

WHAT'S ON THIS WEEK

Solo Painting Exhibition

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



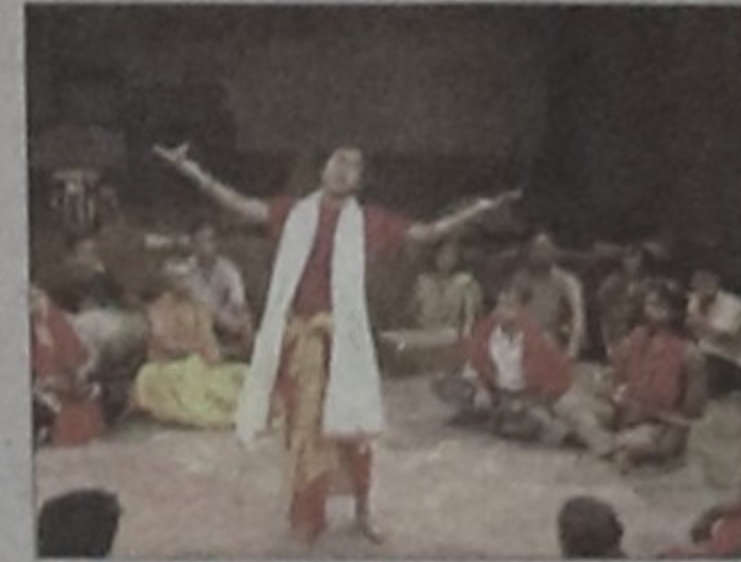
Theatre

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: Natmondi, 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 Faridie as his other icons from the realms of theatre and films.

"As I 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 Razzak," 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 draping 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 feed 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 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.



Artwork by Md. Shafiqul Islam

"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 Bangladeshis -- 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 Faridie, 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: Special Family Film, Bangladesh Panorama, Kolkata to Mumbai, Spice of Life and Home and Away.



A scene from the film

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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 Tauquir Ahmed, Noy Nombor 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. Furthermore, 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.

On Air

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 1
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 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, 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

CHANNEL-i
08:00 Drama Serial: Mouchakey Dhill
08:45 Drama: Ratri Rother Ulto Pitt
11:30 Rang Mancha Tal
12:00 Grameenphone Lead News
09:30 Shangbadpotrey Bangladesh
09:45 Public Reaction
09:50 Grameenphone Tritio Matra
11:05 Cricket On Line
11:30 Amar Chhobi
12:30 Talk Show: Citycell
01:05 Ebong Cinemar Gaan
01:30 Musical Programme: Sa Re Ga Ma
02:35 Ekatturer Dinguli
03:05 i-Sports
04:05 Educational Programme: BSB
05:30 Mukhtijudho Protidin
06:00 Tarzan
06:20 Business Show
06:30 Shikhar Chalcitro
07:50 Channel i Shera Kontho '08
09:35 Drama Serial: Neel Tepantorey
10:00 Drama Serial: Zero Point
11:30 Astey Astey Astey
12:00 Grameenphone Aiker Shangbadpotro

ETV
08:00 Aiker Potrika
08:30 Ekush-er Shokaal
09:15 Drama Serial: Dur-er Manush
10:30 Ekush-er Business
12:00 Ekusher Dupur
12:30 Ekushey Business: Special Focus
01:30 Ekushey Business: Shophol Jara
02:30 Drama Serial: Dur-er Manush
03:30 Katha ar Gaan
04:00 Musical Programme: Spondon
05:15 Sports Plus
05:45 Ekusher Shondhya
06:15 Quiz Show: SMS Mania
06:30 Chhondey Shure Desh Jurey
07:45 Suraat Haal
08:15 Drama Serial: Akey Shunya 10
09:30 Drama Serial: Tomtom
10:00 Drama: Shur-ulpur
11:40 Ei Shopalaler Bishwa
12:15 Ekusher Raat

RTV
08:40 Sangeet Angan
09:00 RTV Exclusive
09:05 Protidin
09:35 Heart Beat
10:03 Drama Serial: Poroshpor
11:00 Kingfisher Taroka Alap
11:30 Drama Serial: Aguntak
12:15 Look at Me
12:35 Documentary Programme: Apon Shimany

01:03 Gaanchil Ei Din
01:30 Dhaliwood Beats
02:30 Bangla Feature Film
06:00 Proidin
06:35 Apon Shimanay
08:00 Drama Serial: Aguntak
08:35 Cookery Show: R Ranna
09:20 Drama Serial: Shilakundo Paharey

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

ntv
08:30 Aiker Shokaal
08:55 Drama Serial: Amar Bou Shob
09:30 Chhachhitr Kolo Katha
10:05 Kichhu Katha Kichhu Gaan

03:15 Glamour World
03:50 Drama Serial: Dhaka Nibash
04:25 Gallery
05:30 Apnar Jigyasha
06:20 Shubho Shondhya
06:45 Nityo Lohori
07:15 ntv Deshey Deshey

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 Mask Unlimited
01:00pm Today's Adda
04:00pm U-lum
08:00pm Tobe Tai Hok
11:00pm Raat Vor Gan
02:00 am Back to Back

08:15 Drama Serial: Eit Khather Khancha
09:00 ntv Shamoyiki
09:45 Drama Serial: Neer
11:25 Ei Shomoy

BANGLAVISION
08:30 Musical Programme: Shur-er Bhuboney
05:25 Messengers, The
09:00 Banglavisoin Cafe
10:10 Drama Serial: Swapnochura
10:40 Talk Show: Amar Ami
11:35 Visa Apnar Agami
02:00 Daily Soap: Mohanagar
02:40 Drama Serial: Tank Ali Hadari
03:05 Shyamol Bangla
04:20 X Crime
05:30 Drama Serial: Horek Ronger Man
06:05 Talk Show: Citycell Dim-er Sheshey
06:20 Children's Programme: Ebong Class-er bailey
06:50 Cine Beat

05:30 Music Express
11:00 Alachon
11:30 Amaro Gaitey Ichchhay Holo
12:10 Ei Shomoy
01:05 Japan Video Topic
02:30 Drama Serial: Amar Bou Shob

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08:25 Daily Soap: Mohanagar
09:25 Agami Kontho
11:25 World Dance Day Special: Chitrangada
12:00 Shangbad Protidin

CHANNEL 1
08:40 Shuprobhat Bangladesh
10:30 Bangla Feature Film
02:00 Bioscope
03:30 Drama Serial: Daanguli
04:00 Nongor
04:30 Stop n Rock
05:15 Documentary Programme: Ei Amar Desh
06:00 Saaj Bela
07:00 Rong Beronger Khobor
08:15 Drama Serial: Danguli
09:00 Drama Serial: Mon Bari
09:30 Rupantor-er Golpo
11:00 One Glamour

NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC CHANNEL
08:30 Big Bang
09:00 Croc Chronicles
09:30 South Georgia Island
11:30 Air Crash Investigation
12:30 Situation Critical
01:30 Hurricane Hospital
02:30 Death Of The Bear Man
03:30 Cow Power
04:30 I Didn't Know That
05:00 Venom Harvest
05:30 Big Bang
06:00 Croc Chronicles
06:30 Anamalai
07:30 Rhino
08:30 Planet Mechanics
09:30 Naked Science
10:30 Apeman Of Sumatra
11:30 Planet Mechanics

STAR MOVIES
08:30 Goal
10:30 Dragon Boys - Ep. 1
12:15 Dragon Boys - Ep. 2
01:45 Vip Access
02:15 Derailed
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 Karam Apna Apna
09:30 Kumkum - Pyara Sa Bandhan
10:00 Shaka Laka Boom Boom
11:00 Pithivir Chauhan
11:30 Gihasti
12:00 Raja Ki Aayegi Baraat

12:30 Bidaai
05:30 Kasturi
06:00 Raja Ki Aayegi Baraat
06:30 Bidaai
07:00 Gihasti
07:30 Sangam
08:00 Santaan
08:30 Raja Ki Aayegi Baraat
09:00 Kis Desh me Hai Meraa Dil
09:30 Bidaai
10:00 Kasturi
10:30 Kahaani Ghar Ghar Ki
11:00 Kyunki Saas Bhi Kabhi Bahu Thi
11:30 Kayamath
12:00 Karam Apna Apna

STAR WORLD
08:30 The Ellen Degeneres Show
09:30 The O.C.
10:30 Last Comic Standing
11:30 Life With Bonnie
12:00 The Simpsons
12:30 Seinfeld
01:00 Friends
01:30 Northern Exposure
02:30 The Ellen Degeneres Show
03:30 The Bold And The Beautiful
04:00 General Hospital
05:00 Desperate Housewives
06:00 King Of The Hill
06:30 The Simpsons
07:00 Rodney
07:30 Friends
08:00 Seinfeld
08:30 The O.C.
09:30 Eureka
10:30 Life
11:30 Day Break
12:30 Seinfeld

ZEE STUDIO
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 Swarna Heera
12:30 Helen of Troy
01:30 Jekyll & Hyde
03:30 P-S1 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