

## WHAT'S ON THIS WEEK

**Fracophonie Festival '10**  
**Organiser:** Alliance Francaise de Dhaka  
**Venue:** Alliance Francaise, 26, Mirpur Road, Dhanmondi  
**Date:** March 20-27  
**Time:** 5pm onwards



### Int'l Theatre Festival 2010

**Organiser:** Dhaka Padatik  
**Venue:** National Theatre Hall, BSA  
**Date:** March 19-25  
**Time:** 7pm



### Solo Photography Exhibition

**Title:** The Dockyard  
**Artiste:** Yask Desai  
**Venue:** Drik Gallery, H-58, R-15A (New), Dhanmondi  
**Date:** March 18-24  
**Time:** 3pm-8pm



### Solo Art Exhibition

**Artist:** Anukul Mojumdar  
**Title:** Tales of Dreams  
**Venue:** Shilpangan Art Gallery, H-26, R-3, Dhanmondi  
**Date:** March 19-April 3  
**Time:** 12pm-8pm



## A sage silenced in her prime

### Theatre troupe Battola premieres "Khona"

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Premiere of theatre troupe Battola's latest production "Khona" was held at the Experimental Theatre Hall, Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy on March 18. Written by Samina Lutfa Nitra and directed by Mohammad Ali Haider, "Khona" is the third production of Battola. Theatre personalities Sara Zaker, Shimul Yousuf and President of Battola, Dr. Saleque Khan, among others, attended the premiere.

The story of Khona, a legendary philosopher-astrologer from ancient Bengal, is shrouded in mystery. Khona induced a violent rage and jealousy in her father-in-law, Boraho, who was the royal astrologer. Boraho had

Khona's tongue severed.

In the play, Samina Lutfa Nitra has tried to explore a myth -- are the famed adages known as 'Khonar Bachan' (words of Khona) truly her legacy or did she become the mouthpiece of the illiterate farmers' agricultural experiences? Was Khona a victim of male chauvinism or was it a class conflict, as she enraged the rulers by trying to improve the lives of farmers?

Nitra played the titular role. The cast also included Mohammad Ali Haider, Nasiruddin Nadim, Sharmin Eti, Toufique Hasan Bhuiyan and Tahmina Sultana. Bratya Amin and Sharmin Eti jointly directed the music. Abu Daud Ashrafi is the set and light designer of the play.



Actors of Battola in a scene from "Khona".

## Chanchal Mahmood's solo exhibition after a decade

# Familiar images, remarkable frames

A CORRESPONDENT

Eminent photographer Chanchal Mahmood's 18th solo exhibition, titled "Hridaye Bangladesh" opened on March 19 at Bengal Gallery of Fine Arts. Media personality Aly Zaker and artist Kanak Champa Chakma were present at the inauguration.

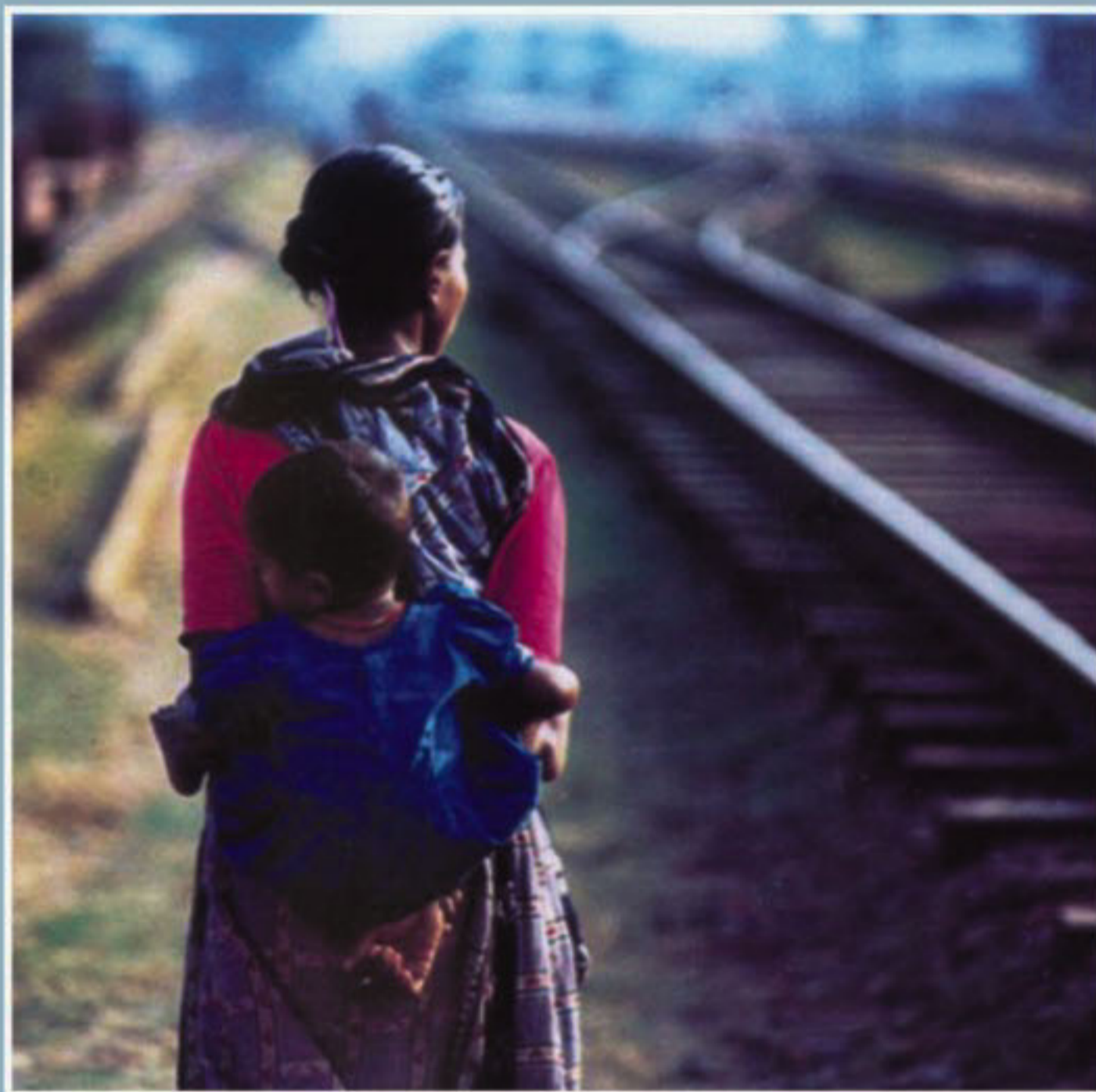
"This exhibition is our way of celebrating the month of independence," said Subir Chowdhury, director of Bengal Gallery.

The exhibition is supported by BRAC Bank.

"Once we were in a village and were trying to get rid of mud. The mud was rather sticky and wouldn't come off. A village girl noticed this and said that the soil of our country has such love that it does not let go. There is just something about the country that is ingrained in our souls," said Syed Mahbubur Rahman, Deputy Managing Director of BRAC Bank.

"The reason I didn't have a solo exhibition in the past 12 years is because I just didn't have the time. Along with my school, I was preoccupied with other obligations," said Chanchal Mahmood.

"I would say that this generation of photographers is rather lucky. Back in the day, we had to struggle a lot to learn the technicalities of the medium. Now there are courses and degrees on photography. Taking photography as a career was unthinkable when I was young. My father didn't accept my decision to



Photographs by Chanchal Mahmood.

pursue photography as a career. When one day, some reporters from overseas were interviewing me, he muttered that I was doing well," the seasoned photographer added.

The works on display delineate various facets of Bangladesh. There is an intense sense of patriotism in the images that is evident through the portrayal of our national flag or martyrs immortalised through sculpture. A skull semi covered by the national flag speaks of the sacrifices needed to attain free-

dom. A smiling girl in green and red speaks of the hopes and dreams of an independent nation.

Mahmood's photographs do not only speak of the Liberation War, but also about the rather subtle beauty of this country that is often overlooked.

"I love the greenery manifested in our nature," said the photographer. It is a wonder how such finer details that go unnoticed by most, could create such a beautiful image.

There are also photos of lone-some travellers and birds that have not yet spread their wings. There is a similar feeling of emancipation in both images.

Fashion photography is said to be Chanchal Mahmood's forte. Naturally this aspect was also prevalent in his exhibition through portraits of popular actors and models.

There is an ode to flowers at the exhibition as 'Kash Phool' sway gently in the breeze, and orchids bloom in magnificent colours. The national flower water lily emerges demurely radiant in a photo.

There is an amusing photo that draws most of the viewers' attention: three children and a goat behind them. It seems as if all, including the goat had posed well, and yet the image has spontaneity written all over it.

Bangladesh, as a theme, has so many aspects that it is hard to imagine that all of these can be covered with one exhibition.

"My teachers had always asked me to put forward stories of success before anything else. My work reflects that philosophy," said Mahmood.

The absence of the late photographer Dr Nawazesh Ahmed, who was supposed to open the exhibition, was felt deeply. "He had been a constant source of inspiration," said Mahmood.

The exhibition will remain open till March 30.



## ON AIR

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

### ATN BANGLA

12:15 Motamot  
 01:25 Cholochitrir Golpo  
 03:10 BBC BUZZ  
 04:25 Agricultural Programme: Matir Shubatalash  
 05:15 Aynar Shamney  
 06:15 The Lost World  
 12:00 Grameenphone Lead News

### CHANNEL i

11:30 Docu Drama: CSR  
 01:05 Musical Programme: Ebong Cinemar Gaan  
 01:30 Musical Programme: Sa Re Ga Ma  
 03:05 Medha Bikash  
 04:05 FCT Business Talk  
 04:30 Muktiuddha Protidin  
 05:30 Amar Chhobi

### ntv

01:05 Japan Video Topic  
 02:30 Drama Serial: Chakkar  
 04:10 Quiz Show: Janar Achhey Bolaar Achhey  
 05:30 Apanar Jigyasha  
 06:40 Unnoyoner Jonyo Shouharo  
 09:00 Cookery Show: Pran Gura Moshila Amar Ranna  
 09:45 Drama Serial: Dhupchhaya Making of Challenge

### ETV

11:30 Ekusher Business  
 02:02 Desh Jurey

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 03:30 Deho Ghari  
 04:30 Street Magic  
 05:25 Kobi O Kobita  
 06:30 Desh Jurey  
 07:50 Tomi Miyar Recipe  
 08:20 Drama: Ekdin Bhalobasha Eshey Jadi

### Rtv

12:30 Drama: FDC  
 02:03 Bangla Feature Film  
 06:03 Protidin  
 06:45 Crime Focus  
 07:30 Road To Democracy  
 09:25 R Music  
 11:30 Good Shot

### DESH TV

12:15 Durpath  
 05:02 Cartoon  
 05:30 Baati Ghar  
 06:02 Bazarey Notun  
 10:30 Total Sports  
 11:45 Shoja Katha

### BANGLAVISION

11:35 Shoundarjo Katha  
 01:30 Drama Serial: Patigonit  
 02:30 Bangla Feature Film  
 06:05 Sports Time

06:40 Point of Order  
 09:05 Cookery Show: Amader Ranna Ghar  
 09:45 Drama Serial: Diba Raatri Khola Thakey  
 11:20 Anyo Nayan  
 12:00 Shyangbad Protidin

### CHANNEL 1

11:00 Bangla Feature Film  
 03:30 Drama Serial: Probhati Shobuj Shanga  
 04:00 Gaan-er Khata  
 05:15 Shuktara  
 06:45 Drama Serial: To-Let  
 08:15 Drama serial: Gohor Baindha  
 09:00 Drama Serial: Kaanch-er Putul  
 09:45 Events of the Day

### ZEE STUDIO

08:30 Father of the Bride 2  
 11:00 Eloise at Christmastime  
 01:30 Beauty Shop  
 03:45 Get shorty on Campus  
 04:45 Battle for Haditha  
 07:00 Half Light  
 09:30 Assassination of Richard Nixon  
 11:35 Pearl Harbour

### HBO

09:30 Ray

12:30 Secondhand Lions  
 02:45 Magic In The Water  
 04:45 King Solomon's Mines  
 06:45 The Making Of SATC: The Movie  
 07:15 Fred Claus  
 09:30 Kull The Conqueror  
 11:30 Milk (2008)

### AXN

11:30 Masters of Illusion  
 12:30 Criss Angel Mindfreak  
 01:30 CLOSURE  
 04:00 Ebuzz  
 05:30 SlamBall  
 06:30 Step It Up And Dance  
 07:30 Ebuzz  
 08:00 Criss Angel Mindfreak  
 08:30 Scare Tactics  
 09:30 Masters of Illusion  
 10:30 The Amazing Race  
 11:30 Scare Tactics

### BBC WORLD

10:30 HARDtalk  
 11:00 BBC World News  
 12:00 BBC World News  
 12:30 World Business Report  
 12:45 BBC World News  
 01:00 BBC World News  
 01:30 World Business Report  
 01:45 Sport Today

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 02:45 Sport Today  
 03:00 BBC World News  
 03:30 HARDtalk (r)  
 04:00 BBC World News  
 04:30 BBC World News  
 05:00 GMT with George Alagiah  
 06:00 BBC World News  
 06:30 World Business Report  
 06:45 Sport Today  
 07:00 Impact Asia with Mishal Husain  
 08:30 World Business Report  
 08:45 Sport Today  
 09:00 BBC World News  
 09:30 HARDtalk (r)  
 10:00 The Hub with Nik Gowing  
 11:30 World Business Report

### STAR SPORTS

12:00 Bnp Paribas Open  
 02:00 FIM Mx1 Motocross World C'ship 2009 - Highlights  
 03:00 Barclays Premier League 2009/10 Match: Sunderland vs. Birmingham City  
 05:00 Hot Water 2009/10  
 06:00 Bnp Paribas Open H/L  
 07:00 Hitz 09/10  
 09:00 Engine Block 2010  
 09:30 Score Tonight  
 10:00 TNA Xplosion 09/10

### Talk show

**ATN BANGLA**  
 11:30pm Jey Katha Keu Boley Ni  
**Channel i**  
 12:30pm Citycell Taroka Kathan (Live)  
**ntv**  
 12:00am Ei Shomoy  
**ETV**  
 10:10pm O Bondhu Amar

### Drama Serial

**ATN BANGLA**  
 08:00pm Chhannochhara  
**CHANNEL i**  
 09:35pm Money Bag Fantasy  
**ntv**  
 08:15pm Mamuli Ekta Manush  
**ETV**  
 09:30pm Lolita  
**DESH TV**  
 09:45pm Phirey Phirey Ashi  
**BANGLAVISION**  
 08:15pm Babar Hotel

### News Bulletin

**BTV**  
 News Headlines (Bangla) at 9:00 am.  
 News (Bangla) at 8:00 am  
 2:00 pm, 5:00 pm, 8:00 pm.  
 News (English) at 10:00am, 4:00 pm, 10:00 pm.  
 Late Night News (Bangla and English) 11:30 pm. (To be telecast on all Bangla channels).  
**CHANNEL-i**  
 News (Bangla): 7:00 am, 9:00 am, 2:00 pm, 9:00 pm, 10:30 pm, 12:30 am  
**ATN BANGLA**  
 NEWS (Bangla): 7:00 pm, 10:00 pm, 1:00 pm, 4:00 am  
**News Every Hour:** 7:00am, 11:00am, 12:00pm, 01:00pm, 3:00pm, 04:00pm  
**News (English):** 9:00 am, 6:00 pm.  
**BANGLAVISION**  
 News (Bangla) at 7:30am, 1:30pm, 5:00pm, 7:15pm, 10:30pm.  
 News Headlines (Bangla) at 10:00am, 12:00am, 4:00pm.  
 News (English) at 6:00pm  
**abc radio**  
 News: 08:00 am, 12:00 pm, 03:00 pm, 06:00 pm, 09:00 pm, 12:00 am;  
 English Bulletin: 1:30pm, 7:30pm

### Talent Hunt

08:45pm Shah Cement Nirmaner Taroka



**Dhupchhaya**  
 On ntv at 9:45 pm  
 Drama Serial  
 Cast: Nisho, Bindu



**Milk**  
 On HBO at 11:30 pm  
 Genre: Drama  
 Cast: Sean Penn, Emile Hirsch



**Diba Ratri Khola Thakey**  
 On BANGLAVISION at 9:45pm  
 Drama Serial  
 Cast: Anisur Rahman Milon, Shokh



**abc radio FM 89.2**  
 06:00 Bhorer Janaibay  
 09:00 Mukhorto Diporey  
 12:00 Darun Dupurey  
 03:00 Duranto Bikeley  
 05:00 Shondhatara  
 07:00 Shajer Maya  
 09:00 Raat-er Akashay  
 11:00 Golper Shesh Nei  
**RADIO FOORTI 88.0 FM**  
 07:30 Hello Dhaka  
 10:00 Morning Express  
 12:00 My Time  
 01:00 No Tension  
 04:00 Dhaka Calling  
 09:00 Night Rider  
 01:00 Back to Back music  
**RADIO TODAY 89.6 FM**  
 07:15 Good Morning Dhaka  
 11:00 Musti Unlimited  
 01:00 Today's Adda  
 04:00 U Turn  
 08:00 Tobey Tai Hok  
 11:00 Raat Bhor Gaan  
 12:00 Today's Happy Moments