

CULTURALFEAST

Film Screening

Organiser: Zahir Raihan Film Society in association with Russian Centre for Science and Culture
Title: Contemporary Russian Film Session
Venue: Russian Centre for Science and Culture, House 510, Road 7, Dhanmondi
Date: July 30
Film: Shadow Boxing (2005) by Aleksei Sidorov
Time: 4:00pm
Film: The Stroll (2003) by Aleksei Uchitel
Time: 6:30pm
Date: July 31
Film: Transit (2006) by Aleksandr Rogozhkin
Time: 4:00pm
Film: War (2002) by Aleksei Balabanov
Time: 6:30pm

Art Exhibition

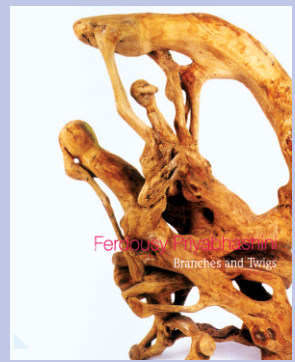
Title: Colours from Hills
Venue: Drik Gallery, House 58, Road 15A (new), 26 (old), Dhanmondi R/A
Date: July 19 to August 1
Time: 3pm to 8pm
Title: Contemporary Art of Malaysia
Organiser: Buriganga Arts & Crafts and Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy
Venue: National Art Gallery, Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy, Sagun Bagicha
Date: July 27 to 31
Time: 2-7pm
Title: Contemporary Artist 4
Artists: Bipul Shah, Rashedul Huda, Saleh Mahmud, Shaheed Ahmed Mithu
Venue: Zainul Gallery, Institute of Fine Arts, University of Dhaka
Date: July 26 to July 31
Title: Art Camp-2007
Organiser: Shilpangan
Venue: Shilpangan Gallery, House 26, Road 3, Dhanmondi
Date: July 27 to August 7
Time: 12pm to 8pm

Solo Art Exhibition

Title: The Endless Mystery
Artist: Rafiqul Islam Chowdhury
Venue: Saju Arts & Crafts, F/28, D.C.C. North Super Market, 2nd Circle Gulshan
Date: July 23 to August 7
Time: 10am to 8pm

Solo Sculpture Exhibition

Title: Branches and Twigs
Artist: Ferdousy Priyabhashini
Venue: Bengal Gallery of Fine Arts, House 275/F, Road 27 (old), Dhanmondi
Date: July 30 to August 10
Time: 12-8pm



In Conversation
Bappa Majumder on Dolchhut's new album and more

JAMIL MAHMUD

AFTER releasing their debut album *Aah* in 1997, Dolchhut, one of the leading contemporary bands in the country, is working on their fourth album. Their previous albums are *Hridaypur* and *Akashchuri*. Bappa Majumder, vocalist of the band, talked about Dolchhut's new album as well as contemporary music, musicians and other issues in a recent interview with *The Daily Star*.

Nearly five years after releasing their last album *Akashchuri* (2002), Dolchhut is working on new compositions. Songs by the band that went on to become popular include *Chokh*, *Rongila*, *Yasmin*, *Joler daamey*, *Gari choley na*, *Baaji*, *Bioscope*, *Akashchuri* and many more.

Dolchhut's new album will include ten songs; four have already been recorded. According to Bappa, the band's new songs maintain the genre audience is used to. However, certain songs on contemporary issues are experimental. *Dhori machh na chhui pani*, one of the new songs, is an adaptation of M. Aslam Liton's poem. Bappa is composing all the songs. The title of the album is yet to be finalised.

About the rather long gap since their last album was released, Bappa said, "Sanjib Chowdhury (another member of Dolchhut) was busy and I was occupied with my career as a singer-composer. A new album requires undivided attention."

Apart from Dolchhut's new album and his career as a solo musician, Bappa is currently working in several TV programmes. He is one of the guest judges in the popular



talent hunt on Channel-i, *DrockStars* 2. He is also working with some new talents; grooming them to carve a niche in our music arena.

Bappa featuring Sandipan - tribute to S.D. Barman and R.D.

Barman, is a recent album that was appreciated by music lovers. The album featured hugely popular songs of legendary composers S.D. Barman and R.D. Barman like *Phiresho Anuradha*, *Mon-e porey Rubi Roy*, *Jhilmil jhilmil* and more,

re-arranged by Bappa.

On the album Bappa said, "I've always been an ardent fan of Sachin Dev and R.D.'s songs. It was a great experience to be able to interpret them in my own way, keeping the compositions intact."

Bappa has also worked with Anjan Dutt, popular *jibonmukhi* singer of Kolkata, in the album *Ichhey Korey Ekshathey*. Bappa composed all the songs, except one, for the album. For the first time, Anjan Dutt rendered a composition by another musician. "Anjan Dutt singing my composition was one of my greatest achievements," said an elated Bappa.

About contemporary musicians and the music scene, the artiste said that our musicians are talented and each has developed a unique style. *Omob*, *Habib*, *Fuad*, *Nemesi*, *Watson Brothers* and *Parthib* have all made an impact on the contemporary music scene.

On the talent hunt, *DrockStars*, Bappa said that initiatives such as this can have a positive impact on our music in many ways. "The programme is creating opportunities for budding musicians to demonstrate their potentials, which will be beneficiary for them as well as for the music industry. Besides, the show has become a platform for popular bands, exchanging views, which is also essential for our music," added Bappa.

Campaign against corruption through theatre



Actors of Gana Natya Dal in the play

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OUR CORRESPONDENT, *Satkhira*

Shachetan Nagorik Committee (SNC), Satkhira district unit of Transparency International of Bangladesh (TIB), has started an innovative campaign to generate awareness among the people to combat corruption.

A six-day-long drama workshop was recently organised by SNC's Gana Natya Dal. The workshop concluded at Satkhira Pourashabha Auditorium. Convenor of the workshop Advocate A.K.M. Shahidullah chaired the event.

Satkhira Deputy Commissioner (DC) Mohammad Kefayetullah was the chief guest.

Artists of Gana Natya Dal staged a play at the venue to create awareness among the people about the ill effects of corruption in the society. The play depicted how corruption hinders development.

Advocate Tapan Kumar Chakraborty inaugurated the workshop and Paltu Bashar presided over the event.

The programme seemed to inspire the audience to take a stance against corruption.

'Ashadi Purnima' celebrated at Rajban Bihar

SHANTIMOY CHAKMA, *Rangamati*

'Ashadi Purnima', a Buddhist religious festival was celebrated with great enthusiasm and fervour at the Rajban Bihar in Rangamati town last Saturday. Buddhist devotees from far-flung areas of Rangamati, Bandarban and Khagrachhari gathered at the Bihar to observe the occasion.

Members of Chakma, Marma and Tangchanga communities attended the event to pay respect to Sadhana Nanda Mohasthabir, widely known as "Bana Vante", chief monk of Rajban Bihar.

Because of his spiritual authority acquired through years of meditation at the deep forests in the Hill Tracts, local Buddhists consider him to be a living embodiment of the values of Lord Buddha.

In his speech, the Bana Vante urged devotees to be "archya" (polite, modest, honest and moral). He said that abiding by the "sheel" (philosophies of Lord Buddha) a man can lead a pious and blissful life.

Hoisting of Buddhist flag, "pancha sheela", "pinda daan", "Buddha murti daan", "sangha daan" and "pradip puja" were conducted at the function.

Arati Roy and her son barrister Debashish Roy, the current Chakma King and former CHT Affairs Minister Kalpa Ranjan Chakma were present at the festival.



Devotees pray at the Rajban Bihar

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Ajit Roy and Shaheen Samad honoured

Cultural evening by Katha Lalitakala Academy

CULTURAL CORRESPONDENT

Kotha Lalitakala Academy (KLA), a cultural organisation, honoured seasoned artistes Ajit Roy and Shaheen Samad, on the occasion of its 14th anniversary. The programme was held on July 28 at the Shishu Academy Auditorium.

Jaglu Ahmed Chowdhury, chief editor of Bangladesh Sangbad Sangstha (BSS), was the chief guest.

The event opened with a group rendition of the song, *Himalay thekey Shundorbon*, by students of KLA. It was followed by a group dance.

The chief guest then handed awards to Shaheen Samad and Ajit Roy. In his speech Jaglu Ahmed Chowdhury said, "A true artiste never ages as long as his/her works live on through admirers." He hoped that both Samad and Roy would continue their contribution to the cultural arena of Bangladesh.

A short prize giving ceremony followed. Prizes were given to students of KLA, excelling in music, dance and drawing, for the year 2006.

A cultural programme was held, beginning with a group dance performance. The event featured solo and



Shaheen Samad and Ajit Roy at the programme

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group renditions of songs and group dances by students of KLA. The programme wrapped up with a rendition of the popular folk song *Nao*

chhariya de.

Songs of yesteryears
Monthly musical soiree by Srijon

CULTURAL CORRESPONDENT

Cultural organisation Srijon arranged its monthly musical programme at Begum Sofia Kamal Auditorium, National Museum on July 28. Titled *Pheley Asha Diner*

Gaan, the programme observed Rabindranath Tagore's death anniversary (August 7), featuring Tagore songs and poetry as well as popular *adhunika* songs.

The evening started with an instrumental presentation of the Tagore song *Amar shokol dukher*

pradeep. Rashidul Gani and Kamal Jahir Shamim were on *esraj* and *sarod* respectively. Noted Tagore singer Fahim Hossain Chowdhury rendered two songs -- *Ami ki gaan gabo* and *Aaji pronomi tomarey*. Syed Shaikhul Imam recited two poems by Tagore -- *Niharika* and *Artoshar*.

Mahnaj Hossain and A.T.M. Jahangir rendered *Megh bolechhey jabo jabo* and *Badolo diner prothom kodom phul* respectively. Muntarin Mahal sang *Thai thai shawon elo*, a song popularised by Sandhya Mukherjee.

Upcoming artistes Masud Ahmed, Sanjida Titli, M.A. Hye Shahnoor, Badrunnesa Dalia and Rabeya Tapashi Ruma performed *Shedin shona jhora shondhaye*, *Jeona shathi*, *Aainatey oi mukh dekhbey jakhan*, *Tumi je amar jiboner upohar* and *Srabono e shondhaye* respectively.

The event wrapped up with two folk songs -- *Piritey amar kalija angar* and *Nigum bicharey satya* performed by Biman Chandra Biswas.



Muntarin Mahal sings at the musical soiree

PHOTO: STAR

Recitation programme by Shangbrita

CULTURAL CORRESPONDENT

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Cultural organisation Shangbrita arranged a recitation programme titled *Chander Chhaya Epith Opith* at Shawkat Osman Auditorium, Public Library on July 28 to celebrate their second anniversary. The programme directed by artiste Mahidul Islam featured recitation of works by noted poets.

The programme started with a group rendition of Subhodas Gupta's poem *Din jaye raat jaye*, followed by Nirendranath Chakraborty's *Ulanga Raja* and Sunil Gangapadhyay's *Jodi nirbasha dao*. Dolon Das and Selina Akhter recited the poems.

Subodh Sarkar's *Shari and Gujrat* were recited by Zahiruddin and Labanya Shilpi, Ahsan Habib's *Aami kono agontuk noi* was recited by Ashraf Siddiqui, Shamsur Rahman's *Shaheed jananikey nibedito panktimala* was recited by Sultana Yasmin and Mahadeb Shaha's *Na Raja na rajyo and Phiriyee dao rajbangsha* were recited by Zainal Abedin and Ahsan Habib Russell throughout the programme.

Mahidul Islam recited Mahbub Ul Alam Chowdhury's *Swadhinata tumi kar* and Tarapada Ray's *Aabar kobita*



Members of Shangbrita reciting at the event

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ON AIR

PICK OF THE DAY



Porokh
On Banglavisian at 8:55pm
Single episode TV Play
Cast: Anisur Rahman Milon, Deepa Khondokar



Kingdom of Heaven
On Star Movies at 8:45pm
Genre: Action
Cast: Orlando Bloom, Liam Neeson

08:40	Jugal Bondi	11:00	Stop n Rock
09:20	Drama Serial: Raat Jaga Pakhi	BANGLAVISIO N	
11:00	Heart Beat	08:35	Shubho Shokal
Channel 1		09:05	Agamir Kontho
08:40	Shuprobath Bangladesh	10:10	Article Thirty-Nine
09:30	Chokh Mele Dekhi	11:10	Sports Vision
10:30	Bangla Feature Film	11:40	Cinebit
02:00	Padmorag	01:00	Drama Serial: Shesh Odhay
03:30	Drama: Coffee House	02:40	Amar Ami
04:30	Music Station	03:10	X-Crime
05:15	Cine Tune	04:15	Drama Serial: Swapno Chura
06:00	Saaj Bela	05:00	Drama Serial: Tanik Ali Hadari
06:45	Ilitasher Path Dhoirey	05:40	Citycell Diner
07:00	Shukh Tara	06:35	Amader Ranna Ghar
08:15	Drama Serial: Coffee House	08:15	Deshor Pathay
09:00	Gaoner Khata Bioscope		
09:30			

08:55	Drama: Porokh	10:30	Ducktales
11:30	Shamol Bangla	11:00	101 Dalmatians
STAR MOVIES		11:30	V Trailers - Star Plus
09:10	Gladiator	11:55	Bolly V - Star Plus
11:45	Hitchhiker's Guide To The Galaxy	12:00	Meri Awaz Ko Mil Gayi
01:35	Where Angels Fear To Tread	12:30	Roshni
03:30	Bee Season	12:55	Kasturi
05:20	Half Past Dead	01:00	Bolly V - Star Plus
07:00	Desperado	01:30	Kasauti Zindagii Kay
08:45	Kingdom Of Heaven	02:00	Kumkum - Pyara Sa
11:10	Thir13en Ghosts	02:30	Bandhan
12:45	The Truth About Love	03:00	Bhabhi
02:15	Guess Who?	03:30	Kyunki Saas Bhi Kabhi Bahu Thi
STAR PLUS		04:00	Kayamath
09:30	Kumkum - Pyara Sa	04:30	Aek Chabhi Hai Padoss Mein
10:00	Bandhan V Trailers - Star Plus	05:25	Bolly V - Star Plus
		05:30	V Trailers - Star Plus

05:55	Bolly V - Star Plus	10:30	Cleopatra
06:00	Meri Awaz Ko Mil Gayi	11:30	Rishikesh
	Roshni	11:45	Brahmagyan
06:30	Kasturi	12:30	America Transformed
07:00	Kahaani Ghar Ghar Kii	01:30	Abbie Hoffman
08:00	Antakshari - The Gr8 Kids Spl	02:30	Charles Dickens
09:00	Kasauti Zindagii Kay	03:30	Hercules
09:30	Meri Awaz Ko Mil Gayi	04:30	Becoming a Nation
	Roshni	05:30	Tactical to Practical
10:00	Kasturi	06:30	Dreadnoughts
10:30	Kahaani Ghar Ghar Kii	07:30	Other Nostradamus
11:00	Kyunki Saas Bhi Kabhi Bahu Thi	08:30	Operation Desert Storm
11:30	Kayamath	09:30	Company
12:00	Karam Apnaa Apnaa	10:30	Long Odds
12:30	Bolly V - Star Plus	11:30	Angels of Death
STAR WORLD		12:00	H Factor
05:55	Day Break	12:30	Company
10:30	Arrested Development	DISCOVERY CHANNEL	
11:00	Crisis Angel Mindfreak	09:30	Discovery Biggest Shows
11:30	The Simpsons	11:30	How Do They Do It?
12:00	Malcolm In The Middle	12:00	Million 2 One
12:30	Koffee With Karan	12:30	Yummy Mummy
01:30	Law & Order: S.V.U.	01:00	Runway Moms
02:30	The Ellen Degeneres Show	01:30	Raw Nature
03:30	The Bold And The Beautiful	02:30	Discovery Showcase
04:00	General Hospital	03:30	Popular Mechanics for Kids
05:00	Third Watch	04:00	Earth Science for Children
06:00	Scrubs	04:30	Wild Discovery
06:30	The Simpsons	05:30	Wild Safari
07:00	My Wife And Kids	06:30	Extreme Machines
07:30	Friends	07:30	Africa Week
08:00	Seinfeld	08:30	Colours of India
08:30	That '70s Show	09:30	Future Weapons
09:00	Everybody Loves Raymond	10:30	Man Made Marvels
09:30	Grounded For Life	11:30	Life On The Edge
10:00	Yes Dear	NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC	
10:30	Psych	09:30	Weapons
11:00	Seinfeld	10:30	Sauna Belt
11:30	Friends	11:00	Nazar Pendant
12:30	Scrubs	11:15	Global Pendant
HISTORY CHANNEL		11:30	Born To Fly
09:15	Global Pendant	01:30	Safety Squads
09:30	Brad Pitt		

FM radio

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

02:30 Cass, Buddy, Mercedes
03:00 Lesser Flamingos
03:30 Weapons
04:30 Mad Labs
05:00 Diamondback Survivors
05:30 Backyard Science
06:00 Snake People
06:30 Weapons
07:30 Predators at War
08:30 Air Crash Investigation
09:30 Munich Olympic Massacre
10:30 Riddles Of The Bible
11:30 Mid - Air Collision
12:30 Warriors Bees

ESPN
09:30 Major League Baseball
12:30 English Premier Football League
02:30 The Senior Open Championship
05:30 Tour De France 2007
06:00 The 2007 And 1 Mix Tape Tour
06:30 Winter X Games Nine
07:30 All Access
09:30 Superbouts
10:30 Sportscenter India
11:00 Sportscenter Asia
11:30 Standard Bank One Day Internatio