

## CULTURALFEAST

## National Art

## Exhibition

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

## Art Exhibition



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

## Solo Print Exhibition

Artist: Rashid Amin  
Venue: Shilpangan Art Gallery, House 26, Road 3, Dhamondi  
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 Madhab  
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, Dhamondi  
Date: June 27 to July 7  
Time: 12pm to 8pm

## 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

## Quiet flow the rivers

## Mona's solo exhibition at Bengal Gallery

FAYZA HAQ

**M**ONA Mahmud Chowdhury's solo exhibition *Rivers and the Flow of Life* was opened at the Bengal Gallery yesterday. In Mona's chalk pastels one finds a surreal world where the artist sees rivers as a part of life. Her world consists of humans and nature with a prominence of animals like cats along with fish. Clumps of trees and tangles of kites are also included in the vision. Boats and clouds are seen too. And through them all a blue-green river flows. Trained in Kolkata and London, Mona brings something new and fresh to the art scene with her quaint figures and buoyant colours.

Mona works from her sketches but most often she develops her colours, lines and motifs as she goes along with her chalk pastel on paper. She is influenced by Paul Klee and admires local artists like Rokeya Sultana and Farida Zaman. She is also fond of Monirul Islam, Gonesh Payen and Gonesh Halui. Going over the differences between education in Kolkata and London, she says that there is experimentation along with academic work right from the outset in London whereas in Kolkata there is more of study work. "What the English art students do during their 1st year, students in Kolkata do in the 5th or 6th year," she says.

Mona initially worked in oil and mixed media but in the recent works she has moved on to chalk pastel. Along with these are some prints. She finds it easy to blend the chalk pastel and it gives the same effect as oil or acrylic. She says that her



Art works by Mona Mahmud Chowdhury



husband and the rest of her family encourage her greatly, without which she could not have progressed so far with two major solos and several joint ventures.

In *Nocturnal and Daylight Threads*, one finds a cityscape with people in numerous windows. This is dominated by a large tree with massive sprays of leaves that are evenly dotted. The sky remains blue and pink. Against this framework are two children flying kites.

The *thread of Time Flow* has more of the high-rises and the sky. Here too, kites play an important part of Mona's imagination as she associates it with happy childhood. *A Stream Becomes a River* has the flowing of a river in different directions with the inclusion of the sky

and clouds. A peering child's face animates the composition.

*Bird's Nest* has trees, one looking like a lamb that is dotted with reds and oranges. Inside the shape are tiny motifs of humans. The trees are surrounded with swirls of orange and yellow.

The artist looks at the scenes from the inside, feeling its moods and rhythms. The colours and forms appear expressionistic as she focuses closely on the psychology of her characters. Very often there is a zigzag worm-like motif going through her work and this ushers in the river. Each work has an individual story of joy and sorrow.

The exhibition, which ends on July 15th, is sure to fascinate art enthusiasts.

## ALL TIME GREATS

## Basu Chatterji: Turning seemingly ordinary into extraordinary



Chupi Chupi.

In his hat as writer, Chatterji has films such as *Gudgudee* and *Chameli Ki Shaadi*, while he has produced *Zavar* (1987) and *Baton Baton Mein* (1979). Currently under production is the tentatively titled social comedy *Ek Ladki Bholi Bholi Si* which marks Chatterji's return to the directorial style which made him famous in the 1980s. The film is to feature Bipasha Basu in a major role.

Born on January 10, 1930 in Ajmer, Rajasthan, Chatterji was a long time political cartoonist of the popular *Blitz* tabloid. His entry into filmdom was through the film society movement. During his seven years as an active member of the film society 'Film Forum', he gained exposure to films from countries including France, Italy, Sweden and Japan -- a marked departure from his counterparts whose horizons never went beyond Hollywood. He also occupied the position of the secretary of the federation of film societies of India (more specifically the western region) for a considerable stretch of time.

The evergreen Chatterji seems likely to continue regaling film audiences with his distinctive and sensitive cinematic works.

Compiled by Cultural Correspondent

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

## BTV

11:15 Documentary Programme  
11:40 *Angona*  
12:05 *Maa O Shishir Kotha*  
12:30 Documentary Programme  
01:30 *Shukhi Poribar*  
02:15 Selected Programme  
02:40 *Esho Gaan Shikhi*  
03:05 Cartoon  
04:00 *Alor Pather*  
05:05 *Sangeeta*  
05:30 *Ityadi*  
06:40 *Dhormo O Jibon*  
07:00 *Jonotor Kotha*  
08:35 *Protidin Bangladesh*  
08:40 Drama: *Torongey Legechhey Dola*  
08:45 *Phela Asa Din*

## ntv

10:05 *Joyitar Joyjatra*  
10:30 Single Episode Drama  
12:10 Talk Show  
01:05 Japan Video Topic  
03:20 *Chakkor*  
03:15 Drama Serial: *Ranger Manush*  
03:50 *Protyabon*  
04:25 *Bangla Feature Film*  
04:25 *Drama Serial: Neer Enechi Shurjer Hashi*  
04:50 *Shundor Jiboner Jonno*  
06:45 *Horkitis Genius*  
07:00 *Obiram Bangladesh*  
05:20 Islamic Programme:  
08:15 *Islami Sowal O Jobab*  
06:20 TV Serial: *Mugly*  
08:00 Drama Serial: *Shokal Shondha*  
08:45 Drama: *Koto Chena Koto Ochena*  
09:20 Drama Serial: *Chhayamukh*  
11:30 Musical Programme  
12:00 GrameenPhone Lead News

## ATN Bangla

10:30 Talk Show: *Atel Annodisti*  
11:05 Drama: *Mihir Alir Protyabon*  
12:15 Bangla Feature Film  
03:45 Drama Serial: *Shokal Shondha*  
11:35 *Ei Shomoy*  
04:20 *Abiram Bangladesh*  
05:20 Islamic Programme:  
08:15 *Shonkho Bash*  
08:50 *Glamour World*  
09:45 Drama Serial: *Golpo*  
10:40 Rtv Exclusive  
11:00 Magazine Programme: *Char Deyal*

## ETV

01:00 *Grilo Sholli*  
01:30 *Ajker Potrikay*  
03:40 *Wide Angle*  
04:20 *Apon Shimanay*  
05:15 Children's Programme: *Sa Sa Dhin Tai*  
09:30 *Chirontoni*  
04:00 *GrameenPhone Tritiota*

## CHANNEL-i

09:30 *Shangbadpotre*  
09:45 Public Reaction  
09:50 GrameenPhone *Tritiota*

## BTV

12:30 *Citycell Tarokathan*  
01:05 *Ebon Cinemar Gaan*  
01:30 *Shangbad Potery Bangladesh*  
01:45 Public Reaction  
02:40 *Tritio Matray Apni*  
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05:30 *Mukti Juddho Protidin*  
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## PICK OF THE DAY



Hridita

On Channel-i at 10:00pm

Drama Serial

Cast: Mahfuz, Srabonti

## Arrested Development

On Star World at 10:30pm  
TV Series  
Cast: Jason Bateman, Portia de Rossi

## Channel1

10:30 Bangla Feature Film  
02:00 Show Case  
03:30 Drama Serial: *Sokol*  
04:00 Drama Serial: *Nokol*  
05:00 *Media Bhobon*  
06:00 *Shongbad Potridin*  
07:00 *Boishakhi*  
08:30 *Talk Show: Priojon*  
10:25 Talk show  
11:00 *Shongbad Potridin*  
11:45 Reporters File  
12:00 Documentary  
12:30 *Programme: Expedition to the animal Kingdom*  
13:00 *Drama Serial: Shesh Odhay*  
14:15 *Drama Serial: Rokkhakoti*  
15:00 *Sports vision*  
16:00 *Children's Programme: Ichhey Ghuri*  
17:00 *Drama Serial: Iltihaser Path Dhorey*  
18:00 *Shurer Bhobon*  
19:00 *Citycell Din-er Shehsey*  
20:00 *Drama Serial: Dhula Ura*

## BANGLAVISION

01:15 *Ekusher Shondha*  
02:00 *Desh Jurey Shonglaap*  
03:00 *Nari*  
04:00 *Shongsharer Tuki Taki*  
05:00 *Golpo*  
06:00 *Drama Serial: Bondhon*  
07:00 *Reporters*