

## Carl, India's only wildlife artist

Observing nature especially birds and animals can be really fascinating. Carl D'Silva from Caranzalem is one such person who gets inspirations from nature and brings them to life with his paint brush. He has the distinction of being the only professional wildlife artist in the country.

Carl as young boy of 8 years, used to watch birds and paint them. During his time, he received encouragement and guidance from SA Hussain, who was the assistant to Salim Ali.

Carl, originally from Saligao, did his schooling at St Mary's, Mumbai and later joined JJ School of Art. While he was in the second year, he got associated with the Bombay Natural History Society (BNHS) and after completing his studies, he became a staff-artist with BNHS. He is a life member of the society and also a resource person.

Carl received international recognition when he became the first and yet the only Indian to have his paintings selected for exhibition by the UK-based premiere wildlife art (consortium), the Society of Wildlife Artists at their annual juried show in London's Mall Galleries.

He received more international recognition when he was included in Asia's Who's Who for being the only professional wildlife artist in India.

Carl has also held several exhibition of his works in the country and abroad. Besides he has done illustrations for over 12 books including Salim Ali's revised edition of *Book of Indian Birds*, *Birds of the Indian Subcontinent*, *Parrots of the World*, *Birds of Bhutan*, *Birds of Nepal*, *Birds of East Asia* among others. He has also done illustrations for children's books for Tata Donnelly.

Carl has rendered his services to the film industry and provided special effects for Arundhati Roy's movie, *Electric Moon* which was released in 1994-95. He also was the youngest jazz drummer from 1979-86 and played for most of the top bands in Mumbai.

He returned back to Goa in 1989 and settled at Caranzalem. In 1990 he joined the WWF and served in the committee for two terms.

"As a youngster, I faced a lot of hardships as people never understood my art but my parents always encouraged me. My wife, Barbara has been my biggest inspiration," he says.

## in the news

### Material Girl goes from Madonna to Esther

Assuming a newly modest public image more in keeping with that of a nice Jewish girl, pop star Madonna says she has adopted the Hebrew name of Esther.

The Catholic-bred singer/actress said in an ABC News 20/20 interview airing on Friday that her identification with the biblical queen celebrated in the Jewish festival of Purim stems in part from her adherence to the study of Jewish mysticism known as Kabbalah.

The performer, born Madonna Louise Veronica Ciccone, recalled that she was very young when her mother, for whom she was named, died of cancer.

"I wanted to attach myself to another name," she said according to excerpts from the interview released by ABC on Thursday.

day. "This is in no way a negation of who my mother is... I wanted to attach myself to the energy of a different name."

### Mel Gibson named most powerful celebrity

Mel Gibson, whose controversial film *The Passion Of The Christ* paid off big at the box office, is the year's most powerful celebrity, according to *Forbes* magazine's celebrity 100 power rankings.

Gibson, who directed, produced and co-wrote the violent movie about the last hours of Jesus, earned \$210 million and tremendous media buzz for the project, according to *Forbes* magazine, which factors in media attention to compare the biggest money-makers from various fields of entertainment.

Magazine covers, press clippings, TV and radio coverage and Internet hits are all factored into the rankings formula. Money earned in the last 12 months was used to identify the finalists in each category.

Gold star, Tiger Woods, the leading money-maker among athletes with \$80 million, was second on the list, followed by talk-show host, Oprah Winfrey, who matched Gibson

in earnings. Actor Tom Cruise (\$45 million) was fourth, followed by venerable rock group Rolling Stones (\$51 million). *Harry Potter* author J.K. Rowling was sixth on the list, boosted by her earnings of \$147 million.

Actress Jennifer Aniston, who topped the rankings last year, slipped to 17th place on the 2004 list.

### Zeta Jones gets death threats

Catherine Zeta Jones has allegedly received death threats from a woman who claims to have had an affair with the actress' husband, Michael Douglas.

Dawnette Knight, who alleges she had a two-year relationship with Douglas after they met at a party in 2002, is being held in a Los Angeles jail, TeenHollywood reported.

She has been charged with stalking and making 24 criminal threats to Zeta Jones. Knight is accused of threatening "to commit a crime which would result in death and great bodily injury" and her bail has been set at \$1.1 million.

## Nepalese actors eye Indian soaps

After eyeing Bollywood, India's mega-billion Hindi film industry, Nepalese actors are now targeting Hindi soaps.

Petite Nepalese actress, Arunima Lamsal is first off the mark with a meaty role in *Sonpuri*, the tele-series for children running on Star Plus.

Arunima was in the headlines recently after she was selected along with Nepalese leading lady, Bipana Thapa to act in an English film *Remember Me* by a London-based production company.

And now it is a Hindi TV serial. A 40-member crew from *Sonpuri* came to Nepal last month to shoot seven episodes and give viewers, fed on endless family dramas on Star Plus, a break with some outdoor locations.

It also gave a break to about 30 Nepalese actors and technicians who were hired for the shooting in tourist sites Pokhara and Manokamana as well as the Buddhist shrine Boudha and Patan, famed for its exquisite royal palace.

Arunima's role as a Nepalese police inspector is the biggest.

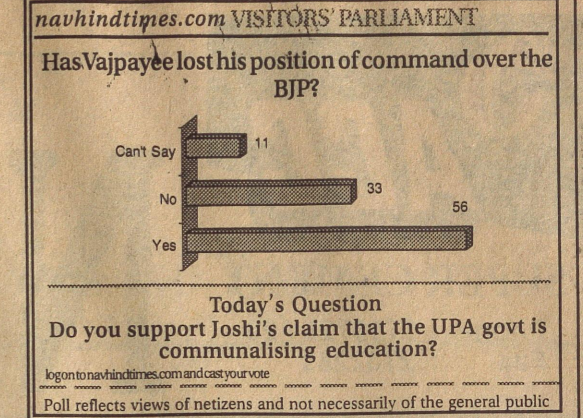
Producer, Anupam Kallidhar made the Kathmandu connection through Nepalese director, Naresh Poudel who had gone to Mumbai to record the songs for his new film *Dhadkan*.

Poudel had been local coordinator for renowned filmmaker Bernardo Bertolucci in 1992 when he came to shoot his *Little Buddha*.

He was in the picture again last year when Bollywood film director Rajat Mukherjee shot his thriller *Love in Nepal* in and around Kathmandu.

Not very surprising therefore that the 41-year-old Nepalese director has been asked to lead the same group of actors to Mumbai this week for shooting some more episodes.

"I am going to approach other Indian tele-series makers to come and shoot in Nepal," Poudel said.



### Today's Question

Do you support Joshi's claim that the UPA govt is communalising education?

Log on to [navhindtimes.com](http://navhindtimes.com) and cast your vote. Poll reflects views of netizens and not necessarily of the general public.

### Holding of GCET

I wish to bring to the notice of director of technical education and the Chief Minister that holding of GCET-2004 for admission to engineering and pharmacy has not been accepted by the students, parents and people in the field of education.

There are several legal implications for and against the holding of this test which include conveying about the number of students to be admitted through GCET. The same should have been conveyed by the DTE by November 2003.

Similarly as directed by the Supreme Court a committee of 5 members headed by a retired judge of High Court should have been appointed for free and fair conduct of GCET. No such committee has been formed. Thus making this examination an illegal one.

On one hand while this examination is illegal the government has promised the students that it would try for a respite from the Supreme Court. So far government has not conveyed any action to the public at large.

On the other hand there are several students who have appeared for All India Engineering Entrance Examination (AIEEE) which was conducted by CBSE under all legal requirements since last 3 years and hence has got a wide acceptance. Also those state governments who do not conduct CET are required to admit students through AIEEE.

As mentioned above several students have appeared for AIEEE, the counseling process for these students would end on July 17, 2004. Such students will not be able to appear for GCET-2004 to be held on July 17 and 18 since they would be most probably at Suratkhak on these dates.

This matter was brought to the notice of the Chief Minister on June 1 by several parents and students during a meeting at his residence. In the presence of concerned parents students and officials of DTE, it was agreed in principle that GCET would be held on July 18 and 20 and a notification would be issued soon. Till date there is no information about the change of dates have been issued.

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03.30 Family Time	04.00 Samachar
05.27 Vande Mataram & Thought For The Day	05.30 UGC Programme
06.00 IGNUU Programme	06.30 Business News
06.30 Aaradhana	07.00 Metro News
07.30 The News	07.15 Kheh Samachar
08.00 Subah Savere	08.30 The News
08.30 National Prog. of Music	09.30 In Conversation
09.00 Rath Yatra of Lord Jagannath	10.30 Global Changes
09.30 Live contd.	11.00 Sports Talk
10.00 Live contd.	11.30 Pakistan Reporter
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03.00 Filmicity	03.00 Samachar
03.30 Marathi film 'Zakar'	04.00 Samachar
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07.00 Batmavya	07.30 The News
08.00 The News	08.15 Samachar
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06.30 The News	07.00 Samachar
07.30 The News	08.00 Samachar
08.30 The News	09.30 Sarker 2004
10.00 Aap Ke Mantri	10.00 Sanskrit News
10.05 Samachar	10.30 The News
11.00 Health India Live	11.30 Phone In Show
12.00 Samachar	12.30 The News
01.00 Rang Tarang	01.30 Business Review
02.00 Samachar	02.30 The News

4.30 BBC News followed by Weather	5.00 Extra Time (R)	5.30 BBC News followed by Weather	6.30 BBC News followed by Weather	7.00 This Week	7.30 BBC News followed by Weather	8.30 BBC News followed by Weather	9.30 BBC News followed by Weather	10.30 BBC News followed by Weather	11.00 Sports Today	11.30 BBC News followed by Weather
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