

## WHAT'S ON THIS WEEK

## Solo Art Exhibition

Artist: Samiran Chowdhury  
Venue: Gallery Kaya, H-20, R-16, Sector 4, Uttara  
Date: June 15-30  
Time: 10am-8pm



## Photography and Installation Show

Photographer: Zaid Islam  
Title: Used Reused  
Venue: Dhaka Art Centre, R-7A, H-60, Dhamondi  
Date: June 5-16  
Time: 3pm-7pm



## Photo Exhibition

Photographer: Norbert Enker  
Title: Recycled  
Venue: Goethe-Institut Bangladesh, H-10, R-9, Dhamondi  
Date: June 2-23  
Time: 10am-8pm



## Clay Exhibition

Title: Clay and Life by Harappa  
Venue: Dril Gallery, H-58, R-15A, Dhamondi  
Date: June 9-21  
Time: 3pm-8pm



## Recycling is the key

Zaid's photo and installation exhibition



Photographs by Zaid Islam.

## A CORRESPONDENT

On the occasion of World Environment Day, a photography and installation exhibition, titled "Used Reused," featuring Zaid Islam, opened on June 5 at the Dhaka Art Centre, Dhamondi in Dhaka. Noted art critic Moinuddin Khaled, artist Nisar Hossain, Barrister Amirul Islam and the trustees of Dhaka Art Centre were present at the inaugural programme.

The exhibition focuses on pollution, climate change and its effects on our ecosystem. As a photographer, Zaid prefers to dwell on a realistic theme that earnestly engages the environment. His installation is conceptual and highlights the importance of recycling. If we can minimise waste or recycle it effec-

tively, our environment might regain its previous glory.

One of his images shows a woman working in Islambagh, old Dhaka, where plastic waste materials arrive. Here they are sorted according to their grade and colour. Then they are packed, weighed and sent to be broken down or melted.

Another photo shows an adolescent collecting discarded water bottles on the Dhaka University campus. He sells the bottles for Tk 25 per kilogram. This is his source of income.

The exhibition also incorporates the subjects, climate change and its effects on our environment. Climate change is set to seriously affect agriculture, forestry, fishing, health and water supply. Pollution has become a matter of serious concern all over the world in recent

years.

Zaid said, "When I was six, my maternal grandmother would make toys from vegetable peels and we would play with them for hours. Long before I went to school, I learnt to reuse and recycle at home from my grandmother, mother, aunt and domestic workers. The plastic packet containing milk was used to store food in the fridge. Our bua (maid) sometimes took them home to keep her betel leaves in them. When I was 13, I was embarrassed to accompany my parents to weddings or other social events, as we would wrap the gifts with recycled paper. Later as a university student in the mid-'90s, I was embarrassed as I didn't respect my mother's views on recycling before."

The exhibition continues till June 16.

## Tagore singer Dodul Ahmed turns film music director

Dodul Ahmed has earned a reputation as a classical and Tagore singer. He sings *adunik* songs as well. Recently the singer made his debut as a film music director, says a press release.

Ahmed composed and directed all songs for the upcoming film "Prem Bishad" (directed by AKM Firoz Babu).

About his new venture the singer said, "Usually filmmakers do not allow music directors to work with freedom. But the director of the film 'Prem Bishad' gave me all the space I wanted in this regard. Which is why I was interested to work for the film."

"I composed the songs with utmost passion. I hope, the audience will like the songs," he added.

Shooting for the film is on at present. Tiger Films is producing "Prem Bishad". Veteran actors Sujata and Ariful Haque have worked together for the first time in the film. The cast also includes Arju, Priyanka, Sadek Bachchu, Rehana Jolly and Don.

## Opera "Turandot"

A work with a universal appeal

KAVITA, New Delhi

Western opera is not everyone's cup of tea. However, a film screening of Italian operatic composer Giacomo Puccini's "Turandot" (1924) wowed a small audience in Delhi.

"Turandot" is among the great works of Puccini (1858-1924) and like all operas in the western classical tradition combines song, music and dramatic elements. It ranks along with the composer's other great works such as "La Bohème" (1896), "Tosca" (1900) and "Madame Butterfly" (1904). The first performance of the opera, as completed by Franco Alfano after Puccini's death of throat cancer, was staged at La Scala, Milan on April 25, 1926.

In Delhi, the audience got to see a version of "Turandot" performed by The Metropolitan Opera Orchestra and Chorus and conducted by the renowned American conductor and pianist James Levine. The opera was directed by Franco Zeffirelli, the famous name behind films such as "Romeo and Juliet", "The Taming of the Shrew", "Hamlet" and "Jane Eyre".

"Turandot" is centred on Plácido Domingo, the superbly talented Spanish tenor and conductor,



A scene from Turandot.

known for his powerful voice. The opera is set in Peking. Domingo played the role of Calaf, the son of a deposed king who eventually goes on to win the heart of the cold, cruel princess Turandot. It's a tough challenge for Calaf because the princess has sworn to marry only a suitor of noble birth who can answer her three tricky riddles. Though many prospective suitors have failed and been sent to certain death, Calaf passes the acid test. When Turandot is still reluctant to take him as a husband, Calaf makes the magnani-

mous offer to release her from her pledge if she discovers his name and origin by dawn.

Eventually he is able to melt her with a kiss and he reveals his name to her. When it seems that the princess will send him the way of many of his predecessors, she addresses her father and the assembly and declares that she has learnt the name of the unknown suitor: It is love. The opera closes on that happy note.

"Turandot" had many famous arias: among them "In questa Reggia", sung by the princess even as she

counsels Calaf to withdraw from the trial by fire. There's "Nessun Dorma" (Nobody shall sleep!, Nobody shall sleep! Even you princess in your cold room watch the stars, that tremble with love and hope.. But my secret is hidden within me, my name no one shall know..No! No!" This is ardent Calaf's response to Turandot's decree that no one in the city must sleep until the name of the unknown suitor is discovered. "Turandot" certainly held the audience in its grip. If only one could get to see more such western operas in our part of the world.

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

12:50 Swastho Protidin  
04:10 ntv Janar Achhey Bolaar Achhey  
05:30 Apnaar Jigysa Bajo Ebong Bajao  
06:45 Cookery Show: Desh Bajeshy Ranna  
08:15 Kichhu Katha Kichhu Gaan  
09:00

Banglavision  
11:35 Anne Nayon  
12:30 Raat Biraatey  
03:35 Cinebit Raangeen  
05:25 Musical Programme: Projapotir Chhoya  
09:05 Shoundroj Katha  
12:00 Shangbaad Protidin

Desh TV  
04:30 Dur-er Janala  
05:30 Durpath  
06:30 Jolkatha  
07:45 Champion-er Deshey  
09:45 Cookery Show  
12:30 Total Sports

RTV  
11:30 Share Update  
02:03 Bangla Feature Film

06:00 Protidin Cinema ar Gaan  
06:30 Road to Democracy  
07:00 Drama: Neel Nirjoney  
11:10 Concert

HBO  
10:30 Nights In Rodanthe  
12:30 The Lord Of The Rings: The Return Of The King

ZEE STUDIO  
08:30 Shadow & Fog  
10:30 The Long Weekend  
01:30 Scoop  
04:00 Ladder 49  
07:00 A Woman in Winter  
09:30 Scary Movie 2  
11:30 The Diving Bell & The Butterfly

BBC WORLD  
01:00 World Business Report

01:30 BBC World News  
02:00 World Business Report  
02:30 BBC World News  
03:00 HARDtalk  
03:30 BBC World News  
04:00 World Business Report  
04:30 BBC World News  
05:00 World Business Report  
05:30 GMT with George Alagiah

07:00 World Business Report  
08:15 Sport Today  
07:30 Impact Asia with Mishal Husain

09:00 World Business Report  
09:30 BBC World News  
10:00 HARDtalk  
10:30 The Hub with Nik Gowing

STAR SPORTS  
01:30 Best Of Wimbledon 2007 - Ladies' Singles Highlights

02:30 TNA Impact 09/10  
04:30 Roland Garros 2010

06:30 K1 World Grand Prix 2008-2011 Deal Tape

08:30 Simply The Best  
09:00 Almost Anything Goes

09:30 Score Tonight  
10:00 Wimbledon Official Film 1990  
11:00 Mobil 1 The Grid  
11:30 US Open Golf Championship Official Film 2003

ESPN  
12:00 FIFA Confederations Cup 2009: Iraq vs. New Zealand

02:00 The Contenders  
02:30 FIFA Confederations Cup 2009: Spain vs. South Africa

04:30 FIFA Confederations Cup 2009: Italy vs. Brazil

06:30 World Cup England - Womens

07:30 Contenders, The

08:00 Sportcenter Express: South Africa Presented By Samsung

08:30 Sportscenter India

09:30 FIFA Confederations Cup 2009: USA vs. Brazil

10:30 K1 World Grand Prix 2008-2011 Deal Tape

11:00 Simply The Best

11:30 Almost Anything Goes

Talk show  
ATN BANGLA  
10:30am Hello Bangladesh  
Channel i  
09:50am Grameenphone Tritioma

12:30pm Citycell Taraka Kathan  
ntv  
12:10am Ei Shomoy Desh TV

11:45pm Shoma Kaltha

## Drama Serial

ATN BANGLA  
08:40pm Gharjamai  
09:20pm Kothay Pabo  
Tarey  
Channel i  
05:30pm Fashion  
06:00pm Kosto Shudhui Amar  
07:50pm Chandro Shekhor Meghoboti  
09:35pm Swapno Bazar ntv

08:20pm Ekey Shunya Dosh  
09:30pm Jahan Ali Jahuri Rtv

09:45pm Shey Amar Ekla Pakhi

10:15pm Chandro Bindu Meghoboti

09:45pm Gulshan Avenue Desh TV

10:15pm Shuvro Shuvro

10:30pm Metro

10:30pm Manush Badol

10:30pm Hello Dhaka

10:30pm Back to Back

10:30pm Good Morning Dhaka

09:00pm Masti Unlimited Knight Riders

11:00pm Today's Adda

04:00pm U-tum Tobe Tai

11:00pm Raat Vor Gan

02:00 Morning Express No Tension

04:00pm Dhaka Calling Knight Riders

12:00pm Hello Dhaka

12:00pm No Tension

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