

RECOMMENDATIONS

Exhibition

October 04-16
The Saju Art Gallery holds a solo painting exhibition of noted artist Syed Jahangir.

Woodcut Print

October 03-14
Alliance Francaise holds a solo woodcut print exhibition by Selina Chowdhury Mili at it's La galerie.

Pottery Painting

October 1-8
A pottery painting exhibition by Shumon Patowary is going on at the Drick gallery (15/A) Dhanmondi.

Painting

October 3-8
A six-day-long painting exhibition of the students of Ankan Art School is going on at the exhibition hall of the Russian Cultural Centre.

Film Show

October 20
The film 'War and Peace' will be screened at the auditorium of the Russian Cultural Centre to mark the birth anniversary of great Russian film director and actor Sergei Bondarchuk.

October 27

A documentary film show dedicated to the international tourism day will be held at the library of the Russian Cultural Centre.

Nakshikantha Exhibition

October 6-10
A Nakshikantha exhibition is going on at the BSCIC Design Centre (137/138 Motijheel C/A) which is open for all from 10 am to 7 pm everyday.

Recitation Evening

October 8
A recitation evening of Shawpna Dey, an artiste from Kolkata, will be held at the National Press Club at 4 pm.

Drama Lane

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Exquisite

Local handicrafts speak of heritage

Fortnight long exhibition of antique handicraft items starts at Bengal Shilpalaya

HARUN UR RASHID

FOLLOWING the inauguration of the 26th regional conference of World Craft Council Asia Pacific (WCCAP) on October 6 at Gazipur, National Crafts Council of Bangladesh (NCCB) began a splendid display of local handicraft clothes and other commodities yesterday at Bengal Shilpalaya.

Entitled Aboran, more than 150 exhibits are displayed in four categories, namely Kanthas--both antique and reproductions, Jamdani saree, Silk clothing and Ethnic Handicrafts. The antique items have a kantha, which is about 200 years old.

Earlier at a press briefing, Dr. Hameeda Hossain, member of the executive committee of (NCCB), discussed about the objective of the exhibition. She was accompanied by Chandra Shekhar Shaha, mem-

ber of NCCB, M Saidur Rahman, an antique handicraft connoisseur, Tamara, Head of Design, Aarong, Kashef M Chowdhury and Marina, who planned the display layout.

Speakers emphasised on several aspects of handicraft industry in the country, which are mostly very frustrating. From history we come to know that exquisite sarees like Jamdani used to be exported during the Moghul Empire. Gradually the production of such elegant commodities has decreased. And now much of the rich heritage is confronted with possibility of extinction.

Speakers pointed out that the exhibition, which is going on along with the WCCAP conference, has an important impact on NCCB, as it is for the first time in Bangladesh that the conference is taking place. They stressed on the necessity of simplifying the export procedures, supplying homemade quality raw materials like colour and threads that are now being imported and thus add to the production costing,



The decoration of Palki displayed at the exhibition is also a splendid piece of art.

improving the working tools. They also pointed at the lack of awareness among the exporters regarding the market.

The exhibition includes many beautiful artistic pieces of handiwork by our local people. The display is divided into several sections. The first section displays the antique kanthas, seating mats, bedcovers and other commodity items. A Paarer sujni kantha (bedcover with border) depicts the border in Bhorat phor (satin stitch) and the ripple in the middle in Lik phor.

The piece was probably collected from Pabna. There is a Jainamaz (prayer mat) collected from Rangpur. The Jainamaz projects four borders in Kashmiri phor and a representation of a mosque.

An Aashon kantha, used to seat bride and groom at marriage ceremonies, of about 4' X 9' size is on the display. The kantha was collected from Magura and displays the myth of the four trees of life. The specialty of the kantha is that it was used to illustrate the verso page of our Constitution.

The Ethnic handicraft section should attract everyone's special attention. For it has some unique

traditional items that have rich cultural genealogy. One such item is a long piece of cloth revealing several styles of stitches. The cloth is the 'catalogue' of the stitches that every girl has to present before marriage as a proof of her talent. Besides, there are two mind-blowing hand painted sarees. A few mills have participated in the exhibition with products made of jute. The jute bags, cushion covers, window curtains are undoubtedly elegant.

The exhibition along with the ongoing conference will surely contribute to increasing interest in our local handicraft among the average viewers. The government must also come forward with proper plans and initiatives in order to involve small private sector concerns in its activities. It has been pointed out that often the government has appointed officials with little or no knowledge about handicraft at BSCIC. Concerned authorities should pay more attention to the sector that has apparently been neglected so far.

Theatre

Bhager Manush-a historical play

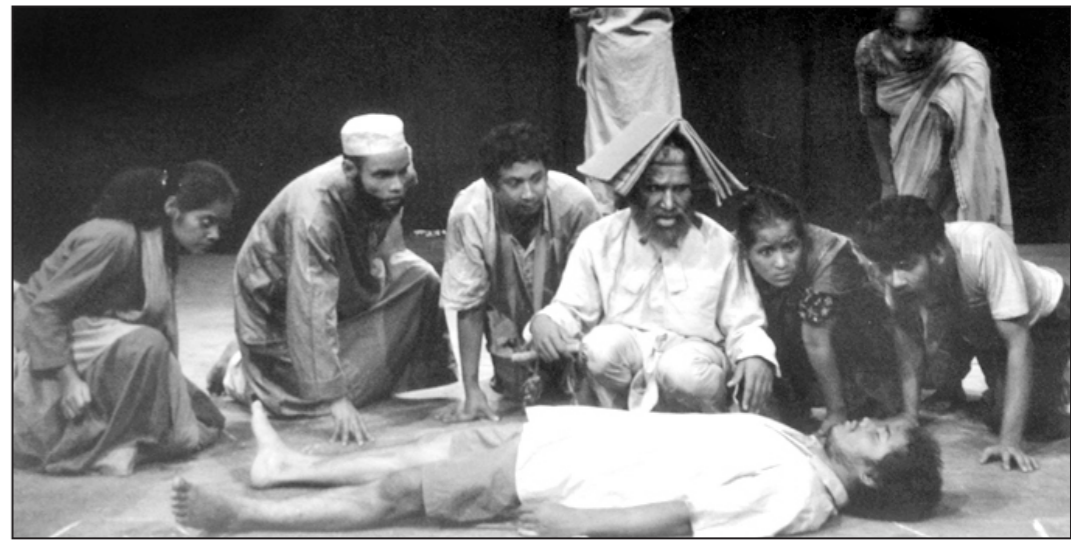
ERSHAD KAMOL

SHOMOY, a theatrical group, displayed its 26th production Bhager Manush. It has been adapted from a short story entitled 'Tobatek Singh' by Hindi writer Sadad Hassan Manto. The play narrates the story of the people living in the border

this on the general people is the theme.

Playwright Mannan Hira has written this play on the request of the theatrical group Shomoy. His witty dialogues in narrating the facts of 40's are interesting. In his acknowledgement to the play, he has said that he modified the original story to

He has applied the narrative technique successfully. Few of the theatrical games have been applied as a part of the composition. In case of set-design, he has applied Corneille's conception of empty-space. Justification of applying empty space conception in a realistic designing has not been very



A scene from the play Bhager Manush by playwright Mannan Hira and directed by Aly Zaker

areas, like Punjab and Khulna, during the partition of the sub-continent in 1947.

Many historical characters are represented in this play as insane because of their ridiculous activities during the partition. Selfish as well as evil political leaders, the negative use of religion for fulfilling their immoral desires and the effect of

show the abuse of religion. Evil society and immoral leaders often use religion to exploit human beings. Now the question arises whether he has modified the original story to show the importance of human beings rather than that of religion.

Aly Zaker is the guest director as well as the set-designer of the play.

convincing. Thandu Rayhan's light designing was simple but not very effective. One expects better work from this famous designer. Alamgir Hussain has not projected the lights adequately.

The performance of all the artistes has been spontaneous and worth appreciating.

What's in

Long-awaited Ohom

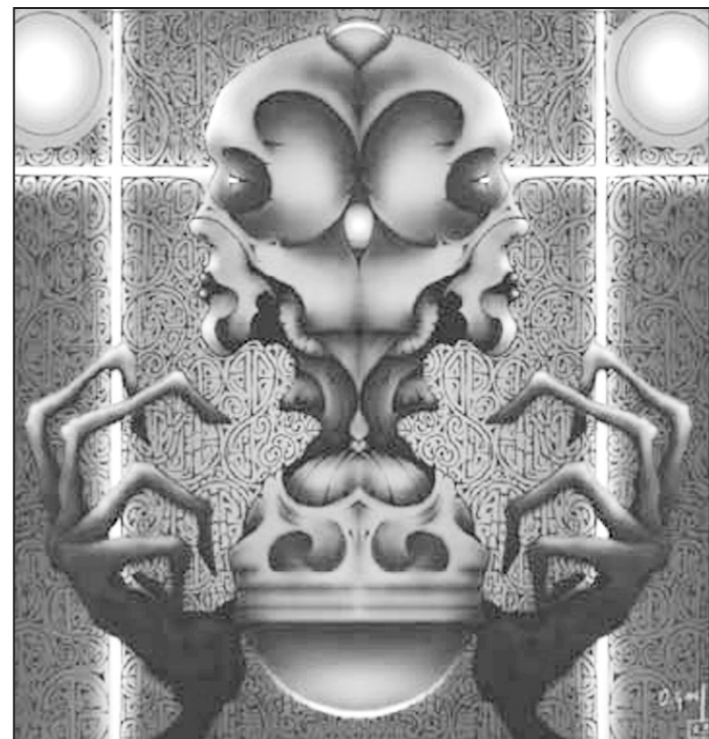
CULTURAL CORRESPONDENT

A masterwork of the Watson Brothers and the most awaited album of 2003, Ohom was originally supposed to hit the market by early August. The compilation however made its way on September 22.

The band comprises musicians namely CrypticFate vocalist Shakib, former AttemptedBand guitarist Imran, drumming ace Ararat and bassist Farhan, also known as the CF-icon.

Their debut album sounds more like a mixture of 10 different genre of music. They have different influences ranging from U2 to Tool to early 90's Grunge to Pink Floyd. A fresh concept album recovering from typical rock/metal, Ohom does strike listeners with spells of new proportions -- it charms the audience with varied guitars, mated bass lines, distinctive drums and dynamic vocals. Standard metal rhythms appear occasionally in the album.

The anticipation of assorted guitars doesn't drop until the end of the last number- Shorey Darai, the heavily Pink Floyd influenced track. Melody rock numbers Akash and Rang are by far the most entertaining. Chaya, having unique keyboard tunes along with Shanti, the sweet instrumental piece, assures audible pleasure. They express a softer side of the band.



The cover jacket of the album

Ohom, very much hopeful with an exclusive lyric, is one of the most original and imaginative tracks.

The centrepiece of the disc is the alluring Oshanti- triangle of Shongket, Jhor and Prachir, an ostentatious number of progressive rock.

The album ends with Amar Notun Ami, the most typical poppish track from the whole compilation.

The CD has some exclusive front and rear cover designs, a splendid work by Osman Gani. Although very dark, the pictures are filled with lots of interesting tones and shades.

Television round-up



The debaters of Champion team from Dhaka Residential Model School are seen with Professor M. Maniruzzaman Miah, former vice-chancellor, Dhaka University, and Hassan Ahamed Chowdhury Kiron, in charge of Planning and Direction of the 8th National Television School Debate Competition, organised by Bangladesh Television.

Amar Chhobi on channel-i

THE popular Channel-i programme Amar Chhobi that deals with the actors, directors and musicians related with the film industry of the country is going to telecast three consecutive episodes featuring the work of Golam Mustafa, who deceased last year. Episodes no. 168, 169 and 170 will portray the eminent actor of about 150 films starting from his first film Rajdhanir Buke by Ehtesham in 1960. Clippings from movies and shootings, the last interview of the actor, his last public appearance will be shown in the programme.

The episodes will be aired on October 9, 16 and 23 every Thursday at 6:40 pm. Patronised

by Impress Telefilm Ltd. Amar Chhobi is composed and directed by Shamim Alam Dipen and Shafiuzzaman Khan Lodi.

Probash Mela today on BTB

A magazine programme Probash Mela, highlighting information about the expatriates will be telecast on BTB at 5:30 pm today. An interview of prominent expatriates, a skit on going overseas on a tourist visa and a special report on child trafficking will be shown also. Rokeya Faruque and Anisur Rahman will perform songs.

TV GUIDE

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

BTV

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ATN BANGLA

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TODAY'S HIGHLIGHTS

HBO :7:30 pm: Lara Croft: Tomb Raider. Genre: Action/Fantasy/Adventure. Angelina Jolie, Jon Voight, Iain Glen, Noah Taylor. A member of a rich British aristocratic family, Lara Croft is a "tomb raider" who enjoys collecting ancient artifacts from ruins of temples, cities, etc. worldwide, and doesn't mind going through death-defying dangers to get them. She is skilled in hand-to-hand combat, weapons training, and foreign languages - and does them all in tight outfits.

Star Movies :10 pm: Code Of Silence. Genre: Action. Chuck Norris, Henry Silva, Bert Remsen, Mike Genovese. Eddie Cusack is a Chicago police officer about to bust some members of the Comacho gang when the gang is shot up by a rival drug gang from the neighboring building, led by Tony Luna. Victor Comacho is the only survivor of the Comacho gang and his older brother, Luis, who is the leader of the gang, retaliates by killing Luna's family and kidnaps Luna's daughter, Diana.

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PICK OF THE DAY

Gladiator. On HBO at 9:30 pm. Genre: Drama/Action. Russell Crowe, Joaquin Phoenix, Connie Nielsen. Maximus is a powerful Roman general, loved by the people and the aging Emperor, Marcus Aurelius. Before his death, the Emperor chooses Maximus to be his heir over his own son, Commodus, and a power struggle leaves Maximus and his family condemned to death. The powerful general is unable to save his family, and his loss of will allows him to get captured and put into the Gladiator games until he dies.

Report/Sport Today. Raider. STAR PLUS. 2:00pm. Bhabhi. 2:30. Shagun. Kabhi Aaye Na Judai. Kyunki Saas Bhi Kabhi Bahu Thi. Kahaani Ghar Ghar Kii. Kahiin To Hoga. Tanha. Taaza Hits. Hum Saath Aath Hain.

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