

RECOMMENDATIONS



Exhibition
November 18-24
The third solo art exhibition titled 'Tribal Lives' by artist Romel Chakma is being held at the gallery of Russian Cultural Centre (House no. 510, Road no. 7, Dhanmondi). The show will remain open for all from 2 pm to 7 pm everyday.

Art and Sculpture Show

November 14-23
A 10-day-long art and sculpture exhibition of six contemporary artists, titled *Appointment*, is going on at the Shilpangan Gallery. The show is open for all from 10 am to 9 pm everyday.



Exhibition
November 18-December 15
A photography exhibition titled 'Man Without Qualities' by Matthias Wahner is on at the exhibition hall of the Goethe Institut.

Anniversary
December 12
The 25th founding anniversary special programme of children's drama association Dhaka Little Theatre will be held at Drk (House no. 58, Road no. 15/Anew) at 10 am to 5 pm.

Exhibition
December 3-18
An art exhibition of paintings by selected artists of the country will be inaugurated at 6:00 pm at the National Exhibition Hall of Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy. The show will be open for all from 12 pm to 8 pm everyday.

Drama Lane

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

Group	Plays	Date
Bangali	Manabra	23
Natyasham-	Bhul Korchen	proday
Theatre Dwp	Tandar	24
Granthik Natya	Girigi	25
Goshthi		
Shushama Natya	Gunodhar	26
Shamproday		
Breetta	Wall Mikoya	27
Desh Natya	Nihata	28
Shangshad	Shanglap (Morning)	
Bangladesh	See Morog	28
Theatre	(Evening)	

News Bulletin

BTV
News Headlines(Bangla) at 9:40 am. 12:10 pm. 2:00 pm. 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. 1:00 pm. 2:00 pm. 3:00 pm. 4:00pm. 6:00 pm. and 8:00 pm.
ntv
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
Every hour on the hour

Fabric fables

"She walks in beauty"

Kamrun Nahar's sari exhibition at "La Galerie"

FAYZA HAQ

ONE has seen superb delineation of Omar Khayyam and Kalidas's poetry on canvas, paper, woven wool and mosaic. In Kamrun Nahar's silk saris, which were on display recently at "La Galerie", one found idyllic and dream-like portrayal of complete scenes of the world famous poets of the past with their romantic imagination put in scintillating and sensuous colours. Lovers with the background of flowers, trees, animals, birds and complete range of nature had been brought in Kamrun Nahar's paintings. They were not just photographic as seen in some cases earlier in some exhibits at an art outlet at Gulshan, with products aimed at export and bearing astronomical prices. These were more subtle, sophisticated and could be afforded by the bourgeois and the upper echelons of our society. Working women with tight budget could also fit them with their Eid bonus. The festive occasion would be just right for these unique saris of beige silk, sometimes spotted and at times covered with muted faded block and then painted over with fabric paint as well as screen paint for the final soft

touches, the saris presented the figures with lotus eyes, cupid lips, statuesque figures and shimmering and luminous jewellery, along with a pantheon of grand and carefully done portrayal of smiling nature, including flora and fauna, done with immaculate precision, to the last detail and beyond. Each piece was like flowing of the fountain of youth with the amazingly poetic images and the beautiful images taken from the pages of ancient poetry.

Speaking about herself, Kamrun Nahar said that after her BFA from the Fine Arts Institute, she held a number of solo exhibits and participated in joint painting displays in Dhaka with her Oriental type paintings as well as her



understanding- in-laws. One of the many reasons why I married the man of my choice was because I knew that he would value my talent and allow me to continue to paint, which I've been doing since my childhood, for as long as I can remember."

Gorgeous, graceful and gala, the beige saris with their eye-catching motifs that hark back to the ancient poetry of the East and Middle East, and which have become an integral part of our tradition, Kamrun Nahar's saris were indeed "vraiment magnifiques". The paintings on silk were subtle, sophisticated and something new for the "begum's" wardrobe and also for younger debutantes. They were meant for the age range from 15 to 65, going by their muted backdrop and subtle use of only the "anchal", border and a part of the silk leading up to the end of the sari at times, for the dramatic delineation of our rich romantic past.

Kamrun Nahar has herself always been enamoured with the depiction of beautiful creature with doe eyes, full lips, hair like a poet's dream and long, lithe limbs, as one has seen in her paintings over the years, and which she admits herself. She is also totally fascinated with the wonderful nature that abounds in our countryside and elsewhere in parts of the world. "Man is an integral part of nature and that is why I have brought in the flowers and animals, along with human forms" she said, with her eyes -- like limpid pools -- shining with satisfaction, and dimpling



landscapes in places like "La Galerie". She has been working as a commercial artist, but has never abandoned her more creative work. She does this, she said, after her office hours, in the evening, and works far into the night till 2 am and beyond. This, Kamrun Nahar said, was due to her inner urge to be more creative than what she can be as a commercial artist making posters, leaflets, cover designs etc, which naturally brings in a steady income to supplement that of her hard-working and dedicated husband. "I don't believe that women are really compelled to give up fine arts with domestic pressure after marriage, in Dhaka or elsewhere in Bangladesh," said Kamrun Nahar, "Of course, one has to have a supportive husband and a set of

demurely over her work. She has also had the fascination for bringing in minute details of oriental jewellery which the subjects had been adorned with, which are an inseparable part of Oriental Art; and which Kamrun Nahar said, had always been dear to her heart from the outset, although she did not pursue formal training in Oriental Art at the Fine Arts Institute. However, what appears to be naturally gifted, is surely adequate for her to swim the vast seas of her professional goal.

Going over some of the samples of the rare collection of saris at "La Galerie," one came across the "anchal" painted with a delectable female form, with a swishing skirt, orange and bordered with gold, and "kanchuli" which was a dotted tangerine one. She sported an "orna" which had yellow dots on blue. "These had the theme from Kalidas," Kamrun Nahar said. The other women, along with the main characters, had cascading jet-black hair, wee waists, voluptuous bosoms, and details of facial features that were nonpareil, as have gone down in history, as in the caves of Ajanta and Elora, and in innumerable Indian temples, apart from Rajput and Mogul paintings. The magical, bewitching charm of eastern women had surely been captured for all time on Kamrun Nahar's saris.

The Rubbayats of Omar Khayyam, too had their detailed delineation, with the theme of wine, woman and song put in wondrous delightful manner. The paintings were not mere illustrations but had personal touches which set them apart from other paintings found anywhere else. The fact that they were on saris, which could be worn both at day and night because of the subtle choice of colours on the soft caressing background was something that made one speechless.

One left the exhibition with total admiration, and with the unsatisfied desire to have done one's Eid shopping later on in the month, and so could have probably fitted in at least one of the superb silk saris for someone dear to oneself. Let's hope Kamrun Nahar repeats her performance some time in the near future: once more with feeling.



The recipients, (from left) Workers' Party leader Rashed Khan Menon, poet Al Mujahidi, professor Abdullah Abu Sayeed and media personality Faridur Reza Sagar, pose for photograph adorned in the Uttario. Designer Nahid Niazi is also seen in the picture.

The Panjabee passion

The traditional attire goes trendy

NOVERA DEEPIKA & FAIZUL A TANIM

THE fifth Panjabee exhibition by singer and lately turned fashion designer Nahid Nazia went on for two days at the Muldhara International Centre at Dhanmondi recently. The organising group 'Bangalee' awarded five prominent personalities the 'Bangalee Honorary Medal 2003' for making panjabee popular and for carrying on the Bangalee culture. The personalities were professor Abdullah Abu Sayeed, poet Al Mujahidi, Workers' Party leader Rashed Khan Menon, media personality Faridur Reza Sagar and cartoonist Shishir Bhattacharyya. The programme was chaired by Poet Sayeed Al Farooq.

The awardees were given flowers, books and an Uttario by the organisers. The personalities talked about their experiences regarding panjabee in their speeches. Rashed Khan Menon said that in the 60s he went to jail for political reasons. He spoke

about interesting experiences regarding panjabee while he was in jail as a political prisoner. They used to be supplied with clothes once in six months which comprised of *panjama, panjabee, dhuti and shawls*.

Poet Al Mujahidi also shared humorous experiences of his life as regards panjabee. He said, "One of my aunts would bless me by saying bring me a Dhuti when you next go to jail." He added that he has been wearing Panjabees since his teen-aged days.

Abdullah Abu Sayeed in his entertaining speech talked about his reasons of wearing Panjabees. He said, "The first reason is that it gives a feeling of being a Bangalee. Secondly, it is a part and parcel of my humble life. My colourful inner self is reflected in the Panjabees," he said.

The enthusiasm for Panjabee has turned from everyday clothing to fashion. It reflects our Bangalee heritage. The range of designs and vivid colours depict lifestyle, culture, and develop to a traditional treasure,

which is particularly reflected in the motifs with the 'kantha' stitches.

The pieces from the recent exhibition included different tones and shades of colors of the 21st century designs. The workmanship ranged from the ordinary to the elegant. Even though, only two pieces were fascinating at the exhibit, the visit was not in vain. One exquisite designer-wear item had the portrait of Tagore on the front while the other panjabee had 'nakshikantha' style prints.

Ranging from a price of Tk.200 to Tk.2200 the arrays of clothes were however appreciated by the chief guest of the function.

Models dressed in different designs of the displayed panjabees, paraded with background recitation of poems.

Though the sets of designs were rather ordinary, it was worth a visit as one discovered a new concept of popularizing the Bangalee outfits.

Eid thoughts

Mamunur Rashid

Popular playwright and director Mamunur Rashid will spend this Eid with his parents at his hometown, in Tangail. He says, 'It will be something like a family reunion. I always go there on Eid and stay for two, three days. It is a must for me.' Two of his dramas will be broadcast on ATN Bangla and BTV named Jimmi and LBW. He recalls, 'Eid during childhood used to be so happy and pleasant. We would enjoy going to our maternal uncle's place. But now at this age all has changed.'



Shuborna Mustafa

'I don't have any plan on this Eid. After my father's death, I don't really enjoy these festivals. May be I will stay at home the whole day. I never buy new clothes on the occasion. Eid is a joyous occasion no doubt about that, but I believe it is to be observed especially by the under privileged and children, as such. I have acted in the drama Chhatrang Adhayan Tapah that will be telecast on ntv on

the second day of Eid. She, however, didn't elaborate her role in the drama and said that the audience would surely like it.



Humayun Fareedy

A convict in the drama, Fareedy has also written and directed the Eid special drama Chandragrasta. Fareedy does not have any special plans for this Eid. He will roam around and have fun on the day. He smiles and says, 'I may cook some delicious dishes. About Eid Fashion? I don't really understand much about it.' Like all others, to Fareedy the childhood Eids were much happier when new dresses and 'salamees' were the main attractions.



TV GUIDE

TODAY'S HIGHLIGHTS



STAR MOVIES: 7:00 pm: Big Trouble.
Genre: Comedy. Tim Allen, Rene Russo, Stanley Tucci, Tom Sizemore.
From the creative mind of Pulitzer winner Dave Barry, comes a film following a chain of events inspired by the arrival of a mysterious suitcase in Miami. Arthur Herk, a corrupt business owner, wants to get his hands on the case. At the same time, two hitmen want to get him wacked.



MGM: 9:30 pm: Robin Hood: Prince of Thieves. Action / Adventure / Drama. Kevin Costner, Morgan Freeman.
After being captured by Turks during the Crusades, Robin of Locksley and a Moor, Azeem, escape back to England where Azeem vows to remain until he repays Robin for saving his life. Meanwhile, Robin's father has been murdered by the Sheriff of Nottingham and when Robin returns home he vows to avenge his father's death.

PICK OF THE DAY



Patriot Games
On HBO at 9:30 pm
Genre: Action/Thriller/Drama
Harrison Ford, Anne Archer, Patrick Bergin, Sean Bean
Harrison Ford stars as Jack Ryan in this thriller based on Tom Clancy's international best-seller. His days as an intelligence agent behind him, former CIA analyst Jack Ryan has traveled to London to vacation with his wife and child. Meeting his family outside of Buckingham Palace, Ryan is caught in the middle of a terrorist attack on Lord Holmes, a member of the Royal Family.

BTV
07:35am. Suprohat Bangladesh
08:25 Selected Tagore Songs
09:15 Anya Bhubon: Sensitive Samurai
12:15 Sangbad Potrer Pata Theke
12:30 Shastha Tatthya
12:05 Judo Training
12:30 Tommy Miar Kitchen
04:05 Banshori
04:45 Mahe Ramjan
05:45 News For Children
06:10 Geetanjali
07:05 Mati O Manush
07:30 The Lost World
08:30 Drama: Naiykar Naamey Naam
10:25 Teknai Theke Tentulia
10:35 Priyo Shilpi Priyo Gaan
11:00 Jhil Mil
CHANNEL-i
09:45am. Tritiya Matra
11:00 Chitri Pelam
11:30 Ebong Cinemar Gan
11:30 Sangbad Patrey Bangladesh
02:00 Bangla Film: Apon Par (Kobori, Zafar Iqbal)
05:00 Ramjanil Mobarak
05:40 Kalam O Kolom
05:55 Teer Manahar Ittar
06:10 Music Plus
06:45 Banijya O Orthonti
07:50 Jibon Jekhaney Jemon
08:25 Drama Serial: Sharey Tin Tala
09:35 Drama Serial: Ekannyoborti
10:00 Drama: Thikana
ntv
04:06pm. Itihaser Ei Dine
04:13 Patrikar Khabar
04:30 Ridaye Ramjan

05:30 Apnar Jigyasha
06:32 Shubho Shandhya
06:52 Neel Paharer Gaan
08:00 Drama Serial: Tin Purus
08:35 Ekhaner amar Desh
09:47 Drama Serial: Fajui Kabiraj
10:50 Itihaser Ei Dine
12:00 Din Darpan
12:05 Sangskriti Ei Saptaha
ATN BANGLA
10:15am. Annodristee
10:50 Amader Jebone Ramadan
12:40 Feature Film: Sajanu Bagan
3:45 Meena Cartoon
4:20 Drama: Naiykar Ho Mahya Ramadan
5:30 Mahya Ramadanar Sawgat
6:20 Islamee Sawaj O Jawab
7:40 Street Show: Danish Pathe Pathe
8:15 Fashion Prog: Style & Beauty
8:50 English Serial: The Adventure of Sinbad
9:25 Mega Serial: Baba Gaan
10:35 Talk Show
ALPHA TV
2:35pm. Feature Film: Pabitra Papi
5:30 Robir Aloye
6:30 Sudhu Tomake Chai
7:00 Googly
7:30 Sara Bangla
8:00 Robibarer Telechobi Premiere
10:00 Bengal's Most Wanted
10:28 Jhankar
11:00 Kane Kane
11:30 Sudhu Tomake Chai
12:00 Hyar Majhe
HBO
9:00am. Ben-Hur
1:15 Coneheads

3:00 Pythons II
4:45 Cinema Secrets III : 9
5:15 Animals Gone Wild
5:15 The Mothman
7:45 Prophecies
7:45 Jimmy Neutron, Boy Genius
9:30 Patriot Games
11:45 Universal Soldier: The Return
1:30 Anatomy
STAR MOVIES
9:45am. Pearl Harbor
12:45 Rat
2:30 Carilo's Way
5:00 The Hudsucker Proxy
7:00 Big Trouble
8:30 Bad Boys
10:15 Vampire Clan
11:45 Do You Wanna Know A Secret?
AXN
12:30pm. Movie: Crocodile
2:30 Movie: Crocodile II : Death Row
4:30 Extreme Variety
6:30 Guinness World Records : Primetime
7:30 CSI : Miami A Horrible

8:30 Mind
9:30 Fear Factor Specials
11:30 Playboy Playmate Special
9:30 Now See This
10:30 The Shield Pay in Pain
11:30 The Shield Cupid & Psycho
12:30 The Associates Care & Control
MGM
11:30am. Incognito
2:00 Everyone Says I Love You
4:30 Heart of Justice
7:00 Greenwich Mean Time
9:30 Robinhood Prince of Thieves (Kevin Costner)
11:30 Pinnocchio (Roberto Benini)
ZEE CINEMA
10:30am. Aao Pyar Karen (Saif Ali Khan, Shilpa Shetty)
1:30 Aaghaaz (Sunil Shetty, Sushmita Sen)
5:30 Tumko Na Bhoool Payenge (Salman Khan, Sushmita Sen)
9:30 Gopi Kishen (Sunil Shetty, Karisma Kapoor, Shilpa Shirodkar)

SONY
2:30pm. Sunday Matinee Film: Shool
6:30 Disney Hour
7:30 Haal Kaisa Hai Janaab Ka
8:00 Hum Hain Dilwale
8:30 Kya Hadsaa Kya Haqeeqat
10:00 Sunday Cine Prime : Aap Mujhe Achche Lagne Lage
10:30 Moksha
STAR GOLD
10:00am. Ladli - Cfsi
12:00 Gaane Bhi Do Yaaron
12:30 Bollywood Hollywood
4:30 Gharwali Baharwali
8:00 Maya
8:30 Ishq
STAR PLUS
2:30pm. Nischhay
6:30 Fox Kids Sunday
8:00 Kismey Kitnaa Hai Dam Aaj Dekh
9:00 Bade Miyan Chote Miyan
STAR WORLD
2:30pm. Adventure Inc
3:30 Dark Angel
4:30 Roswell
5:30 Whose Line Is It Anyway
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
NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC
12:30pm. Air Force One
1:30 Going To More Extremes

2:30 The Greatest Flight
3:30 Jeff Crown Experience
4:00 Return To The Wild
4:30 Ng Explorer
5:30 Phantoms Of The Night
6:00 Tomorrow's World
6:30 When Nature Strikes Back
7:30 Going To More Extremes
8:30 Snake Wranglers
9:00 Nat Geo Genius
9:30 The White House
10:30 Bali Master Piece Of Gods
11:30 Scientific American Frontiers
DISCOVERY CHANNEL
12:30pm. IDEA High Tech
1:30 Metropolis
2:30 Life of Richard Nixon
3:30 Colour of War Total War
4:30 Escape From Berlin
5:30 Terra X (Hour Version)
6:30 The Incense Connection
7:30 Treasures of the World (I) Palaces of Europe
8:30 Hindenburg : Fire in the Sky
9:30 Raising the Kursk
10:30 A Celebration of Flight
11:30 Night Safari Alligators
12:00 Medical Detectives
12:00 Broken Promises
12:00 After Midnight
ANIMAL PLANET
12:30pm. Sunday Champions Friends
1:30 Night Safari
2:00 Tasmanian Devil
2:30 AP Showcase Gorilla
3:30 Croc Files Aussie Legends
4:00 Croc Files Bugs in the System
4:30 Shark Gordon Makos : Friend or Foe
5:00 Alligator : Do or Die

5:30 Natural World Top Bat
6:30 Jeff Crown Experience
7:30 Surfing Snakes
9:30 Zoonique Jobs
10:00 Zebras
10:30 Saving Uganda's Wildlife
11:30 Young and Wild Table Manners
12:00 Cats Felines & Pharoahs
STAR SPORTS
10:30am. Cricket Gold (T)
1:30 Presidents Cup
4:30 South Africa Third Round(R)
9:30 Presidents Cup
10:30 South Africa Final Round(L)
10:30 Spanish Football League 2003/04 (S)
ESPN
12:00pm. Nissan Odis Bulawayo
12:55 Zimbabwe Zimbabwe Vs West Indies 1st Odi Highlights(R)
1:00 Nissan Odis Bulawayo
1:00 Zimbabwe Zimbabwe Vs New Zealand
1:00 English Premier Football League 2003/04
1:00 Tottenham Hotspur Vs Aston Villa (L)
TEN SPORTS
10:30am. NZ Tour of Pak 03 : 1st ODI , H/L
11:30 Trans World Sports
12:00 Gillette World Sport
12:00 Legends: Jayasuriya
2:00 Pick of the Week
2:30 England Tour of SL 3rd ODI(Live)