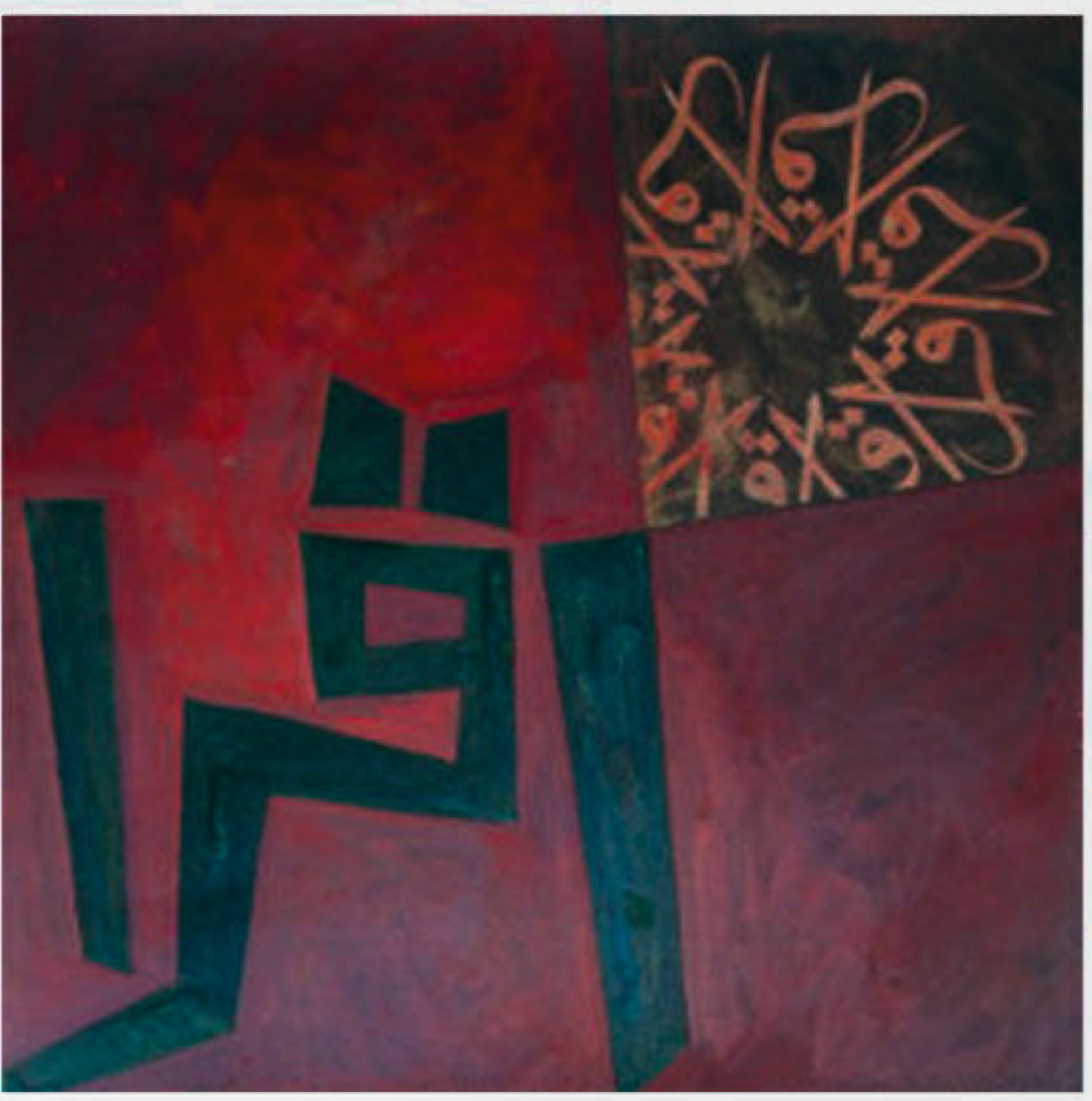


<p><b>WHAT'S ON THIS WEEK</b></p>	<p><b>Solo Photography Exhibition</b>                  Title: Just For You                  Photographer: Anwar Hossain                  Venue: Dhaka Art Centre, R-8/A, Dhanmondi                  Date: August 20-29                  Time: 3-8pm</p> 	<p><b>Photography Exhibition</b>                  Title: Ramadan in the Middle East                  Photographer: Christel Becker-Rau                  Venue: Goethe-Institut Bangladesh, H-10, Rd-9, Dhanmondi                  Date: August 9-September 9                  Time: 10am-8pm</p> 	<p><b>Photography Exhibition</b>                  Title: Apparitions and Cinegraphies                  Photographer: Jean-Philippe PERNOT                  Venue: Bengal Gallery, H-275/F, R-16, Dhanmondi                  Date: August 27-Sept 2                  Time: 12pm-8pm</p> 	<p><b>CD Launch</b>                  Album: Onnyo Rokom                  Venue: Hotel Shundarban, Karwanbazar                  Date: August 29                  Time: 5:30pm</p> 
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## The mesmeric enigma of calligraphy

Exhibition at Impressions Gallery



Artworks by Najib Tareque.



**A CORRESPONDENT**

Najib Tareque is a promising painter who graduated from Institute of Fine Arts (now Faculty of Fine Arts, University of Dhaka) in 1987. He has worked as an artist at different Bangla newspapers. Tareque's earlier works highlighted nature, figures, portraits and sketches. His portraits and figures are semi-realistic and at times surrealistic or impressionistic.

Tareque's ongoing exhibition features calligraphy and focuses on Islamic spirituality. The exhibition, titled "Iqra -- A Painter's Salute to Reading," is being held at Impressions Gallery, Standard Chartered Bank Head Office, in Gulshan, Dhaka.

Calligraphic patterns enrich Tareque's works, most of which are rectangular and oval shaped. Arabic calligraphy is the primary form of Islamic art. For centuries, Arabic calligraphy has remained a symbol of unity and beauty in an abstract form.

Most of Tareque's works feature vibrant colours, and the backgrounds are moving. The artist has focused on Arabic alphabets and words.

All of Tareque's works have been done in acrylic. Composition is one of the most important aspects, especially when using diverse forms and shapes.

Tareque's images look dynamic, enigmatic and encapsulate a vast expanse of the sacred and the meditative. His expressions are understandable and signify the Quranic explanations and their spiritual aspects.

Artworks at the exhibition demonstrate the splendour of Arabic alphabets through vivid colours and lyrical forms.

Tareque has incorporated many elements in his art, which help to denote the vastness of Islam and its uniqueness.

The exhibition will continue till September 15.

## Artist Gulshan Hossain attending painting symposium in France

Artist Gulshan Hossain recently left for Paris, to participate in an International Painting Symposium to be held in Normandy, France for three weeks, according to a press release. Gulshan is among 25 artists selected for the symposium.

This painting symposium will take place at the Exhibition Hall at Saint-Lô, Normandy from September 2 to 12.

After France, Gulshan will be visiting art related organisations and galleries to explore the position of Bangladeshi art in Los Angeles and San Francisco, USA.

Gulshan Hossain completed BFA (Drawing and Painting) from University of Development Alternative Dhaka, Bangladesh in 2006 and MFA (Drawing and Painting) from Winchester School of Art, University of Southampton, UK in 2008.

Apart from attending a number of workshops and art camps, she participated in a number of solo and group art exhibitions that were held both at home and abroad. The artist has bagged several awards including second prize in Abstract and Surrealism at the 28th International Miniature Art Competition, held in Florida, USA in 2003.



## The "It" couple of Bollywood



Shahrukh Khan with his wife Gauri.

**PALLAB BHATTACHARYA, New Delhi**

After two decades in Bollywood, superstar Shahrukh Khan has for the first time done his first full length commercial ad film with his wife Gauri who however rules out that this is a prelude to her entry into feature films.

"I'm too old for Bollywood. I would have considered it, if I were younger," said Gauri, when asked by her husband at a function in Mumbai if she would like to act in a feature film with him.

The couple recently shot the ad film for TV and when asked to talk about her experience standing in front of the camera, Gauri said, "I'm so tired that I have been sleeping for two days."

Shahrukh asked his wife, "Please tell me if you want to act in a film. I will produce it."

The actor owns Red Chillies Entertainment production along with Bollywood actress Juhi Chawla.

Both Shahrukh and Gauri had last year walked the ramp at a fashion show in Mumbai, setting off speculation about the possibility of her appearing in a Bollywood movie and the appearance of the hot couple only added grist to the mill.

## Nazrul Institute observes National Poet's death anniversary

**STAFF CORRESPONDENT**

To mark the 34th death anniversary of the National Poet Kazi Nazrul Islam, Nazrul Institute arranged a discussion and award-giving programme at the Sufia Kamal Auditorium, National Museum, Shahbagh, on August 27. The programme featured a discussion on the groundbreaking Nazrul poem "Bidrohi" by eminent researchers and personalities.

Information Minister Abul Kalam Azad was the chief guest at the programme. State Minister for Cultural Affairs Promod Mankin and Cultural Secretary Hedayetullah Al Mamun were special guests. Nazrul exponent and chairman of Nazrul Institute Trustee Board, Professor Rafiqul Islam, presided over the discussion.

The discussion featured a keynote paper, "Bidrohi Kobita Rachanar 90 Bochhor" (90 years of "Bidrohi"), presented by Professor Mohammad Abdul Quayum, a member of the Nazrul Institute Trustee Board. At the programme, the organisers announced that next year the Institute would take further initiatives to celebrate the 90th anniversary of the poem.

Among others, Nazrul's granddaughter Khilkhil Kazi gave the vote of thanks and Executive Director of Nazrul Institute Rashid Haider gave the welcome speech.

At the event, awards were handed to children, who took part in a three-day competition, held from August 20 to 22. The children took part in the competition divided into three segments -- Nazrul Sangeet, recitation and painting.

The programme also featured launch of two mixed albums featuring Nazrul Sangeet. The albums -- "Onek Kichhu Bolar" and "Jaha Kichhu Momo" -- feature authentic tunes and lyrics of Nazrul Sangeet. Songs have been recorded by singers trained under Nazrul Sangeet exponents Sudhin Das and Sohrab Hossain. Eminent musician Shujee Shyam has arranged music for the albums.

Later, a brief cultural programme was held at the venue. Nazrul signers performed solo and group songs, while reciters presented poems. Among others, Mahidul Islam recited the poem "Kheya Parer Toroni".



The painting by Salman Khan.

## Salman paints Mother Teresa's portrait

That Salman Khan is a skilled actor is anybody's guess. That Salman is a great human being is something that all the recipients of his affection will vouch for. Salman also has an NGO called 'Being Human'.

But Salman being a great painter is something that is proven with each passing day. Even though he maybe the proverbial 'bad boy' of Bollywood, his paintings say something else! Salman's emotional side can quite clearly be visible from his paintings.

Salman has painted the portrait of Mother Teresa, whose 100th birthday is to be celebrated all over the world this year. As a token of his love and respect to the eternal Mother, Salman has painted this portrait, a picture of which he posted on twitter recently. Needless to say, it's a piece de resistance indeed!

Source: Internet

## Angelina Jolie to write, direct movie on Bosnia war

**AFP, Los Angeles**

Angelina Jolie is working on her debut as a filmmaker with a love story against the backdrop of the Bosnian conflict, but will not star in it as previously reported, the Hollywood trade press said Thursday.

Jolie, Hollywood's highest paid actress, will write, direct and produce the movie, Variety said. Her spokeswoman said she will not appear in it, however.

Variety said it will tell the story of a Serbian man and Bosnian woman who fall in love in the middle of the war, but are driven to take different paths.

The movie, which still has no title or release date, does not take sides and has a cast with actors from the former Yugoslavia's different ethnic groups.

Jolie made a surprise trip to Sarajevo last week as a goodwill ambassador for the High Commission on Refugees. National radio there reported at the time that she would be starring in the film.

