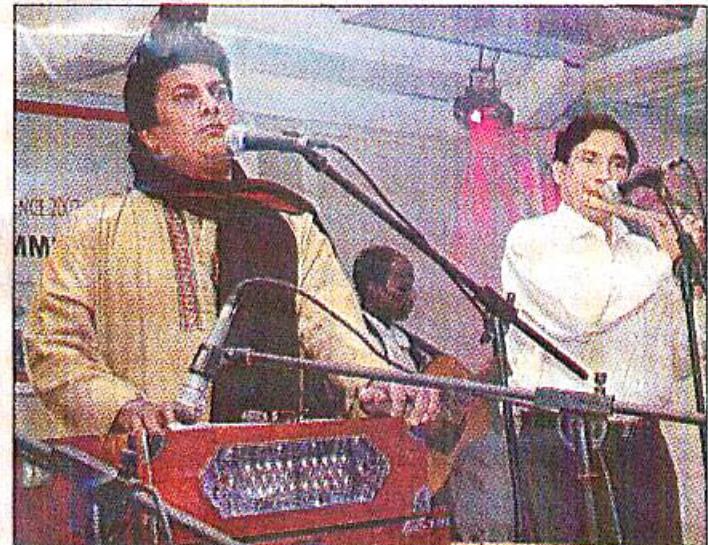


First Non-Resident Bangladeshi Conference '07

An evening of Tagore and Nazrul songs



Khairul Anam Shakil sings, expatriate artiste Subarna Khan performs a dance at the cultural show



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CULTURAL CORRESPONDENT

ON the second day of the First Non-Resident Bangladeshi Conference '07, a cultural programme was held at the Ball Room, Hotel Sheraton on December 28. The programme featured Tagore and Nazrul songs, recitation and dance performed by expatriate and noted Bangladeshi artistes.

The programme started with a

solo dance performed by expatriate artiste Subarna Khan. The New Jersey based artiste is a scientist in her professional life. She performed a dance with the patriotic song *Aji Bangladesher hridoy hotey*.

Noted Nazrul singer Khairul Anam Shakil rendered a ghazal -- *Nohey nohey priyo e noy ankhijol, a kahyogiti* -- *Noyon bhora jol go tomar* and a folk song *Padmar dheure* and more.

Mahidul Islam recited Tagore's poem *Hothat dekha* and excerpts from *Kazi Nazrul Islam's Abhibhasan*. Next to perform was Tagore singer Shama Rahman. She rendered *Mon-ki didha rekhey geley choley, Je chhilo amar shoponcharini* and *Krisnokoli*.

Michigan based expatriate artiste Dr. Nawshin performed a solo dance.

The programme wrapped up

with a group dance performed by artistes of the cultural organisation *Nriyam*. Directed by Tamanna Rahman, the dance was accompanied with the patriotic song *Khanjani*.

The *Daily Star*, the *Prothom Alo* and television channels ATN Bangla and Channel i are the media partners of the event. Shopper's World sponsored the cultural programme.

Bengal Foundation launches regular musical programme

CULTURAL CORRESPONDENT

As part of its efforts to promote traditional music, Bengal Foundation launched a new programme on December 28 at the Bengal Shilpakala in Dhamondi. Bengal Foundation announced that from now on it will arrange a three-day musical programme titled *Praner Khol* every month.

On the opening day renowned artiste Chandana Majumdar and two promising singers Shyamol Paul and Halima Parveen performed folk songs. Tonight Sharmin Sathi Islam and Mhuzzaman Chowdhury will render songs and on the last day, on January 2, Aditi Mohsin and Bulbul Islam will perform at the programme. Each evening the



Chandana Majumdar sings at the programme

soiree starts at 7pm.

On December 28, Chandana Majumdar entertained the audience with songs including *Kobey shadur chorondhuli mor lagibey gaay, Koi holo mor machi dhora, Monchorarey kotha pui, Mayere bhojite hoy tar baper thikana* and *Amit tomor kol-er-gari*. The audience seemed engrossed in her songs.

Shyamol Paul performed a *bhawaiyya* number and songs of Kanai Lal Sheel and Jasimuddin. Among the songs performed by Shyamol were *Ami kaindra kaindra hollam shita, Amayye eta ratye kehe dak dili, Jodi bondhu jaber chao*. Halima Parveen sang Bijoy Sarkar's *Amar moner dukhho*. All in all, the soiree was a treat for the urban music enthusiasts who crave for soulful rusticities.

Ferdous Ara's solo musical soiree at Shilpakala

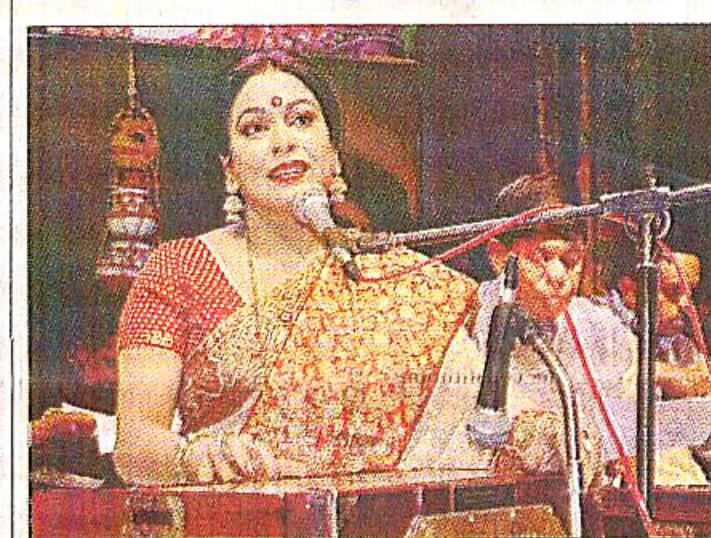


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CULTURAL CORRESPONDENT

Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy (BSA) arranged a solo musical soiree featuring performances by renowned Nazrul singer Ferdous Ara at the National Theatre Stage on December 28. The soiree featured renditions of *bhawaiyya*, patriotic tunes, songs of yesteryears and Nazrul sangeet.

Ferdous Ara started the programme with the patriotic song *Oi je dekha jai re*. Next she performed several Nazrul songs including *Anjali loho mor, Amay nohey go, Kuhu kuhu koyelia*, *Padmar dheure* and more.

The artiste also rendered *bhawaiyya* songs *O ki o bondhu kajal bhrarama* and songs of yesteryears -- *Banshi keno gaye, Kotha bolo na bolo* and others.

Before the musical programme a discussion was held at the venue. Comptroller and Auditor General, Asif Ali was the chief guest at the session. Director General of BSA, Kamrul Hassan *n.d.c* presided over the programme. Among others, litterateur Abdus Shakur and Director of Music and Dance Centre of BSA, Sunil Chandra Das also spoke at the programme.

Concert by Warid

MAINUL HASSAN

On December 28 the band music aficionados in Dhaka were in for a treat at the 'Warid Caller Tunes Concert'. The event was jointly organised by Antar Showbiz and Warid Telecom and pulled in about 10,000 music lovers at the Kalabagan field.

The event brought together some of the big names in the band music scene on a single platform including Ayub Bachchu of LRB, James with his band Nagar Baul, Sumon with

his band Aurtherhin, singer Hyder Husyn, Black and Fudal Almuqtadir. Upcoming bands and artistes -- Mila, Tishma, Radio Active and Deshi MCs also performed at the event.

The event kicked off at 3:30 pm with the Rockstars runner-up band Radio Active on the stage. Radio Active opened their performance with *18 & Life*. Other songs presented by the band included *Shomoy, Rock you like a hurricane, Swadesh* and *Swapnakatha*.

A performance by Black fol-

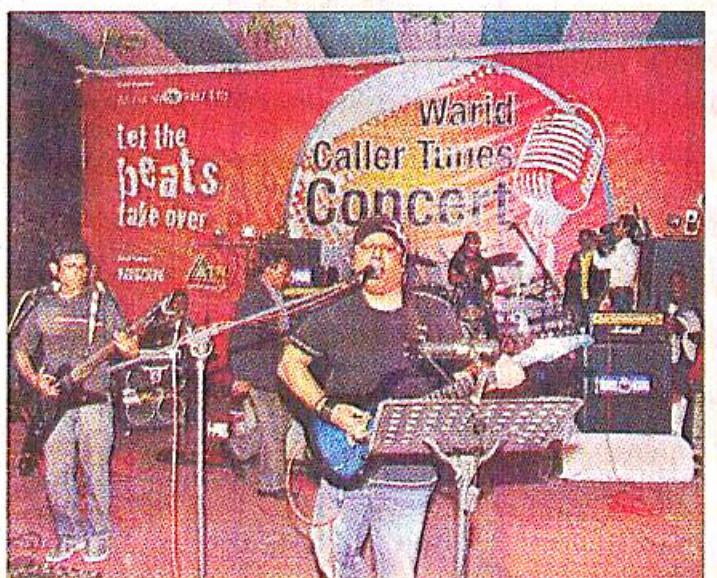
lowed. Black presented three songs -- *Amra, Ohmian* and *Blues & Roud*. That was followed by Mila and Deshi MCs.

Next was a joint performance by Sumon of Aurtherhin and Fudal.

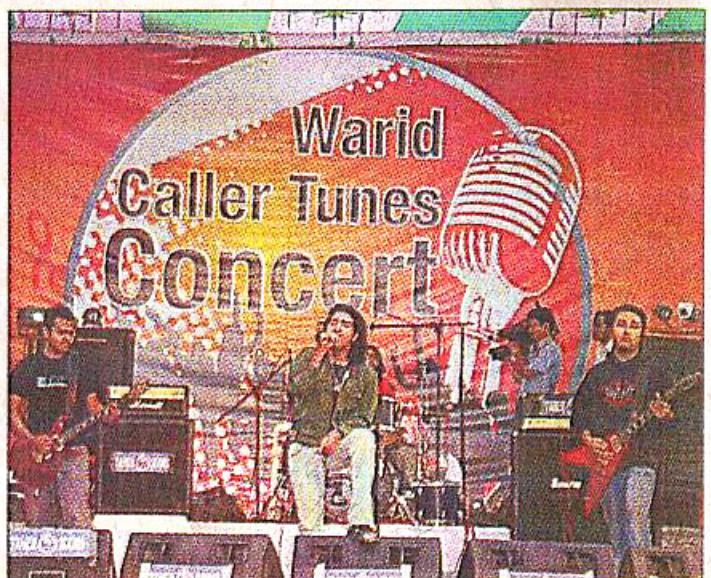
This was their first ever live performance together -- with Sumon on the bass guitar and Fudal on the keyboard. The duo presented four songs -- *Adbhut shei chheleti, Tomar Jonno, Chaitei paro* and *Nitol paye*. James performed five songs -- *Deewana deewana, Goponcypri kachhney, Mira Bai* and *Bheegi bheegi*. Next to perform was Tishma.

Hyder Husyn performed five songs -- *Muktijoddhara, Swadhinata, Mon kijey chay bolo, Sari* and the famous *Ami phissa gechhi*.

Last to perform was Ayub Bachchu with his band LRB. Bachchu opened his performance with the song *Dukhini dukhni korona*. Other songs presented by him included -- *Sporsho, Meye, Mon chaitay mon, Ural dibo akashay, Shei Tumi, Shob bhalo tui ekai bashish ney* and *Bangladesh*.



Ayub Bachchu with his band LRB and Black perform at the event

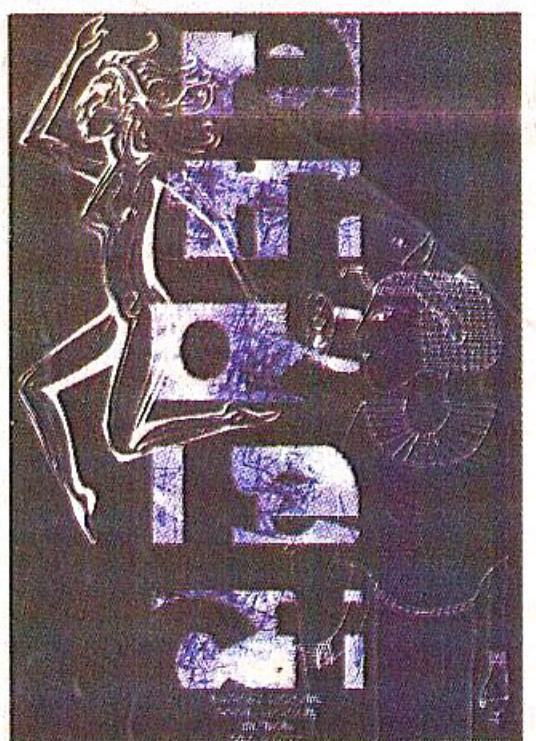


Merging prose and poetry with paints

Shaoli and Adil's buoyant, undaunted artworks

FAYZA HAQ

Teen-aged, gold medal winner Adil Hoque, an autistic painter, has won the hearts of Dhaka art lovers years back with his repeated solos and joint ventures. Now, along with his elder sister Shaoli, here for a while from Oxford, Adil, with his vivid imagination and tales or Egyptian past, builds a world of dreams and recorded



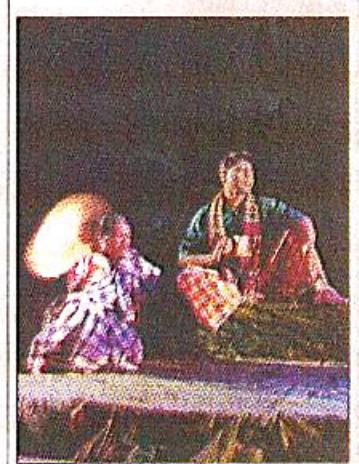
A cover picture in the brochure of artworks by Adil Hoque and Shaoli Hoque

"Jolbalika" goes to India

Padatik Natya Sangsads popular production *Jolbalika* will be staged at the "Joychandi Pahar Tourism Festival", Purulia, West Bengal on January 1, 2008, says a press release. There will be two more shows of the play near Purulia on January 2 and 3. The last show will be staged in Kolkata on January 4, at Modhusudhan Mancha.

Masum Reza's play *Jolbalika* depicts the story of the village dwellers whose lives are interwoven with the river. The playwright also lashes out against the ills of rural society such as gender inequality. The question he raises is: Who is more important for a rural family--a son or a daughter?

Jolbalika is directed by Shamsul Alam Bakul.



A still from Jolbalika

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All programmes are in local time. The Daily Star will not be responsible for any change in the programme.

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08:30	Drama Serial: Ochin Pakhi	11:05	Aplo Tele Prescription
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10:30	Talk Show: Akteri Chyodrishti	12:30	Cilycell Taraka Kathan
11:05	Drama: Koborer Maa	01:05	Ebang Cinemar Gaan
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06:20	Three Stooges	06:30	South Asian Khor
08:00	Drama Serial: Alok Nogor	08:20	Drama Serial: Aloka Dubi
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09:20	Drama Serial: Prothom Shokol	10:00	Drama Serial: Shondhya
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12:00	Grameenphone	12:00	Grameenphone
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08:30	Shokaler Gaan	12:00	Ekusher Dupur

PICK OF THE DAY



Prothom Shokol
On ATN Bangla at 09:20 pm
Drama Serial
Cast: Tony Dais, Nadia



X-Men: The Last Stand
On Star Movies at 07:00 pm
Genre: Action/Sci-fi
Cast: Hugh Jackman, Halle Berry

11:25	Drama Serial: Shohorer Shesh Bari	02:30	Six Degrees
12:00	Shongbad Pratidin	04:30	Boston Legal

ZEE STUDIO

10:30	Charlie Chaplin	05:30	Hollywood Shootout
11:30	Hollywood Reporter	06:00	Travel Asia
	Repeat + E News	06:30	Brothers & Sisters
12:30	Matrix Revolutions	07:30	Country Music
03:30	Salyajit Ray	09:30	Awards 2007
06:00	Baby Geniuses	10:30	Desperate Housewives
08:15	Charlie Chaplin	10:30	The Closer
08:30	Hollywood 10 Best	11:30	J.A.G.

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