

RECOMMENDATIONS

Fair
January 17-February 5
Bangladesh Folk Art & Crafts Foundation holds the 'Folk Art Fair and Folk Festival 2003' at its premises at Sonargaon. The fair continues up to February 5.

Theatre
January 20-26
Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy holds a weeklong festival of folk theatre at Shawkat Osman Auditorium of the Public Library starting from January 20 to 26. The schedule is as follows:
January 26
Pala Madhumala by Bangarupa Opera, Brahminbaria.

Exhibition
January 25-February 5
Art Quest inaugurates an art exhibition from January 25 at the National Museum Gallery at 11 a.m. Containing the art works of a number of eminent artists of the country, the exhibition will run till February 5 daily from 10.30 a.m. to 4.30 p.m. (Thursday closed; Friday 3.30 to 7.30 p.m.).

Music
January 27
Alliance Francaise de Dacca organises an evening of classical music by Kalpana Bhattacharya. The programme starts at 7 p.m. at the Alliance Francaise Auditorium.

Exhibition
January 21-February 10
Renowned German photographer Andreas Herzau recently conducted a workshop titled 'Foregners in Bangladesh last year. The outcome of the workshop--a collection of photographs by fifteen photographers and students is on display at the Goethe Institut Dhaka. The exhibition will continue till February 21 everyday from 2 pm to 8 pm, except weekends and holidays.

Exhibition
January 26-February 1
The third Inter University Photography Exhibition 2003 is going to start on January 26 at the Drik Gallery. Organised by North South University Photography Club, the inauguration of the exhibition will take place at 11 a.m., where the Information Minister Tariqul Islam will be present as the Chief Guest. On February 1, at the closing ceremony of the exhibition, prizes will be given away to the participants. The proceeds from the exhibition will be donated to the Acid Victim Funds of the daily Prothom Alo.

Recitation

When poetry reveals the heart

Bhaswar Bandyo Padhyay presents poetry on his 50th birthday

RUMMAN UDDIN AHAMED

KATHA, an organization for promoting the training and practice of poetry recitation in Bangladesh, presented 'Shubha Panchashat', a solo poetry recital by Bhaswar Bandyo Padhyay on the occasion of his 50th Anniversary at the Zia Auditorium of the National Museum on Tuesday, January 21.

Bhaswar Bandyo Padhyay was born on February 11, 1953. Since his childhood he was fond of poetry and other art forms. Concentrating on recitation, he has concentrated in this particular creative urge since then. He was very much involved in the cultural activity from his childhood. As a radio artist in Khulna his mastery gradually flourished. When he was in the university on the seventies he was still preoccupied with recitation. After his graduation in journalism he went to Delhi National School of Drama to enrich himself with this particular art. After his return from Delhi he ventured into the mind of the juveniles of this country and enriched them with his effective teaching of dramatics and the art of poetry. He directed a number of plays, taught recitation and made a large number of his students expert in his particular art. His devotion and aesthetic values started a new era of recitation by forming the recitation organization called 'Katha'. A number of his followers made the form more effective. He is an enthusiast of also music as well as all other performing arts. He is an institution by himself for the youngsters.

The fifty years celebration programme started with 'Nandipal' from Kalidas. Then he devoted his feelings to the country by Kazi Nazrul Islam's 'Nomo Nomo Nomo Bangladesh Momo'. Next he

ventured into the expertise of Shuvash Mukhopadhyay, Khondokar Ashraf Hossain, Rabindranath Tagore, Mostafa Meer, Purnendra Porui, Shakti Cattyapadhyay, Nimolendo Gun, Bhagiroth Mitro, Birendro Chatterji, Syed Shamsul Haque, Mostafa Meer, Jibonando Das, Shunetra Ghatak, Shamsur Rahaman, Shuboth Sirkar, Kanailal Jana, Khondoker Ashraf Hossain, Debobroto Shinho.

with the dialects reached a high point of dexterity. Though his readings from Jibononondo Das could not fully elaborate the poet's heart but his recitation from the monologue of 'Hamlet' with his friend, Horatio, created deep impact. He accomplished the almost impossible task of drawing attention of the audience towards the poetry for two hours. In one breath it can be said he captured everyone's mind throughout the performance.



Bhaswar Bandyo Padhyay

Event

A helping hand for blooming buds

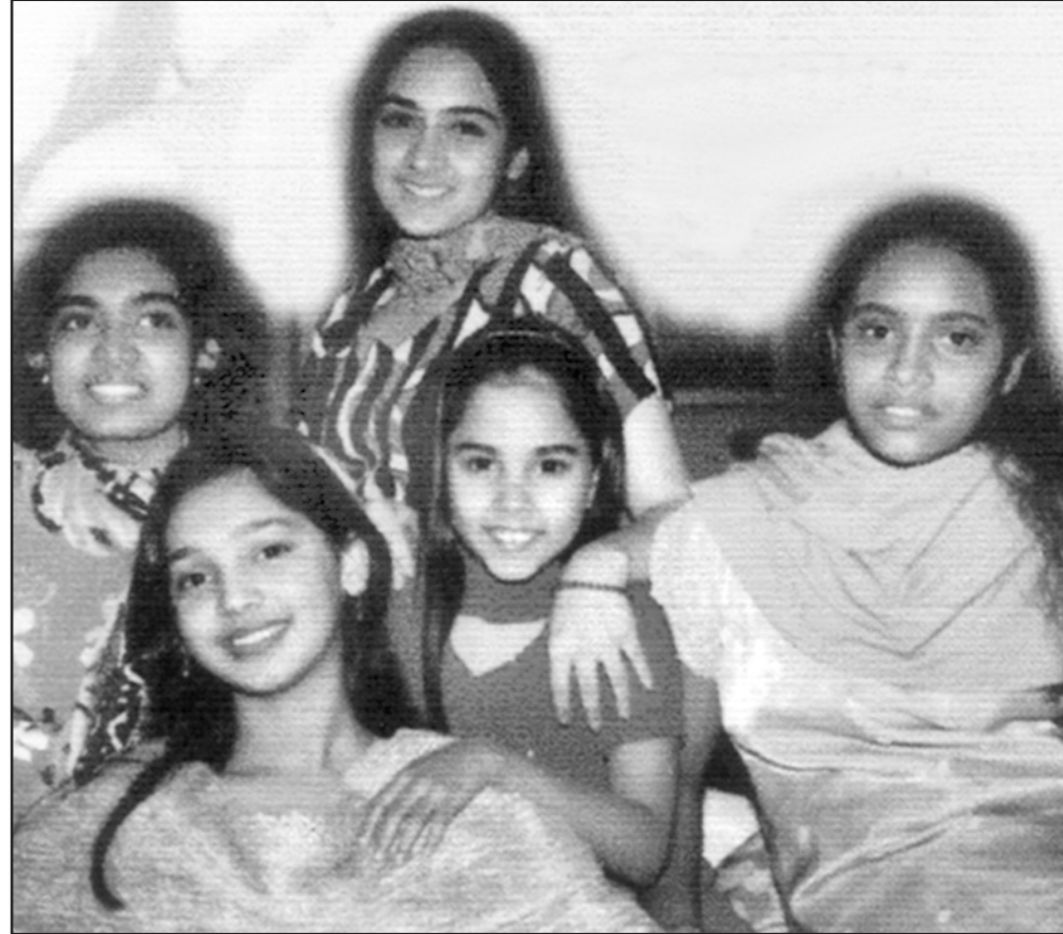
Rotary Club of Dhaka Midtown promotes young artistes

ROTARY Club of Dhaka Midtown of districts 3208 in conjunction with 'Shapno Kuri' organised a talent show, recently at 'Bishwa Shahitta Kendra'. The club views that the adolescence period is the prime time for a person to flourish. Considering this the club gathered young artists who have never performed on stage, thus providing a platform for these juveniles so that they can start their march onward. The club plans to organize such event every three-month throughout the country. Besides, the club is looking forward to giving scholarships to teenaged artistes.

Rotary International has adopted a theme of 'Sow the seed of love' for this year. As Shakespeare said, 'If music is the food of love then play on' Rotary Club of Dhaka Midtown has chosen the field of music to spread the love of music from a tender age adolescent aspiring artistes. When a child grows up in a cultural environment should not go amuck: they should grow up with healthy minds. The program was just a gesture of the ideology.

'Shapno Kuri' was formed 16 years ago at Borhanuddin in Bhola District. Till then overcoming a lot of problems the organization continued its journey till today. The organization inspires new artistes and tries to promote them towards the zenith position. 'Shapno Kuri' is a synonym of dream bud, a platform, to elevate the artistes.

Rotary club of Dhaka Midtown was formed on 1978. Till then it worked as a humanitarian activist. Rotary Club of Midtown with the association



Young members of 'Shapno Kuri'

of Rotary International fought against polio. At first there were 3.5 lakh polio patients. But now, according to the survey on 2000 there was only one polio patient left. The move of the Rotary club met a great success.

Zahidul Haque, Deputy Director, Bangladesh Radio, presided over the discussion session. Mobarak Hossain Khan, Chairman, Nazrul Institute, was the chief guest. Rotarian Nergis Akhtar gave the welcoming speech. Nasir Ahamed, Shubir Kumar Das and S.M. Nazimudin, Presi-

dent, Rotary Club of Dhaka Midtown delivered greetings. Rafique Ahmed Siddique, Deputy Governor, Rotary International, District 3280, was the special guest.

The program began with a remarkable sitar-playing by Ariqa Afroze Sattar. The raga 'yamen' had the audience spellbound. Next, Ariba Ayesha Sattar, Sadia Jahan Prova, Tumpa Rani Das and Nadi sang a delightful song, which spoke the beauty of our country and its culture and heritage. Later, Aloka Nanda Subrita sang songs composed

by herself. The performances of the youngsters were laudable.

Rotary International is the largest private, nonprofit, humanitarian organization in the world. On 1930 it began by helping the crippled with \$500. Having come a long way, Rotary International is operating at 530 of its districts all over the world. Now in Bangladesh there are 114 clubs operating against all odds of our society.

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TV GUIDE

Table with BTV channel listings including News Headlines, Khabar, and various entertainment programs.

Table with ATN BANGLA channel listings including Islamic Prog., News, and various entertainment programs.

Table with HBO and AXN channel listings including Superstition, The Witches, and various entertainment programs.

TODAY'S HIGHLIGHTS section featuring 'The Bone Collector' and 'Enter the Dragon' with descriptions and images.

PICK OF THE DAY section featuring 'Enter the Dragon' with a detailed description and image.

Table listing various TV programs and movies such as 'Flying Virus', 'Windfall', and 'The Bone Collector'.

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