

## CULTURALFEAST

## Poush Mela

Organiser: Poush Mela Ujjapon Parishad  
Venue: Ramna Botoomool  
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

Prolific and passionate messages



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

FAYZA HAQ

If one asked for Dali-like surrealism or wanted lyrical decorations from nature, or 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.

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, 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

graphic details, others go in for the Jackson Pollock effect. From the ornamental, like Rajul Islam (Lovelu) and Md. Abdul (Aziz) to the semi-abstract, like Md. Zahir Hossain (Newton), both thematically and stylistically, the painters drive their messages home with a tremendous 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.

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 academic feats.



## Great gig for rock n' roll

Charity concert for Sidr victims



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. (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, Arbivurus, 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

songs including *Amar ek chokhey Lalon*, *Bhobhey ami kandi* and *Ami opar hoye boshey achhi*.

Alternative fusion band Arbivurus next took the stage and rendered four songs. Shironamhin presented a number of their popular songs including *Cafeteria*, *Hanshimukh* and *Ichchhey ghuri*.

Popular band Dolchhut next came and started their performance 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.

The evening session began as Aurthohin took the stage. Their performance included *Mukhta tuley akashtakey*, *Tumi bhorechho ei mon* and *Adbhut shei chhelet*.

Mello rock band Yaatri performed their popular songs including *Ek paye nupur* and *Ektogopon kotha*. Alternative rock band Artcell next took the stage. They started their performance with *Dhusor somoy*. Then they rendered *Dukha 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 Maqsood O' Dhaka rendered six popular songs including *Bangladesh*, *Giti kobila* 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, *California* of Red Hot Chili Peppers and *Knocking on heaven's door* of Eric Clapton. L.R.B. also rendered their own songs, including *Ekhon onek raat*, *Sheitumi* 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".

Channel-i and the Prothom Alo were the media partners and Radio Today was the radio partner of the programme.

## Shahiduzzaman Selim on his four digital films

Humayun Faridee and Salma Rosey in *Chicago Hriday*

CULTURAL CORRESPONDENT

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

*Hriday* will be aired on Channel-i soon.

On his digital films, Shahiduzzaman Selim said, "Farhad Hossain, a non-resident Bangladeshi (NRB) living in US, is the scriptwriter of *Mixed Culture*, *Eklon 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 Hriday*."

"Except *Chicago Hriday*, all the movies feature issues Bangladeshi immigrants face in the US, such as their position in a multi-cultural society, generation gap, love and frustration. *Chicago Hriday*, follows 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.

Selim further informed that *Mixed Culture*, *Eklon Ajmal Hossain* and *Abinashi Shabdorashi* are bilingual productions in which both popular Bangladeshi actors and promising NRB artists 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). *Eklon Ajmal Hossain* will participate in the Independent Film Festival (US). The project was an experiment towards making a full-length film in US."

## New drama serial "Pingol Akash" on Banglavisision

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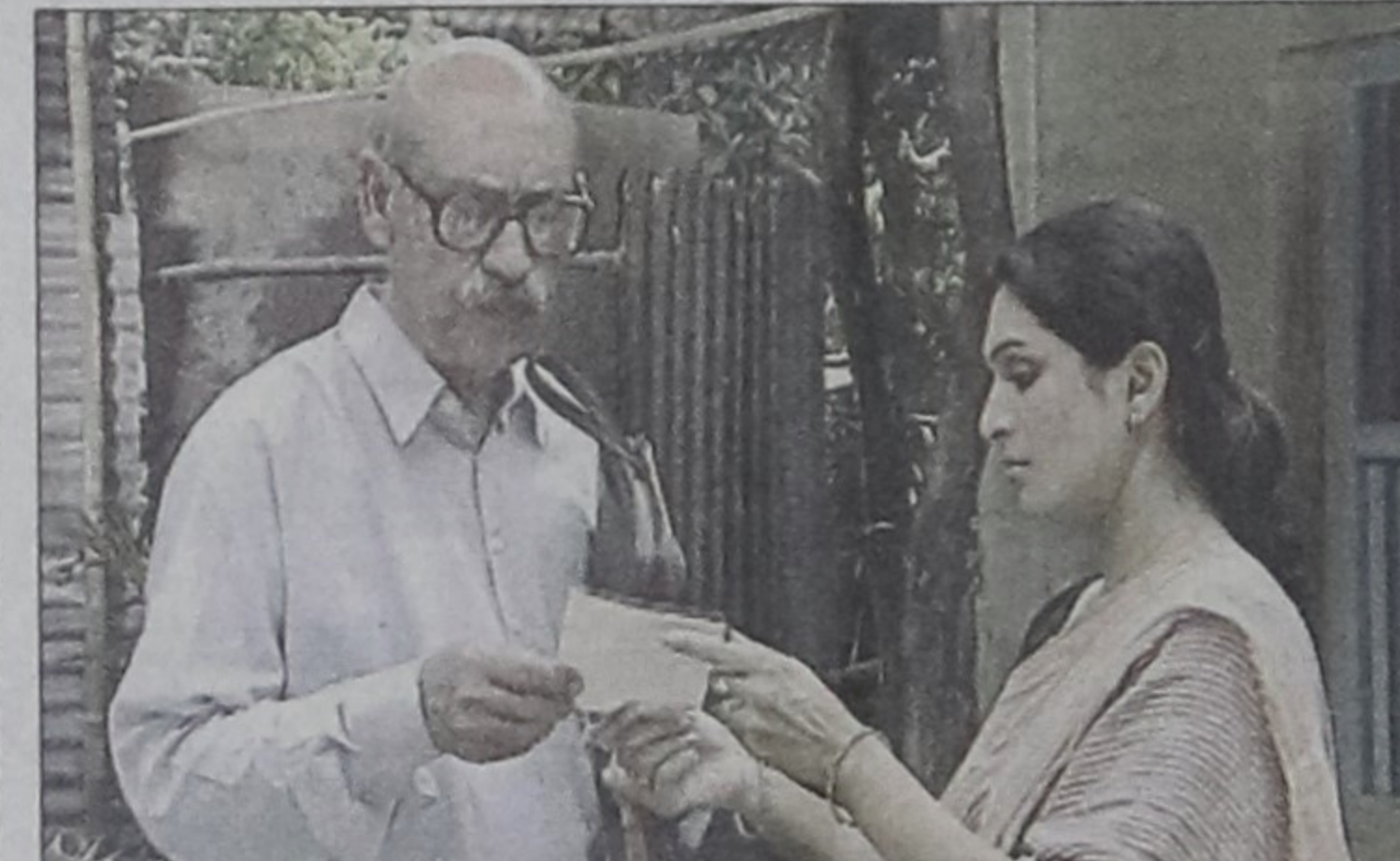
Tonight at 8:25 pm, new drama serial *Pingol Akash* will be aired on Banglavisision. It is an adaptation of litterateur Shawkat Ali's novel of the same name. Scripted by Sheikh Shahadat Hossain, it is directed by Abul Hayat.

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 university-going elder son of the family. On the other hand, Manju's mother has an extramarital relationship with her husband's rich cousin, Akram.

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

## Golden Globes face boycott threat

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)



Pickers protesting Golden Globe Awards

## ON AIR

## PICK OF THE DAY



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



Stormbreaker  
On Star Movies at 7:00 pm  
Genre: Action/Adventure  
Cast: Alex Pettyfer, Sarah Bolger

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 am, 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 7:30am, 1:30pm, 5:00pm, 7:15pm, 10:30pm.  
News Headlines (Bangla) at 10:00am, 12:00am, 4:00pm.  
News (English) at 6:00pm

Rtv

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

BTV

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11:15 Desher Gaan  
11:40 Shukhi Poribar  
12:05 Maa o Shishur Katha  
12:30 Documentary Programme

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02:15 Sisimpor  
02:40 Bangla Feature Film  
05:25 Nabo Anonder Jago  
06:25 Shomoy-er Prekhyapoti  
07:05 Documentary Programme  
08:30 Documentary Programme: Amar Bangladesh  
09:00 Drama: Kodom-ey Kanta  
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11:00 Talk Show: Date Line Dhaka

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11:30 Daily Soap: Doli's House  
12:00 Gramophone Lead News

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