RECOMMENDATIONS

Food Festival

The Malaysian Food Festival at Pan Pacific Sonargaon will conclude today.

Exhibition

October 04-16

The Saju Art Gallery is opening a solo painting exhibition of noted artist Syed Jahangir. With this one, Jahangir will attain the landmark of 33 individual exhibition of his work Anwar Hossain Maniu MP and the French Ambassador Michael Laumaux will attend the inauguration ceremony to be held at 5:30 pm. The display is open for the public from 10 am to 8 pm

Print

September 26-October 5

Shilpangan has arranged a 10day-long print exhibition of contemporary print makers of Bangladesh titled 'Ei Shomoer Chhapchitra' from 26 September at 5.30 pm at the Shilpangan Gallery. The show will be open for all from 10am to 9 pm everyday.

Woodcut Print

October 03-14

Alliance Française will hold a solo woodcut print exhibition by Selina Chowdhury Mili on October 3 at 5.00 pm at it's La galerie. The show will be open for all from 9 pm to 12 pm and 5 pm to 9 pm daily. The show will be closed on October 5 and

Pottery Painting

A pottery painting exhibition by Shumon Patowary is going on at the Drick gallery (15/A) Dhanmondi

Painting

A six-day-long painting exhibition of the students of Ankan Art School will be held at the exhibition hall of the Russian Cultural Centre.

Bonsai

Ocober 2-4 Bangladesh Bonsai Society is holding the annual Bonsai Exhibition from October 2 to 4 at the BRAC Centre Inn. The exhibition will be open to all from 9:30 am to 8:00 pm everyday. Venue: BRAC Centre Inn, 75 Mohakhali, Dhaka.

Bangladesh Mahila Samity 4 Natok Soroni, New Baily Rd. (Evening show at 7:00 pm Morning show at 11:00 am) Plays Group (Topkhana) Raktokarobi 4 Nagarik

Natya Samproday Shomoy Bhager Manush5

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Street theatre

Clarion call for Justice

Naila Azad speaks about "Tarpor"

FAYZA HAQ

AILA Azad directed centre for Asian Theatre's "Tarpor", a street theatre performance about violence and human rights issues recently, at Dhanmandi Mukta Mancha. Although there was no conventional plot -- but rather a stream of consciousness flowing through the play -- nor any development of characters as is often seen on stage, the polyglot mixture of the audience of hundreds sat through the play, despite the rain and the consequential delay of over an hour, and cheered intermittently. Naila Azad speaks about the content matter of the moving and mind-boggling play, sans stage props, change of costumes lighting effects and even about the background music to

Naila Azad is a member of numerous theatres both in USA and Bangladesh, that of Ziggurat Theatre Co., Los Angeles, Santa Monica College, Dept. of Theatre Arts/Dance, Caribbean Dance and Rhythm Co., Los Angeles, and the Centre for Asian Theatre. Between 1981-1989 Azad has been conducting acting and movement workshops for various theatre groups and universities in Bangladesh and

India. She has 25 years experience as a performer for the stage, television and film. She is an accomplished director, choreographer and designer. She has a Masters in Acting from the University of California, Los Angeles. **The Daily Star**: What inspired

you to go for this particular play?

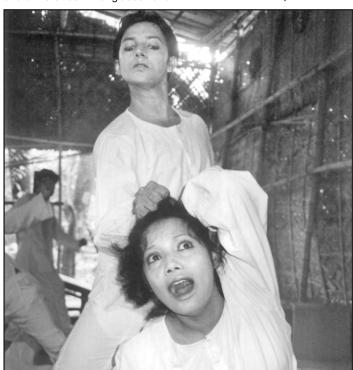
Naila Azad: Inspiration came later, nearly in the middle of the rehearsal process. When I first accepted to do this project I didn't realize that I would get so involved in it. Once I started doing research, I realized how absolutely important this project was and it was then that I was really inspired.

TDS: Was there any reason for doing this play in Dhanmondi Am-

NA: This was created to be a free, street theatre performance, for the general public. The Amphitheatre might not be the middle of the street, but it is beside a few of them, and it does attract much of the crowd we wanted to play to and for me this space was extremely attractive, as it would be for any theatre person. It is absolutely gorgeous

TDS: What was the theme of the NA: The shape of violence in this

TDS: What did the plot involve?



An example of man's inhumanity to man, a scene from Tarpor

tion(BGTF) has pro-

posed a fourteen-point demand

to the government recently to

improve the condition of the

drama artistes, says a press

The demands are:

CULTURE

Crying out for vengeance, anguish expressed in "Tarpor"

NA: There is really no plot, generally speaking, because the play is not linear, in fact, it is more a performance art piece than a play. It does not have a story as such, only bold images that create a beginning, middle and an end. We tried to establish the beginning of conflict (which leads to violence) in human civilizations, how it has trickled down into this age, into our society, how it has peaked, and how abnormally it is playing an extremely vital role in our day to day lives now. Though the existence of the two classes, viz. the haves the have nots, or, the oppressor the oppressed, or, the violate the violated, is a fact of all civilization we must believe that it is against the human spirit. So in the end we ask the question whether or not we are going to accept this, or are we going o find a solution. TDS: How did you choose the

actors, who were they and what experience did they have?

NA: They are the regular actors of CAT (Centre for Asian Theatre). Some of them are new with no experience, and some, with whom I have worked on a couple of projects before, have been working for CAT for a few years now and are quite experienced. I did a vigorous physical vocal, and acting workshop for two weeks and those who survived got to be in the performance.

TDS: What were the problems that you faced if any? Does the Theatre have a large following in Bangladesh?

NA: One of the two major problems that I faced was actually in the creation of the performance. How

simply had no clue, and found myself drowning in all the information I was Firstly, I thought I would only deal with violence on women, but then the

does one stage an issue as enor-

mous, and vast, and deep, and fierce,

and absolutely extreme as this?

whole picture started to effect me. was faced with the next problem. It was difficult for the actors to work on a play that had no script (it was being written in the process of creation), no dialogue, and mainly, no story. Performance Art is not a common

genre in the theatre world here. Also, I applied some techniques of Commedia del Arte and Butoh Dance (of Japan), which was very new for the actors. This was not looking like a regular street theatre that is generally seen here. This had no story, no song, no cursing, no accusation everyone was worried. Now that it is done I do not know how it will affect the audience, but the actors finally are completely convinced by the Secondly,I will only say that, yes,

Theatre does have a large following in Bangladesh. TDS: What are the other experi-

ences working with CAT? NA: As I have worked with CAT

before, it was a pleasure coming back to familiar territory. To be able to work as intensely as I do, for a CAT project, completely uninterrupted and focused, is really all a theatre workaholic can hope for. I look forward to working with CAT

14-point demand of Bangladesh Group Theatre Federation ANGLADESH Group ii. Construction of stages all vi. Sanction of a piece of land xi. Government should arrande a bienniai interna-

xii. Drama artistes to be included in the cultural teams

xiii. To sanction a piece of land for building a club for the theatre artistes.

xiv. To arrange foreign scholarships for the theatre artistes.

News makers

Madonna's new role

OP diva Madonna, who is famous for her catchy songs, sexy outfits, steamy videos and a raunchy persona, surprised her fans by announcing her plan to produce children

Madonna finds writing children's books "liberating." Madonna who created a controversy with her erotic photography book Sex (1992), believes her foray into children's literature with The English Rose is a natural progression.

She adds, "I read to my children every night. I think they need to read inspiring books.'

Madonna's magic is at work again as the book is expected to enter The New York Times children's books best seller list in the No. 1 position.

Source: Hindustantimes.com



Halle Berry splits with hubby Benet

AP, Los Angeles

CTRESS Halle Berry announced she has A separated from her husband, R&B singer Eric Benet, after less than three years of

"Eric and I have had marital problems for some



time now and have tried to work things out together," Berry said on Wednesday in a statement. "However, at this point, I feel we need time apart to reevaluate our union. We ask that you respect our privacy as we are going through this emotional time.'

Benet's representatives did not immediately return a call for comment.

Tabloids have speculated about instability in their relationship from nearly the moment the X-Men star married Benet in January 2001.

Berry and Benet met in 1999 at a party to celebrate the premiere of Berry's HBO movie Introducing Dorothy Dandridge, about the first black woman nominated for a best actress Oscar with 1954's Berry won a Golden Globe and an Emmy for the

Dandridge role, then became the first black woman

to win a best-actress Oscar for her work in 2001's This is the second marriage for the actress, who divorced Cleveland Indians outfielder David Justice in 1996. Benet has a young daughter from a previous

relationship with a girlfriend who was killed in a car crash 15 months after the girl was born. His first album, True to Myself, was released in

1996. He has had such hits as Spend My Life With You and Love Don't Love Me.

Zeta Jones sues cosmetics firm

BBC ,Online

against cosmetics firm name in promotions.

cosmetics, is seeking beautyproducts. \$15m (£9m). The actress film Intolerable Cruelty.

buying its creams and celebrity clients. lotions. But she said she

ucts or its spa services, ▲ ATHERINE Zeta and has never given Jones is taking permission for the comlegal action panytousehername. The lawsuit, filed in

Caudalie for running an Los Angeles, also names ad campaign saying the property company actress was seen buying Turnberry Place, which its products. The Oscar- owns condominiums in winning star claims that Las Vegas that house she has never pur- Caudalie spas, for using chased products from Zeta Jones' name in its the company and they promotional material. had no right to use her The Neiman-Marcus Group, which sells the Zeta Jones, who has Caudalie range, is also an exclusive deal to accused of spreading the promote Elizabeth Arden claims the star used the

The Chicago actress is currently promoting her says Neiman-Marcus colluded in the "online Zeta Jones alleges exploitation" by posting Caudalie, which pro- an interview with duces wine-based Caudalie founder beauty products, wrongly Mathilde Thomas, who stated on its website that said Zeta Jones was she had been seen among the company's



TV GUIDE

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

News Bulletin

News Headlines(Bangla) at 9:40 am.12:10 pm. 2:00 p.m 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

English) 11:30 pm. CHANNEL-i Breakfast News 07:15 am.

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

ATN BANGLA News(Bangla) at 8:00 am. 12:00 pm. 7:00 pm. 10:00 pm, 11:00 pm. Telecast of BTV News(Bangla and English) at 11:30 pm. Latest News(Bangla) at 09

a.m,10:00 a.m, 11:00

and English) at 11:30 pm.

am.1pm. 2:00 pm.3:00 pm. 4:00pm.6:00 pm.and 8:00 pm. News Headlines(Bangla) at 5:02 pm. 6:30 pm. 9:45 pm. News (Bangla) 7:30 pm.11:00

TARA BANGLA NewsHeadline(Bangla) at 5:30 pm. Tara News(Bangla) at 8:30 pm. 11:30 pm.

Tara News Bangladesh(Bangla)

at 9:30 pm.

BBC World

Late Night News(Bangla and

05:00 Khabar 05:30 Cartoon Show Khabar: Desh 06:00

Programme from 07:00 News Headlines

07:05 Maloncha 07:30 Laila

Eight 08:30 Shamprotik Proshongo 09:00 Cine Magazine

News Report 10:25 10:30 Chhavachhanda 11:00 Believe It Or Not

Late Night 11:30 News/News ntv 05:02 News Headlines

BTV

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for acting.

07:35 Shuprabhat Bangladesh Morning News Documentary Film 08:25 Programme from BTV Archives 09:00 News

09:40 Shawpner Deshey News Natun Kuri 2003 News Headlines 11:00

11:35 Alor Dishari 12:10 News Headlines 03:15 Shangbadpatrer Pata Theke 03:30 Bangla Feature

04:00 News Headlines

> Janopad Chittagong Centre

Drama Serial: Alif

08:00 Bangla News at

10:00 English News at

05:05 Potrikar Khahar Itihasher Ei Diney Cartoon: Alice In Wonderland 06:00 Apnar Jigyasha

06:30 News Headlines 06:32 Shubho Shandhya 06:52 Crime Watch 07:30 **Evening News** 08:00 Drama Serial:

Ronger Manush Rupali Jhalak 09:10 Tarar Shathev 09:45 News Headlines 09:47 Drama Serial:

Shaptaher Khabor 10:50 Itihasher Ei Diney 11:00 News 11:30 Din Darpan

Tele Film:

11.35

12:30 Cine Gaan TARA BANGLA Tara News & Ajker

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8:00 Aai Shakale 9:00 Puja Live 10:00 Banglar Katha/Rupa Puja Live Dashtay

11:30 Tara Natmandir 12:00 Pratidin Puja Perfect 12:30 Music 1:00 Baithaki Adda Tara News Headlines 1:33 Baithaki Adda

Taka Na Sona

2:00

To provide a rehearsal room for each of the BGTF enlisted groups i. Immediate repair of the stages to make those suitable To provide an early grant for the BGTF enlisted groups.

iii. After completing the

National Theatre Hall, it should

be handed over to the theatre-

acting.

activists.

vii. Construction of an

archive for drama. viii. Construction of a National Institute for drama.

ix. Drama to be included in syllabus of schools and colleges. A national award for

stage drama to be introduced.

tional festival.

visiting abroad



Anaconda

On STAR MOVIES at 11:15pm Genre: Thriller/Horror

Jennifer Lopez, Ice Cube, Jon Voight, Eric Stoltz, Jonathan Hyde A film crew headed by anthropologist Steve Cale and director Terri Flores journey through a river to find a mysterious Indian tribe and shoot a documentary on them. They save a guy called Paul Sarone from a sinking boat. He offers to help in their search for

> Tara News Headlines 11:45 Someone to Watch Over Me STAR MOVIES 12:00 Lawnmower Man

2:Beyond Submerged Wedding 5:00 Arlington Road 7:00

> 11:15 Anaconda 12:45 Lawnmower Man

MGM

4:30

11:30 Greenwich Mean 2:00 Full Moon in Blue Water

7:00 August 9:00 Happy Anniversary Bond I 9:30 James Bond Spy Fest Dr No (Sear Connery, Ursula

Time Walker

11:30 Infinity ZEE CINEMA

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Saajan Bina Suhagan (Rajendra Kumar, Vinod Mehra, Notan) Ilaaka (Dharmendra Sanjay Dutt,

Madhuri Dixit) 1:30 Hathyar (Sanjay Dutt, Shailpa Shetty Namrata Shrodkar) 5:30 Bulandi (Anil Kapoor,

Raveena Tandon

Rekha) 9:30 Rajaji (Govinda, Raveena Tandon) STAR PLUS

12:00 Shanti (601 - 800) 12:30 Hit Filmein Hit 12:55 Taaza Hits 1:00

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Friends Just Shoot Me Tna Wrestling World's Wildest Police Videos 10:30

NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC 12:30 Yukon Quest

Scientific American Frontiers Tomorrow's World 3:00 Human Edge Africa On Ice 4:30 National Geo-

Mission Wild 6:00 Film Topper - 301 Dogs With Jobs S3 6:30 Karishma Kaa Toyota World Of Wildlife S3 Kucch Kar Dikhana

Shararat- Thoda Jaadu Todi Naz Frontiers 11:00 Ssshhhh....Koi Hai.

12:00 Samnewali Khidki 10:30 STAR WORLD Nypd Blue graphic's Taboo The Pretender

Star Asia Travel 2:28 Oprah Winfrey Show 2:30 Bold And Beautiful 3:30 Sabrina The Teenage 4:30

Witch 2 Guys A Girl & A 5:00 Pizza Place Knight Rider The Simpsons Home Improvement

Samsung Nations Cup Samsung Nations Cup 2003 Barcelona, Spain Super League,

TODAY'S HIGHLIGHTS HBO at 3:45 pm. Junior Comedy / Sci-Fi. Arnold Schwarzenegger,



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Danny DeVito, Emma Thompson. Alex Hesse and Larry Arbogast are working on a new drug which will reduce the chances of a woman's body rejecting an embryo and thus causing a miscarriage. When their research funding is withdrawn, and human experimentation is denied to them, they decide to test the drug by breifly impregnating Hesse. Hesse however becomes attached

MGM at 11:30 pm. Infinity. Drama.

Matthew Broderick , Patricia Arquette .Peter Riegert. Dori Brenner, Peter Michael Goetz .As a young boy, Richard was fascinated with science and objects in motion. This wonderment was reinforced through the efforts of his father. The only thing that mattered as much

> 6:30 Tara News Headlines Taka Na Sona 7:00 7:30 Tara News Headlines Pratidin Puja Perfect 8:00 Tara News 8:15 Tara News

> > Antakshari

Mock News

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Babe: Pig in the City Here Come The Munsters Junior Millenium Man Revenge of the Ninja

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Film Topper - 301

Tanha

Sangeet

Fox Kids

Series

Sonpari

Series

Karishma

Taaza Hits

Nash Bridges 11:28 Star Asia Travel 11:30 Baywatch

graphic's Taboo 5:30 Sea Stories

7:30 Hayden Turner's Wildlife Chal Insects From Hell Scientific American

Tomorrow's World Human Edge Science Frontiers National Geo-

STAR SPORTS 12:30 Rally Racing Mrf National Motocross

Championship 2003

Jaipur, Ra India

Event Highlights(R)

Boating I-Lan Int'l Collegiate Invitational Regatta 2003 I-Lan. Chinese Taipei (T) Gillette World Sports Special Gillette World Sports (R)