

RECOMMENDATIONS

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.

Art Exhibition

**November 7-17**  
The 4th art exhibition by Charu Pancharam is being held at Alliance Francaise. The display will be open for all from 5pm to 8 pm.

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
Natyachakro	Janak	9, 10
Drishitpat	Founding	11
Natyashangshad	Anniversary	
Aranyak	Shangkranti	12
Natyadal		
Dhaka Theatre	Banapangshul	13
Natyadhara	Atashi Shaporja	15
Dhaka Theatre	Birasha Munda	16
Mancha		
Prachyanat	Gondar	17
Theatre	Balad	18
(Arambag)		
Muktamancha	Shurjomukho	19
Theatre	Meraj	20
(Baily Road)	Fakirer Ma	
Natyadal	Bakkal	21
	(Morning)	
Drishyapot	Narak Guljar	21
	(Evening)	
Abayab	Kamakatha	22
Natyadal		
Bangali	Manabra	23
Natyasham-	Bhul Korchhen	
proday		
Theatre Dwip	Tandar	24
Granthik Natya	Girgiti	25
Goshthi		

Cinema

## Contemporary Italian film scenario

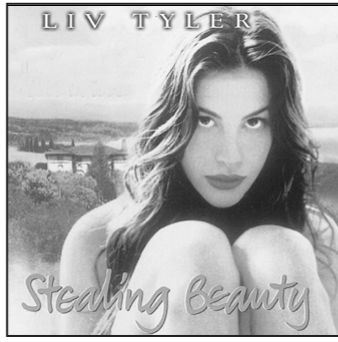
Zahir Raihan Film Society screens six recent Italian films at the Alliance Francaise of Dhaka

SABBIR CHOWDHURY

ITALY is one of the leading film-producing countries in the world, though recently, the number of annual film productions has decreased a lot. The names that made the Italian cinema famous all over the world are no longer there, but the contemporary filmmakers are making their presence felt with prestigious productions. Vittorio de Sica, Roberto Rossellini, Luchino Visconti, Federico Fellini, Michelangelo Antonioni, Pier Paolo Pasolini, and the likes made the Italian cinema renowned and prestigious.

The glory days of the Neo-Realism of the Italian cinema of the 1940s and early 1950s were over by the 1960s, but Fellini, Antonioni, Pasolini, and Bernardo Bertolucci, either continued or started making films in the 1960s. In merely three years' time died the stalwarts of the Italian cinema - de Sica (1902-1974), Pasolini (1922-1975), Visconti (1906-1976), and Rossellini (1906-1977) thus, leaving a vacuum behind which took several years to fill up. But it wasn't quite the same.

Italian cinema restored some of its

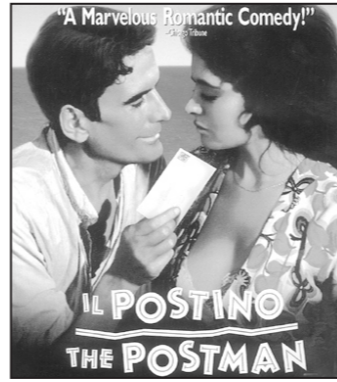


and some of them got critical acclaims before. They were making positive impressions about the Italian cinema outside Italy among the critics and audience alike. They also bagged quite a good number of prizes in the international film circuits.

Zahir Raihan Film Society will screen some Italian films of the most recent times. Six films will be shown in the ongoing series of film sessions focusing on the European cinema. Films from one particular country will be presented each month. In the first series, these Italian films will be projected on 9th, 10th and 11th November, each day at 3:30 p.m. and 6:00 p.m.

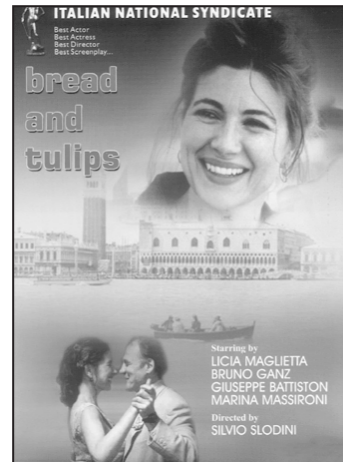
award winning cast of *Life Is Beautiful* Benigni himself as Pinocchio and Nicoletta Braschi as the Blue Fairy the film is a celebration of life.

Bernardo Bertolucci started his filmmaking career in the early 1960s starting as an assistant to poet filmmaker Pasolini. Then he made some excellent films like *The Spider's Stratagem*, *Before the Revolution*, *The Conformist*, *Last Tango in Paris*, *La Luna*, *The Last Emperor*, and *Little Buddha*. *Stealing Beauty* is Bertolucci's 1996 film that deals with the coming of age story of 19-year-old Lucy, who comes from the USA to the beautiful Tuscany to consummate her romance with the Italian boy with whom she fell in love with four years earlier and to discover the identity of her father through the clues in her late artist mother's diary.

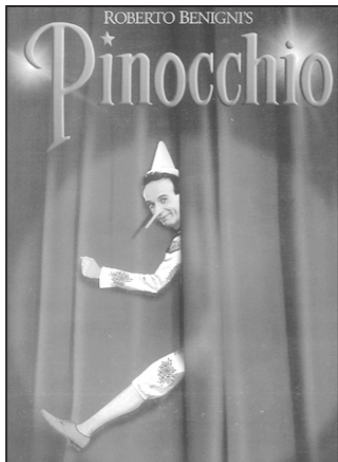


*Il Postino* (The Postman), a film made in Italian by the British filmmaker Michael Radford, is the story of bumbling mailman Mario, who is deeply in love with the most beautiful woman in the neighbourhood, who becomes the subject of increasingly malicious gossip among the lustful townsmen and their jealous wives. But only her most ardent admirer, our young hero Renato Amorosso, will learn the untold true story of the mysterious and elusive Malena.

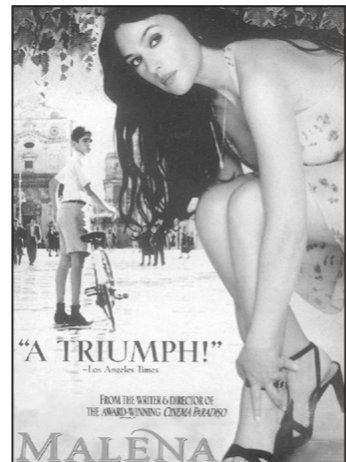
*Bread and Tulips* is a film by Silvio Soldini, that won nine film awards of Italian National Syndicate in 2001. Rosalba, a bored dutiful housewife, finds herself separated from her husband and children. Virtually penniless, she finds a place to stay in a cheap, rundown hotel and makes friendship with a waiter who serves her cold food. This gives her an opportunity to look back to her life and discover herself. Set at the backdrop of beautiful Venice, it is a thought-provoking and eye-opening film.



past glory in the 1990s. Bernardo Bertolucci, Paolo and Vittorio Taviani, Giuseppe Tornatore, Gianni Amelio, Nanni Moretti, Lina Wertmuller, Maurizio Nichietti, and Gabriele Salvatores are actively making films. Most of these filmmakers started making their first films much earlier,



Roberto Benigni's *Pinocchio* is the most recent film adaptation of Carlo Collodi's classic tale of the wild adventures of Pinocchio, the wooden puppet that comes magically to life. At the same time he enjoys the guidance from the beautiful Blue Fairy and the love of his father Gepetto. Starring the same



of the greatest poets of love, teaches his mail-deliverer disciple the power of words to express his feelings and also the power of love to win over the obstacles.

Giuseppe Tornatore is the acclaimed maker of films like *Cinema Paradiso*, *A Pure Formality* and *The Star*

Sabbir Chowdhury, a film activist, teaches in the Department of English at Jahangirnagar University, Dhaka.

Music

## Rock phantasm

Aurthohin: Souls of old rock...with rhythm of new generation

CULTURAL CORRESPONDENT

FORMED from the ashes of the former 'Shumon O Aurthohin' of 1999, emerged a funk-metal band Aurthohin. The line-up until now altered a lot in anticipation before they had their dream team under the lime light. Their permanent standard rock pentagon now features a stylishly progressive and melodic bass player Shumon, the mastermind behind the band who is also the principal songwriter and the lead singer; Piklu, a lead guitarist not afraid to shoot his funk flavoured notes. The fresh recruits Shishir from dNA--the other guitarist plus keyboard man, Rafa from Kral--the all-new vocalist, and finally a very energetic drummer Shuvo keeping the beats alive.



The band seen jamming at Studio Bass

The theme of their work this far was stated by Shumon as 're-incarnation of the old rock music'--the ideology to bring back '80s rock to present days. In addition, the message they want to pass to the next generation musicians is 'do good quality music for maximum audible pleasure', remarks Shuvo.

The band has a huge array of influences, starting from Megadeth with Marty Friedman days, Dream Theatre, U2 to even the oldies pop of Simon and Garfunkel.

Mentioning about their genre of music, Shumon explains, as they compose and perform the different variety of tunes from progressive to soft rock and metal to pop, all these ingredients assorted to bake the cake and topped with the funk style icing brings out the big tray of one word that they all smirked to, 'Rock'.

They mention of their 2nd album *Biborton* making unbelievable record both home and abroad. The sole album

became Best Seller of 2001-2002 in New York, Jackson Heights on release.

Shumon, as an artist and recordist says, 'Within limited resources, we are quite happy with our recordings, although the guitar riff tones from the studios need to improve. Hoping that with the advanced CD features and quality from the recording labels, the sound should perk up.'

They made positive remarks saying, 'the present music scenario is escalating with the new recording facilities and the new sets of bands coming out in the industry, namely Nemesis the rock band, dNA, Reborn and Kral from the metal side; Dripping Gore from the death metal bands and Breach from the alternative rock side.' Aurthohin shows high hopes and feels these new comers making turmoil in our music industry will catapult a great talent show.

When asked about other contributors to the band, they name Jewel from

Miles as the unconditional supporter of the team.

'Every band has some shortcomings and shocking phases to deal with', continues the band as they mention of the sudden jaw injury Shumon experienced. 'But it is God's grace that he has revived from such pain and can sing once more.'

There were big smiles on their faces as they were asked to comment on views expressed by the older generation of fathers and mothers about the 'current music' as more of visual entertainment with heavy music replacing soothing songs and lyrics from the past.

The band made some points clearer. 'This situation of controversy will never change. We probably will feel the same about our kids listening to music of their generation as below standard amusement and that music done in our times would simply seem the best. This cyclic notion of choices will continue till the end of mankind', they grin to an end.

The five member rockers are pushing yet another new compilation *Dhruvak* that ranges from progressive rock to pop and all the way to heavy metal--a new breed of album for almost all categories of music listeners. The songs are expected to be filled with classy bass lines, matured guitar and keyboard tones, thrashy vocals and 200 bpm of incredible drums. The album is expected to come out by the 3rd week of November from G-Series. Aurthohin believes that the music level of the new comers in the band will be assessed as soon as this much-awaited album hits the market.



The new generation rock band

French-German Film Festival

Goethe Institut and Alliance Francaise are holding a joint French-German film festival from November 16 in celebration of the 40th anniversary of the signing of the French-German Treaty of Friendship. The festival endeavours to project the spirit of this treaty, namely a lasting friendship and closeness between the two cultural nations. The schedules are as follows:

<b>The Princess and the Warrior</b>	Alliance Francaise	November 16 at 7pm
	Goethe Institut	November 20 at 3 pm
<b>Black Box Germany</b>	Goethe Institut	November 18 at 3 pm
		November 20 at 7 pm
<b>The State I Am In</b>	Alliance Francaise	November 16 at 10:30 am
	Goethe Institut	November 18 at 7 pm
<b>Crazy</b>	Alliance Francaise	November 17 at 10:10 am
	Goethe Institut	November 19 at 7 pm
<b>Tosca</b>	Goethe Institut	November 17 at 7 pm
	Alliance Francaise	November 19 at 10:30 am
<b>Jeanne and the Perfect Guy</b>	Alliance Francaise	November 16 at 7pm
	Goethe Institut	November 18 at 3 pm

Breaking new grounds



PHOTO: AFP  
Indian singer Asha Bhosle (R) cooks 'kheema' (minced lamb), during a cookery demonstration at the Uppercrust Food Festival in Bombay on November 07, as the owner of Uppercrust magazine Farzana Contractor (L) looks on. Bhosle, famous as a playback singer for Hindi movies, also owns a restaurant in Dubai and markets Indian curry pastes and marinades around the world.

Movie

New Zealand-born, Australian film director Jane Campion arrives for the premier of her new movie 'In The Cut' in Sydney, on November 6. Campion, best known for her movie 'The Piano,' directed and did the screenplay for her latest work which stars Meg Ryan is about a serial killer.



## 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 am. 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**  
News-Headline(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**  
Every hour on the hour

**BTV**  
07:35 Suprohat Bangladesh  
08:25 Rabintra Sangeet  
09:15 Anya Bhubon  
12:15 Sangbad Potrer Pata Theke  
01:05 Selected Programme  
01:30 Cartoon Show  
02:05 Karate Doe  
02:30 Tommy Miyar Kitchen  
03:05 Children's Programme  
04:13 Bashori  
04:30 Amar Desh  
04:45 Mahe Ramjan  
05:45 News for Children  
06:10 Rabintra Sangeet  
06:35 Programmes from Chittagong Centre  
07:05 Maati O Manush  
07:30 Film Show  
08:30 Drama Serial  
09:00 Drama  
10:25 Teknai Theke Tentulia Priyo Shilpi Priyo Gaan  
11:00 Jhilmil  
**CHANNEL-i**  
06:00 Islamic Programme  
07:00 Harmd O Naat  
07:30 Prothom Sur  
09:30 Sangbad Patrey Bangladesh  
09:45 Trityo Matra  
11:00 Chitni Palam  
11:30 Ebong Cinemar Gan  
12:00 Drama Serial: Chera Pata  
12:30 Bhim Jhotpot Ranna Chotpot Porishkar  
01:00 Drama Serial: Boshobash  
01:30 Sangbad Patrey Bangladesh  
02:00 Bangla Film  
05:00 Ramjanul Mobarak  
05:18 Magraber Azan  
05:35 Janapader Khabar

05:40 Kalam O Kolom  
05:55 Teer Manahar Iftar  
06:10 Music Plus  
06:45 Banijyo O Orthonti  
07:55 Jibon Jekhane Jemon  
08:25 Anya Bhubon  
09:35 Jibon Jekhane Jemon  
09:35 Drama Serial: Ekanno Borti  
10:00 Thikana  
**ntv**  
04:06 Ithasher Ei Diney Patrikar Khabar  
04:13 Ridaye Ramjan  
04:30 Pabitra Al Quaran  
05:10 Islamic Programme  
05:30 Kichhu Kotha Kichhu Gaan  
06:32 Shubho Shandhya  
06:52 Neeli Paharer Gaan  
08:00 Drama Serial: Tin Purus  
08:35 Ekhaney Amar Desh  
09:10 Right Click  
09:49 Drama Serial: Fojju Kabiraj  
10:50 Ithasher Ei Diney  
12:30 Din Darpan  
12:05 Sangskriti Ei Saptaha  
**ALPHA TV**  
2:00 Bichitra  
2:30 News  
3:00 Feature Film: Ishwar Parameshwar  
5:22 Saptik Bhagya  
5:28 Chakra  
5:30 Jhankar  
5:30 Robir Aloye  
6:00 Alpha Khabar  
6:30 Sudhu Tomake Chai  
7:00 Googly  
7:30 Sara Bangla  
7:57 Jhankar  
8:00 Robiraber Telechhobi Premiere  
10:00 Bengal's Most Wanted  
10:28 Jhankar

**TODAY'S HIGHLIGHTS**  
HBO: 7:15 pm **3000 Miles to Graceland.** Action/Thriller/Comedy/ Crime. Kurt Russell, Kevin Costner, Courteney Cox. The plan was ingenious enough: rob the Riviera Casino's count room during an Elvis impersonator convention. But Thomas Murphy decided to keep all the money for himself and shot all his partners, including recently-freed ex-con Michael Zane. With \$3.2 million at stake, the Marshals Service closing in, and single mom Cymbi Waingrow and her son constantly confounding things, Michael must track down Murphy.  
**STAR MOVIES:** 7:00 pm **Count Of Monte Cristo.** Action/Drama/Adventure/Thriller. James Caviezel, Guy Pearce. The film based on the Alexandre Dumas tale stars Jim Caviezel as Dantes, a sailor who is falsely accused of treason by his best friend Fernand, who wants Dantes' girlfriend Mercedes for himself. Dantes is imprisoned on the island prison of Chateau D'If for 13 years, where he plots revenge against those who betrayed him.  
10:30 Alpha Khabar  
11:00 Kane Kane  
11:30 Sudhu Tomake Chai  
12:00 Hyar Majhe  
**HBO**  
10:45 Mars Attacks!  
1:00 Code Red: The Rubicon Conspiracy  
3:00 Lost & Found  
5:00 The Next Karate Kid  
7:15 3000 Miles to Graceland  
9:30 Enter The Dragon  
11:30 Innocent Moves  
1:45 Curse of the Talisman

**PICK OF THE DAY**  
**Enter The Dragon**  
On HBO at 9:30 pm  
Genre: Action/Crime  
Bruce Lee, John Saxon, Kien Shih, Ahna Capri Lee, a member of the Shaolin Temple, is asked by a man to go to a tournament that is being on an island that belongs to a man named Han, a former Shaolin monk gone renegade. Lee is told that Han is involved in Opium trade and white slavery. He wants Lee to go there and try and get him the evidence they need to arrest Han.  
6:30 Guinness World Records: Primetime  
7:30 CSI: Miami Slaughter House  
8:30 Fear Factor Specials- FEAR Month Fear Factor Specials  
9:30 Now See This  
10:30 The Shield: The Spread  
11:30 The Shield: Dawg Days  
12:30 The Associates Don't Ask Don't Tell  
**ZEE CINEMA**  
10:30 Kabhi Haan Kabhi Naa (Shahrukh Khan Suchita Krishnamoorti)  
1:30 Sabse Bada Khiladi (Akshay Kumar Mamta Kulkarni)  
5:30 International Thiladi (Akshay Kumar Twinkle Khanna)  
9:30 Army (Shahrukh Khan Serdevi)  
**STAR GOLD**  
12:00 Gaane Bhi Do Yaaron  
12:30 Dulhan Hum Le Jayenge  
4:30 Jhooth Bole Kawwa Kaate Maya  
8:00

8:30 Tum Bin  
**STAR PLUS**  
2:30 Ankhor Mein Tum Ho  
6:30 Fox Kids Sunday  
7:30 Shararat-Thoda Jaadu Thodi Naz  
9:00 Kismey Kitnaa Hai Dam Aaj Dekh  
8:00 Raju Chacha  
**STAR WORLD**  
2:30 Adventure Inc  
3:30 Dark Angel  
4:30 Roswell  
5:30 Whose Line Is It Anyway  
6:00 Travel Asia  
6:30 Baywatch Hawaii  
7:30 The Simpsons  
8:00 3rd Rock From The Sun  
8:30 The Kumars At No. 42  
9:00 Rendezvous With Simi Garewal  
9:30 Milan Fashion Week  
10:00 Top Drive  
10:30 Cover Story  
11:00 Focus Asia  
11:30 The X Files  
**ANIMAL PLANET**  
2:30 AP Showcase Natural Born Sinners  
3:30 Croc Files Fraser Island  
4:30 Shark Gordon Shark Attack  
5:00 Extreme Contact Sailfish  
5:30 Natural World  
6:30 Jeff Crowin Experience  
7:30 Crocodile Hunter  
8:30 Sunday Champions/Friends  
10:30 AP Showcase Humanzee  
11:30 Young and Wild Mr Mom  
12:00 Velvet Claw Small and Deadly

**NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC**  
12:30 Inside Mecca  
2:30 Muhammad-Legacy Of A Prophet  
3:30 Mission Wild  
4:00 Return To The Wild  
5:30 Meerkat Madness  
6:00 Tomorrow's World  
6:30 Disaster  
7:30 Going To More Extremes  
8:30 Snake Wranglers  
9:00 Nat Geo Genius  
9:30 Inside The Vatican  
11:30 Scientific American Frontiers  
**DISCOVERY**  
1:30 Discovery Sunday  
Planet Storm  
Colour Of War II The British Story  
4:30 Passions for the Past  
China Bridge  
5:30 Terra X Mallorca  
6:30 Conspiracy  
7:30 Treasures of the World  
8:30 Malaysia Airlines-100 Years of Flight  
9:30 Discovery Wings-A Celebration of Flight  
10:30 Night Safari Anacondas with Nigel Marven  
**ESPN**  
9:00 Super Centuries (R)  
9:30 Premiership Extra (T)  
10:00 Cricket Classics India Vs New Zealand World C'Ship Of Cricket (1st Semifinal)(T)  
10:30 The Espn Cricket World (R)  
11:30 Cricket Gold (T)  
2:30 Premiership Extra (R)

3:00 Cricket Classics India Vs New Zealand World C'Ship Of Cricket (1st Semifinal)(R)  
4:30 Premiership Extra (R)  
5:30 Spanish Football League 2003/04 (R)  
6:35 Super Sunday Preview(L)  
7:40 English Premier Football League 2003/04 Liverpool Vs Manchester United (L)  
9:45 Super Sunday Preview(L)  
10:00 English Premier Football League 2003/04 Chelsea Vs Newcastle United (L)  
12:00 Premiership Postgame (L)  
**STAR SPORTS**  
8:00 Uefa Champions League Extra (T)  
12:30 Uefa Champions League Magazine Show (T)  
6:00 Macau Grand Prix 2003 1st Weekend Races(S)  
8:00 Tri Series In India Best Of The Day Guwahati Australia Vs New Zealand 7th ODI Highlights  
10:00 Mr Universe 2003 (S)  
**TEN SPORTS**  
9:00 Pick of the Week  
10:30 History of Football  
11:30 Trans World Sports  
2:00 Legends. Jayasurya  
2:30 ATP Tennis  
4:00 History of Football  
7:30 Gillette World Sport Raw  
8:00 Gillette World Sport  
11:00 Pak v SA 03: 1st ODI H/Ls