

RECOMMENDATIONS

Exhibition

June 12-13
The Bangladesh Bonsai Society and the Japanese Embassy will jointly organise the eighth exhibition of bonsai art-works at the BRAC Centre at Mohakhali. The opening ceremony will take place at 10.30 in the morning of June 12. The exhibition will remain open for visitors and buyers from 10 am to 7 pm on both the days.

June 6-16
A photography exhibition titled 'Cityscape' is being held at the Shilparag gallery (House 15, Road 16, Dhanmondi R/A, Dhaka 1209) from June 6. The exhibition will continue till June 16.

June 6-19
A painting exhibition of Rashid Amin titled 'Happenings' is going on at the German Cultural Centre, Goethe Institut Dhaka from June 6th to 19th, from 2-8 pm.

June 06-11
Freelance Artist Abdus Salam's solo art exhibition titled 'Shomoyer Bastabota (Fantasy with Reality)' is going on at the Zainul Gallery, Institute of Fine Arts, University of Dhaka. The exhibition continues until June 11 and is open for visitors everyday from 2 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Film Show

June 10
Zahir Raihan Film Society in association with the Alliance Francaise will screen six films in the second part of the Francois Truffaut Retrospective. Today two films will be screened: 'Two English Girls' (1971) and 'The Last Metro' (1980) at the Alliance Francaise, Dhanmondi. Time: 5:00 pm and 6:45pm.

June 10
Academy Film Society will screen a French film titled 'Madame Butterfly' at 21/C, Jigatola. Time: 6:30pm.

Exhibition

Aspiring for an ornamental effect

Mizanur Rahman Fakir's exhibit at Saju Art Gallery

FAYZA HAQ

MIZANUR Rahman Fakir, whose exhibition of Oriental Art and experimentation with abstraction was recently held at Saju Art Gallery, speaking about why he originally ventured into Oriental Art, said, "I prefer this to any other form of art being attracted to soft washes from the outset as an art student. This is line dominated work and has softness and subtlety which you may not find in any other water colour work. Again, I can experiment with the medium and not necessarily stick to the dictates of conventional Oriental Art. You can bring in different textures, variation of lines and leave space at will plus bring in forms of your own, whether they be that of human beings or nature and environment around."

Again, delving into why he had chosen his genre, Fakir said, "I admire the work of the Mogul past, which is an integral part of our own historical past. I enjoy the technique and effect enormously. You will find in my work some copy studies and some from my own imagination. At one time I used to keep models, follow Abdul Rehman Chughtai, but now I work from my memory and as my mind moves, restricting myself to washes. I don't do much commercial art at the moment along with my other professional work, although I've done some of that as a student. I now get by with what I earn in my exhibits and my family has always been supportive. My buyers are

either business magnates or foreign connoisseurs."

Talking about the artists who had influenced him in his work, Fakir said, "My teachers, Abdus Sattar, Shawkatuzman, Nasreen Begum and Hashim Khan all guided and influenced me, as I worked to get my masters in 1996. Of these I admire Shawkatuzman most of all." He added, "I've had about 15 group exhibits and this is my first solo venture at Rajshahi and Dhaka," asked to give the number of his displays.

Asked if he faced any problems in his profession, Fakir said, "I get my paints and paper with ease, being helped by understanding family members from overseas at times."

Touching on whether he preferred his traditional Oriental Art or experimentation, moving into new horizons, with abstraction in mind, Fakir said, "I've done experimentation since 1999, along with my Oriental Art. I enjoy both. I haven't restricted myself to portraits of women only and have brought in other subjects too. Nature and our surroundings, such as dying trees or rusting tin sheds, along with rural scenes have entered my compositions. The female forms date back to my student days which haven't been sold out as yet and I believe that they're quickly lapped up, as they have easy visual appeal for the conventional art buyers. Earlier, I used sittings of models but now I don't need them for my work. My own flights of fancy are adequate for my work."



Lady-2

"I've used bright colours most of all even though in the background, to bring in the textured effect, I used dark colours," Fakir said, when asked about his choice of hues.

Dwelling on whether some of our artists are tending to be very westernized in their search for the nouveau, Fakir said, "Our artists might have been experimental and somewhat abstract at times, quite often, but as seen, they have often retained the traditional motifs in the folds of their textures and lines. They have not always departed from their roots in the lust for being trendy and with it. What they tend to do is combine the eastern influence with the western ones in their quest for experimental works. One cannot stop the influence of masters like Matisse and Picasso."

In "The couple" and "The friend" we saw two women in a composition, one with a pale blue sari and the other salmon pink one, with one putting an exotic flower in the other's head. The details of the face, body and clothes remained oriental in

outlook. The other painting held a lover, bare to his waist, holding hands with the object of his amour. The woman sported heavy jewellery on her wrists and orange garland on her flowing jet black hair. Soft, pale washes in blue were included in both the water colour compositions. "Friendship" had combined folk art with modern lines and composition and it had two women playing with a myna bird. One woman was in beige tones while the other was grayish. Dots and squares embellished their simple saris. Behind was a banana tree standing as a contrast against the yellow and brown wash in the backdrop.

Mizanur Rahman Fakir has won four awards including the Quamrul Hassan Memorial Award in 1991 and the Experimental Award from, Dept. of Oriental Art, the Institute of Fine Arts, DU in 1998. He has experience in book cover designing, photography and puppet making. He also has experience as a ceramic instructor.

Ceremony

Theatre School awards certificate

A silent revolution against the self-seeking society.

KAUSAR ISLAM AYON

THE certificate awarding ceremony of the 13th batch of the one-year Certificate Course on Acting run by Theatre School was held on June 05, at Mahila Samity Auditorium. Former Advisor of the Caretaker Government and Treasurer of East-West University, Syed Manzur Elahi was present at the function as chief guest while Professor Kabir Chowdhury, Principal, Theatre School presided.

Twenty-six students took part in the course, among which eighteen passed. Subidita Chandra secured first position while Muturaza Sharif and Mahmud Hasan Kayesh got the second and third place respectively. The students of the 13th batch staged *Bhek* (The Frogs) a unique comedy by Greek playwright Aristophanes. The play was translated by Kabir Chowdhury and directed by Irene Parveen Lopa.

Theatre School, established in 1990, has so far conducted 13 one-year certificate courses in Dhaka, 10 three months courses in different district towns and 12 subject-based 'advanced workshops' in Dhaka. "The fee for one year course is Tk. 2500.00, which is not sufficient enough to carry on with the expenditure," AKM Khurshid Alam, Superintendent of the school said. As a



Students of the 13th batch along with teachers.

result the school has to ask for help from various sources. The school requires about 10 lakh Taka per year. Bangladesh Freedom Foundation (BFF) is currently helping Theatre School in executing different activities, but their contract is going to expire this year. The chief guest, who also happens to be the Chairman of BFF, promised to continue with the donation. Abullah Al Mamun, a celebrated theatre activist, is very much hopeful about the talent scattered all over the country. He committed to continue activities of the school despite all problems.

Music



Smaralipi Sangeet Academy organised a solo musical evening of Nilufar Banu at the Shawkat Osman auditorium recently. She performed songs of Tagore, Atul Prasad, Rajanikanta and Kamal Das Gupta.

Mesbah, a popular ghazal singer, has performed a record number of 700 plus, solo musical evenings in the city. His proper accent and style in presenting ghazals has created an impact among the audience. His solo recitals will be held on 15, 22 and 29 June, at La Vinci Hotel, Kawran Bazar.



TV GUIDE

All programmes are in local time. The Daily Star will not be responsible for any change in the

BTV
12:00 News Headlines
12:15 Suvechha Nin
12:30 Shambadpotrer Pata Theke
12:40 Shashiya Tathiya
1:00 News
1:05 Cartoon Film
1:30 Shobar Jannya Shiksha
2:00 News Headline
2:05 Rangdhanu
2:30 Anandalok
3:00 News (English)
3:05 Shukhi Paribar
3:30 Chalantika
4:00 News Headline
4:05 Sangeeta
4:30 Open University News
5:00 News
5:05 Bhalo Thakun Shushtha Thakun
5:30 Mithoskria
6:00 News Desh Janapodh
6:10 Shandha Maloti
6:35 Programmes of Chittagong Centre
7:00 News Headlines Share Market Weather Forecast Series Drama
7:30 Loukik Bangla
8:00 News at Eight (Bangla)
8:30 Patikriti
9:00 Laighuri
9:30 Ananda Ayojon
10:00 News at Ten
10:25 Weather Forecast
10:30 News Reporting
10:35 Rimjhim
11:00 Apnader Chithi Pelam
11:30 Late Night News/News Headline

CHANNEL-I
2:00 Bangla Feature Film: Bibad
5:35 Jonopoder Khabor
5:45 Taka Na Sona
6:10 Music Plus
6:45 Drama Serial:Poster
7:15 Channel-i News
7:45 Ispahani-i Tele Quiz (Q)
7:50 Drama Serial:Sundar Sharbonash
8:25 Drama Serial:Grihagolpo
9:00 Channel-i News
9:31 Ispahani-i Tele Quiz (R)
9:35 Drama Serial:Grohan
10:00 Drama Serial:Bhalo Mondo Manusherha
10:25 Channel-i Mobile

ATN BANGLA
8:00 ATN Bangla News
8:25 Weekly Drama: Mon Chuya Zai
9:35 Magazine Prog: Walton Ghore Ghore
10:50 Talk Show: Katha Mala
12:00 ATN Bangla News
12:20 The Daily Newspaper Discussing Prog: Ajker Sangbadpotro
12:40 Musical prog : ATN Music
1:20 Bengali Feature film: Paros Pathor
4:20 Puppert Magazine: The World of Jonathon Sing
4:50 The Daily Newspaper Discussing Prog: Ajker Sangbadpotro
5:00 Gram Banglar Sangbad
5:15 Musical Prog: Music Vision
5:50 Musical Prog: Uro Cola 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 : Donddo
8:40 Drama : Aronner Kache Fera Asha
9:00 ATN Bangla News
9:25 Audio Magazine: Audio Mela
10:00 ATN Bangla News
10:30 Talk Show: Face To Face
11:00 ATN Bangla News
12:00 Bengali Feature Film: Jabab Chai

TARA BANGLA
1:30 Yes No Very Good
2:00 Taka Na Sona
6:30 Aajker Shironam Gaan-War
7:00 Dhush Sambad
8:00 Adda Stop
8:30 Tara News
9:30 Tara News Bangladesh
10:00 Fashionay Bhushanay
10:30 News Magazine
11:30 Tara News

HBO
6:30 Splitting Heirs
8:15 Desperate Measures

10:15 The Ticket
12:00 Problem Child 3
1:45 Piranha II: The Spawning
3:45 Hideaway
6:00 Cruel Intentions 2
7:45 Down to Earth
9:30 Mortal Kombat 61
11:30 Life
2:00 Life
4:15 Hideaway
7:15 My Stepmother Is An Alien
9:00 The Mirror Has Two Faces
11:00 Life With Mikey
12:30 Ferngully: The Last Rainfores
2:00 Mac & Me
3:45 Waiting For Guffman
5:15 It Had To Be You
7:00 Rambo 3
8:40 Pumpkinhead II: Blood Wing
10:15 I've Been Waiting For You
11:45 Nostradamus

AXN
6:30 Movie : Stand by me
7:30 Rescue 911
9:00 Who Dares Wins
9:30 Profiler : Do the right thing
10:30 Earth Final Conflict Art to War
11:30 Courage
1:30 Ripleys Believe It or Not!
2:30 Movie: Slow Burn
4:30 Who Dares Wins
5:30 Pacific Blue
6:30 Earth Final Conflict Art to War
7:30 Test of the Toughest
8:30 Profiler : Do the right thing
9:30 Ripleys Believe It or Not!
11:30 Wild On
1:30 Test of the Toughest

SONY
8:00 Sant Asaram Vani
8:30 Om Namath Shivay
9:30 Good Morning Disney
10:30 Chartbusters
11:00 Music Mantra
11:30 Indian Holiday
12:00 Cook it up with Tarla Dalal
12:30 Heena
1:00 Kkusum
1:30 Ab Ayega Mazzaa

TODAY'S HIGHLIGHTS

STAR MOVIES at 11:45 p.m.
Nostradamus . Rob Estes plays a homicide detective investigating a series of strange multiple murders, assisted by an oddball FBI agent, played by Joely Fisher, who is also clairvoyant. The apparent perpetrator is a time travelling assassin, come all the way from the 15th century seeking to bring about Armageddon.

HBO at 07:45p.m. Down to Earth. It seems everyone is trying to get into heaven; at least those whose time is up. For Lance Barton, a struggling comedian and bicycle messenger, it's the last thing on his mind. His due date upstairs is 50 years away. In the meantime, he's got big dreams to pursue on Earth, such as landing a slot at the final

2:00 Naam Gum Jayega
2:00 Kutumb
2:30 Dhadkan
3:30 Ghar Ek Mandir
4:00 Alpvairam
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 Chartbusters
8:00 Music Mantra
8:30 Biographies
9:00 Current Bollywood
9:30 Kkusum
10:00 Naam Gum Jayega
10:30 Achanak-37 Saal Baad
11:00 Dhadkan
11:30 Kutumb
12:00 Ghar Ek Mandir

MGM
6:30 Moonstone
9:00 American Ninja 4
11:30 Hangfire
2:00 Double Impact
4:30 Bigtown
6:30 Once Upon Crime
9:30 Zee MGM Rigt
11:30 Wisdom

ZEE TV
2:00 Piya Ka Ghar
2:30 Dollar Bahu
3:00 Astitva... ek prem kahani
3:30 Chausath Panne (Dil Na Jaane Kyon)

4:00 Miit
4:30 Classic Movies
7:30 News
8:00 Sound of Music
8:30 Life In the word
9:00 Bhakti Bhaav
9:30 Yoga for life
9:50 Jagran
10:20 Zee Gym & Eat Healthy
10:50 Yaadein Radio Ceylon Ki
11:00 Cartoon Network On Zee
12:00 Ek Nazar
12:30 Professor Pyareal
1:00 Gudguddee
1:30 Piya Ka Ghar
2:00 Pyar Zindagi hai
2:30 Lipstick
3:00 Anjali (Baby Shami, Revathi)
6:00 Ek Nazar
6:30 Bollywood Gupshup
7:00 Pyar Zindagi hai
7:30 Chausath Panne (Dil Na Jaane Kyon)

8:00 Astitva ... ek Prem Khaani
8:30 Miit6
9:00 Kitti Party
9:30 Dollar Bahu
10:00 Piya ka ghar
10:30 Pyar Zindagi Hai
11:00 Chausath Panne
11:30 Astitva . ek Prem Kahani
12:00 Miit

STAR WORLD
8:00 Hollywood

PICK OF THE DAY

Cruel Intentions 2
On HBO at 06 :00 p.m.
Kathryn makes a bet that her step-brother, Sebastian, won't be able to bed Annette (a virgin, who wants to wait until marriage) before the start of the school year. If he loses, Kathryn gets his Roadster, if he wins, he gets Kathryn. Ryan Phillippe and Sarah Michelle Gellar play bickering step-siblings who, together, quietly control much of the social lives of the students

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 Dharma & Greg
1:00 Frasier
1:30 Chicago Hope
2:28 Star Asia Travel
2:30 Oprah Winfrey
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 Dharma & Greg
8:00 Friends
8:30 Mjdoubletake
12:00 Baywatch

ZEE CINEMA
7:30 Akhand Saubhagy Awati (Arvind Kumar, Reeta Bhaduri)
10:30 Aaj Ka Shehanshah (Raj Babbar, Kimi Katkar)
1:30 Sanjog (Jeetendra, Jaya Prada, Vinod Mehra)
5:30 Arnari No. 1 (Govinda, Raveena Tandon)
9:30 Heer Ranjha (Anil Kapoor, Sridevi)

8:30 Super Gaane
9:00 Hotlist
10:30 Mere Apne
1:00 Super Gaane
2:30 Ek Baar Phir
5:00 Hotlist
6:30 Imaan Dharam
9:00 Boogie Woogie
10:30 Mann
1:00 Hotlist

STAR PLUS
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 Chinn
11:30 Kabhii Sautan Kabhii Saheli
12:00 Shanti
12:30 Hit Filmein Hit Sangeet - 20 M
12:55 Taaza Hits
1:00 Kasautii Zindagii Kay
1:30 Kumkum - Pyara Sa Bandhan
2:00 Bhabhi
2:30 Kyunki Saas Bhi Kabhi Bahu Thi
2:55 Kaahin Kissi Roz Bhabhi

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 Kumkum - Pyara Sa Bandhan
7:55 Film Topper - 301 Series
8:00 Shaka Laka Boom Boom
8:30 Khichdi
9:00 Kasautii Zindagii Kay
9:30 Kehta Hai Dil
10:30 Kahaani Ghar Ghar Kii
11:00 Kyunki Saas Bhi Kabhi Bahu Thi
11:30 Kaahin Kissi Roz Bhabhi

STAR GOLD
10:55 Kuch Hit Kuch Superhit
11:00 Hit Filmein Hit Sangeet - 20 M
11:25 Kuch Hit Kuch Superhit
11:30 Azaad Desh Ke Gulam
2:25 Kuch Hit Kuch Superhit
2:30 Geet Bahar
3:00 Hit Filmein Hit Sangeet - 20 M
3:25 Kuch Hit Kuch Superhit
3:30 Khuddaar
6:55 Kuch Hit Kuch Superhit
7:00 Hit Filmein Hit Sangeet - 20 M
7:25 Kuch Hit Kuch Superhit
7:30 Watan Ke Rakhwale
22:55 Kuch Hit Kuch Superhit
11:00 Geet Gata Chal
11:30 Hit Filmein Hit Sangeet - 20 M
11:55 Kuch Hit Kuch Superhit
12:00 Kartavya

NATIONAL GEOGRAPHY
8:00 Toyota World Of Wildlife S3
8:30 Attack! In Pursuit Maneaters
9:30 Last Of The Dragons
10:30 India Diaries
11:00 India Diaries
11:30 Dogs With Jobs
12:00 Earth Pulse

12:30 Story Of Reynard
The Fox The
1:30 Peopleoutther
2:00 Mission Everest
2:30 \$100 Taxi Ride
3:00 Young Global Hot Shots
3:30 People's Planet
4:30 Croc Chronicles
5:00 Toyota World Of Wildlife S3
5:30 Africa From The Ground Up
6:00 Return To The Wild
6:30 Dogs With Jobs
7:00 Earth Pulse
7:30 Top Cat
8:30 People Out There
9:00 Mission Everest
9:30 \$100 Taxi Ride
10:00 Young Global Hot Shots
10:30 Dinosaur Dealers The
11:30 Croc Chronicles
12:00 Toyota World Of Wildlife S3

ADVENTURE ONE
8:00 Out There
8:30 The Hunt For Amazing Treasures
9:00 Ng Explorer
10:00 Windborn
11:00 Explorer's Journal
12:00 Surfer's Journal
12:30 Chasing Time
1:00 Out There
1:30 Lionhearts
2:30 Ng Explorer
3:30 Danger Diaries
4:30 On Assignment
5:00 Explorer's Journal
5:30 Nick's Quest
6:30 Out There
7:00 The Hunt For Amazing Treasures
7:30 Ng Explorer
8:30 The Jason Project
9:30 Surfer's Journal
10:00 Nick's Quest
10:30 Out There
11:00 The Hunt For Amazing Treasures
11:30 Ng Explorer

STAR SPORTS
7:30 Sportsline Tonight Sportsline (R)
8:00 Sportsline Tonight Sportsline(R)
8:30 Hitz (R)
9:00 Wimbledon Library Films Double The Fun(R)
10:00 Cricket Talk Show Best Of Harsha Online (T)
10:30 International Motorsports News International Motorsports News

2003 (T)
Wimbledon Library
Films Double The Fun (R)
12:30 Sri Lanka Tour Of West Indies The Cable & Wireless One Day Intl Series
2003 Barbados West Indies West Indies Vs Sri Lanka 2nd Odi 1st Session(R)
2:30 Sri Lanka Tour Of West Indies The Cable & Wireless One Day Intl Series
2003 Barbados West Indies West Indies Vs Sri Lanka 2nd Odi 2nd Session(R)
4:30 Wrestling Apple Crush (T)
5:00 This Is The Pga Tour (R)
6:00 International Motorsports News International Motorsports News 2003 (R)
7:00 Formula One Boat Racing Uim F1 Powerboat World C'ships 2003
Portimao Portugal Event Highlights(T)
7:30 Asia Pacific Rally Championship Asia Pacific Rally Championship 2003 Australia Australia Event Highlights(T)
8:00 Sportsline Tonight Sportsline (L)
8:30 Moto Gp Highlights
Motogp World Championship 2003 Mugello Italy Highlights(T)
10:00 Dream Team (T)
10:30 Sportsline Tonight Sportsline (T)
11:00 Wimbledon Library Films Great Wimbledon Rivalries (T)
12:00 Cricket Talk Show Best Of Harsha Online (T)
8:00 ESPN
8:00 Zimbabwe Tour Of England Npower Test Series 2003
Durham England England Vs Zimbabwe 2nd Test Day Highlights(S)
9:30 Motorsport Asia (R)
10:00 NBA Anthology Unforgettabulls: 6th C'ship Season Of