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Festival of Contemporary Iranian Films

Zahir Raihan Film Society celebrates its 14th founding anniversary



Abbas Kiarostami

By Cultural Correspondent

FOR over a decade now Zahir Raihan Film Society, which has devoted itself in inculcating a good audience which, it believes, is fundamental for the alternative film movement to take deeper roots into our putrid cine-culture, celebrates its 14 founding anniversary that falls on May 16 by holding an eleven-day Iranian film festival.

The society will screen 27 recent films by world famous Iranian filmmakers such as Abbas Kiarostami, Dariush Mehrjui, and Jafar Panahi. In recent years Iranian cinema shot into prominence by winning the major international film awards at prestigious film

festivals.

Zahir Raihan's anniversary celebration began early this year with a retrospective of the French master Robert Bresson on March followed by a retrospective of the great Indian master film-maker Satyajit Ray on April. A total of 23 films by Satyajit Ray were shown along with 3 documentaries on Ray. 12 other films by Ray would be shown next month.

The high priest of Iranian contemporary cinema is Abbas Kiarostami. Kiarostami's film "The Taste of Cherry" was awarded the Golden Palm for the best film at the Cannes Film Festival in 1997. His latest film "The Wind Will Cry Us" was awarded the Golden Lion at the Venice Film Festival in 1999. He is the most renowned and celebrated filmmaker from Iran and is currently considered to be one of the front-runners of contemporary film-world. Eight films made by Kiarostami will be screened in the festival.

The filmmaker whose name comes immediately after Kiarostami is Mohsen Makhmalbaf, who is also a prize winning and critically acclaimed filmmaker. A retrospective of Makhmalbaf will

showcase films such as "The Apple", the debut feature by Samira Makhmalbaf, and his daughter who made this film at the age of 17!

Samira is the youngest filmmaker at the Cannes Film Festival this year (at the age of 20) with her film "The Black Picture" in the competition.

Zahir Raihan Film Society was founded on 16th May 1986 by a group of young film enthusiasts. The aim was to add something new to the film society movement which was passing a bad phase because of the "Film Clubs Registration and control Act 1980". The society started working immediately



Still from HAMOON by Dariush Mehrjui

Two films by Dariush Mehrjui and four films by Iranian women filmmakers will feature in the festival along with nine other features by as many as filmmakers.



Scene from Zinat by Ebrahim Mokhtari

Still from The Runner by Amir Naderi

after it was founded. It started to use modern video and electronic technology to enhance the movement of the film society. Since then it has organised innumerable film sessions, retrospectives, seminars, workshops, and film appreciation courses. It has shown a total of 1400 films with an average of 100 films each year and has organised screening of the films by the major filmmakers in the history of the cinema.

The admission to this festival is on invitation only and season passes can be collected

from the society during the festival at the German Cultural Centre at Road No 9, Dhanmondi. Following is the list of the films and screening schedule:

May 16: *The Taste of Cherry* by Abbas Kiarostami *The Last Act* by Varuzh Karim-Mashti
May 17: *The Need* by Alireza Davoudnejad *The Runner* by Amir Naderi *Prince Ehtejab* by Bahman Farmanara
May 18: *White Balloon* by Jafar Panahi *The Key* by Ebrahim Frouzesh *Zinat* by Ebrahim Mokhtari

May 21: *The Sultors* by Ghassem Ebrahimi *The children of Heaven* by Majid Majidi
May 22: Dariush Mehrjui film session: *Hamoan* by Dariush Mehrjui *The Tenants* by Dariush Mehrjui

May 23: Films by women Filmmakers: *The Sealed Soil* by Marva M Nabili, *Nargess* by Rakhshan Bani-Etemad *The Legend of a Sign* by Tahmineh Milani

The Makhmalbaf Retrospective:
May 28: *The Apple* by Samira Makhmalbaf *The Peddler* by

Mohsen Makhmalbaf *The Cyclist* by Mohsen Makhmalbaf
May 29: *Once Upon a Time, Cinema* by Mohsen Makhmalbaf *Gabbah* by Mohsen Makhmalbaf

Abbas Kiarostami Retrospective:

May 30: *The Bread and Alley*, *The Traveller, Where is May Frnd's Home?*

May 31: *The Chorus*, *And Life Goes On ---, Through the Olive Trees*

June 1: *Close Up*, *The Taste of Cherry*



Scene from The White Balloon by Jafar Panahi

TV Guide

Tuesday 16th May
(All programmes are in local time. The Daily Star will not be responsible for any change in the programme)

BTV

3:00 Opening Announcement, Recitation From The Holy Quran And Programme Outline 3:15 Patriotic Song 3:20 Open University Prog. 4:00 Bangla News 4:05 Pusti Thattho 4:20 Sports Programme 5:10 Nakhatrer Aalo 5:40 Sashtho Thattho 6:00 Bangla News 6:05 Sabar Janno Shikha 6:30 Transmission From Chittagong Center 7:00 News For Weather 7:05 Sangita 7:25 Tookhor (TV Quiz) 8:00 Bangla News At 8 8:30 Drama Series: Sultan-O-Rakhal 9:00 Serial: Jiban Mohona 10:00 News At Ten 10:30 Chhaya Chhanda 10:55 Sur Lahori 11:30 Bangla News 11:35 English News 11:40 A) Programme Outline For Wednesday B) National Song 11:45 Closing

ETV

7:00 Classic Cartoons 7:20 Mr Bean (The Return of Mr Bean) 7:45 News 8:00 Cinema Ekushey Aina Bibi Pala 10:00 BTV News After BTV News Cinema ekushey Aina Bibi Pala

BBC WORLD

6:00 World News Headlines 6:30 Click Online 7:00 BBC World News In: World Business Report/Asia Today 7:24 Hours 8:30 Asia Today 8:45 World Business Report 2:00 World News 9:30 Asia Today 9:45 World Business Report 10:00 BBC World News 10:30 The Travel Show 11:30 Earth Report 12:00 BBC World News 12:30 It-India Tomorrow 1:30 World Living: Life An Act of Faith- 2:00 World News 2:30 Earth Report 3:00 BBC World News 3:30 HARDtalk 4:00 BBC The World Today 4:30 Click Online 5:00 BBC World News 5:30 Earth Report 6:00 BBC World News 6:30 It-India Tomorrow 7:30 World Living: The Travel Show 8:30 HARDtalk 9:00 BBC World News 9:30 Asia Today 10:00 World News 10:15 World Business Report 10:30 Wheels 11:00 BBC World

New 11:35 World Business Report 11:45 World Sport 12:30 HARDtalk 2:00 BBC News 1:30 Talking Movies 3:00 BBC World News 2:30 World Business Report 3:30 Reporters 4:30 World Business Report 5:00 BBC Newsdesk Inc. World Business Report/24 Hours

MTV INDIA

8:00 MTV Classic 9:00 MTV Hungout 9:30 Pop Indonesia 10:00 MTV Non-Stop Hits 10:30 MTV Most Wanted VJ Shehnaz 11:30 MTV Top 2000 12:30 MTV Hit Film Music 1:00 MTV Housefull VJ Nafisa 1:30 MTV Fresh VJ

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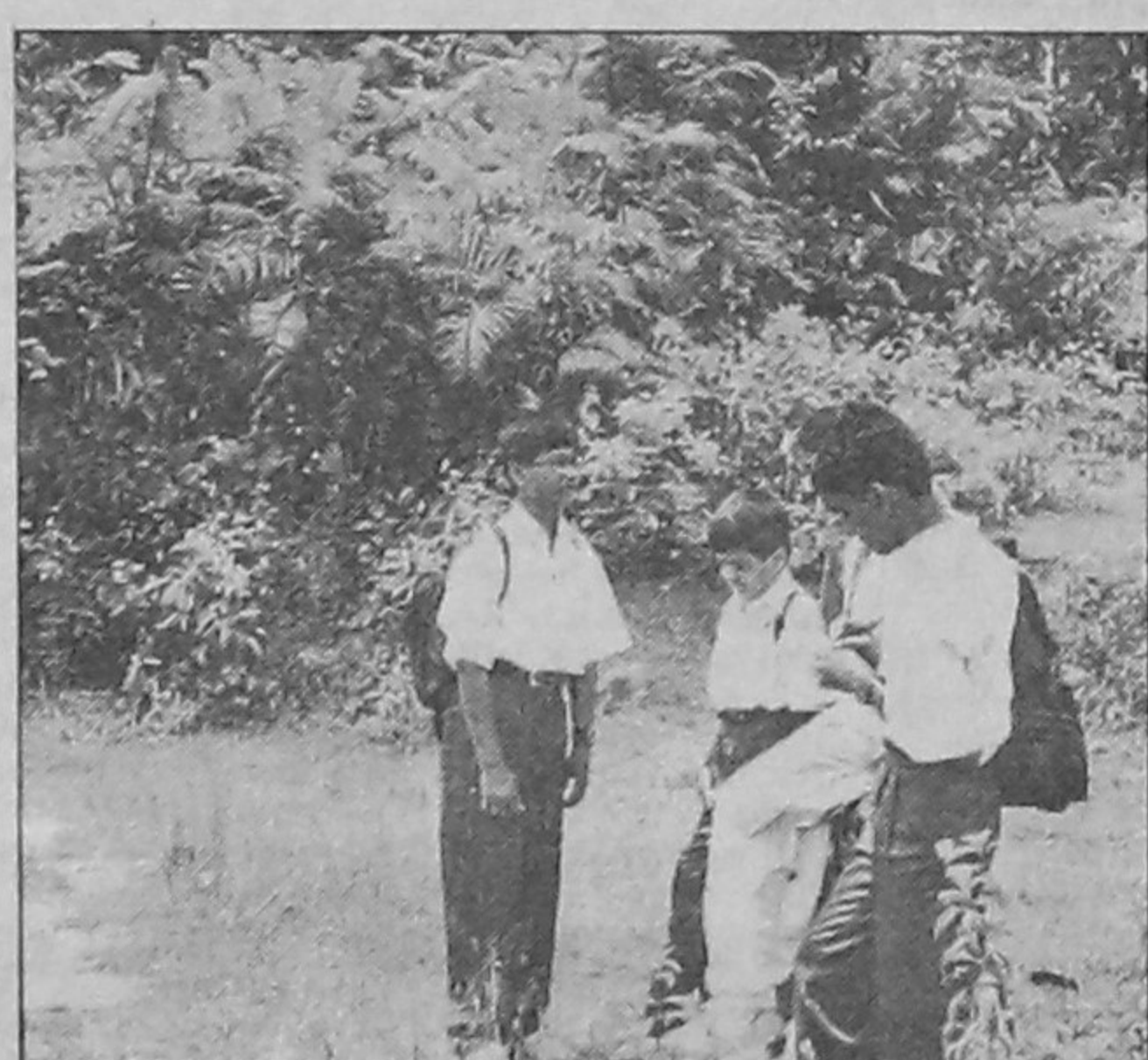
7:30 [V] Hit Machine 9:30 Virtual [V] 9:45 [V] Hit Machine 10:30 Video Preview 11:00 [V] Hit Machine 12:30 [V] Jungle Jukebox 1:00 [V] First Day First Show 1:30 [V] Hit Machine 4:30 Tea With [V] 5:00 Virtual [V] Tea With [V] 5:15 Tea With [V] (Back To Back Vids) 6:15 [V] Bhaja Fry 6:30 Tea With [V] (Back To Back Vids) 7:30 [V] Hit Machine 8:30 [V] Face Off 9:00 [V] Jungle Jukebox 9:30 [V] First Day First Show 10:00 [V] Hit Machine 10:30 [V] Late Night 12:30 [V] Hit Machine

PTV-2

8:00 Tiliwat Aur Tarjuma/Hamd/Naat 8:20 Cartoon 8:30 Khabar 8:45 Beauty Care 8:50 Fun Katha 9:10 Dhanak & Health Tips 10:05 Har Taan Hey Deepak 10:30 English Film: Home Improvement 10:55 Milli Naghma 11:00 Khabar 11:10 Serial 12:00 Sports Hour 12:55 Quran-e-Hakeem 1:02 Bismillah 1:15 The Science Show 2:00 Hey Jahan 2:25 Animated Classics 3:15 Geography & Sammar School 4:20 Miti Sona 5:00 Allah Huma Labbaik 5:25 Serial 6:25 Aloo Courses 7:00 Serial 7:45 English News 7:50 Saach Much 8:15 UN Quiz 8:45 Serial 9:00 Break for Headline News 10:00 Khabarnama & Commercial News 11:20 Do Sitaree 12:30 Dr. Qain: Medicine Women 1:35 Khas Khabar/Close Down

ZEE News Tv

7:30 Zee News: Hindi 8:00 Zee Morning Show 8:30 News In English 9:00 News Outlook 7:00 Business News 7:30 Zee News: Hindi 8:30 Business News 9:00 News In English 10:00 Zee Prime Time Show 11:30 News In English 12:00 Business News



Teens drama series 'Bubuner Baba' will be aired on Ekushey television on May 18 at 7.20pm.

Shehnaz 2:30 Non-Stop Hits 3:30 MTV Love Line VJ Malaika 4:00 MTV Bakra 4:15 Non-Stop Hits 4:30 MTV Select VJ Nikhil 5:30 MTV Most Wanted VJ Shehnaz 6:30 MTV Chill Out VJ Cyrus/Asif/Nikhil 8:00 MTV Troolife AIDS Special 8:30 MTV Top 2000 9:30 MTV Hit Film Music 10:00 MTV House Full VJ Nafisa 10:30 MTV Gaoa Baby Gaoa 11:00 MTV Lovelibe VJ Malaika 11:30 The Grind (Beach Show) 12:00 MTV Chill Out VJ Cyrus/Asif/Nikhil 1:00 MTV Bioruthm 2:00 Non-Stop Hits

DD CHANNEL-1 (National)

5:55 Vande Mataram 6:15 CIET Programme 6:30 UGC Programme 7:00 IGNOU Programme 7:30 Samachar 7:45 Suba Sabera 9:15 The News 9:32 Imaging Science

10:00 UGC Programme 10:32 Tarang- CIET Programme 11:00 ETV Programme 11:30 Serial: Ardhangini 12:00 Serial: Kamyabi 12:32 Serial: Intezaar Aur Sahi 12:55 Serial: Kiran 1:00 Serial: Tulsi 1:25 Serial: Aapki Saheli 1:32 Serial: Agni 2:00 Serial: Deewar 2:30 Samachar 2:40 The News 2:50 Serial: Aaina 3:00 Serial: Jagte Raho 3:32 Serial: Aparajita 4:00 Serial: Miti Ke Rang 4:32 Serial: Aur

Mantra 2:00 Boogi Woogi 2:30 Ek Mahal Ho Sapno Ka 3:00 Aurat 3:30 Daily Soap- Ghar Ek Mandir 4:00 Daily Soap- Ithaas 4:30 Daily Soap- Nazdeekiyan 5:00 Junoon 5:30 Dil Vil Pyar Vyar Bad Boys 6:00 Family No.1 6:30 C.I.D. 7:00 Rang Birangee 7:30 Music Mantra 8:00 Chartbusters 8:25 Jaany Vi Do Paro 8:55 Kanyadaan 9:35 Kash 10:10 Thodi Si Bewafai 10:45 Movers And Shekhar's 11:30 Ek Mahal Ho Sapno Ka 12:00 Saaya 12:30 Hum Sub Ek Hain 1:00 Sparsh 1:30 Bajaj Ki Lehren 2:00 Movers And Shekhar's 3:00 Daily Soap- Nazdeekiyan 3:30 Cine Nite Show- Hindi Film: Mome Ki Gudra

Kisan Jaag Utha 5:00 Series: Kal Kotahi 6:00 Programme On Women 6:15 Kala Parkrama 6:32 Krishi Darshan 7:00 Live Show 7:45 Career Hunt 8:00 Serial: Kanyakumari Ki Kahaniyan 8:32 Serial: Antaraal 9:00 Samachar 9:15 The News 9:30 Serial: Sargam 10:02 Serial: Om Namah Shivay 11:00 Serial: Raja Ka Baja 11:32 Ghoomta Aaina 12:00 National Programme of Music 12:30 News Headline 12:32 Serial: Ardhangini (Underrun Closed)

SONY TV

7:30 Aatma 8:00 Sant Asaram Wani 8:30 Chartbusters 9:00 Ek Mahal Ho Sapno Ka 9:30 Aurat 10:00 Music Mantra 10:30 Daily Soap- Ithaas 11:00 Daily Soap- Nazdeekiyan 11:30 Ghar Ek Mandir 12:00 Chartbusters 12:30 Movers And Shekhar's 1:30 Music

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ALPHA TV BANGLA

6:30 Alaap 7:00 Kee Darun Dreshow 7:30 Monihaar 8:00 Serial: Prem Trishna 8:30 Serial: Param Para 9:00 Serial: Shyaala 9:30 Serial: Shoni-Robi Mojar Chobi 10:00 Kichu Smriti Kichu Gaan 10:30 Serial: Agni Yuger Padatik 11:00 Serial: Iska Boner Bibi 11:30 Jigisha 12:00 Beauty Parlor 12:30 Serial: Ek Akasher Niche 1:00 Serial: Jhara Samayer Upakatha 1:30 Khan a Khazana 2:00 Serial: Jiban Rekha 2:30 Bangla Movie- 5:00 Bharat Bhroman 5:30 Asian Sky Show 06:00 Serial: Teacher 6:30 Serial: Commander 7:00 Serial: Chandni 7:30 News In Bangali 8:00 Serial: Bhowani Purer Chattujea 8:30 Serial: Ek Akasher Niche 9:00 Serial: Kono Ek Din 9:30 Serial: Samayr Sur 10:00 News In Bangali 10:30 Serial: Shoni-Robi Mojar Chobi 11:00 Kichu Smriti Kichu Gaan 11:30 Serial: Agni Yuger Padatik 12:00 Serial: Iska Boner Bibi 12:30 Bharat Bhroman 1:00 Grihosajja 1:30 Bangla Movie 4:00 Serial: Commander 4:30 Serial: Bhowani Purer Chattujea 5:00 Serial: Samayr Sur

DISCOVERY CHANNEL

6:30 Ushuala 7:30 Travelers Eyewitness 10:30 Danger Zone 11:00 Outer Bounds 11:30 Shark Files 12:30 Wild Discovery 1:30 Medical Detectives 2:30 Discover Magazine 3:30 Travelers 4:30 Ushuala 5:30 Lonely Planet 6:30 Movie Magic 7:00 Popular Mechanics for Kids 7:30 Survivors 8:30 Wild Discovery 9:30 Extreme Machines 10:30 Without Warning 11:30 Discovery Profile Series 12:30 Wild Discovery 1:30 Extreme Machines

ESPN

7:50 Live- NHL Hockey Post Game Report 8:00 Kiana's Flex Appeal 8:30 Tennis Masters Series By Mercedes-Benz Tennis Masters Series Rome Pres. By Infostrada Rome, Italy Final Match 11:00 Racehorse Digest 11:30 Sportscenter: International Edition 12:00 Live- Sportscenter Bristol, Ct Usa 1:00 Lpga Golf The Philips Invitational Austin, Tx U.S.A. Third Round 3:00 Boxing Series Espn2 Friday Night Fights Ledyar D, Ct Usa 5:00 Nba In The 90'S 1996: Nba Season In Review 5:30 Tennis Masters Series By Mercedes-Benz Tennis Masters Series Rome Pres. By Infostrada Rome, Italy Champions League Highlights 99/00 Weekly 7:30 Sportscenter: International Edition 8:00 English Premier Football League

10:00 Tennis Masters Series By Mercedes-Benz Tennis Masters Series Hamburg Pres. By Eurocard Hamburg, Germany Early Round Coverage Day 12:00 Inside Cricket: 2nd Session 12:30 Dutch Football

DD METRO

7:00 Anhad 7:15 Bhakti Sagar 7:45 Subah Aaj Tak 8:30 Earth Matters 9:00 The First Edition 9:30 Serial: Saath Saath 10:00 Serial: Khamosh Awazein 10:30 Ret Par Likhe Naam 11:00 Daily Sope- Naya 11:30 Daily Sope- Ek Aur Kahani 12:00 Tele Shopping 12:30 Geet Aleet 1:00 Serial: Baaje Payal 1:30 TV Brand 2:00 Daawat Cookery Show 2:30 Daily Sope- Band-

SONY MAX

6:30 Film Show 9:30 Chartbusters 10:00 Music Mantra 10:30 Film Show 1:30 Chartbusters 2:00 Music Mantra 2:30 Film Show 5:30 Film Show 8:30 Chartbusters 9:00 Music Mantra 9:30 Film Show 12:30 Film Show 3:30 Film Show

ZEE MOVIES

8:30 OST 9:00 Film: 11:00 Hollywood Remembers 11:30 Film: 1:30 OST 2:00 Film: 4:00 Total Recall 4:30 Film: 6:30 Hollywood Remembers 7:00 Film: 9:00 Best of Hollywood 9:30 The 90 clock Show: 11:30 Film: 1:30 Film:

ZEE TV

6:00 Yeardon Ki Pal (B/W Songs) 6:30 Zee News & Business (Rpt) 7:00 Bhakti Songs 7:30 Jagran 8:00 Gul-dasta 8:30 Zara Haske- Hai Zindegi 9:00 Zara Haske- Filmi Chakkar 9:30 Disney Hour Cartoons 10:30 Ek Nazar 11:00 Tejasqini 11:30 Chhilo Cinema 12:00 Mehendi Tere Nam Ki 12:30 Naye Nazrane 1:00 Khus-soorat 1:30 Waaris 2:00 Daily Soap- Hum Panch 2:30 Lakereen 3:00 Daily Soap- Kartavya 3:30 Cinema Hits- Hf Film: 6:30 Ek Nazar 7:00 Disney Hour 8:00 Vijay Jyoti 8:30 Hum Paanch 9:00 Basera 9:30 Koshish 10:00 Raahin 10:30 Thriller At 10 11:00 Daily Soap-Aangan 11:30 Daily Soap- Kartavya 11:55 Jhalak-Trailier 12:00 Ashirwad 12:30 Risthey- 1:30 O Daddy 2:00 Saath Saath 2:30 Naye Nazrane 3:00 Feature Film (B/W):

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'Babu Kothay' - a special programme on band music will be aired on Ekushey television on May 17 at 9.30pm

RECOMMENDATIONS

Solo Exhibition

19th May-1st June 2000
Exhibition Hall, Goethe-Institut, Dhaka
Everyday from 2 pm till 8 pm
(Friday and Saturday closed)

Born in Bangladesh, Mr Rashid Amin finished his formal education from the Institute of Fine Arts, University of Dhaka. He started his career as a young artist with his first exhibition also at the Goethe-Institut. Since then he has spent few years in China on a scholarship and had taken part in numerous exhibitions and workshops in Beijing, Hong Kong, Calcutta and Dhaka. Many of his masterpieces were appreciated abroad as well in Shilpakala Academy and other Art Galleries in Dhaka. He was also awarded with the "Best Award on Experimental Print Making" in 1997.

Basically a free-lance artist Mr Rashid Amin is an expert in Etching. Some of his works can easily be compared with many of the renowned, young European artists of the same art-media.



Fashion Exhibition

The inauguration of the fashion exhibition by designer Yasmin was held on May 12 at the Designer's Den gallery. A collection of men's kurta to panjabi and women's sari to salwar kameez are on display at the exhibition.

The exhibition will come to an end with a fashion show on May 19 at 7.30pm.

French Musical-Night

Alliance Francaise de Dhaka will be organising a 'French Musical Evening' dedicated to the famous French composer of classical music Claude Debussy on Saturday, May 27 at 7.00 pm. There will also be visual display of French classical music over the century.

Showkatuzzaman at Gallery 21

A solo exhibition of paintings by artist Showkatuzzaman is being held at Gallery 21 at Dhanmondi. The show will remain open to all everyday from 10 am to 8 pm until May 22.

Poetry Night

Alliance Francaise de Dhaka will be organising a Poetry Night on May 21 at 6:00 pm. All those interested are requested to contact the reception of Alliance Francaise de Dhaka at the earliest.

Movies at Alliance

Friday, 19th May 2000
Les Amant/The Lovers
By Louis Malle with Jeanne

Moreau, Jean-Marc Bory at 11:00 AM
1958, Jeanne Tournier, a young lady of the provinces, flits between Paris and Dijon, where her husband, Henri owns an important newspaper. Jeanne is extremely bored as her husband in spite of his love for her is to taken up with his paper go give her any time. She also has a distinguished lover, the polo champion Raoul Flores, making her the envy of all her friends, especially Maggy. In a chance encounter, Jeanne meets Bernard Dubois-Lambert, a young archaeologist, whom she invites home for dinner where her husband, her lover and Maggy are all present. The mutual attraction between Bernard and Jeanne leads to a night on intense passion when they happen to meet in the grounds of the house, against a background music by Brahms. By dawn, Jeanne leaves everything to go with her new lover, under the scandalised gaze of her guests. Will their love survive the test of time?