

CULTURALFEAST

Fete de la Musique

Organiser: Alliance Francaise de Dacca
Venue: Alliance Francaise, 26, Mirpur Road, Dhanmondi

Date: June 26
Time: 6:00pm
Artistes: Chorale

Date: June 27
Time: 6:00pm
Artistes: Nityam Nityasheelon Kendro

Date: June 29
Time: 6:00pm
Artistes: Ecole de danse

Date: June 30
Time: 6:00pm
Artistes: Ecole de musique

Mask Exhibition

Organiser: Department of Fine Art and Prakritajon Projomno
Venue: Art Club Bangladesh, House No.4, Road No.104, Gulshan 2
Date: June 25-29

National Art Exhibition

Venue: National Art Gallery, Shilpakala Academy
Date: June 17 to July 16
Organiser: Department of Art, Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy

Art Exhibition

Artist: Bipul Shah
Title: Journey with Wreckage
Venue: Galleri Kaya House 20, Road 16, Sector 4, Uttora
Date: June 21-July 4
Time: 11am-9pm

Group Art Exhibition

Title: Thoh Shun
Venue: Dance and Music Teaching Centre, House 24, Road 2, Dhanmondi
Date: June 22-26
Time: 11am-8pm

Short Play Festival

Organiser: Space and Acting Research Centre
Venue: Experimental Hall, Shipakala Academy
Date: June 27
Time: 7:00pm

Photography Exhibition

Title: Ability and Inclusion
Artistes: Shumon Ahmed
Organiser: Centre for Disability in Development
Venue: Shilpangan, House 26, Road 3, Dhanmondi
Date: June 27 to July 7
Time: 12pm to 8pm

Children's Theatre Festival

Organiser: Rakhal
Venue: Shawkot Osman Memorial Auditorium, Central Public Library
Date: June 26
Time: 4:30pm
Title: Anushthan Hoboi
Troupe: Gananatya Forum, Jessore
Time: 5:15pm
Title: Chhelebeli
Troupe: Aa Aaa Ka Kha, Bogra
Time: 6:00pm
Title: Ekdin Sharadin
Troupe: Tirjak, Jessore
Time: 6:45pm
Title: Aam Patar Taka
Troupe: Sundaram Children's Theatre, Patuakhali
Time: 7:30pm
Title: Amrao Chai Adhikar
Troupe: Subhakash Ishara, Madaripur

In conversation with Debashish Pal

Winner of Grand Prize at the National Art Biennale '07

ERSHAD KAMOL

ARTIST Debashish Pal won the Grand Prize at the 17th National Art Biennale '07, arranged by the Department of Fine Arts, Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy, for his work *Contemporary Portrait of Bangladesh-3*. His stoneware medium based artwork features the human ascension from a fall as well as the socio-political turmoil in Bangladesh. After completing his Bachelors and Masters from the Department of Ceramics, Institute of Fine Arts (IFA), Debashish Pal is currently a lecturer at the department.

Debashish has been working on the series, *Contemporary Portrait of Bangladesh*, for the last three years. For the biennale he submitted three pieces from the series, of which the third one won the Grand Prize.

After an inspiring success at



Contemporary Portrait of Bangladesh-3, the award-winning artwork

national level, Debashish said, "Any award is a positive boost to an artist's creative energy. *Contemporary Portrait of Bangladesh-3* is not a satire; rather it symbolically suggests the way out of the current crises. I believe that bold and compassionate leadership can guide the nation to a better position."

Using easily available materials such as brick dust and sand, Debashish has created texture of a crumpled paper on a blue platform in *Contemporary Portrait of Bangladesh-3*. According to the artist, "I learnt the use of materials and texture from my teacher Abu

Sayeed Talukdar, who learnt ceramic work in China. I'm currently experimenting to come up with ways to make the expensive technique more economical and handy."

In fact, Debashish Pal has the urge to do something remarkable so that ceramic artists get their due respect. To quote him, "Usually painters and sculptors in our country are more appreciated than their contemporaries working in other mediums such as ceramics or tapestry. Students of IFA don't feel encouraged to study ceramics and as a result not much experimentations in the field are

carried out. When I stood first at the pre-Bachelor level of Fine Arts at IFA, I chose ceramics as my subject. The decision was criticised by my teachers at IFA. I'm determined to take ceramic as a discipline, as per painting and sculpture."

Besides ceramics, Debashish does mural works. He said that in case of murals he follows the style of eminent Indian artist Subramaniam.

About his future plans, Debashish informed that next year he will arrange an exhibition of his ceramic works at the Bengal Gallery.

Inter-University Short Film Festival '07 at Goethe Institut

CULTURAL CORRESPONDENT

Dhaka University Film Society (DUFFS), with the co-operation of Goethe Institut Bangladesh and Future Shots (UK), arranged a two day-long short film festival. The festival titled "Inter-University Short Film Festival 2007" started at Goethe Institut on June 24.

"Individuals who are passionate, upright and devoted to their cause will never falter in the way," said eminent filmmaker Soovas Dutt, chief guest at the programme.

Imran Ferdous, president of DUFFS, also spoke on the occasion.

On the first day of the festival 17 short films, including documentaries, animation, films addressing social issues and fiction were screened in two categories, "Our Films" and "Next Generation". Films by young directors from different Bangladeshi universities including Dhaka University, North South University, Stamford University, Jahangirnagar University, BRAC University and AIUB, were screened in "Our Films" category.

In the "Next Generation" category, films by talented young German filmmakers were screened.

"It is a good initiative. However, I think it should be arranged in a wider scope so that more talented filmmakers from Bangladesh can showcase their potentials," said Sami, whose film *Live Like Beast* was screened at the festival.

Some 30 films from ten countries were screened at the two-day festival.



PHOTO: STAR

Soovas Dutt speaks at the programme

Exhibition at Drik Gallery

Working children paint their plight

MAINUL HASSAN

Childhood is the time for fun and frolic but not every child is lucky. News of child labourers getting hurt at work is something we see and hear almost everyday.

On June 24, an exhibition showcasing paintings by working children was held at Drik Gallery, Dhanmondi. The exhibition featured some 200 works by children (ranging between 10 and 14). The event was held on the occasion of International Anti Child-labour Day, which is observed on June 12 every year.

The programme was organised by five NGOs -- UDP, SPK, SUROVI, BDSC, and CATALYST -- all working under the project "Basic education for hard to reach urban working children" (2nd phase) by Bangladesh Government. The project is funded by UNICEF and SIDA (Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency).

The aim of the project is to provide basic education to the child labourers. The programme maintains a specially designed curriculum, equivalent to primary education. There is also another course under the current programme, which offers training for working



Drawings by working children at the exhibition

children, educating them on safer and productive work. The project is coordinated by 20 NGOs working all over the country.

The exhibition was inaugurated by M Bazlul Karim Chowdhury, deputy director of the project.

Despite programmes discouraging child labour, the number of working children is currently on the rise in our country. It is becoming a

social epidemic. In most cases a child worker is denied basic rights and often falls victim to physical and psychological abuse as well as hazardous work conditions.

Twelve year-old Nayeem Iqbal slogs at a auto workshop. Part of his job is to weld metals. The highly dangerous working condition is depicted in Nayeem's drawing. Fourteen year-old Razia, a fulltime domestic help, has painted her life--doing all the chores, even looking after a toddler just to secure three meals a day and sleeping in the kitchen.

Poverty is the main reason behind child labour. Unable to support basic needs, impoverished families send their children to work. These children are deprived of education and a carefree childhood, basic rights of every individual. Life for them becomes a monotonous drill of hard labour.

The exhibition brought to light the issues these working children face. Hopefully the drawings found empathy among the visitors.



Bruce Willis: New "Die Hard" was hard

AP, Tokyo

Actor Bruce Willis says he is glad to be back doing action films, but admitted that surviving *Live Free or Die Hard* at 52, was no easy task.

"It was a really hard film to make," he said at a press conference recently. "A year ago when we started making this film, the risk factor was very high. There was a high possibility of failure in a film like this. But it turned out very well."

The latest instalment in the *Die Hard* series revolves around a planned cyber-terror attack on the United States, with Willis teaming up with Justin Long, who plays a computer hacker, to thwart the evil Mai, played by Hong Kong star Maggie Quigley, better known as Maggie Q.

Willis noted that the movie's director, Len Wiseman, was just 16 years old when the first *Die Hard* was released in 1988 -- evidence that, as the name suggests, the movie has staying power.

"Now you can see me as a 32-year-old actor and as a 52-year-old actor," he said. Audiences can also see Willis get beat up by a woman.

"This is the first time I've fought against a woman in a film and lost," Willis said.

The movie premieres in Japan on June 23. It opens in the US and elsewhere on June 27.



Bruce Willis in *Live Free or Die Hard*

ON AIR

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.
News (English) 8:20am, 7:00pm.
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 8:00pm.

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.
News Headlines (English) at 8:05pm

Rtv

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

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News (Bangla): 7:30am, 12:02pm, 2:00pm, 7:30pm, 10:30pm, 1:00am

ETV

News (Bangla): 1:00pm, 3:00pm, 5:00pm, 7:00pm, 9:00pm, 11:00pm

BTV

11:15 Shukhi Poribar
11:40 Desher Gaan
12:05 Maa O Shishur Kotha
12:30 Selected Programme
01:00 Talk show
01:30 Mati O Manush
02:15 Musical Programme
02:40 Geet Bitan
03:05 Cartoon
03:30 Educational Programme
04:00 Koishor
04:30 Band Show
05:05 Moner Kotha
05:30 Anushlon
06:10 Shilpo Prangan
06:40 Selected Programme
07:00 Quiz Quiz
07:30 Drama Serial: Uzan
08:30 Protidin Bangladesh
08:35 Drama Serial: Rahu
09:00 Drama Serial: Shongshoptok
09:30 Protikhon
10:30 Talk Show
11:00 Satyer Sandhaney

ATN Bangla
08:15 Aiker Shangbadpotro
09:15 Drama Serial: Syed Barir Bou
10:30 Talk Show: Aktel Onyodrishti
11:05 Drama Serial: Pichhutaan
12:15 Amar Computer
01:25 Shopping based Programme: Sadaipati
02:30 Talk show: Shomoshomok
03:15 Drama Serial: O Amar Chokhu Nai
03:45 Aha Ki Anondo
04:20 ATN Music
05:00 Gram Gonjir Khobor
05:20 Ainar Shamme
06:20 Talk show: Kotahamala

08:00 Drama Serial: Moner Janala
08:45 Aj Kaal Porshu
11:30 Weekly Programme: Rong Monnoho Tal
12:00 Grameenphone Lead News
CHANNEL-i
09:30 Shongbad Potrey Bangladesh
09:45 Public Reaction
09:50 GrameenPhone Tritiyomatra
11:05 Cricket Online (Live)
11:30 Amar Chhobi
12:30 Citycell Tarokakothon
01:05 Ebong Cinemar Gaan
01:30 Shangbad Potrey Bangladesh
01:45 Public Reaction
02:40 Mega Serial: Priobash i Sports
03:05 Special Programme Sa Re Ga Ma
04:05 Musical Programme Muktiuddho Protidin
05:30 Drama Serial: Kanto Shomoy Shamoeaki
06:20 D Rockstar-2
07:50 Drama Serial: Kobi
10:00 RC Travel on
11:30 Ekanyo Barti
12:00 Grameenphone Aiker Shangbadpotro
ntv
08:30 Aiker Shokal Chokkor
08:55 K Korbey Bazimat
09:30 Bhinnio Swader Khobor
10:30 Music Express
11:00 Cine Gaan
11:30 Gambhira
12:10 Talk Show: Ei Shomoy
01:05 Japan Video Topic
02:30 Drama Serial: Shanto

PICK OF THE DAY

Mon-er Janala
On ATN Bangla at 08:00pm
Drama Serial
Cast: Tauquir Ahmed, Dolly Zahur

Sideways
On Star Movies at 07:00pm
Genre: Drama
Cast: Paul Giamatti, Virginia Madsen

Chirontoni
03:15 Kutir Kichhu Kotha Kichhu Gaan
03:50 Drama Serial: Bhalobasha
04:25 Apnar Jigyasha
04:50 Gaaner Mala
05:30 Shubho Sandya
06:20 Frankly Speaking
08:15 Chokkor Magic Show
09:45 Drama Serial: Neer
11:30 Ei Shomoy
12:00 Ekusher Dupur Amar Jela

03:30 Chirontoni
04:00 Shotabdi Alo
04:30 Pathay Pantorey
05:30 Baul Baul Mon
06:15 Ekusher Sandya
07:30 Chhondey Shurey
08:00 Drama Serial: Biprotip
08:30 Amar Mukti Aloye
10:00 Drama Serial: Bondhon
11:30 Reporter's File
Rtv
09:00 Rtv Exclusive
09:05 Aj Potrikay
09:30 Documentary Programme
10:00 Look at Me

10:30 Sa Sa Din Tai
11:00 Cinema Ar Gan
12:00 Serial: Byer Golpo
01:00 Heart Beat
02:00 Aj Potrikay
03:45 Drama Serial: Rat Jaga Pakhi
04:20 Musical Programme
05:10 Talk Show
06:00 Din Pratidin
06:35 Ei Desh
08:00 Serial: Byer Golpo
08:50 R Ranna
09:20 Drama Serial: Nirantar
11:00 Travel Show: Prithibir Pothe Pothe
12:00 Rtv Exclusive
12:00 BANGLAVISION
08:35 Shubho Shokal
09:05 Ebong Classer Bailey

09:30 Music Moment
10:10 Cinebit Shada Kalo
10:40 Amar Ami
11:10 Public Forum
12:40 Drama
01:45 Shamol Bangla
05:00 Desher Pathay
05:40 Din-er Sheshey
06:35 Shudhu Gaan
08:15 Drama Serial: Ei Shob Andhokar
09:10 Agamir Kontho
11:30 Career Show: Apner Angami
12:00 Agamir Protidin
10:30 Godsend
12:15 Star Wars: Ep. II
02:35 Cruel Intentions 2
04:10 Never Been Kissed

FM radio

Radio Foorti
07:00am Hello Dhaka (Apu)
11:00am Amar 98.4 (Nusrat)
03:00pm Dhaka Calling (Sakib)
07:00pm Seven Eleven (Sadia)
11:00pm Late Night Show (Shuvo)
03:00am Back to Back music

DISCOVERY CHANNEL
10:30 Future Weapons
11:30 Man Made Marvels
12:30 In Therapy
01:00 Healthy Living
01:30 Extreme Wild
02:30 Discovery Showcase
03:30 Mythbusters
04:30 Extreme Wild
05:30 Man Made Marvels
06:30 Impossible Heists
07:30 Desher Pathay
08:30 Flavours of India
09:30 Truth About Food
10:30 Build it Bigger
11:30 Deadliest Catch

NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC
11:15 Global Sky Shop
11:30 Crash On The Mountain
12:30 Chicago Air Crash
01:30 Survival Of The Meaneast
02:30 Raptor Force
03:30 Amazing Moments
04:30 Mad Labs
05:00 Bad-Rap Rattlesnakes
05:30 Backyard Science
06:00 Beasts Of Botswana
06:30 Amazing Moments
07:30 Hyenas Queen
08:30 Atlantis
09:30 Is It Real?
10:30 Amazing Moments
11:30 Animal Extractors

HISTORY CHANNEL
10:30 Tactical to Practical
11:30 Eye - Max + English Guru
01:30 Flying Tigers
02:30 Spree Killings
03:00 Mallory and Irvine
03:30 Arthur Ashe
04:30 Rifles
05:30 Tactical to Practical
06:30 St. Peter
07:30 UFOs in the Bible
08:30 The Iraq War
09:30 Reilly: Ace of Spies
10:30 Modern Marvels
11:30 CIA and the Nazis

ESPN
11:00 Twenty20 International - South A
12:00 Major League Baseball
03:00 Uca High-School Cheerleading - P
04:00 Grand Prix Tournament, Berlin Ma
06:30 Latin X Games
07:30 Caribbean Kings
08:30 Sportscenter India
09:30 Ashes Legends
11:00 Sportscenter Asia