

WHAT'S ON THIS WEEK

Solo Photography Exhibition

Title: Immersed in Water
Photographer: Masuma Pia
Venue: Drik Gallery, H-58, R-15/A, Dhanmondi
Date: December 17-24
Time: 3pm-8pm



Solo Musical Soiree

Artist: Yasmin Mushtari
Venue: Indira Gandhi Cultural Centre, H-35, Rd-24, Gulshan-1
Date: December 25
Time: 6:30pm



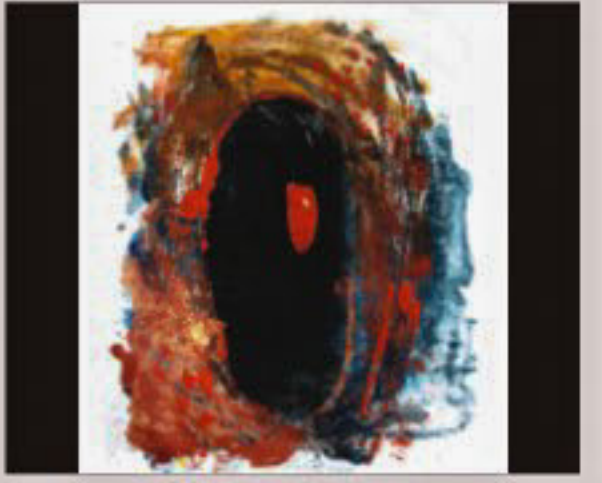
17th Convention of Udichi

Organiser: Udichi Shilpi Gosthi
Venue: Shaukat Osman Auditorium, Central Public Library, Shahabagh
Date: December 24-25
Time: 10am onwards



Solo Monoprint Exhibition

Title: Seeds
Artist: Soumyajit Choudhury
Venue: Bay's Galleria, Radius Centre, Gulshan-1
Date: December 22-29
Time: 10am-8pm (Fridays 3-8pm)



In a Water Wonderland

Masuma Pia's solo photo exhibit at Drik

ZAHANGIR ALOM

An eight-day solo photography exhibition opened on December 17 at Drik Gallery, Dhaka. With the title, "Immersed in Water", the exhibition features Masuma Pia's 51 striking images that have taken her eight long years of hard work. Director General of Bengal Foundation Luva Nahid Chowdhury with others inaugurated the exhibition.

Pia's second solo exhibition makes the viewers dip into the eternal bliss of watery serenity.

Entering the gallery, the viewer cannot help but be fascinated with the poetic titles of the transparent watery arts by Pia. Some are eloquent: "...From early on, from the time I began to fathom, I was aware of the volatile relations I had with

water; I dipped and resurfaced, and water kept me afloat"; "Water smiles up, mirroring the sky. The way to come together neither of them knows"; "Who desires tears in a butterfly festival? Lines are not painted on her trail..." and many more.

The singing of raindrops over a lush-green light keeps the viewer blissfully aware while the reflection of twilight mingling with the shadow of a forest speaks of the awesome solitary pond and lake. The way Pia framed three connected tender rose leaves adorned with dew-drops have the appearance of an exquisite ornamentation with pearls.

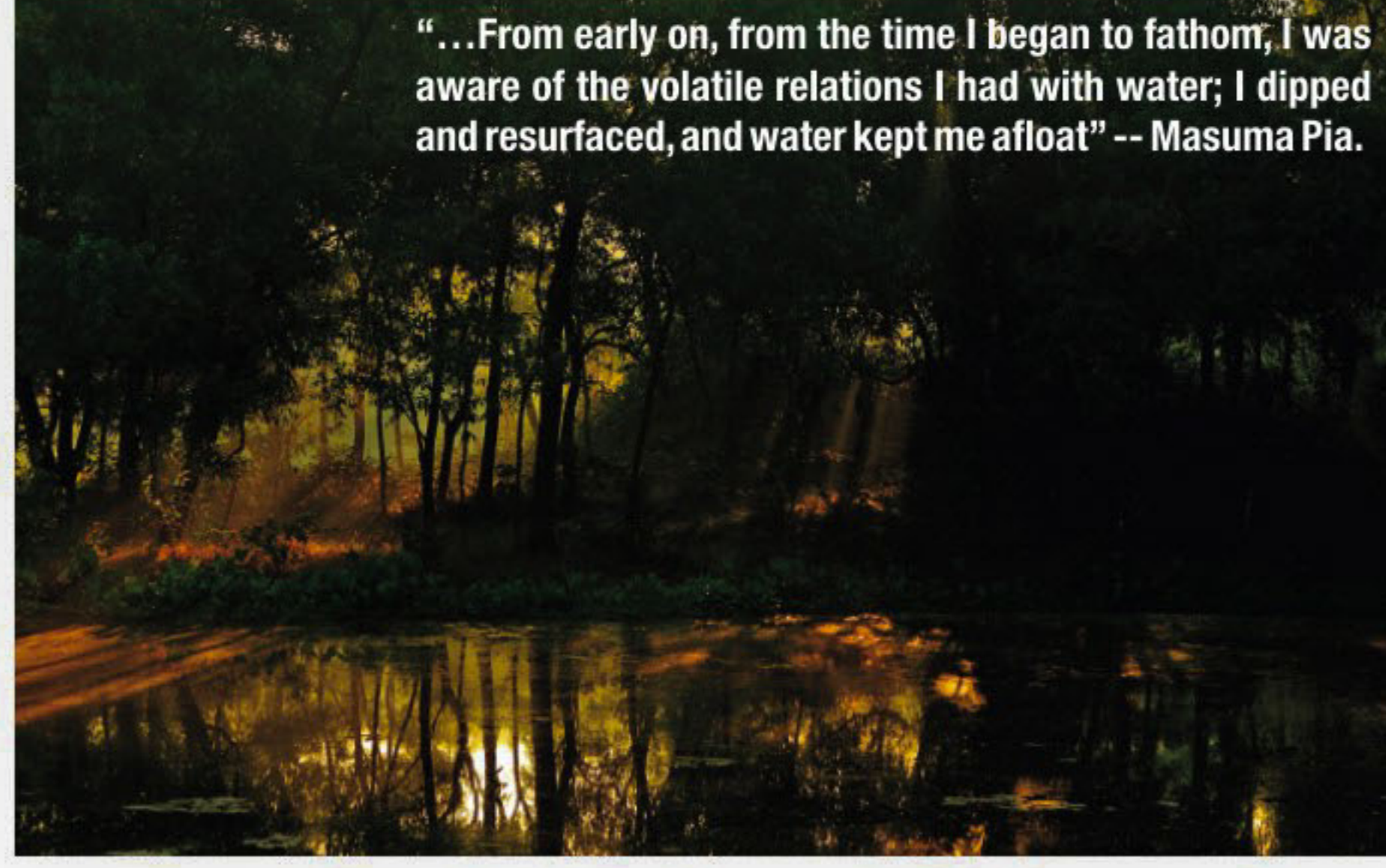
The subtle game of azure and green on a tranquil lake produces a panoramic view of a water nymph's dance. One also finds grey twilight, water hyacinth ground, and inventive reflections of beautiful elements like kingfishers and

butterflies.

The use of soft tender light and shadow of dying twilight is confined in a remarkable way in one of Pia's photographs that seems like an illusion as it forms three human figures within it. The artiste has truly captured different parts of both rural and urban Bangladesh with her various seasons.

Born in Jessore in 1973, Masuma Pia completed her Masters in Marketing from Dhaka University. She is the CEO of a media and communication firm called 'Matri'. She is also an active member of Map Photo Agency. Aside from solo exhibitions, Pia participated in a number of group photography exhibitions and workshops.

The exhibition is open from 3 to 8pm and ends today.



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Promoting arts across the frontier

Abdus Shakur exhibition in Kolkata

PALLAB BHATTACHARYA, New Delhi

Art should not be fettered by geographical boundaries, said renowned Bangladeshi painter Abdus Shakur Shah. "To promote art and culture there should be less security curbs on the movement of people between our two countries," Shakur, the 1977 Lalit Kala Academy topper and 1991 Japan Excellence Award recipient, told the media in Kolkata on Tuesday night at an exhibition of his paintings embossed with textile designs.

He expressed wonder about why common people of the two sides who speak the same language, and share a culture can't visit each other

more frequently.

Shakur, who has held exhibitions in Canada, the UK, Italy and India, explained how his earthy sketches on rural folk tales of Bengal were contemporised by a Bangladeshi corporate house 'Myth Shop' through textile designs and almost became a fashion statement for the youngsters there.

"After the exhibition of these art works in Dhaka, I could sense how we could create our own brand and rival the big fish by propagating Bengal's traditional and indigenous culture among our young people," he said.

Religion cannot draw a line between the two neighbours, so beautifully demonstrated in the award-winning film "Moner Manush" by celebrated filmmaker

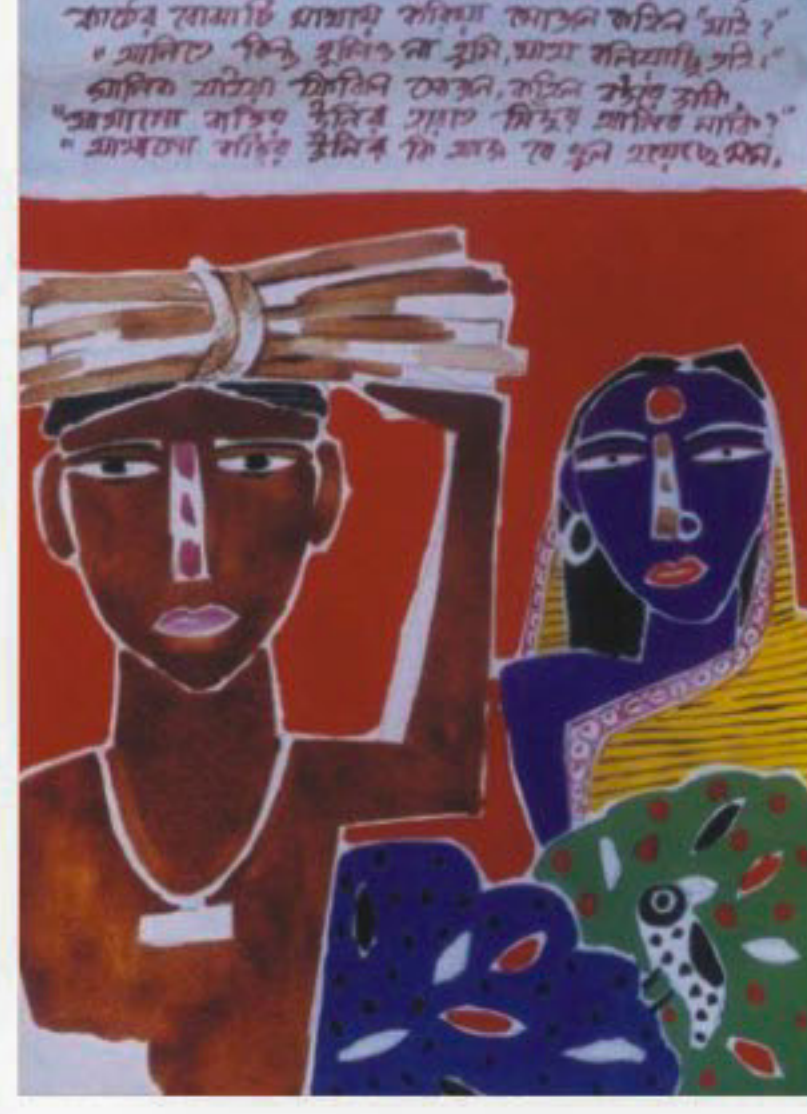
Goutam Ghosh, he said.

The fact that the film is drawing huge crowds in both the countries has lent credence to the contention, according to him.

The exhibition of textured fabrics and paintings, mostly culled from the folk tales of erstwhile East Bengal, was inaugurated by the Deputy High Commissioner of Bangladesh to India, Md Mustafizur Rahman.

Rahman called for holding of more such exhibitions, on textile works, painting and others by Bangladeshi artists, in Kolkata and elsewhere in India.

Eminent Indian painter Bijan Choudhury, having spent several years in Dhaka earlier, dwelt on his long association with Shakur and how he had been inspired by Shakur's style.



A painting by Shakur.



Udichi Shilpi Gosthi, France held its biennial council in France recently. A 39-member new committee was formed at the council, where Kiranmoy Mandal and Kamrul Hasan Uzzal respectively were elected as the president and general secretary. The committee will run for the next two years. Dr. Rafiqul Hasan, president of Udichi UK as chief guest, addressed the council.



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

ATN BANGLA
11:15 Cambrian University Campus Parliament
02:50 Bangla Feature Film
06:15 Amra Korbo Joy
08:00 Drama: Alta Ranga Mon
10:45 Bihango Katha

Channel i
02:40 Tele-film: Babar Chobi
07:50 Tele-film: Garieler Ujan Bhati
11:30 Fun Club Tournament
12:00 Grameenphone Aiker Shingbadpotro

ntv
10:05 Bhalobasho Mor Gaan

02:30 Tele-film
06:10 Shubho Shondhya
06:45 Roop Madhuri
09:45 Drama
11:30 Hip Hip Hurrey (Live)

ETV
11:30 Shangkriti Shamachar
01:30 Bangla Feature Film: Milon Hobe Koto Dine

04:30 Mukto Khabor
05:25 Shaplaho Jurey
06:30 Spondon
07:50 Musical Programme
10:10 Bhalobashar Dinguli
12:30 Phono Live Studio Concert

Rtv
12:05 Bashudha Protidin-er Gaan
02:30 Drama
04:30 Drama Serial
05:00 Cinema R Gaan
06:00 Walton Star & Sports
08:30 Drama

Banglavisio
12:05 Moha Shatta Al-Quran
04:05 Music Together
06:05 Drama
09:45 Daily Soap: Gulshan Avenue

Desh TV
10:30 Khelar Shokal
03:00 Live Musical Show
04:00 Desh Jonopod
11:45 Close up Call-er Gaan

Boishakhi TV
01:35 Nazrul Sangeet
05:15 Boishakhi-CNN
08:00 Sharabishwa
08:45 Celebrity Show
11:30 Musical Show

Z Studio
08:30 Besieged
10:30 Free Willy
01:30 Mission Impossible
04:00 Mean Girls
07:10 Free Willy
09:30 Seraphim Falls
12:00 A Beautiful Mind

HBO
08:00 Cadillac Records
10:00 Funny People
12:45 The Phantom
02:45 You Don't Mess with the Zohan
04:45 Frost/Nixon
07:45 In & Out
09:30 The Big Hit
11:30 The Uninvited

Star Movies
11:45 12 Rounds
01:45 Street Fighter
03:30 The Honeymooners
05:05 The Young Victoria
07:00 New In Town
08:45 Judge Dredd
10:30 Ninja

12:05 Beer For My Horses

Star World
01:30 The Bold and The Beautiful
07:30 Koffee With Karan
08:30 How I Met Your Mother
09:00 Friends
09:30 MasterChef Australia
10:30 Burn Notice
12:00 The Simpsons

Fox History and Entertainment
04:00 History's Best
06:00 Science & Tech
09:30 Anniversary Special
10:00 Boy's Toys
10:30 See Science at 9
11:00 Special Forces Heroes
11:30 The Investigative Hour

National Geographic
11:30 Nat Geo Wild
01:30 Great Migrations
02:30 Inside
03:30 Big
05:30 Nat Geo Amazing!
07:30 Great Migrations

08:30 Big Cats Week
09:30 Big
10:30 Nat Geo Amazing!
11:30 True Stories

Discovery Channel
11:30 Mega Engineering : Personal Pods
12:30 Natural World : Deadly Vipers
03:30 I'm Alive : Blood Saviours
04:30 How Stuff Works : Corn
06:30 Day of the Shark II
07:30 Rampage! : Road Rampage
10:30 Destroyed in Seconds
10:30 Time Warp : Bull Whip
11:30 Wildlife Specials : Serpent

BBC World
10:30 One Square Mile : Dili, Timor Leste
05:45 Sport Today
06:30 GMT with George Alagiah
07:30 Working Lives: Human Traffic : Egypt
07:30 Impact Asia
08:30 BBC World News
09:30 The Hub with Nik Gowing
11:30 World Business Report

Talk Show

ATN Bangla
12:30am Grameenphone Lead News
Channel i
09:45am Grameenphone Tritojo Matra
12:25pm Kora Alap
06:20pm Bola Bahulya
ntv
12:00am Ei Shomoy
RTV
10:45am Tarokalap

Drama Serial

ATN Bangla 09:20pm Haat-er Rekha 10:55pm Ochena Manush 11:30pm Amader Shongshar	Rtv 07:45pm Beauty parlour 10:00pm Tourist BANGLAVISIO 08:15pm Dyaectaar 09:05pm Chandrabindu ETV 08:15pm Rumi 09:30pm Ghatok Baki Bhai
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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.
BANGLAVISIO
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

Music Together
On Banglavisio at 04:05pm
Musical Show
Guest: Kona

Land of the Lost
On HBO at 09:30pm
Genre: Sci-Fi/Fantasy
Cast: Will Ferrell, Anna Friel, Danny McBride

Garieler Ujan Bhati
On Channel i at 07:50pm
Tele-film
Cast: Mahbuba Parvin, Biplob Prosad

RADIO FOORTI
08:00 Addabazi
12:00 Boier Poka
02:00 Foorti Unlimited
06:00 Bumper to Bumper
10:00 Club Foorti
01:00 Back to Back music

abc radio fm 89.2
06:00 Bhorer Janalay
09:00 Mukhorito Jiboney
12:00 Darun Dupurey
03:00 Duranto Bikeley
05:00 Shondhatar
07:00 Shajer Maya
09:00 Raat-er Akashey
11:00 Golper Shesh Nei

RADIO TODAY
07:15 Good Morning Dhaka
11:00 Musti Unlimited
01:00 Today's World Music
04:00 U Turn
08:00 Tobey Tai Hok
11:00 Raat Bhor Gaan