

CULTURALFEAST

Solo Art Exhibition in aid of flood victims

Title: A Journey of Hope
Artist: Anadi Kumar Boiragi
Organiser: Art Club Bangladesh
Venue: Art Club Bangladesh, Suite 3B, House 4, Road 104, Gulshan
Date: September 3 to September 12
Time: 11 am to 8 pm

Solo Art Exhibition

Artist: Samiran Chowdhury
Venue: Saju Art Gallery, F/40-41, D.C.C North Super Market, 2nd circle, Gulshan, Dhaka.
Date: August 30 to September 10
Time: 10 am to 8 pm

Title: Distant Skies
Artist: Mohammad Iqbal
Venue: Bengal Gallery of Fine Arts, Bengal Shilpalaya, House 275/F, Road 27, Dhanmondi
Date: September 4 to September 18
Time: 12 pm to 8 pm

Title: Drohe Nari, Nirbane Nari
Artist: Maksudul Ahsan
Venue: Shilpangan, House 26, Road 3, Dhanmondi
Date: September 7 to September 21
Time: 12 pm to 8 pm

Film Screening

Organiser: High Commission of India in Dhaka
Title: Uttam Kumar Retrospective
Venue: Indian Cultural Centre, House 25, Road 96, Gulshan-2
Time: 6:00 pm
Date: September 10
Film: Saptapadi

Exhibition of the works of 8 artists

Venue: Studio of Enam Ul Haque, House 11 (Apartment 4B), Road 4, Banani DOHS, Kakoli
Date: August 19 to September 11
Time: 11 am to 8 pm
Date: September 9-11
Works: Sculpture of Ferdousy Priyabhashini

Photography Exhibition

Title: Bangladesh Now
Organiser: Drik News
Venue: Drik Gallery, House 58, Road 15A (New), Dhanmondi
Date: September 4 to September 13
Time: 3 pm to 8 pm



Directors and producer of "Nirontor" and "Swapnodanay" honoured

Discussants critically analyse Bangladeshi filmdom



Scenes from Nirontor and Swapnodanay



ERSHAD KAMOL

To encourage production of quality films, Bangladesh Film Development Corporation (FDC) honoured the directors and producer of two films *Nirontor* and *Swapnodanay* for their recent overseas success. FDC organised the programme in association with Ministry of Information and Banglalink. The ceremony was held at the National Theatre Stage on September 7.

Abu Sayeed and Golam Rabbani Biplab, directors of *Nirontor* and *Swapnodanay* respectively and Impress Telefilm, the producer of both the movies won the privilege of the honours. This comes on the heels of other plaudits: *Nirontor* won the top award at the 11th Indian International Film Festival in Kerala and a special jury award at the India International Film Festival in Goa. *Swapnodanay* won award at the Shanghai film festival, China.

Secretary of Ministry of Information M. Didarul Anwar was the chief guest and Secretary of Ministry of

Home Affairs M Abdul Karim was the special guest at the programme. Eminent actor Razzaq, filmmaker Chashi Nazrul Islam, film producer Gazi Mazharul Anwar and Manager (communication) of Banglalink, Soleman Alam were the discussants at the event. The ceremony was chaired by ANM Badrul Amin, managing director of FDC.

The discussants critically analysed the current scenario of Bangladeshi film industry. Veteran actor Razzaq said, "At present only a few quality movies are being released. Setting aside the division between 'mainstream' and 'alternative' film trend, we should work for the betterment of the movie industry of Bangladesh. It's worth appreciating that TV channels are also producing films in Bangladesh. However, they should release films at the theatres for the mass, instead of airing films for a limited audience on the TV channels."

Director Chashi Nazrul Islam had a word of criticism for the programme. "If the intention behind arranging the programme is to

encourage quality filmmakers, the winners of National Awards should not have been neglected. Earlier many films received awards abroad, but, the directors and producers of those movies were not given any reception by the government," he stated.

He also addressed the secretaries of Ministry of Information and Ministry of Home Affairs about the problems of the film industry. In his words, "FDC lacks the modern technical facilities; as a result filmmakers have to go abroad for the post production works. The condition of the movie theatres is not up to the mark. Moreover, because of the corrupt members of censor board, vulgar movies are given certificates. And sometimes the corrupt moviemakers add vulgar scenes after getting censorship certificate. When the administration takes any step against such movies, the corrupt filmmakers obtain stay order from the lower court against the administration order." Chashi Nazrul Islam believes, that if the government intends to develop the standard of cinema, they should address all these questions.

Film producer Gazi Mazharul Anwar said, "Though Bangladesh Film Producers' and Distributors' Association is a member of FBCCI, we don't get any benefits from the government like the other business sectors. Which is why many are losing interest in film production."

Director of *Swapnodanay* Golam Rabbani Biplab also urged those involved in film-making to work in conjunction to make more such quality movies.

Director of *Nirontor* Abu Sayeed called for a change in the process of government grant for films. Moreover, he suggested regular presentation of the National Award in films.

Faridur Reza Sagar received a crest on behalf of Impress Telefilm. He thanked FDC for organising the programme and hoped to produce more quality films in future.

Certificates for young filmmakers of "Sisimpur"

NADIA SARWAT

Young filmmakers were given certificates by Sisimpur Production at the Alliance Française auditorium recently. Filmmakers Tareq Masud and Manzarehasin Murad as well as cultural personality Sara Zaker were present at the event.

Sisimpur Production selected 18 promising young boys and girls between the age of 12 and 15 from the rural areas of Tangail, Dinajpur and Barisal district over the last three years. Children who never had the opportunity to use cameras before were trained to make documentary films and taught various technical aspects of filmmaking including lighting, sound recording, story selection and editing. Short films -- running for about 2 minutes -- made by these young filmmakers are aired in the programme *Sisimpur* on BTV. These short films are an essential part of the show, helping children learn about the varied lifestyles in Bangladesh. Twenty-two films will be aired in the years 2007 and 2008. The training took place under the supervision of Mohammed Ali Haider, head of *Sisimpur* live action department.

"To incorporate the idea of filmmaking among children is itself a very interesting idea. They can be an inspiration to the children who are growing up now. You have communicated with children of 3 to 6 years and brought smiles on their faces, which is a rather difficult task, even for the adults," said Dr. Mehtab Khanam, head of the education and research team of *Sisimpur*, to the young filmmakers.



(From R-L) Sara Zaker, Tareq Masud and Manzarehasin Murad giving away certificates to the budding filmmakers

Akiku Yabuki and June Lee of the Sesame Workshop congratulated the young filmmakers. "You are the only filmmakers in the world to make your own films for this show at this early age. You are sharing what you know, that's the reason these films look so natural," Akiku said.

"You are learning, making films and even earning at this early age while we, adults, are still learning. Your works are almost flawless. You should sustain and explore this professionalism and nurse the urge to learn more in future," Tareque Masud said to the young directors, welcoming them into the world of cinema.

Manzarehasin Murad expressed his satisfaction, saying that these young filmmakers from different parts of the country bring forth a proper representation in the visual media. Addressing the children as his fellow filmmakers, he said that they have properly utilised the opportunity they were given.

Sara Zaker pointed out that this is a great opportunity, especially for the girls, who will be able to speak out in the future through their films.

Young filmmakers Rabiul Islam Rubel and Shreeshy expressed their gratitude for getting this opportunity on behalf of all the young directors present at the event. Short films made by the children titled *Kaktarua*, *Tire*, *Making Dugdugi*, *Making Swing for the Younger Brother* and more were screened at the programme in between the speeches. Certificates were given towards the end of the event.

Chhayanat's tribute to Nazrul

Cultural organisation Chhayanat arranged a musical soiree at the Sangskriti Bhaban to observe the death anniversary of our National Poet Kazi Nazrul Islam on September 7. The programme featured popular Nazrul songs performed by members of the organisation.

The evening began with a group rendition of *Mora jhanjhar moto uddam* followed by two solo performances of *Money porey aaj* and *Shey choley gechhy boley* rendered by Susmita and Shabnam respectively.

Next was a group rendition of *Sangha swaran tirtha jatra*. Sanjay, Swama, Runa, Shahin and Sohana rendered *Janam janam taba torey*, *Ghumiye gechhey*, *Aami jey din roibo na*, *Hey priyo tomar aamar majhey* and *Ore nishith samadhi bhango na* respectively.

Putul, Bithika and Dhruva rendered *Keno aano phulodor*, *Dip nibhiyachhey jharey* and *Hey priyo* before the group rendition of a marching song *Chal chal chal*.

"Chena Manusher Panchalee": New serial on Ekushey

The first episode of *Chena Manusher Panchalee*, a new drama serial is to be aired on September 9 at 8:30pm on Ekushey TV. The appeal of the serial is the realistic problems of very ordinary characters.

Retired schoolteacher Enamul Haque has lived his life by his ideals. His sons Rashedul and Anisul, though equally respectful of their father, are of entirely opposite personalities. Rashedul, a teacher and writer, is his father's favourite. Jealousy drives Anisul to the criminal underworld. Rashedul's son Manab, an aspiring actor, tries to emancipate a local thief. Kumkum is considered to be a fallen woman by the villagers, while Rakib, one of the lead characters of the serial, is a victim of his own past. He is in love with Richi, Rashedul's eccentric daughter, but cannot overcome his confusions.

The serial is written by Syed Mosharrar and directed by Shibli Kayyum. Sharmili Ahmed, Pijush Bandopadhyay, Rokeya Prachee, Tania Ahmed, Bonya Mirza, Fazlur Rahman Babu, Shahiduzzaman Selim, Rosy Siddiqui and Sumona Soma play the lead roles.



A sequence from the TV serial

Exhibition Orchids are forever

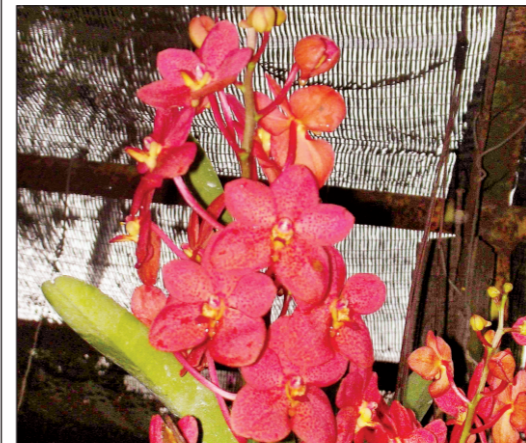
CULTURAL CORRESPONDENT

The Orchid Society of Bangladesh recently hosted its annual two-day exhibition. The species on display at the show were *Vandopsis*, *Ascocentrum Miniatum*, *Dortis*, *Oncidium*, and different types of *Vanda*, *Dendrobium* and *Ascocenda*. "A lot of local orchids grow in the wild in Sylhet and the Chittagong Hill Tracts, but unfortunately not much is being done towards their preservation. We used to hold two shows a year, one for locals and one for hybrids, but we had to discontinue the event for locals as it is extremely difficult to gather enough for a show," lamented Naseem Iqbal, co-founder of the society along with her husband, Major Iqbal Ali (retired). The society began operations in May 1989 at the suggestion of the then head of Botany at Dhaka University Ahmed Shamsul Islam.



Vandopsis

There are other complaints too. "*Ascocentrum Miniatum*, which originated in Bangladesh, is no longer found here and had to be procured from Thailand," says Tasneem, a member of the society. Orchids belong to one of the largest groups of the plant families called *Orchidaceae*, and is the highest evolved with the most complicated flower structure among the *Monocotyledons*. There are over 15,000 different species found globally, even in adverse climates. New Guinea has more native orchids than other locations. A majority are epiphytes, growing on trees, while some terrestrial varieties grow on forest floors or the open ground. A few grow in water as semi-aquatics and two rare genera of Australian origin are subterranean, the tiny flower head reaching the soil surface at the most.



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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 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.

CHANNEL 1
 News (Bangla) at 8:00am, 12:00pm, 2:30pm, 6:30pm, 7:30pm, 10:00pm, 12:30am

BTV
 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

ATN Bangla
 09:15 Drama Serial: *Amader Nurul Huda*
 10:30 Talk Show: *AKTEL Onnodrishti*
 11:05 Drama: *Puroshkar*
 12:15 Talking Point
 01:30 Selected Programme
 02:40 Baul Charity Show 2007
 05:00 *Gram Gonjer Khobor*
 05:10 Documentary Programme: *Prapak Three Stooges*
 08:00 Drama Serial: *Out Door*
 08:40 Drama Serial: *Sojoyd Barir Bou*
 09:20 Drama Serial: *Pichhutan*
 11:30 Drama Serial: *Doll's House*
 12:00 Grameenphone Lead News
Channel-i
 08:30 *Shokaler Gaan*
 09:30 Selected Programme
 11:05 Apollo Tele Prescription
 11:30 *Hridoye Mati O Manush*
 12:30 *Citycell Taroka Kathan*

01:05 Tax Helpline
 01:15 *Ebong Cinemar Gaan*
 01:30 Selected Programme
 02:40 Drama Serial: *Priobash*
 03:05 Chance 50-50
 04:15 *Sa Re Ga Ma*
 04:40 *Hridoyer Gaan*
 05:30 *Muktijudho Protidin*
 06:00 *Shopnil Agami*
 06:20 South Asian
 07:50 Mega Serial: *Bhober Haat*
 09:35 Selected Programme
 11:30 Drama Serial: *Ekanyo Borti*
 12:00 Selected Programme
ETV
 08:00 *Ekusher Shokal*
 01:30 *Drishti*
 02:00 Music Cafe
 03:30 *Chirontoni*
 04:00 *Mukto Khobor*
 05:45 *Ekusher Shondhya Priotomashu*
 08:30 Drama Serial: *Chena Manusher Pachali*
 09:30 *Onirbaan*
 10:30 Musical

02:30 Drama Serial: *Aguntuk*
 03:45 Documentary Programme
 04:20 *Path Chaoatei Anondo Protidin*
 06:35 *Tarzan*
 08:00 Drama Serial: *Dohon*
 08:40 *Wide Angle*
 09:20 Drama Serial: *Raat Jaga Pakhi*
 11:00 *Bazar Update*
 11:30 *News Watch*
Rtv
 09:00 Rtv Exclusive
 09:05 Cartoon: *Thudercats*
 09:30 *Praner Manush Achhey Praney*
 10:00 *Look at Me*
 10:30 *Protidin*
 11:30 Drama: *Jomin*
 01:00 *Japito Jibon*
 01:30 *Ei Din*

PICK OF THE DAY
Mohanogor
 On Banglavisian at 8:25pm
 Drama Serial
 Cast: Apurbo, Sumaiya Shimu

Malcolm in the Middle
 On Star World at 8:00pm
 TV Series
 Cast: Frankie Muniz, Justin Berfield

Banglavisian
 08:35 *Shubho Shokal*
 09:05 Drama Serial: *Shesh Odhyay*
 09:30 *Bangla Feature Film Mohanogor*
 01:00 Drama Serial: *Mohanogor*
 02:30 *Vokab*
 02:40 Drama Serial: *Bachelor Dompoti*
 03:15 *Nodi O Jibon*
 04:15 *Music Moment*
 05:00 *Cinebit*
 05:40 *Din-er Sheshey*

08:30 *Saibaba*
 09:30 *Prithviraj Chauhan*
 10:00 *Baa Bahoo Aur Baby*
 10:30 *Aek Chabhi Hai Padoss Mein*
 11:30 *Thodi Si Zameen Thoda Sa Aasma*
STAR WORLD
 09:30 2007 Miss Teen Usa
 11:30 *Day Break*
 12:30 *Beauty And The Geek*
 01:30 *Life As We Know It*
 02:30 *In Justice*
 03:30 2007 Miss Teen Usa
 05:30 *Hollywood Shootout*
 06:00 *Travel Asia*
 06:30 *Koffee With Karan*
 07:30 *The Simpsons*
 08:00 *Malcolm In The Middle*
 08:30 *In Justice*
 09:00 *Koffee With Karan*
 10:30 *Law & Order: S.V.U.*
 11:30 *Ultimate Force*
STAR MOVIES
 09:30 *Ice Age 2*
 11:00 *From Russia With Love*
 01:00 *Enough*
 03:00 *Bone Collector, The*
 05:05 *Holy Man*
 07:00 *Material Girls*
 23:40 *Mr. And Mrs. Smith*
 10:40 *Ed Wood*
 12:45 *King Kong*
HISTORY
 10:30 *Birth Of The Universe*

CHANNEL
 09:30 War against Al Qaeda
 10:30 *Becoming a Nation*
 11:30 *A Scandal in Bohemia*
 12:30 *Gold*
 01:30 *New York*
 02:30 *Microsoft targets DOS*
 03:30 *Nissan Z Car*
 04:30 *World Trade Center*
 09:30 *Jack the Ripper*
 10:30 *The Man Who Predicted 9/11*
 10:30 *9/11 Hijackers*
NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC
 09:30 *South Georgia Island*
 10:30 *IC814 Air Hijack*
 11:30 *The Serpent*
 12:30 *Lion*
 01:30 *Revolutionary Rhythms*
 02:30 *Race Against Time*
 03:30 *Hidden Danger*
 04:30 *Get Outta Town*
 05:00 *Pay, Fergus, Blossom*
 05:30 *Big Bang*
 06:00 *Leopard Seals*
 06:30 *Ultimate Roller Coaster*
 07:30 *The Living Edens*
 08:30 *Greece*
 09:30 *Turkey*
 10:30 *Birth Of The Universe*

Radio Foorti
 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)
 03:00am Back to Back music

11:30 *Missing Link*
DISCOVERY CHANNEL
 09:30 *Ravi Shankar: Between Two Worlds*
 11:30 *Baby Story*
 12:00 *Mean Machines*
 12:30 *Futureweapons*
 01:30 *Wild South America*
 02:30 *Truth About Food*
 03:30 *Boy With Divine Powers*
 04:30 *Raw Nature: Raw*
 05:30 *How Do They Do It?*
 06:00 *Million 2 One:*
 06:30 *Digital Cool*
 07:30 *Raw Nature*
 08:30 *Complete*
 09:30 *Science Of Star Wars*
 10:30 *Amazing World Of Birds With Tadashi Shimada*