

RECOMMENDATIONS

Exhibitions

December 19-31

The Alliance Francaise has organised a photography exhibition titled 'An Intimate Journal of Twin Nationalities' by Anwar Hossain.

December 22-January 04

A solo exhibition of oil paintings by artist Mohammad Fakhrul Islam is going on at the Bengal Gallery (Bengal Shilpaloy, House 275/F, Road 27, Dhanmondi).

December 26-January 04

Artist Shamsul Alam Azad holds a solo painting exhibition at Gallery Chitrak (Road 4, House 21, Dhanmondi R/A).

Photography Exhibition

December 22-28

The second solo photography exhibition of Mayeen Mursheed is being held at the central auditorium of Jahangirnagar University, Savar.

Anniversary

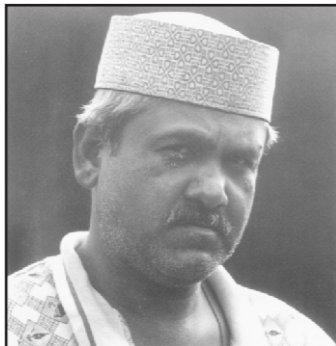
First Anniversary of Film Screening by Dhaka University Film Society

Dhaka University Film Society will be holding a discussion followed by screening of popular films today on the occasion of their first anniversary of film screening.

Exhibition

Poetry of points and lines

Fokhrul Islam's solo exhibit at the Bengal Gallery



FAYZA HAQ

MOHAMMAD Fokhrul Islam, whose solo exhibition opened recently at the Bengal Gallery, says, "When I create, I don't try to prove my skill."

Fokhrul's pictorial imagery presents numerous dots in varied shades of gray and large spread-out forms.

technique of presenting this texture that one can almost feel is Fokhrul's own.

Ranjit Das says about the exhibition, "It has made me think deeply as Fokhrul's media and technique are unique and I believe that one day he'll be an established artist."

Abdus Shakoor, giving his opinion on Fokhrul's works, says, "Fokhrul began as a ceramic painter and went on to leave that and progress into black and white creations on paper."

"Fokhrul, in his use of black, is being revolutionary," says Alakesh Ghosh.

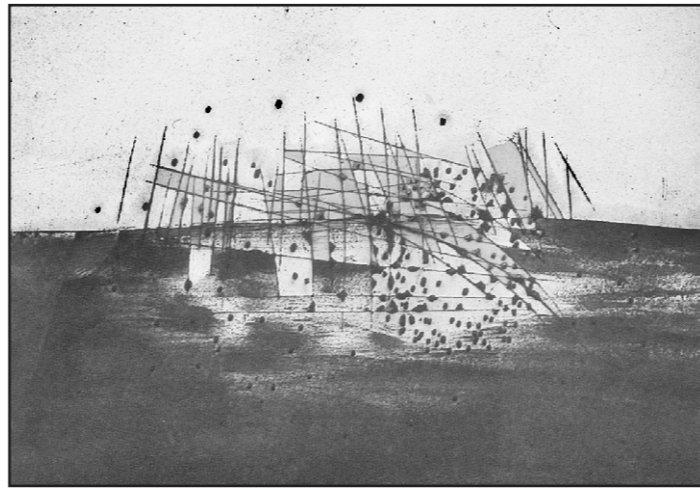


Image-38, Oil on paper

average bourgeois art lovers. I'm sure, with time his paintings will have even more depth."

Fokhrul's Image-51 appears like a representation of an elongated glass walled building, with a scattering of trees in the front and seen at night, with jet-black surrounding the combination of rectangles, diagonals and squares in white.

Imagination runs riot in Image-38 and Image-37 which appear like transparent sheets of glass lined up with horizontal and diagonal lines to add to the mystery of the splashes of gold and scattering of black dust.

Lines and dots prevail in all Fokhrul's works such as in Image-81 with a white and yellow circle of lines and dots with a stream of white flowing down from it.

Fokhrul Islam, who has a BFA from the Institute of Fine Arts, DU, has taken part in many exhibitions in Japan, India and Bangladesh.

Book launching

A rare document of our political history

Jonmechhi E Banglay by Dr. Nurun Nabi

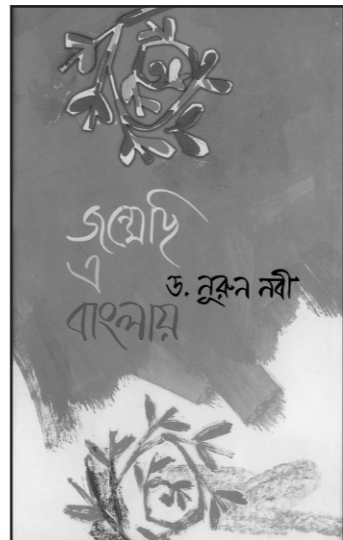
NOVERA DEEPIKA

THE launching ceremony of a book titled Jonmechhi E Banglay by expatriate freedom fighter Dr. Nurun Nabi took place at the CIRDAP auditorium on December 26.

National Professor Kabir Chowdhury formally inaugurated the book.

The author writes in the preface to the book, "I have not tried to write any autobiography or history, but the book depicts many of the incidents in my life as well as some important events of the history of our country like the Language Movement of '52, Six Agendas of '66, Mass Uprising of '69, Non-Cooperation Movement of '70 and finally the glorious Liberation War."

Celebrated writer Shahriar Kabir said, "We are passing through a difficult time in our social and political life. Apart from altering the history, communal tortures, homicide, arrest, termination and blacklisting of freedom fighters and the progressive cultural people have become com-



The cover jacket of the book

monplace now.' He said that all the progressive and pro-Liberation War activists should work together to change this situation.

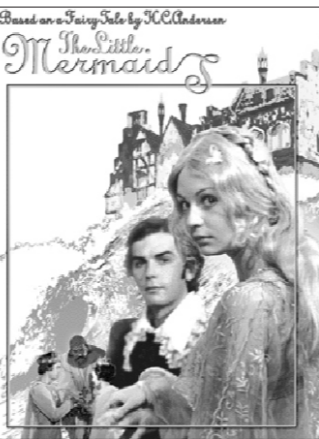
Professor Anisuzzaman, Awami League leader Tofayel Ahmed, Communist leader Hasanul Haque Inu, Golam Mohiuddin, publisher of Agamee Osman Gani, Golam Kiddus, Dr. Sufi A Rahman, Mahub Selim and others also spoke on the occasion.

Cinema

Children's Film Festival

Zahir Raihan Film Society, in association with the Russian Cultural Centre in Dhaka, has come up with a three-day long Children's Film Festival. A total of nine films will be screened at the Russian Cultural Centre at Road No. 7, Dhanmondi, from 28th to 30th December 2003.

Table with 3 columns: Date, Time, Film Title. Includes 'The Merry Musketiers', 'The Daring Dozen', 'The Arrows of Robin Hood', etc.



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.

- BTV 07:35 Suprohat Bangladesh, 08:25 Programmes from Archive, 09:15 Anya Bhuban.

- 08:25 Share Teen Tala, 09:35 Kosanno Borti, 10:00 Thikana, ntv 05:02 Iltihasher Ei Diney.

TODAY'S HIGHLIGHTS

HBO: 9:30 pm Money Train. Action/Comedy. Wesley Snipes, Woody Harrelson, Jennifer Lopez.

STAR MOVIES: 9:00 pm Dante's Peak. Action/Drama. Pierce Brosnan, Linda Hamilton.

PICK OF THE DAY

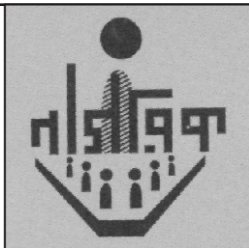
Insomnia On Star Movies at 7:00 pm Genre: Crime/Drama/Thriller Al Pacino, Martin Donovan, Oliver 'Ole' Zemen

- 5:15 Undercover Brother, 7:00 Vertical Limit, 9:30 Money Train.

- 9:30 Shaan (Amitabh Bachchan, Parveen Babi, Shashi Kapoor).

DRAMA FESTIVAL

Hridoy Paney Hridoy Taney



ERSHAD KAMOL

Preview

Grohon

DANDIK dedicates the play Grohon by Shekhor Somaddar to those who still trust in humans.

The play starts with a happy scene - the protagonist Purnendushkekhar, an ex-politician, is celebrating his birthday with the family members.



Opinion

Unknown stories of arranging a drama festival

In our country, to organise a drama festival for an individual group is not an easy task, as theatre is not patronised by the government.

included in the festival, the host group has to work more, as the visitor group does not carry the set and light with them.

example, in the current 10-day long drama festival arranged by Nagorik Natyangan, in which three Indian groups (Dandik led by Moloy Chatterjee, Bhoishwat led by Aashish Sarkar and Natyabhumii led by Shonjoy Kor) and six Bangladeshi groups are participating.

Concert

14th Close-Up Juke Box concert

FAIZUL A TANIM

CLOSE-UP Juke Box came up with their 14th arrangement on December 25 at the BCIC auditorium.

It was quite an enjoyable performance by the budding newcomers. Their flamboyant staging made a huge comeback for Juke Box after the last episode's daunting debate.

The first group to come on stage was Nirjhar. They had a list of songs that consisted of their own numbers only. Aaj ei brishti jhora din was the opening track.

Shomoy took to the stage next with high tides of emotions. Their songs were as alive as their energetic performance.



Shomoy rendering a number

with songs like Alo adhar and Bhalobasha. Joe Satriani's Flying in a blue dream cover was supposedly one of the best tracks performed on the night.

In the end, Feedback entered the stage being one of the celebrated bands in the country. Their performance reminded of great music, which had created a revolution in the music industry a decade back.

The concert was worth a visit although the organisers should think of a convenient and centralised venue for more successful endeavours.

- 6:30 Fata Morgana, 7:30 Discover Sunday, 8:30 Night Safari Weird Curiosities, 11:00 Espn Presents Samsung Cricket Show.

- 3:30 Dark Angel, 4:30 Roswell, 5:30 Whose Line Is It Anyway, 6:00 Travel Asia.