

CULTURAL FEAST

Solo Art Exhibition

Title: Of River and Earth
Artist: Syed Jahangir
Venue: Bengal Gallery of Fine Arts, Bengal Shilpakala House 275/F, Road 27 (old), Dharmundi
Date: November 2-15
Time: 12pm to 8pm

Art Exhibition

Organiser: Sharobano
Venue: Zainul Art Gallery, Institute of Fine Arts, DU
Date: November 01-07
Time: 12pm to 8pm

Remembering Kobial Ramesh Shil

Organiser: Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy
Venue: National Music & Dance Centre Auditorium, Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy
Date: October 31
Time: 6:00 pm

India Bangladesh Festival of Books and Writers

Organiser: Academic and Creative Publishers Association of Bangladesh
Venue: Central Public Library
Date: November 5-6
Time: 10am to 5pm

Solo Recital Programme

Title: Banshi Baje Ol
Artist: Nasir Uddin
Organiser: Kanthashil
Venue: National Theatre Stage, Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy
Date: November 3
Time: 7pm

Film Screening

Title: Father & Son
Organiser: Zahir Raihan Film Society & Russian Centre of Science and Culture
Venue: Russian Centre of Science and Culture, House 510, Road 7, Dharmundi
Date: October 31
3:00pm: A Nest of Gentry
5:00pm: Zalivonik
6:30pm: Father and Son

Discussion and musical soiree

Remembering the folk maestro Abdul Alim



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Asgar Alim sings at the programme

NADIA SARWAT

DEPARTMENT of Music and Dance of Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy (BSA) arranged a discussion and musical soiree on October 29 at its Auditorium. The programme was a homage to the eminent folk singer Abdul Alim.

Abdul Alim possessed a powerful voice that immortalised Bangladeshi folk songs. His unique

style highlighted the essence of our rural tunes and mesmerised the audience.

Born on July 27, 1931 in Murshidabad, West Bengal, Alim migrated to Dhaka after the Partition and joined the radio as a staff artiste. During his illustrious musical career, he performed at a number of music conferences and received several prestigious awards. The

Ekushey Padak and Bangla Acad-

emy Award were conferred to him posthumously.

The programme at Shilpakala was presided over by Kamrul Hasan ndc, director general of BSA. Veteran radio artiste Ashraf Alim and prominent folk singer Indra Mohon Rajbongshi spoke on Alim.

Sunil Chandra Das, director, Department of Music and Dance, BSA, inaugurated the programme.

Indra Mohon Rajbongshi, in his speech, fondly remembered

Abdul Alim as his "guru". "He was an unpretentious man. His personal life was even simpler. But people still remember him for the lengths his powerful voice reached."

"An introvert to the core, he used to practice in the open fields. Maybe that's why his singing truly captures the essence of unadulterated nature of rural Bengal. Those who have not heard his singing should consider themselves 'unfortunate', " Rajbongshi added.

Kamrul Hasan said, "Abdul Alim's songs are extremely popular among the masses of our country. It is alarming that many of his memorable songs are now on the verge of being forgotten. To deprive our young generation of this rich cultural heritage should be considered a crime. It is high time that we do something about this issue."

A lively musical programme followed the discussion featuring performances by Asgar Alim, the maestro's son; Mina Barua, Abdul Karim Khan, Nasrin Ferdous Chaman and Sarder Mohammed Rahmatullah.

Upon request from the audience, Indra Mohon Rajbongshi also performed at the musical programme. The enthusiastic audience was heard singing along with artistes, the evergreen Abdul Alim classics including, *Chirodin pushlam ak achin pakhi, Ei je dunia kihsero lagia, Shorbonasha Padma nodi, Holudia pakhi* and more.

Udichi celebrates its 39th anniversary

CULTURAL CORRESPONDENT

October 29 marked the founding of the cultural organisation Udichi. One of the leading cultural organisations in the country, Udichi, was formed back in 1968 by writer and journalist Satyen Sen. Sen was the president of the first committee. Other members were Golam Mohammad Edu, vice president; Mustafa Wahid Khan, general secretary; and Ekram Ahmed, joint general secretary.

For its bold stance against social injustice, prejudice and fundamentalism, Udichi has often been targeted by religious extremists.

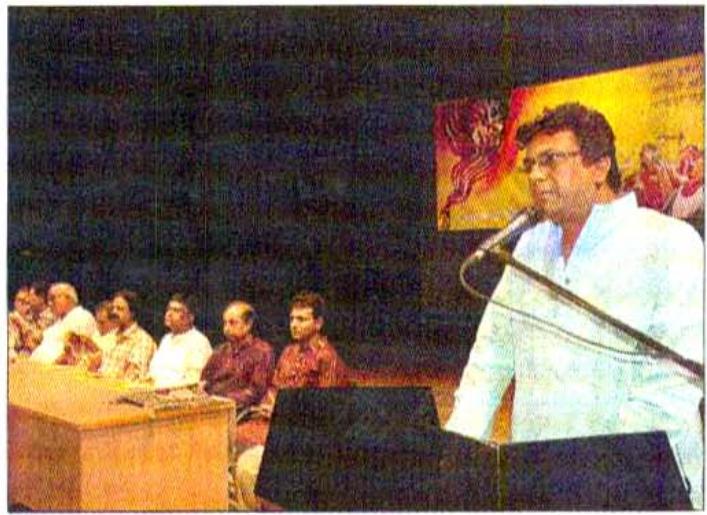
The deadliest one was the bomb attack at Udichi's 12th Conference in Jessore on March 7, 1999, which left 10 people dead and around 150 injured. The attacks did not stop but Udichi's commitment to its causes remains unchanged.

To celebrate the organisation's 39th anniversary, members of Udichi held a programme at the National Theatre Stage, Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy (BSA) on October 29 evening.

The event included a discussion and a cultural programme.

The day's event began at about 4pm with a tea session. The programme turned into a get together for the Udichi activists from all over the country.

The discussion programme



Khairul Anam Shakil speaks at the discussion session

began at 5:35pm. Bulbul Islam, general secretary, Bangladesh Rabindra Sangeet Shilpi Sangstha; Mizanur Rahman, general secretary, Bangladesh Pothonotok Parishad; M Hamid, Chairman, Bangladesh Group Theatre Federation; Khairul Anam Shakil, general secretary, Chhayanat; Golam Kuddus, secretary general, Sammilito Sangskritik Jote; Dr Lenin Chowdhury, general secretary, Kendriyo Khela Ghor Ashor; Manzurul Ahsan Khan, co-founder of Udichi and president, Communist Party of Bangladesh

(CPB) participated at the discussion.

In their speeches, the speakers remembered Satyen Sen and discussed Udichi's role in the cultural arena. Discussants also called for a united stance against the fundamentalists and the war criminals.

Professor Jatin Sarkar, president of Udichi, presided over the discussion. The welcome speech was given by Mahmud Selim, general secretary, Udichi.

A cultural programme opened with a group dance presentation by artistes of Spondon. Next was a performance by artistes of Chhayanat, who rendered the song *Pran-o bhorie, trisha boriye*. Artistes of Udichi sang *Manushe bhalobashi, Din-e jodi hosh re kana* and more. Members of Kranti rendered *O moder desh bhashire*, a song by Salil Chowdhury. Wrisht Shilpi Gosthi sang *Khoy ki morone* and *Manusher majhey boshoborkari*.

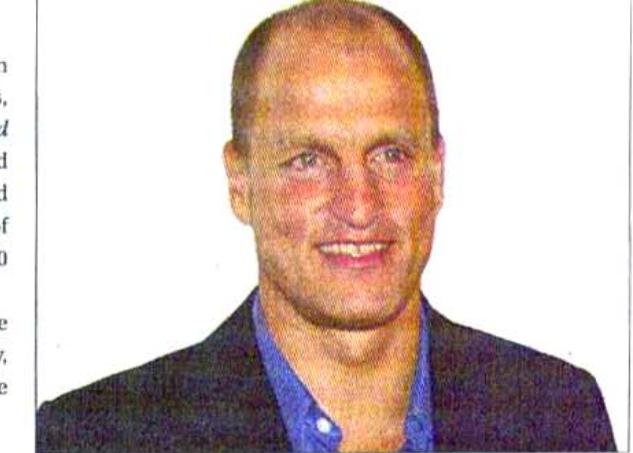
The event came to an end with the staging of a play *Bogus Boo* by members of Udichi, Netrokona Zilla Sangsads. The performance was dedicated to the memory of Khwaja Haider Hossain, adapter of the play, who was killed during a bomb attack in front of the Netrokona district Udichi office on December 8, 2005.



Artistes sing at the programme

Upcoming

Woody Harrelson and Bruce Willis in a new Vietnam movie



Woody Harrelson

Woody Harrelson has landed a key role in Oliver Stone's latest Vietnam movie (yes, another one). According to *Hollywood Reporter*, Harrelson will join Bruce Willis and Channing Tatum in *Pinkville*, a drama based around the notorious My Lai massacre of 1968, when US soldiers killed more than 500 people, many of them women and children.

Harrelson is playing the Colonel in charge of the taskforce that committed the atrocity, while Willis is the general who investigated the incident.

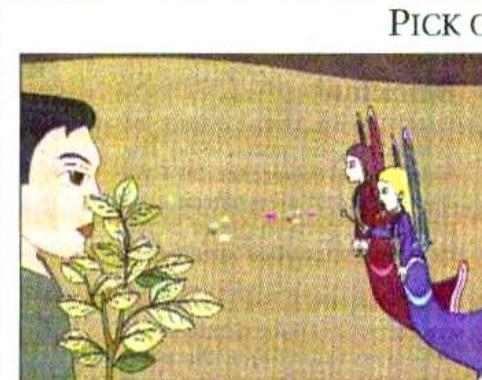
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11:00am	Amar 88.0 (Nusrat)
03:00pm	Dhaka Calling (Sakib)
07:00pm	Seven Eleven (Sadia)
11:00pm	late Night Show (Shuvo)
03:00am	Back to Back music
Radio Today 89.6 FM	
07:15am	Good Morning Dhaka (Biplob)
07:45am	Today's Happy Moments
08:45am	Shokher Khabar
12:00pm	Today's Adda (Nudrat)
01:45pm	Dupurer Khabar
04:00pm	Utan (Kibria & Tanja)
06:45pm	Shondher Khabar
08:00pm	Toba Tai Holi (Sayem)
09:45pm	Raater Khabar
11:45pm	Modho Raater Khabar
12:00am	Today's Happy Moments
12:10am	Raat Vor Gan (Nirob)

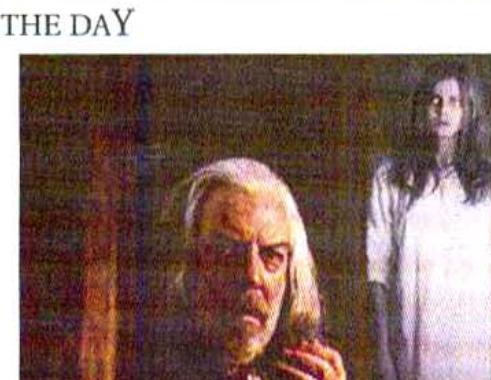
NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC	
10:30	Sauna Belt
11:00	Vedic Math
11:15	Global Pendant
11:30	The Big Breeze
12:30	Is It Real?
1:30	Missing Link
2:30	Earth Pulse
3:00	Is It Real? S3
4:30	Big Bang
5:00	A Killer Cure
5:30	I Didn't Know That
6:00	Calling All Crocs
6:30	Is It Real? S3
7:30	Dark Side of Elephants
8:30	A Different Sport
9:30	Dream Machines
10:30	Is It Real?
11:30	The Big Breeze
12:00	Story of Black Hawk Down
12:30	Attila the Hun
1:30	Alien Engineering #1
2:30	Albert Einstein
3:30	Automobiles
4:30	Boys' Toys
5:30	Emperor
6:30	The Antichrist (Part 2)
7:30	Story of Black Hawk Down
8:30	Attila the Hun
9:30	Cities of the underworld
10:30	Emperor
11:30	Green River Killer

ON AIR

PICK OF THE DAY



Thakur Maar Jhuli
On ATN Bangla at 6:20pm
Animation series for children



An American Haunting
On Star Movies at 10:30pm
Genre: Horror
Cast: Donald Sutherland, Rachel Hurd-Wood

STAR MOVIES	
11:30	V Trailers - Star Plus
11:55	Bolly V - Star Plus
12:00	Santaan
12:30	Bidaai
01:00	Kasutti Zindagi Kay
01:30	Kumkum - Pyara Sa
02:00	Bandhan
02:30	Bhabhi
03:00	Karam Apna Apna
03:30	Saarthi
04:00	Kyunki Saas Bhi Kabhi Bahu Thi
04:30	Kayamat
05:00	Sangam
05:30	Santaan
06:00	V Trailers - Star Plus
06:30	Kasturi
07:00	Bidaai
07:30	NB3 Crazy Kiya Re
08:00	Sangam
08:30	Santaan
08:30	Meri Awaz Ko Mili Gayi Roshni
09:00	Kasutti Zindagi Kay
09:30	Bidaai
10:00	Kasturi
10:30	Kahaani Ghar Ghar Kii
11:00	Kyunki Saas Bhi Kabhi Bahu Thi
11:30	Meri Awaz Ko Mili Gayi Roshni
12:00	Karam Apna Apna
STAR WORLD	
10:30	Beyond The Break
11:30	Brothers & Sisters
12:30	Ghost Whisperer
01:30	Wildfires
02:30	I'm Gonna Git You Sucka
03:45	16 Blocks
04:15	Conan
05:15	Godhuli Bala
06:15	Praychir Ghera Chini
07:00	El Desh
07:30	Shobrojat
08:00	Swapno
08:30	Dhriti Mele Dekhi
09:00	Abdhubute
09:30	Geet
10:00	Dhriti Mele Dekhi
10:30	Chhayanat
11:00	Shobrojat
11:30	Shobrojat
STAR PLUS	
06:00	The Office
06:30	The Simpsons
07:00	American Dragon: Jack Long
07:30	Friends