

WHAT'S ON THIS WEEK

Solo Musical Soiree

Singer: Fakir Alamgir
Organiser: Amra Surjomukhi
Venue: Poet Sufia Kamal Auditorium, National Museum
Date: July 31-August 1
Time: 6pm



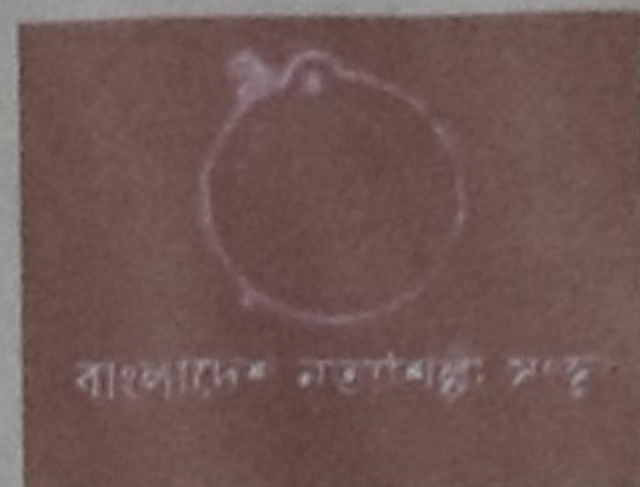
Solo Art Exhibitio

Title: Drowning: Is There Time for Love?
Artist: Monica Jahan Bose
Venue: Alliance Francaise of Dhaka, 26, Mirpur Road, Dhanmondi
Date: July 23-Aug 5
Time: 5-8pm



Dance Performance

Felicitation for Rahja Kahnom Jhunu and staging of 'Chitrangada'
Organiser: Bangladesh Dance Artists' Association
Venue: National Theatre Hall, Shilpakala Academy
Date: August 1
Time: 6pm



Art Exhibition

Title: SHOMOKAL-2
Venue: Galleri Kaya, Uttara
Date: July 31-August 11
Time: 11am-8pm



Samarjit's folk fascination

TAKIR HOSSAIN

Samarjit Roy Chowdhury is one of the prominent figures in the Bangladeshi art circuit and is known for the folk motifs in his works. The artist has carved a niche for himself with his hallmark style.

Folk art is quite popular in the sub-continent. Many artists start their journey with folk art and it generally encapsulates the identity, custom and language of a particular place or community. Needless to say, folk elements are in abundance in the works of our maestros like Zainul Abedin, Qamrul Hassan, SM Sultan, Qayyum Chowdhury, Rashid Chowdhury and

Abdus Shakoor Shah. Contemporary artists are also experimenting with folk motifs with an urban approach, and this is certainly contributing to enriching Bangladeshi art. Apart from folk motifs, Bangladesh doesn't really have any other background.

Samarjit has always had a great passion for art. As a child he recalls going to fairs and buying clay horses and elephants, various types of dolls and such. Samarjit likes to incorporate many things in his works. His recurring motifs are birds, kites, leaves, wild flowers, boats, plants and fish. Scribbles and thick lines are crisscrossed over his paintings. His lines are not polished at all. The uneven lines create an individual

language, highlighting a rural essence.

Samarjit uses primary colours and lines to create a flavour of bucolic Bengal. He draws inspiration from indigenous objects such as Lokkhi-shora and poto chitra. His lines and colours are also motivated by clay dolls and ancient ballads. His works present a combination of traditional and modern geometric, abstract forms.

Samarjit also has a propensity for portraying female forms in semi-realistic or realistic manner. The colours frequently used are azure, red, black, yellow and emerald green.

Samarjit indulges in nostalgia, going back to his childhood when life

was carefree. Catching fish, flying kites were part of that period of bliss and these elements are also an integral part of his paintings.

Acrylic, pastel, oil and mixed media are predominately used in his works. Adroit application of light and shades are evident. Besides restless curves, geometric forms, rectangular-triangular and broken lines make his images noteworthy. Playing with forms is Samarjit's forte.

Among the avant-garde second generation of contemporary artists in Bangladesh, Samarjit seeks to represent our culture, heritage and traditions. As a painter, he believes he has certain responsibilities to the motherland.



Samarjit Roy Chowdhury is known for recurring folk motifs in his works.

Leela Naidu: An icon of Indian cinema passes away

PALLAB BHATTACHARYA, New Delhi

As the icon of beauty and acting prowess, she was not in the same league as Suchitra Sen or Madhubala but if there is a heroine who could come close to them, it was Leela Naidu, the yesteryear actress, who died in Mumbai last Tuesday at the age of 69 after a prolonged illness.

Talk to watchers of Hindi films of 1960s, you can bet they will remember Leela Naidu as one of the most beautiful actresses of her time. Before that -- in 1954 to be precise -- the Vogue magazine had voted her as one of the 10 most beautiful Indian women.

Born in 1940 to an Indian father and a European mother, Leela Naidu made her film debut with Hrishikesh Mukherjee's "Anuradha" in 1960 opposite Balraj Sahni. Leela played the role of a devoted but Cinderella wife of an idealistic doctor who decides to dedicate himself to the service of rural population.

"Anuradha" won the national award for best film and Leela's performance caught the attention of critics.

Leela Naidu went on to act in RK Nayyar's "Yeh Raaste Haiin Pyaar Ke" -- her most talked-about movie -- opposite Sunil Dutt and Ismail Merchant-James Ivory's inaugural production "The Householder" opposite a young Shashi Kapoor (both films in 1963).

Besides doing a small role in



Merchant-Ivory's film "The Guru" in 1969, Leela Naidu had also appeared in "Baaghi" (with Pradeep Kumar), director Nitin Bose's "Umeed" (with Ashok Kumar and Joy Mukherjee).

After a long hiatus, Leela Naidu was again seen in Shyam Benegal's "Trikaal" in 1985 playing the role of a Goanese woman whose clan is on the decline.

Leela Naidu's personal life was tumultuous. Her first marriage to leading hotelier

Bikki Oberoi, scion of the famous Oberoi family owning Oberoi group of hotels across India, ended in a break-up. Adding to her woe, she lost the custody of her two daughters.

Leela Naidu later married writer Dom Moraes but the relationship lasted just 10 years.

After the role in Benegal's film, Leela Naidu became a recluse and was seldom seen in public in Mumbai, the hub of Hindi cinema.

On Air

BTV

08:45 Shokal-er Gaan
09:05 Documentary Programme
09:15 O Amar Desher Mati
10:05 Rum Jhum
11:30 Mati O Manush
12:10 Swasthho Jigyasha
01:30 Shukhi Ponbaar
02:15 Sisimpur
02:45 Bangla Feature Film
05:35 Selected Programme
06:40 Geeti Mayo
07:15 Ontarango Alokey
07:45 Documentary Programme: Phirey Dekha

08:35 Dance Programme: Tarana
09:00 Drama: Deyal
10:25 Selected Programme

ATN BANGLA

08:15 Ajker Shangbadpotro
08:30 Dance Programme: Nupur-er Chhondey
09:15 Drama Serial: Tomaar Doyaye Bhalo Achhi Maa
10:30 Hello Bangladesh
11:05 Talk Show: Asian City Top Spin
12:15 Musical Programme: Shesh Okhkor
01:30 Documentary Programme: Prapok

02:40 Bangla Feature Film
05:00 Gramgonjer Khobor
06:15 Square Hospital Shushtho Thakun
06:45 Kaandey Amaar Maa
08:00 Drama Serial: Karo Kono Niti Nai

08:40 Drama Serial: Eka
09:20 Drama Serial: Naksha
10:40 Talk Show: Mukto Shanglaap
11:30 Daily Soap: Doll's House
12:00 Grameenphone Lead News

CHANNEL i

08:05 Rabindra Sangeet
08:30 Shokaler Gaan
08:40 Ajker Chakri
09:30 Shanbadpotrey Bangladesh
09:45 Public Reaction
09:50 Grameenphone Trilio Matra
11:30 Amader Aina
12:05 Sa Re Ga Ma

12:30 Ebong Cinemar Gaan
01:05 Shobaar Jonyo Shorboshey Bigyan Dharona
02:30 Selected Programme
03:15 Citibank N.A. Gunijon Shangbardonha
04:05 Mukti Juddhho Protidin
04:30 Shotyer Shondhaney
05:30 Talent Hunt: Shur-er Doria Ei Paar O Paar
07:50 Drama Serial: Sakin Sharishuri
09:35 Hridoye Mati O Manush
10:00 Drama Serial: Nine Months in Brick Lane
11:30 Drama Serial: Chhayabithi Taley
12:00 Grameenphone Ajker Shangbadpotro

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08:55 Bangla Feature Film
12:10 Talk Show: Ei Shomoy
01:05 Cartoon
10:02 Deho Ghor
11:30 Mukto Khobor
02:02 Bangla Feature Film
05:30 Sports plus
06:30 Bhubhurey Dot Com
07:45 Drama: Shayela
09:30 Drama Serial: Bhabhi
10:10 Golpo Sholpo Gaan
11:45 Market Trend
12:02 Ekusher Raat

BANGLAVISION

08:00 Shubho Shokal
08:30 Drama Serial: Mama Bhagney
09:00 Ebong Classier Bairey
10:10 Jonotar Mokhumukhi
11:35 Onirbaan
01:30 Drama Serial: Gulshan Avenue
02:30 Bangla Feature Film
05:20 Obhibashir Gham-er Taka
06:00 Din-er Sheshey
06:20 Orthoniti Shanglap
06:50 Positive Bangladesh

10:30 Total Sports
11:45 Shoja Katha
DIGANTA TELEVISION
08:30 Drama Serial: Mohor
10:30 FM Method
12:30 Pathey Prantorey
02:30 TV Series
03:05 Drama Serial: Shesh Kothaye
04:30 Meley Dhori Ichichha Guli
08:05 Rang Rup
08:30 Drama Serial: Brityer Bithor Eka
09:25 Career Line
11:05 Shobaar Agey Desh

CHANNEL 1

09:10 Events of the Day
09:15 Desh Kaal
10:30 Drama: Ochena Kabyo
11:30 Shoptaho Sheshey
12:10 Tele-film: Khela Khela
02:00 Talk Show: Bondhu Amar
06:20 Crimson Tide
08:35 Mr Magorium's Wonder Emponium
10:30 My Mom's New Boyfriend
12:30 Rob-B-Hood

STAR WORLD

08:30 Are You Smarter Than A 5th Grader?
09:30 The Simpsons
10:30 Rodney
11:00 How I Met Your Mother
11:30 The Bold And The Beautiful
01:30 America's Got Talent
02:30 Knight Rider
03:30 Heroes
05:30 Beauty & The Geek
06:30 Koffee With Karan
07:30 I'm a Celebrity Get Me Out Of Here!
08:30 Smallville
09:30 Kyle Xy

02:30 Newsnight
03:00 BBC World News
03:30 Early Life
04:00 BBC World News
04:30 Our World - Pakistan: Jinnah's Children (r)
05:00 BBC World News
05:30 Middle East Business Report (r)
06:00 BBC World News
06:30 Dateline London
07:00 BBC World News
07:15 Sport Today
07:30 Spirit Of Yachting
08:00 BBC World News
08:10 Building The Olympic Dream
09:00 BBC World News
09:10 The World Debate (r)
10:00 BBC World News
10:30 This Week
11:00 BBC World News

STAR SPORTS

08:30 TNA Badshah 08/09 - Scott Steiner
10:30 Gilitch
11:00 Allianz Suisse Open Gstaad - Quarterfinal #1
12:30 Allianz Suisse Open Gstaad - Quarterfinal #2
02:00 Indonesia President Invitational
03:00 Nordic Light
04:30 Nordic Light
06:00 Allianz Suisse Open Gstaad - Semifinal #1
08:00 Allianz Suisse Open Gstaad - Semifinal #2
10:00 Indonesia President Invitational
11:00 2009 Hannspree FIM Superbike
World Championship H/L
11:30 FIA GT Championship Highlights 2009

ESPN

10:00 X Games 15
12:00 Sportscenter Week In Review 2009
12:30 Hitz 09/10
01:00 Football Asia 2009/10
01:30 Spelling Champs 2009 - Wordsmith
02:30 Spelling Champs 2009 - Word Categories Round
03:30 Grand American Series: Birmingham
04:30 2010 FIFA World Cup Magazine Show
05:00 US Senior Open Championship 2009
07:55 Sportscenter Weekend 2009
08:00 X Games 15
11:00 Sec Women's Gymnastics



Hridoye Mati O Manush
On Channel i at 9:35 pm
Agricultural Programme
Host: Shykh Seraj

abc radio FM 89.2
06:00 Shree Jankari
09:00 Mukhito Jiboney
12:00 Darun Dazuley
03:00 Duranto Bikshara
05:00 Shondhara
07:00 Shajer Maye
08:00 Rast-er Aloshay
11:00 Golper Shesh Nei
Radio Foorti 88.0 FM
08:00 Addibazi
12:00 Boier Poka
02:00 Foorti Unlimited
06:00 Bumper to Bumper
10:00 Club Foorti
01:00 Back to Back music
Radio Today 89.6 FM
07:15 Good Morning Dhaka
11:00 Mukti Unlimited
01:00 Today's World Music
04:00 U Turn
08:00 Tubey Tai Hoi
11:00 Rast Bhor Gash

On Star World at 8:30 pm
SMALLVILLE

02:30 Drama Serial: Polayon Porbo
03:15 Super Hero Super Heroine
04:25 Gallery
05:35 Alokpat
06:15 Shubhoshondha
06:45 Shangkriti Ei Shoptaho
08:15 Drama Serial: Bari Bari Shari Shari
09:00 Marks All Rounder 2009
11:30 Drama Serial: Ei Borshay
11:35 Talk Show: Ei Shomoy

ETV

09:30 Drama Serial: Eka Othoba Koekjon

08:15 Drama Serial: Rupnagorer Konyo
09:05 Talk Show: Lizan Mehedi Amar Aml
09:45 Daily Soap: Gulshan Avenue
11:25 Poroshor
12:10 Shangbad Protidin

DESH TV

12:15 Dur Paath
03:00 Bangla Feature Film
04:00 Desh Janopad
07:45 Desh Topchart
08:15 Drama Serial: Shubhro
09:45 Drama Serial: Jao Pakhi

03:30 Drama: Onubhobey Onubhuti
04:30 Amar Ghar
06:00 Saaj Bela
07:00 Shomoyer Swad
08:15 Drama Serial: Probhati Shobuj Shongho
09:00 Selected Programme
09:45 Events of the Day
11:00 Corporate World

STAR MOVIES

10:05 Huadu Chronicles: Blade Of Rose
12:15 Spy Kids 3: Game Over
02:00 Four Weddings And A Funeral
04:15 Death Sentence

10:30 Criminal Minds
11:30 Lipstick Jungle
12:30 Seinfeld
BBC WORLD NEWS
09:30 HARDtalk (r)
10:00 BBC World News
10:30 Nature Inc. (r)
11:00 BBC World News
11:30 Middle East Business Report
12:00 BBC World News
12:30 Click (r)
01:00 BBC World News
01:10 The World Debate
02:00 BBC World News