

WHAT'S ON THIS WEEK

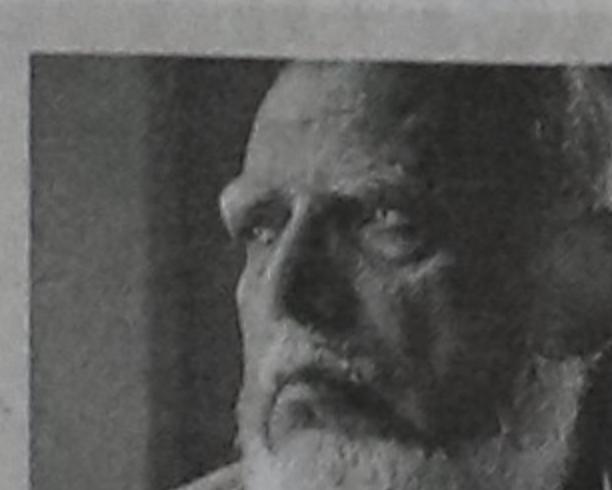
Musical Soiree
Featuring traditional folk songs
Artists: Kiran Chandra Roy & Chandana Majumder
Organiser: High Commission of India
Venue: Indian Cultural Centre, H 35, Rd 24, Gulshan-1
On June 12 at 7pm



Dance Drama
Title: Sitar Agniparksha
Organiser: Shadonna
Venue: Experimental Theatre Hall, BSA
Date: June 12
Time: 7:30pm



Photo Exhibition
Title: The Art of Photography: Portraits
Organiser: Pathshala, South Asian Institute of Photography
Venue: Galerie Zoom, Alliance Francaise
Date: June 11-24
Time: 9am-12pm and 5pm-8pm (except Saturdays)



Musical Soiree
Title: Praner Khela
Artists: Shakila Zafar & Nandita Sultana
Organiser: Bengal Foundation
Venue: Bengal Shilpalya, H 275/F, Rd 27 (old), Dharmundi
On June 11 at 7pm



18th National Art Exhibition at Shilpakala

A grand display of talents, famed and upcoming

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National Art Exhibition brings about a festive mood in our art circuit. The exhibition is organised by Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy. This year's exhibition, at the National Art Gallery, displays 222 artworks by 198 artists. The collection features selected works from 1800 entries by 600 artists. The exhibition was inaugurated on May 24.

Participation of painters who emerged in the mid and late '80s, and '90s is quite noticeable at the exhibition. The objective was to assemble artists belonging to different age groups, working in different mediums. The event has also become a platform, encouraging exchange of ideas between artists and art enthusiasts.

From the onset, National Art Exhibition has had a category, titled "Invited Artists," featuring works of reputed and senior-most painters like Shafiuuddin Ahmed, Mohammad Kibria, Aminul Islam, Murtaja Baseer, Syed Jahangir, Rafiqun Nabi, Hashem Khan, Monirul Islam and others. But the category has been omitted from this year's exposition.

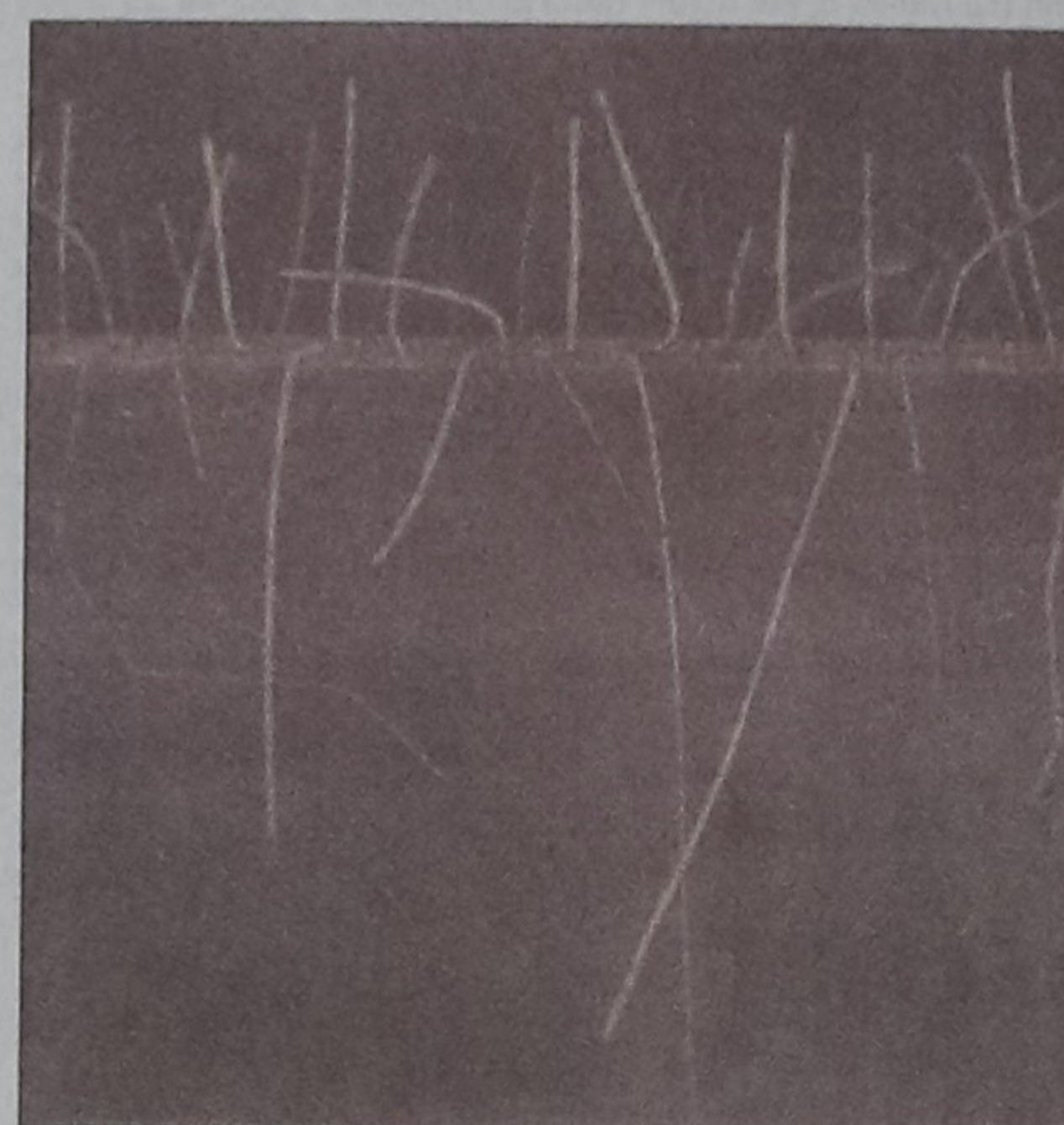
Mohammad Mahmudul Hasan won the Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy Award at this year's event, Musrat Reazi won the AB Bank Award, Golam Faruque Bebul won the Bengal Foundation Award, Bishwajit Goswami won the Bhasha Shainik Gaziul Haque Award, Abdus Salam won the Begum Azizunnessa Fine Arts Award, while Syed Fida Hossain won the Dipa Hoq Award. In addition, Mahbubur Rahman, Nagarbashi Burman and Anisuzzaman won Honourable Mention for their noteworthy works.

A number of painters have seemingly made good attempts at coming up with something novel and fresh, moving away from their signature styles.

Some artists have focused on installation and video art (relatively new mediums in our country, introduced in the '90s). While some installations manage to successfully refer to our unstable political scenario and social dilemmas, many artists have not aptly maintained a relevance of these mediums in our socio-cultural context.

Mominul Islam Reza, Nasim Ahmed Nadi, Nasreen Begum, Maksudul Ahsan, Fokhrul Islam, Kanak Champa Chakma, Naima Haque, Sheikh Afzal, Laila Sharmin, Ahmed Shamsuddoha and Maksuda Iqbal Nipa and others have enriched the exhibition with their artworks.

Golam Faruque Bebul delves deep into fragmented imagery.



Anisuzzaman

In his work, he has tried to break forms and compositions. In recent times, this Rajshahi-based painter has been quite active in the Dhaka art circuit.

A promising printmaker, Abdus Salam received recognition in the late '90s. "Rejection" is his favourite theme (also the name of his series) where he plunges into abandoned 2D surfaces. His forms may look flat, but various scribbles and smudges of colours create a rich impression.

Mohammad Mahmudul Hasan's sculpture, titled "Target-2," focuses on two men toiling their way to a certain point or goal. Their movement in a circle is a visible struggle against a flawed society.

Lucidity is a major trait of the paintings of Fokhrul Islam, a freelance artist. The paintings are done on paper with printing ink. Islam uses printer's ink and mustard oil to create his inscrutable cosmic subjects and metaphysical landscapes. The abstract works unintentionally depict gloomy sunsets, silent woods, extended deserts, lush forests,



Bishwajit Goswami

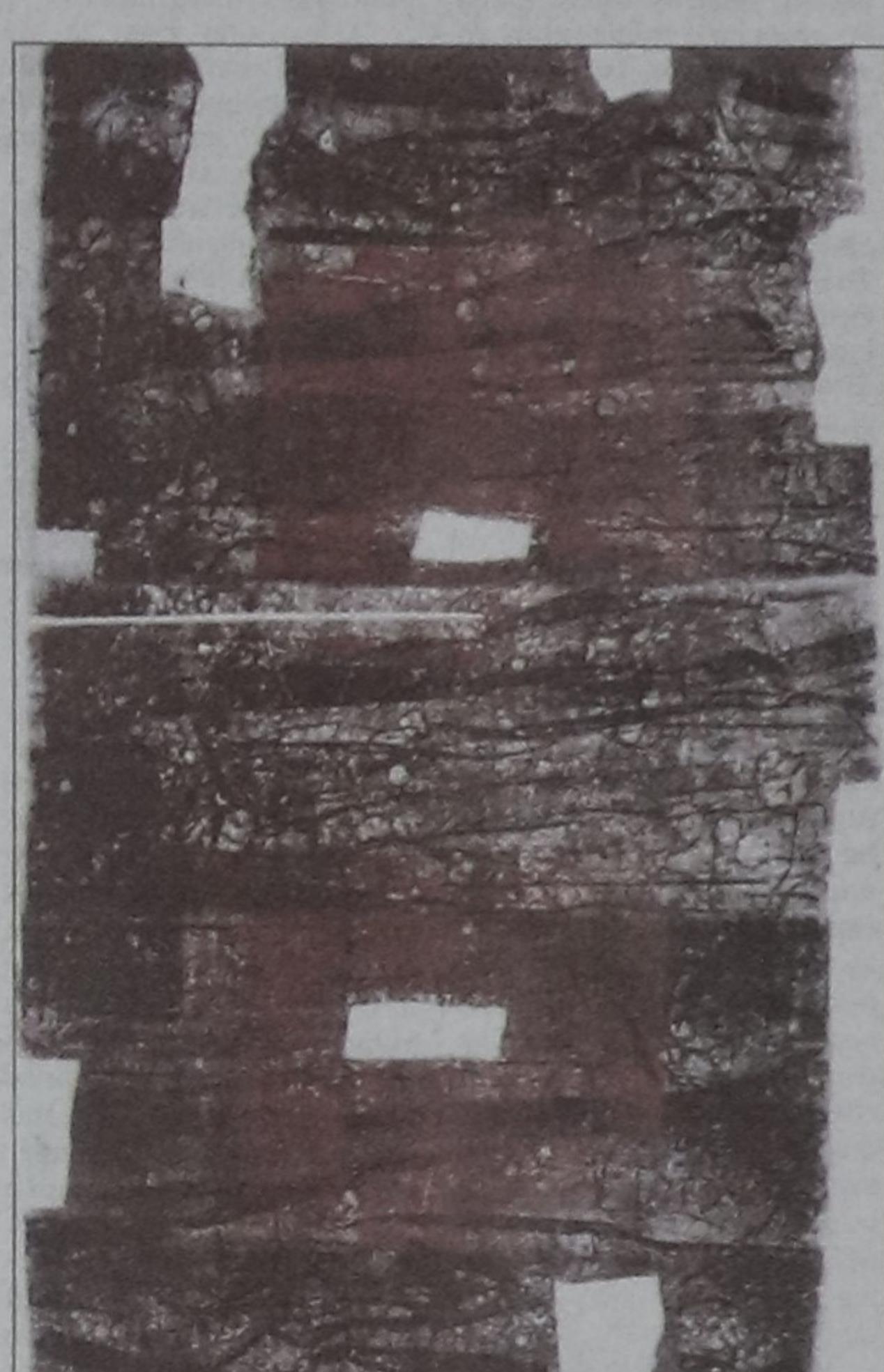
whirlwinds and various natural aspects.

Anisuzzaman is a talented young printmaker and he experiments with various lines and shapes, often depicting architectural designs and structural forms. His horizontal and vertical lines maintain a balance between space and composition.

Laila Sharmin's prints are prolific, abstract images of beauty and truth. Spontaneous use of colours expresses the artist's moods. She tries to explore nature, rhythm and poetry through her meticulous observations.

Maksuda Iqbal Nipa likes to experiment with colour in all its various facets. She applies colours directly, piling up thick layers on the canvas and tries to create an image that is vigorous and dynamic. Nipa concentrates more on the application aspect. This creates hallmark for her canvas.

Gulshan Hossain's abstract work is completely form and colour oriented. Her colours look bright and give the viewer a romantic and imposing vision. Her images usually explore the mystery of nature.



Abdus Salam

Abdus Salam's "Perspective of Society" features a cluster of human faces that symbolise the current social milieu and ongoing turmoil.

Sujit Kumar Saha's multiple overlays of colours and thin brush strokes clearly make his work stand out. His canvases are grand in horizontal lines with various colours.

The exhibition ends tomorrow.

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

On Air

BTV

09:05 Documentary Programme: Phire Dekha

09:30 Selected Programme

10:05 Open University

10:30 Selected Programme

11:20 Desher Gaan

12:10 Janapaad

12:30 Maa O Shishur Kalta

01:00 Metho Shur

01:30 Shukhi Poribaar

03:30 Kanoney Kushum Koli

04:30 Saangeeta

05:05 Sisimpur

07:45 Phire Dekha

10:30 ICC World T 20 Cricket Match

ATN BANGLA

08:15 Ajker Shanbadpotro

08:30 Drama: Joyolsnakaal

09:15 Asian City Vision 2020

10:30 Hello Bangladesh

11:10 Bangla Feature Film

02:30 Talk Chart

03:15 Shundor Jiboner Jonyo

04:10 Selected Programme

05:10 Islamic Programme

06:20 Talk Show: Priyojon

06:45 Kandey Amar Maa

08:00 Drama Serial: Batasher Ghar

08:40 Drama Serial: Sadek Dofadaar

09:20 Drama Serial: Tomar Dooya

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11:30 Daily Soap: Doll's House

12:00 Grameenphone Lead News

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08:30 Shokal-er Gaan

08:50 Ajker Chaakri

09:30 Shangbaadpotre Bangladesh

09:45 Public Reaction

09:50 Talk Show: Grameenphone

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11:05 Selected Programme

12:05 Grameenphone Triti Matray

09:20 Hridoyer Gaan

09:30 Hridoyer Malo O Manush-er Daak

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04:05 Shikha Shilpo O Shangskriti

04:30 Selected Programme

05:30 Mukti Juddho Protidin

06:00 Amar Chhobi

06:20 Children's Programme: Mattu O Bondhura

07:50 Cookery Show

08:25 Drama Serial: 24 Ghonta

09:35 Drama Serial: Version Z

10:00 Travel Show: RC Travel On

11:30 Drama Serial: Chhaya Bithi Toley

12:00 Grameenphone Ajker Shangbadpotro

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08:30 Ajker Shokal

08:55 Drama Serial: 1920

09:30 Rupali Pordar Golpo

10:05 Kichhu Katha Kichhu Gaan

11:00 Musical Programme: Paal

RTV

11:03 Taroka Alap

11:30 Star n Sports

01:00 Look at Me

02:03 Bangla Feature Film

05:30 Musical Programme: Sa Sa

06:30 Protidin

07:30 Road to Democracy

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04:10 Raat Biraaley

05:20 Selected Programme

06:00 Din-er Sheshey

06:20 Reporters Eye

06:50 Point of Order

08:15 Drama Serial: Shomudro Jol

09:05 X Crime

09:45 Daily Soap: Gulshan Avenue

11:25 Jonota Mukhomukhi

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12:15 Dur Paath

05:02 Cartoon

05:30 Baati Ghar

06:02 Taal O Taaney

07:45 Budget Special

09:30 Tele-film: Grohon Kaa

11:45 Talk Show: Shoba Katha

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