

In conversation with Tariq Julfiker

Winner of Honourable Mention Award at National Art Biennale

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TARIQ Julfiker is one of the three winners of Honourable Mention Awards at the 17th National Art Biennale '07, arranged by the Department of Fine Arts, Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy. He won the award for his intaglio-based (a printmaking technique with an incised image) work *Simulacrum 2*.

After receiving the award, the enthusiastic young artist said, "This was my first participation at a grand exhibition and competition. I submitted three pieces from my *Simulacrum* series at the competition."

On his work Tariq Julfiker said that both

medium and content of the *Simulacrum* series are innovative. To quote him, "I've used plastic plate for printmaking. In traditional printmaking process, artistes mostly use either carved wood or acid burnt metal plate. It's true that these days quite a few artists use plastic plates for printmaking, but my presentation is different from others. Creating an etching effect is the unique feature of my prints."

On the theme of *Simulacrum*, Tariq said, "I'm fascinated by modern French social theorist Jean Baudrillard's concept of "simulacrum" -- an representation without the substance or qualities of the original. Baudrillard argued that a simulacrum is



not a copy of the real, but becomes truth in its own right: The hyper-real. To me, the contemporary society is the copy of an ancient society; only the positive qualities are missing. Which is why, I think the society has lost its stability. I've tried to depict the unstable contemporary world through black fragile lines on a blue background. I believe that compassionate leaders can change the society. The two white figures playing flute represents the leaders in *Simulacrum 2*."

Julfiker likes to do experimental works based on different philosophies. Earlier he participated in group exhibitions featuring "Dadaism" and deconstruction based works.

Julfiker completed his Bachelors degree from Rajshahi University and did his MFA in printmaking from UODA, Dhaka.

Primarily a printmaker, Julfiker also works in other mediums to develop his colour composition sense. He is influenced by seasoned artist Shafiuddin Ahmed and the representatives of Dadaism.

On his future plan Tariq Julfiker informs that he wants to use modern technology to create innovative printmaking.



Simulacrum 2 -- the award-winning artwork, the artist (top-right)

Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy honours seven artistes

CULTURAL CORRESPONDENT

Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy honoured seven artistes on June 28, for their contribution to the fields of music and dance. Each artiste received a crest and BDT 10,000.

Organised by the Department of Music and Dance of the academy, the award giving ceremony was held at the National Music and Dance Centre Auditorium.

The recipients of the awards are: Syed Zakir Hossain (classical music), Md. Shamsul Haq (instrumental music), Md. Golam Mostafa Khan (dance), MA Mannan (Nazrul songs), Md. Ali Siddiqui (*adhunik* songs), Nadira Begum (folk songs) and Iffat Ara Dewan (Tagore songs).

A.B.M Abdul Howk Chowdhury, secretary to the Ministry of Cultural Affairs was present as the chief guest. Samar Pal, director general of National Museum, was the special guest. The event was presided over by Quamrul Hassan ndc, director general of the Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy. Sunil Chandra Das, director of the Department of Music and Dance, delivered the welcome speech.

The event ended with a musical soiree by the artistes of Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy.



(L-R) Syed Zakir Hossain, Md. Ali Siddiqui, Md. Golam Mostafa Khan, MA Mannan, Nadira Begum, Md. Shamsul Haq, and Iffat Ara Dewan at the programme

“Pratnonari” on Ekushey Television tonight

CULTURAL CORRESPONDENT

Ekushey Television is currently airing the 13-episode TV serial *Pratnonari* on Saturdays at 8:00pm.

The story revolves around Sajed. Sajed loves a girl but she does not reciprocate. The story takes a dramatic turn when the object of Sajed's affection dies in an accident. The tragedy makes a serious impact on Sajed and he sets out on a journey through the country. One day while walking through the woods, Sajed comes across an image of a flying woman carved on terracotta. Every night the image comes to life and keeps him company. Sajed's



Shahiduzzaman Selim in *Pratnonari*

"Pratnonari" remains very much "real" to him but people around him start questioning his sanity.

Pratnonari is written by Selim Al Deen and directed by Shahiduzzaman Selim and Rafi Hossain. Director Shahiduzzaman Selim said that the making of *Pratnonari* is quite different from other TV serials. For one, the protagonists in the play introduce themselves.

Masud Ali Khan, Dilara Zaman, Shahiduzzaman Selim, Rosey Siddiqui, Sumaiya Shimu, Farah Ruma, Chandan and Shovon play the key roles.

CULTURALFEAST

Photo Exhibition

Venue: Liberation War Museum, 5, Shegun Bagicha
Date: June 27 to July 3
Time: 10:00am to 6:00pm

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

Art Exhibition

Title: River and the Flow of Life
Artist: Mona Mahmud Chowdhury
Venue: Bengal Gallery of Fine Arts, House 275/F, Road 27, Dhanmondi
Date: July 4 to July 15
Time: 12pm to 8pm

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

National Art Exhibition

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

Fête de la Musique '07 Piano concert by young musicians

FAYZA HAQ

The young members of Ecole de Musique will delight the audience this evening at Alliance Francaise, Dhaka as part of the ongoing Fête de la Musique 2007.

Mahjabeen Rahman, the piano teacher of Ecole de Musique, was not in Dhaka for quite a while. In between she gave the charge of the lessons to Olivier Labe, a baroque musician. When Olivier left after some months, senior students Tabassum Mahjabeen and Aditya Noman Khan took over as instructors. Both have been studying under Mahjabeen Rahman since 1999.

This year, Rahman informs, the students will play some traditional melodies. Senior students are playing complex pieces like sonatas and marches, including pre-baroque, baroque, and romantic pieces. Rahman herself has been a student of the International Music School in Dhaka and studied piano with Gi Hyon Ryo and Kim Park Han. She also received violin lessons from Sei Jin Ko. When she went to Malaysia recently to study Linguistics, she took advanced lessons in piano too.

"The students are playing some four-hand pieces, for example,

Aditya and Tabassum are playing *March Militaire* by Schubert, while Aditya and Shirley are playing *Traumerai* by Schumann. *The Venetian Boat Song* by Mendelssohn will be played by Ehtesham. Nyrin, Iraha and Marzan are newcomers. Faizah will play *Go tell Aunt Rhody* and Aiyaz plays a minuet by Bach. Some of the pieces have been prepared in two weeks after I came back to Dhaka," says

Rahman.

Tabassum has been studying the piano for 11 years. In order to guide the students while the teacher was away, she had to study all the pieces that the class had to work on. A student of Business Administration at the North South University, Tabassum hopes to continue piano lessons in future. Her favourite composition is Beethoven's *Für Elise*. She also likes music by popu-



Mahjabeen Rahman (2-L) with students of Ecole de Musique

lar Bangladeshi bands.

Aditya, a 12th grade student at Notre Dame College, puts in about four hours of piano music every week. "I like Chopin and Mozart best," says Aditya. Apart from the classical piano he likes pop, rock and heavy metal.

Ehtesham says that he had no difficulties with practice while the teacher was away. This was although he had to pick the music himself at first and later Tabassum guided him. He plans to continue music lessons alongside his studies. His favourite piece is Beethoven's *Moonlight sonata*.

Shirley, a student of Class X at Green Herald says that even though music is not a major part of her formal studies she hopes to take it seriously.

Sadia, another student of the Ecole de Musique, says that she hopes to continue her piano lessons, given the chance. She plays *Jesu joy of man's desiring* at the programme.

Going by the enthusiastic young artistes, most likely, the audience at this evening's piano concert will not be disappointed.

Buzz Spice Girls reunite for world tour

The Spice Girls -- Britain's all-girl band phenomenon of the 1990s -- announced last Thursday that they were planning a new album and a world tour later this year.

The group, which includes Victoria Beckham, made the comeback announcement at a news conference in London, saying it was their way of "saying thank you" to their fans.

Beckham (Posh Spice), Geri Halliwell (Ginger Spice), Mel Brown (Scary Spice), Mel Chisholm (Sporty Spice) and Emma Bunton (Baby Spice) first exploded on to the pop scene in the mid-1990s with their first single, *Wannabe*.

The "girl power" band, which split up in 2001, has sold more than 55 million records. They are in their 30s now.

Geri Halliwell, who prompted the split by walking out in 1998, confirmed that the reunion is not going to be for good. "This is going to be a one-night stand," she said.

Mel C, who had vowed "never" to take part in a reunion, said: "A girl's allowed to change her mind." The girls promised to sing all their hits during the 11-dates tour of six continents, kicking off in Los Angeles on December 7.

After Las Vegas and New York, they will stage concerts in London, Cologne, Madrid, Beijing, Hong Kong, Sydney, Cape Town and Buenos

Aires. A greatest hits album would be released before Christmas, they announced.

At the height of their 1990s success, the group exercised their "girl power" by replacing their manager and signing up with Simon Fuller, the famous pop manager who has masterminded their comeback. *Wannabe*, released in 1996, became the biggest-selling single by an all-female group. It was fol-

lowed by a string of number ones, with songs like *Say You'll Be There*, and *2 Become 1*.

Their debut album, *Spice*, made them the fastest-selling British act since the Beatles, and the band -- particularly Geri Halliwell's Union flag dress -- epitomised Cool Britannia in the aftermath of Labour's 1997 election victory.

Source: Internet



The Spice Girls pose for the media as they arrive at the Greenwich Royal Observatory in London on June 28

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, 10:30pm, 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 Musical Programme
11:40 Shukhi Poribar
12:05 Drama Serial: Shubarno Lota
12:30 Mati O Manush
01:00 Bishwa Bichitra
01:30 Maa O Shishur Kotha
02:15 Sisimpur
02:40 Bangla Feature Film
05:05 Nobo Anondoy Jago
06:40 Matni Bashha
07:05 Laukik Bangla
07:30 Shobar Jonjo Cinema
08:35 Documentary Programme: Amar Bangladesh
09:00 Drama: Purush
10:30 Musical Programme
ATN BANGLA
10:30 Talk show: Akter Onnodrishi
11:05 Thakur Maar Jhuli
12:15 Shurer Madhuri
12:45 Shathidin
01:30 Nari
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 Journey
12:00 Grammenphone Lead News
Channel i
09:30 Shongbadpotrey

09:50 Bangladesh GrammenPhone Tritiomatra
11:05 Na Bola Kotha
11:30 Mukto Bazaar
Orthonti
Citycell Taroka
Kathan
01:05 Ebong Cinemar Gaan
01:30 Shangbadpotre Bangladesh
01:45 Public Reaction
02:40 Special Programme
03:05 Dhaka Guide
04:05 Educational Programme
04:40 Shotyer Shondhaney
05:30 Muktijudho Protidin
06:00 Harano Shoishob
07:50 Harano Shompod
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Rtv
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09:30 Drama: Caught Behind
11:00 Gop Shop
12:00 Musical Programme
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06:00 Din Protidin
06:35 Bishwa Jurey
08:00 Tele Film: Lottery
11:00 Musical Programme: Just Band
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PICK OF THE DAY

Bhober Haat
On Channel-i at 07:50pm
Drama Serial
Cast: Humayun Faridee, Wahida Mallick Jolly

Heroes
On Star World at 10:30pm
TV Series
Cast: Masi Oka, Hayden Panettiere

Ekusher Shomoy
10:00 Drama Serial: Bondhon
11:45 Reporters File
BANGLAVISION
10:10 Apnar Ki Kichhu Bolar
Achihey
Shomoy Ashomoy
11:10 Media Bhubon
01:00 X-Crime
02:30 Bhokab
02:40 Drama Serial: Kachhey Durey
03:10 Drama Serial: Dhula Ura Din
04:15 Public Forum
05:00 Ebong Classer Bairey
05:40 Diner Sheshey
06:35 Music Moment

Gaan
04:25 Nupur
04:50 Alok Paat
06:45 Shangkriti Ei
Shoptaho
08:15 Shantokurir
08:50 Single Episode
Drama: Nishiprantey
Ei Shomoy

ETV
08:30 Ajker Potrikay
01:30 Drishti
03:15 Bangla Feature Film
05:30 Ei Shoptaher Bishwa
06:15 Ekusher Shondha
07:30 Desh Jurey
08:00 Drama Serial: Protino Nari
08:30 Uttoradhikari

07:45 Drama Serial: Polatok
09:45 Talk Show: Law and Development
STAR MOVIES
08:15 First Kid
10:00 The Wind In The Willows
11:45 Keeping Mum
01:30 On The Lot
02:30 The Ticket
03:00 The Devil's Own
05:05 Casanova
07:00 National Security
08:30 Sniper 2
10:05 The Mistress Of Spices
11:45 Casanova
01:45 Mozart And The Whale
03:30 Sniper 2
STAR WORLD
12:30 The Simpsons
01:00 Travel Asia
01:30 That '70s Show
02:00 Grounded For Life
02:30 Arrested Development
03:00 8 Simple Rules
03:30 Malcolm In The Middle
04:00 My Name Is Earl
04:30 Yes Dear
05:00 Psych
06:00 30 Rock
06:30 The O.C.
07:30 Tna Xplosion
08:30 Desperate Housewives
09:30 Grey's Anatomy
10:30 Heroes
11:30 Psych
12:30 Prison Break
STAR PLUS
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 V Trailers - Star Plus
02:25 Bolly V - Star Plus
02:30 Jurassic Park 2 The Lost World (Hindi)
05:00 V Trailers - Star Plus
05:25 Bolly V - Star Plus
05:30 Krishna Kathaiyen
06:30 Star Voice Of India
07:55 Bolly V - Star Plus
08:00 Meri Awaz Ko Mil Gayi Roshni.. Lucky
08:30 Prithviraj Chauhan
10:00 Baa Bahoo Aur Baby
10:30 Star Voice Of India
12:00 Kasturi
12:30 Bolly V - Star Plus
HISTORY CHANNEL
11:00 Yes Minister S2
12:30 From here to Eternity
06:30 Hostages
08:30 Night of the Fox
10:30 Biography
12:30 Hostages
DISCOVERY CHANNEL
12:30 Build it Bigger
01:30 Predator on the Move
02:30 Discovery's Biggest Shows
04:30 Life in the Undergrowth
05:30 Discovery Wings
06:30 Deadliest Catch
07:30 Life in the Undergrowth
08:30 Discovery India
09:30 Everest: Beyond the Limit
10:30 How do they do it?
11:00 Million 2 One
11:30 Hunters
NATIONAL

FM radio

Radio Foorti
07:00am Hello Dhaka (Apu)
11:00am Amar 98.4 (Nusrat)
03:00pm Dhaka Calling (Sakib)
07:00pm Fuad Live (Fuad)
11:30am Back to Back music

GEOGRAPHIC
12:30 Frontline Of Construction (Cricket)
01:30 Killer Tigers of India
02:30 Dens of Danger
03:30 Amazing Moments
04:30 Mad Labs
05:00 Swimming With Sea Snakes
05:30 Backyard Science
06:00 Disney Florida
06:30 Amazing Moments
07:30 The Living Edens
08:30 Rescue Choppers
09:30 Teva Mountain Games
10:30 Monster Crocs
11:30 Deviants?

ESPN
12:00 The Natwest Series (Cricket)
01:00 Sportscenter Week In Review (Spo)
01:30 Standard Bank One Day Internatio
02:57 Motogp World Championship 2007
07:00 Sportscenter Weekend (Sport News)
07:05 Chappell-Hadlee Trophy (Cricket)