

RECOMMENDATIONS

**Dance**  
**May 05-06**  
International School Dhaka (ISD) will stage a dance show, *ISD Dance Extravaganza*, on May 5 and 6 at its institute at Plot-80, Block-E, Bashundhara R/A, Dhaka-1229. Three groups of children under different age categories will perform at the show. The show will start at 7 p.m.

**Dance-drama**  
**May 06**  
Tonatuni, an audio publishing house, will hold a dance-drama entitled *Kabar* based on the famous poem of the same name by poet Jasimuddin at the Shishu Academy auditorium. This is in preparation for its production of *Toray Bandha Dim* by Satyajit Ray and *Kabar* scheduled to be staged in September 2003. The show will start at 7 p.m.

**Handicraft exhibition**  
**May 02-06**  
In observance of May Day 2003, Dnk is holding at its gallery a show of handicraft items made by the workers of Bangladesh Homeworkers Women Association (BHWa) and Home Net Bangladesh. The exhibition is open to visitors from 3 p.m. to 8 p.m. Admission is open to all.

**Exhibition**  
**May 02-08**  
Artist Eliza Sultana Annie is holding her first ever solo-painting exhibition at the Zainul Gallery of the Institute of Fine Art, University of Dhaka. The exhibition remains open for visitors from 2 to 8 p.m.

**May 02-17**  
Alliance Francaise in Dhaka is hosting an exhibition of Dokra sculpture on rail platform, woodcut print works on rail boggy and paper cut installation on railroad. The show is open everyday from 9 am to 12 pm and 5 pm to 8 pm except Saturday.  
**May 09-23**  
The Bengal Tours Ltd. and Gallery Chitrak will jointly hold a painting exhibition by renowned artists titled *Sundarbans: A Beauty in Silence* from May 9. The artists include Abdur Razzaque, Bulbon Osman, Rafiqun Nabi, and others. The show continues up to May 23 daily from 10 am to 8 pm.

Festival

Rabindra Sangeet Shilpi Shangstha holds festival of Rabindra songs

CULTURE DESK

RECENTLY the 14th National Rabindra Sangeet Festival ended in the city. Having started on April 30 at the Shishu Academy, the three-day carnival ended quite remarkably through the celebration of the 80th birth anniversary of the country's senior most Rabindra Sangeet maestro Kalim Sharafi. Also a reception was accorded to the legendary Nazrul Sangeet artiste Firoza Begum.

Although Kalim Sharafi's birthday is yet to be observed on coming May 8, Rabindra Sangeet Shilpi Shangstha could not resist the temptation of celebrating the occasion during the festival. Interestingly, Sharafi knew the least of the plan.

The festival featured a number of workshops on Rabindra Sangeet and solo and group performances by artistes, both senior and junior. The concluding day programme included a rally by the Rabindra

singers of the country proclaiming opposition against war. After the rally, Rabindra Sangeet institutions--Geetanjali, Rabiraag, Rabirashmi, Surer Dhara, Ananda Dhvani, Biswa Bina, Rabi Teertha, Surbani and Boikalik--performed Rabindra songs.

The closing ceremony presented 20 young promising singers. Kalim Sharafi and cultural personality Mahbub Jamil attended the closing function.

Finally, however, the last attraction was another soiree in which performed Kalim Sharafi, Tapan Mahmud, Mita haque, Fahim Hossain Chowdhury, Sajed Akbar, Lili Islam, Salma Akbar, Aditi Mohsin, Mohadeb Ghosh and others. They all rendered one song each. The whole festival was dedicated to the memory of recently deceased theatre personality Golam Mustafa, Nazrul Sangeet artiste Nilufar Yasmin and popular performer of modern Bangla songs Saiful Islam.



Artistes for peace: Rabindra Sangeet Shilpi Shangstha brought out a rally from Shishu Academy on the third day of the 14th National Rabindra Sangeet Festival.

Celebration

Birth centenary of Pallikobi observed by Chhayanaaut

*Tumi Jabe bhai, Jabe mur shathe, Ameder Chotto Gai.*

CULTURE DESK

OUR beloved 'Pallikobi' Jasim Uddin was born on January 01, 1904 in Faridpur. To observe his birth centenary Chhayanaaut held a programme on May 03 at Shawkat Osman Memorial Auditorium of the Public Library. They paid their respect to the poet through songs and recitations of his poems.

The programme started with a chorus song 'O amar dorodi agey janley'. Then the life and work of the poet was narrated to the audience. A number of songs and poems of Jasim Uddin were performed. Poems *Kobor*, *Nimonton*,



Jasim Uddin

*Ekusher Gan*, *Rakhalar Rajgir* etc., and songs *Ami ki ar dekha pabo tarey*, *Amar har kala korlam rey*, *O dheu khelerey*, *Tumi amar bondhu lago* and a few more were performed. The programme came to end with our National Anthem.

The city dwellers enjoyed a relaxed evening with the great works of the poet. The duration of the programme was only one and half hour, but as the whole presentation and performance of the artistes was a unique blend of simple lyrics and music, it kept the audience totally absorbed in the poet's great works.

Jasim Uddin is truly a poet of our soul and soil. His first literary

magic, the poem *Kobor* was first published when he was in class ten, and the poem was included in the syllabus of Calcutta University afterwards. At his age of 26 he published *Nakshi Kanthar Maath*, which brought him under the spotlight. His simple use of language, subject from country life blended with emotion made him the poet of the ordinary. He also was a lyricist. A lot of Jari, Sari, Bhawayya, Bhatiali songs composed by him and sung by R. D. Burman became immensely popular at that time. The songs still have great appeal to the rural folk as well as urban people.

Showtime

Gracy Singh-sacked by director!

ONE are those days when a director, whether big or small, had to kow-tow to the stars, however unprofessional their behaviour. Today, it's the filmmaker's market, not the star's market. In other words, the stars are no longer in a commanding (and therefore in an offensive) position with the director. Word is out that director Harry Baweja has sacked Gracy Singh from his under-production, *Karz*. The *Burden Of Truth*, starring Gracy with Sunny Deol, Sunil Shetty, Shilpa Shetty and Johnny Lever. Reason? She kept the entire unit waiting on the sets on more occasions than one. Reason? She was simultaneously shooting for Honey Irani's *Armaan*, starring Amitabh Bachchan, Anil Kapoor, Preity Zinta and Gracy. It seems Harry overlooked Gracy's late-coming for the afternoon shift a couple of times. But when he saw that she was repeatedly giving him short-shrift by coming late for his shoots, he took it as an insult because it was obvious that Gracy



was giving priority to Honey Irani's film over his because it was a big banner with a top starcast. So the next time she reported at 4 in the afternoon for the 2 o'clock shift, a furious Harry called off the shoot and fired her on the spot! Yes, Gracy is suitably embarrassed.

She's learnt a lesson, and the buzz is that she's come clean about it to director Prakash Jha in whose *Ajay Devgan* starrer she's the lead heroine. Prakash Jha is on red alert now, but naturally.

Source: Internet

Exhibition



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TV GUIDE

<div><b>CHANNEL-i</b> 6:15 Islamic Programme 7:10 Prothom Sur 9:30 Music Plus 10:30 Drama Serial: Bou Tubanir Ful 11:00 <b>Band Show</b> 11:30 Drama Serial: Amader Gram Amader Shefali 12:00 Amar Chabi 12:30 Drama: Digal Gayer Konnya 2:00 Bangla Feature film: Bizli 5:35 Jonopoder Khabor 5:45 I-Sports 6:10 Music Plus 6:45 Drama Serial:Poster 7:15 Channel-i News 7:45 Ispahani-te tele quiz (q) 7:55 Durer Aakash 8:25 Drama Serial:Griha Golpo 9:00 Channel-i News 9:31 Ispahani-i tele quiz (R) 9:35 Drama Serial:Gronhon 10:00 Drama Serial:Bhalo Mondo Manushera Channel-i mobile quiz 2525 10:30 Channel-i News 11:15 Sangbad Pothre Bangla-desh 11:30 Live Telecast of BTV late Night News Channel-i News 12:15 <b>ATN BANGLA</b> 6:00 Islamic Prog: 8:00 ATN Bangla News 8:25 Children prog: ATN Sapla Saluk Gold Medel Protejuga 9:35 Weekly Drama: Abhenherthe 10:50 Band Musical Prog: Pop Dhakaka 12:00 ATN Bangla News 12:20 The Daily Newspaper Discussing Prog: Aiker Sangbadpotro 12:40 Musical prog : ATN Music Bengali Feature film: Turne Sudu Turne 4:50 The Daily Newspaper Discussing Prog: Aiker Sangbadpotro 5:00 Gram Banglar Sangbad 5:15 Musical prog: Music Vision 5:50 Musical Prog: Saat Rang 6:25 Islamic prog : Islamee Sawal O Jawab 7:00 ATN Bangla Evening News 7:30 Computer Based Prog: ATN Computer Projukte 8:05 Drama Serial: Kaborer Ful 8:40 Drama Serial: Neel Kham 9:00 ATN Bangla News 9:25 Audio Magazine: Audio Mela10:00ATN BanglaNews 10:30 Special Talk Show : Iraq Zudda 11:00 ATN Bangla News 12:00 Bengali Feature Film: Jammo Theke Jalche</div>	<div><b>TARA BANGLA</b> 1:30 Yes No Very Good 6:30 Aajker Shironam 7:00 Gaan-War 7:20 Dhush Sambad 8:00 Adda Stop 8:30 Tara News 9:30 Tara News Bangla-desh 10:00 Fashionary Bhushanay 10:30 News Magazine 11:30 Tara News <b>STAR PLUS</b> 6:00 Bhabhi 6:30 Geet Bahar 7:00 Geet Bahar 7:30 Dr Morepen Tango - Daily 8:30 Shaka Laka Boom Boom 9:00 Taaza Hits 9:05 Hit Filmein Hit Sangeet - 20 M 9:30 Fox Kids 10:10 Hit Filmein Hit Sangeet - 20 M 10:30 Meri Saheli 11:00 Pal Chinni 11:30 Kabhii Sautan Kabhii Saheli 12:00 Shanti 12:30 Hit Filmein Hit Sangeet - 20 M 12:55 Taaza Hits 1:00 Kasauti Zindagii Kay 1:30 Kunkum - Pyara Sa Bandhan 2:00 Bhabhi 2:30 Kyunki Saas Bhi Kabhi Bahu Thi 3:00 Shagun (461 - 560) 3:30 Kabhi Aaye Na Judai 4:00 Kahaani Ghar Ghar Kii 4:30 Kaahin Kissi Roz 5:00 Film Topper - 301 Series 5:05 Saans 5:30 Hit Filmein Hit Sangeet - 20 M 5:55 Taaza Hits 6:00 Hum Saath Aath Hain 6:30 Fox Kids 7:25 Film Topper - 301 Series 7:30 Kunkum - Pyara Sa Bandhan 7:55 Film Topper - 301 Series 8:00 Shaka Laka Boom Boom 8:30 Khichdi 9:00 Kasauti Zindagii Kay 9:30 Kehna Hai Dil 10:30 Kahaani Ghar Ghar Kii 11:00 Kyunki Saas Bhi Kabhi Bahu Thi Kaahin Kissi Roz 11:30 Kaahin Kissi Roz 12:00 Bhabhi</div>	<div><b>SONY TV</b> 7:30 Amrit Varsha 8:00 Sant Asaram Vani 8:30 Om Namath Shivay 9:30 Good Morning Disney 10:30 Chartbusters 11:00 Music Mantra 11:30 Khwahish 12:00 Cook it up with Tarla Dalal 12:30 Heena 1:00 Kkusum 1:30 Ab Ayega Mazza 2:00 Kahani Terri Merri 2:30 Kutumb 2:30 Dhadkan 3:30 Ghar Ek Mandir 4:00 Alpviram 4:30 Kaun Apna Kaun Paraya 5:00 Malgudi Days 5:30 Dekh Bhai Dekh 6:00 Just Mohabbat 6:30 Disney Hour 8:00 Chartbusters 8:30 Music Mantra 9:00 Current Bollywood 9:30 Kkusum 10:00 Kahani Terri Merri 10:30 Achanak 11:00 Aahat Dehshat Ke 6 Saal 11:30 Kutumb 12:00 Ghar Ek Mandir <b>NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC</b> 7:30 Croc Chronicles 8:00 Toyota World Of Wildlife S3 8:30 Africa's Deadly Dozen 9:30 Anti that Ate America 10:30 Kiwi Buddha 11:30 Dogs With Jobs S3 12:00 Earth Pulse 12:30 Taming the Tigers 1:30 People Out There 2:00 Mission Everest 2:30 \$100 Taxi Ride 3:00 Young Global Hot Shots 3:30 Mountain Rescuers 4:30 Croc Chronicles S2 5:00 Toyota World Of Wildlife S3 5:30 Animal Edens 6:00 Return to the Wild 6:30 Dogs with Jobs S3 7:00 Earth Pulse 7:30 Secret Life of Mouse 8:30 People Out There 9:00 Mission Everest 9:30 \$100 Taxi Ride 10:00 Young Global Ho Shots 10:30 National Geo-graphic's 11:00 Into the Deep</div>	<div><b>TODAY'S HIGHLIGHTS</b>  <b>STAR MOVIES: 10:45 p.m. Dead Presidents.</b> This action film, directed by the Hughes brothers, depicts a heist of old bills, retired from circulation and destined by the government to be "money to burn." However, more broadly, it addresses the issues of Black Americans' involvement in the Vietnam War and their subsequent disillusionment with progress in social issues and civil rights back home in the United States, during the 1960's.  <b>HBO: 10:00 p.m. The 6th Day.</b> In the world of the very near future, cattle, fish, and even the family pet can be cloned. But cloning humans is illegal - that is until family man Adam Gibson comes home from work one day to find a clone has replaced him. Taken from his family and plunged into a sinister world he doesn't understand, Gibson must not only save himself from the assassins who must now destroy him to protect their secret.</div> <div><b>DISCOVERY</b> 8:30 Wild Discovery: Land of the Midnight Sun 9:30 Globetrekker: North Thailand 10:30 Science Frontiers Our Alien Origins 11:30 Science Mysteries 12:30 Hemingway &amp; Martha Gellhorn 1:00 Eccentriks 1:30 Living Pulse 2:00 Kitchen Chemis-try/Fat Fee 2:30 New Detectives: False Witness 3:30 Globetrekker: Egypt 4:30 Mega Movie Magic: George of Jungle 5:00 Buck Staghorn's Animal Bites Twister Bites 5:30 Wild on the Set 6:00 Dangerous Combination 6:30 Monkey Business 7:30 Martial Arts: The Samurai 8:30 Wild Discovery The Mzima; Haunt of the river Horse 9:30 Science Frontiers: Breaking Nature's Rules 10:30 Science Mysteries 11:30 Junkyard Wars: Naval Warfare 12:30 Mystery Night: Lasseter's dream</div> <div><b>ESPN</b> 8:00 Wrestling Apple Crush 8:30 Australia Tour of West Indies Cable &amp; Wireless test Series 2003 Barbados, West Indies 10:00 West Indies Vs Australia 3rd Test, Day 5, Highlights 10:30 Toyota Shanghai, China Event Highlights 1:00 English Premier League Highlights 2002/2003 1:30 ESPN School Quiz 2003 12:00 Australia Tour of West Indies Cable &amp; Wireless test Series 2003 Barbados, West Indies 1:00 West Indies Vs Australia 3rd Test, Day 5, 2nd &amp; 3rd Session 4:00 Skating Challenge 5:30 Daytone, FL USA School Quiz Show 6:00 ESPN School Quiz 2003 7:30 Toyota Shanghai, China Event High-</div>	<div><b>PICK OF THE DAY</b> </div> <div><b>Remember the Titans</b> On Star Movies at 8.35 p.m. Suburban Virginia schools have been segregated for generations, in sight of the Washington Monument over the river in the nation's capital. One Black and one White high school are closed and the students sent to T.C. Williams High School under federal mandate to integrate. The year is seen through the eyes of the football team where the man hired to coach the Black school is made head coach over the highly successful white coach. Based on the actual events of 1971, the team becomes the unifying symbol for the community as the boys and the adults learn to depend on and trust each other.</div> <div><b>TEN SPORTS</b> 8:00 New Zealand tour of Sri Lanka '03: 3rd Day, 2nd Test H/Ls 10:00 New Zealand tour of Sri Lanka '03: 4<sup>th</sup> Day, 2nd Test 6:00 Smackdown 7:00 New Zealand tour of Sri Lanka '03: 4<sup>th</sup> Day, 2nd Test H/Ls 7:30 Bajaj Caliber 1 15 Sports Update 7:35 New Zealand tour of Sri Lanka '03: 4<sup>th</sup> Day, 2nd Test H/Ls 9:30 Bajaj Caliber 1 15 Sports Update 9:35 New Zealand tour of Sri Lanka '03: 4<sup>th</sup> Day, 2nd Test H/Ls 10:00 Bajaj Caliber 1 15 Trans World Sports 10:55 Bajaj Caliber 1 15 Sports Update 11:00 Smackdown 11:30 Bajaj Caliber 1 15</div>	<div><b>STAR WORLD</b> 6:30 The Simpsons 7:00 Friends 7:30 Suddenly Susan 8:00 Hollywood Squares 8:30 The Brady Bunch 9:00 Cheers 9:30 Oprah Winfrey Show 10:30 The King of Queens 11:00 Grounded For Life 11:30 Boston Public 12:30 Everybody Loves Raymond <b>STAR GOLD</b> 7:00 Geet Bahar 7:30 Kuch Hit Kuch Superhit 10:55 Hit Filmein Hit Sangeet - 20 M 11:00 Kuch Hit Kuch Superhit 11:25 Geetaa Mera Naam 11:30 Kuch Hit Kuch Superhit 12:25 Kuch Hit Kuch Superhit 2:30 Geet Bahar 3:00 Hit Filmein Hit Sangeet - 20 M 3:25 Kuch Hit Kuch Superhit 3:30 Aaj Kie Aurat 6:55 Kuch Hit Kuch Superhit 7:00 Hit Filmein Hit Sangeet - 20 M 7:25 Kuch Hit Kuch Superhit</div> <div><b>SPORTS UPDATE</b> 11:35 <b>HBO</b> 6:30 Double Obsession 8:15 Fear 10:15 Hercules and Xena the Animated Movie: The Battle Fo Gloria 12:00 In &amp; Out 2:15 Casualties of War 4:00 The Big Hit 7:45 The Unsaid 10:00 The 6th Day 12:30 Primal Force 2:15 Gloria 4:30 Casualties of War <b>STAR GOLD</b> 7:00 Geet Bahar 7:30 Kuch Hit Kuch Superhit 10:55 Hit Filmein Hit Sangeet - 20 M 11:00 Kuch Hit Kuch Superhit 11:25 Geetaa Mera Naam 11:30 Kuch Hit Kuch Superhit 12:25 Kuch Hit Kuch Superhit 2:30 Geet Bahar 3:00 Hit Filmein Hit Sangeet - 20 M 3:25 Kuch Hit Kuch Superhit 3:30 Aaj Kie Aurat 6:55 Kuch Hit Kuch Superhit 7:00 Hit Filmein Hit Sangeet - 20 M 7:25 Kuch Hit Kuch Superhit</div>	<div><b>ANIMAL PLANET</b> 8:30 Parklife 9:00 Wild Rescues 9:30 Wild On The Set 10:00 Making of Animal Planet Live 10:30 Crocodile Hunter Diaries 10:30 Jeff Corwin Experience India: Riding the Cobra Express 11:30 Croc Files 12:00 Twisted Tales Crocodile 12:30 Planet's Funniest Animals 1:00 Saved On Sunday 1:30 Saved On Sunday Comings And Goings 2:00 Saved On Sunday Lions 2:30 Vets In Practice Jobs For The Boys 3:00 Postcards from the Wild 3:30 Jeff Corwin Experience 4:30 Animals A-Z 5:00 Wild Rescues 5:30 Life Of Birds To Fly Or Not to Fly 6:30 Planet's Funniest Animals 7:00 Saved On Sunday 7:30 Saved On Sunday Comings and Goings 8:00 Saved On Sunday Lions 8:30 Vets In Practice Postcards From the Wild 9:00 Jeff Corwin Experience 10:30 Animals A-Z Real Macaw 11:00 Wild Rescues 11:30 Life Of Birds To Fly Or Not To Fly <b>CARTOON NETWORK</b> 6:30 The Looney Tunes Show 7:00 Sylvester &amp; Tweety Mysteries 7:30 The Ku Koo Du Koo Show 8:30 The Road Runner Show 9:00 Samurai Jack 9:30 Sitting Ducks Double eps 10:30 Tom &amp; Jerry Kids 12:30 Cartoon Theatre 2:00 Scooby Doo &amp; Mike, Lu &amp; Og 2:30 All New Popeye 3:30 Dexter's Laboratory 4:00 Samurai Jack Power Zone 4:30 Batman The Animated Series</div> <div><b>STAR SPORTS</b> 6:30 Special Programme 8:00 Asian 9-Ball Tour San Miguel Asian 9-Ball Tour Singapore, Singapore Semifinals 9:00 HITZ 9:30 PGA Tour Golf HP Classic of New Orleans New Orleans, La USA Final Round 12:30 English Premier Football League English Premier Football League 2002/03 Manchester, England Manchester United Vs Charlton Athletic 2:30 World Wide Rugby Super 12's Rugby Super 12's Rugby Auckland, New Zealand Auckland Blues Vs Cats Round 11 4:30 RACE Day Barcelona, Spain Spanish Grand Prix 5:15 Formula One 2003 Formula One World Championship Barcelona, Spain Spanish Grand Prix 7:30 Chequered Flag: Formula one Barcelona, Spain Spanish Grand Prix 8:00 Sportsline Tonight 8:30 Tennis Masters Series Telecom Italian Masters, Rome, Italy 1st Round 10:00 Dream Team 10:30 Sportsline Tonight 11:00 HITZ 11:30 Swimsuit The Making of Sports Illustrated Swimsuit Edition 2001</div>
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