

RECOMMENDATIONS

Thailand through my eyes

March 1-10  
Bengal Gallery of Fine arts is holding a photography exhibition by Dr Rashid Un Nabi titled, 'Thailand through my eyes' at 6:30p.m. The exhibition will continue everyday from 12-8p.m. till March 10 (Closed on public holidays).

Concert

March 10  
Goethe Institut presents a musical concert by Stefan Hussoong and Michael Suoboda. The programme starts at 7 p.m. at the Osmani Memorial Hall.

Exhibition

February 28- March 9  
A solo exhibition by artist Tahera Khanom is being held at the Gallery Chitrag on February 28 at 5:30p.m. The exhibition will continue everyday from 10a.m. - 8p.m. till March 9.

Exhibition

March 2-16  
The Institute of Fine Arts, Dhaka University and the Embassy of Japan is jointly holding a painting exhibition by Bangladeshi artists who studied in Japan. The exhibition takes place at Zainul Gallery of the Institute. The show is open from 2 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Shaltech Award

March 9  
Sheltech is giving away Shaltech Award to prominent novelist Rabya Khatun on 9th March, 2003 at National press Club's VIP Lounge.

Exhibition

March 8-15  
Drik Gallery holds exhibition of 'Feminist Cartoons' for the first time in the country. Celebrating the International Women Day 2003, the show will feature cartoons by both Bangladeshi and foreign cartoonists. The exhibition will also be accompanied by discussion sessions on March 10 at 6.30 p.m. The show starts at 4.30 p.m. and continues up to March 15 everyday from 3 to 8 p.m.

Music

## A musical treat

Wizard Showbiz holds open air concert at women's complex

IMRAN H KHAN

A beautiful Thursday afternoon, the 27th of February, finds about seven hundred avid music fanatics at the premises of women's complex. They were all looking forward to a grand concert titled 'Dhak Dhol Concert' that had been arranged for them by Wizard Showbiz and sponsored by Sun Crest. The line-up was plausible with bands such as Aurthohin and Dalchhut but the stage shaker was sure to be the one and only, Miles.

As the gates opened to the crowd, there was a quick bustle to get close to the stage. Everyone wanted to be as near to the stars as possible. As soon as the audience started to pour in, Black was seen on stage, warming up their instruments with familiar beats and tunes, as if to give the onlookers a preview of what to expect next. This concert was black's second open-air concert. Most people did not expect this group to outshine the other musical *guru's* that were lined up that afternoon but as soon as the air filled up with their musical notes, the audience were totally captivated by it. Time passed like a hot knife passes through butter. After their last number, Black left

the stage amidst hysterical ovation.

Within minutes, Aurthohin graced the stage with their presence. Defying every essence of their band name, they played their gimmick, quenching the thirst of all their fans, leaving them jumping with joy. By now, the scorching afternoon sun had diminished behind the silver linings of the clouds and there was a subtle breeze flowing. Aurthohin had got the crowd in frenzy and they eagerly waited, anticipating which band would appear next.

As soon as Dalchhut came on stage, they went hysterical. Slowly they worked up the crowd and by their second number everyone was swaying with the rhythm of the music. The people in front of the crowd started to dance, throwing their arms in all directions and moving their hips in the most absurd manners. Others jumped up and down and sideways and it was quite hard to differentiate the amateurs from the 'Michael Jackson' wannabes.

By this time there were some commotion. Some people thought that it would be fun to re-enact the bombing on Afghanistan and started to throw their sun crest bottles in the air. For attaining distance, some people had also left

behind some of their drinks (in various forms). This made quite a bash as they landed on the audience from all possible angles. This incident ended when someone had to be sent to the hospital and after much repeated requests from the band members.

By the time that Shadhinota came on stage, it was dark and everyone was getting rowdy. This was mainly for two reasons. Most 'guys' up front had taken off their tops as it had formed an obstacle with their dance number and also because there were hundreds of mosquitoes at large. Dancing and jumping was a good form of deterrence. A good number of people were now coming in to witness the grand finale of this wonderful event. Shadhinota sang most of the songs that their vocalist used to sing before with their former band Ark. But still, this kept the crowd on their toes.

The concert ended with the celebrated Miles rocking the stage for the last time with their list. Saving the best for the last is a policy that will forever be with the music organisers of Bangladesh. As the crowd dispersed to their usual rut of their lives, the evening also gradually melted away into a calm spring night.



Miles

Book launching

## A poet of dreams

HARUN UR RASHID

She is an artist. She is a poet too. As a human being, she cherishes dreams which, in turn, are reflected separately in both the forms of the artistic expression. But recently Farah Deeba Zaman has authored a book of poems, in which the poems are accompanied by relevant drawings and paintings by her. This combined outcome, *Swapper Bari Jabo*, surely gives a special dimension to her dreams.

On the occasion of the recently ended Ekushey Book Fair, her publisher Anannya brought out the book. At the publication ceremony, held towards the end of the book-fair by the Cultural Union of East West University, poet Asad Chowdhury, President of the Board

of Directors of the university, Dr. Mohammad Farashuddin, and the institution's Dean of Faculties Professor Abdul Mannan were present.

Like her paintings, Farah's poems are composite bits of dreams, only in words. Farah herself admits that she writes poems chiefly from passion. This present book, in fact, gives this impression in its very title: a young poet disillusioned and betrayed by the reality around, seeks refuge to her dreams.

But her conscience cannot completely hold her back from the realities. She has the knowledge of frustrations, failures, hopelessness and destruction, and she cannot forget them. While travelling through her dreams, she also pines with the miseries. Lines like 'Baker



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Swapper Bari Jabo is Farah's second book of poetry, the first being *Smritir Andharey*. A student of Computer Science at the East West University, Farah is a rare blend of promises. Time will say about her more distinctively in future.

Oscars

## The show will go on

AFP, Los Angeles

WITH a US war on Iraq looming on the horizon, the organizers of this year's Oscars, debating whether the ceremony would still take place if military action begins, want the show to go on.

The subject of what would happen to the Oscars if war breaks out "came up" at a board meeting of the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences, academy spokesman John Pavlik said, declining to give further detail.

"Everybody is talking about it all the time. We are absolutely planning on putting the show on March 23," Pavlik insisted Wednesday.

Since its launch 75 years ago, the Academy Awards has been the most ardently awaited event in the world of cinema, requiring a huge logistics operation to ensure its smooth running.

Attended by thousands of the world's most famous celebrities, those present at the ceremony range from Oscar nominees to presenters, guests, technicians, musicians, cooks, waiters, florists, security guards and journalists.

In fact, nobody in Hollywood



wants to contemplate throwing months of preparatory work through the window -- though the drums of war in Washington highlight the likelihood it could start in a matter of days.

"Is it going to be tomorrow, is it going to be the day after, is it going to be two days before the show or the day of the show?" Pavlik asks. "How can we know?"

"We'll have to wait and see what

happens."

But despite the fact the Academy says it has no alternative plans, the idea of postponing the event has not totally been rejected. "We'll get together whenever anything happens and we'll decide what to do," he added.

Certainly, the show was never cancelled during World War II, though it is also true that back in those days there was no television.

Today the Oscars, transmitted across the world in one of the highest-grossing advertising events of the year, would run the risk of being interrupted -- even eclipsed -- by possible war news.

Even though the Academy is being reticent about changes of plan, three precedents have already been set for that to occur.

In 1938, the show was delayed for a week due to heavy floods in Los Angeles, with cinema studios damaged by water and many people, including Academy president at the time Frank Capra, trapped in their homes.

Thirty years later, the murder of black civil rights leader Martin Luther King and ensuing riots nationwide forced the Academy, then presided by Gregory Peck, to

postpone the event for two days until after the funeral.

And in 1981, hours before Oscar prizes were due to start rolling, former US president Ronald Reagan was shot in an assassination attempt. Without knowing his condition, Academy Award organizers postponed the event until the next day.

Reagan, the only White House incumbent to have been a Hollywood actor, later followed the Oscars ceremony via television from his hospital bed.

"At first, we didn't know if Reagan was going to survive," recalled Pavlik, in an interview with the Daily Variety.

"That would have affected whether the show was cancelled altogether, because, if he'd died, it would have been weeks before the country got back on its feet."

So four hours before the Oscars began, nominees, presenters and guests received telephone calls telling them to hold back their appearance until the next day -- something everyone hopes will not be necessary this year.

## TV GUIDE

<b>BTV</b>	12.10 News Headlines
	12.15 <i>Shuvessha Nin</i>
	12.30 <i>Ajker Shangbadpotro</i>
	12.35 Cricket Quiz
	12.45 Highlights from the World Cup Cricket game
	1.00 <i>Khabar</i>
	1.45 Live Telecast of the semifinal Cricket between Zimbabwe and New Zealand
	2.00 News Headlines
	3.00 News (English)
	4.00 News Headlines
	5.00 <i>Khabar</i>
	6.00 <i>Khabar Desh Jonopod</i>
	7.00 News Headlines (English), Share Bazaar, Weather Report
	8.00 8 o'clock Bengali News
	10.00 News at 10
	10.25 News Bulletin
	10.30 <i>Shamakaleen</i>
	10.35 <i>Ahobhan</i>
	11.00 <i>Sur Lohory</i>
	11.30 Late Night
	News/News Headlines
<b>CHANNEL-i</b>	
	2.00 <i>Jui Prio Chobi: Chitra Nodir Pare</i>
	5.35 <i>Jonopoder Khobar</i>
	5.45 <i>Sharif Manamile Shasngheetmala</i>
	6.10 Music Plus
	6.45 <i>Ganer Khabar</i>
	7.15 Channel i News
	7.45 <i>Ispahani i Telequiz</i>
	7.50 <i>Jui Prio Natok: Ek Jonaki</i>
	9.00 Channel i News
	9.31 <i>Ispahani i Telequiz (Result)</i>
	9.35 <i>Tara O Shampa Reza</i>
	10.00 Drama Serial: <i>Noksha</i>
	10.25 Channel i Mobile Quiz 2525
	10.30 Channel i News
	11.15 <i>Shangbadpotre Bangladesh</i>
	11.30 Live Telecast of BTV's late night news
	Channel i News

<b>ATN BANGLA</b>	6:00 Islamic Prog
	8:00 Atn Bangla News
	8:25 Viewers Opinion
	9:00 Drama Serial: <i>Sandhatara</i>
	9:35 Magazine Prog: <i>Tasmery Kechokhon</i>
	10:50 Drama Serial: <i>Manchetro</i>
	12:00 Atn Bangla News
	12:30 The Daily Newspaper Discussing Prog: <i>Ajker Sangbadpotro</i>
	12:50 Viewers Request
	1:30 Bengali Feature Film: <i>Palabe Kothai</i>
	2:30 Atn Bangla News Headlines
	4:50 The Daily Newspaper Discussing Prog: <i>Ajker Sangbadpotro</i>
	5:00 Gram Banglar Sangbad
	5:15 Children Prog: <i>Shapla Shaluk</i>
	5:50 Puppel Magazine
	6:25 Islamic Prog: <i>Islamee Sawal O Jawab</i>
	7:00 Atn Bangla Evening News
	7:30 Talk-Show: <i>Edaning</i>
	8:05 Ghotona Probhah
	8:40 Sports Magazine
	9:00 Atn Bangla News
	9:25 English Serial: <i>Dubbed In Bangla</i>
	10:00 Atn Bangla News
	10:30 Film Magazine: <i>Seretre Monekuthai</i>
	11:00 Atn Bangla News
	12:00 Bengali Feature Film: <i>"Bijle"</i>
<b>HBO</b>	
	6:30 a.m. A Better Way To Die
	8:30 Trapped
	10:15 Mute Witness
	12:15 Desperate Measures
	2:15 Ferris Bueller's Day Off
	4:15 Mercury Rising
	6:30 Primal Force
	8:15 <i>Dragonheart: A New Beginning</i>
	10:00 Hollow Man
	12:00 Batman
	12:15 Lawrence Of Arabia

4:30 Desperate Measures	<b>SONY</b>
6:00 Music Mantra	6:30 Just Mohabbat
6:30 Harmony	7:30 Sant Asaram Vani
8:00 Morning Film: <i>Kishen Kanhaiya</i>	8:30 Morning Film: <i>Manchetro</i>
9:30 Morning Film: <i>Manchetro</i>	10:00 Morning Film: <i>Manchetro</i>
10:30 Morning Film: <i>Manchetro</i>	11:00 Morning Film: <i>Manchetro</i>
11:30 Good Morning Disney	12:30 Kya Hadsaa Kya Haqeeqat
1:30 Cine Matinee: <i>Khubsorat</i>	2:00 (Cont)
3:00 (Cont)	3:30 (Contd)
4:30 Star Yaar Kalakaar	5:30 Chartbusters
6:00 Music Mantra	6:30 Disney Hour
7:00 Disney Hour	7:30 CID Files
8:00 CID Files	8:30 Cine Prime: <i>Chori Chori Chupke Chupke</i>
9:00 (Contd)	9:30 (Contd)
10:00 (Contd)	11:00 (Contd)
10:30 (Contd)	12:00 (Contd)
<b>AXN</b>	
6:30 Ripley's Believe It Or Not!	7:30 The Immortal Bride
8:30 Exploring The Unknown	9:30 Ripley's Believe It Or Not!
10:30 Pacific Blue	1:30 Now See This!
11:30 Beastmaster The Prize	2:30 Movie The Next Karate
12:30 Ripley's Believe It Or Not!	4:30 Rated
1:30 Now See This!	5:30 Pacific Blue Overkill
2:30 Movie The Next Karate	6:30 Beastmaster The Prize
4:30 Rated	7:30 Best Of X Zone Now See This
5:30 Pacific Blue Overkill	8:30 Ripley's Believe It Or Not!
6:30 Beastmaster The Prize	9:30 Award Winning

<b>TODAY'S HIGHLIGHTS</b>	<b>OWN</b>
9:30 p.m. <i>The Abyss</i> . An American nuclear submarine is attacked (during the cold war) and crashes underwater. The navy asks the workers of a nearby underwater oil rig who are joined by a number of navy SEALs to locate and investigate the cause of the crash. As the crew embark on their mission, they encounter a number of difficulties and discover that they may not be alone. There is something else down there.	11:00 Never Tell Me Never
<b>HALLMARK</b> : 9:00 p.m. <i>In a Class of His Own</i> . This is the heartwarming story of Rich Donato who dedicates his life to the local high school. When a school board mandate requires that all employees have a high school diploma, Rich is in jeopardy of losing his job. Teachers and students volunteer to help Rich with his studies, but since he suffers from dyslexia and attention deficit disorder, passing a high school equivalency test becomes the toughest challenge of his life.	<b>ADVENTURE ONE</b> (30 Minutes +)
	5:30 Explorer's Journal
	6:30 Surfer's Journal
	7:00 Shiver
	7:30 Pioneers To The Deep
	8:30 Danger Diaries
	9:30 The Abyss
	10:30 Explorer
	11:30 Explorer's Journal
	12:30 Surfer's Journal
	1:30 Shiver
	13:30 Pioneers To The Deep
	14:30 Danger Diaries
	15:30 Shiver
	16:00 Pioneers To The Deep
	17:00 Danger Diaries
	18:00 Action Asia Challenge
	19:00 Ng Explorer
	20:00 Explorer's Journal
	21:00 Surfer's Journal
	21:30 Action Asia Challenge
	22:30 Ng Explorer
	23:30 Explorer's Journal
<b>NATIONAL</b>	
<b>GEOGRAPHIC</b> (30 Minutes +)	
6:30 Africa From The Ground Up	6:30 Wildlife Detectives

<b>PICK OF THE DAY</b>	<b>STAR GOLD</b> (30 Minutes +)
On HBO at 10.00 p.m. A group of scientists, led by the brilliant yet eccentric twinkle-addicted Caine, are successfully researching invisibility. Having accomplished making animals in / visible, Caine insists on being the next subject for the experiment. Unfortunately, the serum effects not only the external physical nature of the subject, but morphs the internal personality too. And that's when things start to go horribly wrong...	6:30 Hit Filmein Hit Sangeet - 20 M
	7:00 Jahan Sati Wahan Bhagwan
	7:30 Kuch Hit Kuch Superhit
	10:25 Kuch Hit Kuch Superhit
	10:30 Geet Gata Chal Jubilee Plus
	11:00 Kuch Hit Kuch Superhit
	11:25 Kuch Hit Kuch Superhit
	11:30 Hit Filmein Hit Sangeet - 20 M
	11:55 Kuch Hit Kuch Superhit
	12:00 Abhayam
	12:25 Kuch Hit Kuch Superhit
	14:30 Shri Shri Superstar
	14:55 Kuch Hit Kuch Superhit
	15:00 Bedardi
	15:30 Kuch Hit Kuch Superhit
	18:25 Kuch Hit Kuch Superhit
	18:30 Jubilee Plus
	19:00 Ooh La La
	19:55 Kuch Hit Kuch Superhit
	20:00 Flashback
	20:30 Hit Filmein Hit Sangeet - 20 M
	20:55 Kuch Hit Kuch Superhit
	21:00 Once Upona Time In China - Dub
	23:25 Kuch Hit Kuch Superhit
	23:30 Gumsoom
	<b>STAR PLUS</b> (30 Minutes +)
	6:00 Star Geetmala
	7:00 Chhupa Rustam Aatma
	8:30 Taaza Hits
	8:35 Hit Filmein Hit Sangeet

<b>STAR WORLD</b> (30 Minutes +)	<b>ESPN</b> (30 Minutes +)
5:30 Water Rats	06:00 Sportscenter Hindi (R)
6:30 The Simpsons	
7:00 Top Drive	
7:30 The Bold & The Beautiful	
9:30 Rendezvous With Simi Garewal	
10:00 Travel Asia	
10:30 Goosebumps	
11:00 Life With Louie	
11:30 The Tick	
12:00 X-Men	
12:30 World's Wildest Police Videos	
13:30 Viper	
14:30 Baywatch	
15:30 Walker, Texas Ranger	
16:30 Xena: Warrior Princess	
17:30 Tna Wrestling	
18:30 Mutant X	
19:30 Water Rats	
20:30 Malcolm In The Middle	
21:00 Baywatch Hawaii	
22:00 Mutant X	
23:00 Tna Wrestling	

9:00 Fox Kids	06:30 Spanish League
9:40 Hit Filmein Hit Sangeet - 20 M	Highlights 2002/03
10:00 Gurusukul - Ancient Wisdom Of In	07:00 Nba Action (T)
10:55 Film Topper - 301 Series	07:30 Nba Basketball Salt Lake City, Ut Usa
11:00 Hai Na Bolo Bolo	Sacramento Kings Vs Utah Jazz (L)
12:00 Aur Phir Ek Din	10:00 Pool Mosconi Cup 2002 (R)
12:30 Star Bestsellers	11:00 Asian X-Games
13:30 Taaza Hits	Qualifiers Asian X Games V Presented By Toyota Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia
14:00 Deewarein	Episode Five(T)
14:30 Hum Hai Kal Aur Kal	12:00 Spanish League
14:55 Film Topper - 301 Series	Highlights 2002/03
15:00 Radha Ka Sangam	Spanish League
18:30 Yatra	Highlights (R)
18:55 Film Topper - 301 Series	12:30 Taking Guard Super Six Match #3(L)
19:00 Sea Hawks	13:00 Taking Guard Super Six Match #3(R)
20:00 Kuch Khatti Kuch Meethi	13:30 Pga Tour Golf Ford Championship At Doral Miami, Fl Usa Second Round(S)
23:00 Musafir Hoon Yaaron	15:30 Football Asia (T) 00:30:00
23:30 Aaj Ki Baat	16:00 This Is The Pga Tour (T)
<b>STAR WORLD</b> (30 Minutes +)	17:00 Spanish League
5:30 Water Rats	Highlights 2002/03
6:30 The Simpsons	Spanish League
7:00 Top Drive	Highlights (R)
7:30 The Bold & The Beautiful	17:30 Asia Sport Show (T)
9:30 Rendezvous With Simi Garewal	18:00 Formula One
10:00 Travel Asia	Qualifying 2003
10:30 Goosebumps	Formula One Sat
11:00 Life With Louie	Qualifying Melbourne, Australia
11:30 The Tick	Foster's Australian Grand Prix Quali.(L)
12:00 X-Men	19:00 Five / Six Nations
12:30 World's Wildest Police Videos	Championships Rugby Hq Asia (L) 00:30:00
13:30 Viper	19:30 Five / Six Nations
14:30 Baywatch	Championships Royal Bank Of Scotland Six Nations 2003 Dublin, Republic Of Ireland Vs France (L)
15:30 Walker, Texas Ranger	21:30 Follow Through Super Six Match #3(L)