

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 Swarni, 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:** Dhoom 2  
**Date:** July 9  
**Time:** 6:00pm  
**Film:** Salaam-e-ishq  
**Date:** July 13  
**Time:** 6:00pm  
**Film:** Krishn  
**Date:** July 16  
**Time:** 6:00pm  
**Film:** Madhoshi  
**Date:** July 21  
**Time:** 6:00pm  
**Film:** Shubho Muharat

National Art Biennale '07

Gulshan Hossain and her award-winning abstraction

ERSHAD KAMOL

ARTIST Gulshan Hossain 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.

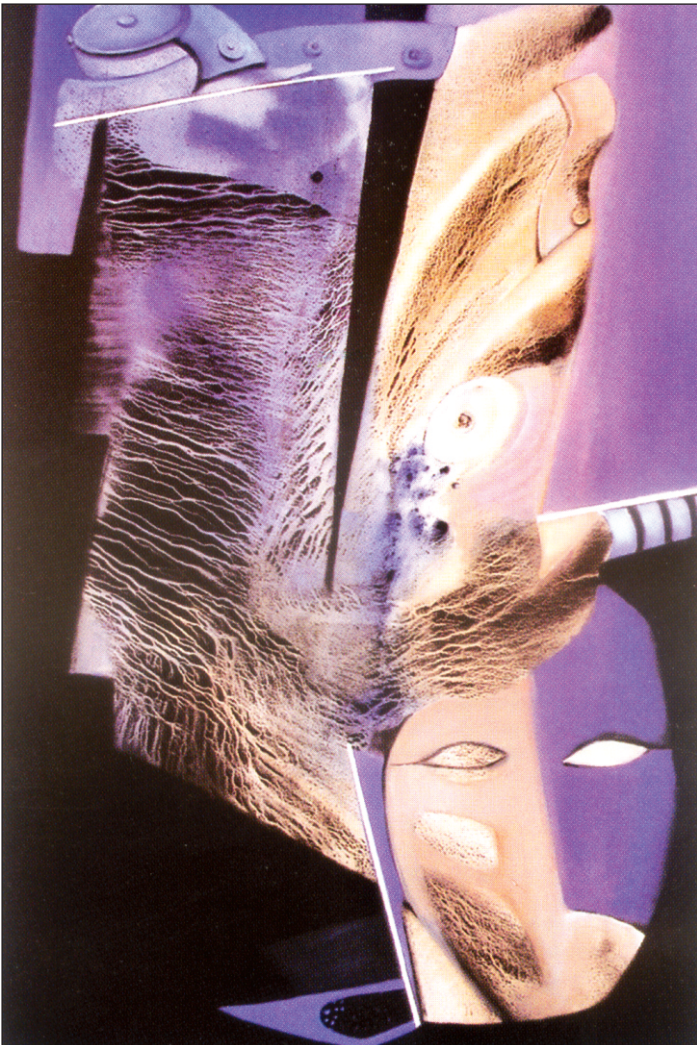
Though she had won several awards at prestigious art competitions overseas, this is the first time Gulshan has won a major national award. A beaming Gulshan says, "I consider the recognition at home as my greatest achievement so far. However, this doesn't mean I've reached my creative peak. Whenever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

*Romeo and Juliet*, with acrylic by Gulshan has received wide acclaim at the Biennale. About the *Archaeological Report of Romeo and Juliet* series, Gulshan says, "I've tried to present a possibility of finding the



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 canvases 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.

"Khunjei Beraí" on ntv tonight

CULTURAL CORRESPONDENT

A single-episode TV play, *Khunjei Beraí* 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 *Khunjei Beraí*.



Sumaiya Shimu and Apurbo in *Khunjei Beraí*

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

*Transformers* uncovers man's greatest love -- for machines that whirl, 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 Micaela Banes (Megan Fox).

The story can be outlined as an outer-space conflict that brings good alien robot Optimus Prime (voice of Peter Cullen) and his evil adversary Megatron (Hugo Weaving) to Earth, and how they desperately seek an all-powerful cube of life-giving energy, hidden somewhere on the planet. Sam's involvement stems from a startling discovery made by his great-great-grandfather in the 1870s. But the joys come in discovering these things for the first time, and enjoying such eye-bulging spe-

cial effects as Sam's dusty old Camaro -- his first car, bought by his dad -- turn into a building-size (and sweet-natured) transformer by the name of Bumblebee (voice by Mark Ryan).

*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

Ashiqur Rahman Mehrab, better known as "Mehrab", has become a familiar face and voice to the music enthusiasts, thanks to ntv's hugely popular talent hunt *Closeup 1 -- Tomakei Khujchhey Bangladesh*. One of the ten finalists in the show, Mehrab soon attained popularity for his natural singing abilities. A mixed album *Adda* was released last year, featuring songs by Mehrab and a fellow *Closeup 1* finalist, Rumi.

On his journey in *Closeup 1*, Mehrab says, "My father, Aminur Rahman, has always inspired me to sing. When I registered for the competition I didn't think I could be one of the finalists. However, after getting through the initial rounds, my confidence got a boost. Other contestants, specifically Abid, and I

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 ambience. 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

PICK OF THE DAY



**Rokkhakoti**  
On Banglavisian at 8:15pm  
Drama Serial  
Cast: Shahiduzzaman Selim, Tazin Ahmed



**Casanova**  
On Star Movies at 8:45pm  
Genre: Romance/ Drama  
Cast: Heath Ledger, Sienna Miller, Jeremy Irons

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 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

BANGLAVISIAN

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

08:45 Bishwa Bichitra  
11:15 Drama Serial: Shongshaptak  
12:05 Maa O Shishur Kotha  
12:30 Bulbul  
02:15 Hijol 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 Manush  
07:30 Shobar Jonno Cinema  
08:30 Protidin Bangladesh  
08:35 Selected Programme  
09:00 Drama Serial: Swapno Loker Chabi  
09:30 Alor Pather Jatri  
10:30 Prothom Antora  
11:00 Shur Lohori

ATN Bangla

10:30 Talk show: Aktel Onyodristi  
11:05 Talk show: Meet the press  
12:15 Cinema  
01:30 Cine Shure Taruney  
02:30 Notun Chihor Gaan  
03:10 Drama Serial: Bhalobashar Rang  
03:45 Shristi Shuker Ullashey  
04:20 Cooking Programme: ATN Rannaghar  
05:00 Gram Gonjer Khorob  
05:20 Islamic Programme: Islami Sawal O Jobab  
06:20 Thakur Mar Jhuli  
08:00 Drama Serial: Noyontara  
08:45 Drama Serial: Bohemian  
09:20 Drama Serial: Sho Shagor Konyia

11:30 Talking Point  
12:00 GrameenPhone Lead News

CHANNEL-i

09:30 Shongbad Potrey Bangladesh  
09:45 Public Reaction  
09:50 GrameenPhone Tritiyomatra  
11:05 Sports Time  
12:30 Citycell Tarokathan  
01:05 Ebong Cinema Gaan  
01:30 Shangbadpotrey Bangladesh  
01:45 Selected Programme  
02:40 Mega Serial: Prio Bash  
03:05 Talk show: Microcredit Agrogitney Bangladesh  
03:30 Sa Re Ga Ma Music Club  
04:05 Mukti Judho Protidin  
05:30 Drama Serial: Shath Goenda  
06:00 Cooking Programme  
07:50 Jibon Khehaney Jemon  
08:20 Mega Serial: Adbhutore  
09:35 Aic-e Bhubon Bhora  
10:00 Drama Serial: Chenamukh Ochena Manush  
11:30 Ekanyo Barti  
12:00 GrameenPhone Ajker Shangbadpotro  
08:20 Mega Serial: Adbhutore  
09:35 Aic-e Bhubon Bhora  
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08:30 Ajker Shokal Chokkor  
08:55 Srijoner Antorale  
09:30 26 February: Atopor  
11:00 Tomader Pelo Bangladesh  
12:10 Talk Show: Ei Shomoy  
01:05 Tumi Ami Poroshpor  
02:30 Hajar Bochor Dhorey Bikaler Khorob  
05:30

ETV

06:45 Notuner Mukho Mukhi  
08:15 Cooking Programme  
08:50 Drama: Kujhe Beraí  
11:30 Ei Shomoy  
10:00 R Ranna  
10:30 Ei Desh  
11:00 Praner Manush  
11:00 Achhey Praney  
12:00 Drama Serial: Biyer Golpo  
03:30 Chirontoni  
04:00 Pathay Pantorey  
05:30 Ta Na Na Na  
07:30 Deshurey Shonglap  
08:00 Drama Serial: Dibidho  
08:30 Bhalobasha Karey Koy  
09:15 Ekusher Shomoy  
10:00 Drama Serial: Bondhon  
11:45 Reporter's File  
Rtv

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09:00 Aj Potrikay  
09:05 Aj Potrikay  
09:30 Documentary Programme  
10:00 R Ranna  
10:30 Ei Desh  
11:00 Praner Manush  
12:00 Drama Serial: Biyer Golpo  
01:00 Travel Show  
01:30 Aj Potrikay  
03:45 Nirontor  
04:20 Frachir Ghera China  
05:10 Borney Borney  
06:00 Din Protidin  
06:35 Drishya Kolpo  
08:00 Drama Serial: Biyer Golpo  
08:40 Akbar the Great

Channel1

09:30 Chokh Mele Dekhi  
10:30 Bangla Feature Film  
02:00 Music Station  
03:30 Tahader Shesh Prohor  
04:00 Rupantor Golpo  
04:30 Gaaner Kotha Kothar Gaan  
05:15 Expression  
06:00 Saaj Bela  
06:45 Iltishaker Path Dhorey  
07:00 Bakher Pathhey  
08:15 Drama Serial: Society  
09:00 Drama Serial: Nokol Poshakh  
09:30 Show Case

BANGLAVISIAN

STAR PLUS

08:35 Shubho Shokal  
09:05 Amader Ranna Ghar  
09:30 Bangla Feature Film  
02:40 Conan  
04:15 Raat Biraatey  
05:00 Cinebit Shadakalo  
05:40 Citycell Diner Sheshey  
06:35 Nana Ranger Din Guli  
08:15 Drama Serial: Rokkhakoti  
08:55 Media Bhuban  
09:30 Drama Serial: Rupantor Amar Ami  
11:30 Friends

STAR MOVIES

09:30 On The Lot  
11:30 Rollerball  
12:15 Sibling Rivalry  
01:45 Star Wars: Ep. II - Revenge Of The Sith  
04:10

STAR WORLD

09:30 Heroes  
10:30 Life As We Know It  
11:30 Prison Break  
12:30 The O.C.  
02:30 Koffee With Karan  
03:30 The Ellen Degeneres Show  
04:00 The Bold And The Beautiful  
05:00 Prison Break  
06:00 General Hospital  
06:30 The Simpsons  
07:00 My Wife And Kids  
08:30 On The Lot  
09:30 Ugly Betty  
10:30 Boston Legal  
11:30 Seinfeld  
12:00 Friends

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HISTORY CHANNEL

09:30 The Iraq War  
10:30 Tactical to Practical  
11:30 Telemart  
12:15 Ayan International  
01:30 Modern Marvels  
02:30 FDR and Pearl Harbour  
03:30 Eleanor Roosevelt  
04:30 Reilly: Ace of Spies  
05:30 Alpha Romeo  
06:30 Witness to the Mob  
07:30 Psychic Detectives  
08:30 Fight to the Death  
09:30 Jewel in the Crown  
10:30 Engineering an Empire  
11:30 Hollywood Robber

NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC

11:00 Sauna Belt  
12:15 Global Skyshop  
11:30 Naked Science  
12:30 Is It Real?  
01:30 The Serpent  
02:30 Unwind  
03:00 Killer Whales  
03:30 Naked Science  
04:30 Mad Labs  
05:00 Mission To Malaysia  
05:30 Backyard Science  
06:00 School of Hard Crocs  
06:30 Naked Science  
07:30 Jean-Michel Cousteau  
08:30 In The Womb:Twins  
09:30 MegaStructures  
11:30 Naked Science  
12:30 Discovery CHANNEL

DISCOVERY CHANNEL

09:30 Flavours of India  
10:30 Baby  
11:00 Baby Whisperer  
11:30 Extreme Engineering  
12:30 Bringing Home Baby

FM radio

Radio Foorti

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

ESPN

09:30 Winter X-Games 11 - Day 1  
11:00 Natwest Series 2007  
12:30 English Premier Football League  
02:30 U.S. Women's Open Golf Champions  
05:30 Ibf World Grand Prix - German Op  
06:30 X Games All Access  
07:30 The Ultimate Pool Party  
09:30 Ali Vs Joe Frazier I  
10:30 Sportscenter Asia  
11:00 Sportscenter Asia  
12:00 Npower Test Series