

RECOMMENDATIONS

Exhibition

July 11-August 1
A miniature art exhibition will be held at the Shilporag Art Gallery from 11 July to 1 August daily from 11 pm to 8 pm. The inaugural programme will take place on 11 July at 5.30. Venue: Gallery Shilporag, House: 15, Road: 16, Dhanmondi.

Theatre

Silver Jubilee

July 19-21
Group Theatre 'Tarun Shamproday' from Serajganj celebrates its Silver Jubilee at the Bhashani Auditorium on July 19 at 10 am. Veteran theatre personality Azkarul Haque will inaugurate the celebration which features three stage performances. A reunion of all activists of the group will take place at 7.30 pm including a discussion session and reception of eminent personalities. Below is the schedule of the three drama performances:

July 19 at 10.00 pm
Swapnobilash by Zahid Hasan and Afsana Mimi

July 20 at 7.30 pm
Oedipus by Pabna Theatre '77

July 21 at 7.30 pm
Muktothara by Rangpur Natya Kendra

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Video show

July 16-July 20

An exhibition presenting video works of 15 French resident artists is going on from July 16 at Alliance Francaise. The screening will take place everyday at 5.30 pm, except Fridays. La Galerie will also present the exhibition of digital pictures by French artist Alexandre Bocquillon. Opening times from 9am to 12 am and from 5pm to 8 pm everyday except Saturday, 5pm to 8 pm.

Play

July 23

The 22nd show of the play 'Tamasha' by the group Avantgarde will be staged at the Mahila Shamiti auditorium on 23rd July at 7.00pm. The play has been jointly written by Mamatazuddin Ahmed, Abdul Gaffar Choudhury, Abed Khan, Muntasir Mamun, ABM Musa, Ballal Sen, Shahniar Kabir, Dr. Shubhagat, Wahidul Haque and others and has been directed by young Ashim Das who received his degree from Delhi National School of Drama.

Instrumental musician

Sad tales of the santoor

Nurul Haque tells the frustrated story of his journey into the instrument's melodious world

NOVERA DEEPITA

SANTOOR, a sophisticated instrument which has about 90 to 120 strings, is made of wood', says Santoor player Nurul Haque. 'It is played by small wooden sticks and should be very softly handled because the instrument is very sensitive. It is a folk instrument from Kashmir'.

Nurul Haque has been playing the Santoor for about 28 years and he actually had no *guru*. He says, 'My father Abdur Rahman Jabbar was the main person who inspired me to play the Santoor. I used to play the Mandolin and the American Banjo previously. After some years of playing those instruments, I started to play the Santoor learning it all by myself. When I was very young I attended Shiv Kumar Sharma as my *guru*. I never met him though. I only watched him on the TV and was inspired by his magical presentation and began to follow him. It was sometime in 1980s.'

'My father was fond of music', recalls Nurul Haque, 'I was acquainted with musical notes in my very childhood. Playing instruments was a passion, not profession, of my father. I was greatly inspired by my father who had introduced the Santoor to me.'

Nurul Haque says with grief, 'It is very sad that there is no evaluation or recognition of this instrument as well as its players. There are very few people who want to learn it. I myself don't have any students. Often some people start to learn it but they don't continue and they buy the instrument and keep it in the closet without even trying to learn it.' He says with desperate disap-

pointment, 'I will never inspire even my own children to learn the Santoor because it has no future prospect, at least not in our country.'

According to Nurul Haque, if anyone wants to learn the Santoor, he or she should find the right *guru* first. But since

there is no *guru* in our country, the learners must go to India to learn it. As it is a very difficult instrument to play, about two hours should be spent for practice. Nurul says referring to his self-learning, 'it might not be possible for everybody to learn it without a proper *guru*.'



Nurul Haque is one of the very few experts of the Santoor in the country: who will carry on the legacy in future?

Nurul Haque's favourite Santoor-players are Monsur Ahmed in our country and Shiv Kumar Sharma in India. He also says that there is no professional Santoor player in our country right now. 'After my death there will be no-one left to play the Santoor anymore. The use of this instrument may be met by the electronic instruments like Keyboard or other modern instruments but the original melody will not be there', sighs Nurul.

'I have never been abroad for playing the Santoor', informs Nurul Haque who is a staff artiste of the Bangladesh Betar. He has played the Santoor for about one thousand movies and 800 audiocassettes. But he has performed on very few occasions on stage. He says proudly that he has played with great artistes like Ghulam Ali, Mehedi Hasan and Hemanta Mukherjee.

It is a matter of surprise that being an enlisted artiste of the Betar Nurul Haque is not a considered a government service-holder. 'Even the peons are government employees with facilities like pension after retirement. But I will not get any pension', says Nurul in remorse.

The most of the programmes of the Betar are musicals. According to Nurul more facilities should be allotted for the regular musical artistes working in this state-owned media-organisation. 'It needs ten to twelve years to be an instrument artiste and it is difficult to be one. So why shouldn't the government give us due facilities?' Nurul puts the inevitable question.

Photography

A poet's camera

Salahuddin's photographs bridging the gap

ELITA KARIM

ABM Salahuddin has been capturing scenes of nature with his camera since 1972. Recently, on the occasion of the growing friendship between Bangladesh and



ABM Salahuddin

Vietnam, a celebration took place at the National Museum. Salahuddin captured these moments of friendship to cherish forever.

A weeklong photography exhibition at the Shilapalaka Academy, which began from July



Apricot Dance: the mesmerising presentation of the Vietnamese artistes in yellow.

16, is portraying these pictures. Salahuddin's 'clicks' basically comprise of the Vietnamese group who had come to Bangladesh so as to promote the long friendship. The photograph entitled *Peacock Dance* shows Vietnamese girls dressed in peacock-green costumes, rendering a dance

at the show. Vietnamese beauties, dressed in yellow, are seen dancing in the photograph *Apricot Dance*.

There are many more photographs of the performing Vietnamese artistes, dancing, playing wooden instruments, and singing traditional songs in traditional costumes of blue, red and yellow. These performers are also seen taking tours around the city. Salahuddin snapped them in front of temples, with kids at school, at a museum alongside artifacts and sculptures. They are also seen with other Bangladeshis, having cocktails and celebrating. It is obvious, that Salahuddin emphasises more on the friendship of the two countries and makes an effort to make it stronger.

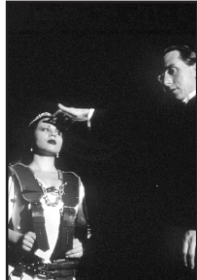
The exhibition is showing photographs by Vietnamese photographers also. There are snaps of the Vietnamese flag fluttering proudly on a fort, a couple of women gathering coffee seeds, plenty of scenes from the Vietnam War and also breathtaking nature scenes from the country itself.



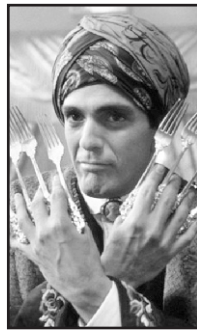
Harvesting Dance: incarnating the rich Vietnamese tradition in rhythms.

TV GUIDE

TODAY'S HIGHLIGHTS



STAR MOVIES: 10:45 p.m. *Invincible*. The film is based on the true story of Zishe Breitbart, a Jewish blacksmith's son from Poland who becomes a sensation in Weimar, Berlin as a mythical strongman. His employer Hannsen dreams of establishing an all-powerful Ministry of the Occult in Hitler's government. Yet as Hitler's hold on power grows surer, and Berlin erupts in a ferment of anti-Semitism, Zishe must decide how he will use his strength.



HBO: 7:00 p.m. *Mystery Men*. In order to generate more endorsement revenue, Champion City's resident superhero Captain Amazing arranges for the release of supervillain Casanova Frankenstein, only to be captured by him. The city's fate rests in the hands of seven loser superhero wannabes: the fork-flinging Blue Rajah, the shovel-wielding Shovel, the possessed bowling ball-hurling Bowler, the flatulent Spleen, the only-when-nobody's-looking Invisible Boy, the mysterious Sphinx, and the perpetually-angry Mr. Furious.

PICK OF THE DAY



Shallow Hal

On Star Movies at 7:00 p.m.

Following the advice of his dying father, Hal dates only women who are physically beautiful. One day, however, he runs into self-help guru Tony Robbins, who hypnotizes him into recognizing only the inner beauty of women. Hal thereafter meets Rosemary, a grossly obese woman whom only he can see as a vision of loveliness. But will their relationship survive when Hal's equally shallow friend undoes the hypnosis?

SONY

8:30 Saturday Morning : Dreamgirls (w/o Aiohswarya)
10:30 Star Year Kalakaar
11:30 Good Morning Disney
12:30 Kya Hadsaa Kya Haaqeeqat
1:30 Nostalgia: Mahal Ho Sapno
3:30 Shree Ganesh
4:00 Haal Kaisa Hai
4:30 Biographies
5:00 Current
5:30 Chartbusters
6:00 Music Mantra
7:30 CID Files
8:30 Kya Hadsaa Kya Haaqeeqat

TARA BANGLA

9:00 Banglar Mukh
9:30 HMV/Rajal Rajal
10:00 Shabash Bhagne Dure
10:30 Safar Rpt.
11:00 Career Compass
11:30 Tara Sundari Rpt
12:00 Ghare Baire
12:30 Utasab
1:00 Chapal Bhaduri
2:00 Chalti Hawa
2:30 Kaman
3:00 Achen/Achena
3:30 Tara News Head-

lines

3:35 Dehapat
4:00 Upabdhhi
4:30 TVC
5:00 Kara Najar
5:30 Tara News Headlines
6:00 Hanir Khabar
6:30 Banglar Mukh
7:00 Syllabusey Nei
7:30 Tara News Headlines
7:35 Satyajit Goppe
8:00 Tara News Bangladesh
8:15 Tara News
8:30 Megha Mallar Dance Drama
9:30 Post Mortem
10:30 Live Mon Niye
11:30 Tara News
11:45 Tara News Bangladesh

ALPHA BANGLA

9:30 Bhalobasa
10:00 Sanghat
10:30 Bhraman Kache
11:00 Nilu Hazrar Hatya
11:30 Googly
12:00 Spandan
12:35 Aananaya
1:00 Sudhu Tomake Chai
1:23 Jhankar
1:30 Ek Akasher Niche
2:00 Pratibimba
2:35 Bhagya Chakra
2:45 Bengali Feature film

ANIMAL PLANET

9:30 Aussie Animal Rescue
10:00 Saturday Reality/Rescue One Camper Van, Seventeen Animals
10:30 Wild Encounters Herd of their Own
11:30 Secret World of Gardens Come Fly with Me
12:00 Being There/Lords of the Animals Sky
12:30 Saturday Wild Encounters Tiger on the Tiles
1:00 Saturday Wild Encounters Global Swarming
1:30 Saturday Wild Encounters Forbidden Fruit
2:30 Wild Encounters Born to be Wild : Chimpanzee Challenge
3:30 Crocodile Hunter: Reptiles of the Deep : Snakes
4:30 Jeff Corwin Experience Amazon : Going Bananas
5:30 Profiles of Nature Bear Attack : Polar Bears
6:30 Shark Gordon Makos : Friend or Foe?
7:00 Extreme Contact
7:30 Alligator : Do or Die
8:30 Crocodile Hunter Steve and The Dragon
9:00 Saturday Wild Encounters Gannets : The Storm Birds
9:30 Saturday Wild Encounters Zebra in

9:30 Your Stable Saturday Wild Encounters Firebird
10:30 Wild Encounters Sita And Son The Tigers of Bandhavgarh
11:30 Nature's Great Events/From Cradle to Grave Great Milestones
DISCOVERY
9:30 Discovery Civilization World Without Fathers or Husbands
10:30 Truth or Scare Dracula
11:00 Mega Movie Magic Mousehunt
11:30 Junkyard Wars Kids
12:00 Splat Cartoon Crossover
12:30 Great Hotels Wilard Inter-Continental Hotel Wedding Story Elisa & Tim
1:00 Discovery Sunday Hidden History of Rome
2:30 Discovery Sunday Hidden History of Egypt
3:30 Past is Wild, Future is Wild
4:30 Blue Planet Watery Creatures
5:30 Classic Discovery Death at Midnight
6:30 Master of the Spirits Fish of Gods
7:00 Legends of the Isles St. Patrick
7:30 Super Structures Underground
8:30 Extreme Machines Nuclear Submarines Discover India Tito's Story
9:30 It's a Woman's World Cleopatra's Palace
11:30 Vegas Cheating Las Vegas

ADVENTURE ONE
8:30 Adventures Of The Quest
9:30 \$100 Taxi Ride
10:00 Across The Line - S2
10:30 Explorer's Journal Football Fever
11:30 Danger Diaries
12:00 Ng Explorer The Battle For Midway
1:00 Risk/Yelling In The Face Of Life
2:00 Explorer's Journal Danger Diaries
3:00 Poles Apart China Voyage Across Pacific
4:00 \$100 Taxi Ride
5:00 Across The Line - S2
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STAR GOLD

9:00 Mere Mehboob
11:55 Kuch Hit Kuch Superhit
12:00 Geet Gata Chal
12:30 Magic In The Water - Hindi
2:55 Kuch Hit Kuch Superhit
3:00 Ooh La La
4:00 Hit Filmcin Hit Sangeet
4:25 Kuch Hit Kuch Superhit
4:30 Pyar Ka Devta
7:55 Kuch Hit Kuch Superhit
8:00 Hit Filmcin Hit Sangeet
8:25 Kuch Hit Kuch Superhit
8:30 The Killer - Hindi Dubbed
10:55 Kuch Hit Kuch Superhit
11:00 Jubilee Plus
11:55 \$Kuch Hit Kuch Superhit

STAR PLUS

9:00 Taaza Hits
9:05 Hit Filmcin Hit Sangeet
9:30 Fox Kids
10:10 Hit Filmcin Hit Sangeet
10:30 The Best Of Gurukul
11:25 Film Topper - 301 Series
11:30 Sea Hawks
12:30 Siski
1:00 Star Bestsellers
2:00 Taaza Hits
2:05 Hit Filmcin Hit Sangeet
2:30 Dr Morepen Tango - Sun
3:25 Film Topper - 301 Series
3:30 Jubilee Film
6:30 Samnewall Khidki
7:00 Yatra
7:25 Film Topper - 301 Series
7:30 Hai Na Bolo Bolo
8:30 Kuch Khatti Kuch Meethi
12:00 Musafir Hoon Yarron

STAR SPORTS

9:00 Wrestling Apple Crush (R)
9:30 Golden 4 Track & Field
10:30 Formula One Qualifying 2003
11:30 World Of Rugby The Irb's World Of Rugby (T)
12:00 Sbk Superbike Highlights(T)
12:30 Pga Tour Golf B.C. Open Endicott Ny Usa Second Round(S)
2:30 This Is The Pga Tour (R)
3:30 Nba Inside Stuff (R)
4:00 Dream Team (R)
6:00 Harsha Harsha Unplugged (R)
6:30 Gillette World Sports

Special Gillette World Sports (T)
World Pool Championships 2003 (L)
Formula One Qualifying 2003
Sbk Superbike
World Pool Championships Semifinals(L)

TEN SPORTS

6:30 Velocity
7:30 Chili Factor
8:00 Pick of the Week
9:00 WRC H/Ls : Cyprus Rally
10:00 Gillette World Sports
10:30 British Open Golf '03 : Day 2 H/Ls
12:30 Trans World Sports
1:30 Heat
2:30 British Open Golf 2003: Day 3 (LIVE)
7:00 Bajaj Sports News Update
7:05 British Open Golf 2003: Day 3 (LIVE)
9:00 Bajaj Sports News Update
9:05 British Open Golf 2003: Day 3 (LIVE)
10:25 Bajaj Sports News Update
10:30 British Open Golf 2003: Day 3 (LIVE)
11:00 Bajaj Sports News Update
11:05 British Open Golf 2003: Day 3 (LIVE)
12:00 Heat

ESPN

7:30 Sri Lanka Tour Of West Indies The Cable & Wireless Test Series 2003 2nd Test Day 3 Highlights(R)
9:00 Hitz (R)
9:30 World Pool Championships 2003 World Pool Championship 2003 (S)
1:30 Tour De France Tour De France 2003
2:00 Wnba Action (T)
2:30 International Ironman Triathlon Ironman Triathlon - Final Madison WI Final
3:30 Uk Domestic Cricket Twenty20 Cup Nottingham England Gloucestershire Vs Surrey Semifinal 2(L)
7:00 Goal! Goals Countdown (R)
7:25 Sportscenter Sportscenter Weekend (T)
7:30 Uk Domestic Cricket Twenty20 Cup Nottingham England Gloucestershire Vs Surrey Semifinal 2(L)
11:00 India Vs New Zealand Wills Trophy 6th Odi
12:00 Uk Domestic Cricket Twenty20 Cup Nottingham England Final(L)

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* News Bulletin

BTV News Headlines(Bangla) at 12:10 pm, 2:00 pm, 3:10 pm, 4:00 pm, 7:00 pm.
News(Bangla) at 8:00 am 1:00 pm, 5:00 pm, 8:00 pm.
News (English) at 3:00 pm, 10:00 pm.
Late Night News(Bangla and English)News Headlines at 11:30 pm.
CHANNEL-i Breakfast News 07:15am, 9:00am 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 BANGLA News(Bangla) at 8:00 am, 12:00 pm, 7:00 pm, 10:00 pm, 11:00 pm, News (English) at 9:00 pm.
Telecast of BTV News(Bangla and English) at 11:30 pm.
Latest News(Bangla) at 09 a.m, 11:00 a.m, 1pm, 2:00 pm, 3:00 pm, 4:00pm, 6:00 pm, and 8:00 pm.

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News Headlines(Bangla) at 5:02 pm, 6:30 pm, 9:45 pm.
News (Bangla) 11:00 pm.
TARA BANGLA News/Headline(Bangla) at 5:30 pm, 7:30 pm, 11:30 pm.
Tara News(Bangla) at 8:30 pm, 11:30 pm.
Tara News Bangladesh(Bangla) at 9:30 pm.
BBC World Every hour on the hour

ATN BANGLA

6:00 Islamic Prog
8:00 ATN Bangla News
8:25 Drama serial : Thetoo Jibhon
9:00 Magazine prog: Pach Furon
9:35 Drama Serial: Aponjon
10:50 Musical Prog: Music Vision
12:00 ATN Bangla News
12:20 Aker Sangbadpoto
12:40 Viewers Request Film
Song's Prog: Anurodher Assor
1:20 Bengali Feature Film: Priyo Turne
4:20 Children Prog, Shapla Shaluk
4:50 Aker Sangbadpoto
5:00 Gram Banglar Sangbad
5:15 Health cae prog: Sustha Thakun
5:50 Musical Prog: Uro Cola Saat Rang
6:25 Islamic prog : Isamee Sawal O Jawab
7:00 ATN Bangla Evening News
7:30 Irani Serial Dubbed in Bangla : Ibne Cina
8:05 Drama serial : Samojan
8:40 Sports Magazine : Stadium
9:00 ATN Bangla News
9:25 English Serial Dubbed in Bangla : Secret Woman
10:00 ATN Bangla News
10:30 Film Magazine : Sreter Monekuthal
11:00 ATN Bangla News
12:00 Bengali Feature Film : Bhaber Sansar

HBO

8:30 The Butcher's Wife
10:45 Bad Karma
12:30 River of Death
2:30 Last Action Hero
5:15 Ed Gein
7:00 Mystery Men
9:30 Nutty Professor II : The Klumps
11:45 Tales From the Crypt: Eps 5&6
Last Action Hero
3:45 Rosemary's Baby

STAR MOVIES

10:15 Remember The Titans
12:15 Soldier
2:00 Mr Wrong
3:45 Anita And Me
5:30 Mvp 2: Most Vertical Primate
7:00 Shallow Hal
9:00 Steven Spielberg Presents "Taken" - Episode 2

AXN

10:45 Soldier
12:30 Soldier
9:30 Pacific Blue/Reckoning
10:30 Relic Hunter/Hunting with the Enemy
12:30 Movie: Ignition
2:30 Movie: Death Becomes Her
5:30 The Right Stuff/Rescue
6:30 Eco Challenge Fiji
7:30 The Amazing Race
8:30 Absolutely Must Sing Movie: The Mask of Zorro
11:30 Sat Movie: Fortress 2: Re-Entry

BBC

9:00 BBC News
9:30 Asia Today/World Business Report
10:00 BBC News
10:30 Talking Movies
11:00 BBC News
11:30 Simpsons World Directs
12:00 BBC News
12:30 Click Online
1:00 BBC News
1:30 Extra Time
2:00 BBC News
2:15 Coolhunters, Axis on Evil, Bitter
3:00 BBC News
3:15 Horizons, Les Miserables In China
4:00 BBC News
4:30 Sbc Shack, Wild Moves, Virt World
5:00 BBC News
5:30 This Week
6:00 BBC News
6:15 Coolhunters, Axis on Evil, Bitter

Harvest, Renaissance

7:00 BBC News
7:30 Extra Time
8:00 BBC News
8:15 Great Britons, Britains Best Buildings
9:00 BBC News
9:15 Horizon, Les Miserables in China
10:00 BBC News
10:15 Face to Face
11:00 BBC News
11:30 Talking Movies

ZEE MCM

9:00 Dirty, Rotten Scoundrels
11:30 If Only The Man With Rain in, in His Shoes
2:00 Dead Man Walking
4:30 Incognito (Jason Patric, Irene Jacob)
7:00 Inferno
9:30 Movie Marathon: Fever (Henry Thomas, Teri Hatcher)
11:30 Number One Fan

ZEE CINEMA

10:30 Mere Do Anmol Ratan (Arshad Warsi, Mukul Dev, Namrata Shirodkar)
1:30 Viewers' Choice
Movie : English Titles
Love Army Officer
Ek Ka Teen Platinum Mashooq (Ayub Khan, Ayesha Jhulka)
5:30 Lift Kara De : Dil Hai Ke Manta Nahin (Aamir Khan, Pooja Bhatt)

ZEE TV

9:30 Ek Nazar
10:00 Mrs. Madhuri Dixit
10:30 Professor Pyarelal
11:00 Sa Re Ga Ma Pa
12:00 Golden Voice Hunt
12:55 Jhalak
1:00 Saturday Suspense
2:00 Khana Khazana
2:30 Cinema Hits
5:30 Ek Nazar
6:00 Cartoon Network On Zee
7:00 Ek Nazar
7:30 Count Down
8:00 Saturday Night
Special Non-Stop
Bollywood Hungama
11:00 Bollywood Gupshup