

## WHAT'S ON THIS WEEK

### Master Painters

Artists: Zainul Abedin, Quamrul Hassan, SM Sultan  
 Venue: Art Gallery, National Museum, Shahbagh  
 Date: October 8- November 6  
 Time: 10am-8pm



### 14th Asian Art Biennale 2010

Organiser: Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy  
 Venue: National Art Gallery (BSA) and Osmani Memorial Hall  
 Date: October 8- November 6  
 Time: 11am-7pm



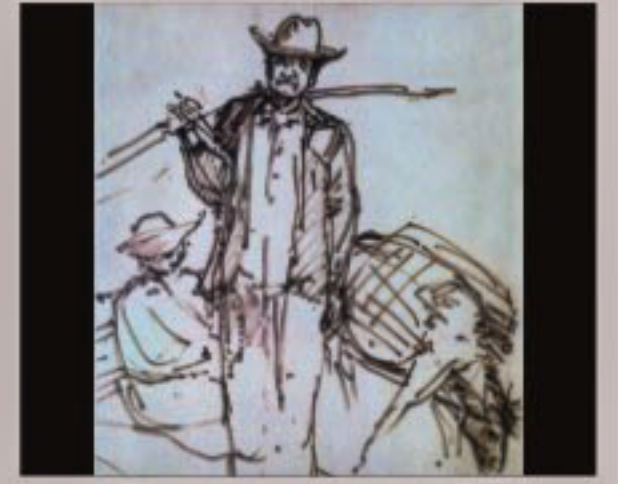
### Photography Exhibition

Title: Solidarities  
 International: Restoring Lives  
 Venue: Alliance Francaise de Dhaka, 26, Mirpur Road, Dhanmondi  
 Date: October 2-15  
 Time: 3-9pm



### Art Exhibition

Title: The Arcade of the Arts  
 Venue: Bengal Gallery of Fine Arts, 275/F, Rd 27 (old), Dhanmondi  
 Date: October 7-13  
 Time: 12-8pm



# Showcasing a staggering art collection

## Bengal Foundation shows off its paintings

TAKIR HOSSAIN

Bengal Gallery of Fine Arts has organised an exhibition, titled "The Arcade of the Arts", at the gallery in Dhanmondi, Dhaka. The exhibition marks the 60th birthday of Abul Khair Litu, founder and chairman of Bengal Foundation. On the opening day of the exhibition (October 7), a birthday celebration was held at the gallery premises.

The exhibition features selected artworks from the collections of Abul Khair and Bengal Foundation. Paintings by Zainul Abedin, Shafiuddin Ahmed, Quamrul Hassan, SM Sultan, Mohammad Kibria, Aminul Islam, Murtaja Baseer, Syed Jahangir, Kazi Abdul Baset, Samarjit Roy Chowdhury, Hashem Khan, Rafiqun Nabi, Monirul Islam, Mahmudul Haque, Shahid Kabir, Shahabuddin, Ranjit Das, Iftikhar Uddin Ahmed, Mohammad Iqbal and others are on display at the gallery.

Zainul Abedin played a major role in the modern art movement in Bangladesh. His works delve deep into rural people, farming, fishing, sailing boats and other panorama of untainted countryside. At the exhibition, Zainul Abedin's ink, pen and watercolour works are on display. His two sketches define working class people and two watercolours portray the simple beauty of nature in Bangladesh.

Quamrul Hassan was another significant painter of Bangladesh, recognised for retrieving our folk and traditional elements through his art. He was one of the founders of Dacca Art College. At the exhibition, "Dui Konya", "Cattle in Moonlight", "Three Faces" and "Nude" represent his intrigue with the Bengali female form. Curved lines and outlines of figure have enriched his works. The master artist mostly used poster colour, oil and watercolour.

Shafiuddin Ahmed always searches for perfection in his wood engravings. He has also done a number of paintings. At the exhibition, his "On the Way to the Fair" delineates a rural fair where a horse cart and a gathering of people are noticeable. Two large trees give an exquisite look to the work. Dotted and tiny lines have enriched this realistic image.

A bohemian and mystic, SM Sultan's works explore the eccentricities and norms of rural life in an unfamiliar style. His works convey a bold message in favour of the working class people. The maestro documented the marginalised community's dreams, woes and yearnings. He liked to work on large canvases, portraying many stories simultaneously. Many figures and their individual expressions have made Sultan's works remarkable. His figures are muscled and powerful, denoting a sense of prosperity - a vision the artist had for rural Bengal. At the exhibition, his "Untitled", an oil piece, shows some farmers resting under a banyan tree,



Dr. Anisuzzaman (2-L) and Kamal Lohani (L) greet Abul Khair (centre) with flowers on the latter's birthday at Bengal Gallery. Artist Rafiqun Nabi (2-R) and Subir Chowdhury also seen in the picture.



Quamrul Hassan's "Dui Konya"



Aminul Islam's "Grihasthali"



Monirul Islam's "Sepia Love"

while some seem busy with ploughing.

In Syed Jahangir's works one finds an abundance of gold and cobalt blue. They represent the land and rivers of Bangladesh. The artist, with years of successful painting



Samarjit Roy Chowdhury's "Untitled"

behind him, had introduced the fishermen and the villagers, the farm and riverside labourers. His "Fishing at Sunset" reveals some fishermen busy at work at sunset. A half moon is noticeable in the blue sky.

In a Monirul Islam work titled "Sepia Love", there is a remarkable interplay of sapphire, white, yellow and grey in a harmonious depiction of nature.

Mahmudul Haque's representation of nature includes emerald green, shades of chocolate brown and mauve. Dots, dashes, images -- merging into each other -- suggest the alluring nature.

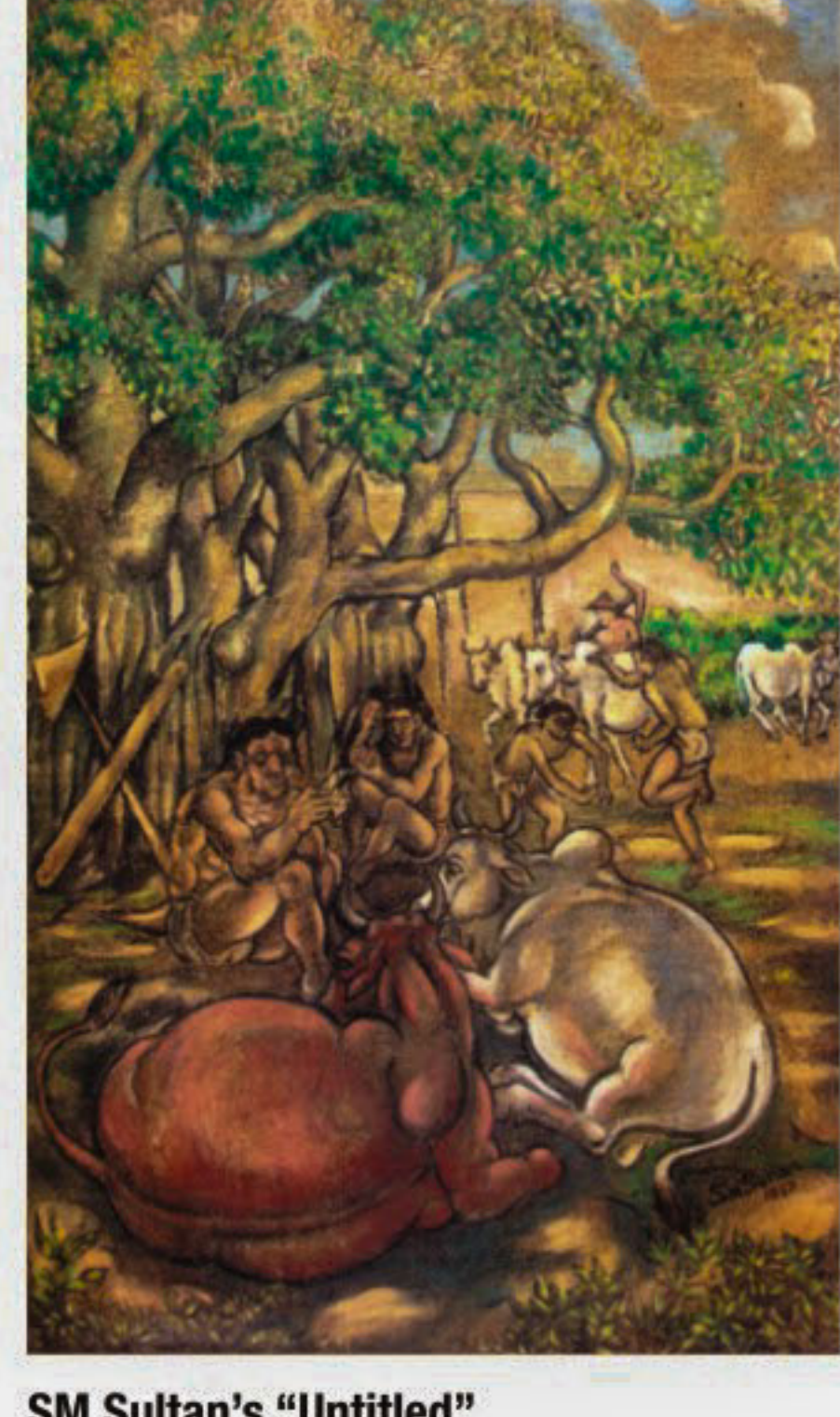
Mohammad Eunus delves into pure abstract images. He frequently changes the arrangement of his form and composition.

For a while, Iftikhar Uddin Ahmed has been portraying past and present moments in his acrylic and mixed media works. His experiments with collage, form and composition provide an appealing and imposing view. Anchor, compass, doodles and adjacent columns are common features in his works. At the exhibition, his "Past and Present" reveals red, yellow and blue compositions.

Mohammad Iqbal has been painting underprivileged people, social and economical features. Subdued colours and malleable textures are the main traits in his oil-based paintings.

Kanak Chanpa Chakma's works mainly focus on hilly landscape, its people, as well as natural beauty, social and cultural atmosphere of the Chittagong Hill Tracts, where she was born and bought up. At the exhibition, her mixed media "History of Hunting" shows a man hunting in the hills. Some Bengali sentences are seen in the lower part of the painting. A large black cow is a dominant feature in the painting and the use of red is another noticeable mark.

The exhibition ends today.



SM Sultan's "Untitled"

# Amitabh celebrates 68th birthday on "Kaun Banega Crorepati"



PALLAB BHATTACHARYA, New Delhi

It was birthday celebrations for Bollywood's busy superstar Amitabh Bachchan.

As he turned 68 on October 11, the big B cut the b'day cake on the opening of the popular TV game show "Kaun Banega Crorepati".

As the show kick-started on Amitabh's birthday, the actor said it felt like returning home. "It's an important day for all of us because today the first episode of the new season of 'KBC' was aired. I want to thank the entire team," said Amitabh, dressed in a black, self-printed striped suit and light blue tie, at an event to celebrate his birthday and the opening episode of the show.

"When I started shooting for the new season, I felt that I've returned to my home. You are always comfortable and happy in your own house and that's what I feel," he said.

For Amitabh, it was also a little journey down the memory lane. He recalled that when he had appeared for the first edition of "KBC" in the year 2000, he had gone against his family's advice because he was financially in bad shape and badly needed money at that time.

Amitabh, who made a grand entry into the latest edition of "KBC" based on the internationally popular TV reality game show "Who Wants to be a Millionaire", first introduced the first 10 contestants in his signature style and then started the game with the first contestant, who won Rs 3,20,000.

The show's first edition was aired in 2000 on Star Plus with the prize money of Rs one crore and this time the maximum prize money is Rs five crore.

The third edition of the show was hosted by another Bollywood superstar Shah Rukh Khan but the show failed to create the same magic as the first one.

If you thought that Amitabh at the age of 68 is taking things a little easier, think again. He is facing the cameras for director Rajkumar Santoshi's "Power" with Sanjay Dutt, Ajay Devgan and Anil Kapoor and recently completed a Malayalam movie "Kandahar" based on the 1999 Indian airlines plane hijack episode, with southern superstar Mohan Lal. Besides, Bachchan is also part of Telugu filmmaker Puri Jagannath's "Budda" and Prakash Jha's "Arakshan".



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
03:15	Nupurer Chhondey
06:15	Take Care
08:00	Rexona Destination Unlimited
10:45	Documentary Programme: Bihongo Katha
12:30	Grameenphone Lead News
Channel i	
01:05	Ebong Cinemar Gaan
01:30	Sa Re Ga Ma
04:05	Muktijuddha Protidin
05:30	Galpo Noy Natak

06:20	Desh Bideshey Ranna
12:00	Grameenphone Aajker Shongbadpotro
ntv	
02:30	Drama Serial: Romizer
04:10	Janar Achhey Bolar Achhey
05:30	Apnar Jiggasha
06:10	Shubhoshondhya
06:45	Rupali Pordar Galpo
09:00	Kichhu Katha Kichhu Gaan
ETV	
04:02	Drama Serial: Bismriti
05:30	Drama Serial: Biprotip
06:30	Fashion And Tune

10:10	Ciney Hits
12:02	Ekusher Raat
RTV	
10:45	Bashudha Tarokalap
12:05	Bashudha Tomar Jonno Amar E Gaan
02:30	Bangla Feature Film
05:30	Drama Serial: Alta Shundari
11:45	Crime Focus
DESH TV	
04:30	Dur-er Janala
05:30	Durpath
06:25	Jolkatha
07:45	Eki Brintey
12:30	Total Sports
Banglavisioin	
11:05	Shudhui Gaan
12:05	Drama Serial: Fifty-Fifty
03:30	Cinebit Rongin
09:05	Shoundarjo Katha
11:25	Walton Amar Ponyo Amar Desh
ATN NEWS	
11:30	Sports Insight

02:15	Amader Katha
05:15	Pramanno Shomoy
07:30	Saat Rang (Live)
08:30	Visual Diary
Boishakhi TV	
03:20	Tatka
04:15	Shorashori Doctor
05:30	Shudhu Cinemar Gaan
06:20	Dhoritri
08:00	Shurjakonya
10:45	Muktokatha
11:30	Boishakhi Shongskriti O Binodon
Diganta TV	
12:30	Score Card
05:30	Lime Light
08:05	I-Tech
09:25	Diganta Onushondhan
11:05	Dig Diganta
11:30	Shur Shurobhi
HBO	
12:30	The Big Hit
02:00	Collateral Damage
04:30	The Life of David Galt

07:30	Once Upon a Time in Mexico
09:30	Obsessed
11:30	Double Impact
Star Movies	
09:55	Watching the Detectives
11:35	Major Movie Star
01:25	Bio-Dome
03:05	Gang Related
04:50	Die Hard 2: Die Harder
07:00	The Ladykillers
08:50	Sorority Row
10:40	Disaster Movie
Zee Studio	
10:45	Mean Girls
01:00	Guthy Renker
01:30	Cassandra's Dream
03:55	National Treasure
07:25	Freaky Friday
09:30	The Peacemaker
12:10	Glory Road
Discovery Channel	
10:30	Science of Sex appeal
12:30	Destroyed in Seconds
02:30	Man VS. Wild

04:30	Time Warp
06:30	Nature's Deadliest
07:30	Raging planet 2
09:30	Engineering Volcanoes
10:30	Extreme Peril
National Geographic	
12:30	True Stories
01:30	Mumbai Mega Flood
04:30	Monkey Thieves
05:30	Amazing Moments
07:30	True Stories
08:30	Nat Geo Wild
09:30	Big: Inside Dubai
10:30	Wild Russia: Kamchatka
BBC World	
01:45	Sport Today
02:00	BBC World News
02:30	BBC News Special: Booker Prize 2010
03:00	Business Edition with Tanya Beckett
03:45	Sport Today
04:30	Asia Business Report
04:45	Asia Today
05:00	BBC World News America

Talk Show		
ATN Bangla	Time	Guest
10:30am	Hello Bangladesh	ntv
11:15am	Asian City Vision 2020	12:00am
Channel i		Rtv
09:45am	Grameenphone Tritiyo Matra	06:30pm
12:30pm	Citycell Taroka Kathon	11:45pm

Drama Serial		
ATN BANGLA	Time	Guest
08:40pm	Gharjamai	09:10pm
09:20pm	Poush Phagun-er Pala	10:20pm
Channel i		ETV
07:50pm	Mukim Brothers	08:20pm
09:35pm	Swapno Bazar	09:30pm
ntv		BANGLAVISION
11:30pm	Oronyer Shukh Dukkho	09:45pm
Rtv		Boishakhi TV
08:30pm	Manpower	08:40pm
		09:20pm

News Bulletin	
BTV	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	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,

1:30pm, 5:00pm, 7:15pm, 10:30pm.
NEWS (Bangla): 7:00 am, 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,

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

**Gharjamai**  
 On ATN Bangla at 08:40pm  
 Drama Serial  
 Cast: Fakhru Hasan Bairagi, Shatabdi Wadud

**Once Upon a Time in Mexico**  
 On HBO at 07:30pm; Genre: Crime  
 Cast: Antonio Banderas, Salma Hayek

**Eki Brintey**  
 On Desh TV at 07:45pm  
 Celebrity Talk Show  
 Guests: Jyotsna Biswas, Aruna Biswas

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
09:00	Mukhorito Jiboney
12:00	Darun Dupurey
03:00	Duranto Bikeley
05:00	Shondha Tara
07:00	Shajer Maya
09:00	Raat-er Akashey
11:00	Galper Shesh Nei