RECOMMENDATIONS

Victory Day Celebration

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

remain open till 31 December.

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

Exhibition

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

Photography Exhibition

10am to 8pm everyday

December 19-31 The Alliance Française has organised a photography exhibition titled 'Intimate dairies of Twin Nationalities' by Anwar Hossain starting from December 19 at 6:00 pm. The display will remain open for all from 5 pm to 9 pm everyday.

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. The show will remain open for all from 2 pm to 8 pm everyday.

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). The schedule is as

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. The display will remain open for all from 10 am to 5 pm everyday

Painting Exhibition December 12-22 A painting exhibition of artist Abdul

Muqtadir is going on at the Gallery Chitrak from 10 am to 8 pm

Art and Craft Exhibition December 19-26

Shilpangan has arranged a 8-daylong art and craft exhibition in association with the Craft Deptt of the Institute of Fine Arts. The show will remain open for all from 10 am to 9 pm everyday

Theatre Lab

December 18 To conduct different experiments on drama. People's Theatre Association and Lok Natvadal has established a Theatre Lab at House no. 59. Road no. 7B. Block H. Banani. The experiment of this studio theatre will start with the drama adapted from Mymensingh Gitika Shonai Madhob directed by Liakat Ali Lucky, a production of Lok Natvadal today at 7:00 pm.

Celebration

Jubilation under the star-lit sky

Victory Day observed

FAYZA HAQ

s part of the four day-long victory day celebration, A Shammilito Sangskritik Jote organised programmes at six different stages at Shaheed Minar. Dhanmondi, Institute of Fine Arts Bakul Tala) and Dhaka University campus. It included a day long programme at the Rabindra Sharobar Stage (the amphitheatre by the Dhanmondi Lake), reminiscence of the Liberation War, group songs, group dance, recitation by groups like Abritti Angan, Swarabritto and Srote. A solo musical session, Baul songs, Street drama by Aboyob Natya Dal and Nagorik Natya Ensemble and Jatra by Desh Opera was also held at different venues.

Earlier the programme was inaugurated by Ajit Ray, a veteran artiste of the Shwadhin Bangla Betar Kendra at the Central Shaheed Minar. Professor Anisuzzaman, Ramendu Majumdar, Asaduzzaman Noor, Golam Kuddus and Nasiruddin Yussuf spoke on the occation. Artistes of Udichi Shilpi Gosthi, Kranti, Hrishij and Padatik Sangeet Sangsaad rendered the national anthem and the inaugural song.

Singing, dancing, poetry recitation and a play under the star-lit sky: a variety of celebration for Victory Day was held on the 14th at the

Dhanmandi amphitheatre. The stage was bright wth coloured festoons and was lit up with lights, while the surrounding eight tiers of cement seats was crowded with hundreds of viewers. They came from all walks of life, and included children in jeans and skirts along with their sari-clad mothers, stu-dents, cultural activists in sleeveless "koaties" or "chadars", and the average run of the mill passers-by, who had settled down for a good measure of the free entertainment on that early winter evening. Packets of peanuts were being consumed along with tea from flasks from teen-aged vendors, as the viewers settled in for viewing from 4.30 p.m. to 8.30 p.m. and beyond.

Nargis Chowdhury and her young group from Paddatik Sangeet Sangsad sang "Mora shotter pore mon" from Tagore and "Aaj stristir shokhey ullahse" from Nazrul. The singers included Farzana, Sharnali, Sadia, Nilmoni, Netrangan,Orun and Shagor. They had the accompaanium shagot. They had the accompa-niment of the harmonium by Nargis as she led the singing, "tabla" by Gautam and flute by Jahangir. "Our group," explained Nargis, "is mainly a theatre group and the singing is an extension of that as singing is often required in plays too. We go in for recitation and dancing too in Paddatik.

Talking to Mashrukur Rahman Tito, the leader of "Shorokolpona Abriti Chakra" that usually gathers

Anton Chekhov's The Cherry Orchard adapted

choosing a script. Previously it

used to be Solaiman who guided

the group from selecting scripts

through staging the plays. It took

the group about three years to opt

for Chekhov's The Cherry Orchard.

With the adaptation by Saidus

Saklaven, theatre personality and

director of Centre for Asian Theatre

(CAT), Kamaluddin Nilu gave the

direction of the play. The Bangla name of the play, Trinoparney

Shatmanjori has been given by the

fall of a Nawab family. The fall is

The story of the play depicts the

celebrated poet Samudra Gupta.



Losing the orchard

by SM Solaiman's theatre group

Baul songs presented by Rukhsana Akhtar and her group.

HEATRE Art Unit, the thea-

come up with its new production

Trinoparney Shalmanjori. 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. The drama is the

ninth production of the group's 11-

year career, and the first one ever

since the sad demise of the group's

After the untimely death of SM

helmsman S M Solaiman.

tre group founded by the Late SM Solaiman, has

Theatre

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

together at the TSE, DU, one learnt that out of the 80 regular members, 20 had gathered there that evening; the group included Naz, Jhuma, Lipi, Sibo, Shikha, Pardip, Adnan, Monir, Safayet etc. "The script was written by Mustafiz Rippon. Some of us are students while others are working. We meet on Fridays and Saturdays at the TSE. We have come together on this occasion to denounce the evil *Al-Badar* and Al-Shams who had tortured our innocent people. The script is taken from the writings of various poets. We are also protesting against the wrong doings in the present political scenario and what has gone by in the last three de-

The evening rounded up with the 50 minutes *Patha-natak* (play) "No Man's Land,", performed by "Prachcha Natt," written by Rahul Anand and directed by Saiful Islam. The piece was a criticism of nationalism through wit and humour. The play also dealt with social problems too such as that of the sex-workers who are not necessarily heartless and greedy. The characters, eight in all, included ones representing the police, army, bureaucrats in power, a thief, two servants and a dog. Farzana Kabir Khan Snikdha, who played the role of a gaily painted up sex-worker, with paste jewelley and brightly

Solaiman, Theatre Art Unit came to face a very basic problem--that of vices--extravagance, idleness and the palace's caretaker, contribute to the gradual loss of the family's

lack of foresight, reflected in the

two siblings of the family--Rani

Sultana and the junior Nawab

The play starts with Rani's

return from France where she went

after the death of her youngest son

five years ago. Extravagant by

nature, Rani has an umbilical bond

with the century-old Nawab-

palace and its adjacent orchard of

Shal trees. Rani's younger brother

Abdul Gafur lives life idly and imprudently indulging in playing

chess. Added to these vices, the

conspiracy of Lokman, the son of

Abdul Gafur.

painted cheeks and lips, said, "We chose this play as it presented both global and national complexities and problems."

Rahul Ananda, said, "We often fail to realize that we're a part of the vast world, which itself is a part of the entire universe, so immersed are we in our selfish existence. This division into nations is not altogether purposeful when it involves the loss of thousands of lives over the years tracing history over centuries. The play involves meaningless tussle over property and posses-

In the play, Jahangir Alam ayed the role of the officer, Debashish Talukdar was the thief, Shahrivar Ferdous took the part of the police officer, while Shahriyar Shaon was one of the house-helps. The actresses included Rubiya Manzoor, Rumana Akhter and Farzana Snikdha. The young per-formers, who were mostly students, had practiced for the play at Dilu Road, Magbazar, giving time every day for week. "It's our passion and obsession and not a profession and so we didn't mind acting out our roles till late into the night," recounted Snigdha.

Selim SH Chowdhury was the convenor of the Rabindra Sharobar Stage of the Victory Day

glory. The ancestral Shal-orchard

is auctioned as the Nawabs fail to

play are portrayed by Rokeya Rafiq

Baby, Mohammad Bari, Chandan

Reza, Prashanta Halder, Smriti

Sarker, Fouzia Karim, Syed Alok

Ministry of Bangladesh govern-

ment, the show was dedicated to

the memory of SM Solaiman.

Partially funded by the Cultural

The different characters in the

repay the mortgage.

and others.

Film festival

8th Short and Independent Film Festival Dhaka, 2003

Another notable event of the festival is the 5th Alamgir Kabir

memorial speech. Indian filmmak-

er Arun Khopkar will present the speech on Role of National Films in

Globalisation. At the national seminar, filmmaker Manjare Hasin

Murad will present essay on Alter-

The festival will have a new

section named Independent

Shorts in which maximum 5-

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

Ray Film Institute of India.

native Films at Present.

HARUN UR RASHID

HAKA 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 Shawkat Osman Auditorium of the Public Library. Films will be screened and seminars will be held on this occasion also at the National Museum and the Goethe



India, Malaipozhuthu

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



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

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,



Australia, The Shot

England, Spain, Russia, India, Pakistan, Iran, Bulgaria, Turkey, Finland, Hungary, Austria, Leba-non, Australia, Canada, Cambodia, Philippine, Portugal and Iraq (Kurdistan).

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



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

Channel click

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

SAAD BIN FAZLE HAMMADI

NDIA'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. Life does not treat everybody in the same way, but self confidence, motivation and courage can take one to the highest level of success. Kkusum is the woman of today who strives for her success by not giving up.

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. In spite of all her struggles she pursues her education to move on. She becomes a independent woman and builds up her own career. She is a great support to her family when they are in financial crisis. Her qualification and self-confidence leads her

Kkusum's troubled marriage ends in a divorce. After breaking up with Abhay she wants to live a single life and takes her debacle as a challenge to move ahead. With the appearance of Siddhart, happiness knocks at the door. .Kkusum marries Sidhharth in search of solace and happiness but life takes yet another cruel turn when she loses Sidhharth 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



Nausheen Ali Sardar in the role of Kkusum

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 Abhav's child. With the appearance of Mahi, misunderstanding takes place between Abhay and Kkusum. She leaves her family and goes far away. Miraculously Kkusum discovers that she is pregnant again but she decides to take care of her daughter, Kumud, all by herself.

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

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Glob Trekker Asian

Wild Discovery The

Tiger Country Tigers

Rivers of Africa Olifants

River of Treasures

Untamed Asia Taking

Malavsia Airlines 100

Years of Flight Boeing

Haunted Moor

Next Door

Flight

747-400

Beach Hour

Junkyard Wars Laundry

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Sportsline (R)

Cayton Boxing Films

Muhammed Ali: Skill

Brain & Guts (T)

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

Champions League

League Extra (R)

Cricket Show Espn

Presents Samsung

Cricket Show (R)

Sportscenter India (L)

Wrestling Apple Crush

Extra Uefa Champions

Session(R)

TV GUIDE

Il programmes are in local time. The Daily Star will not be responsible for any change in the programme

News Bulletin

News Headlines(Bangla) at 9:40 am.12:10 pm. 2:00 p.m 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-

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.1pm. 2:00 pm.3:00 pm. 4:00pm.6:00 pm.and 8:00 pm News Headlines(Bangla) at 5:02 pm. 6:30 pm. 9:45 pm

News (Bangla) 7:30 pm.10:30 pm. TARA BANGLA NewsHeadline(Bangla) at 5:30 pm, 7:30 pm. Tara News(Bangla) at 8:30 pm. 11:30 pm.

Tara News Bangladesh(Bangla) at **BBC World** Every hour on the hour

BTV 08:25 Selected Modern Onnyo Bhuban: Sea is 09:15 12:15 Sangbadpatrer Pata

01:05 Magazine: Upahar 02:05 Cartoon: Samurai X 02:30 Open University Prog. 03:10 Bangla Feature Film Tathya Prajukty Jiboner Alo 06:35 07:00 Weather Forecast, Share Market 07:05 Boi Patra 07:30 New Adventure of

Superman

Smritir Album

Drama of the Week:

10:25 Teknaf Theke Tetulia 10:30 Dhekha Odekha CHANNEL-i

08:30

Tritia Matra Special Drama 02:00 05:35 Jonopoder Khaboi Joto Poth Toto Moth Music Plus

Amaaar Chhabi 07:50 Drama Serial: Thief of Bagdad 08:25 Megha Serial: Sharey Tin Tala 09:35 Drama Serial Rongdhonur Rong

10:00 Close Up Hit Wave ntv 05:02 Itihaser Ei Diney 05:10 Potrikar Khabor 05:30 Apnar Jigyasha 06:00 Century 06:32 Shubho Shandhya 06:52 Sports World Megha Serial: Ronger

Manush

08:35 Shankskrity Ey 11:00 Din Darpar Din Darpar

1:20 Bengali feature film Azad 4:20 Jeboner Janne Film magazine : A Sapteher Chobi Islamee Sawal O Jawab

6:25 Annodristee 7:40 Drama serial Anubhob 8:15 Drama serial Chandrabote Prekkhapot 9:25 Mega serial:

Stranger Inside Enter The Dragon Problem Child 3 Bait 9:30 Lara Croft: Tomb Raider 11:30 Tales From The Crypt

ZEE CINEMA Narsimha (Sunny Deol, Dimple, Urmila Matondkar) Barsaat (Bobby Deol,

Twinkle Khanna)

Kunwara (Govinda

Drama: Chatranang Audhayanang

Drama: Gantabya **ATN BANGLA** Islamic prog: Sundor

5:10 5:50

Muktho Chinter Chalochitro **HBO** Earth Vs. The Spider 12:00 1:45 3:30 5:30 7:15

: Abra Cadaver 12:15 The Quick and The

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. The two ex-presidents realize they have an enemy within the government and set out to find evidence that will clear their names.



Urmila Matondkar)

Gentleman (Shahrukh

Khan, Juhi Chawla)

Raju Ban Gaya

You've Got Mail

Peter's Friends

Michael Collins

Bad Company

Rent Control

Demons

My Fellow Americans

Brotherhood lii: Young

STAR MOVIES

11:15

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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. She is skilled in hand-to-hand combat, weapons training, and foreign languages - and does them all in tight

STAR PLUS

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Star Asia Travel

Oprah Winfrey

Bold And Beautiful

Kahaani Ghar Ghar

Kahiin To Hoga

Meri Saheli

Fox Kids

Bandhan

Boom

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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.

Kyun Hota Hai Pyarr 4:30 Sabrina The Teenage 9:00 Kasautii Zindagii Kay Witch 9:30 Saara Akaash 5:00 2 Guys A Girl & A Pizza 10:30 Kahaani Ghar Ghar Kii Place 11:00 Kyunki Saas Bhi Kabhi 5:30 Knight Rider Bahu Thi 6:30 The Simpsons 7:00 Home Improvement **STAR WORLD** 7:30 Friends 12:30 Two Guys And A Girl 8:00 Just Shoot Me 1:00 Titus 8:30 Roswell 1:30 Mac Gyver 9:30 Dark Angel

10:30

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Love Shack

Baywatch

Star Asia Travel

NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC

5:30 Return To The Wild 6:00 Sea Stories 6:30 Dogs With Jobs 7:00 Toyota World Of Wildlife 7:30 Saving The Jackass Penguin Swamp Tigers 9:30 Spell Of The Tiger **Croc Chronicles** 10:30 Norway's Hidden Secret Cheating Death (Aka Dangerous)

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DISCOVERY

Wild Encounters Wasps

Adventures Language of

Secrets of the African

Jungle Spiders

Real Kids Real

11:30 **ANIMAL PLANET** Breed all About It IV-VI

STAR SPORTS 12:30 **English Premier** West Highland White Football League 2003/04 London Vets in Practice III-VI **England Arsenal Vs** Monkey Business I/III Blackburn Rovers (R) Planet's Funniest I-IV 2:30 Futsal Tournament Amazing Animal Videos Cairo Egypt Ukraine Vs (Eps 14-30) Egypt Final(T) Wild Encounters Harsha Unplugged (R) Swimming Elephants 4:30 Futsal Tournament Unex-Bangkok Thailand plained/Unexplored Thailand Vs Russia Paranormal Match 1(T) Unex-6:00 Futsal Tournament plained/Unexplored Bangkok Thailand Brazi Marvelous Motion Vs Japan Match 2(T) 7:30 Formula One Boat plained/Unexplored Racing Uim F1 **Animal Phantoms** Powerboat World 10:00 C'ships 2003 Sharjah Unex-Uae Event Highlights(T) plained/Unexplored The Parrot

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1:10 5:30 6:00 Sportsline (L) Asian Festival Of Speed 7:00 Formula Bmw Asia 7:30 China China Rd 13 & 8:30 9:00 Pga Tour Highlights Pga

Tour Year In Review

2003 (T)

9:30 South Afr Ica Vs West Indies 1st Test Day 5 Highlights(R) 10:30 Hitz (R) Sportscenter India (R) 12:00 Cricket Show Espn Presents Samsung Cricket Show (R) TEN SPORTS England Tour of SL 03 :3rd Test Day 1 England Tour of SL 03 :3rd Test Day 1

England Tour of SL 03 :3rd Test Day 1 England Tour of SL 03 :3rd Test Day 1 The Bottom Line ATP Tennis Trans World Sports Football Week UK England Tour of SL 03 :3rd Test Day 1,H/Ls The Bottom Line