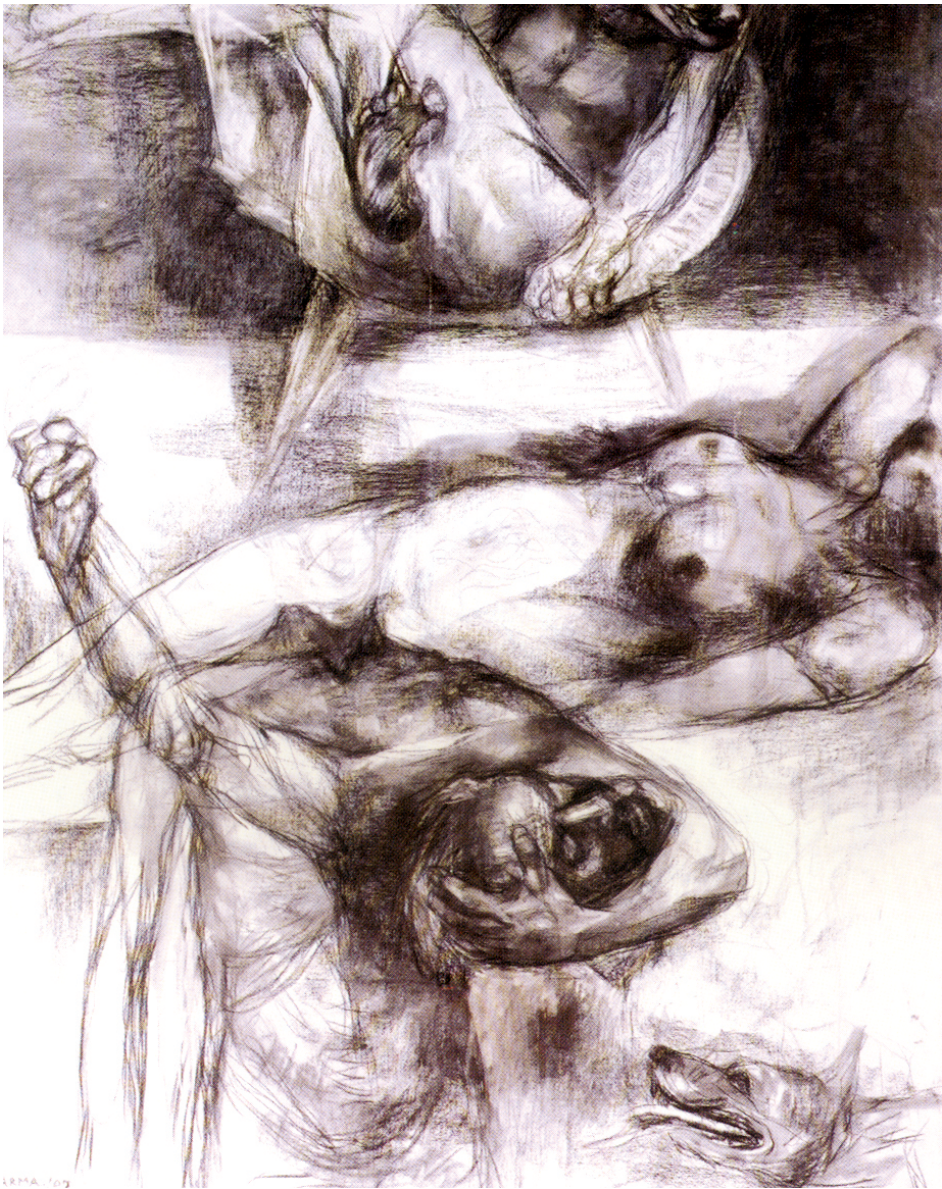
## Group exhibition at Bengal Gallery

FAYZA HAQ

THE ongoing exhibition "Chitral Varendra" at Bengal Gallery features artists from Rajshahi. Despite their differences in style, the eight artists are aware of the changes in the international art scene, and are sensitive as well as dynamic in their work -- be it in chalk and paper, canvas or sculpture. The artists include Golam Farouq Bebul, Siddhartha Talukder, Hritendra Kumar Sharma, Zahid Hossain, Azadi Parvin, Amirul Momanin Chowdhury, Mostafa Sharif Anwar and Naznin Akhter Lata.

Speaking to some of the artists present at a press conference, one learns about their background and style. Golam Farouq Bebul said that he loves to work with nature. This is what inspires and soothes him. Working with acrylic, he follows ideas of his teachers Mohammed Kibria, Shafiuddin Ahmed and Abul Barq Alvi. Paul Klee and Marc Rothko are among his favourite artists from the west. Bebul also admires works of the Indian artist Ganesh Pyne. For the exhibition he has worked with acrylic "as it has a large scope in bringing gradation in tones. Moreover it dries quickly and has more longevity than oil in a climate like ours," as he puts it. In his paintings he shows broken huts, experimenting with lines, forms and tones. "I haven't done a portrait but the houses depict the difficult lives of many in our country," says Bebul, who is an associate professor at the Department of Fine Arts, Rajshahi University (RU).

Zahid Hossain, who studied at Institute of Fine Arts (IFA), had Aminul Islam, Qayyum Chowdhury, Samarjit Roy Chowdhury and Rafiqun Nabi as his teachers. His work is semi-abstract, in mixed media. He has shown nature with its fauna and flora, and brought in human figures too. One of his paintings shows a woman with a child, as well as flowers -- in the shape of a



An artwork in charcoal by Hritendra Kumar Sharma (top) and *Novera*, a stonework, by Mostafa Sharif Anwar

*shora*. He has used bright colours as he feels that he can best express his feelings and thoughts through them.

Hritendra Kumar Sharma's favourite medium is charcoal. He has a fascination for creations in black and white, after having seen Satyajit Ray's film "Pather Panchali". Hritendra has repeatedly used the horse as a symbol of energy and struggle. One of his drawings has a galloping horse with a man lying on the ground in front of it, along with a looming shadow. He is influenced by Rafiqun Nabi and Qayyum Chowdhury and says he prefers to do most of his work at night.

Amirul Momanin Chowdhury has brought in woodcut prints. He had the studied printmaking, which he found interesting. He brings in a quaint world of reality and imagination in the series, "Nuhash and the Aliens". He plays with the forms of owls, flowers, the moon and a wide-eyed looking child.

The exhibition, which ends on 10th June, demonstrates the prowess of the artists from the Varendra region quite effectively.

## Cultural programme by Autism Welfare Foundation

MAINUL HASSAN

Autism Welfare Foundation (AWF), an organisation working for the well-being of autistic children, celebrated their third anniversary with a cultural programme on May 31 at Shawkat Osman Memorial Auditorium, Central Public Library.

AWF was established on April 4, 2005.

The event started with a discussion. Chief guest at the programme was Tapan Chowdhury, adviser to the caretaker government. Dr. Rownak Hafiz, chairperson of AWF presided over the session.

Speaking on autism Dr. Rownak said, "Autism is still a rather unfamiliar issue in our country and we hardly find anyone, except for the parents of autistic children, concerned about the problem."

"Even parents are not always fully aware as the onset of autism is within three years of a child's birth," she added.

Tapan Chowdhury said "Our society should lend a hand to AFW. With our help the organisation will be able to do more."

A cultural programme followed the speeches. Students of Kanan, a school operated by AWF, along with participation by teachers, staged a colourful performance. The presentation was vibrant, spontaneous and heartening.

AWF also held a two-day fair, featuring handicrafts by the autistic children, starting from yesterday at the organisation's school at Shyamoli.



Students and teachers of Kanan perform at the programme

# Homage to Nurul Momen

## Discussion and plays at Shilpakala

AHSAN HABIB

In remembrance of eminent playwright Nurul Momen, Department of Theatre and Film, Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy (BSA) arranged a programme comprising a discussion and staging of plays at the Experimental Theatre Stage on May 31.

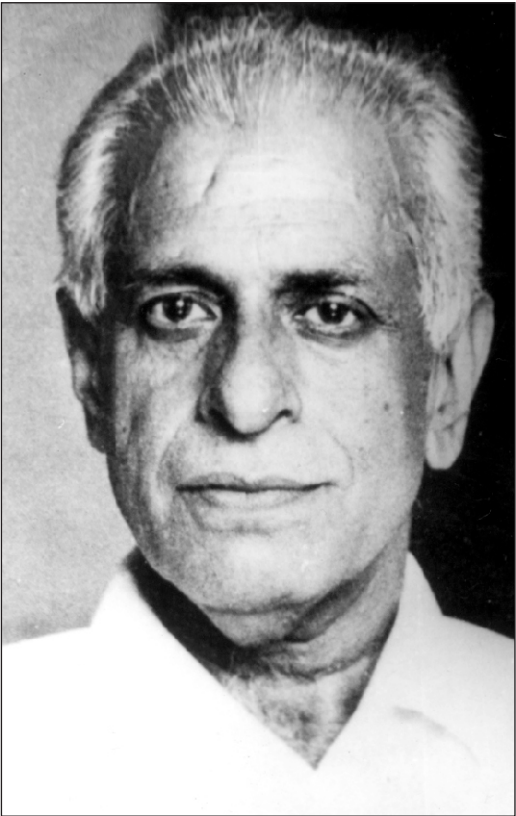
The programme was presided over by director of Department of Theatre and Film, Shafi Kamal. Theatre personalities Aatur Rahman and SM Mohsin were the discussants.

Discussants recalled Nurul Momen's role as a dramatist, and as a teacher. "The post-Liberation War generation of theatre activists had a bold and vibrant legacy to carry on, left by talents like Nurul Momen, Ashkar Ibne Shaiekh, Munier Chowdhury, Syed Waliullah and Sayeed Ahmad," said SM Mohsin on the contribution of these personalities to Bangladeshi theatre. "Nurul Momen's uncompromising attitude towards the establishment and his fight against censorship offer much for consideration for the latter generations of theatre activists. His role as a *Natyaguru* is unparalleled." Mohsin added.

Aatur Rahman recalled his university days when Nurul Momen, a professor of Law, along with Munier Chowdhury, was the centre of theatrical activities. He said, "Nurul Momen produced plays like *Rupantor*, *Nemesis* and *Underneath the Law* that are treasures of our theatrical heritage." He hoped that the BSA would take initiatives to bring out special newspaper supplements on theatre personalities to make the youth of the country aware of the contribution and thus boost their sense of identity.

Shafi Kamal assured that the academy would continue its efforts to introduce important cultural personalities to the current generation.

The discussion was followed by reading from two



A portrait of Nurul Momen plays by Nurul Momen -- *Alo Chhaya* and *Thik Cholar Poth*. Ghore Baire Natyagosthi performed the plays directed by Aleya Ferdousi.

## Harry Potter gets a theme-park

Harry Potter will soon be working his wizardry in Florida with a 20-acre attraction that could spawn Hogwarts castles at theme parks worldwide.

Last Thursday, Warner Bros. Entertainment and Universal Orlando Resort took the wraps off the US \$200-million-plus "The Wizarding World of Harry Potter," capturing the amusement park industry's most sought-after cast of characters.

The project, expected to open in late 2009, extends the global juggernaut of British author J.K. Rowling, whose tales of wizards, "muggles" and broom-riding games of Quidditch have sold 325 million books and produced four films grossing \$3.5 billion.

"Winning this is the Kentucky Derby, the Super Bowl, the Stanley Cup, the NBA and the Indy 500 all rolled into one," said Dennis Spiegel, president of Cincinnati-based consulting firm International Theme Park Services.

Universal's licensing deal with Warner triggered an immediate frenzy among Potter devotees, Internet bloggers and industry observers. Because of the popularity of the "Harry Potter" books and films, many believe similar attractions could eventually come to Universal Studios Hollywood, Japan, Spain and other areas where Universal has theme parks, or plans new ones.

"The potential to expand is there if it turns out that this meets everyone's expectations as we think it will," Warner Bros. Chief Executive Barry Meyer said. "We will then look to other places to expand."

The international fan base of

"Harry Potter" is expected to give Universal the kind of ammunition it badly needs to challenge Walt Disney World's dominance in Florida, where it has long lagged behind its bigger rival.

Disney in 2005 had a shot at landing the Potter theme park rights but is said to have balked at the deal largely because of cost. Disney declined to comment.

In building a major attraction around bestselling children's books, Universal is borrowing from the playbook of the late Walt Disney, who in the early years of Disneyland used theme park rides to bring to life characters from such tales as "Pinocchio," "Sleeping Beauty" and

"Peter Pan." "This is as good as it gets ... Cinderella's Castle for the first time has a rival -- and it's Hogwarts Castle," consultant Spiegel said, referring to Disney's signature landmark in Orlando.

The Potter attraction will be the seventh and largest feature built at the 110-acre Islands of Adventure theme park, considered a disappointment since its opening in 1999.

"It has endless thematic possibilities," industry expert Spiegel said. "You could develop this for the next 25 years."

Source: Internet



"The Wizarding World of Harry Potter" is set to open in 2009 at Universal Orlando Resort in Florida

## 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 10:00am, 12:00am, 4:00pm.

**Rtv**  
News (Bangla) at 10:15pm, and 12:15am

**BTV**  
11:15 Musical Programme  
11:40 Shukhi Poribar  
12:05 Selected Programme  
12:30 Mati O Manush  
01:30 Maa O Shishur Kotha

02:15 Sisimpur  
02:40 Bangla Feature Film  
05:05 Nobo Anondoy Jago  
06:10 Ocean Girl  
06:40 Matri Basha  
07:00 Loukik Bangla  
07:30 Shobar Jonno Cinema

08:35 Talk Show  
09:00 Drama: Koshli Pathor

10:30 Musical Programme  
**ATN BANGLA**  
10:30 Talk show: Aktel Onnodishti  
11:05 Dumtli Mukto Orthoniti

12:15 Shurer Madhuri  
12:45 Shathdin  
01:30 Nari  
02:40 Prio Chhobi  
03:45 Shobar Jonno  
04:20 Shesh Okhor  
05:00 Gram Gonjer Khobor  
05:30 Talk show: GrammenPhone  
Nari O Rajniti

06:20 Gondhoraj Samsung Cine Aha  
08:00 Mega Serial: The New Sobuj Opera  
08:40 Mega Serial: Laal  
Neel Beguni  
09:20 Mega Serial: Ek Jonomey

12:00 Grameenphone Lead News  
**Channel i**  
09:30 Shangbadpotre Bangladesh  
09:45 Public Reaction  
09:50 GrameenPhone Tritiomatra

11:05 Na Bola Kotha  
12:30 Citycell Taroka Kathan  
01:05 Ebong Cinemar Gaan

01:30 Shangbadpotre Bangladesh  
01:45 Public Reaction  
02:40 Talk Show: Budget Bhabna

03:05 Dhaka Guide  
04:05 Educational Programme  
04:40 Shotyer Shondhaney  
05:30 Muktijuddho Protidin  
06:00 Harano Shoishob  
Harano Shompod

06:20 Amar Bangladesh  
07:50 Mega Serial: Bhober Haat  
09:35 Hridoye Mati O Manush  
10:00 Drama Serial: Rang Mahol  
12:00 GrameenPhone Ajker Shanbad Potro

**Rtv**  
01:00 Drama of Friday: Durer Jibon  
02:30 Bangla Feature Film: Chorom Protishodh  
05:55 Rtv Exclusive  
06:35 Talk Show: Jobab Deben

**AmarAmi**  
Talk show  
On Banglavisian at 8:55pm  
Tonight's guest: Abdullah Abu Sayeed

08:00 Rudro O Rodela Kabyo  
11:00 Just Band  
**Channel 1**  
08:40 Shuprobhat Bangladesh  
09:30 Chokh Mele Dekhi  
10:30 Bagan Bilash  
11:00 Drama  
12:05 Telefilm  
02:00 Music Station  
03:30 Drama: Bouchi  
04:30 Music Music  
05:15 Fusion for Baul  
06:00 Saaj Bela  
06:45 Itthasher Path Dorey

07:00 Shurela Lagan  
08:15 Drama Serial: Shunney Boshobash  
09:00 Shomoyer Swad  
09:30 Shondhikhoney  
**BANGLAVISIO N**  
10:10 Apnar Ki Kichhu  
Bolar Achhey  
Shomoy Ashomoy  
11:10 Media Bhubon  
11:40 Drama Serial: Kachhey Durey  
12:00 Drama Serial: Dhula Ura Din  
03:10 Public Forum  
04:15 Ebong Classer

05:40 Bairay  
06:35 Diner Sheshey  
06:35 Music Moment  
08:15 Drama Serial: Shesh Odhay  
08:55 AmarAmi  
09:30 Drama Serial: Bachelor Dompoti

05:30 Chitrogeeti  
06:00 Nazrul Song  
07:15 Quiz Show  
07:45 Drama Serial: Polatok  
09:15 Drama Serial: Asharey Khora  
09:45 Talk Show: Law and Development  
**STAR MOVIES**  
08:00 On The Lot  
10:00 Star Wars: Ep. I - The Phantom Menace  
12:15 Star Wars: Ep. II  
02:35 Star Wars: Ep. III - Revenge Of The Sith  
04:55 Star Wars: Ep. IV - A New Hope  
07:00 Star Wars: Ep. V - The

**PICK OF THE DAY**



**Star Wars**  
Six episodes back to back  
On Star Movies  
Starts from 10:00am

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09:10 Empire Strikes Back  
Star Wars: Ep. VI - Return Of The Jedi  
11:30 Star Wars: Ep. I - The Phantom Menace

**STAR PLUS**  
09:30 Saans  
10:00 V Trailers - Star Plus  
10:30 Aladdin  
11:00 Kim Possible  
11:30 Sonpari  
12:00 Karishma Ka Karishma

12:25 Bolly V - Star Plus  
12:30 V Trailers - Star Plus  
12:55 Bolly V - Star Plus  
01:00 Shaka Laka Boom Boom

01:55 Bolly V - Star Plus  
02:00 Star Wars: Ep. I - The Phantom Menace  
02:25 Bolly V - Star Plus  
02:30 Born To Fight (Hindi)  
04:30 Shararat  
05:00 V Trailers - Star Plus  
05:25 Bolly V - Star Plus  
05:30 Krishna Kathaiyen  
06:30 Star Voice Of India  
07:25 Bolly V - Star Plus  
07:30 Kasturi  
08:00 Meri Awaz Ko Mil Gayi Roshni..

08:30 Lucky  
09:30 Prithviraj Chauhan  
10:00 Baa Bahoo Aur Baby  
10:30 Star Voice Of India  
11:30 Thodi Si Zameen  
Thoda Sa Aasma

08:30 Wills India Fashion Week  
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**STAR WORLD**  
09:30 The Apprentice  
10:30 The Bold And The Beautiful  
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**NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC**  
09:30 Mating Game  
10:30 Penguins, A love story  
12:30 Tornado Outbreak

01:30 Aircraft Explosion  
02:30 Ana, Bill, Banjo  
03:00 Black Bears  
03:30 Shark Attacks  
04:30 Girl Stars  
05:00 Cindy, Chipper, Hope  
05:30 Big Bang  
06:00 Blue Whales  
06:30 Titanic  
07:30 Triumph of Life  
08:30 Monsoon Railway  
10:30 Texas Oil Explosion  
11:30 Lockdown

**STAR SPORTS**  
09:30 French Open Highlights  
10:30 Int'l Friendlies  
12:30 2007 Formula One Highlights  
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**ESPN**  
09:30 India Down Under  
10:00 Sportscenter Week In Review  
10:30 Best Of Hitz (Cricket)  
11:00 Friends Provident Trophy  
01:00 2007 Scripps National Spelling B  
04:00 2006/07 Nba Western Conference F  
06:30 Sportscenter Week In Review  
07:00 Sportscenter Weekend