## CULTURALFEAST

Poush Mela Organiser: Poush Mela Udjapon Panshad Venue: Ramna Botomool Date: January 11 Time: 7am-8pm

### **Book Launch**

Title: Art Heritage of Bangladesh Author: Dr. Enamul Haque Venue: BRAC Centre Inn Auditorium Date: January 6 Time: 6pm

### Sculpture Exhibition

Title: Ecology of Mind-2 Sculptor: Alak Roy Venue: Bengal Gallery of Fine Arts, Bengal Shilpalaya, H 275/F, Road 27 (old), Dhanmondi and British Council, 5 Fuller Road, Dhaka University Date: January 5-19 Time: 12pm-8pm

### **Group Art Exhibition**



Title: 10+2 SOULS Venue: Shipangan Gallery, House 26, Road 3, Dhanmondi Date: January 3-12 Time: 12pm-8pm

# Vocabularies new and old in paintings Great gig for rock n' roll

## Prolific and passionate messages



Sample of art works by the seven artists, seen at Bengal Gallery

FAYZA HAQ

F one asked for Dali-like surrealism or wanted lyrical decorations from nature, or L even cared for anthropological essences, one had only to see the recent group show at the Bengal Gallery. The artists were young, enterprising and experimental. They kept strong hold over their Bangladeshi roots and the teaching of the local master painters.

Some have had further training overseas, like Shahin Akhter Lipi, while many have local and international acclaims, as in the case of Md. Mahabubul Islam (Baabu) and Zahir Hossain (Newton). All have won accolades and recognitions at home and abroad, despite their relative young age. The group of seven intrepid artists have remarkable mastery over the brush and paints -- putting in swift strokes to convey their soulful messages.

Shahiduzzaman Selim on his

Success hasn't made them heady and they come under the banner of flora and fauna. Although they naturally have their inspiration from their teachers in Bangladesh and India, keep many master painters as their ideals, they do not only emulate, and create in their own significant style -- blending in their subtle and sophisticated themes.

They carve and paint with oil, mixed - media and acrylic on canvas, paper and wood. They leap out of their academic training, and create a myriad of fascinating visions in beauty of artistic visions. All the seven artists, ranging from Baabu to Zahir Hossain (Newton) to Md. Abdul Aziz and Syed Mohammad (Shamim) are both prolific and passionate, going by their earlier exhibitions, and the latest joint one at Bengal Gallery. Some use muted hues at times, others delve in loud and cheerful colours.

While some of the painters go on to bring in

### Charity concert for Sidr victims graphic details, others go in for the Jackson Pollock effect. From the ornamental, like Rajaul Islam (Lovelu) and Md. Abdul (Aziz) to the semiabstract, like Md. Zahir Hossain (Newton), both thematically and stylistically, the painters drive

impact. The 3-D world is also touched upon, as in the case of Lovelu, who has won the hearts of the viewers with his wooden sculptured effects, and Shahin Akhter (Lipi), who is inspired by the carvings and cave drawings of Ajanta and Ellora.

their messages home with a tremendous

Whether the artists are trained in the Crafts Department or Oriental Art, always meaningful, sometimes stylized on purpose, their paintings on canvas and paper earn considerable respect for artists in their mid-thirties.

The seven artists have also admirable academicfeats.



# New drama serial "Pingol Akash" on Banglavision

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Tonight at 8:25 pm, new drama serial Pingol Akash will be aired on Banglavision. It is an adaptation of litterateur Shawkat Ali's novel of the same name. Scripted by Sheikh Shahadat Hossain, it is directed by Abul Hayat.

The story of the serial centres around the plight of a young woman named Manju. She lost her father at an early age, and adding further misery to her life, her mother remarries. The new family members cannot accept Manju. But to her surprise, the stepfather becomes the only person who has

some sympathy for her. In between her tasks of looking

after her siblings and other household chores, Manju has a secret infatuation for Anis, the universitygoing elder son of the family. On the other hand, Manju's mother has an extramarital relationship with her husband's rich cousin,

Thus the plot reaches its climax. Chandny will be seen in the role of Manju . Abul Hayat, Chitralekha Guha, Shahed, Mita Nur, Shahidul Alam Sachchu, Maznun Mizan and Khairul Islam Pakhi play the other important roles in the serial.



Abul Hayat and Mita Nur seen in the TV play

Artcell seen performing at the concert

JAMIL MAHMUD

On January 3, it was a great gig for rock n' roll enthusiasts as Advanced Development Technologies Ltd. Arbovirus next took the stage and (ADTL) and amadergaan.com, the largest music based web portal of Bangladesh, jointly raised their hands for the Sidr affected people. This was to arrange an unplugged charity concert titled Bangladesh 08-Sidr 07 at Winter Garden, Sheraton Hotel. Most of the famed and upcoming local bands, including Souls, L.R.B, Maqsood O' Dhaka, Dolchhut, Aurthohin, Artcell, Ornob, Arbovirus, Lalon, Metal Maze, Shironamhin and Yaatri performed at the charity concert.

Rising band Lalon began the performance as they took the stage at around 2:00 pm. The fusion band rendered a number of fusion baul

next took the stage. They started their performance with Dhusor

Mello rock band Yaatri performed

their popular songs including Ek

paye nupur and Ekta gopon kotha. Alternative rock band Artcell somoy. Then they rendered Dukkha bilash, Annyo somoy and Amar poth chola.

Ornob performed folksong Sona diya; Bhalobasha tarpor, Tor jonyo and Abdul Alim's classic Amar har kala korlam-re.

Then on stage came three old and popular bands, Maqsood O' Dhaka, Souls and L.R.B. First Magsood O' Dhaka rendered six popular songs including Bangladesh, Giti kobita-I and Melay jairey.

Souls' performance included Mon shudhu mon chhuyechhey, Dekha hobey bondhu and Chayer cup-e. L.R.B rendered number of English songs including Money for nothing of Dire Stairs, Californication of Red Hot Chilli Peppers and songs including Amar ek chokhey Lalon, Bhobey ami kandi and Ami Knocking on heaven's door of Eric Clapton. L.R.B also rendered their Alternative fusion band own songs, including Ekhon onek raat, Shei tumi and Bangladesh.

Both S.M. Arif Reza Hossain, Operative Director of ADTL and Rajib Hasan, Associate Director of amadergaan.com anticipated that the target of collecting 5000 USD should fulfill as the venue was packed. Rajib Hasan also informed that the proceeds from the concert, and funds collected through online donation campaign would be given to the "Prothom-Alo Sidr Victims Relief Funds".

The evening session began as Channel-i and the Prothom Alo Aurthohin took the stage. Their were the media partners and Radio performance included Mukhta Today was the radio partner of the tuley akashtakey, Tumi bhorechho ei mon and Adbhut shei chheleti. programme.

# Golden Globes face boycott threat

opar hoye boshey achhi.

rendered four songs. Shironamhin

presented a number of their popu-

lar songs including Cafeteria,

came and started their perfor-

mance with the romantic song

Bristi porey. Bappa Majumdar then

rendered favourites, such as Pori,

Bazi and Shah Abdul Karim's song

Gari choley na. Alternative band

Metal Maze next presented five

songs.

Popular band Dolchhut next

Hanshimukh and Ichchhey ghuri.

This month's Golden Globe Awards are in jeopardy after striking writers insisted they would continue with plans to picket the Hollywood ceremony. Organisers hoped last-minute talks with the Writers Guild of America would allow the show to go on, but the union said it would still picket the show. The Screen Actors Guild also said it would advise stars to boycott the show until the strike dispute is resolved. The Golden Globes ceremony is scheduled to take place 13 January. Writers have been striking since 5 November in a row over royalties for work distributed online or released on DVD.

The Hollywood Foreign Press Association, which organises the Golden Globes, had been hoping to reach an interim agreement with writers to allow them to work on the show. Union leaders had reached a similar deal with talk show host David Letterman's company to allow his Late Show to return to TV this week. But the WGA, which represents 10,500 film and TV writers, refused, saying it was engaged in a "crucial struggle that will protect our income and intellectual property rights for generations to come".

Screen Actors Guild president Alan Rosenberg said, "We will advise our members of their rights with respect to not crossing WGA picket lines and/or not appearing on programmes using non-union writers." He said a meeting with actor nominees was scheduled for later this week. Some 20 million people watched last year's Golden Globes ceremony on the NBC network. Some Hollywood observers have speculated that without scripts and celebrities, awards organisers may opt to keep the cameras away to lessen the risk of embarrassment. But the risk of losing millions of dollars in TV income may force them to televise the ceremonies anyway.

Source: Internet (BBC News)



Picketers protesting Golden Globe Awards

## **CULTURAL CORRESPONDENT**

Humayun Faridee and Salma Rosey in Chicago Hridoy

four digital films

Renowned actor-director Shahiduzzaman Selim has recently made four digital films -- Mixed Culture, Ekjon Ajmal Hossain, Abinashi Shabdorashi and Chicago Hridoy -- all shot in the US. Of the films, Mixed Culture and Ekjon Ajmal Hossain were aired on Channel i and ATN Bangla respectively, as part of the Eid-special programmes recently. Chicago Hridoy will be aired on Channel-I

On his digital films, Shahiduzzaman Selim said, "Farhad Hossain, a non-resident Bangladeshi (NRB) living in US, is the scriptwriter of Mixed Culture, Ekjon Ajmal Hossain and Abinashi Shabdorashi. Farhad has done courses on scriptwriting and is currently working as an independent filmmaker. Anisul Haque is the scriptwriter of Chicago Hridoy."

society, generation gap, love and frustration. Chicago Hridoy, fol lows a day in the life of a newly married woman who arrives in US She does not have much idea of her husband or life in US, as the wedding was conducted over the phone. Her cabdriver husband cannot come on time to pick her up at the airport. Another Bangladeshi expatriate gives her a hand in the crisis and the drama begins," said Selim further informed that

"Except Chicago Hridoy, all the

movies feature issues Bangladeshi

immigrants face in the US, such as

their position in a multi-cultural

Mixed Culture, Ekjon Ajmal Hossain and Abinashi Shabdorashi are bilingual productions in which both popular Bangladeshi actors and promising NRB artistes have played the central characters. The crewmembers were all US professionals.

Commenting on the reason behind making these films in US, Selim said, "All four films are jointly produced by Chicago Bioscope (US) and Dream Factory (Bangladesh). Ekjon Ajmal Hossain will participate in the Independent Film Festival (US). The project was an experiment towards making a full-length film in US."

PICK OF THE DAY

#### 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

CHANNEL-i

channels).

News (Bangla) at 7:15 am. 9:00am, 2:00pm, 7:00pm, 9:00pm, 10:30pm, 12:15 am. 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.

5:00pm, 7:15pm, 10:30pm.

2:30pm. 6:30pm. 7:30pm. 10:00pm. 12:30am BANGLAVISION

News (Bangla) at 7:30am. 1:30pm.

News Headlines (Bangla) at 10:00am.

### News (Bangla) at 10:15pm. and 12:15am

News (English) at 6:00pm

12:00am. 4:00pm.

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2:00pm, 7:30pm, 10:30pm, 1:00am ETV News (Bangla): 1:00pm, 3:00pm, 5:00pm, 7:00pm, 9:00pm, 11:00pm

### BTV 08:45 Esho Gaan Shikhi 11:15 Desher Gaan 11:40 Shukhi Poribaar 12:05 Maa o Shishur Katha Documentary Programme Mati O'Manush

#### 02:15 Sisimpur 02:40 Bangla Feature Film 09:30 05:25 Nobo Anondey Jago

06:25 Shomoy-er Prekhyapot 07:05 Documentary Programme 08:30 Documentary Programme: Amar Bangladesh Drama: Kodom-ey

#### 10:30 Documentary Programme 11:00 Talk Show: Date Line Dhaka

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ATN BANGLA 08:15 Ajker Shanbadpotro 08:30 Nupurer Chhondey 09:15 Drama Serial: 10:30 Talk Show: Aktel Onyodrishti 11:05 Shath Din Shesh Okhkhor

Amader Nurul Huda 12:15 Musical Programme: 01:30 Documentary Programme: Prapok 02:30 Bangla Feature Film 05:00 Gram Gonjer Khobor

06:20 Entertainment Show: Eld-er Haowa 08:00 Drama Serial: Aloknogor 08:40 Drama Serial: Chor

Kuthuri 09:20 Drama Serial: Ek Jonomey 11:30 Daily Soap: Doll's House 12:00 Grameenphone Lead News

## **CHANNEL** i

Bangladesh 09:45 Public Reaction Grameenphone Tritiomatra Aalna Citycell Taroka 12:30

Gaan Sa Re Ga Ma 03:05 Educational 04:05

Method 04:50

Tomar Shurer Dhara Drama: Swapneel Agami 06:30 Debate Pogramme: Oditio Mega Serial: Ghar Kutum Drama Serial: Noukadubi 09:35 Hridoye Matio O Manush Drama Serial: Phire Dekha

11:30 Live Drama Serial;

12:00 Grameenphone

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Talk Show: Amader Kathan 01:05 Ebong Cinemar 01:30 Musical Programme:

Hridoyer Gaan Programme: F M Shotyer Shondhaney

Ghuri On Rtv at 8:00 pm Single Episode TV play Cast: Jaya Ahsan, Mahfuz Ahmed

10:05 Tifin-er Phakey

10:30 Apnar Jigyasha

Bochhor

Sharkar-er Ek

Swapno Jaal

Shubho Shondha

04:25 Golpokathar Natok

Shoptaho

Bochhor

Sharkarer Ek

06:45 Shangskriti Ei

09:00 One- Eleven

12:10 One- Eleven

02:30 Drama Serial:

03:15 Music Jam

04:50 Alokpat

01:05

06:20

11:35 Talk Show: El Shomoy Rtv 08:15 Gaanchil Ei Din 09:05 Drama Serial: Ebong Rohoshyer Golpa 10:00 Children's Japan Video Topic

Programme: Jingey Phurer Deshey 10:30 Protidin Gopshop 11:30 12:15 Drama Serial: Briddyashram 01:00 Gaanchil Ei Din

Bangla Feature Film

Protidin

08:00 Drama: Ghuri

06:00

06:35 Tarzan

Genre: Action/Adventure Cast: Alex Pettyfer, Sarah Bolger 11:00 Fashion Show: Look at Me 11:30 News Watch 12:00 Rtv Exclusive CHANNEL 1 09:30 Cartoon 10:30 Bagan Bilash

Stormbreaker

On Star Movies at 7:00 pm

11:00 Drama: Bhalobasha Karey Koy 12:05 Tele Film 02:00 Shoptaho Shashey 03:30 Drama 05:15 Concert 06:00 Saaj Bela 07:00 Shomoy-er Swad

09:00 Drama Serial: Shoku

09:30 Shomoy-er Aainay

Raajniti

08:00 Ekusher Shokal 02:30 Bangla Feature Film 05:15 Protikriti 05:45 Ekusher Shondha

06:15 Sms Mania 06:30 Shoptaho Ghurey Desh Jurey 07:30 Explosive 08:30 Total Music 09:30 Ekusher Shomoy 10:30 Binodon Bishwa

11:45 Reporter's File 12:00 Ekusher Raat BANGLAVISION 09:05 Children's Programme 09:30 Sports Vision

10:10 Agamir Kontho Media Bhubon 02:40 Drama Serial: Shunyo Pata 03:05 Apnar Agami Banglavision Cafe 06:05 Din-er Sheshey 08:25 Drama Serial: Pinkol

Akash 09:05 Talk Show: Amar Ami 09:45 Drama Serial: Shornokutir 11:20 Raat Biraatey 12:00 Shangbad Protidin

STAR MOVIES 07:45 Holy Man 09:45 The Abyss 12:15 | Spy 02:00 Paparazzi 03:25 The Perfect Catch

05:10 Back To The Future li 07:00 Stormbreaker 08:35 Into The Blue 10:30 Night Watch 12:30 Raw Deal

STAR PLUS 11:30 V Trailers - Star Plus 12:25 Bolly V 12:30 Sonpari

01:00 Saibaba 02:00 Jai Maa Durga 03:00 Bidaai 05:00 Maine Pyaar Kyun Kiya 08:00 Aek Chabhi Hai Padoss Mein

Ustaad

08:30 Jai Maa Durga 09:30 Prithviraj Chauhan 10:00 Baa Bahoo Aur Baby 10:30 Star Voi Chhote

12:00 Bidaai 12:30 Bolly V STAR WORLD Radio Foorti 88.0 FM 09:30 Nois 10:30 The Bold And The 07:00am Hello Dhaka (Apu) 11:00am Amar 88.0 (Nusrat) Beautiful 12:30 The Knights Of

03:00pm Dhaka Calling (Sakib) 07:00pm Fuad Live (Fuad) Prosperity 11:30am Back to Back music 01:00 Travel Asia Radio Today 89.6 FM 01:30 Heroes 07:15am Good Morning 06:30 Ghost Whisperer Dhaka (Biplob) 07:30 Tna Xplosion 07:45am Today's Happy 08:30 Kyle Xy Moments 09:30 Miracle Quest

> 12:00pm Fatafati Adda (Nudrat & Sayfi) 01:45pm Dupurer Khabor 04:00pm U-tum (Tania) 06:45pm Shondher Khabor 08:00pm Tobe Tai Hok (Sayem) 09:45pm Raater Khabor

08:45am Shokaler Khabor

11:45pm Moddho Raater Khabor 12:00am Today's Happy Moments 12:10am Raat Vor Gan (Nirob)

11:30 Global Pendant 04:30 | Didn't Know That 11:45 Home Jogger 12:30 Jesus of Nazereth 01:30 The Moghul room 06:00 Emperor Penguins 02:30 The Great Ships 03:30 Lawrence of Arabia 04:30 Alien Engineering #2 05:30 Nissan Z Car 06:30 Jesus of Nazereth

12:30 Etosha HISTORY 09:00 Sauna Belt 09:30 Superpower Spy Planes

10:30 Tactical to Practical

10:30 The Black

12:30 Kyle Xy

GEOGRAPHIC

09:30 King Bear

10:30 Dance of the Jinni

11:30 Nectar of Life

12:30 Dino Autopsy

02:30 Harry Enfield

05:00 Chimp Diaries

06:30 Downed Pilot

07:30 Deadly Summer

08:30 Monsoon Railway

10:30 My Brillant Brain

11:30 The Godfathers

03:30 Mad Labs

05:30 Big Bang

01:30 Dino Death Trap

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Donnellys

11:30 Celebrity Debut

07:30 Opus Dei Unveiled

08:30 Tough Going 10:30 The Universe

09:30 Pandora's Box 11:30 Green River Killer 12:30 Pandora's Box