### RECOMMENDATIONS

#### **Exhibition**

June 29-July 12

Shilpangan has arranged a special fourteen-day watercolour exhibition of reputed sculptor and painter Hamiduzzaman Khan starting from June 29. In the function, Shilpangan will honour two famous art-critics Rabiul Hossain and Moinuddin Khaled for their outstanding contribution to the country's art movement. Shilpangan will also honour Faiza Haq of The Daily Star and Ashishur Rahman Shuvo of The Daily Janakantha for cultural reporting. The programme starts at 5.30pm. The exhibition is open for visitors everyday from 10 am to 9 pm.

#### **Crystal Fair**

A weeklong Russian Crystal Fair will be held in the Exhibition Hall at the Russian Cultural Centre. The inauguration ceremony will be held on Friday, June 20 at 5pm. The exhibition will remain open for all from 10:00 am to 7:00 pm till Thursday June 26th 2003

Venue: Exhibition Hall of the Russian Cultural Centre House # 510, Road # 7, Dhanmondi R/A, Dhaka-

#### Theatre

June 27-30 To mark the fourth Biannual Conference of Shattwik Nattya Somprodya, the theatre group arranges a drama festival at the Shawkat Osman auditorium of Begum Sufia Kamal Library. Entitled Molierre Drama Festival, the festival features staging of Molierre's drama by four reputed theatre groups of Dhaka. Besides, a seminar titled Molierre's Drama in Bangladesh will also take place during the 4-day long

#### Typo error

In our June 21 issue, the panel of the second article was mistakenly typed as 'Drama review'. It should have been 'Music' instead

conference of Shattwik

## Exhibition

# **Motifs from the Quranic script**

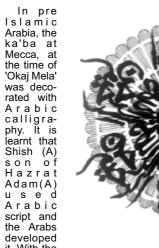
## Dhaka Sahittya Sanskriti Kendra holds 6th calligraphy exhibition

DR. HABIBA KHATUN

N exhibition of calligraphy organised by Dhaka Shahitya O Sanskriti Kendra is being held at the Bangladesh National Museum gallery commencing from 14th to 24th June 2003. At least 42 calligraphers are participating in it.

Calligraphy is an ascetic art of writing. This abstract form is inspired by Islamic thought. The Semite began Arabic calligraphy and Islamic calligraphy is of that origin. A calligrapher makes an interaction between motifs from the Quranic script and different forms of abstract art. His product is a display of art of peace rather than an 'art for art sake' only. Thus a calligrapher's mission is to promote global peace. His job is of a missionary in the modern turbulent world. He began serving long before paper was invented or printing

A calligrapher is a highly esteemed man in a Muslim society



expansion of Islam, Islamic calligraphy gained popularity throughout the world. In modern Bangladesh, a group of calligraphers produced excellent calligraphy out of their own



just like an Hafez of the Quran. Prophet Muhammad (S) recited the Quran with the help of Jibrail (A) but his nearest relative Hazrat Ali(R) read it himself and wrote it as a calligrapher. He was the calligra-pher or writer of the Treaty of Hudybia. From that day onward Islamic calligraphy is going on. From the very beginning of Islamic civilisation, Muslim rulers of the world patronised Islamic calligraphy and painting for didactic use. The Abbasid rulers kept it alive by translating ancient valuable manuscripts of the past civilization. Islamic civilization flourished under their expression. They made Islamic calligraphy an art of

Arts Exhibition organised by the Bangladesh Shilpa Kala Academy one can find calligraphers' work of Pakistan, Iran, Indonesia, Kuwait and other Muslim countries. There are names of Sadekyn, Ar Mafi, Pyros, Rafilahhan as calligraphers of modern Muslim world.

Under the patronage of the Muslim rulers of Bengal, the art of Islamic calligraphy began in the 13<sup>th</sup> century. Specimen of those are there in the Bangladesh National Museum. Those were done on the wall of mosques or on stone slab used for mosques. The style of writing were kufic, Naskh, Sulz, Tughra and others. The motifs were either from the Quranic verses, or from the words of the Prophet(S) or

the rulers who pat-ronised the work or all minaled

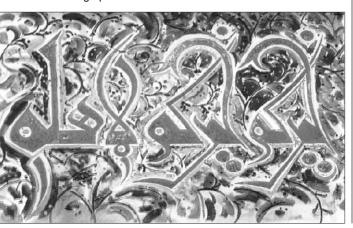
Tughra style is currently used by the calligraphers of Among the water colour painters calligra-B a n g l a-desh names of Ibrahim Mondol, K.H

Moniruzzaman, Monwar Hossain are worth mentionable. Calligraphic work of famous elderly painters Murtaza Baseer, Shamsul Islam Nizami, Abu Taher are there along with a bunch of promising new comers like Sabih ul Alam, Md. Rezaul Karim, Rasha, Ibrahim Mondol, Nasiruddin Ahmed, Aminul slam Amin, Shahidullah F. Bari, Mahboob Murshid, M.A. Aziz, Md. Ameenul Haq, Md Anwar Hosain, Mubashhir Mojumdar, M.A. Rahim, Rafiqullah Gazali, Ha Mim Kifaytullah, Md. Masum Billah and others. Most of the calligraphers have used Arabic script from the Quranic verses. Famous painter Dr. Abdus Satter has used Bengali script in calligraphy. Artist Rahsa better known as sculptor has set a calligraphy in Bengali alphabet engraved on wood. Recently flourshed known calligrapher Ibrahim

Mondol has attained a firm place in the arena of calligraphy. He composes letters in such a way that the colour, the form, and abstract figure in painting attain excellence in unity and uniformity. There is a speciality in his art of calligraphy, which can be called Sulz style of 'Mahi'. 'Mahi' is a style where fish like form is produced in colour. In his ascetic art, the Quranic verses are used that produced aesthetic beauty. Artist Nasir Khan has used "Allah", "Aleef laam meem" in Arabic script very successfully and aesthetically. Ameerul Huq has produced "forbidden" colourfully and successfully. He has nicely decorated leaves and shrubs, human hand and many other things as corollaries to Arabic letter painted. Calligrapher Shahidullah F. Bari is an expert of Arabic calligraphy. For presentation of Arabic alphabet he uses different background light colours for highlighting transparency and beauty of the creator. He usually uses water colour. Mahboob Murshid has his own way of painting. He is successful in depicting impressive colourful display of words. Water colour is his medium of expression.

In the current exhibition most of the artists selected motifs from the verses of the Quran. Love for the Beauty and the Creator as well as love for humanity and nature has successfully been depicted in all the calligraphy of devoted calligra-

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### Snapshots of the past

# Rare Pictures of Eastern Bengal

## Launched by Standard Chartered Bank

**CULTURE DESK** 

TANDARD Chartered Bank launched a book titled Rare Photographs of Eastern Bengal, which is a collection of rare photographs, compiled and edited by Wagar A Khan. The publication ceremony was held on Friday, 20 June 2003 and the eminent citizens of the country attended the function. Justice Muhammad Habibur Rahman, former Chief Advisor to the Caretaker Government of Bangladesh was present as chief guest and Dr. Anisuzzaman, a noted academician of the country, attended as special guest.

More than 120 photographs of

people, events and lifestyles of Eastern Bengal covering the period from 1880 to 1940 are included in the book, which is the first of its kind in Bangladesh. Every photograph is accompanied with a brief description of people, time and place and gives easy reading to the readers. Justice Habibur Rahman said in

his speech that the publication ceremony of Rare Photographs of Eastern Bengal marked a very special day in our endeavour to discover our heritage, which will remain a source of inspiration for vears to come. He further said that a book like this would never grow old and we would come back to it again



Justice Muhammad Habibur Rahman, former Chief Advisor to the Caretaker Government of Bangladesh and David Fletcher, Chief Executive Officer of Standard Chartered Bank, Bangladesh, are seen with Waqar A Khan.

and again to find new things every

Dr. Anisuzzaman said that the book was a superb collection of historical images made possible by hard work by Waqar Khan. He added that the introduction of the book gives a lucid background of how photography has developed in the sub-continent.

David Flectcher, Chief Executive officer, Bangladesh of Standard Chartered Bank said that the book was actually meant to look at the future, not at the past. He said that the future generations would immensely benefit from this book, each page of which is a potent slice of history.

Waqar A Khan gave a presenta tion of the book to the audience and explained each photograph in the book. He said that it took him 5 years to collect and reconstruct the photographs, which he is pleased to

# Musical tour

# Stars on stage

One & Only Star Search 2003

**CULTURAL CORRESPONDENT** 

N order to celebrate the fifth year of Star Search, Benson & Hedges took the winners of the orevious year's Star Search contests on a national tour. The grand musical tour began in Sylhet and then went on to Dhaka, Chittagong, Khulna before finally concluding in Bogra. The events were planned as a part of the on-going Benson & Hedges Star Search Contest of 2003, and in addition to showcasing the enormous talent discovered through four successful years of the contest, it was a way of drumming up support and enthusiasm for

Star Search is already a well-known platform for discovering ınknown musical talent from all



corners of the nation. The bands

and solo performers who have won titles in the Star Search contest have gone on to gain national star-

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**ADVENTURE** 

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Star Search, these performers toured the country and performed

Railway Pt1

Western Union

U.S. Open Golf

Championship

Olympia Fields II

2nd Session(S)

Spanish Football

World Football (R)

# TV GUIDE

#### All programmes are in local time. The Daily Star will not be responsible for any change in the \* News Bulletin

News Headlines(Bangla) at 3:10 pm. 4:00 pm. 7:00

News(Bangla) at 5:00 pm. News (Bangla) at 8:00 pm. News (English) at 10:00 pm. Late Night News(Bangla and English)/News Headlines at

CHANNEL-i Channel-i News(Bangla) at 7:15 pm, 9:00, 10:30, 12:15 am. Telecast of BTV news(Bangla

and English) at 11:30 pm. ATN BANGIA ATN Bangla News(Bangla) at 8:00 am. 12:00 pm. 7:00 pm. 10:00 pm, 11:00 pm.

9:00 p.m. Telecast of BTV News(Bangla and English) at 11:30 pm. Latest News(Bangla) at 09 a.m,10:00 a.m, 11:00 am.1pm. 2:00 pm.3:00 pm. 4:00pm.6:00 pm.,and 8:00

ATN Bangla news(English) at

. TARA BANGLA NewsHeadline(Bangla) at 5:30 pm. 7:30 pm.

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11:30 Drama Serial:Grihagolpo 12:00 Drama Serial: Ekannaborti 12.40 Drama: Harano Sur

2:00 Bangla Feature Film: Prem Protishodh Jonopoder Khabor Chitra Mela 5:45

6:10 Music Plus 6:45 Drama Serial: Durer Akash 7:00 Business show 7:15 Channel-i News

7:45 Ispahani-i Tele Quiz 7:50 Drama Serial:Ala-

Bhola 8.25 Drama: Pantho Hey Channel-i News

9:31 Isphani-i Tele Quiz 9:35 Drama Serial: Superman

10:00 Drama: Harjit

10:30 Channel-i News

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ATN BANGLA Islamic Prog: ATN Bangla News New Singer competition Prog: Nabin Boran Musical prog

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Newspaper Discussing Prog: Sangbadpotro 12:40 Film Song's prog:

Shurchobi Bengali Feature film: Monehar Documentary Prog: Mater

Subhas 4:50 The Daily Newspaper Discussing Prog: Ajker Sangbadpotro

5:00 Gram Banglar Sangbad 5:15 Special Musical

prog: Santer Bani 5:50 Musical Prog: Uro Cola Saat Rang 6:25 Islamic prog: Islamee Sawal O

Jawab 7:00 ATN Bangla **Evening News** 7:30 Weekly Drama: Anamika

8:40 Musical Prog: Walton Ghore ATN Bangla News Band Musical

prog. : Pop Dhamaka 10:00 ATN Bangla News Talk-Show Katha Mala 11:00 ATN Bangla News

#### Bengali Feature Film: Aponion TARA BANGLA

1:30 Yes No Very Good 2:00 Taka Na Sona 6:30 Aajker Shironam 7:00 Gaan-War 7:20 Dhush Sambad 8:00 Aaschey Tara

Tara News

11:30 Tara News

### **HBO**

6:30 Body Parts 10:00 Varsity Blues 12:00 What Dreams May Come

2:15 Cabin Pressure Box Office 4:15 4:45 6:30 Gladiator

12:00 Daylight

### STAR MOVIES

That Could Happen? 1:15 Wolf Arlington Road 3:15 5:15 7:00

8:45 Mindstorm 10:45 Music From Another Room 12:30 Baby Monitor:

Movie: Takedown Rescue/Who Dares Wins Profiler/Where or When 10:30 Earth Final Conflict/Final

Conflict 11:30 Rescue 12:30 er Hill

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### Bangladesh News Magazine

Zebra Lounge

America Ep. 04

Almost Famous 9:30 11:15 Superstar

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11:30 What's The Worst The Shrink Is In

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Conflict 7:30 Rescue

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Joe's Apartment

6:00 7:45

American Cyborg:

# Sound Of Fear

Andromeda/Bunk

2:30 Movie: Takedown 5:30

Paraya 5:00 Malgudi Days Dekh Bhai Dekh 5:30 6:00 Just Mohabbat 6:30 Disney Hour 7:30 Chartbusters 8:00 Music Mantra

### TODAY'S HIGHLIGHTS STAR MOVIES: 7.00

p.m.:American Cyborg: Steel Warrior. After the nuclear war people are sterile and ruled by the in this violent world. The only woman who was able to give life to a child has to take the child through the dangerous city to the ship to save it. She is followed by an immortal killer robot through all the dangers, and only one guy tries to help her survive and protect her from the killing



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Amrit Varsha

Om Namah

Good Morning

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Disney

10:30 Chartbusters

11:00 Music Mantra

11:30 Indian Holiday

12:00 Cook It up With

Kkusum

Jayega

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Dhadkan

Alpaviram

Ghar Ek Mandir

Kaun Apna Kaun

Ab Ayega Mazzaa

Kuch Kehti Hai

CID

Tarla Dalal

Crime Patrol

Naam Gum

Sant Asaram Vani

11:30 AXN Hot N'Wild

Rated

12:30 Fear Factor

STAR MOVIES: 10:45 p.m. Music From Another Room, Music From Another Room is a romantic comedy that follows the exploits of Danny, a young man who grew up believing he was destined to marry the girl he helped deliver as a five year old boy when his neighbor went into emergency labor. Twentyfive years later, Danny returns to

A 15-year-old boy gets an opportunity to travel with a rock band, Stillwater on a 1973 tour. As a younger boy, his sister and his widowed mother had fought about the mother's control over the family and her denial of rock music. The sister leaves home and leaves the young boy her record collection, which

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#### 12:00 Ghar Ek Mandir ZEE TV

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 Cartoon Network

12:00 Ek Nazar 12:30 Professor Pyarelal 1:00 Gudugudee 1:30 Piya Ka Ghar 2:00 Pyar Zindagi hai 2:30 Lipstick 3:00 Payaar ki Jeet (Shashi Kapur, Rekha)

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6:00 Ek Nazar 6:30 Bollywood Gupshup 7:00 Pyar Zindagi hai 7:30 Chausath Panne (Dil na Jaane Kyon)

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10:30 Pyar Zindagi Hai 11:00 Chausath Panne 11:30 Astitva . ek Prem Kahani

# MGM

11:30

9:00 True Heart 11:30 2:00 No Way Out 4:30 Stanley & Iris 7:00 Oleanna 9:30 Romantic Mondays: Little Death

Girls Just Wanna

**ZEE CINEMA** Navratri (Ashish

Neetu Singh) 1:30 Zara Hatke: Chandni Bar (Atul Kulkami, Tabu) 5:30 Tezaab (Anil Kapoor, Madhuri

STAR GOLD 7:00 Geet Bahar



## Almost Famous

On HBO at 9:30 p.m.

immediately seizes his attention. As a teen, he

Chandaal

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STAR WORLD

12:00 Diljalaa

Kuch Hit Kuch

Hollywood Squares

11:30 Hit Filmein Hit

11:00 Kuch Yaadein Kuch

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6.30 Prancer Cadillac Man

# Have Fun

Kumar, Antra Guha) 10:30 Jhoota Kahin Ka (Rishi Kapoor,

Dixit) 9:30 Chhote Sarkar (Govinda, Shilpa Shetty)

Kenneth Copeland Ministries 6:30 The Simpsons 7:00 Friends Dharma & Greg 7:30

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#### 9:00 Oprah Winfrey 9:30 Show Nash Bridges 11:30 Prince Willia

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The Brady Bunch

12:30 World's Wildest Chicago Hope 2:28 Star Asia Tra Oprah Winfrey 3:30 Bold And Beautiful 4:30 Sabrina The

Teenage Witch 5:00 The Brady Bunch 5:30 Knight Rider The Simpsons 6:30 7:00 Everybody Loves

Raymond 7:30 Dharma & Greg 8:00 Friends The King Of Queens 8:30

9:00 Dharma & Greg 9:30 Grounded For Life 10:00 Frasier 10:30 Boston Public

#### 11:28 Star Asia Tra 11:30 Baywatch SET MAX

7:30 Mini Movies 8:30 Harmony 9:00 Hotlist 10:30 Naalayak 1:00 Harmony 2:00 Duniya

3:00

5:00

#### 7:00 Nikaah 9:00 Super Gaane 10:30 Rahul 1:00 Hotlist

STAR PLUS

Numbri

Hotlist

Kyun Hota Hai 6:00 Pyarrr 6.30 Geet Bahar Geet Bahar 7:00 Dr Morepen Tango 7:30 Daily 8:30 Shaka Laka Boom

9:00 Taaza Hits 9:05 Hit Filmein Hit Sangeet - 20 M 9:30 Fox Kids 10:10 Hit Filmein Hit

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11:30 The Great Indian Sa Bandhan Bhabhi

Kyunki Saas Bhi Kabhi Bahu Thi Shagun (461 -3:30 Kabhi Aaye Na Judai 4:00 Kahaani Ghar Ghar

Kumkum - Pyara

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Kabhi Bahu Thi League (S) 11:30 Kaahin Kissi Roz 8:30 Sportscenter Hindi (L) NBA Anthology

1996 NBA Season ONE Review (R) 6:00 Danger Diaries School Quiz Show 7:00 On Assignment ESPN School Quiz Chasing Time 7:30 2003 (R) 8:00 Going To Extreme 10:00 Sportscenter Hindi

9:00 Wildlife Tourism In Africa 10:00 Danger Diaries 11:00 Explorer's Journal 12:00 Surfer's Journal 12:30 Next Wave 1:00 Game For It

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10:00 Chasing Time

10:30 Going To Extreme

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