

RECOMMENDATIONS



Photography Exhibition

October 24-30
A Photography exhibition titled 'Mughal Muslim Architecture (Part-1)' by Babu Ahmed is going on at the Zainul Gallery 2, Institute of Fine Arts, DU. The show will remain open from 2 pm to 7 pm everyday.

Exhibition

October 17-November 12
Gallery Dhruap 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.

October 24-31
Bengal gallery of Fine Arts will hold an exhibition of the works of three artists from three countries Bangladesh, Mexico and Uganda. The exhibition will remain open for all from 12 pm to 8pm everyday. Venue: Bengal Shilpalaya, House 275/F, Road 27 (old), Dhanmondi, Dhaka.

Drama Lane

Bangladesh Mahila Samity
4 Natak Soroni, New Baily Rd.
(Evening show at 7:00 pm
Morning show at 11:00 am)

Group	Plays	Date
Nagarik	Gol Matha	28
Natyangan Theatre	Chokha Matha Sadar Uddiner	29
Touch Lok	Low Pressure Golapjan	30
Natyadal (Taposh) Bangalee Natyadal	Founding Anniversary	31(Morn)
Theatre (Arambagh)	Balad	31 (Eve)

Photography

An angle on ancient architecture

Babu Ahmed, who had his exhibit at Zainul Gallery, talks to Fayza Haq of The Daily Star

The Daily Star: Why have you taken heritage as your topic and not some other theme?

Babu Ahmed: Since my childhood I was very aware of my own ancestors, who were "zamindars" at Bardhaman (West Bengal). I had seen some of their buildings and



Babu Ahmed

remnants of furniture, and was fascinated by what I had seen. Having studied their lives, I realized that they had struck terror in the hearts over, whom they had held sway. I myself never wanted to be a part of this set up but, however, I was obsessed by their lifestyle. As a Bangladeshi, I've studied Muslim Mogul architecture on the whole.

TDS: Have you studied the history of Bangladeshi architecture?

BA: I have done considerable

whole of my present exhibit.

TDS: Can you give a brief introduction to the Mogul rule in Bangladesh?

BA: Sher-e-Afghan came to Bangladesh as Emperor Akbar's emissary in 1576 representing the monarch whose seat was in Delhi. Researching on the ancient Bangladeshi culture, specially Mogul monuments, I found the architectural structures, sculpture and painting absolutely unique, to say a few words. I have a private collection of books on the subject projected in my exhibit. My display consists of two parts: the architectural background, and the historical element.

TDS: How far do you think your exhibit will help in preserving our Mogul Muslim heritage. Will this stir up the relevant authorities to take some steps in preservation of our cultural past?

BA: Our government has always had a lackadaisical and laissez-faire attitude to our heritage. If it were in Paris e.g. they would have preserved every monument in every possible and probable manner. We have preserved history only in the pages of our books and some bot mots. I've personally taken a decision that I'll make an archive of my own, where there will be adequate photographic record of our Mogul Muslim past, and I've already called



Tomb of Haji Khawaja Shahbaz: Dhaka, 1679

research on this. As a Masters student of Bangla at DU in the early 90s, I was also simultaneously inclined towards history. Just as I studied Tagore for my literature, so I've studied history to finally reach this goal of doing photography on Mogul Muslim architecture. The Mogul edifices form the composite

it "Traditional Photo Gallery." I've worked towards this end for the past 16 years. Slowly but gradually I hope to wake up the concerned authorities. I plan to reach out to one and all in Bangladesh if not much beyond. I believe that Bangladesh itself is a museum with a lot to learn and see from.



Shah Muhammad Mosque: Egarasindur, Mymensingh 1680 Ad

TDS: What, in your opinion, is the cause of this shameful neglect of the Mogul past in our country -- is it due to lack of aesthetic sensibility or inadequate social awareness. Will your exposition eventually help to remove this rampant insensitivity in some positive way?

BA: Our mental level has not reached the necessary adequate level. We're involved in politics e.g. but we're not quite often sure of our goals. I must take steps to remedy of our malady of malaise. Despite the financial constraints I've got to work towards my ultimate goal of preservation of the past -- the proofs of the past which are doubtless gems of astronomical value. I only hope that some foreign NGO or some government agency, such as the Shilpakala Academy or the National Museum, will hopefully come to aid me eventually by this venture.

TDS: Who have been your patrons for this particular display?

BA: Aziz Khan and Bijoy Kumar Sirse of "The Summit Group" have helped me in every way that they could.

TDS: Will you be limiting yourself to Moghul monuments in future?

BA: I hope to work on the subjects of churches, temples and pagodas in my future attempts.

TDS: How many photos does this display contain and what was your last solo photo exhibit about?

BA: I've included 28 photos in the recent exhibit in colour, while the last one was called "A glimpse of Bangladeshi heritage", with a hundred photos on mosques, temples, sculptures, etc.

TDS: What camera have you used for your work?

BA: I've used Nikon FM-3, Nikon F-100 and Nikon F-90X, naturally with colour film rolls.

Creativity

Passion for fashion

SADYA AFREEN MALICK

ONE can hardly be unaware of the hustle and bustle of the customers and feel the pulse of the shopping arcades once again. Ramadan has just begun. The restaurants across the city are ready to offer the mouth watering *iftar* packets of *jilebee*, *fuluree*, *samosa*, *dahibora*, *halim* and many more items. In the old town alone, the tradition offers over a hundred varieties of *iftar*.

One of the main focus of Eid shopping is undoubtedly the Eid outfit--the *panjabees*, the *sarees*, the *shalwar-kameez*.

In a few days it would be impossible to miss the signboards, banners, neon signs proclaiming that theirs is THE place to shop: *Brand new stock! Premium collections!* No mistaking it--Eid is just around the corner.

The designers spends sleepless nights to offer something new and gorgeous for the fashion-frenzied. The work actually starts much earlier. Six months in advance orders must be placed for the materials, designs have to be set, additional printers, and tailors have to be employed and what not.

When I started designing almost 18 years ago on *Balaka* silk, it was something of a new concept as designer fashion was still a fledgling business. There were a handful of designers only and customers tended to favour the imported sarees. Printing sarees was far from easy. The silk had to be hand washed to get the wax polish off, dried and then printed on. As a finishing touch the sarees had to be sent to the factories for steaming and ironing.

The process was arduous, though worthwhile. But slowly the tide seemed to have changed as more and more designers entered the market.

Over the years the number of designer boutiques



Ornate embroidery at the yoke by Shatabdi



Silk saree with block and kantha stitches by Banglar Mela

have mushroomed. Some are household names, some are starting to make waves.

Now it's a pleasure to see so many of our country's talents hosting exhibitions, opening boutiques, and winning customers to our indigenous designs!

Banglar Mela has once again put a feather in their cap by emphasizing totally on local materials. Emdad Huq, director of Banglar Mela said that specially woven cotton *sarees* for the Eid are now for sale at their shop. The *zaree* border Tangail special quality *sarees* and the sequined saris are the special attraction for the Eid.

Soft tone Tangail *sarees* in block print are offered, hand-paint and airbrushed *sarees* and wood print *sarees* are something special for the Eid.

Shatabdi is another successful fashion house in the country that has introduced and popularised many old and new trends of clothing. Handloom *sarees* inscribed with lines of *Rabindrasangeet* has been the most artistic innovation from the house. In men's attire also Shatabdi has initiated the style of panjabee without the *koli*--the extra two strips of cloth on the sides. Besides, Shatabdi has *kameez* made from cotton, silk and georgette with block print, dye, hand paint, embroidery and applique.

Street drama

TIB makes one aware of corruption

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TRANSPARENCY International of Bangladesh (TIB) held three shows of a 'street drama' on anti-corruption at three different public places in the northern city of Rajshahi, recently, drawing huge audiences. With a view to creating awareness about corruption and its evil effects on our society, TIB, in collaboration with the theatre team of Shacheton Nagorik Committee of Nalitabari in Sherpur staged the drama at the court premises and at Shabeb

Bazar areas. During another show at the Folklore Square of Rajshahi University some hundreds of students and teachers gathered to watch the drama and later exchanged views with the TIB team.

At the beginning of every show, TIB's Media Relations Officer, Mohammad Imam Uddin explained their aim to work against corruption for a better Bangladesh. TIB's 'street drama' coordinator Kamal Hossain Mintu and Nalitabari Shacheton Nagorik Committee member Samedul Islam Talukhdar were also present during the programme.



A scene from the drama -- 'Relief', staged at the Folklore Square of Rajshahi University on Wednesday morning jointly by Gono Natya Dal of Nalitabari Shacheton Nagorik Committee and Transparency International Bangladesh.

TV GUIDE

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

News Bulletin

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

n tv
News Headlines(Bangla) at 5:02 pm. 6:30 pm. 9:45 pm.
News (Bangla) 7:30 pm.11:00 pm.
TARA BANGLA
NewsHeadline(Bangla) at 5:30 pm. 7:30 pm.
Tara News(Bangla) at 8:30 pm. 11:30 pm.
Tara News Bangladesh(Bangla) at 9:30 pm.
BBC World

BTv

07:35 Shuprabhat Bangladesh
08:25 Selected Nazrul Songs
09:15 Onnyo Bhuban: Ocean Girl
12:15 Shangbadpatrer Pata Theke
01:05 Cartoon Show
02:05 Anondolok
04:05 Sangeta
04:30 Open University Shandhamalati
06:10 English Serial:
07:30 Three Stooges
08:30 Drama Serial: Jay Paroo Bhulley Dio
09:00 Drama Serial: Annoy Rokom Manushera
10:25 News Report
CHANNEL-i
9:30 Sangbad Potrey Bangladesh
9:45 Tritia Matra
10:30 Music Plus
2:00 Feature Film: Rajkumari Chandrabala (Shucharita, Javed)
5:35 Jonopoder Khabor
5:40 Islam O Bigyan
6:10 Music Plus
6:15 Projukti Nijukti
7:50 Close-up Juke Box
8:25 Sarey Tin Tala
9:35 Drama Serial: Drama: Je Jekhaney Jemon
10:00

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05:05 Potrikar Khabar
05:25 Right Click
06:00 Apnar Jigyasha

06:32 Shubho Shandhya
06:52 Gallery
08:00 Drama Serial: Ebong Ami
08:35 Career Show: Aviation
09:10 Drama Serial: Shangshay
10:22 Ey- Somoy
10:50 Iltahasher Ei Diney
11:30 Din Darpan
11:35 Neel Paharer Gaan
12:00 Dastaney Hatem Tai
12:30 Ciney Gaan
ATN BANGLA
12:40 Feature film : Sudu Tume
3:45 Talk show : Samosamoyek
4:20 Mobarok Ho
6:25 Mahya Ramadan
7:40 Islamic Sawal O Jawab
Drama Serial: Sabuj Gram Samol Chaya
8:15 Drama serial: Bhalobashi
Sudayona Kare Balobashi
8:50 Drama serial : Bhular Galpo
9:25 Magazine prog. Ek Doy Teen
10:35 Fashion Based prog : Rupe Aporupa
HBO
10:15 Snow Day
12:00 The In Crowd
2:00 She Creature
3:45 The Kiss
5:45 Sexual Predator
7:30 Wayne's World 2
9:30 Payback
11:30 Hudson Hawk

TODAY'S HIGHLIGHTS



HBO: 7:30 pm Wayne's World 2. Comedy .Mike Myers, Dana Carvey, Lee Tergesen, Dan Bell. Wayne is back, this time trying to organize a rock festival with help from friend Garth and the spirit of Jim Morrison (Doors). Meanwhile, his girlfriend's manager is busy trying to woo her away from Wayne and move her to LA. Life gets interesting when Wayne must rush from the concert to try and stop the wedding. Aerosmith are featured at the concert.



STAR MOVIES: 7:00pm Final Fantasy: The Spirits Within. Animation/Fantasy/ Adventure/Sci-Fi/Action. In the year 2065, the next great assault against an invading race of phantom-like aliens is about to be launched. Dr. Aki Ross, a brilliant young scientist, races to find the invaders' secrets, not only to save the planet, but herself as well after her body is infected by alien particles. She teams up with the prestigious

PICK OF THE DAY



Hudson Hawk
On HBO at 11:30
Genre: Action/Adventure/Comedy
Bruce Willis, Danny Aiello, Andie MacDowell
Eddie Hawkins, called Hudson Hawk has just been released from ten years of prison and is planning to spend the rest of his life honestly. But then the crazy Mayflower couple blackmail him to steal some of the works of Leonardo da Vinci. If he refuses, they threaten to kill his friend Tommy.

MGM

9:00 French Kiss
11:30 Bull Durham
2:00 Annie Hall
4:30 The Cider House Rules
7:00 Desperate Hours
9:30 Zee MGM Select
11:30 ZMS3
11:30 Fever

STAR MOVIES

9:30 Waterworld
11:45 Mo' Better Blues
1:45 To Gillian On Her

37th Birthday

Mary Reilly
Hollywood Ending
Final Fantasy: The Spirits Within
Army Of Darkness
Howling VII:
Mystery Woman
The Good Son

BBC WORLD

8:30 Asia Today/World
Business Report
9:30 Asia Today/Asia
Business Report

World Business Report

10:30 World Business Report
12:30 Sport Today
1:30 Click Online
2:15 Hardtalk
3:30 Earth Report
4:30 Asia Today/World
Business Report
5:30 Hardtalk
6:30 World Business Report/Sport Today
7:30 Fast Track
8:30 Asia Today
9:30 Hardtalk
10:15 World Business Report

Sci Shack, Wild Moves, Virt World

10:30 Sci Shack, Wild Moves, Virt World
11:30 World Business Report/Sport Today
STAR PLUS
2:00 Bhabhi
2:30 Shagun
3:00 Kabhi Aaye Na Judai
3:30 Kyunki Saas Bhi Kabhi Bahu Thi
4:00 Kahaani Ghar Ghar Kii
4:30 Kahiin To Hoga
5:05 Tanha
6:00 Hum Saath Aath

Hain
6:30 Fox Kids
7:30 Kumkum - Pyara Sa Bandhan
8:00 Shaka Laka Boom Boom
8:30 Khichdi
9:00 Kasautii Zindagii Kay
9:30 Kehta Hai Dil
10:30 Kahaani Ghar Ghar Kii
11:00 Kyunki Saas Bhi Kabhi Bahu Thi
11:30 Kahiin To Hoga
STAR WORLD
12:30 Dharma & Greg
1:00 Becker
1:30 The Pretender
2:30 Oprah Winfrey
3:30 Bold And Beautiful
4:30 Sabrina The Teenage Witch
5:00 Two Guys And A Girl
5:30 Knight Rider
6:30 The Simpsons
7:00 Home Improvement
7:30 Friends
8:00 Just Shoot Me
8:30 The Drew Carey Show
9:00 Whose Line Is It Anyway?
9:30 Monk
10:30 Law & Order: S.V.U
11:30 Baywatch
STAR GOLD
9:00 Balika Badhu
12:30 Prem Shakti
4:00 Without Ticket
4:30 Pratikar
8:30 Raja Hindustani
NATIONAL

GEOGRAPHIC
2:00 Chasing Time
2:30 \$100 Taxi Ride
3:00 Young Global Hot Shots
3:30 National Geographic Special
4:30 Crittercam-Wildtech Adventures
5:00 Toyota World Of Wildlife
5:30 Animal Edens
6:00 Mission Wild
6:30 Dogs With Jobs
7:00 Toyota World Of Wildlife S3
7:30 National Geographic Special
8:30 People Out There
9:00 Chasing Time
9:30 \$100 Taxi Ride
10:00 5 Weddings Couple Of Funeral
11:30 Dim Sum Odyssey
11:30 Crittercam-Wildtech Adventures
DISCOVERY
12:30 Romantic Escapes
1:00 Quebec City, Quebec
1:00 Makeover Story
2:00 Bridal Shower
2:30 Living Pulse
2:30 Kitchen Chemistry/Fat-Free Salt
3:30 New Detectives
3:30 Buried Secrets
4:30 Svalbard Where Polar Bears Reign
4:30 Mega Movie Magic: Man in the Iron Mask/Paulie/Ninja Turtles/Star Wars
5:00 Born Winners
5:30 Dragon Boats/Snow Boarding
5:30 Globe Trekker Norway

6:30 Survivor Tornado
7:30 Buffalo, the African Boss
8:30 Science Frontiers
9:30 Science Mysteries
10:30 Hidden History of Rome
STAR SPORTS
9:00 Gillette World Sports Special (R)
9:30 Pool Rack 'Em Up 2 - Women In Pool
Steve Davis Vs Jeanette Lee (R)
11:00 Sailing World (T)
11:30 Watersports
12:30 Programming Hot Water (T)
12:30 English Premier Football League 2003/04 Bolton Wanderers Vs Birmingham City (T)
2:30 Irb Rugby World Cup 2003 Georgia Vs Uruguay (L)
4:30 Australian Int'l Badminton C'ships 2003 Sydney
6:30 Australia Highlights(T)
6:30 Tennis Masters Series Bnp Paribas Masters Paris Paris France 1st Round(S)
8:00 Sportsline Hindi (L)
8:30 English Premier League Highlights (T)
9:30 Cayton Boxing Films
11:00 Cayton's Greatest Vol. II (T)
11:00 Tennis Masters Series Bnp Paribas Masters Paris Paris France 1st Round(S)