# RECOMMENDATIONS

# **Exhibition**

April 16-20 5-15 years old children participate in an exhibition of paintings entitled We Don't Want War starting at the Drik Gallery. The display of around 42 art-works-painting, collage, and cartoon--is open for visitors everyday from 3 to 8 p.m.

### CD launch

April 18 Singer Lina Taposhi Khan will launch her third album of Nazrul Sangeet entitled Khelichho E Biswa Loye at the Russian Cultural Centre. The function will start at 4.30 p.m.

# **Poetry**

April 23 The Embassy of the Islamic Republic of Iran will hold a poetry evening on the occasion of the Chehlom of the Holy Martyrdom of Hazrat Imam Hossain (AS). Poet Asad Chowdhury will preside over the programme to be held at the Cultural Counsellor's Office auditorium starting at 4.30 p.m.

# Calligraphy

April 13-20 On occasion of Bangla Nabo Barsha, Bangladesh Calligraphy Academy has for the first time arranged an exhibition of Bangla calligraphy at the Sculptor Novera Hall of the National Museum. Artists Arifur Rahman, Mubasswir Majumdar, Rafiqullah Gazali, Ha Mim Kefayetullah, Ferdous Ara Ahmed and Masum Akhter have participated in the exhibition

#### Nree April 13-28

Nree is holding a photography and research work exhibition on Kantaji Temple and Nayabad Mosque of Dinajpur at the La Galarie of Alliance Francaise de Dacca. The exhibition will run everyday from 9 a.m. 12.00p.m. and 5-8p.m. and 5-8p.m. on Saturdays.

### **Theatre**

April 17-23 Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy organises a week-long staging of drama by the theatre groups outside Dhaka at the Shawkat Osman Memorial Auditorium of the Public Library. The shows start everyday at 7 p.m. The schedules of the plays are as follows:

April 18 Padmo Parer Galpo by Sonali Natyogoshthi, Pirojpur April 19 Kazi Kripon Ali by

# Interview

# If flowers are what you fancy

Iffat Ara Dewan talks about her work

FFAT Ara Dewan, who held her fourth solo exhibition at Bengal Gallery, says, "Art has always been one of my favourite subject during my school days. I have always wanted to go into fine arts but earlier never went about it. About 12 years ago, I took my child's crayons and writing pad and began my career in the art world in that manner. At first I was doing the cover for my LP. Abul Khair, my patron, had suggested that I work on it. This was my first serious project in the art world. I did an art piece that was used as an LP cover. When I had collected some works gradually, I had my first solo in 1992, my medium being chalk pastels. I've tried my hand with oils but it takes longer and is more complicated. Again, the smell of turpentine hampers my throat, and so my singing, which is my primary forte. I've had three other solo exhibitions, the first at Goethe Institut in 1992, the second was in 1997 at Divine Art Gallery, the third was in Singapore in 2000 at Gallery Belvidere.'

Dewan says that she does not feel inferior to other artists who have academic qualification in that field even though she would like to learn techniques that one needs to acquire from experienced artists. However, she says that she has confidence that if she tries she can make it on her own.

She says, that as one sees, she is obsessed with flowers although she has never analyzed why but she believes that this is probably because flowers, which are graceful, bring out the beauty all around us. "Their colour and grace move me in a profound way so that I feel like painting them. Through my paintings, where I have reached now, I have basically got my maturity through my singing. I was singing professionally for over 30 years now and painting for 12 years."

Dewan says, "I paint for myself basically, and then if someone likes it is a bonus. I would like to do my work in the morning as the morning light is the best but I don't get the time for it then. I'm usually busy practicing my singing early in the mornings. So I



usually work in the afternoon. I have music on in the background and this comprises of sitar or 'santur' or some of my own songs. I finish my work at one go because if there is a break it destroys the continuity.

"I have my inspirations basically by looking at the paintings of the masters of the past, specially the Impression-

ists, such as Van Gogh, Monet, Manet and Matisse. I love to go through their paintings in the books that I possess. Whenever I have gone overseas I have tried to see as many art museums as I can. Here in Bangladesh, I have not spent much time in examining the works of our senior painters although I have seen them whenever I have had the opportunity, such as those of Zainul Abedin, Quamrul Hassan and Mohammed Kibria, and they do move me immensely. As for women artists of our country, I like the paintings of Rokeya Sultana," says Dewan. Asked to comment on some of her

work which are apparently naïve, Dewan says, "My charcoal drawings of birds and furniture are included in the exhibition to lend variety to my work. Even if I'm not that good in drawing the interior of houses, when I've spoken to senior painters, I 'm told that they like them. My sketch of the birds was appreciated by Shafiuddin ages back and Ferdousi Priobhashini has taken one of them and tells me that visitors to her sitting room long to own that sketch. They may appear somewhat naive but I'm proud to present them as I know that they are admired." Talking about why she preferred to

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use the chalk pastels rather than anything else, Dewan says, "I've tried to paint with oils but I'm not comfortable with them. I have always been fascinated with coloured chalk but it is only recently that I've realized that one can seriously do art work with chalk pastels which are quick and easy to use so that you can complete one work at one sitting.

Asked if her music, in anyway, affect her passion for her fine art work with pastels, "Maybe unconsciously it does, both being creative, and being related to one another. I wouldn't like to do anything else rather than sing

Commenting on the time that she gives to her art work, Dewan says," I'm not all that regular about the sketches that I make. I sing every day but don't paint everyday. Sometimes weeks go by before I sit with my colour pastels.

Not many artists can speak freely about their work as Iffat Ara Dewan

# Festival

# **Twenty years of celebrating Nabo Barsha**

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ULTURAL group Wrishiz Shilpi Goshthi achieved a remarkable milestone this Pahela Baishakh: it celebrated the Bangla New Year for the twentieth time. Expressing fellowship with the people of the country, like many other organisations, Wrishiz Shilpi Goshthi organised a celebration of the Bangla New Year on April 14 at the entrance of the Shishu Park at Shahbagh.

'Stop war, protect humans--our songs are for peace'--holding this slogan atop, Wrishiz dedicated the cultural show in memory of recently deceased cultural personalities actor Gulam Mustafa and singer Nilufer Yasmin. Wrishiz was joined by other cultural groups in the city.

Reputed poet Fayez Ahmed declared the inauguration of the programme. A short session of speeches preceded the main cultural show, in which Fayez Ahmed, General Secretary of Udichi Mahmud Selim, GS of Kranti Mahmudul Haider Mohon, lyricist Asheque



Mahmud, former gano-sangeet performer Monirul Alam and Wrishiz President Fakir Alamgir spoke against

All senior and younger artistes of Wrishiz performed in the cultural show. Among the seniors were present Abdul Jabbar, Subir Nandi, Dr. Arupratan Chowdhury and fakir Alamgir. From 7 in the morning up to about 10, several hundreds of people were coming and joining the gathering despite the usual

heat and humid weather of Baishakh. On this occasion Shah Cement Industries Ltd. declared Shah Cement Honorarium Medals 1410 for excellence in cultural fields. Abdul Jabbar, Subir Nandi, Dr. Arupratan Chowdhury, Mina Barua, Shoma Ray, Farzana Mili received medals in music, organiser Shahdat Hossain Nipu, Wrishiz, Kranti, lyricist Asheque Mahmud and Fakir Alamgir received medals for organising

# Music

# The colours of Geetanjali

**CULTURE DESK** 

EETANJALI held a music performance on spring songs recently. The group presented a number of Rabindra songs on the season at the Shawkat Osman Memorial Auditorium of the Public Library. Entitled Rang Lagaley Boney Boney, the programme was dedicated to the hope of peace in the world at a time when it is threatened by the onslaught of The performance started with the

playing of the Basant Bahar on the setaar in accompaniment of Lahara on the tabla. 'Ananter baani tumi Basanter madhuri utshabey' was the first song to be sung in chorus by Geetanjali. The second one--'Nabo Basanter daner dali/Enechhi toderi dwarey'--was also a chorus by the female singers. Some more numbers were then performed by individual artistes. The soiree included



Christchurch NFW

Crusaders Vs Cats

ZEALAND Canterbury

some very famous songs of the great poet like 'Basant tor shesh korey dey ranga', 'Aaj khela bhangar khela khelbi aay', 'Jokhon prothom dhorechhey koli amar mollika boney', 'Amar praner porey choley gelo key?'

The programme marked coming together of some senior singers with the younger ones. And it also provided the music lovers of the city with opportunity of getting some musical refreshment at this hot and humid time of year

Asian Bowling Tour

Aviva Asian Bowling

Tour, Malaysia Kuala

Lumpur, MALAYSIA

Men'S Highlights(R)

# TV GUIDE

# **CHANNEL-i**

- **07.15** Prothom Shur 09.00 Jato Pad Tato Mot
- 09.30 Cholar Pathey
- Radhunir Ranna
- 10.30 Chhutir Shokal
- 11.30 Drama Serial:
- Grihagalpo
- 12.30 Band Music: Close
- Up Heat Wave
- 02.00 Shatyer Shandhaney
- 03.00 Bangla Feature
- Film: Doshi
- 05.35 Janopader Khabar
- 05.45 R C Kidly Kids
- 06.10 Music Plus
- Kothay Kothay
- 07.15 Channel-i News
- 07.45 Ispahani-i Tele Quiz
- 07.50 Magazine Show:
- Shajai Swapnoghar 08.25 Drama Serial: Harek
- Rakom Jibon
- 09.00 Channel-i News
- 09.31 Ispahani-i Tele Quiz
- **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** 
  - ATN Bangla News Mega Serial: Kun
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- Film Magazine: Henolux Benudor Bichitra Reporting Prog: 10:10 Prekkhapot
- 11:05 Islamic Prog 12:00 ATN Bangla News 12:20 Ajker Sangbadpotro
- 12:40 3:25 Bengali Feature Film: Dip Nebha Nai 4:50 Ajker Sangbadpotro
- 5:00 Gramgnger Sangbad 6:25 Cholo Gan Gai ATN Bangla Evening 7:00
- 7:30 Motamot 8:05 Drama Serial: Sandhatara
- Tasmery Kechokhon 8:40 9:00 ATN Bangla News Drama Serial: Shes 9:25
- Iraq Zudda 11:00 ATN Bangla News Bengali Feature Film: Jebon Maneya

Judda

- **HBO** 6:30 Resurrection A Very Brady Seque Rush Hour 12:00 School Ties Commandments
- 2:15 4:00 The Hunted 6:15 Mo' Money 8:00 Pet Sematary II 10:00 12:15 2:15 Rush Hour 4:15 The Hunted
- AXN 6:30 Movie: The Price of Egypt 8:30 The Right Stuff Scariest Places On Earth 10:30 The Outer Limits: In

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- Motorworld: Rated X of Sydney Now See This
- Egypt
- Right 6:30 the Zone Motorworld/ Who Dares Wins
- 8:30 Martial Law: Bac Seed The Right Stuff:
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- Movie: The Price of
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- No Boundaries

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# **STAR OVIES**

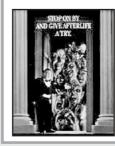
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Bridget Jones's Diary

# TODAY'S HIGHLIGHTS



STAR MOVIES: 8.35 p.m. Jurassic Park III. Adventure runs wild when renowned paleontologist Dr. Alan Grant agrees to accompany a wealthy adveturer and his wife on a aerial tour of Isla Sorna, InGen's former breeding ground for prehistoric creatures. But when they're terrifyingly stranded, Dr.Grant discovers that his hosts are not what they seem, and the island's native inhabitants are smarter, faster, fiercer and more brutal than he ever



Gen Y Cops

Swing Kids

Jungle Law

**Oprah Winfrey Show** 

Oprah Winfrey Show

Star Asia Travel

When Chefs Attack

Suddenly Susan

The Bold And The

Hollywood Squares

The Brady Bunch

Beautiful

Baywatch

Cheers

Frasier

6:00

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The Simpsons

Starnews Asia

Tna Wrestling

Starnews Asia

World's Wildest

Police Videos

Nash Bridges

Star Asia Trave

World's Wildest

Police Videos

Nash Bridges

Tna Wrestling

Frasie

Chicago Hope

Dark Angel

**STAR WORLD** 

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HBO: 12.15 a.m. Waxwork. A waxwork museum comes to town. and a mysterious man invites some teens to come to a special showing at midnight. Once inside, while viewing different exhibits, the scenes come alive and the viewer is sucked into the story being

# **STAR PLUS** 06:00 Star Geetmala

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08:30	Taaza Hits
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# PICK OF THE DAY



### Bad Boys On HBO at 10.00 p.m.

a foot-loose and fancy free ladies' man. Both are Miami policemen, and both have 72 hours to reclaim a consignment of drugs stolen from under their station's nose. To complicate matters, in order to get the assistance of the sole witness to a murder, they have to pretend to be each

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18:00 Fox Kids 18:55 Film Topper - 3 Series 19:00 Film Topper - 30 19:25 Series Shaka Laka Bo 19:30 Boom

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- 20:00 Karishma Ka Karishma 20:30 21:00 Shararat 21:30 Khullja Sim Sim 22:30 SSSHHHH KOLHAL
- STAR GOLD Geet Bahar 7:00 Shakuntala 10:55 Kuch Hit Kuch Superhit

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Marcus Burnett is a hen-pecked family man. Mike Lowry is

#### **ADVENTURE ONE** 7:00 Voyage The Photographers 7:30

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	9:30	In Search Of Gian
	10:30	Truth Files
	11:30	Dogs With Jobs
	12:00	Earth Pulse
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# **GEOGRAPHIC**

- Africa From The
- Kuch Hit Kuch 11:55 Superhit Naya Gupt Gyan

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Ground Up 1:00 Wildlife Detectivies Scientific American

Frontiers

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- 6:00 Mission Wild 6:30 Dogs with Jobs Earth Pulse 7:00 7:30 Africa From The Ground Up Wildlife Detectivies
- Scientific American 8:30 Frontiers 9:30 On Assignment 10:00 Human Edge Search For King 10:30

#### Solomon's Mines 11:00 Gene Hunters 12:00 Shiver

8:30	A Train To Nowhere	
9:00	Explorer's Journal	
10:00	Danger Diaries	
11:00	Ice Walk	
12:00	Surfer's Journal	
12:30	Explorer's Journal	
1:00	Ballooning Over	
	Everest	
2:30	India Diaries	
3:00	Extreme Science	
3:30	Danger Diaries	
4:30	Voyager	
5:30	Explorer's Journal	
6:00	Nick's Quest	
7:00	Cracking the Canyon	
7:30	Explorer's Journal	

**Danger Diaries** 

Surfer's Journal

Cracking the Canyon

Nick's Quest

#### 11:30 Explorer's Journal **STARPORTS**

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### Quali.(S) **ESPN**

Marino Grand Prix

- 6:30 Sportscenter Hindi (R) Spanish League Highlights 2002/03 Spanish League Highlights (T) School Quiz Show Espn School Quiz 2003 (R) Wrestling Apple Crush
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- **English Premier** Football League 200/03 London **ENGLAND Tottenham** Hotspur Vs Manchester City (L) 9:30 Sportscenter Hindi (L Goals! (R) 11:00 Spanish League Highlights 2002/03 Spanish League Highlights (R)

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Here We Go (L)

- **English Premier** Football League Qualifying Imola, SAN MARINO Foster'S San
  - Sportscenter Hindi School Quiz Show Espn School Quiz