

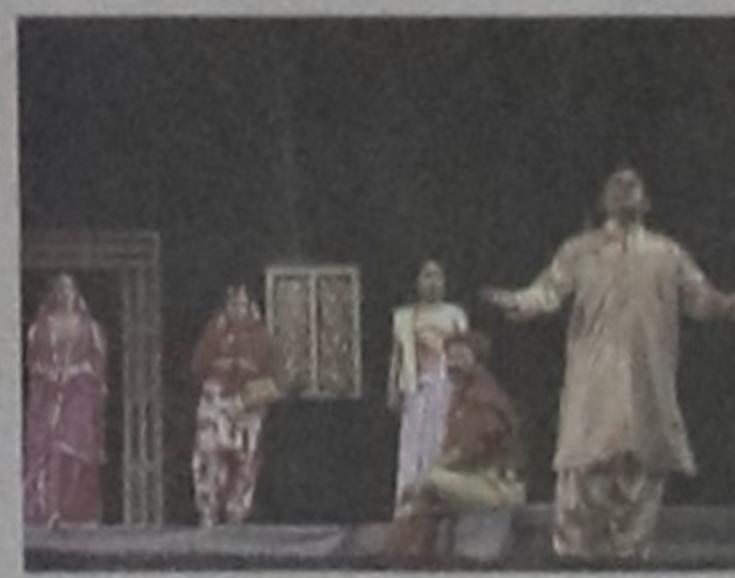
WHAT'S ON THIS WEEK

Solo Painting Exhibition
Title: Image
Artist: Mohammad Fokhru Islam
Venue: Alliance Francaise, 26, Mirpur Road, Dhannondi
Date: May 2-15
Time: 9:00am - 12:00 pm & 5:00pm - 8:00pm
On Saturdays 5:00pm- 8:00pm



Theatre

Play: Konjush
Troupe: Loko Natyadal
Venue: Mahila Samiti Auditorium, Bailey Road
Date: May 9
Time: 7 pm



Theatre

Play: Sitar Bonobash
Troupe: Department of Drama and Music, DU
Venue: Natmondo, DU
Date: May 4-8
Time: 7 pm everyday



Theatre

Play: Little Shop of Horror
Troupe: Dhaka Stage
Venue: American International School, United Nations Road, Baridhara
Date: May 7-9
Time: 7:30 pm everyday



Paintings idolising a Hollywood icon

FAYZA HAQ

Inspired by a book on Charlie Chaplin, Md. Shafiqul Islam decided to sail into an exhibition of paintings on the subject. Just as Andy Warhol was fascinated by Marilyn Monroe, so the complex life of Charlie Chaplin spurred him on to paint a series on that prince of comedy. The result of this was recently seen in the Zoom Gallery of Alliance Francaise. Islam has a background of fine arts as he had studied sculpture at the Institute of Fine Arts, DU. He is interested in the world of films in general too, with Nasiruddin Shah, Shabana Azmi and Humayun Farid as his other icons from the realms of theatre and films.

"As a child I used to watch him on screen and admire him, and today I realize how he protested against various questionable elements in the then existing American society. Today, for me, he is an undisputed hero. The pieces are inspired by a book on Charlie Chaplin. Although I've taken a lot of the themes from the book, I've changed the figures, images, colours and the style of presenting the forms. I've used mostly black and white for Charlie Chaplin's films were in black and white."

The 22 paintings took me four years to complete. I used plastic colours that one normally uses for wall painting and applied them on canvas. I had good teachers at the FAI like late Mahbubul Amin, Hamiduzzaman Khan, Abdus Shakoor Shah and Abdul Razzaq," he says. He didn't use any preliminary sketches, and applied the brush on the canvas as his ideas came.

In one of the paintings we see Charlie Chaplin's portrait, with reels of films draped over him, and the impression of his wife, Una, at the back. In another image we see the actor with a bottle and walking stick in hand. In yet another painting we are confronted with skyscrapers, clouds with Charlie speaking on the mike, bordered by tiny figures of himself marching along the forefront. The hero is again shown as trying to avoid the women in his life. Part of this painting is done in red, pink, blue and green. Most of it is left white and black.

A circus scene is brought in next with Charlie's face and figure, and the subject is seen talking to a police about his work. He is also depicted as talking to a figure in Japanese clothes. Another painting shows many cars coming towards Chaplin, and he is



Artwork by Md. Shafiqul Islam

depicted as standing, supporting by his walking stick. Scenes from films are also juxtaposed with Chaplin's with notes presenting the idea that music is the life of a film.

Islam would have liked to have made a film in celluloid and this is the next best thing that

he could do. Islam has done courses on cinema from the Goethe Institut and the Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy. He has also worked as a graphic designer with Bangladesh Television, and as an art teacher at Gandaria Kishaloi Kochi Kancher Mela.

The exhibition ended recently.

"Ekjon Ajmol Hossain" to be screened at Rainbow Film Festival, UK

CULTURAL CORRESPONDENT

Ekjon Ajmol Hossain (His Dream, His Nightmare) is participating in the "Home and Away" section of the 9th Rainbow Film Festival, London, UK. Films made by non-resident Bangladeshi -- living in UK and USA -- are participating in this section. *Ekjon Ajmol Hossain* will be screened on May 27 at the Rich Mix Centre, London.

Based on a non-resident Bangladeshi, Farhad Hossain's screenplay, Shahiduzzaman Selim has made the digital film in USA. The film narrates the story of a Bangladeshi, Ajmol Hossain who is obsessed with acquiring an American citizenship. Humayun Farid, Shahiduzzaman Selim and several Bangladeshi expatriates living in US, have performed in *Ekjon Ajmol Hossain*.

Other films included in the "Home and Away" category are *Room No.28* directed by Anirban Kaddus, *Brick Lane* directed by Sarah Gavron and *Sub Let* directed by M. Kamal.

Beginning on May 25 with the screening of an Indian movie *Nanhe Jaiselmer*, the eight-day festival will run at different venues of East London featuring films from Bangladesh, India and other countries.

Twenty-four films will be screened at the festival in five sections. The sections are: Spe-



A scene from the film

cial Family Film, Bangladesh Panorama, Kolkata to Mumbai, Spice of Life and Home and Away.

After successfully hosting the "Bangladesh Film Festival," for seven consecutive years in London, Rainbow Film Society, UK has included films from other Asian countries in addition to Bangladesh.

Films made by Bangladeshi renowned filmmakers such as *Daruchini Dwip* directed by Taquir Ahmed, *Nomor Bipod Shonket* directed by Humayun Ahmed and *Ghani* directed by Kazi Morshed will be screened in 'Bangladesh Panorama' section. The festival will end with a screening of Mostofa Sarwar Farooki's digital film *Spartacus '71*.

Dhaka Music Conservatory in full gear

CULTURAL CORRESPONDENT

Dhaka Music Conservatory, the music institution of Centre for Asian Arts and Cultures (CAAC), was founded in 2001. Initially the institution offered piano, violin and cello lessons. To run a conservatory properly, teachers with required academic background with a focus in their respective areas are needed. The institution now has all of the teachers to

meet these requirements, organisers said at a press conference on May 5.

Primarily the conservatory will have eleven faculty members, of whom five will teach western classical music, five will teach Indian classical music and one faculty member will teach traditional Bangladeshi folk music.

The conservatory hopes to arrange monthly concerts. Lecture demonstrations will follow. Fur-

thermore, it plans to present similar concerts at the elementary schools of Bangladesh throughout the year to connect the children with music of our country and overseas.

The institution will follow the syllabus of Associated Board of Royal Schools of Music, London for its western disciplines. For Indian classical music and other courses, the institution will provide its own syllabus. The conservatory offers a two-year diploma,

with eight semesters; each semester is four months long. Students registering for ABRSM examinations will be able to finish the minimum grade 2 during these two years.

The courses include Hindustani Classical Vocal; *Tabla* and *Pakhawaj*; Violin and Cello; Western Classical Composition, Theory and Modern Song; Comparative Study in Music, Theory, Music History; Software Music and Classical Guitar.



Raatri Rother Ulti Pitt

On ATN Bangla at 8:45 pm
Single Episode TV Play
Cast: Azad Abul Kalam, Uma Khondokar



Radio Foorti 88.0 FM

07:00am Hello Dhaka
11:00am Amar 88
03:00pm Dhaka Calling
07:00pm Seven Eleven
12:00am Back to Back music

Radio Today 89.6 FM
07:15am Good Morning Dhaka
11:00am Masti Unlimited
01:00pm Today's Adda
04:00pm U-tum
08:00pm Tobe Tai Hok
11:00pm Raat Vor Gan
02:00 am Back to Back

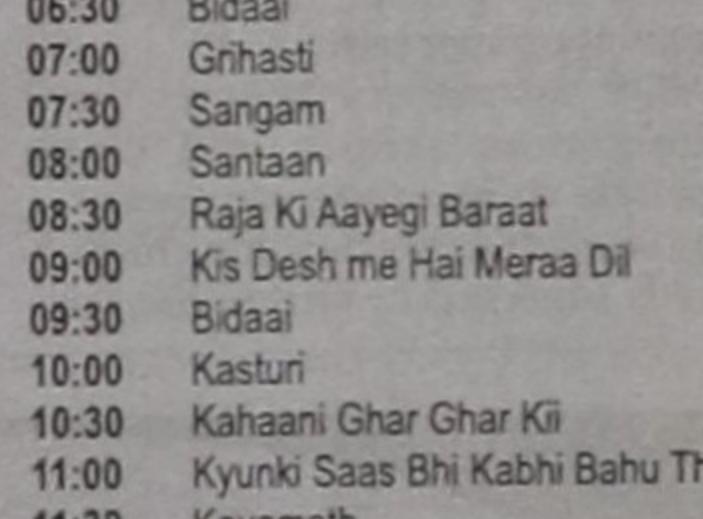


STAR MOVIES

08:15 Drama Serial: *Ei Kholther*
Khanche
09:00 *ntv Shamoyiki*
09:45 Drama Serial: *Neer*
11:25 *Ei Shomy*

BANGLAVISION
08:30 Musical Programme: *Shur-er*
Bhubone
09:00 *Banglavian Cafe*
10:10 Drama Serial: *Swapnochura*
10:40 Talk Show: *Amar Ami*
11:35 *Visa Apran Agami*
02:00 Daily Soap: *Mohanagar*
03:45 Son of The Pink Panther
05:25 *Messengers, The*
07:00 10 Items Or Less
08:30 *Dracula*
10:15 *Vip Access*
10:45 *Raw Deal*
12:30 *Striking Range*

STAR PLUS
08:30 *Kyunki Saas Bhi Kabhi*
Bahu Thi
09:00 *Kayamat*
09:30 *Kumkum - Pyara Sa Bandhan*
10:00 *Shaka Laka Boom Boom*
11:00 *Pritviraj Chauhan*
11:30 *Grihas*
12:00 *Raja Ki Aayegi Bazaar*



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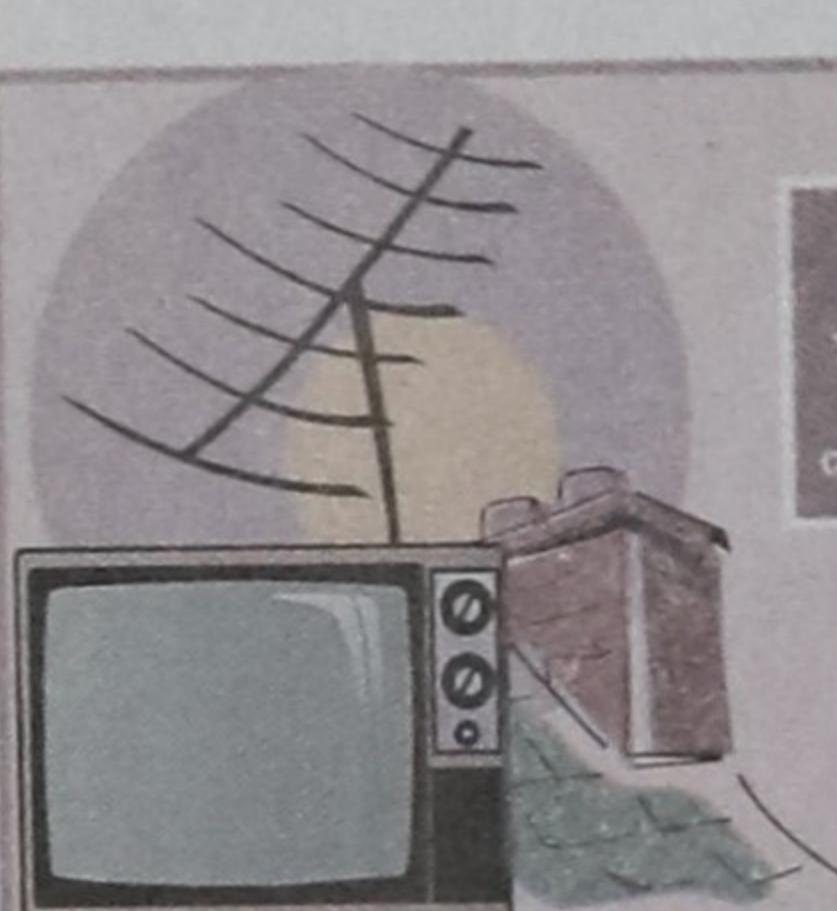
10:35 Hanging Up
12:40 Baby Geniuses
03:00 Don't Move
05:30 *El News*
06:00 *Spy Game*
09:00 *Game 6*
11:00 *Running Scared*

THE HISTORY CHANNEL
09:30 Breakfast Tech
10:30 Ancient Egypt
11:30 Eye Max
12:00 Swama Heera
12:30 Helen of Troy
01:30 Jekyll & Hyde
03:30 P-51 Mustang
04:30 Breakfast Tech
05:30 Mustang
06:30 Helen of Troy
07:30 *Mayan Doomsday Prophecy*
08:30 *BBQ Tech*
09:30 Dogfights - Season 2
10:30 Operation Market Garden
11:30 Destination Diamond Mine
12:30 Hitler's End



Spy Game

On Zee Studio at 06:00 pm
Genre: Action/Thriller
Cast: Robert Redford, Brad Pitt



News Bulletin

BTW
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, 2:00 pm, 3:00 pm, 4:00 pm, 5:00 pm, 6:00 pm, 7:00 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.

ATH BANGLA
News (Bangla) at 7:00 am, 10:00am, 2:00 pm, 7:00 pm, 10:00 pm, 11:00pm, 12:00 am, 1:00pm, 3:00 pm, 4:00 pm, 5:00 pm, 6:00 pm, 7:00 pm, 8:00 pm, 9:00 pm, 10:00 pm.

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

BANGLAVISION
News (Bangla) at 7:30 am, 1:30 pm, 5:00 pm, 7:15 pm, 10:30 pm.

News Headlines (Bangla) at 10:00 am, 12:00 pm, 4:00 pm, 5:00 pm, 6:00 pm, 7:00 pm, 8:00 pm, 9:00 pm, 10:00 pm.

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

ATN BANGLA
News (Bangla) at 8:00 pm, 12:00 pm, 2:30 pm, 6:30 pm, 7:30 pm, 10:00 pm, 12:30 am.

08:15 Aijker Shangbadpotro
08:30 Drama Serial: Chorkuthuri
09:15 Drama Serial: Alok Nogor
10:30 Talk Show: Onyodrishti
11:05 Three Stooges
11:35 Drama Serial: Khatia Mitha
12:15 Documentary Programme: Shongjatra
01:25 Musical Programme: ATN Music
02:30 Daily Soap: Doll's House
03:15 Mega Serial: O Amar Chokhkhui

04:20 Cholochhitter Golpo
05:00 Gram Gorj-er Khabar
05:10 Onanya
05:35 Travel Show: Obiram Bangla-desh
06:20 Talk Show: Katha Mala

08:45 Shuprobhaat
09:45 Public Reaction
09:50 Grameenphone Tritlo Matra
11:05 Cricket On Line
11:30 Amar Chhobi
12:30 Talk Show: Citycell
12:45 Tarokakathan
01:05 Ebong Cinemar Gaan
01:30 Musical Programme: Sa Re Ga Ma
02:35 Ekafturer Dinguli
03:05 I-Sports
04:05 Educational Programme: BSB
Cambrian Media Bikash
05:30 Mukhijuddo Protidin
06:00 Debate
06:20 Business Show
06:30 Shikhhikhar Chalchitro
07:50 Channel i Shera Kontro '08
09:35 Drama Serial: Neel Topantorey
10:00 Drama Serial: Zero Point
11:30 Astey Astey Astey
12:00 Grameenphone Ajker Shangbadpotro

08:20 Shuprobhaat
08:45 Pakkhi Barta
09:05 Talk Show
09:30 Smritimoy Geetimoy
10:05 Open University
10:30 Debate
11:30 Drama Serial: Kon Gramer
Meye
12:00 Maa O Shishur Katha
01:00 Anushilan
01:30 Mati O Manush
02:15 Shoyer Onneyshone
02:40 Moncho A Mocher Gaan
03:05 Cartoon
03:30 Shukhi Ponbar
04:05 Moner Kotha
04:45 Geet Bitan
05:05 Shasho
05:30 Shipo O Shahilo
06:15 Quiz
07:30 Maa O Shishur Katha
08:35 Drama Serial: Ghor Kala
09:15 Drama Serial: Kon Gramer
Meye
10:30 Shur-er Murchhona
11:00 Talk Show: Date Line Dhaka

08:00 Drama Serial: Mouchakey Dhil
08:45 Drama: Ratri Rother Ulti Pitt
11:30 Rang Mancha Tal
12:00 Grameenphone Lead News

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11:00 Gaaanchil El Din
01:30 Dhalivwood Beats
02:30 Bangla Feature Film
06:00 Protidin
06:35 Apon Shimanay
08:00 Drama Serial: Aguntaak
08:35 Cookery Show: R Ranna
09:20 Drama Serial: Shifakundo
Paharey

11:00 Prio Mukh
12:00 Editor's Comment

ntv
08:30 Ajker Shokal
08:55 Drama Serial: Amar Bou Shob
Janey
09:30 Cholochhitter Koto Katha
10:05 Kichhu Katha Kichhu Gaan