

WHAT'S ON THIS WEEK

12th Annual Bonsai Exhibition
Organiser: Bangladesh Bonsai society
Venue: WVA Auditorium, H-20, Rd-27 (old), Dhanmondi
Date: October 14-17
Time: 10am-8pm



Painting and Installation Exhibition

Title: Dhaka Traffic: the City Can't Wait
Artist: Sulekha Chowdhury
Venue: Goethe-Institut Bangladesh, Dhanmondi
Date: October 4-28



Group Art Exhibition

Title: Life of a Vagabond
Venue: Tivoli Art Gallery, DIT Market, Gulshan-2
Date: October 11-20
Time: 10am-8pm



Group Art Exhibition

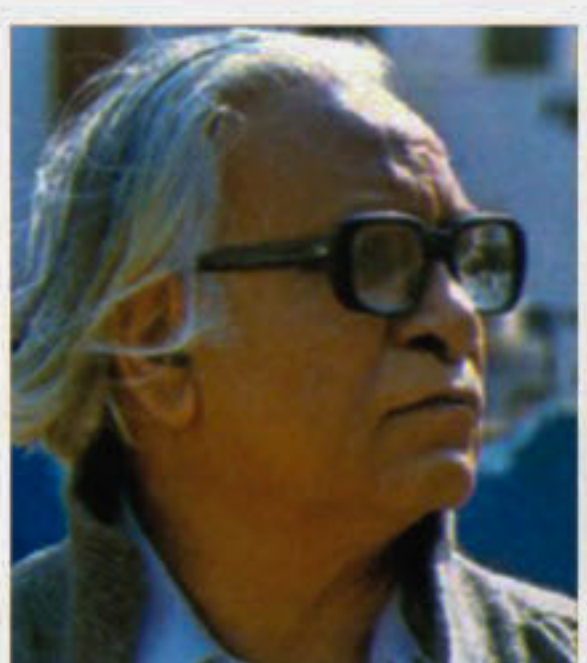
Title: Rooted Creativity-5
Venue: Bengal Gallery of Fine Arts, 275/F, Rd 27 (old), Dhanmondi
Date: October 15-26
Time: 12pm-8pm



Master painters' exhibition at National Museum



Zainul Abedin



Quamrul Hassan



SM Sultan

A CORRESPONDENT

As part of the 14th Asian Art Biennale 2010, National Museum has organised an exhibition of three legendary painters of the country-- Zainul Abedin, Quamrul Hassan and SM Sultan at Nalini Kanta Bhattashali Gallery of the museum. The exhibition features selected artworks from the collection of the museum. About 86 artworks are on display at the exhibition. Zainul Abedin (1914-1976), Quamrul Hassan (1921-1988) and SM Sultan (1923-1994)-the three painters of Bangladesh were magnificent in their own fields. They

believed in nationalism, secularism and patriotism. They identified heart and soul with their motherland. All of them were recognised for their individual hallmark and created a distinct path in our art arena. Their artworks mainly feature rural people and their daily chores, riverine life, disadvantaged people, the beauty of nature, six seasons of Bangladesh, famine, Liberation War, and other themes. The painters used oil, gouache, ink, pen, wash, watercolour, wax, mixed media and poster colour in their works.

The exhibition was inaugurated on October 7 and will run till November 6.

Celebrating Puja with the celebrities



Legend has it that Durga Puja is observed annually at that time of the year when Goddess Durga comes to visit her parents with her two sons, Ganesh and Kartick.

Come October, the month of 'Sharat' or 'Autumn', and our cultural personalities gear up to observe Puja in their own way, with sweets, song, dance and gaiety.

Shah Alam Saju spoke to several of them to get a ringside view of their Puja plans.

Pijush Bandyopadhyay:

Durga Puja reminds me of my childhood. Having fun had a different dimension with a house full of relatives and dancing with the beat of Dhak and Kashor Ghonta. This year I will stay in Dhaka to celebrate Puja. I plan to go to the Dhakeshwari temple and enjoy the occasion.

Kumar Bishwajit:

I'll be in Italy till mid October to perform at a show there. So far my plan is to head to Chittagong to celebrate Puja with my wife and child. I'll also get to share the festivities with my family, although visiting Sitakundo might not be possible. If for some reason I cannot make the time for a long journey to Chittagong, I will spend my Puja in Dhaka where I will offer my prayers at the Dhakeshwari Temple. Special delicacies will be cooked at home, where my friends will drop by. To be honest, I had more fun during the Puja celebrations of my childhood. The weight of responsibilities has somewhat put the shine off of it. So whenever Puja arrives now, I reminisce on my childhood days.

Chanchal Chowdhury:

I have loads of fun during the Puja festivities, especially on Durga Puja. After waiting each year for the calendar to turn to Durga Puja, the celebrations are always great. I hail from Pabna and it is there I'll spend Durga Puja with my family. I will be present when the 'Thakur' is immersed. My relatives will also come to our house where we will share the joys of the occasion with delicacies like 'Pitha'. I'll get to meet a lot of



Pijush Bandyopadhyay



Kumar Bishwajit



Chanchal Chowdhury



Tapan Chowdhury



Aruna Biswas



Moushumi Biswas

people after a long time. Overall I am very excited about the Puja this year.

Moushumi Biswas:
My parents live near Ashulia and I will be there during the Puja festivities along with my husband and child. I am happy because the occasion will

give me a chance to catch up with many of my relatives who I miss. As Durga Puja comes once a year, the celebration is grand. I will accept 'Anjali' offerings and abstain from taking food on the Ashtami. Doshomi brings a lot of fun as I observe the

'Thakur' being immersed from close quarters. Making special dishes on the occasion is a must, while new dresses have already been bought. To me, the fun of Durga Puja is the main attraction.

Tapan Chowdhury:

I was in Canada last year during Durga Puja. I celebrated the festivities with my wife, child and relatives living there. This year I will spend Puja with my family in Dhaka but I will surely miss my wife and child as they are still in Canada. The best part of Puja is I'll get the chance to meet with a lot of people and exchange greetings.

Aruna Biswas:

I keep my schedule clear for the Puja days as they are very precious to me. I pray to the Creator, go to temple and accept 'Anjali' offerings. This year I will stay at Dhaka to celebrate Puja with my family. We will have lots of fun as guests will come, special food will be prepared and hours will be spent having 'Addas'. I wait a year for Puja to arrive.

Shanarei Debi Shanu:

Durga Puja means endless joy for me. I have some very fond memories of Durga Puja as a child in Sylhet. I had lots of fun with my family there; went to the temple and accepted 'Anjali'. Last year I stayed in Dhaka for Puja and visited the Dhakeshwari temple. This year will be the same. I will stay in the capital to celebrate Puja with my husband. Special 'pithas' will be made for Dashami, as many guests will come.



Shanarei Debi Shanu

TV Watch

Bideshey Bishista Bangalee on Channel i



Tonight's episode will feature Partha Pratim Majumdar.

A CORRESPONDENT

Profile Show "Bideshey Bishista Bangalee," featuring established and celebrated Bangladeshi people now residing abroad, will be aired on Channel i today at 6:20pm. Among the eminent people who will feature in the programme is scientist Dr. Nurun Nabi, linked to the making of Colgate Total Toothpaste, who currently stays in New Jersey, USA.

Then there's Bengali physicist Professor Ataul Karim who, after finishing his education from the Department of Physics, Dhaka University, now lives in Washington, USA. He is one of the associate scientists who invented the

fastest train of USA.

Grandson of artist Mostafa Monwar, Nafees Bin Zafar (34) who first received an Oscar on Graphics Animation from this subcontinent also features in the group.

The owner of six famous restaurants located in Berlin, Sheikh Badal from Kushtia Bangladesh has the proud distinctions of bagging the best Barman Award in Europe.

Dr. Abu Zakaria, a teacher in Cologne University, has carved a reputation as a medical physicist and is a well known personality in Europe.

Engineer Mukhlesur Rahman, an alumnus of Bangladesh University of Engineering and Technology (BUET), now works as the second head of the Department of Water and Power of Los Angeles City Corporation, USA.

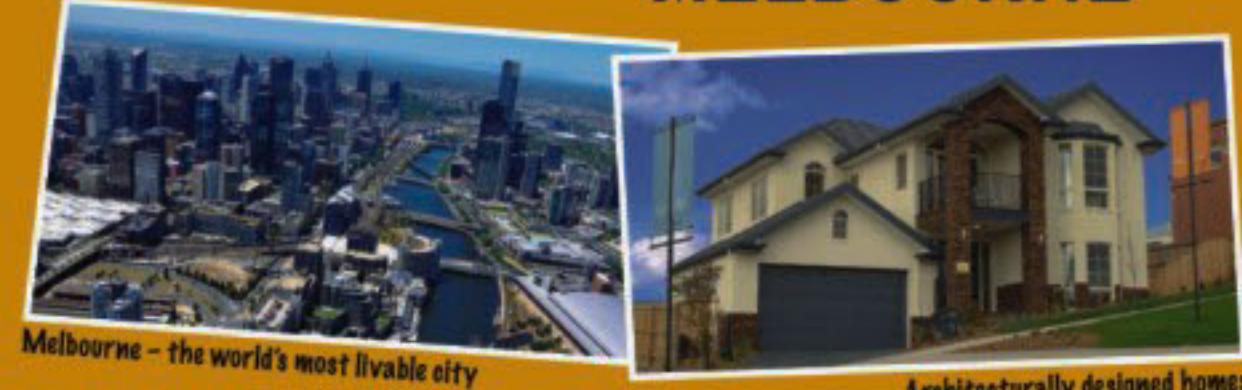
Munawar Hussain Pail, a Bangladeshi journalist, is one of the 100 members of Grammy Awards Committee.

Starting from October 2, the programme is being aired on Channel i on every Saturday at 6:20pm.

Arun Chowdhury is the host, director and planner of the 25-minute long series documentary programme. To put together 13 episodes of the programme, the director of the programme has so far visited New York, New Jersey, San Francisco, Los Angeles in USA and Germany, Holland, France and Belgium in Europe.

Arun Chowdhury is slated to visit Australia, Canada and England for the show.

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