## RECOMMENDATIONS



French literary festival is on at the Alliance Francaise from October

#### Celebration

A reception for the eminent poet Shamsur Rahman will be held at the National Museum on October 20,at 6.30pm. This will be organised by 'Konthoshilon'. Exhibition

#### October 16-27

An exhibition titled 'Transformation', a compilation of works by 14 artists from Dhaka, Chittagong, Rajshahi and Bogra is going on at the La Gallerie of Alliance Francaise, 26, Mirpur

#### October 17-November 12

Gallery Dhrupad holds a group art exhibition titled 'Rhythm in nature' of sixty renowned artists of Bangladesh at the gallery premises. The show will remain open from 10 am to 9 pm daily.

### Korean Contemporary

To celebrate the thirtieth anniversary of the diplomatic relation between Bangladesh and the Republic of Korea, Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy has arranged 'Korean Contemporary Painting Exhibition' by Choon Choo Fine Arts Association in Korea at the National Gallery. The exhibition will remain open for all from 11 am to 7 pm daily (Friday 3pm-7 pm).

#### Painting October 10-24

October 19-25

Shilpangan arranged a fifteenday-long solo painting exhibition of artist Iftikharuddin Ahmed's recent works. The show is open for all from 10 am to 9 pm everyday.

#### Drama Lane Bangladesh Mahila Samity

Natya

Asian Thaetre

Centre For The Lesson

4 Natok Soroni, New Baily Rd. (Evening show at 7:00 pm Morning show at 11:00 am) Madhabi (Baily Road) Dhaka Padatik Ingeet Desh Natok Birosha Muktaloy Faand Natyangan Post Mortem Shonar Khachay 24 Nandonik Bandi Pakhi Shoion Badhiar 25 Padatik Ghat Natya Shangshad Shikhondi 26 Mahakal

#### **Events**

# **Ancient German fest fervour**

Feasting and parleys at Goethe Institut

**CULTURE DESK** 

festivals, and during spring, summer and autumn there are many, mostly in 2003 for the 170th time. small festivals in practically all towns. One of these festivals therese von Sachsenhas become world famous. Every year in September and brated on "Theresienwiese", an October, the inhabitants of open field outside the city of Munich and the Bavarian sur- Munich by that time, in 1810, roundings and thousands of when a five day public festival

gather at the "Theresienwiese" in Munich. The Oktoberfest --ERMANS like public known by the locals as the "Wiesn" -- is the biggest public festival in the world and was held

Ludwig I.) and Princess Hildburghausen, that was celevisitors from all over the world and a horse race were held.

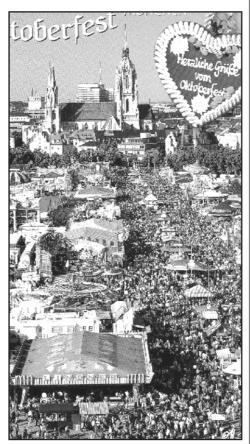
Each year, the Oktoberfest is attended by around 6 million visitors, who consume over 200,000 pairs of sausages -mostly in the "beer tents" put up by the traditional Munich breweries. Besides that, find many other attractions, for children as well as for grown-

grounds provide

carousels, roller coasters and all the spectacular fun of the fair for the enjoyment and excitement of visitors of all ages. The festivities are accompanied by a programme of events, including the Grand Entry of the Oktoberfest Landlords and Breweries, the Costume and Riflemen's Procession, and a concert involving all the brass bands represented at the Oktoberfest

In Bangladesh, the Goethe-Institut Dhaka organizes a little Oktoberfest every year for its language students and for Bangladeshi former exchange students, who studied in Germany and achieved their degree there. They are part of several alumni associations (Alumni Association of German Universities in Bangladesh. Carl-Duisberg-Society, Humboldt-Club). The Dhaka Oktoberfest provides an opportunity to keep their memories of Germany you can also alive, to meet friends and partners and to discuss future plans.

German traditional food, such as potato salad and sausages will be served. This will be at the Goethe Institut on October 19th Oktoberfest at 7 pm. Entry is on the basis of



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# More awards from TRAB

## Prize-giving ceremony at the National Museum

**NOVERA DEEPITA** 

**ELEVISION Reporters** Association of Bangladesh (TRAB), formed in 1995, gave away awards to the best performers of television, in music, dance and film. TRAB organised its award giving ceremony last Friday at the National Museum auditorium. Pop singer of '70s Janey Alam began the programme with Ishkul khuilachhe re Mawla. This was followed by Biplob 's Chandeo Chine Na Amare.

Then began the award giving ceremony. Film director Siddique Zaman Nantu gave away the awards of best dancer to Shamim Ara Neepa and Shibli Mohammad. Shibli in his speech said that low quality programmes, telecast on TV, should be criti-Film director Sohanur Rahman

Sohan gave away the awards for the stage dramas. The best stage theatre production was adjudged Kalshandhya of Nagarik Natya Shamproday. Best director's award went to Khaled Khan for

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Saath Saath Hain, Mohabbatein were

released during the Diwali week in

Festivities mean big bucks, since

people are on a spending spree. But,

this year, the biggest releases--

Khakee (Amitabh Bachchan,

Aishwarya Rai, Ajay Devgan, Akshay

Kumar), Kal Ho Naa Ho (Shah Rukh

Khan, Preity Zinta, Saif Ali Khan, Jaya

Bachchan) and Janasheen (Fardeen

Khan, Celina Jaitly)-are scheduled for release on 28th November, the Friday

after Eid-ul-Fitr. This is so, since

Ramzaan begins soon after Diwali,

and Muslims will stay away from

cinema halls. So, the major releases

have been scheduled for the Fid week.

sheen vet. Billed for 24th October, a

day before Diwali, are nine films,

mostly small-time and those in the

pipeline for long. Among them is

Pinjar, set against the backdrop of

Partition, with a stellar line-up that

includes Urmila Matondkar. Ishaa

Koppikar, Sanjay Suri, Priyanshu

Chatterjee and Sandali Sinha. Com-

The Diwali week has not lost all its

**NETWORK,** New Delhi

Film



Kalshandhya while the Special Jury Award was won by Gol Matha Chokha Matha of Nagarik Natyangan.

Film director Matin Rahman handed over the awards for TV drama categories. Best TV drama serial became Manoj Sengupta's Atopar Tahara. Playwright Ananta Hira got the award for the best

script for his play *Bishkanta*, and Khaled Mahmud Mithu became the best director for Rupar Palanko. Shams Shumon and Shomi Kaisar were the choice for the best TV actor and actress, while Nabila Rahman of ATN Bangla became the best newscaster. The special jury award went to Mahi B Chowdhury for his Bhalobashar Galpo. Ityadi was adjudged the best TV magazine

In the painting category, artist Kanak Chanpa Chakma was given the Shilpacharya Zainul Abedin Memorial Award. Promising dance-duo Likhon

and Nadia performed a dance recital with the popular remix song Krishna aila Radhar kunje.

Reputed film director Nargis Akhter came on stage to give away the awards for the best commercial. Afzal Hussain's commercial for cow brand corrugated tin became the best commercial. Shimul. Monalisa and Swapna were adjudged the best models. Actor Jamaluddin Hossain gave away the award for best child model to lusha Mohon.

## **Exhibition**

# An assail into the art world with a soul pitch

## Sohel Rana's "Soul and Soil" exhibit at Zainul Gallery

FAYZA HAQ

• oul and Soil, " a ceramic Sexhibit, held recently at Zainul Gallery made one stop and ponder. The name of the display was not nouveau but there was promise in the work. This was although it was a fairly typically bold venture by an aspiring artist. The vision was clear, bold and dynamic yet even the choice of the name put one off as it was not anything new. The forward in the brochure was replete with praises, yet one is well aware of the fact that in Bangladesh the artists' arena, whether, young or new, are invariably larded with compliments. One furthermore feels that members of the Bangladeshi fine arts scenario has yet to be prepared to face critical comments. One bit of "slings and arrows" ushers in discontentment from the artist

Keeping the above in mind. and being patient and gentle with Sohel Rana's lyrical designs, shapes and choice of colours, one may say that beyond doubt here is a prolific and promising artist who has assailed into the art field with determination and dedication. With courage and hope Rana has created numerous items that has delighted the mind and eyes of the average art-lover who has time to "stand and stare." Rana may not have created a storm with his ceramic works but nevertheless the prices were reasonable, as are alwavs most items of beginners.

Rana's search for vocabulary and grammar of art has resulted in

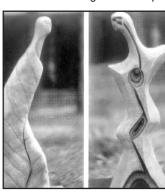
a personal statement with experiments that are his own. Ceramic. on its own, has naturally ushered architectural components. Rana has not played up to the gallery but kept consistently to the lessons he has learnt and the experiments he has been allowed by his teachers. The artists search is that of numerous shapes and sizes, matching and contrasting colours and combining of highlights which are undoubtedly eyecatching.

In Rana's stoneware bowl presented like a basket with lacing of strips of ceramic and



Stoneware

tinted with beige, white and variations of blue, including the cobalt tine, done this year, we find an art piece that is both functional and aesthetic. There is then the flask type item that could be both a decorative item or something useful to put in the homes of the upper echelons of the bourgeoisie. This could even be given as an apt gift, as art items are slowly being recognised as festive presents for special persons. The motifs on this are rectangular with one shape fitted into the other and interlacing of diagonal lines of lighter hues surrounding the main darker designs. The jar is further decorated at the mouth with more diagonal deeper



Stoneware colours

TODAY'S HIGHLIGHTS

MGM: 9:30 pm: Jackie Brown.

Crime/Drama/Thriller; Samuel L. Jackson

Bridget Fonda. Jackie Brown is the name

of a flight attendant who gets caught

smuggling her boss' gun money on the

airline she works for. Luckily for her, the

Dargus decide to team up in order to arrest

name they don't even know. Here's when

and Dargus about Ordell Robbie (the arms

STAR MOVIES: 8:30 pm. Single White

Jennifer Jason Leigh, Steven Weber,

similar woman to rent a room (to

Peter Friedman. When a 'Single White

Female' places an ad in the press for a

Female. Thriller; Bridget Fonda,

she has to choose one way: tell Nicolet

dealer) and get her freedom

Fed Ray Nicolet and the LA Cop Mark

the arms dealer she works for, whose

in shapes of human beings are more interesting, adventurous and almost like sculpture. One of these entries has the shape of



Sohel Rana

leaning forward person with darker intermingling zigzags with a dark line intersecting the basic integral motif so that one could take this as a representation of both a human or a leaf, taken from nature. The other such human creation in beige, with head, torso and limbs suggested, with subtle burnt sienna and black interlacing geometrical motifs going through the centre of the image is again positively admirable and flamboyant. In seven more efforts in stoneware, Rana has proved his forte beyond and doubt.

experiences, he has still many feathers in his cap. This includes two solos at "Zainul Gallery" and five joint efforts. He is a teacher at a school at Gulshan. He did his MFA from the Fine Arts Institute, DU in 1998.

## Fireworks reserved for Eid OME of the biggest film releases, normally timed around Diwali, are slated for Eid this year. Diwali very often brings out the best in Bollywood. Top blockbusters like Hum Aapke Hain Koun...!, Dilwale Dulhania Le Jayenge, Raja Hindustani, Dil To Pagal Hai, Kuch Kuch Hota Hai, Hum

Kal Ho Naa Ho: The film, set in Manhattan and New York, talks about the relationship between three friends played by Preity Zinta, Saif Ali Khan and Shahrukh Khan

peting with Pinjar is a clutch of films either by newcomers or featuring debutant actors. In the last two years also, Diwali

was a dull affair in Bollywood, because it was too close to Ramzaan. But otherwise, the Diwali week often sees a clash of the titans. In 2000. Bollywood's most known Chopras ought it out with Aditya Chopra's Mohabbatein (Amitabh Bachchan, Aishwarya Rai, Shah Rukh Khan) oitted against Vidhu Vinod Chopra's blockbuster Mission Kashmir (Hrithik Roshan, Preity Zinta).

In 1998, it was again a Bachchan film (Bade Miyan, Chote Miyan)

battling the odds against Karan Johar's debut film Kuch Kuch Hota Hai with Shah Rukh Khan in the lead. This year, Bachchan's Khakee is

again competing with the Karan Joharproduced Kal Ho Naa Ho, again with Shah Rukh in the lead. Interestingly Bachchan will compete with wife Java in Kal Ho Naa Ho. Kajol, whose casting has been kept under wraps in Kal Ho Naa Ho, will have competition from husband Ajay Devgan, who features in Rai Kumar Santoshi's Khakee Diwali or Eid, the audience will be

the king.

## Regional meet

## Barisal division convention and drama festival starts

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ANGLADESH Group Theatre Federation (BGTF) Barisal division is holding a convocation and drama festival

from the 17th of this month. The central committee discussed various issues with the local committee after a rally on the opening day. From 17th to 23rd of the month, a weeklong drama session

6:00

6:30

7:30

is being staged each day at 7 pm Five renowned persons are being accorded receptions before each show. Five groups of Barisal division are staging their productions in the festival.

World of Harry Potter

Journey to the Center

of the Earth Part

History in Colour

Science Mysteries

Extreme Machines

Luangwa River of

Untamed Asia The

**Understanding Traffic** 

Birth of Chang

The Real Eve

A Celebration of

Military Monkeys

Outpost at the

Crocodile River

Motogp World

Philip Island

Championship 2003

Rugby Hq Asia (L)

Mega Machines

Rivers of Africa

Legacy

Extreme

Flight

STAR SPORTS

3:30

4:30

6.30

7:00

7:30

8:30

9:30

10:30

# 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

Late Night News(Bangla and English) 11:30 pm. CHANNEL-i

Telecast of BTV news(Bangla

Breakfast News 07:15 am. 9:00am News(Bangla) at 7:15 pm, 9:00, 10:30, 12:15 am.

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. 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 pm

#### News Headlines(Bangla) at 5:02 pm. 6:30 pm. 9:45 pm. News (Bangla) 7:30 pm.11:00

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at 9:30 pm.

BBC World

## BTV

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> 01:05 Privo Manush 01:30 Caroon Show: Totally Tooned In Khela Dhula 02:30 Amader Ranna 03:05 Prothom Bangla-

desh 04:05 Banshori 04:30 Shatorupa National TV 05:05

Debate Contest News for Children 06:10 Geetanjali 06:35 Programme on poet

Farrukh Ahmad Mati O Manush 07:30 Film Show: The Lost World

08:30 Drama: Harek Rakom Nayikar Namey Naam 09:00 Drama: Ha Ja Ba Ra La

#### 10:30 Obhibashi CHANNEL-i

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05:35 Jonopoder Khabor

Aurthoneeti 07:55 Your Choice 08:25 Drama Serial: Sharey Tin Tola 09:35 Drama Serial:

05:10 Potrikar Khabar 05:25 Kichu Kotha Kichhu Gaan Apnar Jigyasha 06:32

06:52 Neel Paharer Gaan 08:00 Drama Serial: Tin Purush Travel Show:

Desh 09:10 Right Click 09:47 Drama Serial:

11:30 Din Darpan Shurer Jalsha (Mamtaz)

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9:45 10:15 Talk show: Annodristee 10:50 Drama serial Baba

12:40 ATN Music

#### 05:45 FCT Business Talk 06:10 Music Plus Banijyo O

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#### ntv 05:02

06:45

10:00 Drama: Thikana Itihasher Ei Diney Shubho Shandhya

Ekhanev Amar

Faizu Kobirai

8:30

9:10

replace the boyfriend she's just left), all the applicants seem weird. Then along comes a level headed woman who seems to be just right. The new lodger has a secret past which haunts her. Feature Film: Ramer Sumote

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Gram Gonger Sangbad Talk show Trenomul Uro Cola Saat Rang Islamee Sawal O Jawab Street show Danish Pathe Pathe

Mega serial

Special prog.

Mohona

Rana's stoneware endeavours

# For an artist so young, and limited



**Dungeons & Dragons** On HBO at 7:15 pm Genre: Adventure/Fantasy

Jeremy Irons, Bruce Payne, Justin Whalin, Marlon Wayans The Empire of Izmer has long been a divided land. The Mages--an elite group of magic users--rule whilst the lowly commoners are powerless. Izmer's young Empress, Savina, wants equality and prosperity for all, but the evil Mage Profion is plotting to depose her, and establish his own rule. The Empress possesses a scepter which controls Izmer's Golden Dragons

Sarod Utshoh 9.25 Mega Serial: Baba TARA BANGLA Puio in Bangladesh 2:00 Tara News

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Telefilm

10-30 Tara News Headlines 10:33 Pujo Live 11:30 Tara News 11:50 Durga Rag Sandipan Samajpati

Universal Soldier

**HBO** 10.30 Hudson Hawk 1:00 Wishmaster 3 : Devilstone 3:00 The Mummy Dragonheart : A New 5:30 Beginning 7:15 Dungeons & Dragons

The Return 11:15 Gladiator MGM 9:00 The French Lieuten-

ant's Wife 11:30 Blade Matilda 2:00 4:30 Hellraiser Inferno 7:00 Alligator 9:30 Jackie Brown ( Samuel L. Jackson.

Robert Deneiro)

11:30 Inside Out **STAR MOVIES** 9:15 Wolf

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1:00 From Hell 3:00 Contact 5:30 Corky Romano 7:00 Ice Age 8:30 Single White Female 10:15 After Midnight

12:00 The Girl In A Swing

Chupa Rustam

Airheads

#### 12:30 Gunah Mere Sapno Ki Rani 4:30 Kroadh 8:30 STAR PLUS

STAR GOLD

1.00 Musafir Hoon Yaaron Mirch Masala 1:30 2:25 Mail Milap Ghar Ho To Aisa 2:30 6:30 Fox Kids Sunday 7:30 Shararat- Thoda Jaadu Todi Naz Kismey Kitnaa Hai Dam Aai Dekk

9:00 Dil Ka Rishta STAR WORLD 12:30 Ally Mcbeal Mutant X

2:30 Adventure Inc 3:30 Dark Angel 4:30 Roswell 5:30 Whose Line Is I Anvwav

Travel Asia

Baywatch Hawaii

The Simpsons 3rd Rock From The 8:00 Sun 8:30 The Kumars At No. 42 9:00 Rendezvous-Si

9:30 Goodness Gracious Me 10:00 Top Drive 10:30 Cover Story 11:00 Focus Asia

#### NATIONAL **GEOGRAPHIC** 12:30 Snake Wranglers

11:30 The X Files

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for Kids Life Savers

12:30 Discovering the Real

Frontiers **DISCOVERY** 12:00 Popular Mechanics

11:00

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Irb Rugby World Cup 2003 Wales Vs Tonga (L) Irb Rugby World Cup 2003 Ireland Vs

Namibia (L) 6:00 Irb Rugby World Vs Samoa (L)

Cup 2003 Georgia