

WHAT'S ON THIS WEEK

Solo Art Exhibition

Abdur Razaque Retrospective
 Title: Rhythms of Figures, Forms and Nature
 Venue: Bengal Gallery of Fine Arts, H 275/F, Rd 27 (old), Dharmadi
 Date: October 10-29
 Time: 12pm-8pm



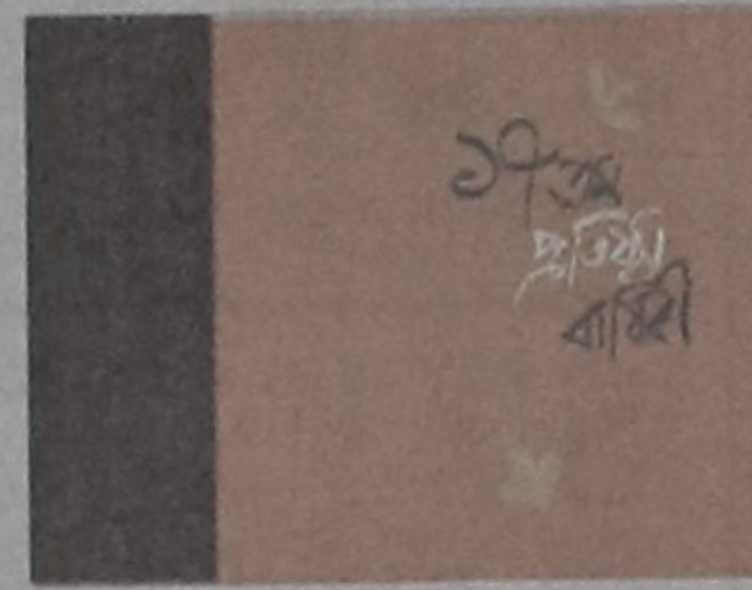
13th Asian Art Biennale '08

Organiser: Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy
 Venue: Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy, Osmani Memorial Hall and National Museum
 Date: October 21-November 19
 Time: 11am-7pm (Fridays 3pm-8pm)



17th Anniversary Programme

of Sangskriti Bikash Kendra
 Venue: SBK premises
 Date: October 23-25
 Inauguration: 4:05pm (today)



Theatre

Play: Pragothashik
 Troupe: Nagonk Nattyangon
 Venue: Mahila Samiti Auditorium, Natok Shoroni
 Date: October 25
 Time: 7pm



National Film Awards generate enthusiasm

NADIA SARWAT

The winners of the National Film Awards (from 2002 to 2007) received their awards from Chief Adviser Dr. Fakhruddin Ahmed on October 23 at the Bangladesh-China Friendship Conference Centre.

The event organised by the Information Ministry was well attended by celebrities and eminent personalities of the country. The ceremony was aired live on Bangladesh Television and BTV world.

Information Secretary Jamil Osman said in his welcome speech, "We've eagerly awaited this day. It's a significant achievement of the caretaker government to inspire the artists and technicians related to the film industry. These awards will help encourage the positive change in the film industry we are experiencing these days."

Eighty-nine awards in 27 categories including best film,



Scenes from "Hajar Bochhor Dhorey" (top) and "Ghani", two of the National Award winning films.

director, actor, actress and more for the years 2002 to 2007 were given at the event, which was divided into three parts. Hosted by seasoned film actor Alamgir and popular TV host Farzana Brownia, a vibrant cultural programme was one of the special attractions. The programme included performances by film actors Riaz, Nipun; veteran singers Bashir Ahmed, Sabina Yasmin, Baby Naznin, Samina Choudhury and others. A short play written by Professor Momtazuddin Ahmed addressing the trend of vulgarity in the film industry both entertained and moved the audience. Actor Abul Hayat and Aupi Karim acted in the

satire titled "Cinemar Ashukh Bishukh".

Films "Joyjatra" (2004), "Hajar Bochhor Dhorey" (2005), "Ghani" (2006), and "Daruchini Dwip" (2007) won awards in several categories. The best actors and actresses are Kazi Maruf (2002, "Itihas"), Manna (2003, "Bir Shainik") Poppy (2003 "Karagar"), Humayun Faridee (2004, "Matrika"), Aupi Karim (2004, "Bachelor"), Mahfuz Ahmed (2005, "Lal Sabuj"), Shabnur (2005, "Dui Nayaner Alo"), Arman Pervez Murad (2006, "Ghani"), Naznin Hasan Chumki (2006, "Ghani"), Riaz Ahmed (2007, "Daruchini Dwip") and Zakia Bari Mamo (2007, "Daruchini Dwip").



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Honourable mention for Mohammad Al Atiq

ERSHAD KAMOL

This is for the second time that Qatari artist Mohammad Al Atiq has won an Honourable Mention at the Asian Art Biennale organised by Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy. At the 13th Asian Art Biennale '08 Atiq has won the award for his abstract work "Untitled 111".

Earlier Atiq won an Honourable Mention at the 11th session of the exhibition and competition held in 2003 for his installation work.

"Untitled 111" is one of the three acrylic on canvas works by Mohammad Al Atiq on display at the biennale. Collecting elements from his surroundings, Atiq composes his abstract works. However, he blends some elements such as desert sand and burning gas or oil pipelines that represent his country.

Atiq's award-winning work is very simple and portrays the texture of a distorted building wall; the colours used in the painting give the impression of desert sand. The canvas



The award winning artwork.



Mohammad Al Atiq

PHOTO: MUMIT M.

symbolically represents the decadent urban life in Qatar.

Mohammad Al Atiq is a self-made artist, since there is no institution in Qatar that provides art education. He has been pursuing art for 23 years as his passion.

Atiq said, "I got a little idea on colours when I used to go to the youth centre in Qatar. I became so fascinated with art that it became a part of my life."

"Each time I try to experiment with different mediums and styles and try to improve

myself," he added.

Atiq further informed that he is the chairman of Fine Arts Society in Qatar. He is also the montage editor of Qatar Television. "My graphics expertise at the television has always helped me to improve my composition sense in art," Atiq said.

On the current scenario of art in Qatar, Atiq said that young girls and boys go to the youth centres and learn about different types of arts. Atiq also guides them.

Sangskriti Bikash Kendra celebrates 17th anniversary

Cultural organisation Sangskriti Bikash Kendra (SBK) arranged a three-day programme to celebrate its 17th anniversary at its premises, starting from October 23, according to a press release. Renowned artist Qayyum Chowdhury inaugurated the programme.

Professor Liaquat Ali, president, SBK; actor Al Mansur, journalists Shaheen Reza

Noor, Parvez Hossain and Ahmed Mazhar, among others, were present at the programme.

The inauguration was followed by a discussion arranged by Darshan Club. Dr. Mahmudur Rahman presented the keynote paper. Ahmed Musanna and Sabbir Ahmed Mukim were the discussants. Singer-musician Shayan was the moderator of the

discussion.

Six short films made by six young filmmakers were screened after the discussion. Audio Visual Club arranged the film screening.

The first day's programme wrapped up with a 'jugabandi' of poetry and music by Anandan.

Photography and sculpture exhibitions are also included in the three-day programme.



Artist Qayyum Chowdhury (2-L) inaugurates the programme.

"Style Icon '08" to begin soon



Mahfuzur Rahman (2-R), chairman, ATN Bangla, speaks at the signing ceremony.

ATN Records Ltd, a concern group of ATN Bangla; Ittefaq Group and Concord Group are jointly organising a beauty pageant, "Style Icon '08," says a press release. The agreement was signed on October 23. Dr. Mahfuzur Rahman, chairman, ATN Bangla; Arshad Hossain, managing director, Ittefaq

Group and SK Lala, managing director, Concord Group signed on the agreement papers on behalf of their respective organisations.

The beauty contest will feature individuals between 18 and 25. Registration will begin soon. The finale will be held on January 2 next year. ATN Bangla will

teleast twelve episodes of the contest. The organisers informed that the programme would be held annually.

SSL is the web partner, Radio Today is the radio partner, Women's World is the beauty partner and Mantra is the fashion partner of the event.

Ayub Bachchu on "Hot Seat"

CULTURAL CORRESPONDENT

The audiences of Radio Foorti will have an opportunity to get in touch with rock star Ayub Bachchu on the programme "Hot Seat" tonight, from 7 to 10pm. The music icon, who is the founder and leader of LRB, is among the leading musicians who popularised the trend of pop/rock songs in Bangladesh.

Listeners can enjoy his songs, hear interesting stories from the artiste and can even interact with him through SMS. Other celebrities will join the show and there will be more surprises for the audience.



Single episode play "Ekakitto" on ntv

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Written by Dilip Chakrabarti and directed by Manirul Islam Masum, single episode play "Ekakitto" will be aired tonight on ntv at 9pm.

The play deals with an eternal psychological theme, the loneliness of an individual and its evil consequences. A person can be overpowered by the appalling effects of extreme solitude; it can even be equated with physical torment. The protagonist of the play is a man who suffers from such loneliness. The play moves forward, depicting the extent of loneliness that can poison his life.

Afzal Hossain will be seen in the lead role in the play along with Srabanti, Mamudul Haque Mithu and others.



Afzal Hossain in "Ekakitto".