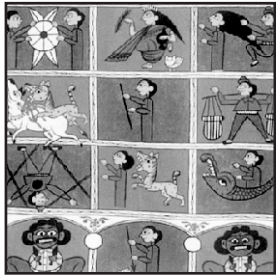


RECOMMENDATIONS



Exhibition

**April 25-30**  
A joint art Exhibition by Nasrin Rahman and Pongkuk Kumar Roy is being held at the Zainul Gallery 2, Institute of Fine Arts, University of Dhaka. The exhibition will continue from 2-8 pm everyday till April 30.

Recitation

**April 30**  
There will be a publication ceremony of the third collection of poems by Brother Jarlath D' Souza. Various poems on the Iraq war will be recited at the Green Herald International School, Mohammedpur. The recitations will be held from 5:00 pm on the 30<sup>th</sup> of April.

Exhibition

**April 25-May 01**  
On its tenth anniversary, Expressions Ltd., an advertisement company has organised six-day long art exhibition at Gallery Chittrak. The exhibit features work by the lone Pata artist of the country Shombhu Acharya. The show continues through May 1 everyday from 10 am to 8 pm.

Exhibition

**April 25-30**  
The first solo painting exhibition of Samia Samad Shanta is being held at Shilpangan art gallery, at House-25, Road -5, Dhanmondi Residential Area. The exhibition runs till April 30.

Nree

**April 13-28**  
Nree is holding a photography and research work exhibition on Kantaji Temple and Nayabad Mosque of Dinajpur at the La Galerie 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.

Poetry

Poems for the oppressed

Iranian Cultural Centre holds poetry evening to observe the Chehlom of Hazrat Imam Hossain (AS)

HARUN UR RASHID

POETRY--Bangla, Urdu and Persian--brought an audience of Dhakaites together to extend their sympathy and solidarity for the oppressed Muslims of the world. The poetry lovers and devout Muslims gathered at the auditorium of the Cultural Counsellor's Office of Iranian Embassy at Dhanmondi. A poetry evening was arranged on the occasion of Chehlom of the holy martyrdom of Hazrat Imam Hossain (AS) on April 23.

With poet Asad Chowdhury in the chair, the Cultural Counsellor of the Iranian Embassy Shahabuddin Daraei, Deputy Cultural Counsellor Aziz Alizade, Principal of the Iranian School in Dhaka and Persian poet Abdul Ali Kharidar, and a visiting Professor to Dhaka University from Iran, Dr. Mahmud Bashiri attended the programme.

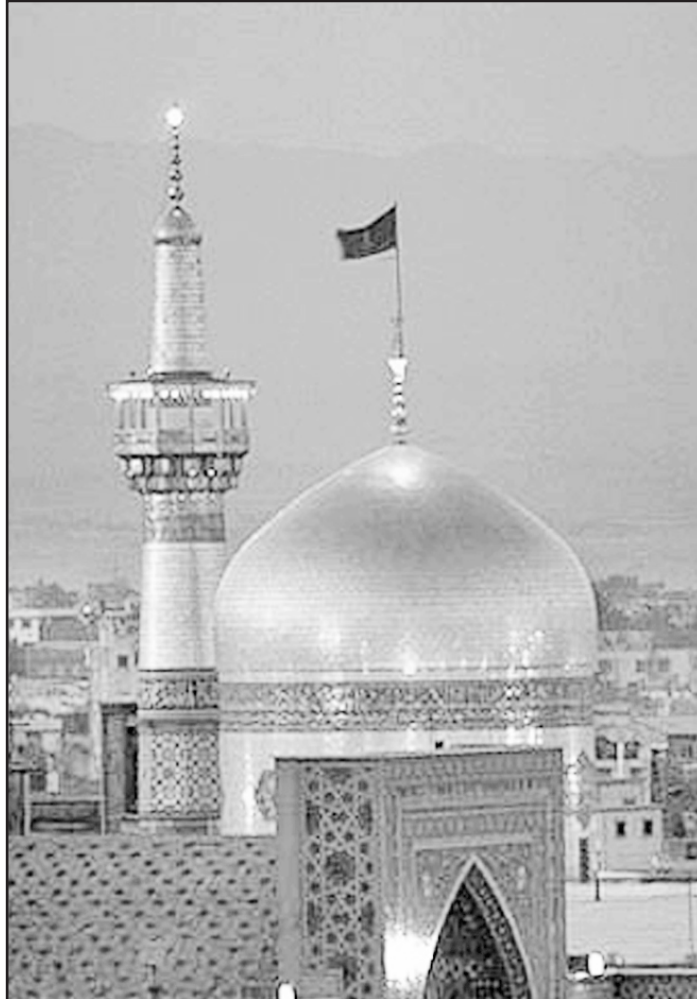
A host of poets and poetry-lovers recited poems and performed *morcia* on the tragic incident of Karbala in which Hazrat Imam was killed by the cruel Shimar at the order of Yezid. And quite relevantly they also gave importance and mentioned poems on recently ended war of Iraq at the function.

Jamaluddin Bari of the *Daily Inqilab* read a poem titled *Alir Kathgoray Shabhyata*, in which the Ali is the much talked-about child from Iraq who lost both of his arms in a bombing attack by the US forces recently. Khatune Jannat Kona, also from *Inqilab*, described Hazrat Imam in her poem as the best martyr of all times. M Abdul Baten of Bangladesh Shangbad Shangstha (BSS) compared the present situation of Iraq, the whole Muslim world for that matter, with the historic Karbala. Fatema Tamanna of the *Asia Digest* said that the war against the oppressors is not finished yet with Karbala.

Iranian poet Abdul Ali Kharidar recited one of his poems on the event of Karbala. Written in Persian, the poem gives a mourning description of the Karbala incident. It is remarkable that poet Kharidar has written about twenty poems on Bangladesh during his stay in the country.

Maolana Saber Reza recited an Urdu poem starting 'Sarey masnadey nabuwa'. Asma Iqbal Shathi recited a poem titled *Sparsho Korechhi Bhabnay* written by Ubaedur Rahman Khan Nadvi, the Assistant Sub-editor of the *Daily Inqilab*.

The Cultural Counsellor and the Deputy Cultural Counsellor of the



The shrine of Hazrat Imam Hossain

Iranian Embassy both recited Persian poems. In their speech they expressed solidarity to the Iraqi people as well as to all oppressed Muslims in the world. Professor Mahmud Bashiri said that oppression is still existing in the world. He mentioned the Iraq disaster and said that Muslim humanity is now faced with the neo-Yezid evils.

Poet Asad Chowdhury also extended sympathy towards the Iraqi people and criticised the US for

not being able to protect the ancient antiquities of the Iraqi National Museum and other historical places. He also criticised the US for its con-trite trick of attacking Iraq after tactfully disarming the country that is much less technologically advanced than the US.

The programme ended with *monajat* offered wishing end of all sufferings of the all humanity all over the world.

Film Review

'Manic'

REUTERS, Los Angeles

ENERGETICALLY directed in cinema verite style, "Manic," director Jordan Melamed's debut feature, is a stunningly potent story of troubled patients at a juvenile mental institution.

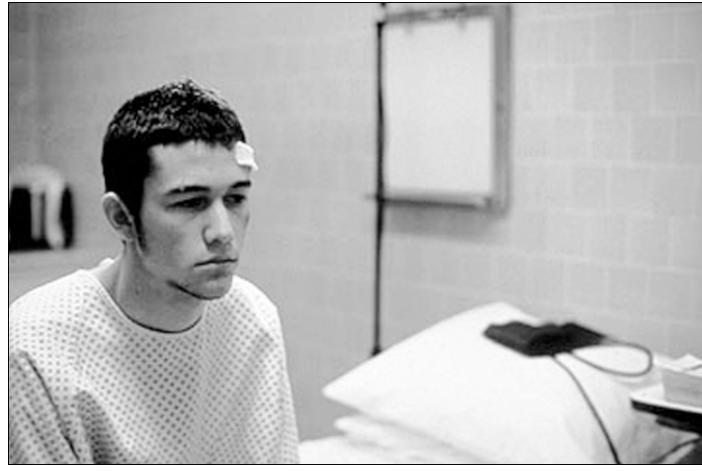
Notable work comes from Don Cheadle, Joseph Gordon-Levitt and an ensemble that works from a script a cut or two above traditional "teen angst" scenarios.

The gritty feature, screened at Sundance in 2001, is being released by IFC Films. Nicely spare dialogue, including unexpected and welcome funny moments, should capture some interest, but because of intrusive, overly stylized camera moves and the lack of stronger character arcs, the diagnosis for "Manic" isn't promising for a potent art house run. The original, believable handling of the topic may slowly build a niche rental market among younger audiences, who can relate to the characters' anger and feelings of helplessness.

The film centers on Lyle (Gordon-Levitt), who is committed by his mom to an indefinite stay at Northward Mental Institution after his baseball bat attack on a kid, his latest bout of violent outrage.

Gordon-Levitt is admirable as the silent, remote Lyle, making his way through the world with rage as his main companion. Refreshingly, the volatile character is worlds away from the actor's role as a precocious extra-terrestrial in "3rd Rock From the Sun."

Lyle's roommate at the clinic is the repressed Kenny (Cody Lightning of "Smoke Signals"), whose own sexual



Joseph Gordon-Levitt in IFC's Manic - 2003

abuse is revisited upon younger kids. Lyle's sympathy for the downtrodden Kenny is one of his more compassionate traits. We're also introduced to other institution patients, including wannabe street punk Michael (Eden Henson), who becomes Lyle's instant enemy, and psychologically damaged Tracy (Zoey Deschanel), quiet by day but filled with screaming terror during her dreams.

A real delight here is Cheadle, portraying Dr. David Monroe, a well-liked professional at the institution. He immediately engages our sympathy as he guides the youngsters into finding meaning and taking responsibility for their lives. When the kids backslide, which is often, he takes it all too personally but without falling into the film cliché of therapist in perpetual doubt about his work.

Opening scenes of the digital video production bounce us through a dizzying series of hand-held camera

shots, underscoring the lead character's bewilderment as he's tranquilized and mused into the mental health facility. Things settle down a bit when someone locates a tripod, though the camera continues to bobble among characters, rather than cutting from face to face. Melamed's idea of getting us into the characters' heads is to crop the characters tightly in unconventional close-ups, but this self-conscious conceit doesn't work. What is effective are faces excruciatingly unglamorized, bare of makeup or long on cuts and bruises.

Much too pointedly earnest is the film's use of metaphors. Troubled patient Chad (co-writer Michael Bacall) uses a copy of Albert Camus' "The Myth of Sisyphus" (about meaning in life) to attack an attendant. And as Sara (Sara Rivas) and Chad wrangle passionately over the imagery of freedom in Van Gogh's "Wheat Field With Crows," another patient stands outside, yearningly imitating the cries of real crows.

To the credit of Melamed and scripters Bacall and Blayne Weaver, the film does not provide easy, character-changing epiphanies. Neither does it excuse violence, even when "justified." Recidivism and disappointments in the characters' progress are part of what make this a convincing tale, but victories are too small and understated for a real catharsis.



Joseph Gordon-Levitt, Cody Lightning, Sara Rivas, Zoey Deschanel and Don Cheadle in IFC's Manic 2003

TV GUIDE

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**TODAY'S HIGHLIGHTS**

**HBO: 10.00 p.m. Girl, Interrupted.** Susanna is depressed and directionless after finishing high school in the late 1960's. A suicide attempt lands her in Claymore, a mental institution. She befriends the band of troubled women in her ward--Georgina the pathological liar, the sexually abused Daisy, the burn victim Polly, but falls under the hypnotic sway of Lisa, the wildest and most hardened of the bunch.

**STAR MOVIES: 9.00 p.m. Book of Shadows: Blair Witch 2.** To cash in on all of the "real world" hype of the events in the first film, a man from Burkitsville, Maryland opens a "Blair Witch Hunt" tour, which shows patrons various locations from the original film. A bunch of college students decide to take the tour, and wind up in Rustin Parr's house.

**PICK OF THE DAY**

**I Know What You Did Last Summer**  
On AXN at 8.30 p.m.  
This is an adaptation of Lois Duncan's thriller about four teenagers trying to cover up a hit-and-run. Love Hewitt plays Julie, a high school senior who goes trip with her friends and accidentally hits a fisherman. They think he is dead and dump him into the waters. But later they get a strange letter that says, "I know what you did last summer."

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