

RECOMMENDATIONS

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 Razaque, Bulbon Osman, Rafiqun Nabi, and others. The show continues up to May 23 daily from 10 am to 8 pm.

Film
May 06-07
Alliance Francaise in Dhaka holds in association with Zahir Raihan Film Society a film session at the auditorium of the institute. Show times are 5 pm and 7 pm.

Music
May 08
Alliance Francaise in Dhaka hosts a Jazz evening at its cafeteria. The performance starts at 9.30 pm.

Anniversary
May 08
Biswa Shahitya Kendra is going to arrange an exhibition of the reproductions of Tagore's paintings on 25 Baishakh 1410 (May 8, 2003) at the institute's auditorium on the occasion of the poet's 144th birth anniversary. There will be also an open lecture programme on *Rabindra chitra shilpey adhunik monon* (Modern concepts in Rabindra paintings) on the same day on the institute premises. The outstanding art critic of the country Moinuddin Khaled will give the lecture by showing different slides of Tagore's painting.

Exhibition

Sweeps of surrealism

Mahbubul Islam's exhibit at Zainul Gallery

FAYZA HAQ

MAHBUBUL Islam's paintings dealt with dream worlds where one learnt to value the past and question the present. These were seen recently at the Zainul Gallery.

In "Extinguish" we saw how the bullock carts were fast disappearing to be replaced by engine driven vehicles. We saw men at one side folding away the bullock carts and everything else that went with them. These men with their white limbs and shaven heads appeared eerie as they seemed to hurriedly pack their possessions to give way to the new regime. There was an owl amidst the folding, disappearing world to signify goodness. The cattle in the centre had metal limbs where the animal legs should have been and this distortion was to highlight the approach of the engines. The approaching automobiles were shown in tiny proportions as they were zooming in to take over the land where once one found cattle carts. The world that Mahbub had dealt with belonged to dreams. There normal things appeared abnormal and mysterious. Lines of overwhelming mysterious bubbles and squares in white and blue were used to heighten the effect of unreality. At times these bubbles were coloured to bring in



Simultaneity
colours that appeared in dreams. Various activities seen during mishaps were brought in "Flood". Here we saw houses and vehicles being overwhelmed by the rising water which had come up halfway up to the doors and windows. There was the dying child depicted in gray with the mother's head



Flood

nearby was brought in a circle. The weeping mother had been done in colour to provide contrast to the black and white of the child which stood for death. There was a big fish beyond to heighten the impact of water. Two men, done in stark green and blue, with bulging muscles and white blood vessels flowing through them, were seen in the unusual task of taming the water and putting it into a mould -- which was an unreal element. At the back was a yellow sky filled with bubbles and seeping swirls of Indian red. This was also to bring in the element of grief and suffering.

The use of arms during the ancient Egyptian, Greek and Roman times was brought in "Distortion of Tradition". The use of guns and pistols in games today was shown as a contrast. On one side was an archer from the old Egyptian times, riding in a chariot, drawn by a horse as he aimed an arrow at a lion ahead. The details of the clothes, jewellery and weapons had been carefully studied to bring in historical reality. In front of this was the depiction of a dart game in the modern time and more delineation of the use of arms in games as found in present day. Lines and bubbles in white, blue and gray were found at the back to heighten the effect of unreality and capture the passages of time. "What involved fear at one time is now just

a game," the artist elaborated.

The changes in shapes and sizes of pottery from the time of Ancient Egypt, Greece and Mesopotamia to the present day had been depicted in "Distortion of pottery." The artist said, "With the passage of time there were changes in their shapes and sizes." Mahbub had painted two statues from Egypt, made centuries ago, and the wave of creation urge had been shown ending in ceramics in modern times in the form of a cup and a jug. In the swirl of creation were seen urns, jugs and bottles, the older items being in gray and brown while the more recent ones were, in contrast, coloured. The curls, wriggles and stripes of white in the composition had been brought in to reflect perspective and the passages of time as in the other canvases.

"Simultaneity", once again, got a dreamlike atmosphere in focus. It had two female figures along with leaves and butterflies. Bubbles had been used for perspective and the illusion of the atmosphere. The figures, seated and standing, were both deep in thought. Another canvas dealt with the tribal people and there we saw how men rested and enjoyed themselves in that society while the women struggled on. To the artist their lifestyle was almost as strange as a fairytale and so the setting was a strange one. There was an elephant head included in the canvas, along with horns which had been placed for the purpose of composition. We also found baskets in which the women collected the food for the day. The women wore only jewelry and a strip of cloth hanging from their waist. "Disappointment" too dealt with abstractions and the main figure's body appeared to be eaten up like termite-ridden wood.

Mahbub, who has had exhibitions in England, Singapore Nepal and India, and hopes to have one soon in Austria, said that he felt his surrealism was a step ahead of his realistic work. He kept Marx, Ernest, Chericco and Slavador Dali in mind as he worked. In Bangladesh the artist whom he admired most was Shamsuddoha. He said that he used bright contrasting colours to bring in the element of unreality and shock.

Dance

When they put on their dancing shoes

International School Dhaka organises congregation of dancers from English medium schools in Dhaka.

HARUN UR RASHID

ALMOST everything and anything turns heavenly delightful with children. When they perform correctly, we are marvelled by their excellence; when they make mistakes, we are affected by the fun of it. Both ways they hold our equal attraction. It was such a merry evening filled with fun and enjoyment due to the performance of a score of children on May 5 at the Sports Hall of International School Dhaka (ISD).

Students from eight English medium schools in the city assembled at the venue for a fete of dance organised by ISD. A maiden attempt by the school, the two-day dance festival titled ISD Dance Extravaganza presented a celebration of traditional and modern dance by Bangladeshi students as well as the kids of foreigners residing in the country. The programme was a part of the institution's endeavour in attaining a cultural involvement between the students of the English medium schools in Dhaka.

The eight participating schools were Aga Khan, The British School, Bangladesh International School, Scholastica, Sir John Wilson, Grace, American International School and the host International School Dhaka. Participants performed in three age categories of 6, 10 and 14.

What was most remarkable about the event was that it presented a curious blend of local



The joy of dancing: clad in red saris three cherubim dance to the tune of *Ami jar nupurer chhanda*.

dancing traditions with that of the west. It was also interesting to watch the children from different parts of the world performing our very own traditional pieces. A troupe of seven girls, all foreigners, danced with the Nazrul song *Ami jar nupurer chhanda*. Their performance was greatly applauded by the audience as they really did it beyond all anticipations. What surprised many was that they were silently following and uttering the song in Firoza Begum's voice played from the background.

Some Bangladeshi children danced with the popular Bonney M song *Holiday*. A few other groups also performed with English songs.

But it was the rendition of traditional pieces that won the heart of the audience. A group from Scholastica performed a collage dance with several songs--*Dhitang dhitang boley, Shona shona shona, Uttar dakkhin purbo pashchim--* sung in quick succession. Another group of youths under the age category of 14 from Scholastica performed a traditional *tarana*.

The under-14 team of the host school rendered another collage-dance with two songs--*Banshi shuney ar kaaj nai* and *Krishna aisha Radha-r bukey*. The troupe from American School of Dhaka did an Odissi piece with the Rabindra song *Mamo chitney niti nrittey*.

One attraction of the programme was the presence of the renowned Odissi danseuse Benazir Salam. She performed an Odissi piece at the beginning of the function. She was presented a flower bouquet at the end of the function.

Sponsored by Afsar Group and Keya Cosmetics Ltd., the programme was all quite enjoyable except that the sound system required extra care. Such endeavour is always appreciable as long as it extends our tradition and its spirit to those who have somewhat an undermining notion of our country. It will always help us create and present a better, livelier and joyous picture of the country to the foreigners.



A traditional dance presented by Bangladeshi students.

TV GUIDE

BTV

- 12:10 News Headline
- 12:15 Suvecha Neen
- 12:30 Sangbad Potrer Pata Theke
- 12:40 Shatho Tohya
- 1:00 News
- 1:05 Jibon Bangladesh Moron Bangladesh Magazine: Uphar
- 2:00 News Headline
- 2:05 Cartoon Show
- 2:30 Shikhangon
- 3:00 News in English
- 3:05 Hizal Tamal
- 3:35 Sukhi Pariber
- 8:00 News Headline
- 8:05 Geet Bitan
- 8:30 Bangladesh Open University Programme
- 5:00 News
- 5:05 Desh O' Biggan
- 5:30 Apan Bhumi
- 6:00 News: Desh Jonopod
- 6:10 Hazar Bochor Dore
- 6:35 Programme of Chittagong Centre
- 7:00 News Headline Stock Exchange Weather Forecast
- 7:05 Mati O Manush
- 7:30 Sarashon
- 8:00 News at Eight
- 8:30 Drama Serial: Durer Manush
- 9:00 Drama Serial: Choker Alo
- 9:30 Drama Serial: Hazar Ronger
- 10:00 News at Ten
- 10:25 Weather Forecast
- 10:30 Sangbad Prohibitobon
- 10:35 Samokalin Arthoniti
- 10:40 Chitratar
- 11:05 Abohomon Bangla
- 11:30 Late Night News/ News Headline

CHANNEL-i

- 6:10 Islamic Programme
- 7:15 Prothom Sur
- 9:15 I Sports
- 9:30 Music Plus
- 10:00 Drama serial: Poster
- 10:50 Drama serial: Durer Akash
- 11:30 Drama Serial: Gihagolpo
- 12:00 Drama serial: Grohon
- 12:30 Drama: Bhalo Mondo Manushera
- 1:00 Business Show
- 2:00 Bangla feature film: Dhaka-86 (Razzak/Falguni Ahmed)
- 5:35 Jonopoder Khabor
- 5:45 Chitti Pelam
- 6:10 Music Plus
- 6:45 Chaya Zanker
- 7:15 Channel-i News
- 7:45 Ispahani-i Tele Quiz (Q)
- 7:50 Kichu Mone
- 8:25 Drama Serial: Kichu Megh Kichu Roddur
- 9:00 Channel-i News
- 9:31 Ispahani-i Tele Quiz (R)
- 10:00 Drama: Tumar Bosonto Dine
- 10:25 Channel-i Mobile Quiz 2525
- 10:30 Channel-i News
- 11:15 Sangbad Pothre Bangladesh
- 11:30 Live Telecast of BTV late Night News
- 12:15 Channel-i News

NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC

- 6:00 Toyota World of Wildlife S3
- 6:30 Secret Life of Mouse
- 7:30 People Out There
- 8:00 Mission Everest
- 8:30 \$100 Taxi Ride
- 9:00 Young Global Hot Shots
- 9:30 National Geographic's
- 10:00 Into The Deep
- 10:30 Croc Chronicles
- 11:00 Toyota World Of Wildlife S3
- 11:30 Dogs with Jobs
- 12:30 Earth Pulse
- 12:30 Dingoes: Friend or Foe
- 1:30 Truth Files

2:30 Mummy Road Show

- 3:00 Tales Of The Living Dead
- 3:30 Chance to Grow, A
- 4:30 Don't Say Goodbye
- 5:30 Animal Edens
- 6:00 Return to the Wild
- 6:30 Dogs With Jobs S3
- 7:00 Earth Pulse
- 7:30 Penguin Baywatch
- 8:30 Truth Files
- 9:30 Mummy Road Show
- 10:00 Tales of The Living Dead
- 10:30 War Secrets: Italy's Forgotten Invasion
- 11:30 Ron Haviv

STAR PLUS

- 6:00 Bhabhi
- 6:30 Geet Bahar
- 7:30 Dr Morepen Tango - Daily
- 8:30 Shaka Laka Boom Boom
- 9:00 Taaza Hits
- 9:05 Hit Filemin Hit Sangeet
- 9:30 Fox Kids
- 10:10 Hit Filemin Hit Sangeet
- 10:30 Meri Saheli
- 11:00 Pal Chinn
- 11:30 Kabhii Sautan Kabhii Saheli
- 12:00 Shanti
- 12:30 Hit Filemin Hit Sangeet
- 12:55 Taaza Hits
- 1:00 Kasautii Zindagii Kay
- 1:30 Kumkum-Pyara Sa Bandhan
- 2:00 Just Mohabbat
- 2:30 Disney Hour
- 2:30 Charbusters
- 2:30 Music Mantra
- 2:30 Boogie Woogie
- 2:30 Goonj
- 2:30 Kkusum
- 2:30 Kahani Terri Merri
- 2:30 Achanak 37 Saal
- 2:30 Baad
- 2:30 Aahat
- 2:30 Kutumb
- 2:30 Ghar Ek Mandir

SONY

- 7:00 Amrit Varsha
- 8:00 Sant Asaram Vani
- 8:30 Om Namah Shivay
- 9:00 Good Morning Disney
- 10:30 Charbusters
- 11:00 Music Mantra
- 11:30 Khwahish
- 12:00 Cook It Up With Taria Dalal

TODAY'S HIGHLIGHTS

STAR MOVIES: 10.45 p.m. The End of the Affair. On a rainy London night in 1946, novelist Maurice Bendrix has a chance meeting with Henry Miles husband of his ex-mistress Sarah, who abruptly ended their affair two years before. Bendrix's obsession with Sarah is rekindled; he succumbs to his own jealousy and arranges to have her followed. As the investigation progresses, we learn the reason for their separation.

HBO: 08:00p.m. The Money Pit Walter Fielding and Anna Crowley have to start looking for a new house! But there's not much they can afford! This soon changes when they meet a lonely old con-artist who sells them a beautiful mansion at a ridiculously low price. Only there's a catch. The second Walter and Anna move in to the house it falls apart, starting from the stairway, to the bath falling through the roof to eventually the chimney falling into the house!

- 12:30 Bachke Rehna Zara Sambhalna
- 1:00 Kkusum
- 1:30 Kuch Kehi Hai Yeh Dhun
- 2:00 Kahani Terri Merri
- 2:30 Kutumb
- 3:00 Dhadkan
- 3:30 Ghar Ek Mandir
- 4:00 Alpaviram
- 4:30 Kaun Apna Kaun Paraya
- 5:00 Malgudi Days
- 5:30 Dekh Bhai Dekh
- 6:00 Just Mohabbat
- 6:30 Disney Hour
- 7:30 Charbusters
- 8:00 Music Mantra
- 8:30 Boogie Woogie
- 9:00 Goonj
- 9:30 Kkusum
- 10:00 Kahani Terri Merri
- 10:30 Achanak 37 Saal
- 11:00 Aahat
- 11:30 Kutumb
- 12:00 Ghar Ek Mandir
- 12:30 Superhit
- 3:00 Geet Bahar
- 3:25 Kuch Hit Kuch
- 3:30 Superhit
- 3:30 Zakhmi Aurat
- 6:55 Kuch Hit Kuch
- 7:00 Superhit
- 7:00 Hit Filemin Hit Sangeet - 20 M
- 7:25 Kuch Hit Kuch
- 7:30 Cannonball Run
- 10:00 Without Ticket
- 10:30 Celebrate With Music
- 10:55 Kuch Hit Kuch Superhit
- 11:00 Jubilee Plus
- 11:30 Hit Filemin Hit Sangeet - 20 M
- 11:55 Kuch Hit Kuch Superhit
- 12:00 Gopichand Jasoods
- 10:15 Vertical Ray of The Sun
- 12:15 Twenty Bucks
- 2:00 Tough Guys
- 3:45 Grumpier Old Men
- 5:30 Detour
- 7:00 US Marshals
- 8:35 The Grey Zone
- 10:45 The End Of The Affair
- 12:30 Holiday Heart

PICK OF THE DAY



U.S. Marshals
On Star Movies: 07:00 p.m.
U.S. Marshal Sam Gerard is accompanying a plane load of convicts from Chicago to New York. The plane crashes spectacularly, and Mark Sheridan escapes. But when the FBI's John Royce is assigned to help Gerard recapture Sheridan, it becomes clear that Sheridan is more than just another murderer. When a prisoner transport plane carrying Deputy Sam Gerard as an escort crashes, one prisoner, Mark Sheridan helps him rescue some trapped prisoners and then escapes himself.

- 8:30 Wild Discovery
- Mzima: Haunt Of The River Horse
- 9:30 Globetrekker: Egypt Choppers
- 10:30 Extreme Machines Power Boats
- 12:30 Great Palaces Of The World The Hearst Castle-- USA
- 1:00 Casino Diaries: A Weekend In Paris
- 1:30 Body Challenge
- 2:30 New Detectives: Trails of Evidence
- 3:30 Globetrekker: San Francisco
- 4:30 I Love My Music
- 5:00 Mystery Hunters
- 5:30 Breed All About It Old English Sheep Dogs
- 6:00 Twisted Tales Chicken Challenge Stranded In The Waste-Land
- 7:30 Wild Discovery In The Depths Of The Forest
- 8:30 Military Aviation Thunderbirds
- 9:30 Extreme Machines Motorcycle Mania
- 10:30 Jeremy Clarkson's Motorworld UK
- 11:00 Great Crimes and Trials Richard Speak: The Nurse Killer
- 11:30 Big Water
- 6:30 Football Focus
- 7:30 School Quiz Show ESPN School Quiz 2003
- 8:00 Wrestling Apple Crush
- 8:30 NBA Playoffs Conference Semifinals Game
- 11:00 Motorsport Asia
- 11:30 School Quiz Show ESPN School Quiz 2003
- 12:00 UEFA Champions League 2002/03
- Madrid, Spain Real Madrid Cf Vs Juventus Fc Semifinal
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- 12:00 UEFA Champions League 2002/03
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- China Event Highlights
- English Premier League Highlights 2002/03
- 4:00 Australia Tour of West Indies The Cable & Wireless Test Series 2003 Barbados, West Indies West Indies Vs Australia 3rd Test, Day 5, Highlights
- 5:30 School Quiz Show ESPN School Quiz 2003
- 6:00 NBA Playoffs Conference Semifinals Game
- 8:30 Sportscenter Hindi
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- 8:00 New Zealand Tour of Sri Lanka '03: 4th Day, 2nd Test H/Ls
- 10:00 New Zealand Tour of Sri Lanka '03: 5th Day, 2nd Test
- 6:00 After Burn
- 7:00 New Zealand Tour of Sri Lanka '03: 5th Day, 2nd Test H/Ls
- 7:30 Bajaj Caliber 1 15 Sports Update
- 7:35 New Zealand tour of Sri Lanka '03: 2nd Day, 2nd Test H/Ls
- 9:00 EPGA HL's 03:60th Italian Open Telecom Italia
- 9:30 Bajaj Caliber 1 15 Sports Update
- 9:35 New Zealand Tour of Sri Lanka '03: 5th Day, 2nd Test H/Ls
- 10:00 EPGA :European Tour Weekly
- 10:05 Indian Football Show
- 11:00 After Burn
- 11:30 Bajaj Caliber 1 15 Sports Update
- 11:35 After Burn
- 6:30 Yes No Very Good
- 1:30 Ajaker Shironam
- 7:00 Gaan-War
- 7:20 Dhun Sambad
- 8:30 Tara News
- 9:30 Tara News Bangladesh
- 10:00 Banglar Mukh
- 10:30 News Magazine
- 11:30 Tara News
- 6:30 Picking up the Pieces
- 8:15 Snatch
- 10:15 Instinct to Kill
- 12:15 We're No Angels
- 2:15 And the Band Played on
- 5:00 Cinema Secrets III: 7-Oscar Winning Fx U-Turn
- 5:30 The Money Pit
- 10:00 Code Red: The Rubicon Conspiracy
- 12:00 Universal Soldier: The

Return

- 1:45 And The Band Played on
- 4:30 The Money Pit
- 6:00 Danger Diaries
- 7:00 Shark Feeders
- 7:30 NG Adventures
- 8:00 On Assignment
- 9:00 Explorer's Journal
- 10:00 Danger Diaries
- 11:00 On Assignment
- 11:30 The Hunt For Amazing Treasures
- 12:00 Surfer's Journal
- 12:30 Explorer's Journal
- 1:30 Fast & Furious: Skitsjesilen in Friesland
- 2:30 Wild California
- 3:30 Danger Diaries
- 4:40 Fresh Air Crew
- 5:00 Explorer's Journal
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- 9:30 Oprah Winfrey Show
- 10:30 The Drew Carey Show
- 11:00 Whose Line Is It Anyway
- 11:30 J.A.G
- 12:30 Law And Order - S.V.U
- 1:30 Chicago Hope
- 2:28 Star Asia Travel
- 2:30 Oprah Winfrey Show
- 3:30 Bold and Beautiful
- 4:30 Hollywood Squares
- 5:00 The Brady Bunch
- 5:30 Knight Rider
- 6:30 The Simpsons
- 7:00 Everybody Loves Raymond
- 7:30 Drama & Greg
- 8:00 Friends
- 8:30 Charmed
- 9:30 Ally Mcbeal
- 10:30 The Practice
- 11:28 Star Asia Travel
- 11:30 Baywatch

ANIMAL PLANET

- 8:30 Wild Rescues Baby Rhino, Cinder, Japan Golden Eagles
- 9:00 Croc Files
- 9:30 Animal Planet Safari
- Coyote: the Willy Yagabond
- 10:30 Living Planet Frozen World
- 11:30 Planet's Funniest Animals
- 12:00 Breed All About It Old English Sheep Dogs
- 12:30 Battersea Dogs Home
- 1:00 On The Edge
- 1:30 Monday Action Men
- 2:30 Aussie Animal rescue Snakebuster
- 3:00 Parklife
- 3:30 The Zoo
- 4:00 Twisted Tales Bat
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- George And The Rhinod
- 11:30 Natural World Firebird
- 8:00 Singapore Semifinal
- 9:00 Oxford & Cambridge Race 2003 London
- 10:30 Football League
- Madrid Vs Mallorca
- 12:30 English Premier Football League
- English Premier Football League
- 2002/03 Liverpool, England Liverpool Vs Manchester City
- 2:30 National Cricket
- 3:00 League Leicester, England Leicestershire Vs Glamorgan Div
- 8:00 Sportsline Tonight
- 8:30 Tennis Masters Series Telecom Italia Masters, Rome, Italy 1st Round
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