

RECOMMENDATIONS

15th National Fine Arts Exhibition 2002

The 15th National Fine Arts Exhibition 2002 is being held at the Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy...

Fair

January 17-February 5 Bangladesh Folk Art & Crafts Foundation holds the Folk Art Fair...

Theatre

January 20-26 Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy holds a weeklong festival of folk theatre at Shawkat Osman Auditorium...

Exhibition

January 22-25 Bhutanese and Bangladeshi artists hold an exhibition of art works, entitled Art for Earth...

Exhibition

January 25-February 5 Art Quest inaugurates an art exhibition from January 25 at the National Museum Gallery...

Exhibition

January 21-February 10 Renowned German photographer Andreas Herzau recently conducted a workshop titled Foreigners in Bangladesh last year...

Danc

Twirling and gliding with grace

Superb presentation of "Chitrangada" at Shishu Academy by "Sunbeams"

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THERE was a flourish of silks and satins as the young participants of "Chitrangada" was presented at the Shishu Academy recently...



The young dancers and singers of "Sunbeams" presenting "Chitrangada"



PHOTOS: STAR

weeks. They had rehearsals at home too, dancing for half an hour to an hour every day...

"Bharat Natyam" and "Monipuri" as well as "Kathakali" a Keralian dance that is sometimes performed as a "jatra"...

course with which other dances are combined. She is now with "Sunbeams" for five years and teaches dances emanating from the compositions of Tagore and Nazrul...

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Mustafa herself used to dance "Kathak" as her "ustad", Pijush Kirnapal was a "Kathak" exponent from Kolkata. She learnt from the age of seven to twenty-one...

Shameem Ahmed, the set designer, brought in the landscape with many trees at the back and bushes in front, within a short period, as he was tied up with the simultaneous school art exhibit with paint on cloth...

There were 15 singers in the background and they were trained by Salma Akbar, who teaches them a variety of songs ranging from "Nazrul-geeti" to "Rabindrasangeet"...

The plot of the dance drama consisted of how the princess of Manipur, Chitrangada, had been trained up to be more of a man than a woman such as going in for hunting and warfare...

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Shukla Sarkar, the dance instructor, said that when she was in "Santiniketan" in 1976 she saw this particular dance drama in "Gor Prangan", a school for children there. She hoped to produce such a refined dance by children herself someday...

At first she was a teacher at the Shilpakala Academy in 1983 but felt that she had not enough freedom there. Consequently she began her own institution called "Drupad Kala Kendra" 18 years ago...

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