CULTURAL FEAST

Painting & Drawing Exhibition of



Quamrul Hassan

Venue: Bengal Shilpalaya, House 275/F, Road 27, Dhanmondi Date: September 20-October 4 Time: 12:00 pm to 8:00 pm

Painting Exhibition

Title: The Story of modern myth Artist: Roknuzzaman Murshed **Venue:** Alliance Française de Dacca, 26 Mirpur Road, Dhanmondi Date: September 28-October 7 Time: 9:00 am to 12:00 pm and 5:00

Jean-Claude Carrière Retrospective

Society & The Alliance Française of Dhaka

October 4 5:00pm Roof

7:00pm The Ogre

October 5 The Unbearable Lightness of Being Venue: Alliance Française de Dacca,

"I did not want to be superstar but a super actor" --- Alamgir

FAYZA HAQ

LAMGIR, who has acted in over 300 films, has won several awards and accolades both at home and abroad. Sitting in his office, over a cup of tea, the veteran actor talked about his transition from films to

According to Alamgir, "In 1995 I decided to take a break from acting. It was almost 25 years ago when I joined the film industry and began my acting career. During the break I got involved in the real estate and garments business. I returned to films with Nargis Akhter's Char Shotiner Ghor. I decided to limit the number of movies I do to just one a year and put this into practice for the next couple of years. Last year I acted in two and this year I'm doing my third film." However, he said that acting was still his passion, be it in films or TV.

Afsana Mimi offered him a role in the 150-episode TV serial, Kachher Manush last year and he could not resist it. When he joined the film industry in 1972, his contemporaries were Zafar Igbal, Uiiol and Faruq." I did not want to be superstar but a super actor," says Alamgir.

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One wonders if he is gradually shifting into direction. He says that he has been directing films since 1985 and so far he has made seven movies. He plans to direct a film next year. At present he is going through the novels and short stories by Syed

Academy Awards as an independ-

"We strongly believe that Lage

Raho Munnabhai is a film that

should be screened at all major

international film events," he

Shamsul Haque and is sure he will come across something fascinating. So far he has selected Rokto Mangsher

Dwelling on the subject of the absence of a film institute in the country, Alamgir says, "Behind

the hand of the government or semi-government organisations." Since there is a Film Development Corporation (FDC) and a Department of Film and Publication (DFP), he says, there can very well be a film institute. His lament is that while the authorities have declared their intention to look into the subject, nothing has been done yet.

every such institute in the world is

Talking about whether there are powerful messages in our films with the advent of talented directors such as Humayun Ahmed and Tareque Masud, Alamgir believes that there have been people like Zahir Raihan, Khan Ataur Rahman, Kamal Ahmed, Dilip Biswas and AJ Mintu whose contributions cannot be understated. For Alamgir a good film is one with a powerful message and the capacity to draw the crowds. "I don't believe in art films: They are parallel films. What good are they if a bulk of people don't see them?" questions Alamgir.

At present Alamgir is busy making Ghorer Lokkhi, a social drama about a bride trying to get adjusted to a new family. The last film that he directed, Nirmom, was also a social drama.

Alamgir made his entry into the film circuit with the encouragement of Alamgir Kumkum with a film on the Liberation War. He has worked with almost all senior directors such as Kamal Ahmed, Dilip Biwas, Khan Ataur Rahman and Subash Dutt. Likewise he has acted with many leading ladies such as Shabana, Bobita, Kobita, Champa and Rozina.

Theatre

'Khowar': Street play satires contemporary politics

ERSHAD KAMOL

Once more Theatre Art Unit has produced a political satire on the contemporary scenario. Like Theatre Art Unit's former chief late theatre personality SM Solaiman's plays. young playwright Saif Suman's street play Khowar (farmhouse) candidly criticises roles of leadership of the political parties in our country.

The play is an allegory featuring the tussle between two groups of patha (rams) to take charge of the pen, which symbolically represents the Parliament. One of the groups wins the race. And no sooner the other group labels the victory as a conspiracy and also announces its decision not to cooperate with the winners to rule the farmhouse smoothly for the benefit of the lambs. to whom both rival groups of rams are supposed to be committed. Meanwhile the triumphant group begins oppressing the losers.

Suman's play Khowar further depicts the casual approach of the two rival groups to the welfare of the lambs. As a result the lambs are the

Most of the directorial compositions of Saif Suman are chorus-based. He has also used a narrator to portray that Khowar is not a mere squabble between two

groups of rams, rather an in-depth view of the current political scenario

The setting is effective. A huge set features a giant wreaking havoc on little creatures. Shahinur Rahman is the stage and costume designer for the street play

All the actors of Khowar are young artistes of the troupe. Greater spontaneity would enrich the play and make it more interesting.

Premiere show of the street play was staged recently at the Central

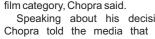


A scene from the play

'Munnabhai' to go to the Oscars

Overwhelmed by the response from fans and audiences, producer Vidhu Vinod Chopra has decided to send his latest release Lago Raho Munnabhai as an independent entry Eros International, US will pre-

pare the application to seek entry for



the film at the Oscars in the foreign

Speaking about his decision, Chopra told the media that the record number of fan mails that he has received from across the world have supported his belief and inspired him to send the film to the

"Our belief has been further strengthened by an invitation from the University of South California (USC) for a special screening of Lage Raho Munnabhai on October 27, which has been organised by their film students and the press from Hollywood. USC is one of the top film schools in North America. Many notable filmmakers like George Lucas, Ron Howard, James Ivory and Walter Salles among others have graduated

ent entry.

Early this week, UTV's Rang De Basanti trounced Lage Raho Munnabhai in the race to be selected as India's official entry into the foreign film category at the Oscars.

Source: Internet

from here."

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Gaurochandrika, a mega serial by Ejaz Munna, depicts the glamour world especially modelling. Featuring some models and ad firms. Gaurochandrika focuses on the dark side of the local fashion circuit. Raisul Islam Asad, Shahiduzzaman Selim, Azra, Farah Ruma and Anisur Rahman Milon are the main cast members. Directed by Shahiduzzam Selim, the play will be aired

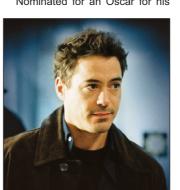
Robert Downey Jr. is Marvel's 'Iron Man'

Academy Award nominee Robert Downey Jr. will take on the role of one of the greatest super heroes. signing on as the title character for Marvel Studios' highly-anticipated This project, the first feature film

to be produced independently by Marvel Entertainment, will launch into theaters May 2, 2008. The film is being directed by Jon

Favreau and will be distributed by Paramount Pictures. Downey is widely recognised as one of Hollywood's most versatile

Nominated for an Oscar for his



Chaplin in Chaplin, Downey has been featured in more than 50 films. His upcoming credits include Fur (co-starring Nicole Kidman), A Guide to Recognizing Your Saints,

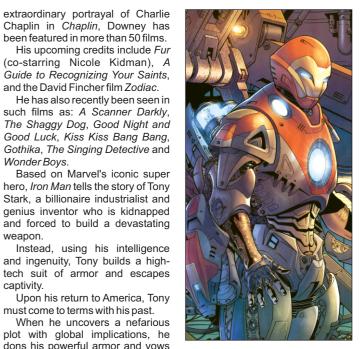
and the David Fincher film Zodiac. He has also recently been seen in such films as: A Scanner Darkly, The Shaggy Dog, Good Night and Good Luck, Kiss Kiss Bang Bang, Gothika, The Singing Detective and

Wonder Boys. Based on Marvel's iconic super hero. Iron Man tells the story of Tony Stark, a billionaire industrialist and genius inventor who is kidnapped and forced to build a devastating

Instead, using his intelligence and ingenuity. Tony builds a hightech suit of armor and escapes captivity.

Upon his return to America, Tony must come to terms with his past. When he uncovers a nefarious

to protect the world as 'Iron Man' Source: Internet



A drawing of the character (top), Robert Downey Jr. (L)

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DISCOVERY

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Honey We're Killing

Baby Story

Greenhorns

Runway Moms

Deadliest Catch

Anatomical Travel-

ogues - Conception To

Spirit Of The Mountain

Guilty Or Innocent

Junkyard Wars 11,

Proboscis Monkey:

Sleepless Nights

I Shouldn't Be Alive.

Nightmare Canyon

One Step Beyond

Perfect Disaster

Building The Ultimate

Clown Of The Jungle

Deadliest Catch, Long

Future Is Wild.

Human Mind,

The Kids!, Boiling Point

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Kahaani Ghar Ghar Kii

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TV GUIDE

PICK OF THE DAY

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

(L to R) Sanjay Dutt, Arshad Warsi and Vidya Balan in the film

News Bulletin

News Headlines (Bangla) at 8:55 am.12:10 pm. 2:00 pm. 3:00 pm. 4:00 pm. 7:00 pm. News (Bangla) at 8:00 am 1:00 pm.5:00

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News (Bangla) at 7:15 am. 9:00am, 2:00pm, 7:00pm, 9:00pm, 10:30pm,

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12:15 am. Telecast of BTV news (Bangla and English) at 11:30 pm.

ATN BANGLA News (Bangla) at 7:00 am.10:00am.

2:00 pm. 7:00 pm. 10:00 pm, 11pm. News (English) 8:20am,7:00pm Telecast of BTV News (Bangla and English) at 11:30 pm. Latest News (Bangla) at 9:00 a.m,10:00 am, 11:00 am.1:00pm.3:00 pm. 4:00pm.6:00 pm and 8:00 pm.

News Headlines (Bangla) at 10:00 am.

News (Bangla) 7:30 am. 2:00 pm. 5:00

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BBC WORLD

Every hour on the hour

12:00 am. 6:15 pm. 9:30 pm.

TARA BANGLA News Headlines (Bangla) at 5:30 pm. 7:30 pm. Tara News (Bangla) at 8:30 pm. 11:30 pm. Tara News Bangladesh (Bangla) at 9:30

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Islamic Programme

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Siddiqua Kabir's Recipe

On ntv at 8:25pm

Host: Sharmin Lucky

Bangla Feature Film

Ramjaner Swad

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Drama Serial: Daar

Cookery Show

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Shouldn't Be Alive On Discovery Channel at 9:30pm

Two brothers set off on a hike into one of Utah's most rugged canyons

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Carnivale 21: Lincoln 11:00 11:30

STAR MOVIES 07:45 28 Days 09:30 11:00 Hoodlum 01:15 Cold Mountain

03:45 Behind The Camera: The Unauthorized Story Of Diff'rent Strokes John Carpenter's **Ghosts Of Mars**

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