

## CULTURALFEAST

## 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

## Solo Print Exhibition

**Artist:** Rashid Amin  
**Venue:** Shilpangan Art Gallery, House 26, Road 3, Dhanmondi  
**Date:** July 10 to July 24  
**Time:** 12am to 9pm

## Theatre

**Venue:** Palakar Studio, 133 Natok Swarani, New Baily Road  
**Title:** Dakghar  
**Troupe:** Palakar  
**Date:** July 5 & 6  
**Time:** 6:30 pm  
**Venue:** Natmandol, Dhaka University  
**Title:** Three Sisters  
**Troupe:** Department of Theatre & Music, Dhaka University  
**Date:** July 5 to July 10  
**Time:** 7pm

**Venue:** Mahila Samiti Auditorium  
**Title:** Sonai Madhob  
**Troupe:** Lokonatyadal  
**Date:** July 7  
**Time:** 7pm

**Photo 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

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

**Film Screening**  
**Date:** July 7  
**Time:** 6:00pm  
**Film:** Dhamo 2  
**Date:** July 9  
**Time:** 6:00pm  
**Film:** Salaam-e-ishq  
**Date:** July 13  
**Time:** 6:00pm  
**Film:** Krish  
**Date:** July 16  
**Time:** 6:00pm  
**Film:** Madhoshi  
**Date:** July 21  
**Time:** 6:00pm  
**Film:** Shubho Muhurat

## National Art Biennale '07

# Gulshan Hossain and her award-winning abstraction

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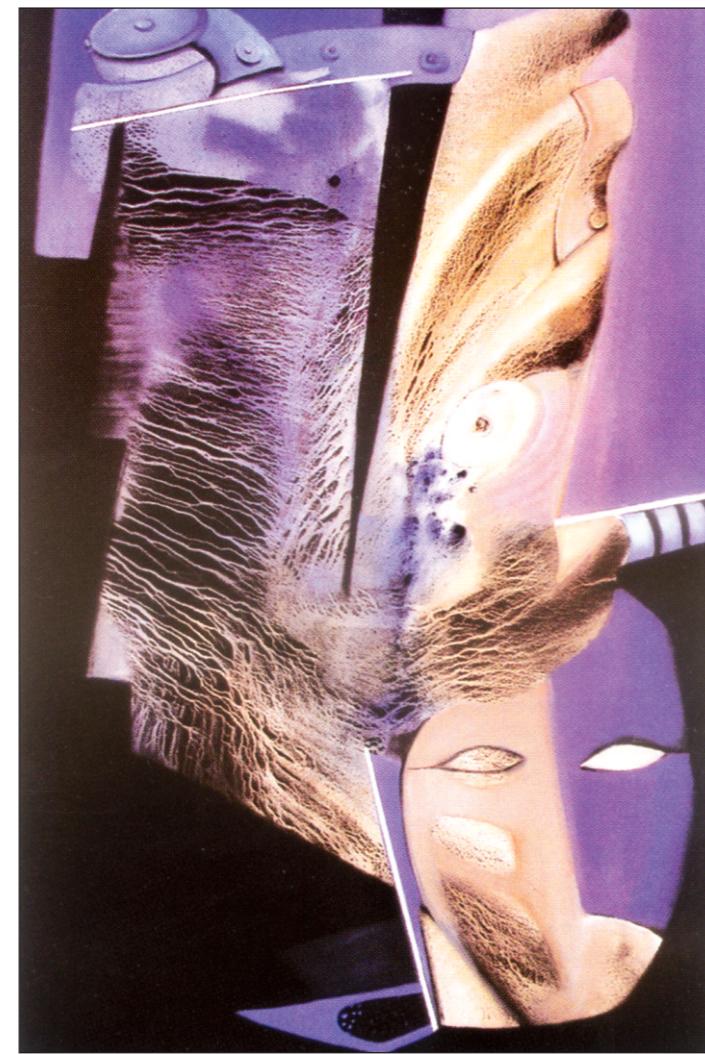
ARTIST Gulshan Hossain has won the Dipa Haq Award at the ongoing National Art Biennale for her innovative painting *Archaeological Report of Romeo and Juliet*. The month-long biennale has been organised by the Department of Art, Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy.

Though she had won several awards at prestigious art competitions overseas, this is the first time Gulshan has won a major national award. A beaming Gulshan says, "I consider the recognition at home as my greatest achievement so far. However, this doesn't mean I've reached my creative peak. Whenever I receive an award, I feel the urge to do something better."

The novelty of presenting Shakespeare's familiar tragic love story,



The artist at work



Archaeological Report of Romeo and Juliet, Gulshan Hossain's award-winning artwork

eternal lovers' skulls and other materials unearthed through an archaeological excavation. I believe their remains would have told us about their 'unfulfilled' love, which I have tried to capture on my semi-

abstract canvas."

The artist has included skulls, masks, cart and others. The theme has been presented by using blue, black and mauve colours, in the way abstractionists usually do.

According to Gulshan, "I prefer abstraction to figurative, as the viewers have the freedom to interpret an abstract canvas using their individual sense of perception. Even the artist can deliver several messages without actually pointing out the obvious. Figurative, on the other hand, is more vocal."

Gulshan uses figures on abstract canvas to communicate with the viewers. The artist wants to be versatile when it comes to presentation as well as use of materials.

Gulshan says, "I don't want to be monotonous. I'm influenced by the diversity in expression dominant in Picasso's work. At a workshop conducted by eminent artist Aminul Islam, I learnt the technique of using oil colours in an innovative way. I have employed the techniques in my own way."

Though it's been a few years since Gulshan has made a name for herself in the local arts circle, the artist completed her Bachelors in Fine Arts from the University of Alternative Development (UDA) just last year. Gulshan explains, "I completed my Bachelors and Masters in Political Science from University of Dhaka and participated at art exhibitions both at home and abroad. However, certain artists in the country were critical about me not having any academic knowledge on arts. To acquire academic knowledge on arts I enrolled in UDA. I completed my B.A., securing the first class first position."

Prior to receiving the Dipa Haq Award, Gulshan Hossain has won the Honourable Mention Award at the Sharjah Ladies Club Competition in 2006 and Second Prize in Abstract and Surrealism at the International Miniature Art Show in Florida, USA in 2003.

## "Khunjey Berai" on ntv tonight

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A single-episode TV play, *Khunjey Berai* will be aired tonight at 9:00pm. Written by Shatanu Biswas and directed by Kaushik Shankar Das, the play revolves around Shimul -- a naïve young man. Use of forceps during his

birth affected Shimul's brain. Though his behaviour is often child-like, Shimul is loved by everyone in the family. One day he gets into an argument with his elder brother Shafiq. Short-tempered Shafiq tells Shimul to support himself from now on. A desperate Shimul joins his uncle's

office, where he meets Ranu, a school teacher from a village. Soon they become good friends and Ranu inspires Shimul to move to the village with her.

Apurbo, Sumaiya Shimu, Farhana Mithu, Zahid Hossain Shobhon and Jenny have played the central roles in *Khunjey Berai*.



Sumaiya Shimu and Apurbo in Khunjey Berai

## "Transformers": High-tech entertainment for the man-child within

*Transformers* uncovers man's greatest love -- for machines that whir, click, rev or destroy.

But before you dismiss this movie as toy porn for overgrown boys (not that there's anything wrong with that), consider this: Never was this goofy rapture explored with more fun. For the non-Transformer heads, who couldn't tell an 'Autobot' from a 'Decepticon', it's a wonderfully playful experience.

Director Michael Bay -- of *Armageddon* and *Pearl Harbor* fame -- has superbly universalised the *Transformers* franchise, a behemoth of a subculture that includes a 1980s animated television series, comic books, the Hasbro line of toys, a 1986 movie and several Japanese TV spin-offs.

Sure, the movie (co-produced by Steven Spielberg) targets those who grew up with profound or casual familiarity with the *Transformers*. Bay is deeply aware that potent childhood memories are at stake here. Which is why *Transformers* has some of the best action sequences you'll see all summer, including a way-cool shoot-out between a tank-size, scorpion-tailed Decepticon and American soldiers in the Middle East desert.

But in Bay's hands, the movie is about more than explosions and robots. It's also a warmly appealing comedy centred on a jittery teenager Sam Witwicky (Shia LaBeouf), who has to not

only save the world but also watch for the facial blemishes and dorky moves that might jeopardise his other pressing project -- getting into the good graces of comely new companion Mikaela Banes (Megan Fox).

*Transformers* also underscores how emotionally connected we have all become to technology -- our cars, computers, cell phones and BlackBerrys. We personalise our various machines, as if they're the inorganic equivalent of the wet-nosed family dog. So what's so crazy, really, about a blitzkrieg action flick that takes that irrational sense of attachment and runs with it? It's just another day in the hi-tech neighbourhood.

Source: Internet



A scene from Transformers

## Artiste on the rise Tête-à-tête with Mehrab

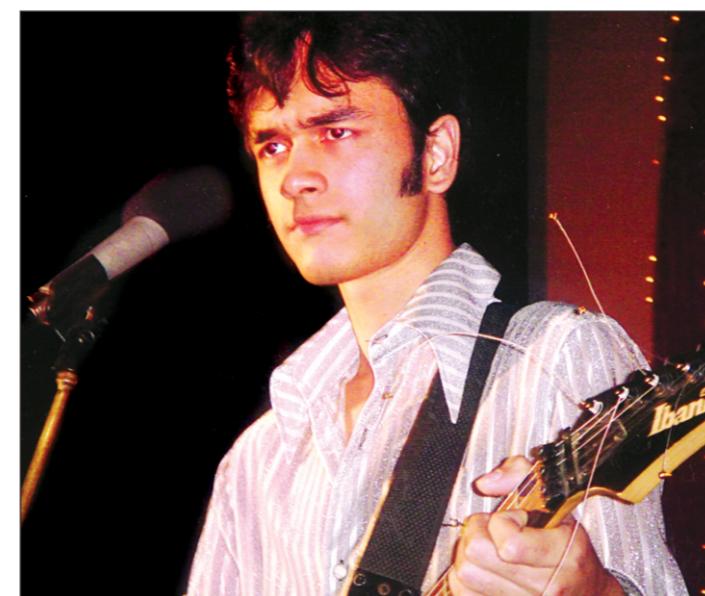
JAMIL MAHMUD

got along really well. Though we were pitted against each other, we became good friends and had a great time."

According to Mehrab, music runs in the family and he grew up in a favourable cultural ambiance. Mehrab's grandfather and aunt were both enlisted radio artists. Mehrab's passion for music was triggered at the age of eight when he received a guitar as a gift. Subsequently he trained under Basu Dev and singer Pritam.

"My favourite Bangladeshi singers and bands include Mahmudunnabi, Kumar Biswajit, James and Miles, Scorpions, Guns N' Roses, Eagles and Metallica are my favourite international bands."

Mehrab is currently busy with stage performances around the country. The artiste is now working on his first solo album. All songs in



the album, titled *Siren*, have been composed and arranged by Prince Mahmud. The album features a song penned by Mehrab's father. Popular lyricists Asif Iqbal, Kabir Bokul as well as Prince

Mahmud have written some of the songs. The album is being produced under the banner of Gaangchil and will be released in a couple of months.

Mehrab, currently an A-level student, aspires to go abroad for higher education in music.

## 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, 12:15am.

**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, 1:00 pm, 3:00 pm, 4:00 pm, 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.  
News Headlines (English) at 8:05pm.

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

**ntv**  
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.

**Shahor Konya**  
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**BTV**  
11:30 Talking Point  
12:00 Gramophone Lead News

**CHANNEL-i**  
09:30 Shongbad Potrey

12:30 Bulbul

02:15 Hijo Tomal

02:40 Quiz Quiz

03:05 Cartoon Bananas in Pyjamas

03:30 Shukhi Poribar

04:00 Computer

04:30 Amader Ranna

05:05 Sisimpur

05:30 Selected Programme

06:40 Shondha Maloti

07:00 Mati O Marush

07:30 Shobon Jor Cinema

08:30 Protidin Bangladesh

08:35 Selected Programme

09:00 Drama Serial: Swapno

09:30 Loker Chabi

09:30 Alor Pather Jatri

10:30 Prothom Antora

11:00 Shur Lohori

06:20 Talk show: Aktel

07:00 Onyodristi

11:05 Talk show: Meet the press

09:35 Alo-e Bhubon

01:30 Cinema Cinema

02:30 Gan Shure Taruney

03:10 Drama Serial: Chenamukh Ochena

03:45 Shristi Shuker

11:30 Bhulabashar Rang

12:00 Ullashay

04:20 Cooking Programme: ATN Rannaghata

05:00 Gram Gorjer Khobor

05:20 Islamic Programme: Islami Sawai O Jobab

06:20 Thakur Mar Jhuli

08:00 Drama Serial: Noyontara

08:45 Drama Serial: Bohemian

09:20 Drama Serial: Shagor Konya

11:30 Bishwa Bichitra

11:15 Drama Serial: Shongshaptak

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