

## WHAT'S ON THIS WEEK

### Solo Sculpture Exhibition

Title: Sensibility Objectified  
Sculptor: Sarbari Roy Chowdhury  
Venue: Bengal Gallery of Fine Arts, H 275/F, Rd 27 (old), Dhanmondi  
Date: June 26-July 5  
Time: 12-8pm



### 5th Int'l Children's Art Biennale

Organiser: Bangladesh Shishu Academy  
Venue: Auditorium of Bangladesh Shishu Academy  
Date: June 21-July 5  
Time: 11am-6pm



### Solo Art Exhibition

Title: Pahariya Pathay  
Artist: Shohag Parvez  
Venue: La Galerie Alliance Francaise de Dhaka  
Date: 3-7 July  
Time: 9-12am, 5-8pm



### Photography Exhibition

Title: The Face of Bangla  
Photographer: Nayeem  
Venue: Dnk Gallery, H-58, R-15/A, Dhanmondi  
Date: July 3-11  
Time: 3-8 pm



## Heart to Heart with Tazin and Rumi



The stars: Looking beyond the stars...

NADIA SARWAT

Tazin Ahmed is familiar face in the media. From stage to small screen, she is seemingly at ease in every role she plays. Of late, Tazin has attained recognition as a vivacious TV show host as well.

Rumi Rahman has been active in the contemporary music scene over the last 20 years. He has been a member (drummer) of leading bands, including ARK, Arthohin, Dalchhut and Janmobhumi (currently with the last one).

Rumi has also been working with pop sensation Habib, and has written, composed several popular songs. Among the A-list artistes Rumi has worked with are: SI Tutul, Bappa Majumdar and Fahmida Nabi.

During a recent conversation with Tazin and Rumi, it was evident that the duo are deeply in love with each other. The artiste couple had an informal wedding and will have a formal reception in August.

Tazin: "We've known each other since we were in school. He was my classmate at

Udayan School. We weren't that close to be considered 'friends.' He had his circle of friends, and I had mine, but we were always in touch. Our friendship grew when I joined the media. Last year, out of the blue he proposed. My initial answer, however, was no."

Rumi: "I tried to explain to her that it's quite difficult to live a lonely life. Besides, our society is not hospitable to people living on their own. And I told her that if she had to choose someone, I could be a good option. I meant that!"

Tazin (smilingly): "When I shared this with my mother (who is very fond of Rumi), she was ecstatic! From then on everything just sort of happened... and now, as I get to know him more closely, I realise it was the right decision."

"And it seems my mother cares more for him than I do... She is always cooking what Rumi likes," Tazin adds.

Rumi struggles to find words, articulating what Tazin means to her: "For me, she is always with me, even when she is not around. She is

a kind of inspiration. I'm more focused than ever. For years, I had confined my creativity to playing drums. She gave me the confidence that I could write and compose songs. I'm not a good speaker. She has changed my life for better. People often mistakenly label her as a 'hardened' woman but I find her extremely caring and loving."

Tazin shares her discoveries too: "Rumi is not an open book. I had to explore different sides of him and I made the discoveries gradually. I liked that experience. He appears childlike. He is fun loving and very popular among his friends. But when he is writing a song, he is a totally different person -- profound and mature. After going over a song written by him, artiste Fahmida Nabi asked if it was really his writing."

Common interests? Tazin was quick to answer: "Music, of course. We both love music. He creates tunes and I eat it up. I grew up in a musically oriented family; my mother and aunts used to sing. Unlike a lot of rock/pop musicians, Rumi has a deep understanding of classical music. I'm truly impressed by that."

Rumi is a fan of Tazin's acting. He never misses any of her plays and follows her to shooting locations whenever it's possible. However, Rumi will be busy with his USA tour this month where he will join the FOBANA Convention along with Habib. Tazin will also be busy with a new daily soap, "The Family" on Banglavision and other works.

## Call to protect indigenous rights and culture

JASIM MAJUMDER, Khagrachhari

Local artistes of Khagrachhari district recently displayed their handicrafts at a cultural soiree and issued a strong call in defence of their rights and culture.

The Khagrachhari Hill District Council (KHDC) the organiser of the programme updated the National Defense College (NDC) team on the indigenous life style and culture.

The colourful programme was held at the

Khagrachhari Town Hall. Colourfully dressed indigenous artistes, including children with tree leaves and flowers in their hands and men bearing drums, bows and arrows, performed their distinctive dances and songs.

The two-hour programme was appreciated by a thunderous applause from nearly 500 people including members of the NDC team and minor ethnic community members of the hill districts. Khagrachhari Hill District Council (KHDC) Chairman Ruhity Karbary inaugurated the cultural evening.



Local artistes of Khagrachhari perform traditional dance.

PHOTO: STAR

## Jackson leaves estate to family

Michael Jackson's will has been filed in a Los Angeles court, giving his entire estate to a family trust.

The document, dated July 7, 2002, also reveals the star "intentionally omitted" to provide for his former wife, Debbie Rowe.

Jackson's mother, Katherine, is named as a beneficiary of the trust and the guardian of the singer's three young children, who are named in the will.

It estimated Jackson's estate at that time to be more than \$500m (£303m).

The Michael Jackson Family Trust would benefit his three children, his mother and unnamed charities, according to Reuters.

The news agency also reported that Jackson's five-page will said: "I have intentionally omitted to provide for my former wife, Deborah Rowe Jackson."

Rowe married Jackson in 1996 but filed for divorce in 1999. She gave up custody rights to the children but sought them again in 2003.

They agreed a settlement in



Katherine Jackson is currently looking after the children.

2006 but the terms were never disclosed.

She is the biological mother of Jackson's eldest children - Michael Joseph Jackson Jr, known as Prince Michael, 12, and Paris Michael Katherine Jackson, 11.

The singer's youngest son - seven-year-old Prince Michael II - was born to a surrogate mother whose identity has never been

revealed.

Long-time friend and singer Diana Ross is also named as guardian for Jackson's children in the event that his mother was unable to fulfil her duties.

Katherine Jackson was granted temporary guardianship of Jackson's three children on Monday.

Source: BBC

## ntv turns six



Shampa Reza and Abdul Kader as judges on the comedy show "Rangashala."



Ganosangeet artiste Kafil Ahmed will perform on "Palabadal."

CULTURAL CORRESPONDENT

Satellite channel ntv turns six today. To mark the occasion, several special programmes will be aired on the channel through out the day. Here are the highlights of some of the programmes:

A musical programme "Shurer Akash Ekhon" will be aired this morning at 8:45pm. The musical will feature contemporary young singers Balam, Nancy and Kona. Produced by Najmul Huda Shapla, the programme will be hosted by Elita Karim.

Celebrity talk show "Shomoyer Janala" will be aired at 10:05am. The programme will shed light on some celebrities such as Bipasha Hayat and Joya Ahsan. Jahangir Chowdhury is the producer of the programme.

Musical programme "Palabadal" will be aired at 11:30am. The highlight of the programme is a group of talented musicians, who add



Elita Karim hosts the musical programme "Shurer Akash Ekhon."

a new dimension to contemporary Bangla songs. Kafil Ahmed, Shayan, Arup Rahi, Amal Akash and Afsar Ahmed are the guest artistes in the programme. Alfred

Khokon has produced the programme.

Telefilm "Swapner Shuru" will be aired at 2:30pm. Written by Sagar Jahan, the telefilm is directed by Raihan

Khan. The romantic story of the film circles around two individuals Adrita and Bhor. They meet through a common friend Rudra. But to his surprise, Bhor comes to know that Adrita has known him from quite a while. Their friendship gradually turns into love. Noted film actor Riaz and Tarin are the leading actors in the telefilm.

Comedy show "Rangashala" will be aired at 4:10pm. Produced by Yousuf Hasan, Debashish Biswas will host the show. The show will feature popular actor Abdul Kader as the judge. Shampa Reza and Richi Solaiman, among others, will take part in the show.

The special single episode play "Hydrophobia Noy Barang Jol Bishayak Galpo" will be aired at 9pm. The play is written and directed by Anjan Aich. The story of the play revolves around three individuals Ormio, Rakib and Lata. Intekhab Dinar, Iresh Zaker and Nova play lead roles in the play.

## Kanak's book of life

CULTURAL CORRESPONDENT

The publication ceremony of a book titled 'Kanak and her paintings', by Kanak Chapa Chakma, was held at the Jatiya Press Club in the city yesterday.

Speakers at the ceremony said the writer through her book has portrayed the natural beauty, lives and livelihood of the indigenous people, their festivity, rich culture and struggle.

They also said the forms and structures of Kanak's paintings had a spellbinding effect on the spectators while the theme of her paintings create scope for thinking.

Foreign Minister Dipu Moni was present as the chief guest at the ceremony organised by Mowla Brothers, the publisher of the book.

Speaking on the occasion, the minister said her paintings tell of the rich culture and beauty of the indigenous community.

Kanak's paintings are mesmerising, she added.

Poet and researcher Dr. Mustafa Majid edited the book.

Presided over by noted artist Professor Rafiqun Nabi, dean of the Faculty of Fine Arts of Dhaka University, the ceremony was also addressed by Kanak Chapa Chakma, Murshid Kuli Khan, deputy governor of Bangladesh Bank, Rabiul Hussain, poet and architect and Ahmed Mahmudul Haque, director of Mowla Brothers.

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