

RECOMMENDATIONS

Exhibition

September 19-October 3
A fifteen-day-long art exhibition by artist Prof. Abdur Razzaque is going on from 19 September at Gallery Chitrag, House #21, Road # 4, Dhanmondi.

September 19-27
Gallery Shilparag holds a 9-day-long art exhibition of six young artists at House#15, Road#16, Dhanmondi.

Print Exhibition

September 26-October 5
Shipangan arranged a 10-day-long print exhibition of contemporary print makers of Bangladesh titled '26 Shomoer Chhapchitra' from 26 September at 5.30 pm at the Shipangan Gallery.

Woodcut Print Exhibition

October 03-14
Alliance Francaise will hold a solo woodcut print exhibition by Selina Chowdhury Mill on October 3 at 5.00 pm at it's La Galerie.

Exhibition

September 28-30
The inaugural ceremony of a three-day exhibition titled 'Iran and Tourism', organised by Iranian Cultural Centre, will be held with Prof Aftab Ahmed, vice chancellor of National University as chief guest.

Drama Lane

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Awards

Film festival ends with expectation

CULTURAL CORRESPONDENT

'FILM for the People', being the theme of this year's International Film Festival, primed the awards giving ceremony.

The function acknowledged growth of a new genre of film-making—that of the untainted entertainment—with a special band of noted personalities taking the stage led by A.H. Mofazzal Karim, Chairman of the Festival Committee who also presided the function.

The speakers took the dais one by one with Golam Rabbani making the introduction. He emphasized on the



The award winners with their statuettes pose for photograph with the guests.

fact of producing quality movies and clean picture. The crowd turnout for such films pleased him, which proved the need for stain-free amusement.

Azam J. Chowdhury reiterated the same facts and also added that

the festival's promotion of excellent pictures as success. He felt that such occasions should help both the audience and the filmmaker.

Jury Board head Shafiq Rehman took the podium to conduct the award distribution. He introduced the Jury Board Members from onstage. Adding on his speech, he remarked the accomplishment of 'serene films' as the ultimate winner.

Jury Board Members then made the long-anticipated official presentation to the winning films. Lesson One: a Wail, the movie from India clinched Best Picture Award collected by Aryadan Shoukath Ali, the script writer.

There were two special prizes for two movies, Lal Shalu from Bangladesh picked by Tanvir Mokammel, and Little Angel from Sri Lanka with Somaratne Dissanayake, each collecting the honour and \$1,000.

In the midst of all the celebrations, the organising committee took out time for a quiet homage and a special award from the film industry to Rahman—an eminent actor of the 1950s-'60s.

The evening was wrapped up with another noted speaker Mofazzal Karim. His role as master of ceremony, kept the audience smiling with his spontaneous speech mentioning unadulterated entertainment ruling over the so-called commercial hits.

It was evident from the award ceremony that the films that won tried to portray child marriage, polygamy, religious pressure and cultural transition as burning issues. Speakers agreed that films can be a means to mass consciousness built to protest against such unethical views.

Close talks

Kaderi Kibria unfolded

KAUSAR ISLAM AYON

A very popular Tagore singer of the 1980s, Kaderi Kibria, settled presently in America, recently paid a short visit to Bangladesh to receive the Tonatuni Award.

Settling abroad

Sometimes situation arises when one has to take decisions against will and this is what happened in my case also. Though I have settled in America, I love everything about my country and it is always wonderful to get back here.

Depriving the fans?

I know that I have a big number of fans here and was gradually getting detached from the musical scenario. It was then that I felt the need to start the second innings of my life and recorded my CD Diner Sheshey at the request of Mahabur Rahman Joinal of Tonatuni.

How it all began

It was my elder sister who was learning music; but seeing my interest, very soon my parents arranged a music teacher for me too, and that was the beginning. I came in contact with Jhinga Shanskritik Goshti, and eminent Kaim Sharafi took the first initiative to record my voice. Sunilo Sagore was my first song, which became immensely popular. Afterwards I got

enlisted as regular singer at the Bangladesh Betar.

Identity as a singer

I've always wanted to be known as a Rabindra singer but I haven't limit myself in that circle only. I've sung modern songs, songs of the yester-years. I have even played back for films.

Practice of Rabindra songs in our country

Singers, research scholars, poets and writers of our country are trying to keep the spirit of Rabindranath vibrant possibly more than anywhere else. In fact, we are practicing Tagore most from any sense.

Rabindra singers of the present time

Singers of present time are doing quite well. Singers like Fahim Hossain, Sadi Mohammad, Rezwana Chowdhury Bannya, Papiya Sarwar and Mita Haque are all dedicated singers. We are extremely lucky to get Zahidur Rahim, Iqbal Ahmed and Ajit Ray as our forefathers in this field.

Achievements

I am happy with whatever I've got and am proud to have been a part of the war of independence. As an artist of Shadhin Bangla Betar Kendra I feel proud of my voice for this, that it has emanate our countryman to fight for the country. Getting an award from an institution, even from the government, is not every-



thing. The most valuable reward is the love of people, which I got and am still getting enormously. But it is not possible for one to achieve everything in a lifetime.

Expectations

Had there been a steady political atmosphere and healthy practice of music, no one would have had to leave the country like me.

Future plans

Although I live far away from my motherland, my passion for music remains the same. At present, I am working on two CDs, one of Rabindra songs and the other of songs of old days.

Theatre

Syed Huq comes up with another Shakespeare piece

CULTURE DESK

Eminent litterateur Syed Shamsul Huq has recently finished translating yet another Shakespearean play Troilus and Cressida.

Syed Shamsul Huq is an inseparable name in the field of translation-literature in the country. Renowned actor-director-dramatist of the subcontinent Utpal Dutta also considered Huq's translations, especially that of Macbeth, as one of the best works in the translation-literature of the whole world. Huq has also effectively translated Shakespeare's The Tempest.

Unlike Shakespeare's other popular plays, Troilus and Cressida has a unique place in the whole work of the most revered playwright of English literature. The play has no such central characters like Hamlet, Macbeth, King Lear or Othello.

Although the play revolves round the historic war of Troy, the Shakespearean classic is absolutely an 'anti-war' piece. And, in spite of its tragic nature, critics generally categorise the play as a problem play like Measure for Measure.

any other Shakespearean plays. Huq especially mentions the debate over principle that is depicted in the play through activities like deviation from the truth and vow of love. Huq also refers to the rich dialogues tuned with humour and reason in the play.

Syed Huq has handed over the translation to the reputed theatre group Nagorik Niya Sampraday. Directed by Ataur Rahman, the play is expected to come on the stage early next year. Nagorik maintains that with this new piece of Shakespeare on stage, the theatre-lovers of the country will discover some inspiring novelty.

Around the world

Karisma to wed this Monday

PALLAB BHATTACHARYA, New Delhi

28-year-old Karisma made an official announcement at a press conference of her marriage with 32-year-old Delhi-based businessman Sunjay Kapur on September 29.

After a long lay-off, the marriage with Sunjay seems to have left behind the disappointment of the break-up of her engagement with Abhishek Bachchan, son of Bollywood superstar Amitabh Bachchan.

Karisma insisted it is not a love marriage but an arranged one with Sunjay Kapur whom she has known since her childhood. In fact, the two Kapoor families have known each other and are close since long.

Karisma and Sunjay studied together in a school for sometime before the latter travelled to Dehradun for studying in the Doon School, one of the costliest and best educational institutions of India. Sunjay later obtained management degree from Buckingham University in England.

Karisma's engagement to Abhishek was announced on October 11 last year by none other than Amitabh at a mega function to mark the senior actor's 60th birthday at his palatial residence in Bombay. But that fell apart within three months and the break-up too was made public gracefully, in keeping with the dignity of the Bachchans and Kapoors. There was neither acrimony nor any mutual recrimination, often seen in such cases.

Sunjay recently obtained a divorce with his first wife Nanita Mahtani, owner of a fashion store in Bombay and Delhi, and the parting of ways was not marred by any bickering in public.



Elton John hit gets classical cover

BBC, Online

SIR Elton John is to team up with cellist Julian Lloyd Webber to record a classical version of one of his most famous hits, Your Song. The instrumental version of the track will feature on Lloyd Webber's latest album, Made in England.



The composer said he enjoyed working with Sir Elton. The two recorded the classical version in July. "It was brilliant. He's a very inspiring guy to work with because he loves people and he loves life. He just comes in and plays note perfect and has such a great feel for his music," he said.

The Lloyd Webber album also includes a reworking of the famous 1950s hit The Girl from Ipanema.

TV debate



Convener of the 8th National TV School Debate Competition Hassan Anghor Chowdhury is seen (in the centre) with the two finalist teams-Dhaka Residential Model School and Motijheel Government Boys High School. The final event is scheduled to be aired on BTV on October 02.

TV GUIDE

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

News Bulletin

Table listing news bulletins for various channels: BTv, CHANNEL-i, CHANNEL-2, ntv, BBC World.

Table listing programmes for BTv, ATN BANGLA, HBO, STAR MOVIES.

Table listing programmes for Evening News, ZEE CINEMA, MGM.

Table listing programmes for Diabolique, Amjad Khan, BBC, Sci Shack, World Business Report, Asia Today/World Business Report, Talking Movies, Simpsons World Directs, Click Online, Extra Time, Coolhunters, Axis on Evil, Bitter Harvest, Renaissance, Extra Time, Great Britons, Britains Best Buildings, Horizon, Les Misereables in China, Face to Face Wheels, Talking Movies, STAR PLUS, Taaza Hits, Hit Filmein Hit Sangeet.

Table listing programmes for PICK OF THE DAY, Out of Africa, NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC, Hitler's Lost Sub, Explorer, Mission Wild, Return To The Wild, Ng Explorer, Seasons Of The Salmon, Extreme Science, Dogs With Jobs, Toyota World Of Wildlife SS, Deadly Impact, Animal Cannibals, My Backyard Serengeti, Thunder Dragon.

Table listing programmes for STAR WORLD, The Bold & The Beautiful, Rendezvous With Simi Garewal, Travel Asia, Goatsbumps, Action Man, Robocop, X-Men, The Kumars At No. 42, Cops, Worlds Widest Police Videos, Knight Rider, The Crow, Xena: Warrior Princess, Trn Wrestling, Mutant X, Adventure Inc, Baywatch Hawaii.

Table listing programmes for DISCOVERY, Great Hotels, A Wedding Story Ann & John, Discovery Sunday, Discovery Sunday, Pasi is Wild, Future is Wild, Blue Planet: Deep Trouble, Classic Discovery, Mystery of the Black Mummy, Master of the Spirits The World of the Punans, Legends of the Isles, Stonehenge, Super Structures Kansai International Airport, Extreme Machines, Extreme Machine: Oil Rig, Discover India West Bengal, It's Woman's World, Madagascar: A Woman's First Ascent, Vegas Thrill Rides Las Vegas Style.

Table listing programmes for STAR SPORTS, Sportsline Tonight, Sportsline (R), Football Premier League, Premier League, Superbike Sbk Superbike Magazine, Highlights(T), PGA Tour Golf Valero Texas Open San Antonio Tx Usa Second Round(S), International Motorsports, News International, Motorsports News 2003 (R), SBK Superbike SBK Superbike Magazine.

Table listing programmes for ESPN, Sportscenter Hindi (R), Hitz (R), Major League Baseball Friday Major League Baseball Friday 2003 (L), Goals! (R), Cricket Gold (R), Super Centuries(R), Sportscenter Sportscenter Weekend (T), Epl Saturday Premiership Preview(L), English Premier Football League English Premier Football League 2003/04 (L), Epl Postshow Premiership Postgame (L), English Premier Football League English Premier Football League 2003/04 (S).