



**WHAT'S ON THIS WEEK**


**Musical Soiree**  
To mark Nazrul Birth Anniversary  
Organiser: Srijon  
Venue: Sufia Kamal Auditorium, National Museum, Shahbag  
Date: May 31  
Time: 6:05pm



**16th Young Artists' Art Exhibition 2008**  
Venue: National Art Gallery, Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy  
Date: May 18-June 6  
Time: 11am-7pm (3pm-7pm Fridays)



**Discussion**  
On Subachan production "Khona"  
Venue: Chhayanat Shangkriti Bhaban  
Date: May 31  
Time: 7pm



**Shishu Natya Utsab**  
Organiser: Oniyomilo Little Unit, Munshiganj  
Venue: District Shilpakala Academy, Munshiganj  
Date: May 29-31  
Time: 6:30pm onwards



## Discussion and painting competition on Zainul's death anniversary

AMINUL ISLAM, Mymensingh

A discussion on the life and works Zainul Abedin was held at the hall room of Shilpacharya Zainul Abedin Sangrahashala (art gallery) on May 28.

The discussion and a painting competition for children marked the 32nd death anniversary of Shilpacharya Zainul Abedin.

Samar Chandra Pal, director general of National Museum was the chief guest at the programme. Additional Deputy Commissioner (Education) Zobeaydur Rahman chaired the event.

Among others, Principal of Teachers Training College, Professor Delwara Begum; artist Aminul Islam and poet Yazdani Quraishi spoke at the discussion.

The speakers expressed the view that Zainul's birth and death anniversaries should be observed at the national level and the government should take necessary steps as early as possible.

Speakers also addressed some paintings of Zainul Abedin that are under the possession of his wife. They said that these paintings should be displayed at the art gallery.

Assistant keeper of the art gallery, Dulal Chandra Gain delivered the welcome speech. Later the chief



A young contestant receives his award from the chief guest

guest distributed prizes among 15 winners of a painting competition held on the occasion. The painting competition for children was held on May 23 at the art gallery premises. A total of 110 children took part in the competition in three groups.

## Life in Iran, etched with suspicion and humour

Exhibition of Ardeshir Mohassess' works at Asia Society and Museum

Decades before Marjane Satrapi drew the first frame of her celebrated comic book memoir *Persepolis*, the Iranian satirist Ardeshir Mohassess, now 69, was making black-and-white drawings whose blend of humour and reportage made him a cult figure for artists and intellectuals in his country.

With rich allusions to Persian miniatures, Western artists like Goya and episodes in Iranian history, Mohassess has depicted life in Iran before, during and after the Islamic Revolution of 1979. The drawings have a fanciful yet descriptive line quality, comically exaggerating facial expressions while giving full weight to bullet holes and severed limbs. Some of the meanings may be lost on Western viewers, but the artist's deep suspicion of religious and political authority comes across clearly.

Now some 70 of Mohassess's works are on

view at the Asia Society and Museum in a show, "Ardeshir Mohassess: Art and Satire in Iran," assembled by the artists Shirin Neshat and Nicky Nodjoui. The timing could hardly be better, given Iran's high profile in the American political debate during this presidential election year.

Neshat and Nodjoui, who were born in Iran and now work in New York, first saw Mohassess' drawings in Iranian newspapers before the revolution. They say they felt the need to reintroduce him to Western viewers.

Neshat, whose films and photographs explore women's place in Iranian society, is particularly fond of Mohassess' drawings of women. In an untitled work from 1978, a rose grows out of a *chador*, the end of the stem disappears into the opening where the woman's face should be. A similarly arresting image, "Mother's Day" (about 1980), features a thorny branch in place of the flower. Both works suggest resistance to the muffling of women's voices.

Nodjoui, a painter who works in a figurative style with plenty of political symbolism, says he admires the broad visual and historical literacy of Mohassess's satire, in which references to Daumier and the Qajar dynasty are equally at home.

Mohassess's drawings have not inspired any riots. But they did attract the attention of the Shah's dreaded secret police in the 1970s. After receiving several warnings from the Iranian authorities Mohassess relocated to New York in 1976. The move was intended to be temporary, but the revolution of 1979 prompted a change of plans.

The exhibition effectively begins with the series "Life in Iran" (1976-78). This group of more than 30 drawings is ostensibly set in the Qajar dynasty (1833-1925); but it clearly satirises the reign of the Shah Mohammed Reza Pahlavi (1941 to 1979). Royal figures in elaborate Qajar dress quash uprisings with acts of intimidation and brutality.

Artists, writers, teachers and free thinkers are among the oppressed. Ironic captions -- "The convict's execution coincided with the king's birthday ceremonies," for example, or "Members of a birth control seminar take a memorial picture" -- pick up where Mohassess's pen leaves off.



Drawings by Ardeshir Mohassess: "The judge's sight may never be satiated" (1988), top, and "Untitled" (1978)

Mohassess often works from photographs, lending his scenes of executions and "accidents" a grim authenticity. In an interview in the small exhibition catalogue he admits to collecting "photographs of murderers and murdered people, a habit I have had since I was 7 or 8 years old."

Given that his work is found in newspapers and magazines as well as on gallery walls, Westerners might tend to think of Mohassess, in the simplest terms, as Iran's

answer to Saul Steinberg. His drawings have been published in *The New York Times* as well as in the *Nation* and *Playboy*. Yet they are more ambiguous than typical op-ed illustrations and subtler than most political cartoons. In Mohassess's works, the coded beauty of traditional Persian art comes face to face with the ugliness of successive autocratic regimes.

Source: The New York Times

**Nagorik Natya Sampraday staged its production "Troilus and Cressida" at the National Theatre Stage, Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy on May 29.**

Translated by Syed Shamsul Haq and directed by Ataur Rahman, the play is a satire on war. The setting of the story is the long running Trojan War.




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## Rabindra-Nazrul Jayanti celebrations in Pabna

AHMED HUMAYUN KABIR, Pabna

Annada Gobinda Public Library, Pabna organised a discussion and cultural function recently at the library auditorium marking birth anniversaries of Rabindranath and Nazrul. Speakers at the programme expressed the view that Nobel laureate poet Rabindranath Tagore and our National Poet Kazi Nazrul Islam are integral parts of Bengali culture and literature.

Convener of the celebration sub-committee, Rabiul Islam chaired the function. Secretary of the library Abdul Matin Khan; member of the library Abdul Aziz and Professor Abu Anis Md. Firoz spoke at the programme.



All programmes are in local time. The Daily Star will not be responsible for any change in the programme.

**On Air**

**ATN BANGLA**

08:15 Aiker Shangbadpotro  
08:30 Dance Show: Nupur-er Chhondey  
09:15 Shurey Shurey Shur Melatay  
09:50 Shada Mon-er Manush  
10:30 Talk Show: Onyodishti  
11:05 Shath Din  
12:15 Musical Programme: Shesh Okhor  
01:00 Documentary Programme: Prapok  
02:40 Bangla Feature Film  
05:00 Gram Gorjer Khorob  
05:30 Char Deyalar Kabyo  
06:20 Talk Show: Ainar Shamney  
07:50 Shada Mon-er Manush  
08:00 Drama Serial: Onno Boshonto  
08:40 Drama Serial: Chor Kuthuri  
09:20 Drama Serial: Ek Jonomey  
10:45 Shada Mon-er Manush  
11:30 Daily Soap: Doll's House  
12:00 Gramsephone Lead News

**CHANNEL 1**

08:30 Shokaler Gaan  
09:30 Shangbadpotroey Bangladesh  
09:45 Public Reaction  
09:50 Gramsephone Trilomatra  
11:05 Talk Show: Amader Aaina  
12:05 Mukto Bazar Othoniti  
12:30 Talk Show: Citycell Taroka Kathan  
01:05 Ebang Cinemar Gaan  
01:30 Shobar Jonyo Shorboshesh Bigyan Dharona  
02:35 Selected Programme  
04:05 Educational Programme: BSB Cambrian Medha Bikash  
04:30 Sholyer Shondhanay  
05:30 Mukhtjudho Probidin  
06:00 Shamoeki  
07:50 Mega Serial: Ghar Kulum  
08:20 Drama Serial: Nouka Dubi  
09:35 Hridoye Mati O Manush  
10:00 Drama Serial: Zero Point

**ETV**

08:00 Aiker Potrikay  
08:30 Ekush-er Shokaal  
09:15 Drama Serial: Aziz Market, Shahbag, Dhaka 1000  
12:00 Ekush-er Dupur

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08:30 Aiker Shokaal  
08:55 Bangla Feature Film  
12:00 Washington Barta  
12:10 Talk Show: Ei Shomoy  
01:05 Cartoon  
02:30 Drama Serial: Swapno Jaal  
03:20 Making of Close Up 1 2008  
05:30 Alokpat  
06:20 Shubho Shondha  
06:45 Shangkriti Ei Shoptaho  
08:15 Drama Serial: Amar Bou Shob Janey  
09:00 Drama: Frame-e Badhano Prem  
11:35 Talk Show: Ei Shomoy

**Rtv**

08:40 Saangeet Ongon  
09:00 Rtv Exclusive  
09:05 Prodidin  
09:35 Drama Serial: Neel Mukhus Hello Love  
10:35 News Update  
11:00 Talk Show: Kingfisher Taroka Alap  
11:30 Baul Song: Pran-er Manush Achhey Praney  
R Music  
Musical Programme: Gaanchil Ei Din  
01:30 Dhallywood Beats  
02:30 Bangla Feature Film  
06:00 Prodidin  
06:30 Musical Programme: Shur-e Shur-e Path Chola  
08:00 Drama: Ghuri  
09:20 Talk Show: Shomoyer Dorpon  
11:00 Drama Serial: Nirontor  
11:30 Biz Event  
12:00 Editor's Comment

**CHANNEL 1**

08:40 Shuprobhaat Bangladesh  
10:30 Shurela Lagan  
11:00 Drama: Neel Groho  
12:00 Tele-film: Nayok  
02:00 Hridoye Zia  
03:30 Smiti Omlaan  
04:30 Prem-e Ganey Gaaney Show Case  
05:15 Show Case  
06:00 Saaj Bela  
07:00 Shomoyer Swad  
08:15 Drama Serial: Moza Marey Foza Bhai  
09:00 Musical Programme: Gaan-er Khata  
09:30 Rupantor-er Golpo  
11:00 Bishwa Jurey Shath Din

**ETV**

12:30 Total Music  
02:00 Bangla Feature Film  
05:45 Ekush-er Shondha  
06:15 Sms Mania  
06:30 Shopaho Ghurey Desh Jurey

**ETV**

07:50 Explosive  
09:30 Drama Serial: Aziz Market, Shahbag, Dhaka 1000  
10:10 Game Show: Bhubhurey Dot Com  
11:40 Shangkriti Shathdin

**Radio Forit 88.0 FM**

07:00am Hello Dhaka  
11:00am Amar 88  
03:00pm Dhaka Calling  
07:00pm Celebrate on the hot seat  
10:00pm Back to Back music  
**Radio Today 89.6 FM**  
07:15am Good Morning Dhaka (Rudi & Sonnet)  
08:45am Shokaler Khabor  
11:00am Mani Unlimited (Debashish & Rubi)  
01:00pm Saturday Special World Music (Nowshin)  
01:45pm Dupurer Khabor  
04:00pm U-tum (Mehran)  
06:45pm Shondher Khabor  
08:00pm Tobe Tai Hok (Protay)  
09:45pm Raater Khabor  
11:00pm Raat Vor Gan (Neerob)

**Moja Marey Foza Bhai**  
On Channel 1 at 08:15 pm  
Drama Serial  
Guest: ATM Shamsuzzaman, Tushar Khan



**BANGLAVISION**

09:00 Children's Programme: Ichchhey Ghuri  
09:30 Kemon Budget Chal

**08:25 Mega Serial: Nogorey Nagonk**  
09:05 Talk Show: Amar Ami  
09:45 Drama: Probbashok Theka Professor

**11:25 Law Chamber**  
12:00 Shangbad Prodidin

**BOISHAKHI**

08:05 Din Prodidin

**Pirates of the Caribbean: Dead Man's Chest**  
On Star Movies at 07:00 pm  
Genre: Action/Adventure  
Cast: Johnny Depp, Orlando Bloom, Keira Knightley

**04:20 Sports Vision**  
05:30 Street Show: Raat Biraatey  
06:05 Citycell Din-er Sheshey  
06:20 Musical Programme: Amader Othi  
06:50 Agricultural Programme: Shamol Bangla  
08:25 Mega Serial: Nogorey Nagonk  
09:05 Talk Show: Amar Ami  
09:45 Drama: Probbashok Theka Professor

**11:25 Law Chamber**  
12:00 Shangbad Prodidin

**BOISHAKHI**

08:05 Din Prodidin

**08:35 Documentary Programme: Ekti Bangladesh**  
10:05 Apara Doctor  
10:30 Atyo Rokhkhay Marshal Arts  
12:05 Islamic Programme  
02:50 Bangla Feature Film  
06:00 Mon-er Katha  
07:30 Musical Programme: Prio Shilpi Shera Gaan  
09:00 Tok Jhal Mishiti  
10:30 Investigation

**HBO**

08:30 An Inconvenient Truth  
10:30 Single White Female 2: The Psycho  
12:15 Jarhead  
02:30 Meltdown  
04:30 Hollywood Spotlight: Drew Barrymore  
05:00 Happy Feet  
07:15 The Making Of Happy Feet  
07:30 K-9 P.I.  
09:30 Fire Serpent  
11:30 48 Hrs

**STAR MOVIES**

09:10 Babe  
10:45 Vip Access  
11:15 Guardian, The  
01:35 Last Kiss, The  
03:15 Yours, Mine & Ours  
04:45 Waterworld  
07:00 Pirates of The Caribbean: Dead Man's Chest  
09:30 Behind Enemy Lines  
11:15 Where The Truth Lies

**STAR PLUS**

08:30 Kyunki Saas Bhi Kabhi Bahu Thi  
09:00 Baa Bahoo Aur Baby  
09:30 Shararat-Jhoda Jodu Thod  
10:00 Shaka-Laka Boom Boom  
11:00 Prithviraj Chauhan  
11:30 Arahani (Hindi)  
01:30 Hamari Devrani  
04:00 Santaan  
04:30 Hogi Pyar Ki Jeet  
07:30 Jai Ma Durga  
08:30 Kya Aap Paanchvi Pass Se Tez Hai  
09:30 Prithviraj Chauhan  
10:00 Baa Bahoo Aur Baby  
10:30 Jo Jeeta Wohi Superstar  
12:00 Santaan  
12:30 Prithviraj Chauhan

**STAR WORLD**

08:30 The Apprentice  
09:30 Day Break  
10:30 Nic's  
11:30 Invasion  
12:30 Cops

**01:30 Ultimate Force**  
02:30 The Apprentice  
03:30 Criminal Minds  
04:30 Bones  
05:30 Criss Angel Mindfreak  
06:30 Most Shocking  
07:30 Criminal Minds  
08:30 Smallville  
09:30 Bones  
10:30 Tna Xplosion  
11:30 Bull Run  
12:30 Smallville

**NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC**

08:30 Big Bang  
09:00 Croc Chronicles  
09:30 The Living Edens  
11:30 Best Of Treks In A Wild World  
12:30 NG's Amazing Moments  
01:30 Michael Franti  
02:00 Caribbean Beat: Columbia  
02:30 Ultimate Shark  
03:30 Vegas Comes To China  
04:30 Going To School In India  
05:00 I Didn't Know That  
05:30 Big Bang  
06:00 Blue Whales  
06:30 Megastructures  
07:30 Death Of The Bear Man  
08:30 Mangrove Maneaters  
09:30 Lufthansa Nat Geo Genius  
10:00 Amazing Chile  
10:30 Ape Genius  
11:30 K'nian  
12:00 Michael Franti  
12:30 Inside Afghan Heroin

**HISTORY**

08:30 Telemall - Home Jogger  
09:30 Chinese Warfare  
10:30 Egyptian Warfare  
11:30 When Billie beat Bobby  
01:30 Chess  
02:30 Secret Weapons  
03:30 Athens: Ancient Supercity  
04:30 Nickel/Taylor  
05:30 Subhash Ghai  
06:30 Frenchman's Creek  
08:30 The Fight  
09:45 The Fight  
11:00 Subhash Ghai  
11:30 Biography

**ZEE STUDIO**

09:15 Glory  
12:00 The Hitchhiker's Guide To The Galaxy  
02:15 Game In Sixty Seconds  
05:00 The Hollywood Reporter - Q&A  
05:30 Paris Je T'aime  
08:15 Ocean's Twelve  
11:00 House Guest