

## WHAT'S ON THIS WEEK

### Solo Painting Exhibition

Artist: Soumyajit Choudhury  
Venue: Radius Centre, Bay's Gallery  
57, Gulshan Avenue (5th Floor)  
Date: April 2-17



### 17th Young Artists Art Exhibition 2010

Venue: National Art Gallery, Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy  
Date: April 2-19  
Time: 11am-7pm



### Group Art Exhibition

Venue: Haque Art Gallery, DCC Market, Gulshan-2  
Date: March 25-April 5  
Time: 10am-8pm



### Chaitrosankrantir Book Fair

Organised by: Adorn Publication  
Venue: Central Public Library Premises, Shahbag  
Date: April 1-13  
Time: 10am 8pm



## A voice to the voiceless

Exhibition featuring works by underprivileged children



Clockwise (from top-left): Paintings by Md. Mizanur, Mahbub, Salima and Halim Mia.

MAINUL HASSAN

It's just another day at Khilgaon Model High School. During the recess, the children are seen running around the school playground, playing games, and generally having fun after all that strenuous class work. Standing right outside the main gate, a young girl wistfully watches the children at play. This is a self-portrait by 14-year-old Rita, a domestic help, a testament to her unfulfilled dream of going to school and joining other kids playing on the school grounds.

At the Bengal Gallery of Fine Arts, this and 108 other artworks by underprivileged children narrated similar stories. Deprived of their basic rights, these unfortunate youngsters are losing their childhood, as they are forced to work from an early age.

The three-day exhibition, which concluded on April 3, was organised by the Bengal Gallery of Fine Arts in association with Ain O Shalish Kendra (ASK).

As the title of the exhibition, "My Country" suggests, the majority of the paintings highlight scenic beauty of our country -- the green fields, a cowherd attending to his flock, children playing and flying kites in the vast open fields, a farmer ploughing his fields, and a village fair, among others. Using brushes and colour, Hamim Mia, a grocery store assistant; Mahbub who is also a shopkeeper's assistant; Suma, a domestic help, and others depicted rural Bengal skilfully through the paintings. The paintings have an element of nostalgia, as many children working in the city spend their early lives in the villages.

Other paintings at the exhibition were on the Liberation War, protests

against child labour -- highlighting the hazards working children face everyday at factories, engaged in backbreaking labour at construction sites or as 'helpers' (driver's assistant).

Many paintings had messages written on them such as, "We also want to go to school, please let us," "Stop child labour and "We also want to live a normal life".

The participating children are under the wings of the Child Rights Unit of ASK. At the unit ASK provides education and legal protection for the working children.

"We run schools in Dhaka where we offer basic education for these working children. The paintings at the exhibition showcase their talents. If given proper chance, these children can also become assets for the society," said Jahan Ara Perveen, senior educator and liaison officer, Child Rights Unit, ASK.

## The healing touch

Mehreen performs for autistic children

A CORRESPONDENT

At 4 pm on April 2, at Radisson Hotel, 12 autistic children sang on stage with Mehreen -- each of them held a torchlight (instead of candles). The song was Michael Jackson's "Heal the World."

"The reason I chose this song was to draw the attention of the masses towards this 10 percent of the population," said the pop star.

"The performance was remarkable. It made me want to turn around and say 'thank you'," she added.

Artistes of "Channel-i Shera Kontho" and a band also performed at the event. There was dance as well and a sale of handicrafts made by the children with special needs of Proyash.

"I have worked with autistic kids before and I'm aware of their talents. They have so much potential in music, art, handicrafts etc. They just need the proper guidance and encouraging environment to develop their skills," the artiste said.

"Parents have a lot of responsibilities. Once they are aware that their children have autism, they should send them to special schools," she added.

At the end of the programme, Mehreen came on stage again and sang her popular number "Dhol".

The event was held to generate awareness and also to raise funds. It was organised by Hesper Event Management and sponsored by Radisson Hotel, Beximco, Exim Bank, Fortuna and Bangla Lion.



Mehreen

## Weeklong theatre festival begins in Sylhet

IQBAL SIDDIQUEE, Sylhet

Sammilita Natya Parishad, Sylhet organised a weeklong drama festival at the M Saifur Rahman auditorium at the city's Rikabibazar last Friday night. Founder Chief of the Natya Parishad and president of Sammilita Sangskritik Jote, Sylhet and veteran cultural personality, Hemchandra Bhattacharya formally inaugurated the festival as chief guest.

General Secretary of the Natya Parishad, Afzal Hossain also spoke on the function while President Mahbub Ahsan Chowdhury chaired.

Inaugurating the festival, the chief guest said, facing all obstacles and barriers the Natya Parishad had completed 25 years of performance. It is a rare thing whereas



Actors of Kothakoli, Sylhet in the play "Court Martial."

Sylhet lacks a venue for staging dramas. He demanded upon the government immediate measures for construc-

tion of a modern and equipped auditorium for staging dramas in Sylhet. Kothakoli, Sylhet successfully staged "Court

Martial" on the first night of the festival. "Shasti" of Rabindranath Tagore was staged on Sunday by Natyaloke.

## ON AIR

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

### BTV

12:30 Shukhi Paribar  
01:00 Nriyer Taley Taley  
02:15 Bashori  
03:05 Cartoon  
03:30 Natun Pothey  
04:05 Shurer Kheya  
04:30 Sufi Shadhoker Bangladesh  
05:05 National Television School Debate Competition  
07:00 Muktiyuddha Protidin  
07:45 Documentary Programme: Phirey Dekha  
08:25 Etihash Oitijhye Bangladesh  
08:30 Krishi Dibanishi  
09:00 Package Drama Serial:

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10:25 Shur Shombhar  
**ATN BANGLA**  
12:15 Motomotr  
01:25 Choloচিত্র Golpo  
04:25 Agricultural Programme: Matir Shubatash  
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

### ntv

02:30 Drama Serial: Chokkor  
03:15 Shanto Kutir  
04:10 Quiz Show: Janar Achhey  
05:30 Bolaar Achhey  
06:40 Apnaar Jigyasha  
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### 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  
**Rtv**  
02:03 Bangla Feature Film Protidin  
06:03 Crime Focus  
06:45 Road To Democracy  
09:25 R Music  
11:30 Drishyokalpo  
12:00 Cinema Aar Gaan  
**DESH TV**  
05:30 Dur Paath  
06:30 Bazarey Notun  
07:45 Upokulio Jeley Utshab  
10:30 Total Sports  
**BANGLAVISION**  
11:35 Shoundarjo Katha  
02:30 Bangla Feature Film  
06:05 Sports Time  
06:40 Point of Order  
09:05 Cookery Show: Amader

12:00 Ranna Ghar  
Shangbad Protidin  
**CHANNEL 1**  
11:00 Film  
Bangla Feature  
04:00 Gaan-er Khata  
05:15 Shuktara  
09:45 Events of the Day  
11:00 Stop 'n Rock  
**HBO**  
10:00 21  
12:30 The Addams Family  
02:30 Mr. Woodcock  
04:15 Frequency  
06:45 The Express  
09:30 Mortal Combat  
11:30 Mr. Woodcock  
**ESPN**  
11:30 Vancouver 2010 - Day 10 - Morning H/L  
12:30 Barclays Premier League 2009/10 Match: Portsmouth vs. Blackburn Rovers  
02:30 PBA Tour : Lumber

04:00 Liquidators Marathon Open  
NBA Regular Season 2009/10 Match: Atlanta Hawks vs. Cleveland Cavaliers  
06:30 Jet Sprint World Championships  
07:30 Premier League Highlights  
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**AXN**  
12:30 Criss Angel Mindfreak (Season 3)  
01:30 Hollow Man 2  
03:30 David Blaine: Street Magic  
05:30 Slamball  
06:00 Criss Ange Mindfreak  
06:30 Life On Mars  
07:30 David Blaine: Street Magic  
08:30 Scare Tactics  
09:30 Masters of Illusion  
10:30 The Amazing Race

### Talk show

**ATN BANGLA**  
11:30pm Jey Katha Keu Boley Ni  
12:30am Hello Bangladesh  
**CHANNEL i**  
09:50am Grameenphone Tritomatra  
07:50pm Shomoyer Shanglaap  
12:30pm Citycell Taroka Kathan (Live)

### Drama Serial

**ATN BANGLA**  
08:00pm Chhannochhara  
**CHANNEL i**  
09:35pm Gorber  
Kopaley Shanti  
Nai  
10:00pm Aalo Chihaya  
**ntv**  
08:15pm Mamuli Ekta  
Manush  
09:45pm Dhupchhaya  
**ETV**  
08:20pm Gunin  
09:30pm Lolita  
**DESH TV**  
08:15pm Shimanto  
09:45pm Noditey  
Ondhokaar  
**BANGLAVISION**  
08:15pm Babar Hotel  
09:45pm Diba Raatri  
Khola Thakey

### 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, 11:00 pm, 1:00 am, 4:00 am  
News (English) at 6:00pm  
**Rtv**  
News (Bangla): 2:30 pm, 4:30 pm, 6:30 pm, 8:30 pm, 10:30 pm, 12:30 am  
**ntv**  
News (Bangla): 7:30am, 12:02pm, 2:00pm, 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  
**ETV**  
News (Bangla): 9:00am, 11:00 am, 1:00pm, 3:00pm, 5:00pm, 7:00pm, 9:00pm, 11:00pm  
**Shah Cement Nirmaner Taroka**  
On ATN Bangla at 8:45pm Talent Hunt



**Dhupchhaya**  
On ntv at 9:45 pm  
Drama Serial  
Cast: Shojol, Prova



**David Blaine: Street Magic**  
On AXN at 7:30 pm



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**abc radio FM 89.2**  
06:00 Bhorer Janalay  
09:00 Mukhorito  
Jiboney  
12:00 Darun Dupurey  
03:00 Duranto Bikeley  
05:00 Shondhatara  
07:00 Shajer Maya  
09:00 Raat-er Akashey  
11:00 Golper Shesh Nei  
**RADIO FOORTI 88.0 FM**  
07:30 Hello Dhaka  
10:00 Moring 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