

RECOMMENDATIONS



Exhibition
November 18-December 15
A photography exhibition titled 'Man Without Qualities' by Matthias Wahnner 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 Shipakala Academy. The 4-day workshop held at Rajendrapur was a part of the 10th Dhaka Biennale in which artists from Africa, Asia and Pacific countries took part. Begum Selima Rahman, State Minister for Cultural Affairs, will inaugurate the exhibition at 6 pm. The display remains open from 12 to 8 pm everyday until December 18.

Painting exhibition
December 04-18
The solo painting exhibition of Kazi Ghiyas titled *Serenade of Rain* featuring his recent watercolours will be inaugurated on next Thursday at the Bengal Gallery of Fine Arts. The display will remain open for all from 12 to 8 pm everyday.

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

Performing art

From the mouth of a celebrated Manipuri dancer

Novera Deepita talks to Sharmila Bandyopadhyay

U DAY Shankar Indian Culture Centre used to arrange dance festivals that would continue for days together, recalls Sharmila Bandyopadhyay. 'It was during one of those days that I sat among many of the candidates who went there for interview. We were all asked to do something creative on the basis of which the selection was to be made. Internationally acclaimed dancers Amola Shankar and Ananda Shankar were there to evaluate our performance. I gathered all my courage and stood up and performed a dance, which was an instant composition of mine. Amola Shankar appreciated my innovative movements to an extent that she said I could dance even with my seniors. It was an inspiring and unforgettable moment of my life.'

With her parents' encouragement, Sharmila began to dance at a very early age. Sharmila recalls, 'Since my childhood days I loved to dance and it was an extra curricular activity of mine. I started to take my very first dance lessons from Chuni Lal Sen and Anil Mitra. Later, I joined the Bulbul Lalita Kala Academy of Fine Arts, tutored by Baburam Shil. My emotions and creativity were further enhanced when I went over to *Udayshankar India Culture Centre* and watched the creative dance of Amola Shankar. I realized that dancing is more than an art, it is worship, love and devotion. I felt that it is a great pleasure to perform classical dances.'

Sharmila completed her graduation in Manipuri dance at the Shantiniketon Bishwabharoti and it was then that she took dance as a

profession. Sharing the experiences of Shantiniketon, Sharmila continues, 'I always feel at home whenever I go there. It is like being at my own place when I walk through the green meadows and trees. The *ashram* is a peaceful abode and very different from the

rest of the places I have visited so far. Very often the tune of music comes floating with the wind. The arts building and music section are found side by side. The whole environment is so inspiring and an ideal abode for art and culture.'

'Our classes would begin at 6:30 in the morning, which was like devotion for us. The enchanting tunes of *Tappa, Bhairab* and other *raagas* going on in the music classes next door honed my musical instincts and helped immensely in my performance. Dance as we all know, is the combination of musical instrument and movement. To prepare ourselves as good performers it was important for us to listen to the tabla and other instrumental classes as well.'

About the performance of the Bangladeshi students Sharmila says, 'The Bangladeshi students, being quite a big group, spent a very interesting time there. Many eminent artists of today- Rezwana Chowdhury Bannya, Saadi Mohammad, Shampa Reza, Hashi Charobarti and Shukla Sarkar were there then. The students and teachers of the institute were very co-operative. The performance of our batch was satisfactory and well appreciated. We seemed to dominate all the programmes,' she smiles.

Comparing the Indian and the Bangladeshi dance Sharmila says, 'We can't compare the two because they are quite different. First of all, besides classical dances there are some folk dances in India, which are typical of the region with unthinkable variations. In comparison, our folk dances are fully "created" and are not performed by the people of the particular community. Our past generation has paved the way for us and the age-old barriers are now fading away. The classical dance has now gained recognition and occupies a special place in our country.'



Sharmila Bandyopadhyay depicting a Manipuri mudra

Alternatives

Charlie's angels lose their moorings!

Demi Moore is hoping to star in a prequel to the *Charlie's Angels* films. Demi, who played fallen angel Madison Lee in *Full Throttle*, is reportedly in talks to take on the movie franchise with her own firm Moving Pictures. "We wonder what Drew will say about that: according to rumours she blames Demi's high profile relationship with Ashton Kutcher for overshadowing the release of the last *Angels* film and its disappointing box office



returns.
Source: Internet

Nicole, Naomi battle at the Oscars



Nicole

Nicole Kidman will be competing with her best friend Naomi Watts at the Oscars this year.

American critics are raving about Watts' powerful performance in the small budget drama *21 Grams*.

The Boston Globe has compared Watts's role to Halle Berry's stark 2002 Oscar-winning performance in *Monster's Ball*, according to a role in *Herald Sun*.

Some critics believe that Watts has overshadowed her co-stars, Benicio Del Toro and Sean Penn in *21 Grams*.

Nicole and Watts have been best friends since they met as teenagers in Sydney. Watts got a big break in 2001 in director David Lynch's *Mulholland Drive*. Watts has also starred in the blockbuster *The Ring* last year.

However, with Nicole starring in three potential Oscar films this year, the two closest pals will be vying for the Best Actress awards in February 2004.



Naomi

Source: ANI, Sydney

Rhythm of life

Beyonce and Bono lead AIDS show

The 46664 Concert

BEYONCE Knowles and Bono were among global stars who performed at Nelson Mandela's South Africa gig to boost the fight against AIDS. The five-hour charity show, at the Greenpoint Stadium in Cape Town was broadcast on the web.

The duo sang American Prayer, accompanied on the guitar by U2's The Edge and Eurythmics' Dave Stewart. The show, organised by the Nelson Mandela Foundation, also featured Eurythmics, The Corrs and Queen.

Bono said his song with Beyonce was about asking 'churches to open their doors, to give sanctuary that breaks the stigma that goes with being HIV positive'. He added, 'If God loves you, what's the problem?' He then brought former South African President Nelson Mandela onto the stage, prompting the biggest cheer of the evening.

Mandela, 85, who watched the show alongside his wife Graca Machel and US TV presenter Oprah Winfrey, has said AIDS is a bigger challenge than apartheid. In South Africa there are more people living with HIV/AIDS than anywhere else in the world, and globally the number of those infected is now more than 42 million.

'46664 is a vital campaign to help fight the tragedy of unprecedented proportions claiming more lives than the sum total of all wars, famines and floods', said Mandela. '46664 was my prison number for the 18 years that I was imprisoned on Robben Island. I was supposed to be reduced to that number.'

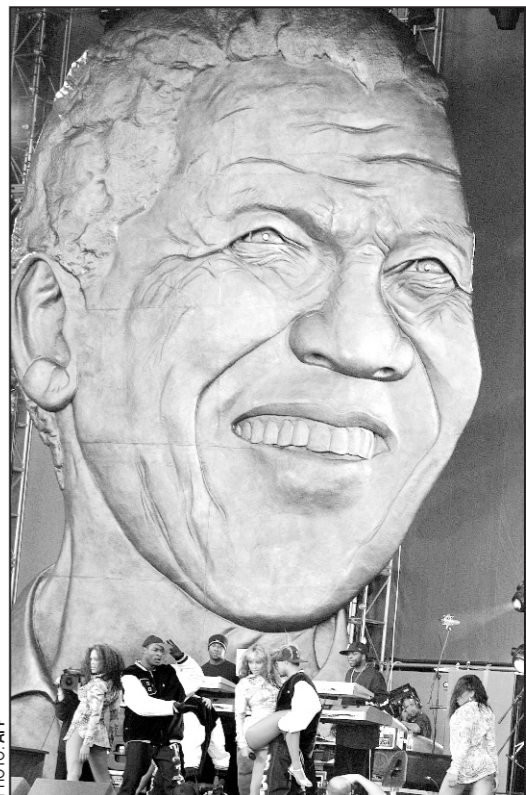
He added that 'millions of people infected with HIV and AIDS are in danger of being reduced to mere numbers unless we act. They too are serving a prison sentence for life so I have allowed my prison number to help drive this campaign.'

Thousands of music fans lined the stage for the outdoor show, which featured a huge sculpture of Mandela's head. Bob Geldof, who was knighted for his work to overcome famine in Africa with the Live Aid show in the '80s, also sang and spoke to the crowds.

The overall aim for the show was to make it the most widely distributed and broadcast programme on HIV/AIDS ever, reaching a global TV, radio and online audience of about two billion. It could be viewed for



Bono and Beyonce entertained the crowd.



US singer Beyonce Knowles performs beneath an image of Nelson Mandela at the '46664' Concert at Green Point Stadium in Cape Town November 29.

free on the campaign's website at www.46664.com and each song performed is downloadable online for 69p.

Peter Gabriel sang his song, *Biko*, with the Soweto Gospel Choir, saying he was delighted he now had the 'chance to sing it in this country'. Steve Biko, a leader of the black consciousness movement in South Africa, died of major head injuries in South African police custody on 12 September 1977. The concert also featured recorded messages from well-known faces including former US President Bill Clinton, Robert De Niro, Sir Ian McKellen and Annie Lennox.

And crowds heard a song requested by Mandela, who asked Dave Stewart of Eurythmics and the late Joe Strummer to write a song including '46664' in its lyrics for the show.

Stewart finished the song, *Long Walk to Freedom*, with Bono earlier this year and they performed it for the crowds, paying tribute to Strummer, who died last December. Another song which had its debut was a track by Queen, called *Invincible Hope*, which features samples of Mandela's voice, prompting the band members to joke that he had become a rap artist.

Source: BBC Online

Event

Fantasy Kingdom celebrates Eid

CULTURAL CORRESPONDENT

FANTASY Kingdom, the biggest entertainment theme park in the country, has arranged an extravagant Eid-celebration that started on the day of Eid-ul-Fitr. In the first four days of Eid, hundreds of thousands of visitors have flocked to the recreation centre. To provide extra enjoyment, the Fantasy Kingdom authority has extended the celebration period until December 6.

The popular band Miles has already performed at the celebration. Besides fantasy dance show, mascot show, fire dance and other spectacular items are taking place as a part of the whole occasion.



Popular band Miles in action at the Fantasy Kingdom.

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 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, 9:00 am
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, 4:00 pm, 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, 10:30 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
08:25 Selected Nazrul Songs
09:15 *Anya Bhubon*: Ocean Girl
12:15 *Sangbad Potrer Pata Theke*
12:30 *Shashtra Tatthya*
01:05 Cartoon: *Godzilla Chawa Pawa*
03:05 *Shukhi Paribar*
03:35 *Alor Jhoma Dhara*
04:05 *Sangeeta*
05:30 TV Seminar
06:10 *Shondhya Maloti*
07:05 *Hridoye Muktijudha*
07:30 *Three Stooges*
08:30 *Dakha Hoyini*
09:30 *Drama Series: Anya Rakam Manushera*
10:25 *Teknal Theke Tentulla Jibon Bangladesh Moron Bangladesh*
10:35
CHANNEL-i
09:45 *Tritiya Matra*
11:00 *Chitthi Pelam*
11:30 *Ebong Cinemar Gan*
12:00 *Ala Bhola*
01:30 *Shangbadpotrey Bangladesh*
02:00 *Bangla feature film: Bourani (Shabana, Razzaq)*
06:10 *Music Plus*
06:45 *Ananda Bichitra*
07:55 *Close Up Juke Box*
08:25 *Drama Series: Sharey Tin Tala*
09:35 *Drama Series: Shada Megher Brishti*
10:00 *Drama: Shadharon Loker Kahini*
ntv
05:02 *Ithihaser Ei Dine*
05:30 *Apar Jigyasha*
06:32 *Shubho Sandha Gallery*
06:52

08:00 *Drama Serial: Ebong Aami*
08:35 *Career Show*
09:10 *Drama Serial: Shongshoy*
09:47 *Drama Serial: Chand Poka Ghun Poka*
11:00 *Din Darpan*
12:05 *Neel Paharer Gaan*
ATN BANGLA
11:15 *Talk Show: Annodristee*
11:50 *Talk Show: Katha Mala*
12:40 *Musical Prog: ATN Music*
1:20 *Bengali Feature Film: Sajano Bagan*
4:20 *Talk Show: Samosamoyek*
5:50 *Musical Prog: Uro Cola Sastrang*
7:40 *Musical Prog: Danob*
8:15 *Drama Serial: Bhular Galpo*
8:50
9:25 *Dance Prog: Nretter Chande*
10:35 *Musical Prog: Surer Madure*
12:20 *Talk Show: Annodristee*
1:30 *Bengali feature film: Lajja*
TARA BANGLA
10:00 *Serial Katy Rpt*
10:30 *Live Dashtay Rpt*
11:30 *TVC. Hoi Hulud*
12:00 *Tara Sundari Rpt*
12:30 *Live Angana*
1:00 *Live Angana*
2:00 *Taka Na Sonar Rpt*
2:30 *Serial Ghare-o-Baire Rpt*
3:00 *Banglar Mukh Rpt*
4:00 *State Govt Lottery*
4:30 *TVC*
5:00 *Serial Probaho Rept*

TODAY'S HIGHLIGHTS



STAR MOVIES : 8:45 pm. *The Hitcher*. Genre: Action / Horror / Thriller. C. Thomas Howell, Rutger Hauer, Jennifer Jason Leigh. A young man transporting a car to another state is stalked along the road by a cunning and relentless serial killer who eventually frames the driver for a string of murders. Chased by police and shadowed by the killer, the driver's only help comes from a truck stop waitress.



HBO: 7:15 pm. *Days of Thunder*. Genre: Romance / Action / Drama. Tom Cruise, Robert Duvall, Nicole Kidman. A young hot-shot stock car driver gets his chance to compete at the top level. Cole Trickle enters the high-pressure world of Nascar racing. He's a hot driver with a hot temper, and this attitude gets him into trouble not only with other drivers, but members of his own team as well.

PICK OF THE DAY



The Mummy
On HBO at 9:30 pm.
Genre: Adventure / Action / Fantasy / Horror
Brendan Fraser, Rachel Weisz, John Hannah
As punishment for killing Pharaoh Seti and sleeping with his mistress, Egyptian priest Imhotep was mummified alive and cursed. But in 1923 he is inadvertently resurrected by treasure hunters and must be stopped before he can wreak his final vengeance on the world. In 1926, when a group of archeologists accidentally brings Imhotep back to life, the results are fatal.

5:30 *Hum Ho Gaye Aap Ke (Fardeen Khan, Reema Sen)*
9:30 *Bol Radha Bol (Rishi Kapoor, Juhi Chawla)*
STAR GOLD
8:30 *Hit Filmlein Hit Sangeet*
8:30 *Gunahgar*
12:00 *Hit Filmlein Hit Sangeet*
2:30 *Betaabi*
6:00 *Maya*
4:30 *Main Awara Hoon*
8:00 *Hit Filmlein Hit Sangeet*

8:30 *Khauff*
12:00 *Hit Filmlein Hit Sangeet*
ESPN
07:30 *Nfl Football Tennessee Titans Vs New York Jets (L)*
11:00 *English Premier League Highlights (R)*
12:00 *Lpga Golf Mizuno Classic Japan, Japan Final Round (T)*
14:00 *Motorsport Asia (R)*
14:30 *Western Union World Football (R)*
15:00 *Cricket Gold (R)*

23:00 *Sportscenter India (R) 00:30:00*
23:30 *India Vs New Zealand World Series Cup (10th Match)(R)*
NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC
12:00 *Toyota World Of Wildlife Bringing Home The Bears II From Russia With Love*
01:00 *People Out There*
02:00 *Chasing Time*
02:30 *\$100 Taxi Ride*
03:00 *5 Weddings Couple Of Funeral*
03:30 *Stonehenge Rediscovered*
04:30 *Chasing Tim*
05:30 *Return To The Wild Sea Stories*
06:30 *Dogs With Jobs*
07:00 *Toyota World Of Wildlife Story Of Reynard The Fox, The*
08:30 *Out There*
09:00 *Chasing Time*
09:30 *\$100 Taxi Ride*
10:00 *5 Weddings Couple Of Funeral*
10:30 *Lost Treasure Of Tibet*
11:00 *Chasing Time*
12:00 *\$100 Taxi Ride*
STAR PLUS
1:00 *Kasautii Zindagii Kay Kunkum - Pyara Sa Bandhan*
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 *Kaahin To Hoga*
5:05 *Meri Saheli*
5:30 *Hit Filmlein Hit Sangeet*
5:55 *Tazza Hits*

6:00 *Hum Saath Aath Hain*
6:30 *Fox Kids*
7:30 *Kunkum - Pyara Sa Bandhan*
8:00 *Shaka Laka Boom Boom*
8:30 *Khichdi*
9:00 *Kasautii Zindagii Kay Kehta Hai Dil*
9:30 *Kahaani Ghar Ghar Kii Bahu Thi*
11:00 *Kyunki Saas Bhi Kabhi Bahu Thi*
11:30 *Kaahin To Hoga*
12:00 *Kaahin Kissi Roz*
STAR SPORTS
10:00 *Equestrian Fei World Cup Jumping Series Finland Event Highlights(T)*
10:30 *Pga Grand Slam Of Golf 2003 Preview(R)*
11:30 *Watersports Programming Hot Water (T)*
12:30 *English Premier Football League 2003/04 Blackburn, England Blackburn Rovers Vs Tottenham Hotspur (R)*
2:30 *Samsung World Championships Of Women's Golf 2003 Day Two(T)*
4:30 *Harsha Unplugged (R)*
5:00 *Auto Racing Targa Tasmania Highlights(T)*
6:30 *Pga Grand Slam Of Golf 2003 Preview(R)*
7:00 *Sailing The Moet Cup San Francisco, Ca Usa (T)*
8:00 *Sportslines (L)*
8:30 *English Premier League Highlights (T)*
9:30 *This Is The Pga Tour (T)*
10:30 *Sportslines (R)*
11:00 *Australia Vs India World Series Cup (2nd Match)(T)*
23:00 *World Billiards Championship Highlights(R)*
23:30 *Uefa Champions League Magazine Show (T)*
12:30 *Everybody Loves Raymond*
1:00 *Becker*
1:30 *The Pretender*
2:28 *Star Asia Travel*
2:30 *Oprah Winfrey Show*
3:30 *Bold And Beautiful*
4:30 *Sabrina The Teenage Witch*
5:00 *2 Guys A Girl & A Pizza Place*
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.*
STAR MOVIES
10:00 *Addicted To Love*
11:30 *The Underneath*
1:15 *Kull The Conqueror*
3:00 *The Comfort Of Strangers*
3:45 *Sphere*
7:00 *Get Well Soon*
8:45 *The Hitcher*
11:30 *Bloody Murder II*
12:00 *Two Fisted Tales*