

CULTURAL FEAS

Solo Art Exhibition

Title: Down Memory Lane
Artist: Rafiqun Nabi
Venue: Bengal Gallery of Fine Arts, Bengal Shipalaya, House no-275/F, Road no-27 (Old), Dhanmondi
Date: November 20-December 3
Time: 12:00pm-8:00pm

Chobi Mela IV

Theme: "Boundaries"
Duration: November 9-30

Exhibition Venues: National Museum, Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy, Bengal Gallery, British Council, Alliance Francaise, Goethe Institut, Russian Centre for Science and Cultural and Drik

Moving Exhibition

(on rickshaw vans)
Venues: Mirpur to Mohammadpur, Bahadur Shah Park, Sadarghat to Dhaka University

Workshops and portfolio reviews

Venues: Pathshala-South Asian Institute of Photography, The British Council and Drik

Film Screening

Organiser: Indian Cultural Centre
November 24
6:00 pm Aradhana (Banga)
November 27
6:00 pm Aradhana (Hindi)
Venue: House no-25, Road no-96, Gulshan-2

Photography

Exhibition

Organiser: Dhaka Alokchitra Shobha
Venue: Dots Contemporary Art Centre, 191/A, Haque Tower, Tejgaon-Gulshan Link Road, Tejgaon
Date: November 19-22
Time: 11:00am-8:00pm

Solo Art Exhibition

Artist: Samiran Chowdhury
Venue: Art & Soul Gallery
Date: November 24-December 4
Time: 11:00pm-08:00pm

Puppet Theatre

Evening
Organiser: Goethe Institute Dhaka and The Royal Danish Embassy
Venue: Goethe Institute Auditorium
Date: November 29
Time: 03:30pm&06:30pm

Seminar on Archaeology in Bangladesh

Organiser: Goethe Institute Dhaka
Venue: Goethe Institute Auditorium and on site
Date: December 2-9

'Nirontor' competing at the Int'l Film Festival of India

PALLAB BHATTACHARYA, New Delhi

THE 37th edition of International Film Festival of India (IFFI) is back on the sun-soaked sandy beaches of Goa on the Arabian Sea, the hugely popular tourist resort.
The curtain of the 10-day event goes up on November 23 with screening of the Spanish film *Volver* directed by Pedro Almodovar and starring Penelope Cruz.
Bangladeshi director Abu Sayeed's *Nirontor* starring Shabnoor and Ilias Kanchan, is vying for an award in the Asian-African-Latin American competitive section, at the film festival.



Penelope Cruz in a scene from *Volver*, which will also participate at the festival

Shabnoor who is the sole earner through prostitution.

Nirontor has already been hailed as a "non-judgmental" film and is tipped among the favourites to win an honour in the festival.
But Sayeed's film will have to contend against movies like *Aviva*, *My Love from Israel*, which had won the best screenplay award at the Jerusalem Festival this year.
A five-member international jury will judge the films in the competitive section.
More than 100 films from across the world will be showcased in the festival along with several Indian entries in Hindi and other regional languages.
Veteran actor Shashi Kapoor will inaugurate the festival, which has as its theme "The Whole World is One Family", symbolising the spirit of IFFI as being a melting pot of cinema from across the world and India.
The event will feature a special retrospective of Prithviraj Kapoor's



A pensive Shabnoor in *Nirontor*

films and witness a special screening of Sir Richard Attenborough's highly acclaimed movie *Gandhi* to mark the centenary of the Satyagraha movement launched by Mahatma Gandhi.
The focus of the 11-day festival will be films made in regional languages in India, which reflect the cultural diversity of India.
A great attraction of the festival will be the Cinema of the World section where films from about 40 countries will be shown including some award-winning ones.
A novel feature will be mobile vans that will take the films to remotest parts of Goa to ensure larger participation.
There will also be usual world premiers, film bazaars, music concerts, children's workshops and street animation.
The festival will end with the

screening of Mexican film *Babel* directed by Alejandro Gonzalez Inarritu.
There is considerable interest about Almodovar's *Volver* since its director had won critical acclaim for films including *Bad Education* and *Talk to Her*. He had previously worked with Penelope Cruz in *All About My Mother* in 1999.
The IFFI, which until 2003 had been held in different cities of India, was shifted to Goa as a permanent venue. The aim was to emulate events like France's prestigious Cannes Film Festival in a bid to reach a larger global audience by mixing tourism and cinema.
November is the month when Goa attracts a large number of tourists especially from Europe and the US who find palm tree-lined beaches, vibrant music and dancing-loving people of Goa, breathtaking.

"Theatre is an active agent for social change"
-- Chanchal Chowdhury

AHSAN HABIB

Chanchal Chowdhury, a talented actor in the theatre arena, displays considerable promise in his recent films, TV plays and commercials.
Chanchal had a fascination for acting since his childhood, but as a theatre activist his first appearance on stage was in 1996 in a play produced by Aranyak Natyadal. He joined Aranyak Natyadal in 1996 and, to date, has performed in acclaimed plays such as *Prakritojan Kotha*, *Joyjyonti*, *Ora Kodom Ali*, *Mayur Singhason*, *Songkranti*, *Rarang* and *Che-er Cycle*. A great believer in the slogan of Aranyak, he says, "Theatre is not merely an entertainment tool but an active agent for social change." In this discipline, Mamunur Rashid is his guru and over the years he has worked with other distinguished directors such as Mannan Hira, Shah Alam Dulal and Faez Zahir. In his view, "If you must define me, say I am a theatre worker who sometimes does commercials or TV plays."
Having made his mark in theatre, Chanchal went on to do a TV commercial, which received much acclaim. His appearance in the commercial added a new dimension to his role as an actor.



In the last few years Chanchal has earned a name for himself on TV as well. His first small screen performance was in a TV play serial titled *Sundori*, written by Mamunur Rashid and the first major character played by him was in *Grash* by Faridur Rahman, a single-episode play that was aired about four years ago.
Chanchal recalls that Fazlur Rahman Babu, a fellow member of Aranyak, introduced him to Mustafa Sarwar Farooki. Later, he worked with him in *Talpata Sipa*, a special play that commemorated the Nazrul Anniversary. When Farooki began working for the Grameen Phone commercial which called for a professional actor, he picked Chanchal for the role.
Chanchal enjoys working in films. Tauqir Ahmed's *Rupkothar Golpo* is his only work in the film industry so far. With his passionate performance he managed to make the character he played come alive.
Comparing works in different media, he says, "Theatre is a completely different challenge, because it requires facing a live audience. I think it's very exciting for actors to be able to perform both in theatre and in films."

Apart from theatre, he is currently working on Salahuddin Lavlu's mega serial *Ghor Kutum* and some single-episode plays. TV serials *Bhorat Hath*, *Ebong Shamachar*, featuring Chanchal, are currently being aired on TV.
Chanchal studied at the Institute of Fine Arts (IFA) and completed his Honours and Masters in Crafts. He worked for sometime as a lecturer at CODA and SODA. As he had to spend increasingly more time on media he could not continue his job. Being affiliated with the fine arts has always been his passion.

"Prithibir Pothey Pothey": A travel show on small screen

CULTURAL CORRESPONDENT

Filmmaker Shakur Majid has travelled to countries in Europe, different states of US, UAE, Chile in Latin America, Malaysia, Scotland, Thailand, China, among others. During these trips, Majid has filmed the locales that fascinate tourists all over the world. These videos, featured in the travel show *Prithibir Pothey Pothey*, are telecast on Rtv every Tuesday at 10:50pm.
Prithibir Pothey Pothey stands apart from other travel shows in that it focuses on a

certain theme or elaborates on a certain architectural wonder and its historic significance in each episode. So far 43 episodes have been aired.
The new episodes of the programme beginning today will focus on China and its historically important places, such as the Great Wall of China, the Ming Tombs, Tiananmen Square and the Chinese Opera.
The episodes will also focus on Chinese cities including the capital Beijing, Shanghai, Neijiang, and Kunming City.



Shooting at the Great Wall of China

Buzz Karan Johar to make animation film



His last film may not have received the response from the audience as well as he must have liked, but that does not deter Karan Johar from making a completely different film yet again. Karan now plans to make an animation film for the Indian audiences. It will be an animation film with songs, drama and everything that the Indian audience enjoy. Karan plans to start the film by next year.
The concept of animation films is still somewhat alien to the Indian audience. The concept of animated films is very popular in the west. Also Johar intends to start directing his next film by the end of next year.

Source: Internet

Penguins beat 007 at box office

Australian director George Miller and his troupe of fluffy singing and tap-dancing emperor penguins have topped the US box office, knocking off *James Bond* and sending *Borat* back to Kazakhstan.
Miller's animated musical comedy, *Happy Feet*, earned US\$55 million at US and Canadian cinemas at the weekend to claim the top spot.
It relegated the much-hyped debut of new, blond James Bond, Daniel Craig, in the remake of *Casino Royale* to No. 2 and ended

faux Kazakh journalist Borat's two-week reign as king of the US box office.
The coveted first place is a triumph for the Australian film industry and Miller, who also directed *Babe*.
The film features musical characters voiced by Nicole Kidman, Hugh Jackman, the late Steve Irwin, Anthony LaPaglia, Hugo Weaving, Robin Williams, Britany Murphy and Magda Szubanski.
"People tell me kids were dancing in the cinema and there was lots of laughter," Miller said.

Happy Feet, which is set in Antarctica and follows the story of Mumble, a tone deaf emperor penguin who can't sing like the other penguins in his colony.
Mumble's talent lies in dance, but he is considered a freak and is ostracised, thus beginning a journey of self discovery, music and laughter.
Lord of the Rings star Elijah Wood, voices Mumble.

Source: Internet



A scene from Miller's animated musical comedy *Happy Feet*

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 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 pm, 8:00 pm.
News (English) at 3:00 pm, 10:00 pm.
Late Night News (Bangla and English) 11:30 pm.
CHANNEL-i
News (Bangla) at 7:15 am, 9:00am, 2:00pm, 7:00pm, 9:00pm, 10:30pm, 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 am, 10:00 am, 11:00 am, 1:00pm, 3:00 pm, 4:00pm, 6:00 pm and 8:00 pm.
ntv
News Headlines (Bangla) at 10:00 am, 12:00 am, 6:15 pm, 9:30 pm.
News (Bangla) 7:30 am, 2:00 pm, 5:00 pm, 7:30 pm, 10:30 pm.
Telecast of BTV News (Bangla and English) at 11:30 pm.
TARA BANGLA
News Headlines (Bangla) at 5:30pm, 7:30pm.
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
08:30 Open University Satellite Broadcast
09:15 Maa O Shishur Kotha
12:30 Shukhi Poribar
01:30 Hijol Tomal
02:15 Sisimpur
02:40 Khelethe Khelethe Computer
03:05 Cartoon
03:30 Cricket Shekha
04:00 Esho Computer Shikhi
04:30 Quiz Quiz
05:30 Cartoon
07:00 Mati O Manush
08:35 Protidin Bangladesh
09:25 Drama
10:25 Teknaf Thekey Tetulia
ATN BANGLA
10:30 Anyodrishti
12:15 Cinema Cinema Gaane Surey Tarunne
02:30 Musical Programme
03:10 Drama Serial: Bhalo Bashar Rang
04:20 Islamic Programme
05:10 Job Vacancy
05:45 Islamic Programme
06:20 The Sword of Tipu Sultan
08:00 Drama Serial: Sharabela
08:30 Drama Serial: Shukher Lagiya
09:00 Bohemian
09:30 Drama Serial: Tushar Rohosyo
10:40 Talk Show: Face to Face

CHANNEL-i
09:30 Shongbad Potrey Bangladesh
09:45 Public Reaction
09:50 Tritiyomatra
11:05 Sports Time (Live)
12:30 Aj Dupurey O Citycell
12:30 Tarokakothon Gaan
01:05 Ebong Cinemar Gaan
01:30 Shanghbad Potrey Bangladesh
01:45 Public Reaction
02:40 Selected Drama
04:05 Amader Gaan
04:25 Sa Re Ga Ma
05:30 Alokito Bangladesh
07:50 Hallo Minister
09:35 Talk Show: Aloy Bhuban Bhora
10:00 Mega Serial: Jog Biog
12:00 Grameenphone Ajker Shangbadpotro
ntv
08:30 Aajker Shokal K Tahare Chintre Parey
09:30 Colours
10:05 Gallery
11:00 Circus Lights
12:05 Saaj Ghor
12:30 Shiray Shonite Muktagang
03:15 Drama: Rang Er Manush
04:25 Joyitar Joyitra
05:10 Din Dorpon/thashar Ei Diney
05:20 Apnar
06:20 Shubho Shondhya
06:50 Ki Kotha Tahar Sathley
08:25 Siddiqa Kabir's Recipe

PICK OF THE DAY

Shukher Lagiya
On ATN Bangla at 8:30pm
Drama Serial
Cast: Azizul Hakim, Shams Sumon

Octopussy
On Star Movies at 7:00pm
Genre: Action/Adventure/Thriller
Cast: Roger Moore, Maud Adams, Kabir Bedi

Musical Programme: Kichhu Kotha Kichhu Gaan 09:10
Drama Serial: Kagger Manush 09:05
Rtv Exclusive 10:45
Prithibir Pathay 10:50
BANGLAVISION 08:35
Shubho Shokal 09:05
Cinebit Shadakalo 09:30
Drama Serial: Magno Chaitanney Shish 10:00
Ki Jado Bangla Gaaney 03:00
Shamol Bangla 03:30
Amader Rannaghar 04:00
Drama Serial: Uro Chitri 04:30
Get Sit Fit 05:00
Din Er Sheshay 05:40
Surer Bhuban 06:30
Drama Serial: Joba Kushum 08:10
Media Bhuban 09:15
The Spider and The Fly 08:30
The Calcium Kid 10:15
Thunderbirds 12:00
Beethoven's 2nd 02:00
Code Name: Wolverine 03:45
Dumb and Dumberer: When Harry Met Lloyd 07:30
Inside I'm Dancing 09:30
Death Warrant 11:15
Deadwood 18: Something Very 11:15
Expensive 12:15
Land of the Dead 02:00
Seed of Chucky 03:45
Ray 03:45
STAR MOVIES 10:00
For Your Eyes Only 12:05
Mighty Aphrodite 01:45
Twisted 03:30
November 04:55
Live And Let Die 07:00
Sahara 08:15
Live And Let Die 11:20
STAR PLUS 09:00
V First Day First Show- Starplu 10:30
V Trailers - Star Plus 10:30
Kumkum - Pyara Sa 11:30

09:30 Ghost Whisperer
01:30 Knight Rider
02:30 Oprah Winfrey Show
03:30 The Bold And The Beautiful
04:30 General Hospital
05:30 Desire: Table For Three
06:30 The Simpsons
07:00 Cheers
07:30 Friends
08:00 Seinfeld
08:30 2006 American Music Awards
11:30 Desire: Table For Three
DISCOVERY CHANNEL 08:30
Attenborough Special
09:30 Honey We're Killing The Kids
10:30 Bringing Home Baby
11:00 Runway Moms
11:30 Deedliest Catch
12:30 Body Basics
01:30 Tiger Special
02:30 Detectives Stories
03:30 Bolly V - Star Plus
04:30 Attenborough Special
05:30 Science Frontiers
06:30 Junkyard Wars
08:30 Deedliest Catch
09:30 I Shouldn't Be Alive
10:30 One Step Beyond
11:00 How Do They Do It?
11:30 Perfect Disaster
NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC 08:30
Rated W
09:30 The Real Serengeti
10:30 Lions Behaving Badly
11:30 Naked Science
12:30 Is It Real?
01:30 Crime Night
02:30 Nat Geo Encores
03:30 The Real Serengeti
04:30 Nat Geo Junior
06:30 The Real Serengeti
07:30 Rated W
08:30 The Gospel of Judas
10:30 Relentless Enemies
11:30 Hunter Hunted S2
SONY 09:00
Telebrands Tele Shopping
09:30 Chartbusters Music
10:00 Music Mantra Music
10:30 Music Beats Music
11:00 Boogie Woogie Dance
12:00 Kaajjal - Sabbki Ankhon Mein Basi Drama
12:30 Ek Ladki Anjaani Si Drama
1:00 Thodi Khushi Thode Gham Drama
1:30 Vaidehi Drama
02:00 Risstun Ki Dor Drama
02:30 Bigg Boss Reality Based
03:00 Maitnee - Khudgar Movie
07:00 Music Mantra Music
07:30 Chartbusters Music
08:00 Thodi Khushi Thode Gham Drama
08:30 Kaajjal - Sabbki Ankhon Mein Basi Drama
09:00 Ek Ladki Anjaani Si Drama
09:30 Aisa Des Hai Mera Drama
10:00 Thodi Khushi Thode Gham Drama
10:30 Bigg Boss Reality Based
11:00 Vaidehi Drama
11:30 CID Thriller/ Horror