#### CULTURALFEAST

#### **Ekushey Book Fair**

Venue: Bangla Academy Date: February 1-29 Time: 4pm onwards 11:00am onwards on weekly holidays

#### 10th International Short & Independent Film Festival, Dhaka-2008

Inaugural Ceremony Venue: Poet Sufia Kamal Auditorium, National Museum, Shahbag Date: February 14 Time: 4 pm

#### Theatre Festival

Marking the 30th anniversary Group: Samay Natyadal Venue: National Theatre Stage Date: February 8-16 Time: 6:30pm February 13 Play: Deshdrohi

#### Group: Hrittik (India) Theatre

Title: Dakghor Troupe: Palakar Venue: Palakar Studio, 133, Natak Swarani, New Bailey Road Date: February 14, 15 Time: 6:30 pm

#### Spring Festival

Organiser: Samageet Shangskriti Venue: Beside Arts Faculty Building, Dhaka University Date: February 13 Time: 10am onwards

#### International Art Exhibition

Organiser: Asiatic Society of Bangladesh Venue: Auditorium, Asiatic Society of Bangladesh, 5 Old Secretariat Road, Nimtali, Ramna Date: February 9-24 Time: 2pm-8pm

#### Fine Arts and Handicrafts Fair

Organiser: Greater Mymensingh Fine Arts Coordination Forum Venue: Shilpacharya Zainul Abedin Sangrahashala, Shaheb Quarter Park, Mymensingh Date: February 1-14

#### Photography Exhibition

Marking the 65th anniversary of Battle of Stalingrad Organiser: Russian Centre for Science and Culture Venue: Russian Centre for Science and Culture, House 510, Road 7, Dhanmono Date: February 6-14 Time: 10am-7pm (except Friday &

Saturday) Title: Studying Life Venue: Drik Gallery, House 58, Road 15A (New), Dhanmondi Date: February 1-15

#### Solo Painting Exhibition

Time: 3-8 pm

Title: Natural Affection Artist: Kazi Kamrul Islam Venue: Drik Gallery, House 58, Road 15A (New), Dhanmondi Date: February 13-23 Time: 3pm-8pm

#### Musical Soiree

Title: Ghoroya Gaaner Ashor Organiser: Centre for Oriental Art Appreciation Venue: Alamgir Kabir Chalachchitra Kendra, 62, Science Laboratory Road Date: February 14 Time: 6pm

# Anukul's dream world of nebulous figures

FAYZA HAQ

NUKUL Mojumder's ongoing exhibition at Shilpangan brings in his favourite I theme of mother and child with the harmonious elements of nature in the backdrop. His lines and curves follow those of Ajanta and Elora cave drawings, which he merges with his own style to give his paintings and drawings a modern edge. "Of all the creations on earth, I consider human beings to be the most beautiful," says Anukul"

Master painters from the past like Picasso, Moore and Rodin have been preoccupied with the human form and this artist too plays with limbs, torso, hips and faces as if they were integral parts of some romantic dream, where the human anatomy floats though space and time. Anukul has the joint family in mind, and one sees numerous figures in many of his paintings and sketches.

The artist invokes his childhood days in Barisal. The swimming boats, flowing rivers and rain are included in Anukul's study of man and nature. He longs for the wet grass and the chirping of the tiny birds, bringing in waves of lyricism in his drama of dancing human images. His figures face upwards, as if longing to flee from the urban bindings to a tranquil haven of the far off countryside with its fields, pastures and conglomeration of trees and their adjacent bushes and entwining creepers.

At times he smudges the paints and the charcoal lines with his fingers so that the effect is more lyrical. At times he drapes his images in clouds of cobalt blue and vermilion, explaining that these are the colours of dream sequences. Anukul paints in his small studio near Mohammadpur, pouring over his work by day and night, whenever he gets time off from his routine task of looking after the Shilpangan gallery.

Anukul does not use models but introduces lines and sweeps from his memories of ancient sculptures seen in actuality, paintings and photographs. The voluptuous thighs, breasts,



#### An artwork by Anukul Mojumder

hips, sweeps of floating hair, and fingers like curling petals are stylised shapes of his memories of gods and goddesses, reaching back to his academic days.

"The figure drawings of SM Sultan and Zainul Abedin have influenced me greatly. So have the works of Rafigunnabi and Quayyum Chowdhury, who were my teachers. Matisse and Gauguin's exotic paintings and their raw, vibrant colours are also invoked in my paintings. The impact of pata-chitra and lakkhishara along with the stylisation of Bengal School of Art again affect my line work of

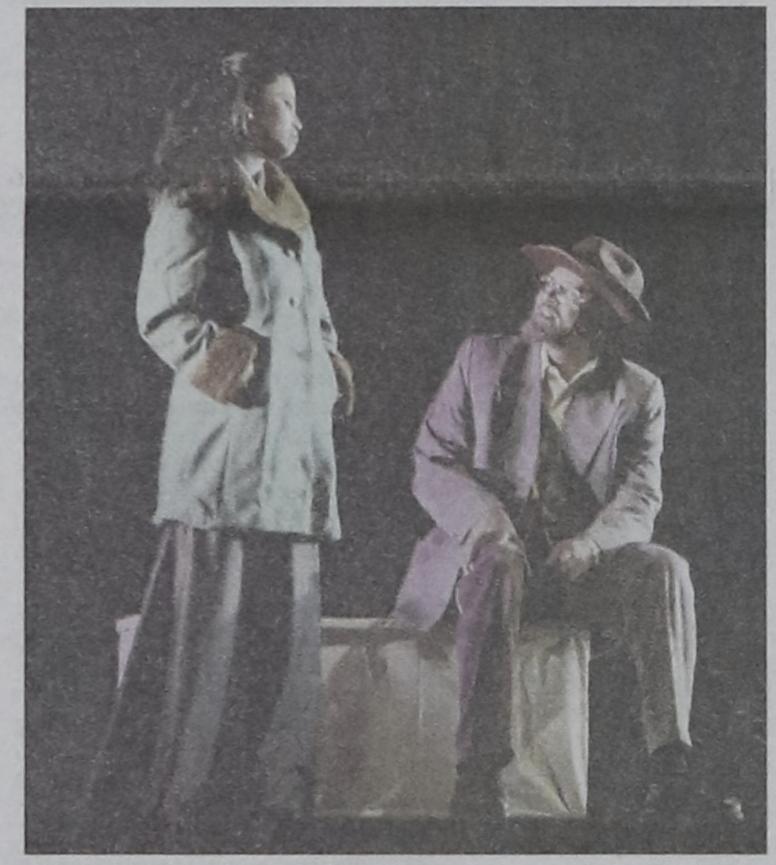
bringing in nebulous female forms on my paper. Festive colours seen in jatra and Boishakhi melas in the ochre and reds are similarly a part of my paintings," says Anukul. Surrounded by floods, famines, and cyclones, the artist's paintings are an escape into a world of gaiety and contentment.

Embracing human figures -- running, resting, dancing, skipping and being entwined with nature, skies and foliage -- are themes that Anukul tirelessly repeats in his paintings and sketches.

The exhibition ends on February 18.

# Samay Theatre Festival 08

## "Punorojjibon": An adaptation of Ibsen's last work



Actors of Anik in the play Punorojjibon

Punorojjibon -- a translation of Ibsen's last (1899), least produced and probably most abstract play When We Dead Awaken -- was staged at the festival arranged by Samay Sanskritik Goshthi. Kolkata based theatre troupe Anik staged Punorojjibon at the National Theatre Stage on February 10.

ERSHAD KAMOL

Punorojjibon features the story of Professor Rubek, a sculptor who in his youth created a masterpiece titled The Resurrection Day that made him rich and famous. The achievement also left him unable to work and trapped in a lonely, sterile life. The play tries to analyse the meaning of life to an artist. In order to create, one must sacrifice.

The characters in When We Dead Awaken are seemingly suitable applicants for a mental asylum; so distraught are they in their essential details that nothing can reconcile them with the reality.

Professor Rubek has been presented as a brutal egomaniac, who is the cause of all misery in the play. His symbolic "death" happened after finishing The Resurrection not incorporate the aesthetic Day, for which he used Irene as a model. The artist has a love affair with his model but once the sculp- spontaneous on the stage.

ture is done he rejects her. To Rubek it was 'only an episode' but that episode was Irene's life. Rubek's wife, Maia does not celebrate life either. For her, "life" ceased to exist after four years of marital bliss -during which she eagerly waited for her husband to take her up to a mountain and show her all the glory of the world.

The character 'Irene' is symbolic. Irene means 'peace'. She symbolises the peace, which follows 'when we dead awaken' But that peace is really an illusion. Two of the three acts in the play

are set on a mountain top, which is difficult to portray with minimal stage design. The play's metaphysical elements add to the challenge faced by director Amalesh Chakraborty.

The director's approach to the play is realistic. The tension in the play has been captured aptly. Using three layers set and light effects on the cyclorama an ambience of mountain has been cre-

Acting was the weakest part of the production. The actors could sentiments successfully. To some extant, actors of Anik were not

## Tribute to Selim Al Deen in Rajshahi

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Rajshahi

When actress Shimul Yousuff descended from the stage, performing the last scene of Chaka, the audience seemed spellbound,

Seven plays, including Chaka, written by the recently deceased dramatist Selim Al Deen were staged at a programme at the Puthia Rajbari premises, some 35km from the Rajshahi town last Saturday evening. The programme by Puthia Theatre was a tribute to Al Deen.

Al Deen's play Chaka narrates a harrowing tale of an unidentified corpse. The corpse has to be buried. An ox-cart driver and his companion travel with the corpse to far-flung cities and villages but none acknowledge it. The body decomposes and stinks. They burry the dead on a dry riverbed. By that time, the "dead" consciousness had arisen in each of them.

'Kalindi', a character from Al tre and Music Department, Dhaka Theatre, Nasiruddin Yousuff Deen's play Joiboti Konnar Mon Rajshahi University performed prior to performing in Chaka, portraying the 'narrative technique' that Al Deen developed and popularised. Joiboti Konnar Mon delves into women's psychology. Kalindi, a Hindu artiste elopes with Alal. Troubles brew when Alal, a Muslim, becomes a fanatic and starts hating art and music. Kalindi,



Shimul Yousuff places flowers at a portrait of Selim Al Deen

however, does not leave her arts.

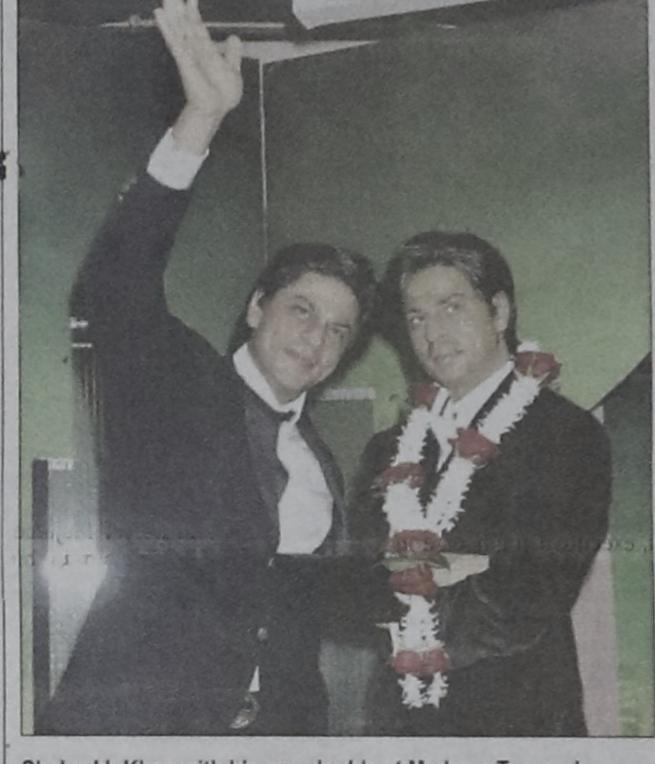
Five theatre troupes from different districts staged parts from Selim Al Deen's plays at the Shimul Yousuff, also enacted programme. Students of the Thea-Kittonkhola, Govindagaj Theatre from Gaibandha staged Bashon, Puthia Theatre staged Sangbad Cartoon, Deviganj Theatre staged Shakuntala and Shantinagar Theatre from Jaipurhat staged Muntasir.

"Al Deen used to visit Puthia frequently, at least 30 times in the last 20 years. Culturally oriented erntheatre."

people here were shocked after receiving the news of his death," said Puthia Theatre Convenor Kazi Saveed Hossain Dulal.

Eminent director and founder of who directed most of Selim Al Deen's plays, said, "Selim realised that 200 years of colonial rule had detached us from our indigenous traditions. He was the only playwright in Bangla literature, after Rabindranath Tagore, who successfully incorporated our indigenous style of narrative in the mod-

## Sharukh-mania in Berlin



Shahrukh Khan with his wax double at Madame Tussauds

#### NAZMUN NESA PIARI, Berlin

The director of Berlinale (Berlin International Film Festival, from February 7 to 17) Dieter Kosslick has invited Bollywood star Shahrukh Khan without probably realising how enormous an impact this would have. In a few days 32,000 e-mails were sent to the Berlinale organisers enquiring about Shahrukh. Many youngsters from all parts of Europe have announced that they want to meet him personally.

Berlinale is one of the world's most important film festivals, rewarding golden and silver bears to competing films. It attracts mega stars like Tom Cruise, George Clooney, Sharone Stone, Catherine Deneuve etc.

At the Berlinale, Om Shanti Om, a Hindi film featuring Shahrukh Khan, will be screened. Khan is also scheduled to give a lecture on "Cinema, reality and love" at the festival.

A clear sign of Sharukh-mania could be seen even before the beginning of Berlinale. The tickets for Om Shanti Om were sold out shortly.

## Scorsese to make film on Bob Marley

Martin Scorsese will direct a film Scorsese guide the journey." about Bob Marley. He has already Marley's family and the release recently where his Rolling Stones Marley, son of the legendary became the first non-fiction film reggae artists, says, "I am thrilled to ever open the festival. The that the Marley family will finally veteran rockers joined him on the have the opportunity to docu- red carpet. ment our father's legacy and are truly honoured to have Mr. Source: BBC

The music-loving helmer was been given authorisation by at the Berlin Film Festival has been set for early 2010. Ziggy documentary Shine A Light

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07:00 My Wife And Kids

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11:30 Most Shocking

06:00 Malcolm in The Middle

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# ON AIR

PICK OF THE DAY

#### The Daily Star will not be responsible for any change in the programme.

All programmes are in local time.

#### News Bulletin

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, 12:15 am. ATN BANGLA News (Bangla) at 7:00 am.10:00am. 2:00 pm. 7:00 pm. 10:00 pm, 11pm.

Latest News (Bangla) at 9:00 a.m,10:00

News (English) 8:20am,7:00pm

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

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News Headlines (Bangla) at 10:00am. 12:00am. 4:00pm. News (English) at 6:00pm Rtv

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

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

#### Islamic Programme Shuprobhaat Drama Serial: Shangshaptak Da Shuno Shen Maa o Shishur Katha Kori O Kornal Berai Tarey Hijol Tomal Golpo Theke Natok Cartoon

## CHANNEL i

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## Drama Seriak Daanguli Selected Programme Selected Programme

# Show Case 09:30

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02:40 Drama Serial: Silvia March

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