

CULTURAL FEAST

Cartoon Exhibition

Title: Cartoon Against Corruption
Organiser: Transparency International Bangladesh (TIB)
Venue: Dhk Gallery, House 58, Road 15A (New), Dhanmondi
Date: December 7-11
Time: 3pm-8pm

Art Exhibition

Title: Guernica: History of a Painting
Organiser: Department of Spanish, Institute of Modern Language, University of Dhaka
Venue: Zainul Gallery 2, Institute of Fine Art, University of Dhaka
Date: December 3-9
Time: 12am-7pm

Solo Art Exhibition

Title: The Story of a Deceased Man
Artist: Mahbubur Rahman
Venue: Gallery Kaya, House 20, Road 16, Sector 4, Uttara
Date: December 7-15
Time: 11am-5pm

Dhaka Book Fair 2007

Organised by: National Book Centre
Venue: National Parade Square, Sher-e-Bangla Nagar
Date: December 1-15

Art Exhibition

Title: Nilun Kundu: The Creative Mind
Artist: Nilun Kundu
Venue: Bangal Gallery of Fine Arts, Bengal Shipalaya, H 275F, Road 27 (old), Dhanmondi
Date: December 3-17
Time: 12pm-8pm

Exhibition

Title: Jhora Shishir Gaan
Venue: Nitya Upahar, 50, Aziz co-operative super market, 2nd floor, Shahbagh
Date: December 1-10

Solo Art Exhibition

Title: Entry Sketches of Heritage
Artist: Sajid Bin-Doo Bonny
Venue: Alliance Francaise de Dacca, 26, Mirpur Road, Dhanmondi
Date: December 3-16
Time: 9am-12pm & 5pm-8pm except Saturday (5pm-8pm)

Solo Painting

Artist: Sriyama Roy Chowdhury
Venue: Art & Soul Gallery, Road 36, House 16, Gulshan
Date: November 30 - December 16
Time: 11am-8pm

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An Interactive Exhibition on German Youth Culture
Venue: Goethe-Institut Bangladesh, House 44, Road 9, Dhanmondi
Date: December 6-12
December 8
Concert by the band 'BLACK'
Doors open at 5:30, Concert starts: 8:00 pm
(Tickets: Tk 50, all proceeds of the ticket sale will go to Sids victims)
December 10-11
5:00 pm onwards
Film Screening: Youth in German Cinema (open to all)

Abinash Chandra Shill passes away

An irreparable loss to the cultural arena



Abinash Chandra Shill

ERSHAD KAMOL

RENOWNED *dotara* player Abinash Chandra Shill passed away on December 6 (midnight) at the Shaheed Suhrawardi Hospital. At the age of 54, the renowned musician died from a heart attack.

The youngest son of *dotara* maestro and music composer Kanai Lal Shill, Abinash began his music career at an early age. Abinash accompanied many renowned singers in Bangladesh including Sabina Yasmin, Mustafa Zaman Abbasi, Moloy Kumar Ganguli and Ferdausi Rahman. Moreover, he was a music composer. He also played mandolin in film songs.

Abinash Chandra Shill was a Freedom Fighter. He was also a member of the Swadhin Bangla Betar Kendra.

Abinash joined Bangladesh Betar as a staff artist but later he resigned from the job.

Abinash represented Bangladesh as a member of the cultural teams performing in Canada, France, England, Sweden, Norway, Japan and South Africa.

Noted folk singer Moloy Kumar Ganguli said, "I've known him since 1965. Undoubtedly he was the best *dotara* player in the subcontinent. Through practice he could even exceed the standards set by his father. I know that many renowned music composers in India offered to work with him."

"His amazing ability to remember the music chords made him one of the best instrumentalists," added Moloy.

Abinash's elder brother Ashutosh Shill, who is a staff artist of Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy, said, "Abinash's skills were appreciated by legendary artists like Abdul Alim. The country has lost an irreplaceable talent. However, I don't think his creativity was properly utilised."

As a tribute to the artist, Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy (BSA) has arranged a special programme at the Music and Dance Centre today. Director General of BSA, Quamrul Hassan, n.d. said, "I saw his brilliant performance at the last SAARC summit held in Delhi. He was selected as a member of the coming Australian tour. This is surely an irreparable loss to the team."

Interesting portrayals, fresh approach

12th Berger Young Painters' Art Competition 2007

FAYZA HAQ

Works from the recent 12th Berger Young Painters' Art Competition 2007 were on display at an exhibition at Zainul Gallery-One. The display reflected well the imagination and thoughts of the experimenting artists who do not put on colours and lines merely to please the viewer and connoisseurs. They have deep-seated reasons behind doing their delineations and show considerable promise in the process. Artists like Qayyum Chowdhury and Hashem Khan, who were members of the jury committee of the competition, have high praises and hopes for the participants.

The first prize-winner artwork by Sahid Kazi



Composition of an Old Man

shows an old blind singer with his *dotara* in a white open shirt. Titled *Bling Singer*, the portrait has the subject in stark black and white, with touches of chrome yellow, grey and beige. The piece is moving in its simplicity and subject matter. The realistic delineation reminds the viewer that realism is not in its way out. Kazi's painting is a combination of the reflection of pain and joy as the singer chants his lyrics to soothe his soul and mind.

Composition of an Old Man Figure-3, which is again a portrait in paints with realism in mind, has earned Bishwajit Goswami the second prize. Goswami says that he has attempted to reflect the loneliness of the old man who is in the last leg of his journey through life. The egret white hair, beard and moustache, combined with the simple flowing robe, with shades of sepia, brown and black to the left is stunning, to say the least. Slight flecks of bright hues, amalgamated with geometrical dashes and lines form the backdrop. The contrast of light and shade is fascinating.

The third prize-winner work titled *existence of Invert Side-1*, by Md. Azmal Uddin, brings in an old man with his gnarled walking stick. The artist says that the painting is a depiction of the brighter and dismal sides of life. Azmal says that our minds are divided between two clear voices. Through his painting he brings out the conflicting voices working within mankind -- the triumphant one and the defeated part. Thus we see an orange streak in collage running through the centre with the rest of the painting in shades of indigo, pink and white.

Pilgrim Progress in Full Moon-29, Srijib Bhattacharjee's entry, which makes him the fourth prize winner, is more contemporary in vision than the other three preceding paintings. The artist comments that our environment conditions our personality and achievements. We try to put our sufferings in the past, says Srijib, and forge ahead with our aspirations and desires. The geometrical creation in yellow and orange is a fine contemporary



Blind Singer

piece.

Kalidas Karmakar's style of work is clearly reflected in the work of the fifth winner, AKM Javed Rashel. The young artist has attempted to portray the different masks that people don, or rather the varied stances they take when they appear before others. Thus the dozen portrayals are reflection of the hypocrisy or appearances of mankind before others.

The last winner, Abu Kalam Shamsuddin, celebrates passion in his *Composition-2* with its startling vermilion, gold and navy blue waves, with the painting's ruby red background.

All the other entries are also laudable and ushered in a steady sea of viewers. The exhibition ended yesterday.

Banglalink Desh Music Fest 2007

Making a difference with music



Hyder Husyn renders a song at the concert

MAINUL HASSAN

On December 7 band music aficionados in Dhaka were in for a great treat. The grand musical event banglalink Desh Music Fest 2007, was a commendable effort to lend a hand to the Sids victims. The concert was held at the Birsreastha Shahid Sipahi Md. Mustafa Stadium in Kamalapur.

The event organised to raise funds for the victims of the devastating cyclone Sids, turned out to be one of the biggest music festivals in recent times, with a crowd of about 30,000. According to the organisers, proceeds from the concert will be donated to the Chief Adviser's relief fund. Channel-i, Radio Today, amadegaan.com and Carnival joined hands with banglalink in this initiative.

The concert brought together some of the big names in the band music scene, featuring three generations of musicians on a single stage.

There was Ayub Bachchu of LRB, James with his band Nagar Baul, the pioneer of rock music in Bangladesh Azam Khan, Miles, Sumon with his band Aurthohin, Black,

Warfare and singer Hyder Husyn.

The concert kicked off at 3:00 pm with Black's performance. Black performed five songs, starting with *Proshnobodhok*. Others songs included *Amra*, *Poytrish*, *Porahoto* and *Blues & Roud*.

Next were Sumon and Aurthohin. The band performed popular numbers -- *Chaitey Paro*, *Amar Protichhobi*, *Raater Train*, *Shurjo* and *Adhuhai Shei Chheleti*.

Performance by Hyder Husyn, Warfare and Miles followed. Miles started their performance with their hit number -- *Jala jala Jala*. That was followed by *Chand tara shurjo*, *Neela*, *Hello Dhaka*, *Frustration* and *Phiriyee dao*.

LRB and Ayub Bachchu performed six songs, starting with *Mon chailey mon*. Other songs played by the band were *Ural dibo akashey*, *Ghumonto shohorey*, *Shei tumi*, *Hashtey dekho gaiety dekho* and *Sporsho* -- a new song from the band's upcoming album.

Azam Khan rendered three songs -- *Anamika*, *Ami jarey chaire* and *Rail-liner oi bostitey*.

The last band to perform was James' Nagar Baul. Nagar Baul opened the performance with *Bukey uthey toofan*. It was followed

by Diwana diwana, Goponey priyar kachhey and Mirabal.

Addressing the crowd, veteran rocker Azam Khan said, "I stand here not only as a performer but also as a responsible citizen. And as citizens of this country, it is our duty to do something for the cyclone victims."

Sharing his views James said, "This is a positive initiative by banglalink and I feel great to be part of this. This music fest has provided everyone with an opportunity to do something for the Sids victims."

Ayub Bachchu said, "This event has brought us, the artists, together on a single platform and the reason is laudable. It has also provided music lovers with the opportunity to help the cyclone victims as all the money generated from the ticket sales will be donated to the Chief Adviser's relief fund."

Hyder Husyn said, "Charity concerts are held all around the world. Such events pull in huge crowds and also amass huge funds. But generating funds is only half the job. Proper distribution of the funds should be ensured; only then the purpose is truly served."

Musical soiree in Sirajganj in aid of Sids victims

GOLAM MOSTAFA JIBON, Sirajganj

To lend a hand to the Sids victims, Zila Shilpakala Academy arranged a musical soiree at the Bhasani Millanayan in Sirajganj town last Wednesday.

At the programme, Jannat Ara Henry, an enlisted Rabindra Sangeet singer of Rajshahi Betar and Bangladesh Television performed songs on different themes including love, nature and country.

Ibrahim Khalil, Deputy Commissioner (DC) of Sirajganj and President of Zila Shilpakala Academy, attended the event as the chief guest.

Prior to the programme, the DC urged all to help the Sids victims in any way possible.



Artists perform at the programme

Among others, eminent playwright Selim Al Deen was also present at the event.

Proceeds from the show will be donated to the Sids-affected people in the south.

ON AIR

PICK OF THE DAY



Syed Barir Bou
On ATN Bangla at 08:40 pm
Drama Serial

Cast: Tamalika Karmaker, Sharmin Shila



Devi
On Zee Studio at 3:30 pm
Genre: Drama

Cast: Soumitra Chatterjee, Sharmila Tagore

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, 3:30 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, 9:00 am, 2:00 pm, 7:00 pm, 9:00 pm, 10:30 pm, 12:15 am.

ATN BANGLA
News (Bangla) at 7:00 am, 10:00 am, 2:00 pm, 7:00 pm, 10:00 pm, 11pm.
News (English) at 8:00 am, 7:00 pm.
Late Night News (Bangla and English) 11:30 pm. (To be telecast on all Bangla channels).

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

BANGLAVISION
News (Bangla) at 8:00 am, 2:00 pm, 6:00 pm, 7:15 pm, 10:30 pm.
News Headlines (Bangla) at 10:00 am, 12:00 am, 4:00 pm.
News Headlines (English) at 8:05 pm

Rtv
News (Bangla) at 10:15 pm, and 12:15 am

ntv
News (Bangla) 7:30 am, 12:02 pm, 2:00 pm, 7:30 pm, 10:30 pm, 1:00 am

ETV
News (Bangla) 1:00 pm, 3:00 pm, 5:00 pm, 7:00 pm, 8:00 pm, 11:00 pm

ATN BANGLA

09:15 Drama Serial: Amader Nurul Huda
10:30 Talk Show: Aktel Onyodishit
11:05 Drama: Agnidhan
12:15 Char Deyaler Kabyo
01:30 Khehar Joppol
02:30 Take Care
03:15 Drama: Mona Paglar Juddho
04:05 Olympic Day Run-2007
04:50 Musical Programme
05:00 Gram Gonjer Khobor
05:10 Kaler Jatarar Dhoni
05:45 The Sword of Tipu Sultan
06:20 Three Stooges
06:40 Shei Shob Din Raatri
08:00 Drama Serial: Alokogor
08:40 Drama Serial: Syed Barir Bou
09:20 Drama Serial: Prothom Shokal
11:30 Daily Soap: Doll's House
12:00 Grameenphone Lead News
CHANNEL-i
08:30 Shokaler Gaan
09:30 Shogbadpatriy Bangladesh
09:45 Public Reaction

09:50 Grameenphone Trilomala
11:05 Apollo Tele Prescription
11:30 Hridoye Mati O Manush
12:30 Citycell Taroka Kathan
01:05 Ebong Cinemar Gaan
01:30 Sa Re Ga Ma
02:40 Drama Serial: Priobash
03:05 Chance 50-50
03:30 BBC Bangladesh Shanglep
04:15 Hridoyer Gaan Mukhtijuddho
05:30 Protidin
06:00 Swapnil Agami
06:30 South Asian
07:50 Mega Serial: Ghar Kutum
08:20 Drama Serial: Noulka Dubi
09:35 Mega Serial: 420
10:00 Drama Serial: Ocheni Neelkanto
11:30 Mega Serial: 89
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05:45 Ekusher Shondhya
06:15 SMS Mania
06:30 Desh Jury
07:30 Nishikutum
08:30 Drama Serial: Chena Manusher Pachali
09:30 Ekusher Shomoy
10:30 Musical
11:45 Reporter's File
12:00 Ekusher Raat
Rtv
09:00 Rtv Exclusive
09:05 Documentary

09:35 Tarzan
10:00 Look at Me
10:30 Protidin
11:30 Drama: Sampriti Gantha
01:30 Dhalwood Beats
02:30 Bangla Feature Film
06:00 Protidin
06:35 Tarzan
08:00 Drama Serial: Dohan
08:40 Wide Angle
09:20 Drama Serial: Akesh Ki Chhoya Jay
09:35 Tarzan
10:00 Look at Me
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11:00 Borney Borney Rochito
11:30 News Watch
BANGLAVISION
08:35 Shubho Shokal
09:05 Mini Series: Bagar Swadhinota
09:30 Bangla Feature Film
01:00 Drama Serial: Mohanogor
02:30 Vocab
02:40 Drama Serial: Bachelor Dompoti
03:15 Nadi O Jibon
04:15 Music Moment
04:45 Citycell Din-ar

Sheshey
05:30 Raat Biraaley
06:00 Praner Gaan
06:25 Sports Vision
06:55 Tomakey Pawar Jonney He Swadhinota
08:25 Drama Serial: Mohanogor
09:05 Appar Agami
09:45 Drama Serial: Swapno Chura
11:25 Shohorer Shesh Bari Shogbad Protidin
ZEE STUDIO
10:30 Charlie Chaplin

11:30 Time Share
01:30 Problem Child 1
03:20 Filler
03:30 Satyajit Ray - Devi
05:50 10 Things I Hate About You
08:00 Hollywoods 10 Best - New Series
08:30 Epi
08:45 The In Laws
11:00 A Lot Like Love
HISTORY CHANNEL
09:30 Greece
10:30 Greece: Age of Alexander
11:30 The Solitary Cyclist
12:30 Justice
01:30 1964 Chevy Impala
02:30 Marilyn and Me
05:30 Hippies
09:30 Sadat
10:30 Beyond the Moon: Failure Is Not
STAR PLUS
12:00 Star Vol Chhole Ustaad
05:00 Prithviraj Chauhan
05:30 Cinderella
07:30 Sharakat Thoda Jaadu Thodi Naz
08:00 Santaan
08:30 Saibaba
09:30 Prithviraj Chauhan
10:00 Baa Bahoo Aur Baby
10:30 Aek Chabhi Hai Padoss Mein
11:30 Nach Baliye 3
12:00 Santaan

STAR WORLD
10:30 Brothers & Sisters
11:30 The Black Donnellys
12:30 Eureka
01:30 Beyond The Break
02:30 Six Degrees
03:30 Nois
04:30 Celine Dion Taking Chances
05:30 Hollywood Shootout
06:00 Travel Asia
06:30 Brothers & Sisters
07:30 American Inventor
08:30 Six Degrees
09:30 Desperate Housewives
10:30 The Closer
11:30 The Unit
STAR MOVIES
08:45 Bounty, The
10:45 Vip Access
11:15 Ice Age
12:45 Sound Of Music, The
03:40 Derailed
05:10 Shanghai Noon
07:00 Crank
08:30 Behind Enemy Lines
10:15 Wild Orchid
12:00 Waiting
NATIONAL
GEOGRAPHIC
09:30 The Living Edens
10:30 Head On!
11:30 Air Hijack
12:30 Comets: Target Earth?
01:30 Alien Safari

Radio Foorti 88.0 FM
07:00am Hello Dhaka (Apu)
11:00am Amar 88.0 (Nusrat)
03:00pm Dhaka Calling (Sakib)
07:00pm Seven Eleven (Sadia)
11:00pm Late Night Show (Shuvo)
Radio Today 89.6 FM
07:15am Good Morning Dhaka (Biplob)
04:30 Today's Happy Moments
08:45am Shokaler Khabor
12:00pm Today's Adda (Nudrat)
01:45pm Dupurer Khabor
04:00pm U-turn (Kibria & Tania)
06:45pm Shondher Khabor
08:00pm Tobe Tai Hok (Sayem)
09:45pm Raater Khabor
11:45pm Moddho Raater Khabor
02:30 To the Edge of Argentina
03:00 On The Road
03:30 Bomb On Board
04:30 Lucerne
05:00 Pay, Fergus, Blossom
05:30 Big Bang
06:00 Leopard Seals
06:30 Megastarstructures
07:30 The Living Edens
08:30 India's Hidden Plague
09:30 Marriage
10:30 Apollo 13
11:30 Lethal Obsession