

WHAT'S ON THIS WEEK

Photography Exhibition

Photographer: Dr. Niaz Rahman
Title: Rhythmic Wing Beats
Venue: Drik Gallery, H-58, R-15A, Dhanmondi
Date: June 25-July 2
Time: 3pm-8pm



Photography Exhibition

Title: Environmental Portraiture
Venue: Pathshala South Asian Media Academy, 16, Shukrabad
Date: June 21-28
Time: 11am-6pm



Solo Art Exhibition

Artist: Nagarbasi Barman
Title: Spiral
Venue: Gallery Kaya, H-20, R-16, Sector-4, Uttara
Date: June 18-29
Time: 11am-8pm

Nagarbasi Barman

S P I R A L

Julio Medem Retrospective

Dedicated to Tareque Shahriar
Organiser: Dhaka Film Society
Venue: Bangladesh Film Centre, 110-12, Aziz Super Market, Shahbagh
Date: June 25-27
Time: 5:30pm (June 25)



An awe-inspiring education

Nrityanchal's Chhau workshop ends with a brilliant demonstration



Balancing act: Sucheta, Swapan and Falguni during a performance.

KARIM WAHEED

Music exponent and dance enthusiast Dr. Karunamaya Goswami defined *Chhau* as a “form that has its roots in both classical and indigenous dance but it has its own idioms and codes.” Goswami was speaking, as the chief guest, at a *Chhau* demonstration at Shishu Academy in Dhaka on June 21. The event wrapped up a workshop on *Chhau*, arranged by Nrityanchal. Swapan Majumder, a *Chhau* exponent from India, and his wife Sucheta, a *Kathak* dancer from Bangladesh, conducted the workshop. This was the fourth *Chhau* workshop organised by

Nrityanchal, according to dancers Shibli Muhammad and Shamim Ara Nipa, both directors of Nrityanchal.

In his speech, Dr. Goswami also mentioned the late folklorist Dr. Ashutosh Bhattacharya who rediscovered and popularised *Chhau*. “Use of masks in *Chhau* has an uncanny similarity with *Kathakali*. *Chhau* originated in eastern India, and *Kathakali*, in south. The connection between the two or which inspired which, is truly a conundrum,” said Dr. Goswami. He admired Nrityanchal’s endeavours in generating public interest in dance and hoped that the media, in particular the TV channels, would come forward to promote

young dancers.

The three forms of *Chhau* are named after the regions where they are performed -- Purulia of West Bengal, Seraikella of Bihar and Mayurbhanj of Orissa. Ancient scriptures refer to the dance form’s martial origins. *Chhau* dance features steps called “Chali” and “Dharan”; it is accompanied with musical instruments *shanaï*, *dhol* and *dhamsha*.

The first performance featured the youngest participants of the workshop. The group demonstrated basic steps of *Chhau*. The movements are bold and at times raw, often using kicks and sweeps. The dancers plant their feet forcefully on the ground

and freeze in postures of encounter. Bent knee foot stamping, short vertical jumps and full circle spins characterise this style as does the violent juggling of shoulders and shivering of the upper torso. The acrobatic fluidity seems to be the forte, reminding one of the Brazilian fight-dance *Capoeira*.

Next, Nrityanchal dancers performed a composition by Sucheta Majumder. The contemporary dance -- to the song “Dhitang Dhitang Boley” -- had an unmistakable folk feel.

Sucheta and Falguni Majumder staged a composition titled “Nigrihita” -- a depiction of women feeling caged in a male dominated society. Choreographed by Sucheta, the dance seemed to have nuances of *Sufi Kathak* popularised by Manjari Chaturvedi. Though a seasoned Sucheta made the impassioned performance seem effortless, her co-artist seemed stiff at times and preoccupied with costume at others.

The next performance saw Swapan, Sucheta and Falguni enact an artist’s infatuation with his creations. The trio’s authority on balance seemed to fascinate the audience, who lauded the performance repeatedly.

The highlight, however, was the last performance. Titled “Srishti,” the composition featured Nrityanchal dancers and Swapan articulating the five elements of nature -- space, air, fire, water and earth. Choreographed by Swapan, the dance was a remarkable fusion of virile *Chhau* movements, physical expressions developed by the trainer, and ballet-like agility.

Nrityanchal coordinator Muhammad Jahangir thanked the audience after the show.

Artist Shafiuddin Ahmed turns 88

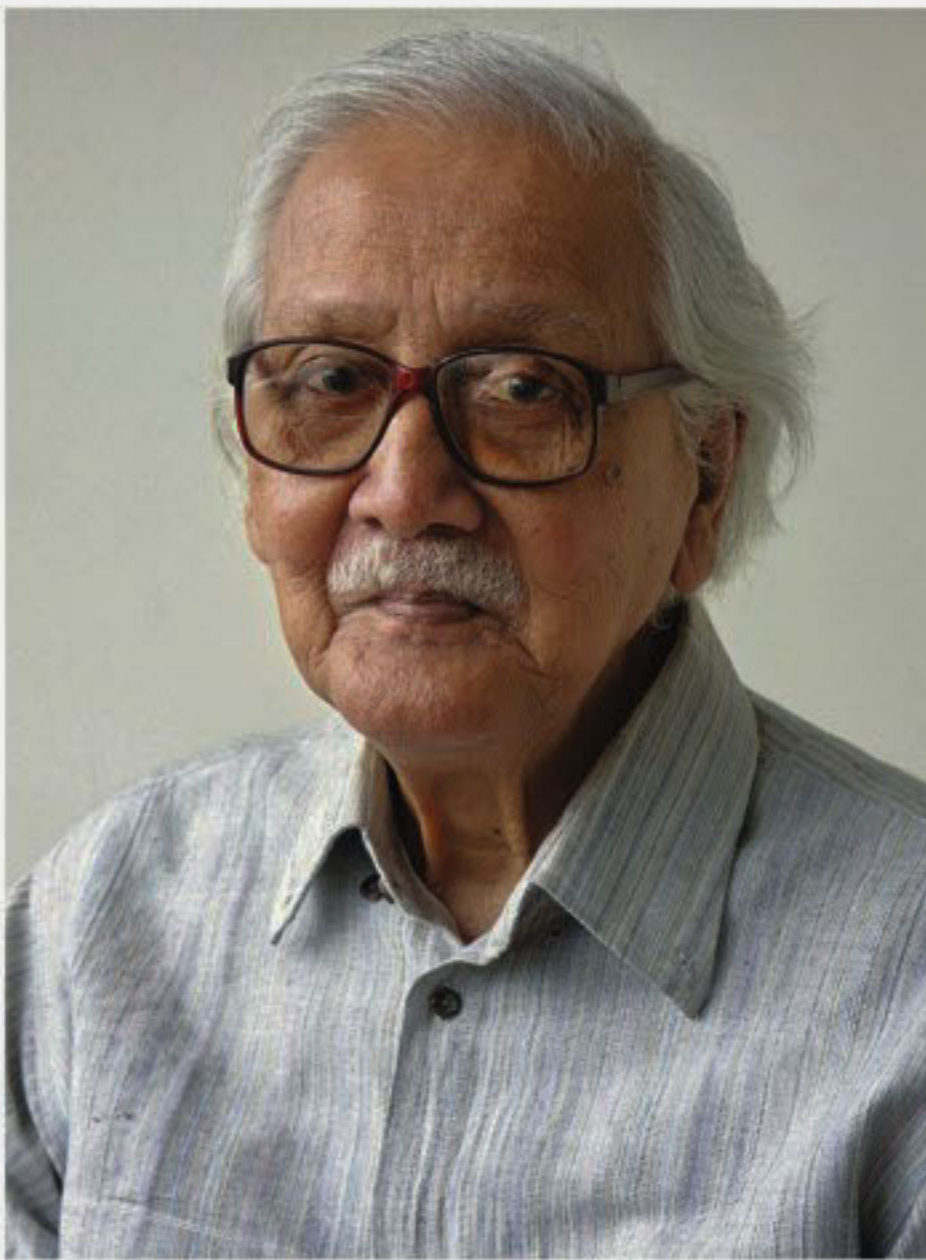
A CORRESPONDENT

Painter and printmaker Shafiuddin Ahmed has been a familiar name in the local art scene for over six decades. He is reserved and reflective by nature. He deliberates much time over a single piece of work, searching for perfection.

Shafiuddin’s themes include rural life, landscapes, memories of 1971, Language Movement, flood and environmental disasters. His immense contribution to contemporary Bangladeshi art over the decades has earned him international acclaim as well.

The painter turns 88 today. On the occasion of his birthday, Bengal Gallery of Fine Arts will hold a celebration programme at Banchi Bari in Savar. Noted Rabindra Sangeet artistes Iffat Ara Dewan and Aditi Mohsin will render songs at the programme.

Shafiuddin Ahmed was born in 1922 in Calcutta (now Kolkata), India. He was a student of Calcutta Government School of Art and graduated from the institute in 1942. After the partition (1947), Shafiuddin left Calcutta for Dhaka, and got involved in a movement to set



up the first art institute in the then East Pakistan. He was a friend and colleague of Zainul Abedin, one of the founders of Dhaka Fine Arts Institute.

Fete de La Musique

Alliance Francaise celebrates World Music Day

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Alliance Francaise, the cultural wing of the French Embassy, has been celebrating World Music Day across the world by holding different musical programmes. Known as Fete de La Musique, the celebration is being held in Dhaka as well. Every year many local musical troupes and artistes along with French artistes perform songs at the programme.

This year Alliance Francaise de Dhaka (AFD) and Alliance Francaise de Chittagong (AFC), in association with the French Embassy in Bangladesh and Channel i, celebrated the day. While AFD held a daylong programme on June 21, in Chittagong the celebration ends today.

The programme in Dhaka was held at the Dhanmondi branch of AFD. Local musical troupes and artistes as well as students and teachers of Ecole de Musique, the music school of AFD, performed songs at the programme. Among local troupes, fan-favourite band Warfaze gave a performance.

The programme started at noon with a performance by students and teachers of Ecole de Musique. Students of the school played the piano, guitar and violin. Later teachers and students jointly sang Bangla, English and French songs. The students’ performances included patriotic songs “Ekti Bangladesh” and Pratul Mukhopadhyay’s “Ami Bangla-e Gaan Gai.”



Warfaze took the stage as the last act of the evening. Prior to Warfaze, local bands The Bridge and De-Illumination performed on stage.

The Chittagong programme ends today with the performance of classical and Baul songs. Shahjahan Munshi and his troupe will perform Baul songs, while Nobidul and Shibli from Cox’s Bazar will perform classical music. Shamoguet also performed at the Chittagong programme.

The World Music Day has been celebrated across the world on June 21 since 1982.



Nrityanchal members, who attended the workshop, dance at the programme.



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

ATN Bangla

12:15 IT Zone
01:25 Band View
05:25 Islamic Programme
06:15 Take Care
08:00 Rexona Destination Unlimited

10:45 Documentary Programme: Bihongo Katha
12:30 Grameenphone Lead News

Channel i

11:30 Cute-Channel i Abritti Chhandey Anandey
01:05 Ebong Cinemar Gaan
01:30 Musical Programme: Sa Re Ga Ma

04:05 Muktijudhoy Protodin

04:30 Apnaar Suswastho
06:20 Cookery Show: Desh Bideshey Ranna
12:00 Grameenphone Aajker Shongbadpatra

ntv

12:10 Talk Show: Ei Somoy
12:50 Swastho Protodin
04:10 ntv Janar Achhey Bolaar Achhey
05:30 Apnaar Jigyasha
06:45 Bajo Ebong Bajao
08:15 Cookery Show
09:00 Kichhu Katha Kichhu Gaan

RTV

11:35 Share Update

12:30 Cookery Show
02:03 Bangla Feature Film
05:25 Documentary Programme
06:00 Protodin
07:00 Road to Democracy
11:10 Concert

Desh TV

04:30 Dur-er Janala
05:30 Durpath
06:30 Jolkatha
09:45 Cookery Show
11:45 Total Sports

BANGLAVISION

11:30 Anyo Nayan
12:30 Raat Biraatey
05:25 Projapoliir Chhoya
06:30 Selected Programme
09:05 Shundarjyo Katha
11:25 Bishwacup Protidin

ZEE STUDIO

08:30 The Darwin Awards
10:45 Shes The Man
01:30 Six Days Seven Nights
04:15 Chocolat
07:20 Agent Cody Banks

09:30 Eight Below
11:45 Agent Cody Banks 2: Destination London

HBO

10:30 Rescue Dawn
01:00 The Great Escape
04:30 The Making Of Fast & Furious
04:45 Save The Last Dance 2: Stepping Up
06:45 Tmz 262
07:15 As Good As It Gets
10:00 Hannibal
12:30 Rescue Dawn

ESPN

11:30 2010 FIFA World Cup Matchday Highlights
12:30 2010 FIFA World Cup Matchday Highlights
01:30 2010 FIFA World Cup South Africa Match: Slovenia vs. USA
03:30 2010 FIFA World Cup South Africa Match: South Africa vs. Uruguay
05:30 2010 FIFA World Cup Matchday Highlights
06:30 Sportscenter Express: South

Africa Presented By Samsung
07:00 2010 FIFA World Cup Pre-Show
07:50 2010 FIFA World Cup South Africa Match: Slovenia vs. England
10:00 2010 FIFA World Cup Post Show

10:30 Sportscenter India
11:00 Sportscenter Asia
11:30 2010 FIFA World Cup Pre-Show
12:20 2010 FIFA World Cup South Africa Match: Ghana vs. Germany

STAR SPORTS

09:30 Wimbledon Lawn Tennis Championships
02:30 FIM Mx2 Motocross World C’ship 2010 - Races
03:30 FIM Women’s Motocross World C’ship 2010 - Race
04:00 Wimbledon Highlights
05:00 Wimbledon Lawn Tennis Championships
07:00 2010 FIFA World Cup Pre-Show
07:50 2010 FIFA World Cup South

Africa Match: USA vs. Algeria
10:00 2010 FIFA World Cup Post Show
10:30 Wimbledon Lawn Tennis Championships
11:30 2010 FIFA World Cup Pre-Show
12:30 2010 FIFA World Cup South Africa Match: Australia vs. Serbia

BBC WORLD

01:00 BBC World News
01:30 World Business Report
02:00 BBC World News
03:00 BBC World News
03:30 World Business Report
03:45 Sport Today
04:00 BBC World News
04:30 World Business Report
04:45 Sport Today
05:00 GMT with George Alagiah
06:00 BBC World News
06:30 World Business Report
08:30 World Business Report
09:00 BBC World News
10:00 The Hub with Nik Gowing

Talk show

Channel i
09:50am Grameenphone Trityo Matra
ntv
12:10am Ei Shomoy
Rtv
07:00pm Road To Democracy
DESH TV
12:00am Shojha Katha

Drama Serial

ATN BANGLA	ntv
08:40pm Gharjamai	09:45pm Asharey Galpo
09:20pm Poush Phaguner Pala	11:30pm Manush Badol
11:30pm Otiti	BANGLAVISION
Channel i	08:15pm Chandro Bindu
05:30pm Fashion	09:45pm Gulshan Avenue
06:00pm Kosto Shudhui Amar	
07:50pm Mukim Brothers	DESH TV
09:35pm Swapno Bazar	08:15pm Shuvro

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 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
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,

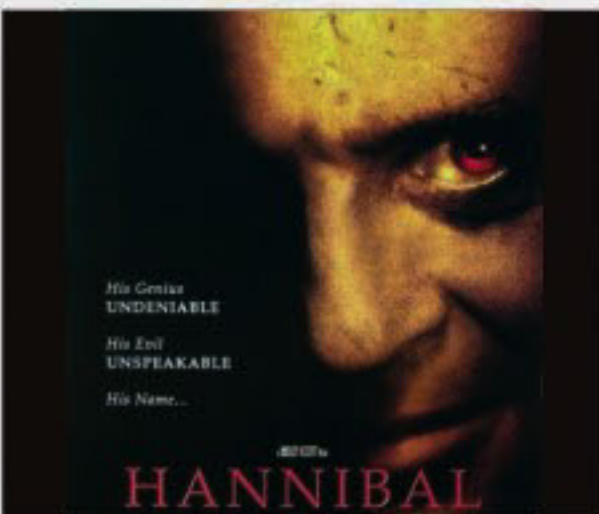
7:30pm, 10:30pm, 1:00am
ETV
News (Bangla): 9:00am, 11:00 am, 1:00pm, 3:00pm, 5:00pm, 7:00pm, 9:00pm, 11:00pm
abc radio
News: 08:00 am, 12:00 pm, 03:00 pm, 06:00 pm, 09:00 pm, 12:00 am;
English Bulletin:1:30pm, 7:30pm



2010 FIFA World Cup South Africa
On ESPN at 7:50pm
Match: Slovenia vs. England (live)



Shuvro
On Desh TV at 8:15 pm
Drama Serial
Cast: Momo, Pijush Bandyopadhyay



Hannibal
On HBO at 9:30 pm
Genre: Thriller/ Suspense
Cast: Anthony Hopkins, Julianne Moore



abc radio fm 89.2

06:00 Bhorer Janalay
09:00 Mukhorito Jiboney
12:00 Darun Dupurey
03:00 Duranto Bikeley
05:00 Shondha Tara
07:00 Shaj-er Maya
09:00 Raat-er Akashay
11:00 Galper Shesh Nei

RADIO FOORTI

07:30 Hello Dhaka
10:00 Morning Express
12:00 No Tension
04:00 Dhaka Calling
09:00 Knight Riders
RADIO TODAY
07:15 Good Morning Dhaka
11:00 Masti Unlimited
01:00 Today’s Adda
04:00 U-tum
08:00 Tobe Tai Hok
11:00 Raat Vor Gan
02:00 Back to Back