

RECOMMENDATIONS

Exhibition
April 14-28
 Bengal Gallery of Fine Arts holds the solo art exhibition of artist Ifat Ara Dewan, open for visitors from 12 - 8pm everyday till April 28.

Book Fair
April 2-15
 'Shrabon'—a literary publishing house, holds an amazing book fair at its stall at the Aziz Super Market, to protest the ongoing US-led war against Iraq. The book fair is open until April 15.

The Academy Award (Oscars 2003) winning films

Zahir Raihan Film Society will be showing nine academy award winning films at the Goethe Institut (House No 10, Road No 9, Dhanmondi, Dhaka) this month. The screening schedule is as follows:

- Sunday, 13 April 2003:**
3:00 PM "The Lord of the Rings: The Two Towers" (Two Oscars)
6:00 PM "The Hours" (Best Actress)
8:00 PM "Adaptation" (Best Supporting Actor)
- Tuesday, 15 April 2003:**
3:00 PM "Spirit Away" (Best Animated Feature)
5:15 PM "Road to Perdition" (Best Cinematographer)
7:25 PM "Talk to Her (Best Original Screenplay)
- Wednesday, 16 April 2003:**
3:00 PM "Frida" (Best Make-Up and Music Score)
5:15 PM "The Pianist" (Best Director + Two Oscars)
7:45 PM "Chicago" (Best Film + Five Oscars)

Dance
April 12
 'Pallavi', Odissi Dance School, presents its first dance performance at the Shahid Zia Auditorium of the National Museum. The programme opens at 7 p.m.

Celebration
April 13
 Podatik Natya Shangsad, along with its three wings Podatik Abritti Shangsad, Podatik Shangit Shangsad and Podatik Nriya Shangsad, will hold a celebration of its 25 years of cultural activities. The celebration will take place at the Rabindra Sarobar Amphitheatre by the Dhanmondi Lake at 7 p.m.

Exhibition

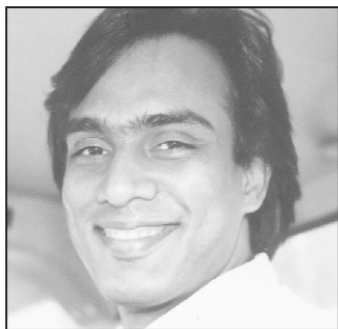
Fun and frolic gathered from the past

Babul Mahmood's exhibition at Zainul Gallery

FAYZA HAQ

As an escape from the war news and turmoil of his adult years, Babul Mahmood turns to the innocent games of his childhood days and glorifies them in acrylic on canvas. Like many other artist Babul turns away from the reality that surrounds him to find solace and peace in his past where innocent games of kites and tops filled his days. With the disturbing news of war of the present times one cannot blame him for resorting to the past. These paintings are not totally realistic and with lines, dots, swirls and splashes the artist conveys his feelings on a magnificent scale. Babul loves motifs and he has filled his canvas with startling colours and lines that pulsate with life.

In his recent exhibition, "My dream, my childhood", at Zainul Gallery, the painting "Childhood-3", acrylic on canvas, brought sections of two massive tops whizzing on a



Babul Mahmood

background of beige, white, salmon pink and gray blue. In the backdrop were impressions of more tops, with outlines of dark red and gray-blue. Sparks appeared to be coming off the tops in the forms of speckles of red, indigo and white. On top was a bar of indigo with suggestions of more gyrating images in splashes of vermilion and yellow ochre touched with white and black. In the foreground were a riot of colours with red, yellow and indigo dominating the others.



Swirling tops with their bottoms of sharp nails were seen in action in "Childhood-2". The subjects were in gray green, touched with beige, white and indigo. They too appeared to send off sparks as they appeared to move in the backdrop of splashes of white, beige and gray. Outlines of little tops and kites were in the pale background. The objects are framed by broad indigo bars at the top and bottom. Numerous kites in different sizes and colours were found at the top while in the bottom were abstract shapes that spoke of joy and excitement and had been done in yellow, ochre, red and shades of blue. There were connected to each other with delicate white and gray lines.

A single large top was brought in "Childhood-1" which had been done with swirls of indigo, gray, beige and red. Two smaller tops were brought in the background of white and beige mixed with blue. Two simplified shapes of children were outline at the two sides, one leaning over and the other bending down. Both at the top and bottom bars were brilliant colours of orange, russet, red, blending and mixing with white and black.

More images of contentment and joy of the days gone by were seen in "Childhood 20". This had blue, red and beige kits flying high on a pale sky with their trailing wriggling threads. Below were the wheels of ropes seen in red, white, black and indigo, with bold swirls at the bottom. Twisting tops at the bottom and flying kites at the top with an expanse of the beige white sky in between were found in "Childhood-21". Here too the colours ranged from indigo and red to beige and black with touches of dark sweeps at the top and bottom to frame the subjects.

Bold splashes of orange, red and indigo form the background for the



two tops in "Childhood-14". Here the backdrop appeared more worked on than the main subjects in red and indigo in front. Once again the action of the toys had been captured subtly. Two tiny whizzing tops had been included at the back. More red, indigo and black kites swirled and glided in the pale golden sky in "Childhood-8" while the black and gray reels of threads for the kites had been placed dramatically in the left foreground. Squiggles of yellow, red, blue and green covered the rest



TV show

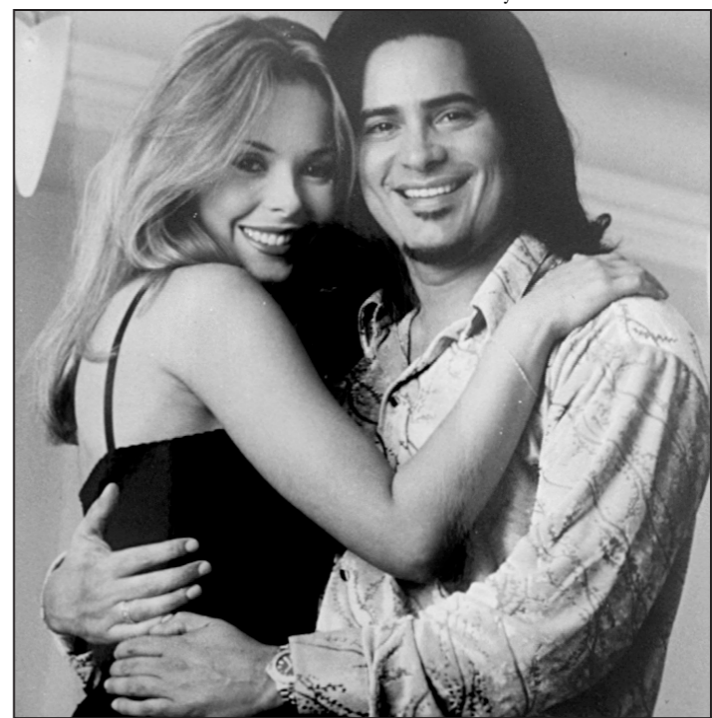
Carissima

New serial on air

CULTURE DESK

FROM the 10th of April, viewers of Channel 1 will be witnessing a 'true life story... not a true love story' all the way from South America. Tristar, which has brought popular

This mysterious young man holds grudges against Moncho blaming him for his father's death. Incidentally, as is usual in all soap operas, Jose Tomas falls in love with Avril, where she finds herself falling in love with Jose as well, soon after Gabriel's betrayal.



dubbed historical serials like *Sindbad*, *Alif Laila*, *Akbar the Great* and currently running *Secret Woman* on television, now presents *Carissima*. Dubbed in Bangla, *Carissima* is a Spanish soap opera, depicting the many dilemmas faced by the society in South America.

Carissima talks of a love story between two characters, namely Avril Zurla and Gabriel Santuario. However, this love story happens to have a heart wrenching and a violent history between the two powerful families of Vallemorin and Santuario. Montserrat Vallemorin (a.k.a Moncho), a powerful man with deep roots in organized crime is an adamant enemy of Gabriel's family. Gabriel finds himself in the position of carrying out a plan to revenge the death of his father—Ulises Santuario—especially focusing on Montserrat's two loves, Marbella, a girl he raised as his daughter and Avril, his supposed "godchild". Later on in the story, Jose Tomas Urriola comes into the picture.

Carissima is symbolized with the very human feelings of power, anger, jealousy, heartbreaks and revenge. Characters engaged in violent acts, killings and mass murders involve themselves in tender emotional situations and find themselves trapped within the self-created love nets.

This story contains the ingredients to create just another running serial on television and have the viewers glued to the screens. It has the hero, the heroine, the villain and the champion, the lord of the streets, his illegitimate children and young men holding grudges against him. *Carissima* can probably be called a 'bundle' of complexities and bewilderment, since it will give one an idea about a foreign culture and the perplexities going on within it. An average Bangladeshi person might take a long time to figure out a connection between himself and the character on *Carissima*.

TV GUIDE

TODAY'S HIGHLIGHTS



STAR MOVIES: 11.45 p.m. *Omen IV: The Awakening*. Damien Thorn is dead, but his prophecy is reborn in a mysterious girl named Delia, who is adopted by two attorneys, Gene & Karen York. When Karen realizes her baby was born under suspicious circumstances, she hires a private investigator to find Delia's real parents. A series of bizarre accidents occur, and Karen begins to suspect everyone of conspiring against her as she unravels the truth about her baby.



AXN: 2.30 p.m. *First Blood*. John Rambo is a disoriented Vietnam Vet. He is hitchhiking from town to town to see friends from the war. A sheriff tries to make him leave town and when he refuses, arrests him for vagrancy. While in jail, a deputy takes delight in abusing him. Rambo escapes showing his old Vietnam fighting skills and takes to the woods as the sheriff and deputies try and find him in his element. Things get out of hand as Colonel Trautman Rambo's old commander appears to shed light on the situation.

PICK OF THE DAY



Sphere
 On Star Movies at 8.40 p.m.
 1000 feet below the ocean, navy divers discover an object half-a-mile long. A crack team of scientists is deployed to the site in Deepsea Habitats. What they find boggles the mind as they discover a perfect metal sphere. What is the secret behind the sphere? Will they survive the mysterious 'manifestations'? Who or what is creating these? They may never live to find out.

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| 08.40 | Shubhechha Nin |
| 08.50 | Alor Pathay |
| 09.00 | Khabar |
| 09.15 | Kheladhula |
| 09.35 | Swadesh Shanskriti |
| 10.00 | English News |
| 10.05 | Jannobhumi |
| 10.15 | Children's Drama Serial: Swapner Deshey |
| 10.35 | Notun Kuni-2003 |
| 11.00 | News Headlines |
| 12.10 | News Headlines |
| 03.10 | News Headlines |
| 03.15 | Shangbadpatrer Pata Thekey |
| 03.20 | Bangla Feature Film |
| 04.00 | News Headlines |
| 05.00 | Khabar |
| 05.35 | Cartoon Show |
| 06.00 | Khabar-Desh Janopad |
| 06.10 | Swasthokotha |
| 06.35 | Programme from Chittagong Centre |
| 07.00 | News Headlines |
| | Share Bazaar |
| | Weather Bulletin |
| 07.05 | Maloncho |
| 07.30 | Film Show: Alif Laila |
| 08.00 | 8 o'clock Bengali News |
| 08.30 | Documentary Show |
| 09.00 | Music Show |
| 09.30 | Shaptadinga |
| 10.00 | English News at Ten |
| 10.25 | News Report |
| 10.30 | Magazine Show: Aina |
| 11.30 | Khabar/The News |
| CHANNEL-i | |
| 07.15 | Prothom Shur |
| 09.00 | Joto Pod Tato Mot |
| 09.30 | Cholar Pathay |
| 10.00 | Radhunir Ranna |
| 10.30 | Chhutir Shokal |
| 11.30 | Drama Serial: Grihagalpo |
| 12.30 | Close Up Heat Wave |
| 02.00 | Shatyer Shandhaney |
| 03.00 | Bangla Feature Film: Banglar Commando |
| 05.35 | Janopader Khabar |
| 05.45 | Pakhir Kachhey Phuler Kachhey |
| 06.10 | Music Plus |
| 06.45 | Teer Baishakher Ranna |
| 07.15 | Channel-i News |
| 07.45 | Ispahani-i Tele Quiz (Q) |
| 07.50 | Magazine Show: Shajai Swapnoghhar |
| 08.25 | Drama Serial: Harek Rakom Jibon |
| 09.00 | Channel-i News |
| 09.31 | Ispahani-i Tele Quiz (R) |
| 10.00 | Drama: Ami Tomay Bhalobashi |
| 10.25 | Channel-i Mobile Quiz 2525 |
| 10.30 | Channel-i News |
| 11.15 | Shangbadpatrey Bangladesh |
| 11.30 | Live Telecast of BTV Late Night News |
| 12.15 | Channel-i News |

| ATN BANGLA | |
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| 6:00 | Islamic Prog |
| 8:00 | ATN Bangla News |
| 8:25 | Mage Serial: Kun Semanay Mukte |
| 9:00 | Drama Serial: Hada-Ar-Bhudar |
| 9:35 | Kandokarkhana |
| | Film Magazine: Swapner Deshey |
| | Henolux Benudon |
| | Bichitra |
| 10:10 | Reporting prog: Prekkhapot |
| 11:05 | Islamic Prog: |
| 12:00 | ATN Bangla News |
| 12:20 | The Daily Newspaper Discussing |
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| AXN | |
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| 6:30 | Movie: First Blood |
| 8:30 | Rescue: The Right Stuff |
| 9:30 | Scariest Places On Earth |
| 10:30 | The Outer Limits: The Revelations of Becca Paulson |
| 11:30 | Motorworld: Rated |
| 12:30 | Relic Hunter: Wages of Sydney |
| 1:30 | Now See This |
| 2:30 | Movie: First Blood |
| 4:30 | The Right Stuff |
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| 6:30 | The Outer Limits: The Revelations of Becca Paulson |
| 7:30 | Motorworld: Who Dares Wins |
| 8:30 | Martial Law: Cop Out |
| 9:30 | The Right Stuff: Rated |
| 10:30 | Andromeda: The Widening Gyre |
| 11:30 | No Boundaries |
| 12:30 | The Right Stuff: Rated |
| HALLMARK | |
| 6:59 | Scholastic Clifford |
| 7:29 | Caillou |
| 7:59 | Sesame Street (Season 29) |
| 8:59 | Reason for Living: The Jill Ireland Story |
| 10:59 | The Locket |
| 12:59 | Mecleod's Daughters |
| 13:59 | Guardian The |
| 14:59 | Scholastic Clifford |
| 15:29 | Caillou |
| 15:59 | Flipper |
| 16:59 | Sesame Street |
| 17:59 | Star trek: Voyager |
| 18:59 | Scared Silent |
| 20:59 | Family Law |
| 21:59 | Star Trek: Voyager |
| 22:59 | Scared Silent |
| 12:59 | Black Fox |
| STAR MOVIES | |
| 6:45 | Fatal Instinct |
| 8:15 | Double Take |
| 10:00 | Rambo 3 |
| 11:45 | The Intern |
| 1:30 | 3 Ninjas: High Noon At Mega Mountain |

| STAR WORLD | |
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| 5:00 | The Brady Bunch |
| 6:30 | Cheers |
| 7:00 | Oprah Winfrey Show |
| 11:58 | Star Asia Travel |
| 12:00 | Fight School |
| 12:00 | Caillou |
| 1:00 | Suddenly Susan |
| 1:30 | The Bold And The Beautiful |
| 2:00 | Hollywood Squares |
| 2:30 | The Brady Bunch |
| 3:00 | Baywatch |
| 4:00 | The Simpsons |
| 4:30 | Cheers |
| 5:00 | Starnews Asia |
| 5:30 | Frasier |
| 5:00 | Tna Wrestling |
| 6:55 | Starnews Asia |
| 7:00 | World's Wildest |
| 8:00 | Nash Bridges |
| 8:58 | Star Asia Travel |
| 9:00 | Frasier |

| NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC | |
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| 6:30 | Dragons Of The Namib |
| 7:30 | Giants Of Etosha |
| 8:30 | Lions Of Darkness |
| 9:30 | Poison! |
| 10:30 | Truth Files |
| 11:30 | Dogs With Jobs |
| 12:00 | Earthpulse |
| 12:30 | Africa From The Ground Up |
| 1:00 | Wildlife Detectives |
| 1:30 | Scientific American Frontiers |
| 2:30 | Shiver |
| 3:00 | Human Edge |
| 4:00 | Africa On Ice |
| 4:30 | Gene Hunters |
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| 5:30 | Animal Edens |
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| STAR PLUS | |
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| 06:00 | Bhabhi |
| 06:30 | Geet Bahar |
| 07:00 | Geet Bahar |
| 07:30 | Dr Morepen Tango - Daily |
| 08:30 | Shaka Laka Boom Boom |
| 09:00 | Taaza Hits |
| 09:05 | Hit Filmein Hit |
| 09:30 | Fox Kids |
| 10:10 | Hit Filmein Hit |
| Sangeet-20 M | Sangeet-20 M |
| 10:30 | Eena Meena Deeka |
| 11:00 | Meri Saheli |
| 11:30 | Kabhii Sautan Kabhii Saheli |
| 12:00 | Shanti |
| 12:30 | Hit Filmein Hit |
| Sangeet-20 M | Sangeet-20 M |
| 12:55 | Taaza Hits |
| 13:00 | Sonpari |
| 13:30 | Tu Tu Main Main |
| 14:00 | Kundali |
| 14:30 | Hum Hai Kal Aaj Kal Aur Kal |
| 15:00 | Kyun Hota Hai Pyarr |
| 15:30 | Krishna Arjun |
| 16:00 | Khichdi |
| 16:30 | Aur Phir Ek Din |
| 16:55 | Film Topper |
| 17:00 | Saans |
| 17:30 | Hit Filmein Hit |
| Sangeet-20 M | Sangeet-20 M |
| 17:55 | Taaza Hits |

| 18:00 | Hum Saath Aath Hain |
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| 18:30 | Fox Kids |
| 19:25 | Film Topper |
| 19:30 | Hum Hai Kal Aaj Kal Aur Kal |
| 19:55 | Film Topper |
| 20:00 | Shaka Laka Boom Boom |
| 20:30 | Karishma Ka Karishma |
| 21:00 | Kuch Kar Dikhana Hai |
| 21:30 | Shararat |
| 22:00 | Khulja Sim Sim |
| 23:00 | Sssshhh...Koi Hai... |
| 00:00 | Sannewali Khidki |
| STAR GOLD | |
| 07:00 | Geet Bahar |
| 07:30 | Subah Ka Tara |
| 10:30 | Bollywood Beats |
| 10:55 | Kuch Hit Kuch Superhit |
| 11:00 | Hit Filmein Hit |
| Sangeet-20 M | Sangeet-20 M |
| 11:25 | Kuch Hit Kuch Superhit |
| 11:30 | Avtaar |
| 14:25 | Kuch Hit Kuch Superhit |
| 14:30 | Geet Bahar |
| 15:00 | Hit Filmein Hit |
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| 15:25 | Kuch Hit Kuch Superhit |
| 15:30 | Gunga Jumna |
| 18:55 | Kuch Hit Kuch Superhit |
| 19:00 | Hit Filmein Hit |
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| 19:25 | Kuch Hit Kuch Superhit |
| 19:30 | Tahalka |
| 22:55 | Kuch Hit Kuch Superhit |
| 23:00 | Ooh La La |
| 23:55 | Kuch Hit Kuch Superhit |
| 00:00 | Machalti Jawani |
| STAR SPORTS | |
| 05:30 | NBA Basketball |
| | Boston, MA USA |
| | Philadelphia 76ers |
| | Vs Boston Celtics (L) |
| 08:00 | PGA Tour Highlights |
| | Bellsouth Classic (R) |