

CULTURALFEAST

Exhibition
Works of 8 artists
Venue: House 11 (Apartment 4B), Road 4, Banani DOHS, Kakoli
Date: August 19 to September 11
Time: 11am to 8pm
Date: August 19-21
Works: Photographs by Enam Ul Haque
Date: August 22-24
Works: Paintings by Ifat Ara Dewan
Date: August 25-27
Works: Photographs by Sajal Khaled
Date: August 28-30
Works: Photographs by Musa Ibrahim
Date: August 31-September 2
Works: Paintings by Rajeswary Priyaranjini
Date: September 3-5
Works: Photographs by M A Muhiit
Date: September 6-8
Works: Painted Shara by Sukumar Paul

Recital Programme
Title: Banshi Bajey Oi
Organiser: Kanthashlian
Venue: National Theatre Stage, Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy
Date: August 25
Time: 7pm

Photography Exhibition
Title: The Hill People of Bandarban
Artist: Enam Talukder
Venue: Drik Gallery, House 58, Road 15A (New), Dhanmondi
Date: August 16 to August 29
Time: 3pm to 8pm

Solo Art Exhibition
Title: Selected Graphics and Drawings 1949-2007
Artist: Murtaja Baseer
Venue: Galleri Kaya, House 20, Road 16, Sector 4, Uttara
Date: August 17 to August 31
Time: 11am to 8pm

Solo Sculpture Exhibition
Title: Dual Contraction
Artist: Tejosh Halidar Josh
Venue: Bengal Gallery of Fine Arts, House 275/F, Road 27 (old), Dhanmondi
Date: August 17 to August 28
Time: 12pm-8pm

Film Screening
Organiser: Indian Cultural Centre
Venue: Indian Cultural Centre, House#25, Road#96, Gulshan 2.
Date: August 20
Film: Bombaier Bombatey (Bangla)
Time: 6pm.
Date: August 24
Film: Nishi Japon (Bangla)
Time: 6pm.
Date: August 27
Film: Corporate
Time: 6pm.

Desh Music Fest 2007 ends

Call for united effort to help flood victims



Artists at the Desh Music Fest 2007

THE grand concert, Desh Music Fest 2007 was held at Fantasy Kingdom, Ashulia on August 17 and 18. It was an initiative by banglalink to raise funds for the people affected by the recent flood. The concert also aimed at generating awareness on the issue of flood through music. According to banglalink officials, music can pull in a huge audience and thus can be used as a platform

to generate public awareness. The two-day long music festival, which ended yesterday, stumbled a bit during its inauguration as it was disrupted by rough weather on early Friday morning. The first band to perform was Lalon. The intermittent rain and power failure did not seem to deter the audience. The event brought together leading bands and popular artists -- all united for the common cause of contributing to the flood victims. The first day featured perfor-

mances by Nagarbaul, Miles, Aurthohin, Warfaze, Ornob, Artcell, Mohakal, Hyder Hussain, Mehrin, Milon Mahmud along with other popular bands and artists. LRB, Azam Khan, Souls, Dolchhut, Feedback, Prometheus, Bangladesh, Ajob, Yaatri, Shahed, Metal Maze, Nemesis and others performed on the second day. Artists thanked the audience for putting up with the rain. Speaking at the concert Hyder Hossain said, "It doesn't matter how

big or small an effort is, when it's for a good cause any initiative is highly appreciated. I appreciate banglalink's efforts."

"We need mass participation. If people from all walks of life come forward and contribute for the flood victims then we can certainly deal with this disaster," he added.

Sharing his feelings James said, "Every contribution doesn't have to be huge. Not everyone has the same ability to make generous donations but if every individual does the best according to his/her ability, it can make a major difference."

Conveying his support for the flood victims, Manam Ahmed of Miles said, "Every year during various natural calamities, artistes and bands in Bangladesh have come forward and performed in fundraisers and this year is no different. We, artistes always intend to stand by our fellow countrymen in desperate need of help."

Ornob said, "This initiative by banglalink is laudable. Bringing together all the leading bands and musicians to perform at a mega-concert is no small feat. I feel fortunate to be a part of this event."

The concert ended with hope of uniting the masses for a common cause. Concord Group, Channel-i, Radio Foorti, Carnival Event Management, SAS and amadergan.com were partners at the event.

Live music at Kozmo Lounge
Performances by Sumon and Anila



Sumon and Anila perform at Kozmo Lounge

KARIM WAHEED

Live music at cafes is not a novel concept; it has been a significant part of recreation in urban areas around the world for decades. These informal performances for small groups of audience have also been quite instrumental in boosting upcoming artistes and bands.

In Dhaka where sources of recreation are limited, live music at cafes is the happening thing among the young.

Though quite a few cafes hold

performances by popular and emerging artistes, the trendy Kozmo Lounge on Satmasjid Road, Dhanmondi has made it into a weekly feature. For the last few months, on every Friday (sometimes on Thursdays too), Kozmo Lounge features live music, highlighting mainly upcoming artistes.

On August 17, rock musician Sumon (of Authrohin), Anila, Topu (of Yaatri) and others performed at Kozmo Lounge

Anila, a Boston-based Bangladeshi singer has been

featured in all three of Fuad's albums -- re/Evolution, Variation No. 25 and Bonno. Song rendered by her -- Jhilmil jhilmil, Daak Diyachhen and Ke banshi bajay re have been much appreciated by music lovers. The artiste, in Dhaka for the time being, also took part at the recent fundraiser concert by Radio Foorti alongside Fuad, Sumon and others. She is currently working on a duet album with Sumon.

Topu (of Yaatri) started off with Tobey bhabo abar. Anila chimed in with him in the song Ek paye nupur tomar. A rendition of the classic O mor moirago by Anila followed, with Topu on the guitar. Throughout the evening Fuad accompanied Anila in some songs. Around 8pm Sumon took over and the performance continued. Sumon performed some solos as well as duets.

Though it was an enjoyable evening, there were certain complaints from the audience. Cafes and clubs providing live entertainment do ask for cover charges and that is a standard practice. At Kozmo Lounge on August 17 however, people had to place orders for food at the entrance to get in. Many thought that was quite bizarre. Quite a few in the back complained they could not hear the musicians and the vocalists. The establishment should consider these issues.

Profile

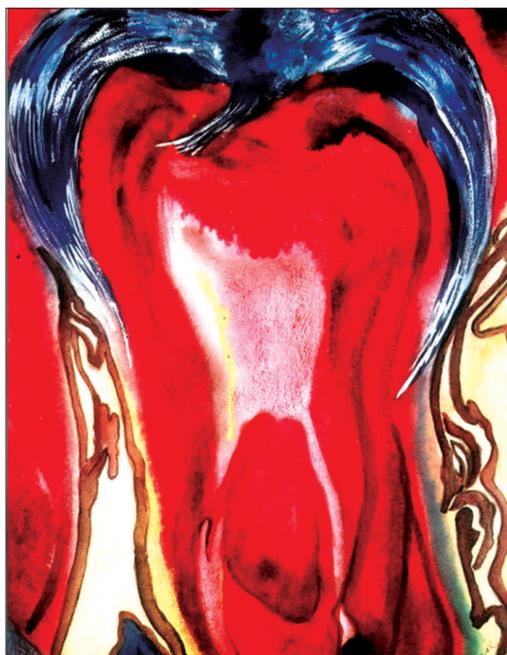
Queenie: Combining romance with realism

FAYZA HAQ

Nasima Khanum Queenie, with her combinations of cool colours and subtle lines, has done paintings of fine quality over the years. She invokes beauty in bogs, cacti and even in twilight gloom of cold environment. Entwined, exotic birds, reptiles, foliage, and her collection in the harsh sky are all grist that comes to the mill for this artist, in her early forties. For her the best years of her training was in USA, where the teacher had more rapport with the students, than our own senior artists have had time for in Dhaka. A relentless and outspoken painter in mixed media, she struggles with her hand-made paper, canvas, and her collection of colours, combining it with successful home-making.

Coming from a culturally oriented family, she got all the encouragement to study fine arts. She went to Wisconsin for a project, "Story Telling in Education" (1994) and in the process got a diploma -- with flying colours-- with "The School of Visual Art", New York (1995). John Foote, who was then the chief designer of "Vogue" magazine, groomed her in "Basic design for the media". Having mastered the grammar of colour and lines, over the years, she is currently brushing up her style and themes, in the last leg of an MFA, with UDA (University of Alternative Development).

She has been inspired and influenced, she says, by Rafiqun Nabi, Shaheed Kabir, Farida Zaman and other teachers like Nisar



Pakhi O Jibashsho

Hussain. She is also an ardent fan of Dali, Edward Munch, Jackson Pollock and the Cubists have had their impact in her work too,



The artist

although her paintings are mostly lyrical in the final impact, even when she is presenting the complex life of the Dhaka sex-workers. She is not overwhelmed by the cement jungle of the metropolis."

She says that when she depicts her favourite theme, nature, she remains optimistic. Having studied Oriental Art at the Fine Arts Institute, DU, for her basic graduation her work is bound to have a romantic overtone. For Queenie it is the flora of her memories of past and present that takes the focal point of her vision.

Asked how she feels about her role as a woman artist, Queenie says that she feels there is no sex discrimination in fine arts. "One goes in for the value of the art work, no matter who the artist is. The competition in my field is by no means overwhelming, I believe."

PHOTO: STAR

In observance of Poet Shamsur Rahman's first death anniversary, editor of literary magazine Orchestra, Poet Rezaul Karim Chowdhury speaks at a discussion organised by Bogra Lekhak Chakra. The programme was held at Bogra Reporters' Forum Auditorium



Interior design award exhibition at Bengal Gallery



Spectators at the exhibition

The ICE Today-Aqua Paints Interior Design Award Exhibition was held at the Bengal Gallery of Fine Arts recently, says a press release. The exhibition featured top seven short-

listed projects for the Award.

Iftekhar Ahmed Khan, Managing Director of Bay Developments Ltd inaugurated the show. Kaiser A. Chowdhury, managing director and

president of Arab Bangladesh Bank and architect Kazi Gulam Naser, IAB were also present.

"The architects in our country are quite advanced," said Iftekhar Ahmed in his speech. "It will be our achievement if we can make this a platform to inspire young talents working in the field of interior design," said Ziaul Karim, the editor of ICE Today. Sajedus Seraj of Aqua Paints, the sponsor of the award, gave the welcome speech. The winners of ICE Today-Aqua Paints Interior Design Award were Nasreen Zamir and Associates for Radius Centre, KMNR Ltd. for Paan Shupari, Dcon Design Studio for Spring Spa -- all in the non-residential category and Mohammad Sazzad Hossain in the residential category.

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 a.m, 10:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m, 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 08:40 Bishwa Bichitra 11:15 Documentary Programme 01:00 Maa O Shishur Kottha 01:30 Mati O Manush 02:15 Drama: Neel Borno 03:30 Educational Programme 04:00 Shoto Rupa 04:30 Khela Dhula 05:05 Debate 06:10 Prescription 06:30 Geetimalyo 06:55 Nrityer Taley Taley 07:20 Shomoyer Shonglap 08:30 Protidin Bangladesh 08:35 Drama Serial: Shesh Prishtay Dekhun 09:00 Golpo Theke Natok 10:30 Talkshow: Heritage ATN Bangla 10:30 Talk Show: AKTEL Onnodishti 11:05 Drama: Mukh 12:15 Talking Point 01:30 Prapok 02:40 Bangla Feature Film 05:00 Gram Gonjer Khobor 05:45 The Sword of Tipu Sultan 06:25 Three Stooges 08:00 Drama Serial: Out

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PICK OF THE DAY Swapno Chura On Banglavisian at 9:30pm Drama Serial Cast: Srabonti, Joy 04:40 Hridoyer Gaan 05:30 Muktijudho Protidin 06:00 Shopnil Agami 06:20 South Asian 07:50 Mega Serial: Bhober Haat 09:35 LUX Channel-i Super Star '07 11:30 Ekanyo Barti 12:00 Grameenphone Ajker Shangbad Potro 01:30 Drishti 03:30 Chironтони 04:00 Mukto Khobor 04:30 Drama Serial: Biraler Oporadh 07:30 Desh Jurey 08:00 Drama Serial: Shukhi Manush Project 09:30 Ekusher Shomoy 11:45 Reporter's File 12:00 Ekusher Raat 09:30 Praner Manush Achhey Praney 10:00 Look at Me 11:30 Dui Bhubon 01:30 Ei Din 02:30 Sangeet Ongon 03:45 Documentary Programme 04:20 Path Chaotei Anondo 05:30 Ei Desh 06:00 Protidin 06:35 Tarzan 08:00 Drama Serial: Dohon 08:50 Wide Angle 09:20 Drama Serial: Raat Jaga Pakhi Prio Mukh 11:00 BANGLAVISION 09:05 Drama Serial: Shesh Odhay 09:30 Bangla Feature Film Public Forum 12:30 Bhokab 02:40 Drama Serial: Bachelor Dampoti 03:10 Nodi O Jibon 04:15 Music Moments 05:00 Cine bit

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