RECOMMENDATIONS



Gazal Evening

Ranan in association with PEPSI has organised an evining with Jagjit Singh on January 9, 2003 at 6.30 at Bangladesh-China Moitree Hall (Ex. NAM Conference Hall), Agàrgaor

Solo Exhibition



A solo exhibition of the paintings and drawings by Abdus Shakoor is being held at the "Shilpangan" gallery

Concert

Antar Showbiz in collaboration with Close Up has organised a concert titled 'Rock Brigade' on January 17 at Army Stadium, Dhaka. Leading bands and solo artists such as LRB, dHAKA, Chime, NOVA, Banglar Baul, Prometheus, Edges, Aurthohin, Pantha Kanai, Conopy, Dalchhut, Tishma, Shumon and Sub Conscious will perform at the concert.

15th National Fine Arts Exhibition 2002

The 15th National Fine Arts Exhibition 2002 is being held at the Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy. The exhibition will run through January 27 everyday from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. and from 3 p.m. to 7 p.m. on Fridays.

Documenta

Short, substantial and to the point

CULTURE

The premiere of "Sufiar Kahini" at the British Council

THAMSUL Hussain, who made his 25 minute documentary on Dr Mohammed Yunus, calling it "Sufiar Kahini" taking the first beneficiary of Dr. Yunus's micro credit system which has now spread over many continents, even USA, asked why had to make a film on someone who was to some extent, already well-known, recently said, "The idea of Grameen began in the surroundings of the Chittagong University. The village of Jobra, around which the documentary is spun is just a little away from the university where the situation of the poverty stricken people inspired Dr Yunus, an economist to take steps in 1973 when a famine had struck our country and there was no proper food or water for millions, specially the poor. In fact the entrance to the University is through this village. The inhabitants of this village were facing the problem of existence too during the famine which followed quite close to the Liberation War. The inmates of the village had

the skill but not the money to invest to get the raw materials for the work. Sufia is the first one to take the loan from Grameen to make cane backless seats. At that time the formal loans had not yet established. Of course, at that time, the not so wellto-do could not approach the normal banks for loans. The incident is based in 1974 and I've taken my ideas from the first chapters of the 'Banker to the Poor' which dealt with how Dr Yunus came upon the idea of beginning micro-credit for the helpless and hapless but how had talents and energy and who were in the hands of the 'mahajans' and whose lands were forfeited by the rich landlords due to interests and the original loans that they were unable to pay.

The Grameen idea emerged from Sufia's hapless fate that she did not have even Tk 5 to buy cane to make 'moras' so that she is forced to go the middleman and then sell it at the 'haats' (large, open village markets). I could not use her in my documentary as she is not alive any more or I would not have to resort to use a student of Journalism, Babila, who is now a part of different theatre



Dr Mohammed Yunus

groups in Chittagong. I know that even a few words from her would have leant richness to the production and viewers would have been more satisfied. I used Dr Yunus of my documentary is that the idea of nis micro-credit is something that is having a global impact and I felt that he deserves my energy, research and focus. Imagine the philosophy of a person from the third world being used in 60 countries including the advanced ones which includes India, Pakistan, Nepal, Malaysia and USA and being successful! It is an important instrument for poverty alleviation."

Asked to elaborate on how poverty had afflicted our country Shamsul Hussain said, "Quoting from the Bureau Chief of 'Prothom Alo' at Chittagong I'll enumerate who poverty had prevailed in our country since the British looted the country after the arrival of Robert Clive. Even earlier, the Sultanate and Mogul rulers emptied Bengal of its treasuries from time to time. Then there was the great famine which Zainul tended to romanticize in the eyes of some. Even the Nobel Laureate Rabindranath Tagore spoke of poverty as a source of inspiration in his words 'Hey daridra tomi korecho mohan tomey diecho krishter shomman' and the Rebel Poet Nazrul did not touch on our then poverty inflicted society, speaking only of political liberty and other matters. Sharat Chandra in his 'Mohesh' tended to throw more light on the rich than on the poor sometimes. Even in the west, Victor Hugo in France in his 'Les Misera-

ble' as the editor rightly said spun a well-known fiction about a man. Jean Valjean who had been in prison for twenty-five just for stealing bread so that the idea of poverty had not been condemned world over, according to the resident editor of 'Prothom Alo' Abul Momen. Hence when Dr Yunus went out and out to rescue the miserable and downtrodden this certainly deserves our attention. I wanted to preserve this for history, for our future generation, who are so used to the audio visual what with channel TV and videos rather than books being more in vogue to capture the attention of the young and those with not so much of time in hand or even the inclination after the hard day's routine work to leaf through the pages of weighty books."

Asked what problems he had faced in taking the shots while making the documentary, Shamsul Hussain said, "When working on locations you know how the crowd gathers and this distracts and annoys the cameraman naturally. The funds were provided by 'Grameen Trust'. We worked with the Beta lens meant for video and

Although he was a scholar of History, he had dealt with economics and so when asked what drew him to the particularly economically inclined subject, Shamsul Hussain said, "I will give you an example of how problems of others influence one. When I was travelling and was on the banks of the Thames, in 1989, I saw a statue dedicated to an international brigade with inscriptions of details of the participants, during the Spanish Civil. The Londoners are not directly connected with the Spanish Civil War yet they were apparently moved by it. So the existing poverty prevailing in our country touches me and I moved on to make a film on this theme. I do have my separate plans to deal with the more overtly historical elements of our country. I'm due for retirement in a few years and I hope to give more of my time to film making then A small even at Jobra village lead to a world-wide movement for the benefit of millions and this too should be preserved for all time to come. I feel.

"There was a long interview on

the philosophy and beginning of the Grameen Trust, I chose a portion for the documentary. The lady, Nurjehan Begum, his student, also spoke and I felt that was necessary. I used black and white to depict the past painful events as I feel that colour should be to brighten our lives with the hues of nature around us. The reason why I did not bring in the comments of onlookers was because I was trying to capture a part of our history, I felt that comments by others not directly involved was uncalled for in such a short documentary. I believed that if I lengthened the time span the onlookers would lead interest." Asked to elaborate on the them

and plot of the documentary, Shamsul Huda said," This is to portray how the Grameen project first began in Jobra village just as one writes a short essay or a short story on some vital issue. This is a historical documentation. I used black and white where poverty was the main focus apart from the Liberation War scenes. There was some element of stream of consciousness in the documentary so as to make it modern in presentation. It took me three years to do the research in the University Library at Chittagong in the mornings. I used the collections of the Chittagong University Library Museum too as you saw the documents of the Liberation War and newspaper cuttings of the past."

Asked how Shamsul Hussain got involved in the film world, "I was a member of the Chittagong Film Society since 1972, soon after the Liberation War, and was one of its first organizers. I did some few small film projects such as a Chittagong 'mela' which is called 'Laldighir Bolikhela' (wrestling in April) but after editing it I am still not satisfied with it. I hope to remake the film in April and edit it once more.

Touching on what he wishes to deal with next in his documentaries, Shamsul Hussain said," I have friends like Abul Momen, who spoke at the function today who has inspired me, Professor Murtaja Baseer also encourages me. My family takes to my film making with enormous understanding a two of my three sons help me in the documentary making. People at the function have positive plans of

showing it at the different auditoriums and even in the cinema halls; they have spoken about trying to take it to the Cannes Film Festival, if given the opportunity I shall certainly take the documentary as far as it can possibly go to carry the message through the length and breath of the country and beyond. The documentary I'm handling at the moment is about a Chittagong dervish called 'Badar Awlia' and he is a person of historical importance, specially for Chittagong. He belonged to the Sultanate times, hundreds of years ago. His 'mazar' is a representation of the architecture of the Sultanate times. It is called 'Pir Badar; legend and arche-

"I had studied history because during my time I had little other choice in Chittagong in 1966: the other alternatives were economics, Bengali and English. I hope to films on Mainamati and Paharpur too. I do not have enough spare time at the moment to carry out the necessary vast researches at the moment. I have to get the funding too. By 2004. shall be free to make as many history related documentaries as possible and probable. In my line I feel that one should be objective. I try to avoid emotions because in that way I can do my job best and not be carried away by personal feelings and emotions. I naturally am lured by the history of Bengal, which I have studied formally for two "The medieval ages of

Chittagong fascinate me most of all. I have done a mini thesis on it and hope to get it published in time. This deals, in particular, with the medieval monuments of Chittagong and it deals with mosques and some mazars, dealing with Sultanate and Mogul times. I hope to do small documentary on the Karnafuli River too where the Chittagong Hill Tribes will come in as fishermen, boatmen, 'jhum chash' cultivators, cowherds etc. I feel that the tribal people need more exposure as everybody has the right to live in his own way, I

Asked to say a few words about his cameraman, Shamsul Hussain said, "Nurul Islam Nuru was originally a football player but went into



Sufia at work with her cane back-less seats



A scene from Jobra village, where the documentary is partly set Talking about how he rated the videos and the invitations by the

"Sufiar Kahini" with other documentaries made in Bangladesh, Shamsul Huda said," This is a bit different as I've been more objective than most other such documentary makers and I have not brought in anything controversial so as to make it sensational. I've loved 'Chitra Nadir Parey", "Chaka" and such films. I'd like to have seen 'Matir Moina' but it didn't come to Chittagong, I admire the local short films enormously. I don't care for the local films in the cinema halls as I have no desire for that level of films. For me the ideals in films are those of the past like 'Roman Holiday' and 'Cleopatra' My present consumption of films is limited to the channels,

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Chittagong Film Society.' It was a pleasure talking to one

so committed and frank as Shamsul Hussain who had been helped by the "Heritage Research and Documentation Service" to reach his goal. Shamsul Hussain had glorified a person whom he had personally known since the time when he was a young student since 1956 and he was not out to flash someone for the sake of sheer public success. Incidentally, Dr Mohammed Ibrahim, Dr Yunus's brother, is Shamsul Hussain's close friend.

TV GUIDE

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TODAY'S HIGHLIGHTS



AXN 10.30 PM Sanctimony A handsome. brilliant stock trader, bored with his existence, becomes a serial killer



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Spring Forward

Untamed Heart

Peter's Friends

An Innocent Man

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Band of Brothers

PICK OF THE DAY

On HBO at 10.00 p.m. The story of Easy Company of the US Army

Airbourne Paratrooper division and their mission in WWII France during Operation Overlord. Miniseries based on renowned WWII historian Stephen Ambrose's nonfiction book about an Army

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23:00 Truth Files **ESPN** (Thirty minutes plus)

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