

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

The sixth solo art exhibition of Rafi Haque is going on at the La Gallery of Alliance Française (26, Mirpur Road, Dhanmondi, Dhaka).

December 05-10

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

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.

Book launching

December 08

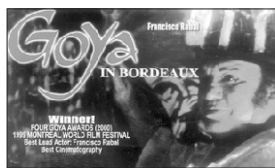
Protibhash Publications launches a book entitled *Hridoye Rongdhonu* (*The Rainbow in a Heart*) by Sharmin Ahmad at the Liberation War Museum auditorium. The ceremony will be attended by eminent litterateurs like Selina Hossain, Dr. Muhammad Zafar Iqbal and Professor Sardar Fazlul Karim. The programme starts at 4:30 pm.

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.

Spanish film festival



December 07-09

Zahir Raihan Film Society, in association with the Alliance Française of Dhaka, will screen six films in the Contemporary Spanish Film Session at the Alliance Française auditorium, Dhanmondi:
Dec-8: *Intact* 5pm
Sex and Lucia 7pm
Dec-9: *Girl of Your Dreams* 5pm
Goya in Bordeaux 7pm

Folk music

Songs of hundred mystic poets

Invaluable folk songs enthralls the city audience

NOVERA DEEPIITA

BANGLADESH Lok Sangeet Porishad and UNESCO has jointly organised a 3-day-long folk festival featuring songs of hundred and twenty one mystic poets of Bengal. The formal inauguration of the festival was held at the National Public Library day before yesterday by veteran singer and composer Abdul Latif. The festival, arranged for the first time, covers songs of innumerable mystic poets of Bengal.

The chairman of Bangladesh Lok Sangeet Porishad, Indra Mohon Rajbongshi said that he was amazed by the overwhelming presence of the lovers of folk songs. "We want to verify whether there is any interest left among the common people about the rare and invaluable folk songs. And we wanted to remind the people of our rich cultural roots too."

The main objective of this festival is to popularise the traditional songs of the country especially those which are on the verge of extinction. "These songs need to be practised with care. Some of the popular numbers sung nowadays are losing their originality," Indro Mohon said. "We felt that these songs must be preserved and presented in a manner so that its originality is reinstated once more."



Artists rendering folk songs at the on-going festival of hundreds of folk poets.

The most widely spread art of folk music is practised both in the city and the rural areas. This music attracts people from all walks of life and has a universal appeal. Therefore, "we must present the creativity of our ancestors to the new generation. And this is our main objective behind holding this festival," said Indra Mohon.

A large crowd gathered at the

Public Library auditorium. The programme, however, started much later than the scheduled time. Both eminent and promising singers performed rare and invaluable folk songs in front of the enthusiastic crowd. Fatema Tuz Zohra presented Nazrul song *Tumi Loho Probu* and *Prem Shukh Shri Krishna Rashakar* by Haurey Goshai. Sadi Mohammad rendered songs of Tagore and Rajanikant

Sen. Dipti Rajbongshi, Shirajus Salekin, Nadira Begum, Zahir Aleem, Shammii Akhtar and others performed many uncommon songs of the mystic poets like Kadali Pa, Kanai Lal Shil, Goshai Anukul, M Sirajuddin, Erfan Fakir, Madan Fakir, Hason Raja, Hafizur Rahman, Momtaz Ali Khan, Dwij Das, Gagan Harkara, Ramkamal Shadhu and others.

Film

Australian film festival comes to town

SADYA AFREEN MALLICK

A two-day Australian Film Festival featuring seven Australian films will take place in Dhaka at the British Council Auditorium on 11 and 12 December 2003. The festival is organised as part of the Embassy Roadshow project presented by the Australian Film Commission and the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade.

Welcoming the press representatives at the Recreation Centre of the Australian High Commission on December 7, the High Commissioner for Australia in Bangladesh,

Lorraine Barker said, "This festival will further strengthen the already strong people-to-people links, which exist between Australia and Bangladesh. Australia and Bangladesh share one another's cultural heritage--through our shared belief in democracy, the Commonwealth and "our cricket links". These people-to-people linkages are most evident through the population of Australians living in Bangladesh and the number of Bangladeshis--including a growing number of students--living in Australia."

"Australia is more commonly known in Bangladesh as a sporting



The Wog Boy

power and indeed Australia is famous for cricket in this cricket-loving nation. Australia nominated and worked hard to get Bangladesh test nation status in cricket in the year 2000. And, Cricket Australia is working with the Bangladesh Cricket Board to add value in training and development of the Bangladesh cricket team and the successful future of cricket in this country."

Lorraine Barker added, "Indeed in 1971 Australia was the first developed country to recognise Bangladesh as an independent nation and to establish diplomatic

relations with the newly independent country."

When asked if she had watched any Bangladeshi films she replied "No, but I have read a number of books from your country." Replying to a question, Barker said that the FDC could take steps for developing the film sector through the assistance of the Australian government.

Free tickets can be collected from the Australian High Commission in Gulshan or the British Council reception (Fuller Road).

Legend

Tribute to dance maestro, Uday Shankar

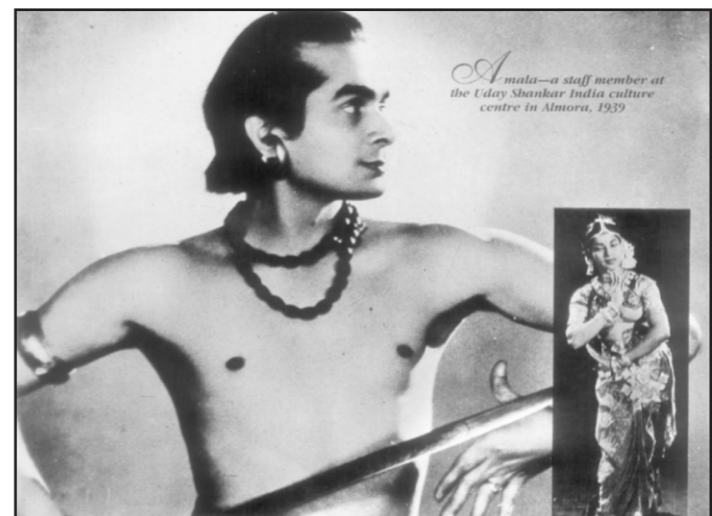
SHARMILA BANDYOPADHYAY

UDAY Shankar's name is known throughout the four continents, and he has achieved a unique place amongst the dance lovers all over the world. In the sphere of Indian dance, the name of Uday Shankar is imprinted with an indelible ink. This legendary dancer has taken Indian dance to great heights and was highly acclaimed all over the globe.

Uday Shankar was born on 8th December 1900 in Udaypur, Rajasthan. Since his tender age, Uday Shankar had the opportunity to watch several dance forms in various places. When he became a full fledged dancer, his dance patterns saw the reflections of all that he had seen and acquired from different places since his childhood.

His special talents of a creative order have been instrumental in bringing to light the hidden beauties of the sub-continental dance through perfectly conceived dance ballets. The Uday Shankar school of the dance is one of the creative work, embodying the expressive gestures, wonderful rhythms, varied subjects and dramatic forms. Uday Shankar tried to blend the western dance presentation with eastern dance concepts. He was well versed with western dances and he grafted music on different Indian poses, bodylines, sculptural gestures taking inspiration from not only folk and classical forms, but also from visual art forms like paintings. His dances were a synthesis of East and West and one of the characteristics of his dances was the utilisation of the fourth dimension like a sculpture. Uday Shankar was aware of the contemporary relevance of his choreographed themes.

He gained the praise of critics



The legendary Uday Shankar. His wife Amala Shankar is seen in the inset

and audiences in England, Europe and America not only for the artistic performances he gave year after year in these countries, but for his gift of being able to convey through his art the true message and meaning of the Indian dance.

Uday Shankar had an intense desire latent in his heart to found a dance institution. He started making preparations for founding this dream institution in Almora in 1939. Accordingly, the 'Uday Shankar India Culture Centre' came into existence in 1940. Here in Almora the dance maestro met Amala Nandi. Amala Shankar, Uday Shankar's talented partner and wife, has contributed a great deal of charm and artistry as well as ability to her husband's performances.

Uday Shankar achieved considerable fame, reputation and honour in India as a quintessential dancer. Once poet Rabindranath Tagore was so overwhelmed after seeing a dance

maestro's performance that he invited Uday Shankar to come to Shantiniketan.

Uday Shankar made *Shiva-Parvathi Dance Ballet*, *Rhythm of Life*, *Man and Machine*, *Radha-Krishna Ballet*, shadowplays (Dance drama) like *Ramayana* and many other productions.

He also made a famous film *Kalpavasa* based on the life of the dance maestro. Uday Shankar directed and acted in that film. His wife Amala Shankar still runs the institution Uday Shankar India Culture Centre. His daughter Mamata Shankar runs the Mamata Shankar Ballet Troupe. Only son Ananda Shankar (Late) and daughter-in-law Tanusree Shankar ran their dance institution also.

Today on his 103rd birth anniversary on behalf of all the dance artists of Bangladesh, we pay rich tribute to the great maestro Uday Shankar and to his creative genius.

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Channel click

In search of T-Rex

ATN Bangla airs drama serial for children

CULTURE DESK

AFTER a remarkable success with *Dipu Number 2*, *Bubuner Baba* and *Hatkata Robin*, another story of eminent litterateur Muhammad Zafar Iqbal is coming on the small screen. Director Khalid Mahmud Mithu has made Zafar Iqbal's famous adventure story *T-Rexer Shandhaney* (In Search of T-Rex) into a drama serial for ATN Bangla. The first episode of the drama will be aired today at 8:15 pm.

The story involves three teen-aged boys--Topon, Raju and Khaled, who are cousins. Among them Khaled has just come to Bangladesh from the US to learn about the culture and history of his grandfather's country. The boys are always kept under strict control by the elders of the house. The list includes Topon's uncle who is extremely miser and considers children mischievous. There are also Raju's mother--a very hot tempered woman, and his uncle who is idle and very nasty. The family has another member--Chandu Chacha who thinks himself very important. Only the youngest uncle of these three youth



The characters in the drama serial T-Rexer Shandhaney finally discovers the prehistoric animal.

seems to them a normal human being.

Before Khaled arrives, Raju and Topon are driven out from the house because they also tried to participate along with other members in the discussion about Khaled's visit. There is no trace of the two boys since then. Everyone in the family gets extremely tensed. What happens to the two? At such a time comes a stranger!

The drama serial has been made with production support from Global Media. The different characters have been portrayed by Abul Hayat, Abdul Kader, Saleh Ahmed, Shahidul Alam Sachchu, Shirin Bakul, Bappa Raj, Somu Chowdhury and others. Arjo Sreshtho, Utsha Aziz and Ozzy portray the roles of the three boys Topon, Raju and Khaled.

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, 1 pm, 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.
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 Selected Tagore Songs
09:15 Programme from BTV archive
12:15 *Sangbad Potrer Pata Theke*
01:30 *Shilpo O Shahitya*
02:05 Cartoon Show: *Captain Planet*
02:30 *Niramoy*
03:05 Drama: *Chhaya Manobi*
04:05 *Lekha Pora*
04:30 Open University
05:05 National Television School Debate Competition
05:55 Children's News
06:10 *Dolonchampa*
07:05 Drama for Children
07:30 Drama Serial: *Shat Rajar Dhan*
08:30 *Shamakalin Natok*
09:30 Drama Serial: *Janak*
10:25 *Teknal Theke Tetulia Rangdhanu*
CHANNEL-i
08:00 Ganer Anushtan
09:30 *Shangbadpotrey Bangladesh*
09:45 *Tritiyo Matra*
11:00 *Chitri Pelam*
11:30 *Ebong Cinemar Gan*
12:00 Sun Light Your Choice
12:30 Drama Serial: *Sharey Tin Tala*
01:00 Drama Serial: *Ekannoborti*
01:30 *Shangbadpotrey Bangladesh*
02:00 Feature film *Ashik Priya*

05:15 *Mukti Juddho Amar Ahankar*
05:45 *Chitra Mala*
06:10 Music Plus
06:45 Drama Serial: *Dhangar*
07:50 Drama Serial: *Ala Bhola*
08:25 Special Programme
09:35 *Rupkatha*
10:00 Drama Serial: *Kachher Manush*
ntv
05:02 *Itihaser Ei Diney*
05:10 *Potrikar Khabor*
05:30 *Apnar Jigyasha*
05:30 *Shapla Kuri*
06:32 *Shubho Sandhya*
06:52 *Khabor Deshey Deshey*
08:00 Drama Serial: *Ebong Ami*
08:35 *Arshi Nagar*
09:10 *Natoker Gaan*
09:47 Drama Serial: *Chand Poka Ghun Poka Gallery*
10:22 Din Darpan
11:00 *Dastan-E-Hatem Tai*

TODAY'S HIGHLIGHTS
HBO: 7:15 pm *Deep Blue Sea*. Action/Horror/Sci-Fi/Thriller; *Saffron Burrows, LL Cool J, Samuel L. Jackson*. A businessman sinks \$200 million into a special project to help fight brain cancer. Medical biologist Susan McAlester figures out a way to genetically embiggen shark brains, so that cancer-battling enzymes can be harvested. However, the sharks become super smart and decide they don't much like being stabbed with hypodermics, so they break out and make for the open sea...
STAR MOVIES: 7:00 pm You've Got Mail. Comedy/Romance; *Tom Hanks, Meg Ryan*. The owner of a large bookstore chain starts putting the owner of a small local bookstore out of business. Meanwhile they have been corresponding over the internet without knowing who either of them are. They can't stand each other in person but over the internet they are very attracted. He finds out who she is but she doesn't know. He starts to like her more but she still hates him. He has to fix it.

PICK OF THE DAY
Romeo Must Die
On HBO at 9:30 pm
Genre: Action/Crime/Thriller
Jet Li, Aaliyah, Isaiah Washington
Li is an ex-cop investigating the murder of his brother, who had ties with the Chinese mafia in America. Aaliyah plays the daughter of the American mob boss. Neither side approves of their romance, so, obviously, kung fu action ensues, with a soundtrack by Aaliyah.

3:30 Bold And Beautiful
4:30 Toyota World Of Wildlife
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 That 70s Show
9:00 Everybody Loves Raymond
9:30 Yes Dear
10:00 Becker
10:30 Third Watch
11:30 Baywatch
STAR GOLD
12:30 Pyaasa - Tripple Aar
4:00 Without Ticket
4:30 Hummat
8:30 Hameshaa
NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC
11:30 Dogs With Jobs
12:00 Toyota World Of Wildlife S3
12:30 Monkey Business
1:00 Cheetah - Fading Spots
1:30 Crittercam-Wildtech
2:00 Toyota World Of Wildlife
2:30 Built For The Kill
3:30 Red Crabs Crazy Ants
4:30 The Waiting Game
5:00 Tiger's Eye
5:30 Return To The Wild
6:00 Sea Stories
6:30 Dogs With Jobs
7:00 Toyota World Of Wildlife S3
7:30 Monkey Business
8:00 Lights! Camera! Bugs!
8:30 Crittercam-Wildtech

Adventures
Toyota World Of Wildlife
9:30 Built For The Kill
10:00 Born Wild
11:30 Living With Lions
STAR SPORT
8:00 Australia 3 Test Series
Brisbane Australia Vs India 1st Test Day 5
Lunchtime Show(L)
1:00 Australia 3 Test Series
Brisbane Australia Vs India 1st Test Day 5 Review(L)
1:30 English Premier Football
League 2003/04
Newcastle United Vs Liverpool (T)
4:00 Hong Kong Cricket
Sixes The Cathay
Pacific/Standard
Chartered Highlights(R)
5:00 International
Motorsports News
International
Motorsports News 2003 (T)
6:00 Spanish Football
League 2003/04
Spanish Football
League (S)
8:00 Sportsline (L)
8:30 Sunny By Night
Brisbane Australia,
Australia Vs India 1st
Test Day 5 Highlight
S(S)
10:30 Sportsline (R)
11:00 Australia 3 Test Series
Brisbane Australia Vs
India 1st Test Day 5 1st
Session N(R)
ESPN
10:30 English Premier Football
League 2003/04

Southampton Vs
Charlton Athletic (R)
12:30 Cricket Gold (R)
3:30 English Premier Football
League 2003/04
Manchester United Vs
Aston Villa (R)
5:30 English Premier Football
League 2003/04 Leeds
United Vs Chelsea (R)
7:30 English Premier League
Highlights (T)
8:30 Sportscenter India (L)
9:00 Uefa Champions
League Magazine Show
(R)
9:30 Spanish Football
League 2003/04
Barcelona Vs Real
Madrid (R)
11:30 Sportscenter India (R)
12:00 Sunny By Night
Brisbane Australia,
Australia Vs India 1st
Test Day 5 Highlights
(S)
TEN SPORTS
9:00 Raw
9:30 Fitness Beach
10:30 Legends: Inzamamm
Super Bouts
11:30 World Football News
12:30 Western Union Football
Show
Legends: Inzamamm
5:00 Fitness Beach
5:30 ATP Tennis
7:30 Smackdown
Western Union Football
Show
8:30 MUTV: Red Hot News
10:30 MUTV: The Match: Man
United v Aston Villa
11:00 MUTV: Match Highlights

4:00 Addicted To Love
5:30 In His Life: The John
Lennon Story
7:00 You've Got Mail
9:00 Steel
10:45 Best Seller
12:15 Hollywood One On
One
ZEE CINEMA
10:30 Balwaan (Sunil Shetty,
Divya Bharati)
1:30 Hindustani (Kamal
Hasan, Manisha
Koirala, Urmila
Mathondkar)
5:30 Loafer (Anil Kapoor,
Juhi Chawla)
9:30 Lal Baadshah
(Amitabh Bachchan,
Manisha Koirala,
Shilpa Shetty)
STAR PLUS
11:00 Kaahin Kissi Roz
11:30 Kabhii Sautan Kabhii
Saheli
1:00 Kasautii Zindagii Kay
1:30 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 Kahiin To Hoga
5:05 Meri Saheli
6:00 Hum Saath Ath Hain
6:30 Fox Kids
7:30 Kunkum - Pyara Sa
Bandhan
8:00 Shaka Laka Boom
Boom
8:30 Krishna Arjun
9:00 Kasautii Zindagii Kay
9:30 Des Mein Nikkha Hoga
Chand
10:00 Kahaani Ghar Ghar Kii
11:00 Kyunki Saas Bhi Kabhi
Bahu Thi
STAR WORLD
10:30 Nash Bridges
11:30 Traders
12:30 World's Wildest Police
Videos
1:30 The Pretender
2:30 Oprah Winfrey