

## CULTURALFEAST

## Art Exhibition

**Title:** Art Exhibition-2007  
**Organisers:** Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy and Chittagong Artists Association of Dhaka  
**Venue:** National Art Gallery, Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy, Segun Bagicha  
**Date:** August 3 to August 17  
**Time:** 11am-7pm (Friday 3pm-8pm)

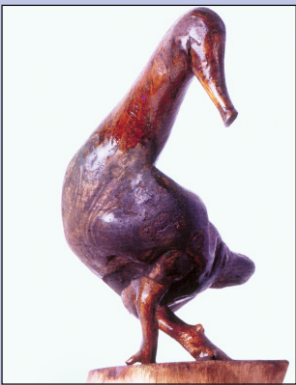
## Calligraphic Art Exhibition

**Artist:** Suman Rizvi  
**Venue:** Drik Gallery, House 58, Road 15A (New), Dhanmondi  
**Date:** August 3 to August 7  
**Time:** 3pm to 8pm

## Musical Soiree

**Organiser:** Biswabina  
**Venue:** Shawkat Osman Auditorium, Public Library, Shahbag  
**Date:** August 4  
**Time:** 6:30pm  
**Organiser:** Centre for Asian Art and Culture  
**Venue:** CAAC Auditorium, 62 Science Laboratory Road  
**Date:** August 4  
**Time:** 5:30pm  
**Organiser:** Chhayanat Sangskriti Bhaban  
**Venue:** Shawkat Osman Auditorium, Public Library  
**Date:** August 9  
**Time:** 7pm

## 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

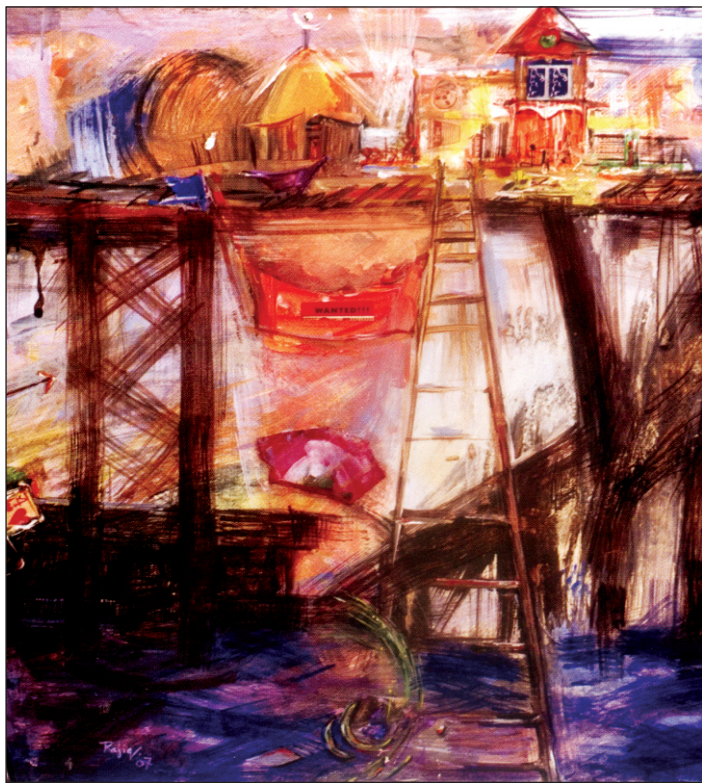
## Solo Art Exhibition

**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  
**Title:** Birds and Nature of Bandarban Hills  
**Artist:** Malcolm Arnold (Australia)  
**Venue:** Drik Gallery, House 58, Road 15A (New), Dhanmondi  
**Date:** 2 August to 15 August  
**Time:** 3pm to 8pm

**Title:** Shimizu Tomono Exhibition  
**Artist:** Shimizu Tomono (Japan)  
**Venue:** Zainul Gallery, Institute of Fine Arts, University of Dhaka  
**Date:** 2 August to 8 August  
**Time:** 2pm to 8pm

## Enigmatic experiments on paper

## Rony's solo exhibition at Saju Art Gallery



Desired Post (top) and City of Memory by Rony

FAYZA HAQ

**R**AFIQUK Islam Chowdhury Rony's solo exhibit of acrylic on paper speaks of determination and inspiration. The exhibition is on at Saju's Art Gallery.

Done in the expressionist forms Rony's works are definitely thought provoking and cater to the taste of semi-abstract lovers. With wide sweeps of vibrant colours the artist combines imagination with reality in his exposition *The Endless Mystery*.

In *Boat of Peace* one sees a large boat in blue, with red flags, and vermilion sketched in figures. The water in front is in swirls of indigo

and black, touched with white. The sky at the back is done egg-yolk yellow. "This is a cry for hope of peace in the universe," says Rony. *Black Rhythm inside the City* has multi-storeyed houses, a tower, along with human forms done in squiggles of black and grey in the backdrop of orange, yellow and white. *Station of Calculation* is a scene from a railway station with the signals on focus. There is depiction of discarded machinery in the backdrop of fiery red. Symbols of crosses and dashes add to the mystery.

*The Boats Came Back* depicts three returning boats floating on a purple strip of river. The composition

includes a house, trees and cliffs, all done in dark tones and rapid strokes. In *Trip to Earth*, a mixed-media work of oil, acrylic and collage, playing cards, religious flags, and a full moon, are found. In this work scientific progress is combined with mysticism. *Meditation* brings in a Buddhist monk, seated cross-legged in a cave. Before him a top goes whizzing by without any strings.

Three faces are seen in a collage, positioned in different angles. One of these faces is like a rectangle, another a triangle and the third is a profile. This is in black, white and vermilion.

As the young artist wanders about in the streets in his spare time, even a packet of puffed rice becomes an object of interest and he includes it in his painting. "I wanted to do some

surrealistic work but ended up doing expressionist paintings," says Rony.

A *dotara* is seen complete with its strings in another entry. Purple and blue sketches form the backdrop. This is placed next to the installation work of a stick with bells and seashells, wrapped in vivid orange, black and red cloth. *Unity* is a collection of keys seen in a key ring.

Rony, who has just completed his honours at the Institute of Fine Arts, DU, is fond of the works of S.M. Sultan, Abdul Razzak and Monirul Islam. He is also fascinated by the paintings of his teachers Rafiqun Nabi and Shishir Bhattacharya, along with those of Nisar Hussain and Farida Zaman.

The exhibition is on till August 7.



## In conversation with Tusti

## A promising artiste and her budding career

JAMIL MAHMUD

Shamima Islam Tusti has now become a familiar face to the TV audience thanks to her role in the hugely popular mega serial *Bhober Haat*, currently being aired on Channel-i. In the series, her portrayal as the character, *Miss Mahela*, has attained the attention of TV viewers.

Tusti became a member of People's Little Theatre (PLT), a wing organisation of People's Theatre Association (PTA), in 1994. PLT works with child actors, honing their artistic skills through theatre. According to Tusti, "It was Lucky uncle (Liaquat Ali Lucky, secretary general of PTA) who encouraged me to take acting seriously and provided me with opportunities to perform in plays."

As a member of PLT, Tusti has toured several countries, performing at differ-

ent theatre festivals. At theatre festivals in Cuba and London she worked as a director, along with Liaquat Ali Lucky.

Apart from PTA and PLT, Tusti is currently working with the theatre troupe, Lokonatyadal, as well. She has also become busy with different TV plays and commercials. Recently she has worked in Taher Shipon's drama serial *Mon Paban-er Nau*, all set to air soon. On managing her time between TV and theatre, the actress says, "Though my TV career is growing, I'd still like to consider theatre as my priority."

Apart from cultural activities, she also

teaches at BAF Shaheen College. Tusti has worked in two films so far. *Swapnodanay*, directed by Golam Rabbani Biplob, has already received international acclaim. Her first film was *Lal Shabuj* (2006), directed by Shahidul Islam Khokon.

## "Matir Moina" released at Nandan, Kolkata

(From left) Catherine Masud, Mrinal Sen and Tareque Masud at the *Matir Moina* opening in Kolkata

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*Matir Moina* broke new ground as the first Bangladeshi film to be released in India with its opening at Nandan theatre in Kolkata on July 31. Several leading personalities of Kolkata's cine circuit were present at the opening, including eminent filmmakers Mrinal Sen, Gautam Ghosh, Raja Mitra, and Raja Sen, among others. Filmmakers Tareque and Catherine Masud and

actor Jayanto Chattopadhyay were also present at the event.

In his speech at the programme, Gautam Ghosh said, "The commercial release of *Matir Moina* in Kolkata should be considered a historic moment. Those who don't want to see a stronger bond between film industries in India and Bangladesh, tried to impede this release, but they weren't successful." Tareque Masud said, "In its small way, the commer-

cial release of *Matir Moina* will hopefully open the door to bilateral releases between our two countries."

Renowned Indian filmmaker Mrinal Sen watched the film along with the audience, his third time viewing it. When asked by some television channels, including ATN Bangla, about his reaction, Sen said, "I have seen it three times by now. I think that says a lot about my reaction to the film."

## "Momer Aloye Apolar Swapno": Rtv's play of the week

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Rtv will air the play *Momer Aloye Apolar Swapno* tonight at 8:00pm.

Written by Farhad Hossain and directed by Shahiduzzaman Selim, the play follows the life of Hassan, a 40-year-old businessman. Hassan and his wife went separate ways a year ago. His wife, Apola, felt neglected, as Hassan was always busy with work.

One day Hassan receives a call from Apola. She wants to meet him. Hassan makes arrangements for a dinner. In the course of the evening, the former husband and wife make certain discoveries.

Shahiduzzaman Selim and Salma Rozy have played the lead roles.



A scene from the play

## Movie Watch

## "Happily N'Ever After": A fairy tale without the magic touch

Treading the same well-worn territory as *Shrek*, along comes *Happily N'Ever After*, yet another satirical-ish animated take on the traditional fairytale. This time it's Cinderella who gets the CGI treatment, and of course, there's a twist: The wizard who normally ensures all fairytales get their happy ending is on holiday, letting Cindy's (Sarah Michelle Gellar) wicked stepmother Frieda (Sigourney Weaver) give evil the chance at the upper hand.



With the help of kitchen boy Rick (Freddie Prinze Jr.), Frieda is defeated, but not before lessons are learnt about true love, and what makes a real happy ending.

If this plot seems simplistic, that's because it is, despite some random jiggery-pokery with the structure. But it could still work, given enough good gags, some nice visuals and charismatic performances. Sadly, it fails to impress on all these fronts. Gellar's rapid turn fails to bring poor underwritten Cinderella to life, while Prinze's Rick is mostly just annoying. Only Weaver as the wicked stepmother is at all engaging, and she spends entirely too much time cackling maniacally. The animation is pretty enough, but soulless, with stiffly static crowd scenes. And the gags are just juvenile. For example: "Time to get your prince, my dear Mozzarella!" "It's Cinderella." "Really? Why'd you change it?"

If there's an obvious thing to do, this film does it, yet the times who wouldn't mind that will be confused by the odd structure, and seemingly random scene changes. Other flaws include a host of irritating and ill-drawn minor characters, and obtrusive, badly chosen music. It picks up a little pace towards the end, but that's hardly enough to stop this Mother Goose tale being a mother of a turkey.

Source: Internet

## 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 8:00 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

08:45 *Esho Gaan Shikhi*  
 11:15 Documentary  
 Programme: *Nobo Digonto*  
 11:40 *Shukhi Poribar*  
 12:05 Musical Programme  
 12:30 *Ma O Shishur Kotha*  
 01:00 Quiz Show  
 01:30 *Mati O Manush*  
 02:15 *Sisimpur*  
 02:40 Bangla Feature Film  
 05:25 *Nobo Anondoy Jago*  
 06:25 *Ocean Girl*  
 07:05 *Amader Muktijudho Baul Mon*  
 07:30 *Amar Bangladesh*  
 08:35 Drama: *Mezbaan*  
 09:00 *Amader Kotha*

## ATN BANGLA

10:30 Talk show: *Aktel Onnodrishti*  
 Shathi Din  
 12:15 Bangla Feature Film  
 03:45 *Prio Jon*  
 04:20 *Shesh Okhor*  
 05:00 *Gram Gonjer Khobor Char Dayaler Kabyo*  
 05:10 *Gondhoraj Samsung Cine Aha*  
 06:20  
 08:00 Mega Serial: *The New Sobuj Opera*  
 08:40 Mega Serial: *Laal Neel Beguni*  
 09:20 Mega Serial: *Ek Jonomey*  
 11:30 Musical Programme  
 12:00 Grameenphone Lead News

## Channel i

09:30 *Shongbadpotrey*

Bangladesh  
 09:45 Public Reaction  
 09:50 *GrameenPhone Tritiomatra*  
 11:05 *Na Bola Kotha*  
 11:30 *Mukto Bazaar Orthonti*  
 12:30 *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  
 04:50 *Shotyer Shondhaney Muktijudho Protidin*  
 05:30 *Shopnil Agami*  
 06:20 *Shamoei*  
 07:50 Mega Serial: *Bhober Haat*  
 09:35 *Hirdoye Mati O Manush*  
 10:00 Drama Serial: *Mon Chhutey Jay*  
 11:30 Drama Serial: *Astey Astey*  
 12:00 *GrameenPhone Ajker Shanbad Potro*

## ntv

08:30 *Desh Jurey*  
 08:55 *Shonkhobash*  
 10:05 *Apon Aloye*  
 10:30 *AKTEL Hip Hip Hurrah*  
 12:10 Talk show: *Ei Shomoy*  
 01:05 Japan Video Topic  
 03:15 *Closeup 1 Tomader Pelo Bangladesh*



**Bachelor Dompoti**  
 On Banglavisn at 9:30pm  
 Drama Serial  
 Cast: Tauquir Ahmed, Richi

04:25 *Nupur*  
 04:50 *Alok Paat*  
 06:45 *Shangkriti Ei Shoptaho*  
 08:15 *Shantokutir*  
 08:50 Single Episode  
 Drama: *Seat Khali Nai*  
 11:35 *Ei Shomoy*  
 09:05 *Wrestling*  
 09:30 Musical Programme  
 10:00 Children's Programme  
 11:00 *Protidin*  
 11:30 Special Programme  
 12:35 *Gap Shop*

## PICK OF THE DAY



**Asia Rising**  
 On Discovery Channel at 9:30pm  
 Programme featuring the ruins of Angkor

## Channel 1

10:30 *Bagan Bilash*  
 11:00 Drama  
 12:05 Tele Film: *Bali Ghor*  
 02:00 Music Station  
 03:30 Drama: *Taxi Driver*  
 04:30 Music Music  
 05:15 *Fusion for Baul*  
 06:00 *Saaj Bela*

04:15 Public Forum  
 05:00 *Ebong Classer Bairey*  
 05:40 *Diner Sheshey*  
 06:35 Music Moment  
 08:15 Drama Serial: *Shesh Odhay*  
 08:55 *Amar Ami*  
 09:30 Drama Serial: *Bachelor Dompoti Raat Biratey*  
 11:30 **STAR MOVIES**  
 09:00 *Be Cool*  
 09:30 *The Apprentice*  
 10:30 *The Bold And The Beautiful*  
 11:00 *The Simpsons*  
 01:00 *Travel Asia*  
 07:00 *Herbie: Fully Loaded*

08:45 *Transporter 2*  
 10:15 *Alien 3*  
 12:15 *You Only Live Twice*  
 02:15 *Death To The Supermodels*  
 03:45 *The Ticket*  
 09:00 **STAR PLUS**  
 09:00 *Bolly V - Star Plus*  
 09:05 *V Trailers - Star Plus*  
 09:30 *Saans*  
 09:55 *Bolly V - Star Plus*  
 10:00 *V Trailers - Star Plus*  
 10:30 *Ducktales*  
 11:00 *Goof Troop*  
 11:25 *Bolly V - Star Plus*  
 11:30 *Sonpuri*  
 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*

02:00 *V Trailers - Star Plus*  
 02:30 *Kasauti Zindagii Kay*  
 03:00 *Kasturi*  
 05:00 *V Trailers - Star Plus*  
 05:30 *Hera Pheri*  
 08:30 *Lucky*  
 09:30 *Prithviraj Chauhan*  
 10:00 *Baa Bahoo Aur Baby*  
 10:30 *Star Voice Of India*  
 12:00 *Kasturi*  
 12:30 *Bolly V - Star Plus*

## STAR WORLD

08:30 *Prison Break*  
 09:30 *The Apprentice*  
 10:30 *The Bold And The Beautiful*  
 12:30 *The Simpsons*  
 01:00 *Travel Asia*  
 01:30 *That '70s Show*

02:00 *Grounded For Life*  
 02:30 *Arrested Development*  
 03:00 *Cris Angel Mindfreak*  
 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 *Ugly Betty*  
 10:30 *Day Break*  
 11:30 *Psych*  
 12:30 *Prison Break*

## DISCOVERY CHANNEL

09:30 *Discovery Spotlight*  
 11:30 *Future Weapons*  
 12:30 *Extreme Engineering*  
 01:30 *Predator on the Move*  
 02:30 *HP Pavilion Imagination Unplugged*  
 04:30 *Life in The Undergrowth*  
 05:30 *Mythbusters*  
 06:30 *Deadliest Catch*  
 07:30 *Life in the Undergrowth*  
 08:30 *Discover India*  
 09:30 *Zoom In Asia*  
 10:30 *How do They Do It?*  
 11:00 *Million 2 One*  
 11:30 *Hunters*  
 04:30 **NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC**  
 08:30 *The Wolfman*  
 09:30 *Gray Whale*  
 10:30 *Born To Fly*  
 12:30 *Machines Of War*

## 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

01:30 *Machine Gun*  
 02:30 *Cass, Buddy, Mercedes*  
 03:00 *Lesser Flamingos*  
 03:30 *Volcano Alert*  
 04:30 *I Didn't Know That*  
 05:00 *Jassel, Ingrid, Hogan*  
 05:30 *Big Bang*  
 06:00 *Loggerhead & Green Turtle*  
 06:30 *Munich Olympic Massacre*  
 07:30 *Jean-Michel Cousteau*  
 08:30 *Elephant Rage*  
 09:30 *The Living Edens*  
 10:30 *Seconds From Disaster*  
 11:30 *Is It Real ?*  
 12:30 *Ngorongoro*

## HISTORY

09:00 *Sauna Belt*  
 09:15 *Global Pendant*  
 09:30 *Cleopatra*  
 10:30 *Yes Minister - S3*  
 11:00 *Sadat*  
 04:30 *Becoming a Nation*  
 05:30 *Double F*  
 08:30 *St. Peter*  
 10:30 *Biography*  
 12:30 *Hostages*