RECOMMENDATIONS

Film show

December 29

A film show, organised by the Jhangirnagar Students' Film Society (JSFS), will be held at Jahangirnagar University in observance of the World Film Day. A total of four films by Charley Chaplin including The Kid, The Adventurer, The Immigrant are expected to be screened at the show at the university amphitheater (Muktamanch) at 6:00 pm.

Cultural evening

December 30

The High Commission of India, Dhaka organised a cultural performance by visiting troupe from Tripura at the High Commission of India Enclave, Plot no. 2, UN Road, Baridhara at 7:00 pm.

Exhibitions

The Alliance Française has organised a photography exhibition titled 'An Intimate Journal of Twin The display will remain open for all from 5 pm to 9 pm everyday.

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). The display will remain open for all from 12:00 pm to 8:00 pm.

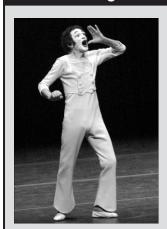
December 26-January 04

Artist Shamsul Alam Azad holds a solo painting exhibition at Gallery Chitrak (Road 4, House 21, Dhanmondi R/A.). The exhibition will remain open for all from 10:00 am to 8:00 pm everyday.

December 25-30

Mynul Haque is holding his first solo photography exhibition at the Drik Gallery (House 58, Road 15A, Dhanmondi). Titled Life in a park the photographs portray the actions of the surroundings at Central Park New York. The exhibition had begun in December 25 and will go on till the 30th of this month from 2:00 pm to 8:00 pm.

Performing art



French mime Marcel performs during the The Art of Silence show on December 27 at the Belem Cultural Center in Lisbn. Portugal

Exhibition

An aura of romance around the ordinary

Map's joint photo exhibit at "La Galerie"

FAYZA HAQ

AP PHOTO AGENCY'S recent photo exhibition perceptive images of Bangladesh in black and white. It was initiated by Chhinnamukul Bangladesh. The photos have also been published in a book by Map and Matri and the proceeds from the sale of the book will fund education of the children in the river islands of Kurigram. The team of young photographers, working together since 1993 in the field of social documentation, comprised of Chandan, Kiron, Khaled, Mahmud

One of Chandan's photos show women veiled in burgas and draped in shawl. Even though two of the three faces are not clear enough, one feels the presence of the women with intensity. Chandan's next focus is on a pair of playing tops wheeling on two children's palms: the motion of the toys with the sharp supporting nails is keenly felt. A young girl feeding an old ailing man with a cup of tea, a family of brick gatherers smiling and playing despite their abject poverty and other images of life become the subjects of Chandan's photos.

The beauty of a Hill Tracts woman with her heavy jewelry of stringed, beaded necklace and looped earrings, unusual ornate hairdo seen against the backdrop of modern life in Mahmud's photo is eye-catching indeed. The con $trast\,of\,the\,light\,and\,shadow\,makes$ the picture unusually dramatic. Children of the Hills smoking in gleeful revelry among the woods lepicts bliss and harmony between man and nature. More such scenes are seen in the other pictures showing a woman sportng a large blossom on her topknot beads and protruding bone spikes for the ears, teenagers in turbans and slacks, all three looking content with life among the trees and the hills. A girl with a turban and decorating hibiscus flowers present another delightful delineation of simple, uncomplicated life in the Hills. A mother playing with her child in the shallow waters along



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A young girl feeding an old ailing man with a cup of tea

the leafy riverside are more such portraits of the pristine life.

Kiron too brings in the lure of nature seen in the backdrop along with man and animals in one of his photographs. Two tree-trunks form an arc to frame a lone man and his bullock. In the distance can be seen another bullock cart along the horizon and a bicycle resting against a sloping tree trunk. A twisted tree branch forming a semi-circular swing for village children is seen in another picture projecting the boundless glee of young children with merging shades of gray of the foliage and trees in the backdrop. Another image brought a sparsely clad female child staring at a gliding bird taking wings towards some outspread branches of trees. A tribal woman happily blows a horn in another photo. A boy leaping into the river below a metal bridge, with his playmates still clinging on to the metal bars of the bridge with the metal bars standing out like giants against the pale bars make a dramatic composition.

Bullocks, carts and a young voman carrying a heavy vessel are focussed in Khaled's lens, but he does not leave out the details of the background with dirts, mud and

and Shudhu Jawa Asha Shudhu

Srotey Bhasha. Kakoli sang two

beautiful songs of Atul Proshad-

Keu Nayon Mudey Dekhe Alo and

Premey Jal Hoye Jao Goley. Her

Besides the artistes of the group,

Khairul Anam Shakil also rendered

Chhilo Chand Megher Parey, a song

of Himangshu Dutta, which was

based on Chandramollika raga, and a popular Nazrul song E Ki

performance was very brilliant.

Ahmed performed two Tagore Ashim Piasha.

Songs of yesteryears by Srijon

Popular Nazrul Sangeet singer

Khairul Anam Shakil attended the

programme as the chief guest while

celebrated Rabindra Sangeet

singer Saadi Mohammad was

Academy Mintu Rahman was also

The soiree comprised old melo-

dies from various genres like Rabindra Sangeet, Nazrul Sangeet,

songs of Atul Prasad. Singer Amina

as the special guest.

grime. A boatman perched at one end of his boat, with a parallel image of a boy flying a kite in the distance brought in the sunwashed, fresh village environment. A row of boys grinning and playing with a tape cassette once again brings forth the innocent harmony of the countryside.

A woman bathing in the river, with her vessel on the bank, with silver dappled waves outlining the woman's silhouette by Sujan is a beautiful, simple image. A strip of the dark foreground forms a contrast to the pale, silvery depiction of water in the rest of the photo. Sujan's other photo shows a boat with a thatched top being carried on a rickshaw, being pulled and pushed by two men. The rocks in front, with waves dashing on them, also look like some sail boats and edges of boats. Thus human labour of fishing folks is romanticised. A boy drawing a pony into the water for bathing, with both the child and the animal in black against the pale gray of the river is a portrayal of a child immersed in his task.

Map actively advocates social visual projects in rural and urban areas in Bangladesh.

Later singers Farzana Yasmeen,

Zinia Khan Mala, Samia Naz

Lubna, Tomal, Mina Sharmin,

Rumana Khan and Malik Nafiz

Srijon is surely contributing a lot

performed a few more popular

to the practice of good music

through its regular arrangements

like this. Especially the compara-

tively newcomers in the music

world are often being introduced in

songs of the by-gone days.

these programmes.

DRAMA FESTIVAL





Today's events

December 30

Today at the Public Library Auditorium, Natyabhumi the group from Agortola will stage Dead Letter at 4:00 p.m. and Dharmagola at7:00 p.m. as part of the drama festival arranged by Nagorik

ERSHAD KAMOL

Preview

Dead Letter

In Chandan Sengupta's play *Dead Letter*, we get the story of three vagabonds--Auviram, Sripad and Manoda, who meet together at a place where post-office authority throws letters having no specific address. The vagabond trio engage themselves in different interesting anticipa-tions on those useless letters that will never reach to their destination. They want to find out the meaning of life going through these letters.

Sanjoy Kar is the director of the absurd play. Debol Chatterjee is the light designer while Diponkar Bordhan Roy is the set



Two characters in an orgy of finding the meaning of life from a letter in the absurd play Dead Letter by Natyabhumi

Dharmagola



A scene from the play Dharmagola by Natyabhumi.

The historical play Dharmagola is based on the glorious revolution of the Riang tribe against the Tripura empire. Sanjoy Kar in his play narrates the story of the Riang hero Ratanmoni Riang, who led his tribe for independence just after the Second World War.The play belongs to Ethnic Theatre.

Sanjoy Kar is the director of the play. Set and light are designed by Diponkar Bordhan Roy and Debol

Star online

Bachchu chats with 200 fans on Close-Up Music Zone

Rock star Ayub Bachchu participated in an intimate chat with 200 of his fans from all over the world on December 23 at the Close-up Music Zone, the latest rendezvous for lovers of Bangla music, says a

Launched by Close-Up, the popular toothpaste brand of Lever Brothers Bangladesh Limited, Close-Up Music Zone is a section hosted by the country's leading web portal Bangladeshinfo.com's Music Channel. The Zone has been designed to make Bangla songs more popular and bring them to the audience across the globe.

Close-Up Music Zone contains profiles of country's popular bands and solo performers, the latest and advance news of concerts, album reviews, and lyrics of popular songs with guitar chords. The site also hosts a music quiz and has a photo gallery of music personalities in the country as well as the whole world.

The main attraction of the zone, however, is the online chat with stars of the country's music world every month. Details for the chat



programme are given in advance on the site. The chat session provides fans with the opportunity to interact directly with their favourite music stars--to satisfy their curiosity, to ask advice, to express their admiration, or to chat just for the sake of

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ESPN

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One can have access to the Zone clicking Bangladeshinfo.com and go straight to the Close-Up Music Zone section, or by typing the address, http://www.bangladesh info.com/closeup.musiczone/,

TV GUIDE

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any change in the programme

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)

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.

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11:30 pm. Tara News Bangladesh(Bangla) at 9:30 pm. **BBC World** Every hour on the hour

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Open University 04:30 06:10 Shondhya Maloti 06:35 Programme on Abbas Uddin 07:05 Selected Programme 07:30 Film Show: Three

08:30 Drama Serial: Je Pare Bhuliye Dao 09:30 Drama Serial Drama from the Archive: Noyon Shomukhe Tumi Na.

CHANNEL-i 09:45

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Children playing in the beach, an image of the gleeful youth

Old melodies

NOVERA DEEPITA

HE only way to establish

the Bangla cultural trend

and to prevent cultural

aggression is the practice of regular

cultural activities'--with this slo-

gan, cultural organisation Sriion

arranges evening soiree of songs of

vesteryears on last Sundays of

Shahitya Kendro, On last Sunday

the organisation arranged its

programme for this month pre-

senting both prominent and prom-

every month at the Bishwo

Omega Doom Matrix Interview With The

STAR MOVIES

9:00 Michael Collins 11:15 Three Amigos! 1:00 You've Got Mail 3:00 Midnight Run 5:10 The Badge 7:00 Original Sin 9:00 Terminator 2 11:15 Lambada 01:00 02:30 Weird Science

ZEE CINEMA 10:30 Nadiya Ke Paar

1:30 Ghayal (Sunny Deol, Meenakshi Sheshadri) 5:30 Jaanam Samiha Karo (Salman Khan, Urmila

Matondkar)

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Hollow Man The Screaming Room: Spy Thrillers

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The secretary

present at the event.

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Akele Hum Akele Tum

(Aamir Khan, Manisha STAR GOLD

Zehreela Insaar Bade Dilwala Maya Dilwale Zor Bhabhi Shagun

Vampire: The Vampire Hollow Man

photos to him to assure that he would love her for what she is and not for her beauty. However, what she is a con artist, whore, and actress, teaming with a fellow actor to steal money from men. What she does not expect is that she falls in love with her new husband and ultimately must decide

STAR MOVIES: 9:00 pm. The

STAR MOVIES: 7:00 pm Original Sin.

Banderas, Angelina Jolie, Thomas Jane

When a man selects a mail order bride, he

is surprised to see the beauty who appears

before him. She alleges that she sent false

Thriller/Drama/Romance. Antonio

Matrix. Action/Thriller/Sci-Fi. Keanu Reeves. Laurence Fishburne, Carrie-Anne Moss. In the near future, a computer hacker named Neo discovers that all life on Earth may be nothing more than an elaborate facade created by a malevolent cyber-intelligence for the purpose of placating us while our life essence is "farmed" to fuel the Matrix's campaign of domination in the "real" world He joins like-minded Rebel warriors Morpheus and Trinity in their struggle to overthrow the Matrix

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Kahaani Ghar Ghar

Hum Saath Aath Hain

Kumkum - Pyara Sa

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Kahiin To Hoga

Meri Saheli

Fox Kids

Bandhan

Khichdi

TODAY'S HIGHLIGHTS

Kehta Hai Dil Kahaani Ghar Gha 11:00 Kyunki Saas Bhi Kabhi Bahu Thi Kahiin To Hoga 12:00 Kaahin Kissi Roz WORLD STAR

Knight Rider

The Simpsons Home Improvement 7:30 Friends 8:00 Just Shoot Me 8:30 9:00 9:30

The Drew Carey Show Whose Line Is It Anyway? 10:30 Law And Order - S.V.U Mac Gyver 11:30 Baywatch Oprah Winfrey NATIONAL **Bold And Beautiful** Sabrina The Teenage **GEOGRAPHIC** Toyota World Of Wildlife 12:00 Two Guys And A Girl Miracle In The Pacific

PICK OF THE DAY



Terminator 2: Judgment Day On HBO at 9:00 pm.

Genre: Sci-Fi/Action/Thriller/Drama Arnold Schwarzenegger, Linda Hamilton, Edward Furlong

Nearly 10 years have passed since Sarah Connor was targeted for termination by a cyborg from the future. Now her son, John, the future leader of the resistance, is the target for a newer, more deadly terminator. The resistance has managed to send a protector back to save John and his mother Sarah

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Out There

Chasing Time

\$100 Taxi Ride

More Weddings &

Another Funera

Hidden Scrolls Of

Herculaneum

Chasing Time

\$100 Taxi Ride

Sea Stories

Out There

Dogs With Jobs

Return To The Wild

ANIMAL PLANET 12:00 Extrasensory Perception 12:30 Fame

Chasing Time

\$100 Taxi Ride

More Weddings &

Outlaw: The Real Ned

World's Best Beaches

Science of Beauty:

Makers and Fakers

Forensic Science:

Shreds of Evidence

Chimpanzee Diary

I Love My Music My

Bites Cave Bite

Speed

Marven

Travellers II Seattle

Anacondas with Nigel

Science Mysteries

Night Magick: Art of

Breed: Greater Swiss

Mountain Dogs

Buried Alive

Junkvard Wars

Snowmobiles

The Science of Re-Entry

Animal and My House

Buck Staghorn's Animal

Case Studies in

Another Funera

Chasing Time

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DISCOVERY

2003

2:30 Greatest Wildlife show on Earth 3:30 Animal Hospital Vets in Practice Chihuahua, Sea 4:00 Empress. Man saves chimp Toyota World Of Wildlife 4:30 Emergency Vets I-V A Tale Of Three Chimps

12:30 West Indies Tour Of South Africa South Africa Vs West Indies 2nd Test Day 4 Highlights(T) West Indies Tour Of

Amazing Animal Videos

Planet's Funniest

Company of Killers

Claws The World of

Crabs and Lobsters

English Premier League

Bush Babies

Otters The Truth

Highlights (T)

Nba Action (R)

Fame

South Africa South Africa Vs West Indies 2nd Test Day 5 (L) Sportscenter India (L) 9:30 **English Premier League** Archive A Decade Of **Great Matches**

Highlights(T) Pakistan Tour Of New Zealand New Zealand Vs Pakistan 2nd Test Day 5 Highlights(S) Sportscenter India (R)

Australia Vs India 3rd Test Day 5 High-

Sunny By Night

STAR SPORTS Australia Cricket Test Series Australia Vs India 3rd Test Day 5 Lunchtime Show (L)

Australia Cricket Test Series Australia Vs India 3rd Test Day 5 Review

English Premier Football League 2003/04 Manchester United Vs Everton (R) Futbol Mundial (R) Cycling Tour Du Faso 2003 Event High-

lights(T) 5:00 English Premier League Highlights (T) Best Of US Open 2003 Andy Roddick Vs David

Nalbandian Men's Singles Semi Finals #2 8:00 Sportsline (L) Sunny By Night Australia Vs India 3rd

Test Day 5 Highlights 10:30 Sportsline (R) Australia Cricket Test Series Australia Vs India

3rd Test Day 5 1st

Legends: Inzamann

Session (R) **TEN SPORTS**

1:00

MUTV 5:00 Fitness Beach 5:30 ATP Tennis Smackdown 7:30 Vidoecon A Team Tournament

11:00

MUTV: Red Hot News

8:00 8:30

MUTV: The Match : Everton v Man United MUTV: Match Highlights 1:00 Smackdown