

RECOMMENDATIONS

Victory Day Celebration

December 20-31
The inauguration of the exhibition titled 'Muktijuddhey Shanskriti karmi' at 5:00 pm.

Anniversary

December 19
On the occasion of the Silver Jubilee of the Bishwo Shahitto Kendra, the institute will arrange a day-long assembly from 9 am to 10 pm on Friday at the Kendra premises.

Exhibition

December 13-20
A photo exhibition titled Britto, images of map photographers, is going on at La-Galerie (54 Kemal Atarturk Avenue, Banani, Dhaka).

Photography Exhibition

December 19-31
The Alliance Francaise has organised a photography exhibition titled 'Intimate dairies of Twin Nationalities' by Anwar Hossain starting from December 19 at 6:00 pm.

Group Exhibition

December 16-21
The inauguration of the five young artists named Sohel, Roni, Lipi, Mahadi and Lisa will be held at the Zainul Gallery 2, Institute of Fine Arts on December 16 at 10 am.

Hayao Miyazaki Retrospective

December 17-18
Zahir Rayhan Film Society has arranged a two-day-long Hayao Miyazaki retrospective at the German Cultural Centre (Road no 9, Dhanmondi).

Exhibition

December 18
3:00 Kiki's Delivery Service
5:00 Princess Mononoke
7:00 Spirited Away

Exhibition

December 13-18
The Embassy of Islamic Republic of Iran and Bangladesh Shishu Academy jointly organised an exhibition of childrens painting to celebrate the Bangladesh Iran children friendship week at the academy art gallery.

Painting Exhibition

December 12-22
A painting exhibition of artist Abdul Muqtadir is going on at the Gallery Chitrag from 10 am to 8 pm everyday.

Art and Craft Exhibition

December 19-26
Shilpanjan has arranged a 8-day-long art and craft exhibition in association with the Craft Dept of the Institute of Fine Arts.

Theatre Lab

December 18
To conduct different experiments on drama, People's Theatre Association and Lok Natyadal has established a Theatre Lab at House no. 59, Road no. 7B, Block H, Banani.

Celebration

Jubilation under the star-lit sky

Victory Day observed

FAYZA HAQ

As part of the four day-long victory day celebration, Shammilito Sangskritik Jote organised programmes at six different stages at Shaheed Minar, Dhanmondi, Institute of Fine Arts (Bakul Tala) and Dhaka University campus.

Dhanmandi amphitheatre. The stage was bright with coloured festoons and was lit up with lights, while the surrounding eight tiers of cement seats was crowded with hundreds of viewers.



Ajit Ray, a veteran artist of the Shwadhini Bangla Betar Kendra inaugurated the Victory Day celebration at the Central Shaheed Minar.

Earlier the programme was inaugurated by Ajit Ray, a veteran artiste of the Shwadhini Bangla Betar Kendra at the Central Shaheed Minar. Professor Anisuzzaman, Ramendu Majumdar, Asaduzzaman Noor, Golam Kuddus and Nasiruddin Yussuf spoke on the occasion.

Nargis Chowdhury and her young group from Paddatik Sangeet Sangsad sang 'Mora shatter pore mon' from Tagore and 'Aaj stritir shokhey ullahse' from Nazrul.



Baul songs presented by Ruhksana Akhtar and her group.

Theatre

Losing the orchard

Anton Chekhov's The Cherry Orchard adapted by SM Solaiman's theatre group

CULTURAL CORRESPONDENT

THEATRE Art Unit, the theatre group founded by the Late SM Solaiman, has come up with its new production Trinoparney Shalmajori. Adapted from the world famous Russian dramatist Anton Chekhov's most brilliant piece The Cherry Orchard, the play had its maiden show at the Mahila Samity auditorium on December 7.

Solaiman, Theatre Art Unit came to face a very basic problem--that of choosing a script. Previously it used to be Solaiman who guided the group from selecting scripts through staging the plays.

caused by some uncontrolled vices--extravagance, idleness and lack of foresight, reflected in the two siblings of the family--Rani Sultana and the junior Nawab Abdul Gafur.

the palace's caretaker, contribute to the gradual loss of the family's glory. The ancestral Shal-orchard is auctioned as the Nawabs fail to repay the mortgage.

Film festival

8th Short and Independent Film Festival Dhaka, 2003

HARUN UR RASHID

DHAKA will be witnessing the 8th edition of the festival of short films. Bangladesh Short Film Forum is inaugurating the nine-day long festival from today at the Shaukat Osman Auditorium of the Public Library.

Ray Film Institute of India.

Another notable event of the festival is the 5th Alamgir Kabir memorial speech. Indian filmmaker Arun Khopkar will present the speech on Role of National Films in Globalisation.

The festival will have a new section named Independent Shorts in which maximum 5-

video format. Plays made for the television, however, are not eligible for this category.

A daylong Women's Session will mark screening of films made by women and also those dealing with women's issues.

A total of 30 countries will participate in the festival with 110 films from abroad and 30 from the host Bangladesh. Participating countries include Germany, Ireland, the Netherlands, France, the USA,



India, Malaipozhuthu

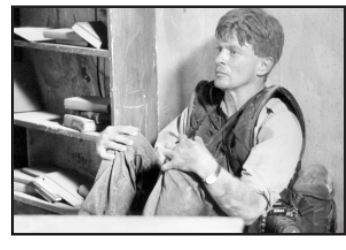
Institut.

With 'Independent Film Independent Expression' as the slogan of the event, this year's festival is dedicated to the memories of Tareq Shahriar, the recently deceased President of the Forum, and filmmakers Sheikh Niyamat Ali and Salauddin who also died



Ireland, Strangers in the night

minute long films made by Bangladeshi filmmakers on any format except VHS will be screened. In this competitive section, awards, sponsored by Singer, will be given for the Best Film and the Special Mention Film. A Tareq Shahriar Best Audience Award will also be given to a film for which the audience's votes will act



Australia, The Shot

England, Spain, Russia, India, Pakistan, Iran, Bulgaria, Turkey, Finland, Hungary, Austria, Lebanon, Australia, Canada, Cambodia, Philippines, Portugal and Iraq (Kurdistan).

Bangladesh Short Film Forum, founded in 1986, has been holding this festival biannually since 1988. A



UK, A Love Supreme

recently. Sessions on these personalities will feature their films. This year's event will feature screening of short films, documentaries, experimental films and animation films. Besides, a few special sessions will show films from Germany, Iran, Portugal, Philippines and those selected by the Satyajit



Germany, Schneeweiss

as the key factor. Moreover, one filmmaker of the country will be given a lifetime achievement award in the name of Hiralal Sen, the first filmmaker of the subcontinent.

This year's festival will also feature screening of films made in



Brazil, Dada

committee has been formed on the occasion of this year's festival. Eminent litterateur Hasnat Abdul Hye is acting as the Chairman of the committee, while veteran journalist Obayed-ul-Haque is the Chairman of the National Advisory Board. Aminul Islam is the Director of the festival.

Channel click

Kkusum leaps 18 years ahead, taking a new turn in life

SAAD BIN FAZLE HAMMADI

INDIA'S daily soap Kkusum is one of the popular serials in India and Bangladesh as well. It is not just the usual story of a Saas and Bahu (mother-in-law and daughter-in-law) but the story of a girl and her struggles in life.



Nausheen Ali Sardar in the role of Kkusum

Ek Aam Ladki Ki Khaas Kahani- Kkusum is the story of a simple middle class girl from a Mahara-shtrian family who gradually transforms into a woman of strength and integrity through various trials and tribulations of her life.

Kkusum's troubled marriage ends in a divorce. After breaking up with Abhay she takes yet another cruel turn when she loses Sidharth in a fatal accident. Distraught and lonely, Kkusum finds comfort in the true friendship offered by Abhay and they are once again united.

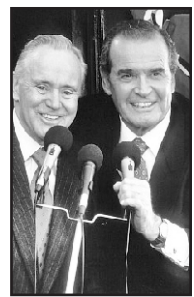
Abhay and Kkusum's re-union brings happiness to their family. Life goes well until Kkusum has a miscarriage in an accident. All the happiness in the family

comes to an end with the shocking news that she can never be a mother again. After the miscarriage, Kkusum decides to find a surrogate mother, Mahi, to give birth to Abhay's child.

In the film, marriage is not the main focus. The story unfolds the life of a woman who selflessly spreads happiness all around her...who sacrifices endless for her loved ones.

TV GUIDE

TODAY'S HIGHLIGHTS



Star Movies: 9:00 pm: My Fellow Americans: Comedy. Jack Lemmon, James Garner, Dan Aykroyd, John Heard. Kramer and Douglas, two former presidents from opposite ends of the political spectrum, become reluctant allies when they become the target of a conspirator in President Haney's administration.

HBO: 9:30 pm: Lara Croft: Tomb Raider. Action / Fantasy / Adventure. Angelina Jolie, Jon Voight, Iain Glen, Noah Taylor. A member of a rich British aristocratic family, Lara Croft is a "tomb raider" who enjoys collecting ancient artifacts from ruins of temples, cities, etc. worldwide, and doesn't mind going through death-defying dangers to get them.

PICK OF THE DAY



Bait: On HBO at 7:15 pm. Genre: Action/Comedy. Cast overview, first billed only: Jamie Foxx, David Morse, Robert Pastorelli Alvin Sanders, a fast-talking street punk, is on his way to prison when he's stuck in a holding cell with a dying guy who has a \$43 million secret: where stolen gold is hidden. With his last breath, the guy tells Alvin something that makes no sense to the US Treasury agent, Clenteen, who soon interrogates Alvin. Eighteen months later, Clenteen wants to find the robbery's mastermind, an elusive computer genius named Bristol, so he lets Alvin loose, as bait.

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. Telesat 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. Telesat of BTv News (Bangla and English) at 11:30 pm. Latest News (Bangla) at 09 a.m, 10:00 a.m, 11:00 a.m, 1pm, 2:00 pm, 3:00 pm, 4:00pm, 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, 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 Modern Songs 09:15 Onyo Bhuban: Sea is Green 12:15 Sangbadpatre Pata Theke Magazine: Upahar 02:05 Cartoon: Samurai X 02:30 Open University Prog. 03:10 Bangla Feature Film Tathya Prajuktya Jiboner Alo 06:35 Weather Forecast, Share Market 07:05 Boi Patra 07:30 New Adventure of Superman 08:30 Drama of the Week: Smritir Album 10:25 Teknal Theke Tetulia 10:30 Dhekha Odekha CHANNEL-i 09:45 Tritia Matra 02:00 Special Drama 05:35 Jonopoder Khabor 05:45 Joto Poth Toto Moch 06:10 Music Plus 06:45 Amaar Chhabi 07:50 Drama Serial: Thief of Baghdad 08:25 Megha Serial: Sharey Tin Tala 09:35 Drama Serial: Rongdhanur Rong Close Up Hit Wave CHANNEL-i 05:02 Ithaser Ei Diney 05:10 Potikar Khabor 05:30 Apnar Jigyasha Century 06:32 Shubho Shandhya 06:52 Sports World 08:00 Megha Serial: Ronger Manush

08:35 Shankskrity Ey Shaptaha 09:10 Drama: Chhatrang Audhayanang 11:00 Din Darpan 11:00 Din Darpan 12:05 Drama: Gantabya ATN BANGLA 1:20 Bengali feature film: Azad 4:20 Islamic prog: Sundor Jeboner Janne 5:10 Film magazine: A Sapleher Chobi Islamee Sawal O Jawab 6:25 Annodristee 7:40 Drama serial: Anubhob 8:15 Drama serial: Chandrabote Prekhhapote 8:50 Mega serial: Bazzakhe 9:25 Muktho Chinter Chalochitro HBO 12:00 Earth Vs. The Spider 1:45 Stranger Inside 3:30 Enter The Dragon 5:30 Problem Child 3 7:15 Bait 9:30 Lara Croft: Tomb Raider 11:30 Tales From The Crypt: Abra Cadaver 12:15 The Quick and The Dead ZEE CINEMA 10:30 Narsimha (Sunny Deol, Dimple, Urmila Matondkar) 1:30 Barsaat (Bobby Deol, TwinKle Khanna) 5:30 Kunwara (Govinda,

Urmila Matondkar) 9:30 Raju Ban Gaya Gentleman (Shahrukh Khan, Juhi Chawla) STAR MOVIES 11:15 You've Got Mail 1:15 Peter's Friends 3:00 Michael Collins 5:20 Steel 7:00 Bad Company 9:00 My Fellow Americans 10:40 Rent Control 12:15 Brotherhood III: Young Demons

STAR PLUS 2:00 Bhabhi 2:30 Shagun 3:00 Kabhi Aaye Na Judai 4:00 Kahaani Ghar Ghar Ki 4:30 Kahiin To Hoga 5:05 Meri Saheli 6:00 Hum Saath Aath Hain 6:30 Fox Kids 7:30 Kumkum - Pyara Sa Bandhan 8:00 Shaka Laka Boom Boom

Kyun Hota Hai Pyarr 9:00 Kasauti Zindagi Kay 9:30 Saara Akaash 10:30 Kahaani Ghar Ghar Ki 11:00 Kyunki Saas Bhi Kabhi Bahu Thi STAR WORLD 12:30 Two Guys And A Girl 1:00 Titus 1:30 Mac Gyver 2:28 Star Asia Travel 2:30 Oprah Winfrey 3:30 Bold And Beautiful

Sabrina The Teenage Witch 4:30 2 Guys A Girl & A Pizza Place 5:00 Knight Rider 5:30 The Simpsons 6:00 Home Improvement 7:00 Friends 8:00 Just Shoot Me 8:30 Roswell 9:30 Dark Angel 10:30 Love Shack 11:28 Star Asia Travel 11:30 Baywatch

NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC 5:30 Return To The Wild 6:00 Sea Stories 6:30 Dogs With Jobs 7:00 Toyota World Of Wildlife S3 7:30 Saving The Jackass Penguin 8:30 Swamp Tigers 9:30 Spell Of The Tiger 10:00 Croc Chronicles 10:30 Norway's Hidden Secret 11:30 Cheating Death (Aka Dangerous) ANIMAL PLANET 5:00 Breed All About It (I-VI) West Highland White Terrier 5:30 Vets in Practice III-VI 6:00 Monkey Business I/III 6:30 Planet's Funniest I-V 7:00 Amazing Animal Videos (Eps 14-30) 7:30 Wild Encounters 8:30 Swimming Elephants 9:00 Unexplained/Unexplored Paranormal 9:30 Unexplained/Unexplored Paranormal 10:00 Unexplained/Unexplored Paranormal 10:30 Wild Encounters Wasps 11:30 Secrets of the African Jungle Spiders DISCOVERY 5:00 Real Kids Real Adventures Language of

Life 5:30 Glob Trekker Asian Cities 6:30 Junkyard Wars Laundry Launcher 7:30 Wild Discovery The Haunted Moor 8:30 Tiger Country Tigers Next Door 9:30 Rivers of Africa Olifants River of Treasures 10:00 Untamed Asia Taking Flight 10:30 Malaysia Airlines 100 Years of Flight Boeing 747-400 11:30 Beach Hour STAR SPORTS 12:30 English Premier Football League 2003/04 London England Arsenal Vs Blackburn Rovers (R) 2:30 Futsal Tournament China China Rd 13 & 14(T) 4:00 Harsha Unplugged (R) 4:30 Futsal Tournament Bangkok Thailand Thailand Vs Russia Match 1(T) 6:00 Futsal Tournament Bangkok Thailand Brazil Vs Japan Match 2(T) 7:30 Formula One Boat Racing Uim F1 Powerboat World C'ships 2003 Sharjah Uae Event Highlights(T) 8:00 Sportsline (L) 8:30 Asian Festival Of Speed Formula Bmw Asia China China Rd 13 & 14(T) 9:30 Pga Tour Highlights Pga Tour Year In Review 2003 (T)

10:30 Sportsline (R) 11:00 Cayton Boxing Films Muhammad Ali: Skill Brain & Guts (T) ESPN 11:00 West Indies Tour Of South Africa Castle Lager/Mtn Test Series Johannesburg South Africa South Afr Ica Vs West Indies 1st Test Day 5 2nd & 3rd Session(R) 3:30 Champions League Extra Uefa Champions League Extra (R) 7:30 Cricket Show Espn Presents Samsung Cricket Show (R) 8:30 Sportscenter India (L) 9:00 Wrestling Apple Crush (R) 9:30 South Afr Ica Vs West Indies 1st Test Day 5 Highlights(R) 10:30 Hitz (R) 11:30 Sportscenter India (R) 12:00 Cricket Show Espn Presents Samsung Cricket Show (R) TEN SPORTS 12:30 England Tour of SL 03 :3rd Test Day 1 1:10 England Tour of SL 03 :3rd Test Day 1 5:30 England Tour of SL 03 :3rd Test Day 1 6:00 England Tour of SL 03 :3rd Test Day 1 7:00 The Bottom Line 7:30 ATP Tennis 8:30 Trans World Sports 9:00 Football Week UK 11:00 England Tour of SL 03 :3rd Test Day 1,H/Ls The Bottom Line 12:00