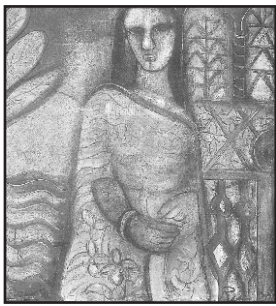


RECOMMENDATIONS



Exhibition

December 03-18
An exhibition of art works created during the Contemporary Asian Art Workshop 2002 by artists of the country is on at the National Art Gallery of Shilpakala Academy. The display remains open from 12 to 8 pm everyday until December 18.

December 05-10

A six-day-long art exhibition of artist Habib will be inaugurated at 4 pm at the Gallery Chittrak premises. The show will remain open for all from 10 am to 8 pm everyday.

November 18-December 15

A photography exhibition titled 'Man Without Qualities' by Matthias Wahnmer is on at the exhibition hall of the Goethe Institut.

December 04-18

The solo painting exhibition of Kazi Ghiyas titled *Serenade of Rain* featuring his recent watercolours is being held at the Bengal Gallery of Fine Arts. The display will remain open for all from 12 to 8 pm everyday.

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/A new) at 10 am to 5 pm.

Film festival

Spanish film session

December 07-09

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

Celebration

Nabanna Utsav in the metropolitan

City dwellers get the taste of the century-old tradition

KAUSAR ISLAM AYON

Bangladesh has an age-old rich cultural heritage. Nabanna, the festival of new harvest is celebrated by the rural people across the country during the Bangla month of Agrahayan (Nov-Dec). This rich tradition was almost going into oblivion in the cities of Bangladesh. Jatio Nabanna Utsab Udjapan Parshad took initiatives to hold the Nabanna Utsab since 1406 of the Bangla calendar year. The organisation arranged a grand daylong Nabanna Utsab 1410 yesterday at the Bakul Tala of the Institute of Fine Arts of Dhaka University.

The celebration of the Nabanna Utsab in Dhaka has already created great enthusiasm among people of all classes. The programme began with classical and folk tunes in flute accompanied by tabla by Murtaja Kabir Murad and Tulshi Saha. Veteran Poet Shamsur Rahman inaugurated the festival while prominent cultural personalities like Mamunur Rashid, Kazi Modina, Mahmud Selim, Hasina Momtaz and many others attended the programme. Shubha Rahman gave the note of thanks.

People in Bangladesh, have been celebrating Nabanna for centuries mainly in the rural areas. Celebration begins soon after harvesting of the crops. Farmers return home with loads of golden



Girls performing dance during the celebration of Nabanna, the festival of the new harvest, in the city.

paddy on their head. There is joy everywhere, the children frisk in the yard as the cattle go round and round thrashing the paddy, separating it from the stalks.

The daylong colourful programme was enhanced by folk songs, Pala-gaan and Kirton, songs of Hason Raja, Rabindranath and Nazrul Islam along with those of present times followed by dances. Mangal Chandra Mandal and his troupe presented Pala Kirton and entertained the audience. A colourful rally and a painting competition for children also took place as a part of the celebration.

The festival surely gave the city dwellers a unique opportunity to spend their weekly holiday in a festive mood. Many of them came with their family with a view to introducing the new generation with their cultural roots. The spectators had the opportunity to enjoy the many rural delicacies like pithas, muri, khoi, khir etc. sold at the small stalls at the venue.

In the evening the audience enjoyed Baul songs and other cultural sessions featuring songs, recital of poems and dances. The programme ended with the national anthem at about 9:00pm.

Music world

Beyonce leads Grammys shortlist

RAP and R&B dominate the 46th Grammy award nominations list with Beyonce Knowles, rapper Jay-Z and OutKast each enjoying six nominations. Nine artists share five nominations each, including Eminem, Justin Timberlake and Missy Elliott.

The lengthy list of nominations was announced by artists including Dido at a press conference at the Beverly Hills Hilton. The awards will be presented on Sunday 8 February in Los Angeles.

In the record of the year category, Beyonce's *Crazy in Love* will fight it out with the Blackeyed Peas/Justin Timberlake single *Where is the Love?*, Coldplay's *Clocks*, Eminem's *Lose Yourself* and OutKast's *Hey Ya*.

Chad Hugo and Pharrell Williams have three of their nominations each for their work together as the production team The Neptunes. Hugo has a further two nominations, while Williams joins the leading pack of shortlisted artists with a further three.

The late Warren Zevon has five nominations. The singer-songwriter, best-known for his song *Werewolves of London*, died in September after a long battle with cancer.

Other artists who have scored five nominations are rappers Eminem and 50 Cent, rock band Evanescence, soul singer Luther Vandross and country artist Ricky Skaggs.

The song of the year award for songwriters, is between Christina Aguilera's *Beautiful*, Luther Vandross' *Dance With My Father*, Avril Lavigne's *I'm With You*, Warren Zevon's *Keep Me in Your Heart*, and Eminem's *Lose Yourself*.

British band Radiohead are nominated for best alternative album for *Hail to the Thief* and best rock performance by a duo or group with vocals for the song *There There*.

The late Beatle George Harrison is nominated in the best male pop vocal performance, best pop vocal



Beyonce Knowles leads the field with six nominations.

album and best pop instrumental performance.

Other British performers to receive recognition include David Bowie (best male rock vocal), Annie Lennox (best pop album), Coldplay (record of the year, best video), Dido (best female pop vocal), Sting (best male pop vocal, pop collaboration), Groove Armada (best dance), Rod Stewart (traditional pop), and Floetry (best R&B vocal).

The awards are regarded as the most prestigious music prize in the world. They are handed out by the National Academy of Recording Arts and Sciences.

Earlier this year, jazz singer Norah Jones scored a surprise sweep at the 45th awards, winning eight awards including album of the year, pop vocal album and female pop performance.

Source: BBC Online

Painting

A feat for thoughts

Anisur Rahman's exhibit at Paris

FAYZA HAQ

"LE Printemps Bengali" (Spring in Bangladesh), an exhibition of 32 watercolours and oils by Anisur Rahman was recently on display at Atelier-Musee ADZAK, Paris. What is remarkable about the paintings is that they are done by a handicapped



Artist Anisur Rahman

artist, who has undergone eleven tumour operations of the brain, in Dhaka and Berlin, in 1977 and 1978, after which he could only train himself to paint with his left hand instead of the right. For an artist to hold a solo exhibition in Paris, still the heart of culture in Europe, is also a considerable feat.

Anisur Rahman works at his house in Azimpur, from 10 am to 4 pm, as the mood gets him. He is now a free-lance artist, having worked for the Department of Films and Publication, Ministry of Information, Bangladesh, for 30 years as an illustrator and layout-expert.

Coming from Mymensingh, in his recent works he has recollecting his childhood memories of lush nature, with an abundance of flowers and foliage, that go to glorify the female form. His colours of russets, variations of pink and red, along with other subtle shades of buoyant colours bring in the essence of spring, a season

of great importance to the artist.

Anis says, "I think that spring is undoubtedly the best time in our country as flowers and foliage burst into new shapes and forms after the cold winter. This is often celebrated by poets, writers and artists and I've contributed my bit." He adds, "This exhibition in Paris has been possible for me only because my brother-in-law, Shahadat, also an artist, who lives there. I've also been helped by Margaret Cowther, curator of ADZAK International Art Space."

Dwelling on his soft, impressionistic works Anis says, "I enjoy this technique as it has always appealed to me. I don't feel inadequate, although now I'm compelled to work with my left hand."

One of Anis's paintings has a young woman in pink. She is seated against the tree trunk, with the blue and green of the sky cascading at the back, with the russets and greens of the surrounding nature, further couching her figure. Tiny white sails of boats and suggestions of pristine white birds have been included in the backdrop. The painting is as fresh and energizing as a whiff of wonderful French perfume. More semi-abstract in style is the seated lady in



Two paintings from the exhibition Bengali Spring.

china blue, touched with gentle gray strokes; she is surrounded by shades and splashes of burnt sienna, light ruby, gray and turquoise. The lure of spring with the central figure is indeed eye-catching and worth preserving in memory.

"Composition", an oil on canvas, is again a superb play with lines and colours, inspired by shades of pinks of spring flowers. There are touches of browns, grays and expanses of dove-gray in the foreground, recalling old houses with the feast of bougainvillea flowers trailing along walls and balconies. "Spring in forest" is yet another fascinating kaleidoscope of gentle swirls and splashes of bright greens, blues and browns. It has soft interlacing grays and browns that swirl and bind together the fragmented flavour of the spring season.

Anis had an earlier solo at the Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy in 1992 and took part in numerous local group exhibitions from 1962 to 2002, as in the National Art Exhibitions at the Shilpakala Academy and the 1st Biennale Art Exhibit, organized by "Charu Shilpi Sangsad" in 2002. He graduated for the Institute of Fine Arts, DU in 1967.



Anniversary

Bangla Academy celebrates its 48th founding anniversary

NOVERA DEEPIITA

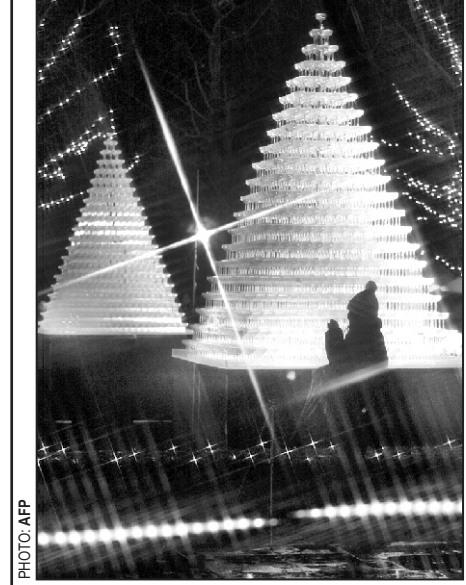
IT was back in 1955, December 3, when an academy was formed through the Language Movement in which many students embraced martyrdom. The institution was called Bangla Academy where many great people like Dr. Muhammad Shahidullah, Dr. Enamul Haque, Dr. Md. Kudrat-I-Khuda, Zainul Abedin, Abu Hena Mustafa Kamal and others were involved. The academy has given the nation a huge volume of books numbering to about 4500, dealing with world literature, philosophy, language, science and other topics.

The academy celebrated its 48th founding anniversary recently. Professor Mohammad Maniruzzaman Mia presented the founding anniversary speech titled 'The challenge of twenty-first century and education' on the occasion.

In his speech Professor Maniruzzaman talked on aspects like the main challenge in poverty alleviation, economic challenge: globalisation, environment problem: global warming, arsenic contamination, drought and flood, the importance of education in development and what should be done to face these challenges. Professor Mia suggested that education can be the solution for poverty alleviation and that we must revolutionise our system of education. He said, 'We have no other alternative to development other than education in facing the twenty-first century challenge.'

The chief guest of the programme State Minister for Cultural Affairs Begum Selima Rahman said, 'The Bangla Academy has offered the nation the best of world literature and also offered facilities for research.' Cultural Secretary Modabir Hossain Chowdhury, Professor Wakil Ahmad and the Director General of the academy Mansur Musa also spoke on the occasion.

Lit-up



A girl takes pictures of Christmas trees made of a total of 7,000 champagne glasses at the Showa Memorial Park in Tokyo on December 05. The park office lights up the 4-meter trees as main feature for visitors until 25 December.

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.
ntv
News Headlines (Bangla) at 5:02 pm, 6:30 pm, 9:45 pm.
News (Bangla) 7:30 pm, 10:30 pm.
TARA BANGLA
News Headlines (Bangla) at 5:30 pm, 7:30 pm, 11:30 pm.
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 *Suprabhat Bangladesh*
08:25 *Notun Kuri 2003* (Instrumental 'Ka' Group)
12:15 *Sangbad Potrer Pata Theke*
01:05 *Drama of This Week* (Repeat)
02:05 *Shur O Chhanda*
02:30 *Film Show on Education and Science*
03:05 *Regional Programme: Nibedan*
04:05 *Children's Programme: Moner Kotha*
04:30 *Prokriti O Jibon*
05:05 *Programme of New Artists: Nabo Anande Jago*
05:55 *Shamokalin Aurhonthi Wrestling Prescription*
07:05 *Film Show: Fortune Hunter*
08:30 *Selected Programme*
10:25 *Teknaf Theke Tetulia*
10:35 *Interview Programme: Ananda Jhama*
11:00 *Classical Music: Shur Lohori*
CHANNEL-i
08:00 *Ganer Anushthan Shingbadpotrey Bangladesh*
09:30 *Tritia Matra Chitini Pelam*
11:00 *Ebon Cinema Gan Ekannoborhi mega serial*
12:30 *Drama serial Harek Rakam Jeebon*
01:00 *Drama Serial Dana Shinghat*
01:30 *Shingbadpotrey*

02:00 Bangladesh Feature film *Banglar Ma*
05:15 Mukti Juddho Amar Anankar
05:45 Sharif Melamine Shangeet Mala
06:10 Music Plus
06:45 Talk Show
07:50 Drama Serial: *Chhenra Pata*
09:35 Mega Serial: *Bashobash*
10:00 Drama Serial: *Bondhu Boreshshy*
ntv
05:02 *Ithaser Ei Diney*
05:10 *Potrikar Khabor*
05:30 *Islami Anushthan: Alokpat*
06:00 *Dostane Hatanai Tai*
06:32 *Shubho Sandhya*
06:52 *Shoptaher Khabor*
08:00 *Mega Serial: Tin Purush*
08:35 *Tele film: Not selected*
12:05 *Shangskritik*
Shangbad
ATN BANGLA
10:15 *Talk Show: Annodristee*
10:50 *Drama Serial: Baba Anurodher Assor*
12:40 *Bangla Feature Film: Belath Ferot Meyra*
4:20 *Shapla Shaluk*
5:50 *Uro Cola Saat Rang*
6:20 *Islamee Sawal O Jawab*
7:40 *Thunder Stone*
8:15 *Musical Prog: Uschas*
8:50 *Mega Serial: Lal Neel Bagune*
9:25 *Mega Serial: Baba Film Magazine: Sreter*
10:30 *Monekuthai*
12:20 *Talk Show: Annodristee*

TODAY'S HIGHLIGHTS

AXN: 8:45 pm. *Primal Fear*. Genre: Drama / Thriller / Crime / Mystery. **Richard Gere, Laura Linney, Edward Norton.** Courtroom thriller about a slick, hotshot lawyer who takes the seemingly unwinable case of a young altar boy accused of murdering an eminent catholic priest. An arrogant, high-powered attorney takes on the case of a poor altar boy found running away from the scene of the grisly murder of the bishop who has taken him in.

STAR MOVIES: 8:45 pm. *Fallen*. Genre: Horror / Mystery / Thriller. **Denzel Washington, John Goodman, Donald Sutherland.** Det. John Hobbes is convinced that when killer Edgar Reese is executed, all of his troubles are over. But when people he knows and people on the street start to sing the same tune that Reese sang in the gas chamber, and those same people taunt him, he is told that maybe the cursed fallen angel Azazel is behind it all.

1:30 Musical Competition Prog: Shes Akkhor
7:30 Feluda 30
8:30 E To Nai Sudhu Gaan
9:30 Post Mortem
10:30 *Live Mon Niyey*
12:00 *Achena Uttam*
TARA BANGLA
11:00 Business Bangla This Week
12:00 Fashion Bhashone Rept
11:15 Joe Dirt
11:15 Prancer Returns
1:00 Hanrir Khabar Rpt
3:15 The Cell
5:30 Witchblade
7:30 Final Destination
9:30 American Pie 2
11:30 The Screaming Room: Hannibal The Cannibal
6:30 Ehopat
7:00 Tara Sundari

PICK OF THE DAY



American Pie 2
Genre: Comedy
Jason Biggs, Mena Suvari, Chris Klein, Tara Reid
After their first year at college, the guys reunite for another summer of fun. Jim continues his quest for sexual independence by seeking the help of his old prom date, Michele, after an unexpected call from Nadia who plans to visit Jim. Meanwhile, Kev and Vicky find themselves in an awkward situation after having broken up for a year.

STAR MOVIES
8:45 Bloody Murder II
10:15 Lambada
12:00 Flying Virus
1:45 Steel
3:30 Midnight Run
5:30 Juice
7:00 The Badge
8:45 Fallen
10:45 The Tower
12:30 The Haunted
AXN
8:30 AXN Extreme, Dhamaka
9:30 Pacific Blue: Sanafu
10:30 Seven Days: Adam & Eve & Adam
11:30 Alias:
12:30 Movie: Clear and Present Danger
3:30 Movie: The Mask of Zorro
6:30 Maximum Exposure
7:30 Alias The Passage Part 1 of 2
8:30 Saturday BIG TV!
10:30 Premiere Movie: Primal Fear
11:30 Sat Movie: Virtuosity
ZEE CINEMA
10:30 Little John (Anupam Kher, Jyotika)

1:30 The Legend of Bhagat Singh (Ajay Devgan, Sushant Singh)
5:30 Ek Ka Teen Platinum Do Hazaar Ek (Jackie Shroff, Dimple Kapadia, Tabu)
9:30 Chalbaaz (Sunny Deol, Sridevi, Rajnikant)
STAR WORLD
10:00 Top Drive Getaway
10:30 The Bold & The Beautiful
12:30 Rendezvous With Simi Garewal
1:00 Travel Asia
1:30 Goosebumps
2:00 Action Man
2:30 Robocop
3:00 X - Men
3:30 The Kumars At No. 42
4:00 Cops
4:30 World's Wildest Police Videos
5:30 Knight Rider
6:30 Weir TV
7:00 Miss World
9:00 Tna Wrestling
10:00 Baywatch Hawaii
11:00 Miss World
STAR PLUS
1:30 Star Bestsellers
2:00 Dr Morepen Tango - Sun
3:30 Aradhana
6:30 Best Of Chhupa Rustam
7:00 Yata
7:25 Film Topper - 301 Series
7:30 Khichdi
8:00 Jaadu
8:30 Vikraal Aur Gabraal
9:30 Garwali Uparwali
10:30 Khullja Sim Sim
11:30 Mamlia Gadbad Hai
12:00 Kahani Jurm Ki
STAR GOLD
8:30 Sher - E - Hindustan
12:30 Khauif
STAR SPORTS
6:00 Australia Cricket 3 Test Series Brisbane
2:00 Australia Australia Vs India 1st Test Day 3 (L)
2:30 Nba Inside Stuff (R)
6:00 Australia Vs India 1st Test Day 3 Highlight
8:00 Rally Racing Mrl India
8:30 India Event Highlights (S)
8:30 Australia Vs India 1st Test Day 3 Highlight
10:30 Super Centuries (R)
ESPN
7:00 Nba Basketball Orlando

4:30 Angrakshak
8:00 Startoons Countdown
8:30 Twinkle Twinkle Lucky
11:00 Maya
11:30 Without Ticket
NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC
12:30 African Odyssey
1:30 Inside The Pentagon
2:30 The Waiting Game
3:00 Tiger's Eye
3:30 Mission Wild
4:00 Ng Explorer
4:30 On Assignment
5:30 Tomorrow's World
6:00 Dogs With Jobs
6:30 Toyota World Of Wildlife S3
7:00 Earth Report
7:30 Earthpulse
8:00 When Nature Strikes Back
9:30 One World One Day: The Weather
10:30 Living With Lions
11:30 Treasure Seekers
STAR SPORTS
6:00 Australia Cricket 3 Test Series Brisbane
2:00 Australia Australia Vs India 1st Test Day 3 (L)
2:30 Nba Inside Stuff (R)
6:00 Australia Vs India 1st Test Day 3 Highlight
8:00 Rally Racing Mrl India
8:30 India Event Highlights (S)
8:30 Australia Vs India 1st Test Day 3 Highlight
10:30 Super Centuries (R)
TEN SPORTS
10:00 England Tour of SL 03:1st Test Day 4, H/Ls
10:30 England Tour of SL 03 : 1st Test Day 5 (Live)
7:00 Heat
8:00 Pick of the Week
8:30 Speed (Karting 2- Ahmedabad)
9:00 Horse Racing Preview Show
11:00 England Tour of SL 03:1st Test Day 5, H/Ls
12:00 Heat