

RECOMMENDATIONS

Classical Musical Concert

December 01
Goethe Institut organises an evening of western classical music performed by Linos Ensemble at the Osmani Memorial Hall.

Exhibition

November 18-December 15
A photography exhibition titled 'Man Without Qualities' by Matthias Wahnmer 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 Drik (House no. 58, Road no. 15/Anew) at 10 am to 5 pm.

Exhibition

December 03-18
An exhibition of art works created during the Contemporary Asian Art Workshop 2002 by artists of the country will start on December 3 at the National Art Gallery of Shilpakala Academy.

Film Festival

December 11-12
The Australian High Commission will host the Australian Film Festival on 11 and 12 December at the British Council.

Art camp

An energizing sojourn in Sri Lanka
Gulshan Hossain reminisces about her recent euphoria



One of Gulshan Hossain's recent compositions

FATZA HAQ
GULSHAN Hossain, whose vivid canvases on nature have captured the imagination of art lovers, specially the expatriates, and who has had flamboyant exhibits at home and overseas, has recently participated in an artists' camp in Sri Lanka.

tional art academies. I myself got the foundation address through the website and sent my work through CDs by post. The other artist from Bangladesh was Nazia Andaleeb Prema.

Asked if the group consisted of fairly young artists or more important ones, Gulshan said that they were all young except for a Dutch artist. "The workshop was a very organized one. We had our reception at a famous gallery there and after the introduc-

on a vast lawn. We were told to bring our own materials, such as paints and canvases: I had taken with me my acrylics, oils, paper pieces and canvases. The camp comprised of ten days, after which, for four days in Colombo, we had our exhibition at a renowned gallery.

Each evening, artists from each country presented their work, with lectures and question-answer sessions, she said. "The artists naturally introduced their lectures," she added, "with background information about their country and their leading artists as well as the essence of the contemporary art world of their country."

We studied the cave frescos and the royal castles, Gulshan said, "The furniture and attire of the royalty, which were on display, also gave us a good idea of the lifestyle of the kings and queens of Sri Lanka, which were rich experiences."

Asked if they could study in depth the range of Sri Lankan fine arts, Gulshan said, "I felt that they are definitely lagging behind us, as regards a progressive outlook: this may be due to their constant socio-economic and political turmoil."



Gulshan Hossain (4th from left) and other artists seen at the Int'l Artists' Camp at Sri Lanka

tion, the next day we were taken 175 kilometers away from Colombo to a village, which was beside a placid lake, and surrounded by picturesque hills. Each of the participants had quaint cottages of their own to -- live and work in for the period of the workshop, but

styles, themes and mediums from 6.30 pm to 9 pm. Every evening they were told about the area where they would be taken for having a slice of the Colombo cultural activities. "We went to Sirigiria, Polonnala and Dambula for a taste of ancient Sri Lankan architectural feats.

while the passage -- fairs to and from Sri Lanka, (except in cases such as hers, as she'd gone on own initiative, following the invitation). Every evening meant regaling with cultural functions, for which the Sri Lankan authorities paid, and this too was a bonus.

Face to face

Looking back with Richard Kishore

ELITA KARIM

THE mere touch of his fingers on the guitar evokes sweet melodies. His fingers strum the strings and pluck them with so much ease while the rest of his body remains upright. With a twitching smile on his lips, his facial expressions change according to the shifting of the various scales and notes.

"What would I do without this instrument?" laughs Richard Kishore as he gets out of his reverie momentarily. "The guitar is probably my best friend. I am at complete ease, when I play it."

Kishore was born in a music-oriented family. Both his parents were musicians, besides being professional bankers. His father Leo Serrao was a prominent football player of Dhaka premier division league in the '50s, while his mother Martina Serrao was an officer at the Sonali Bank.

"We had all sorts of instruments at home. During weekends, both my brothers would go out and play football with my father. I was more the homely type, very close to my mother, and would spend most of my weekends with her, playing all kinds of instruments to pass my time," recalls Kishore.

Richard's musical career began as a junior choir member in the Ramna Cathedral in Dhaka. While he was at school, Kishore took his first guitar lessons under Rev. James Bynas of Notre Dame College. "Father Bynas not only taught me to play the guitar, he also taught me to write and understand western musical notes, which very few musicians in Bangladesh can claim to do," says Richard.

He also received training in Indian



Richard Kishore leads his band

classical music and Nazrul Geeti from the Bulbul Academy of Fine Arts (BAFA) as well as Altaf Mahmud Sangeet Niketon for five years. "I was a very quiet child but then and did not bother to tell my friends at BAFA that I could play the guitar. We went for a school picnic one day, where I took along my guitar. I strummed along with my friends who were singing and having fun. That was when I suddenly became the star of the day and my peers got to know about my passion for the guitar; they would not quit following me around asking questions," chuckles Kishore at the memory.

The eminent music personality Samar Das also had an important role in shaping Kishore's career. Das nurtured Kishore in every way to become a skillful guitarist and also a successful music director. "In fact, he was the one, who first asked me to sing in church," says Kishore.

Kishore is now amongst one of the best guitarists and a music director on BTV. Besides performing regularly with the prominent vocal performers in Bangladesh at various state and private functions, Kishore has also directed music for a number of solo albums. He has also worked with several internationally celebrated artists, namely Jagjit Singh, Ustad Gulam Ali Khan, Parveen Ali, Hari Haran and others.

"I am happy with what I am today," smiles Richard Kishore. "We have a son, Salty, and want him to grow up into someone interesting in society. Money is not the only consideration for me. I enjoy playing and working with other musicians when filled with passion; creating music of my liking," says a smiling Kishore.

Award

Duran Duran land Brit Lifetime Award



REUTERS, London

BRITISH pop icons Duran Duran are to be honoured by the British record industry with a Lifetime Achievement Award as they celebrate their 25th anniversary.

The champions of the New Romantic Wave that made eye-liner, teased blond hair and the moody look all the rage will be feted at next February's Brits, the organisers of the music industry Oscars said on November 24.

Last month the band's original line-up performed together for the first time in Britain in 18 years. They are currently on a tour of the United States, Australia and New Zealand.

It is their second Lifetime Achievement Award. They were also honoured by the music channel MTV for their ground-breaking videos.

Thriller

Ramu reveals darker side of Saif

TRUST Ramgopal Varma to do things differently. For his forthcoming Ek Hasina Thi, he unfolded four trailers on November 23 on television.

Usually, filmmakers launch their promotional campaigns with a teaser trailer and then follow it up with a trailer after a week or ten days. But Varma bombarded the TV screens with four trailers together.

Saif Ali Khan plays a dark character in this revenge thriller due for an early release and has a very exciting role say insiders.



Saif Ali Khan

Channel click

150th episode of Shubho Shondha



Mehzad Galib and Tina Salem Manzur, who host Shubho Shondha

THE 150th show of Shubho Shondha, the regular evening arrangement of ntv, will be on air today, at 6:30 p.m. Swikrity Prashad Barua is the script-writer whereas Mehzad Galib and Tina Salem Manzur are the hosts of the programme. Jahangir Chaudhury and

Parvez Chaudhury jointly provided the ideas of Shubho Shondha. On the episode the audience will get several current news of country and the world as well through several titles like Kal Sharadin, Anya Chhabhi, Hat Barie Dao, Dekhechhilam Chokher Aloy, Tobuo Trishna Mete Na, Mr. Post BOX, ntv Highlights and Galgoppo.



ATN Bangla will telecast a special programme Kobita o Gaan directed by Gaazi Ahmed Shubhro today. Stars like Asaduzzaman Nur, Rezwana Chowdhury Bonny, Afzal Hossain, Shakila Zafar, Pijush Bandyopadhyay, Samina Choudhury, Khaled Khan and Mita Haque will be seen performing in the programme.

Film festival

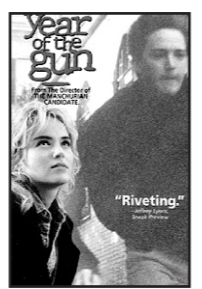
Spanish film session

December 7-9
Zahir Raihan Film Society, in association with the Alliance Francaise of Dhaka, will screen six films in the Contemporary Spanish Film Session at the Alliance Francaise auditorium at Road No.3, Dhanmondi:

- Dec-7: Butterfly 5pm
Mad Love 7pm
Dec-8: Intact 5pm
Sex and Lucia 7pm
Dec-9: Girl of Your Dreams 5pm
Goya in Bordeaux 7pm

TV GUIDE

TODAY'S HIGHLIGHTS



STAR MOVIES: 8:45 pm. Year of the Gun. Genre: Thriller. Andrew McCarthy, Sharon Stone, Valeria Golino. David Raybourne is an American journalist covering political news in Italy during the 1970's. He is evoked with the Red Brigades when trying to help a friend (Alison King), who photographed them in action and discover the mafia net is at all levels.

PICK OF THE DAY



IRIS
On MGM at 9:30 pm.
Genre: Drama
Judi Dench, Kate Winslate
Iris, based on the life of revered British writer and philosopher Iris Murdoch, is a story of unlikely yet enduring love. As a young academic, teaching philosophy at Oxford, Murdoch meets and eventually falls in love with fellow professor John Bayley a man whose awkwardness seems in stark opposition to the spirited self-confidence of his future wife.

Table with columns for News Bulletin, ATN BANGLA, CHANNEL-i, n tv, and BBC World. Lists various news and entertainment programs with their respective times.

Table listing BTV programs including Suprobhat Bangladesh, Old Film Songs, and various news bulletins.

Table listing ALPHA TV BANGLA programs including Kichu Katha Kichu Gaan, Shubho Sandha, and various news programs.

Table listing AXN TV programs including Year of the Gun, The Shield Throw-away, and various action and thriller movies.

Table listing ZEE CINEMA programs including The Million Dollar Hotel, Sunday Weekend, and various Bollywood and international films.

Table listing STAR PLUS and STAR GOLD programs including Thakshak, Hit Filmekin, and various entertainment shows.

Table listing NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC programs including The Greatest Flight, Mission Wild, and various nature and science documentaries.

Table listing ESPN and TEN SPORTS programs including The Espn Cricket Show, Legends: Jayasuriya, and various sports highlights.

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