

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 Projonto

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, Uttara

Date: June 21-July 4

Time: 11am-8pm

**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, Shilpakala
Academy

Date: June 27

Time: 7:00pm

**Photography
Exhibition**

Title: Ability and Inclusion

Artist: 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 Hobei

Troupe: Ganonatya Forum, Jessore

Time: 5:15pm

Title: Chhelebela

Troupe: Aa Aaa Ka Kha, Bogra

Time: 6:00pm

Title: Ekdin Sharadin

Troupe: Tirjik, Jessor

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 experiments 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 ceramics 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.

Debashish Pal at work

Inter-University Short Film Festival '07 at Goethe Institut

CULTURAL CORRESPONDENT

Dhaka University Film Society (DUFS), 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 DUFS, 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

ON AIR

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

All programmes are in local time.

The Daily Star will not be responsible

for any change in the programme.

News Bulletin

BTB

11:15 Shukhi Porbar
11:40 Desher Gaan
12:05 Maa O Shishur Kotha
12:30 Selected Programme

CHANNEL-i

01:00 Talk show
01:30 Mati O Manush
02:15 Musical Programme

CHT

02:40 Geet Bitan
03:05 Cartoon
03:30 Educational
Programme

ETV

04:00 Shongbad Potrey
04:30 Rong Monnoch Tal
12:00 Gramophone Lead News

ITV

09:30 Shongbad Potrey
10:00 Public Reaction

NTV

09:50 GrameenPhone

TVB

11:05 Shongbad Potrey
11:30 Amar Chhobi

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