

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 Francaise (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.

**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.

**Solo Painting Exhibition**

**December 9-15**  
A weeklong solo painting exhibition by Jahangir Hossain will be inaugurated at 5:30 pm on December 9 at the Russian Cultural Centre (House no. 510, Road 7, Dhanmondi R/A). The exhibition will remain open everyday from 2:00 pm to 7:30 pm till December 15.

**Jazz night**

**December 11**  
A jazz musical evening will be held at Alliance Francaise at the Alliance Cafeteria. The programme will commence at 9:30 pm.

**French music**

**December 18**  
A French musical programme will be held at the Alliance Cafeteria at 9:30 pm.

**Ceramics Exhibition**

**December 8-15**  
Mahadi Masud's ceramics exhibition has begun at the Zainul Gallery from December 8 at the Institute of Fine Arts. The exhibition is open from 2:00 pm to 8:00 pm and will continue till December 15.

**Spanish film festival**

**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, Dhanmondi: Dec-9: *Girl of Your Dreams* 5pm  
*Goya in Bordeaux* 7pm

**Light and shade**

## Canvas awash in rain

*Bengal Gallery of Fine Arts holds fortnight-long watercolour exhibition of Kazi Ghiyasuddin*

HARUN UR RASHID

LOOKING at the watercolour works of Kazi Ghiyas, one would wonder what innumerable symphonies and shades of colours the artist has discovered in a natural phenomenon like rain!

Indeed, the 92 watercolour works have given the Bengal Gallery of Fine Arts an air of lucid lyricism. The gallery at Dhanmondi is holding its second solo exhibition of watercolour works by artist Kazi Ghiyas. Titled *Serenade of Rain*, the display was opened jointly by veteran painter Mohammad Kibria and Japanese Ambassador to Bangladesh Matsushiro Horiguchi on December 4.

Kazi Ghiyas has been living in Japan ever since he went there in 1979 for higher studies in fine arts. Before that he had completed his graduation and master's degrees from Dhaka University and Chittagong University. Although he



has been away from the country for quite a long time, the bond with the motherland, its nature and natural beauty has never been severed. And that can be felt in the art works displayed at the Bengal Gallery.

Ghiyas' canvases are replete in abstract images of rain. But this abstraction does not obstruct the viewers' perception of the artist's feeling. The canvases, wearing layers of 'washes' of transparent colours, rather compose different expressions that are incarnate in

the symbol of rain. Ghiyas' spontaneous soft brush-strokes give expression to his feelings and moods, and through this he seems to submerge himself in the depths of water. Thus he discovers the sounds of rain, its colours, rhythm and poetry.

Not only that, Ghiyas captures the diverse possibilities in this natural phenomenon by juxtaposing rain against different settings like in the different parts of a day and different seasons. This provides his paintings a unique quality of depth.

Ghiyas' images of rain are found in his use of deep dots while they are emphasised by the background of soft subdued colours. His images cannot be explained; they have to be felt. For, every single line and dot, the fading trail of colours on Ghiyas' canvases exudes different moods and feelings.

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**Cinema**

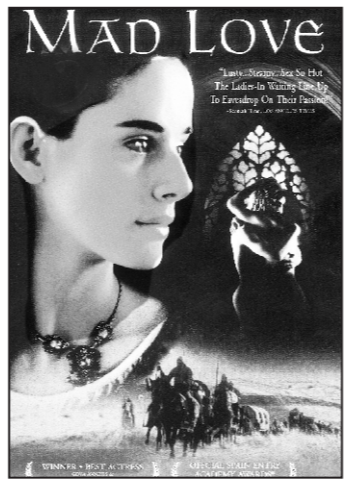
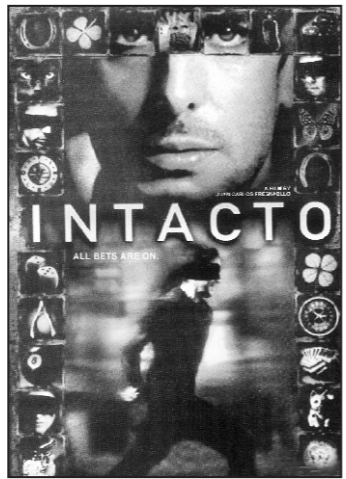
## Post-Bunuel Spanish cinema

*Zahir Raihan Film Society screens six contemporary Spanish films at the Alliance Francaise of Dhaka*

SABBIR CHOWDHURY

LUIS Bunuel is considered not only the best Spanish filmmaker ever, but also one of the best of all time in the 108-year history of world cinema. Bunuel's last film *That Obscure Object of Desire* was released in 1977, six years before the maestro died at the age of eighty three. Bunuel was occupying the position of Spanish cinema's top position for almost fifty years, from 1928 to 1977.

After Bunuel's death, this top position of the Spanish cinema was vacant. Renowned filmmaker Carlos Saura tried to fill in the gap with his films but could not really stamp a long-lasting impression. Victor Erice, Ventura Pons, Vicente Aranda, Juan Antonio Bardem, Bigas Luna and Pedro Almodovar are some of the best Spanish filmmakers of the recent decades. Their young contemporaries like Fernando Trueba, Julio Medem, Alex de la Iglesia and Alejandro Amenabar are very young filmmakers seriously involved in filmmaking and are making their presence felt. All of



them together are making the Spanish national cinema to be something for which they can be proud of. Spanish cinema, without doubt, is one of the best and prestigious in contemporary Europe film-scenario.

The films like *Open Your Eyes* by Amenabar, *All About My Mother* and *Talk to Her* by Almodovar, *Goya in Bordeaux* by Saura are some of the most talked about recent Spanish films. Almodovar's *All About My Mother* and *Talk to Her* are among the very best films in the history of the Spanish cinema. He is now leading the bunch of talented Spanish filmmakers. Eric's *The Spirit of the Beehive* and Almodovar's *All About My Mother* have won the prestigious Foreign Language Academy Awards.

Almodovar's first films were 'gaudy, bawdy and loud'. He started making films in the late 1970s,

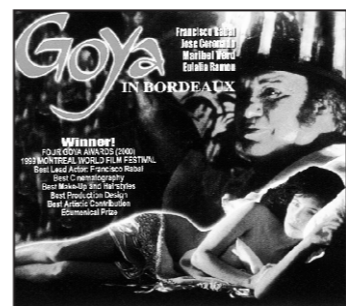
mostly in 8mm format. He was lucky in enjoying the post-Franco liberalism in Spain. The conservative Franco Era was notable for its notorious moral codes and censorship rules and restrictions. This post-1975 Era gave Almodovar the freedom to deal with themes which wouldn't have been possible earlier.

From the early 1980s, Almodovar has been making films that bear his trademark - often a person habituated to normal life is drawn into the complicated labyrinthine world of 'sub-human' people and thus makes his/her own life miserable and also of others. Almodovar 'spins soulful, spellbinding stories and creates characters that ring with life'. The Almodovar filmography includes *Pepi, Luci, Bom, and Other Girls*; *Labyrinth of Passion*; *Matador*; *What Have I Done to Deserve This?*; *Dark Habits*; *Law of*

*Desire*; *Women on the Verge of a Nervous Breakdown*; *Tie Me Up! Tie Me Down!*; *Kika*; *The Flower of My Secrets*; *Live Flesh*; *All About My Mother*; and *Talk to Her*.

The ongoing film session by Zahir Raihan Film Society, focusing on the contemporary Spanish films, has been organised in association with the Alliance Francaise of Dhaka and is comprised of six films: *Butterfly* by Jose Luis Cuerda, *Mad Love* by Vicente Aranda, *Intacto* by Juan Carlos Fresnadillo, *Sex and Lucia* by Julio Medem, *The Girl of Your Dreams* by Fernando Trueba and *Goya in Bordeaux* by Carlos Saura. Saura's biographical film *Goya in Bordeaux* deals with the last stage of the life of Francisco Goya, the famous Spanish painter. This beautiful film, shot excellently by renowned Italian cinematographer Vittorio Storaro, is a visual feast and Francisco Rabal in the role of the ageing painter has presented very well Goya's split-personality and reminiscent moods.

Sabbir Chowdhury, a film activist, teaches in the department of English at Jahangirnagar University, Dhaka.



**Drama lane**

## ITI to launch drama fiesta in the city

CULTURE DESK

THE BANGLADESH Centre of the International Theatre Institute (ITI) held a press conference yesterday at the Press Club, where ITI President Manfred Beilharz and Executive Director Jennifer Walpole announced the commencement of a week-long



drama festival starting from December 9. Also present were Chairman of the ITI Bangladesh, Ramendu Majumdar, General Secretary Ataur Rahman, Chairman of the Bangladesh Group Theatre Federation Mamunur Rashid and theatre personality Nasiruddin Yusuf. The festival will continue till the 16th of this month.

**Previews**

## Desh Natak presents Birasa Kabya

ERSHAD KAMOL

TODAY Desh Natak will stage *Birasa Kabya* whereas Tona Tuni will display *Toray Bandha Ghorar Dim* as part of the international theatrical festival arranged by the International Theatre Institute (ITI) Bangladesh branch.

*Birasa Kabya*: This play will be staged at the Mahila Samity Mancha this evening.

*Birasa Kabya* by Masum Reza is an 'Ethnic Theatre' in which we get a pathetic story of Indian sub-continent during the British colonial period, bringing in the historical event of the 'Munda Rebellion'. Munda tribe, in those days, was oppressed not only by the colonial lords but also by the local feudal lords. Birasa, the tribal leader, organized his community against the century-old repression. Birasa contemplated that only through a unified rebellion could



the Mundas get a taste of freedom. At a certain stage, the tribal chief was arrested and killed later on by the British authorities. That made Birasa the tribal god of the group and his fate added fuel to the fire of rebellion, which is historically known as *Ulgulan*.

Shamsul Alam Bakul is the director of the play. In the play, 61 characters have been portrayed by 29 artistes which is a milestone in our theatre. Nasirul Haque Khokon is the light designer whereas Kazi Mizan Koel is the set designer.

## Toray Bandha Ghorar Dim by Tona Tuni



*Toray Bandha Ghorar Dim*: *Toray Bandha Ghorar Dim*, an adapted dance drama from Satyajit Ray's

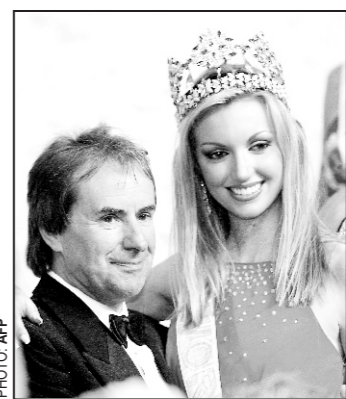
famous rhyme book *Toray Bandha Ghorar Dim*, will be displayed by Tona Tuni at the National Theatre

Stage at Gulistan this evening. The group will stage nine rhyme pieces from the book through synchronized compositions. Mahabubur Rahman Joyal is the director of the play. This display has got the power to take one to the illusive world. The aim of the play is not only to provide entertainment but also to create civic sense among the viewers.

Ahmed Imtiaz Bulbul, a prominent music director of the country, is the music composer whereas Tahmina Rahman is the dance director. Master of lighting, Tapas Sen, from India, is the light designer. Kirity Ranjan Biswas from India has designed the set, costumes and muppets.

**Success stories**

MISS Ireland 19-year-old Rosanna Davison (R) poses with her father Chris De Burgh, known for his song "Lady in Red", after being crowned Miss World 2003 in Sanya, on China's tropical island of Hainan on December 6. Davison, a first year archaeology, sociology and art history student at University College, Dublin, became the first Ireland-born woman to win the contest, began her reign as Miss World Sunday after beating 105 other women to the title in China's first-ever staging of the international beauty pageant.



**Fashion Show**



R and R Holdings, a management company hosted a fashion show and a cultural evening at the Chittagong Club.

## 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, 9:00am  
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, 11:00 am, 1 pm, 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 Headlines (Bangla) at 5:30 pm, 7:30 pm, 9:30 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*  
01:05 Cartoon Show: *Godzilla*  
01:30 *Shobar Jonnyo Shikha*  
02:05 Magazine Show: *Rongdhanu*  
03:05 *Shukhi Paribar*  
03:30 *Chalantika*  
04:05 *Sangeeta*  
04:30 Open University  
05:30 Talk Show: *Mythoskriya*  
06:10 Nazrul Sangeet: *Shandhyamaloti*  
06:35 Memorial Programme on Begum Rokaya Shakawat Hossain  
07:05 Folk Music: *Loukik Bangla*  
07:30 Film Show: *Three Stooges*  
08:30 Drama Serial: *Je Paro Bhuliyao Dao*  
09:00 Drama Serial: *Onnyo Rakom Manushera*  
09:30 Drama Serial  
10:25 *Teknaf Theke Tetulia*  
10:30 Musical Magazine: *Rimjhim*  
**CHANNEL-i**  
09:30 *Shangbadpotrey Bangladesh*  
09:45 *Tritiyo Matra Chitthi Pelam*  
11:30 *Ebong Cinemar Gaan*  
11:30 *Shangbadpotrey Bangladesh*  
02:00 Feature Film: *Ongar (Shabana, Razzak)*  
05:15 *Muktijuddho Amar Ahankar*  
05:45 *i-Sports*  
06:10 Music Plus

06:45 *Projuktir Nijukti*  
07:50 *Close Up Juke Box*  
08:25 Drama Serial: *Sharey Tin Tola*  
09:35 Drama Serial: *Shada Megher Bristhi*  
10:00 Drama: *Shadharon Loker Kahini*  
**ntv**  
05:02 *Itthaser Ei Diney Potrikar Khabor*  
05:10 *Apar Jigyasha*  
05:30 *Right Click*  
06:00 *Shubho Sandhya Gallery*  
06:32 Drama Serial: *Ebong Ami (Ep-27)*  
06:52 *Career Show*  
08:00 Drama Serial: *Shangshoy (Ep-8)*  
08:35 Drama Serial: *Chand Poka Ghum Poka (Ep-6)*  
09:47 *Ei Shomoy Din Darpan*  
10:22 *Neel Paharer Gaan*  
**HBO**  
7:00 Tales from the crypt 02: Abra Cadaver  
7:45 Wild Wild West  
10:00 The Witches  
12:00 Problem Child 3  
1:45 Darkman  
3:45 The Postman  
7:15 Flypaper  
9:30 Spy Game  
12:00 Mission: Impossible II  
**ZEE CINEMA**  
10:30 Naam (Sanjay Dutt, Kumar Gaurav)  
1:30 Krothi (Sunil Shetty, Rambha)  
5:30 Prem Aggan (Fardeen Khan, Meghana Kothan)  
9:30 Anari (Venkatesh, Karisma Kapoor)

**TODAY'S HIGHLIGHTS**

**HBO: 12:00 am Mission: Impossible II.** Action/Thriller; Tom Cruise, Dougray Scott, Thandie Newton, Ving Rhames. IMF agent Ethan Hunt has been sent on a mission to retrieve and destroy the supply of a genetically created disease called 'Chimera'. His mission is made impossible due to the fact that he is not the only person after samples of the disease. He must also contend with a gang of international terrorists headed by a turned bad former IMF agent and now need 'Chimera' to complete their grand plan of infecting the whole world.

**STAR MOVIES: 9:30 pm A Rage in Harlem.** Crime; Forest Whitaker, Gregory Hines, Robin Givens. A beautiful black gangster's moll flees to Harlem with a trunkload of gold after a shootout, unaware that the rest of the gang, and a few other unsavoury characters, are on her trail. A pudgy momma's boy becomes the object of her affections and the unlikely hero of the tale.

**STAR MOVIES**  
9:30 Julius Caesar  
11:45 Hocus Pocus  
1:30 City Hall  
3:30 The Third Wheel  
5:00 Bye Bye Love  
7:00 102 Dalmatians  
8:45 Lambada  
9:30 A Rage In Harlem  
**STAR PLUS**  
11:00 Kaahin Kissi Roz  
11:30 Kabhii Sautan Kabhii Saheli  
12:00 Shanti (601 - 800)

**PICK OF THE DAY**



**Spy Game**  
On HBO at 9:30 pm  
Genre: Action/Drama/Thriller  
Robert Redford, Brad Pitt, Catherine McCormack  
CIA operative Nathan Muir is on the brink of retirement when he finds out that his protege Tom Bishop has been arrested in China for espionage. No stranger to the machinations of the CIA's top echelon, Muir hones all his skills and irreverent manner in order to find a way to free Bishop.

6:00 Hum Saath Aath Hain  
6:30 Fox Kids  
7:30 Kumkum - Pyara Sa Bandhan  
8:00 Shaka Laka Boom Boom  
8:30 Khichdi  
9:00 Kasautii Zindagii Kay  
9:30 Kehta Hai Dil  
10:30 Kahaani Ghar Ghar Ki  
11:00 Kyunki Saas Bhi Kabhi Bahu Thi  
11:30 Kahaani Ghar Ghar Ki  
12:00 Kahiin To Hoga  
5:00 Meri Saheli  
5:55 Taaza Hits

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 And Order - S.V.U  
11:28 Star Asia Travel Car Series China China Rd 11 & 12 (R)  
11:30 Baywatch  
12:00 Just Shoot Me  
**STAR GOLD**  
8:30 Chhoti Bahu  
12:30 Pratikar  
4:30 Maya  
8:30 Shera  
8:30 Angaaray  
**NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC**  
9:30 Born Wild  
10:30 Living With Lions  
11:30 Dogs With Jobs  
12:00 Toyota World Of Wildlife S3  
12:30 Story Of Reynard The Fox  
1:30 Out There  
2:00 Chasing Time  
14:30 \$100 Taxi Ride  
3:00 5 Weddings Couple Of Funerals  
15:30 Lost Treasures Of Tibet  
4:30 Chasing Time  
5:00 \$100 Taxi Ride  
5:30 Return To The Wild  
6:00 Sea Stories  
6:30 Dogs With Jobs  
7:00 Toyota World Of Wildlife S3  
7:30 Avalanche Angels  
8:30 Out There  
9:00 Chasing Time  
9:30 \$100 Taxi Ride  
10:00 More Weddings & Another Funera  
10:30 Knight Rider  
11:30 The Simpsons  
12:00 Home Improvement

**STAR SPORTS**  
6:30 On The Limit 2003 - Japan Gt Championship Motegi Japan Round 6(R)  
7:00 Asian Festival Of Speed  
8:00 Asian Touring Car Series China China Rd 11 & 12 (R)  
8:30 Futbol Mundial (R)  
8:30 Hitz (R)  
9:00 Golf Programming The Golf Club 2003 (T)  
9:30 Grand Prix Gymnastics 03/04 Stuttgart  
12:30 Germany (T)  
English Premier Football League  
2003/04 Leeds England Leeds Unite D Vs Chelsea (T)  
2:30 Futsal Tournament Cairo Egypt Brazil Vs Ukraine Match  
4:00 Watersports Programming Hot Water (T)  
5:00 Motorcycle Programming Fim World Longtrack C'Ship Nz Grand Prix 2003 New Plymouth New Zealand Ev Ent Highlights(T)  
6:00 Gilleite World Sports (T)  
6:30 Super Centuries (R)  
7:00 Motorcycle Programming 2003 Fim World Endurance Championship Season Review(T)  
8:00 Sportsline (L)  
8:30 English Premier League Highlights (T)  
9:30 Tennis Asian Wta 2003 Highlights Show (T)  
10:30 Sportsline (R)  
11:00 World Billiards Championships Highlights(T)  
11:30 Uefa Champions League Magazine Show

(T)  
Harsha Unplugged (R)  
**ESPN**  
11:30 Mobile Skate Park Tour - Mss Best Of Cincinnati Cincinnati Oh Usa (R)  
12:00 Australia Vs India 1st Test Day 5 1st Sessio  
2:00 Australia Vs India 1st Test Day 5 2nd & 3rd Session(S)  
6:30 Football Focus (L)  
7:30 English Premier League Archive Programming Ten Seasons - A Decade Of Great Goals Highlights(T)  
8:30 Sportscenter India (L)  
9:00 Golf Programming Tiger's Bridge To The Future Orlando Fl Usa (T)  
9:30 Sunny By Night Brisbane Australia Australia Vs India 1st Test Day 5 Highlight (S)  
11:30 Sportscenter India (R)  
12:00 Sportscenter Asia (S)  
**TEN SPORTS**  
10:30 Legends: Inzamam  
11:30 Super Bouts  
12:00 World Football News  
12:30 Western Union Football Show  
1:30 Legends: Inzamam  
4:30 MUTV  
5:00 Fitness Beach  
5:30 ATP Tennis  
7:30 Smackdown  
8:00 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