

exhibition

A Touch of Sublime

Artist Syful Islam has initiated a revival of Islamic calligraphy in Bangladesh

By Tahera Yesmin

EVERY artist looks for a new expression, tries to put his personal stamp on his work. Syful Islam too is striving to construct his personal language. With a passionate eagerness Syful Islam has been expressing his creative self in Islamic calligraphy paintings since long in our art world.

Syful Islam's 4th solo exhibition began on October 14. His exhibition was inaugurated by



Syful Islam

the Minister for L G R D Zillur Rahman, as the chief guest. The occasion was also graced by National professor Kabir Chowdhury. Noted Islamic thinker A F M Yahya, Qamrul Islam Siddique, Secretary, Ministry of Public Works and Motub Ali, Professor, Institute of Fine Art, Dhaka University, were present at the inauguration of the show.

Islamic calligraphy is the most significant genre of Islamic art, which deals with beautiful writings. These writings have always been drawn in various forms and styles with a happy combination

of floral or geometric designs, but seldom with animal or human figures. Syful Islam has already carved a niche for himself in the art of calligraphy. With fast paced brush work Syful's calligraphy assumes an abstract quality and can hold his viewers captivated.

He developed a special fascination for Islamic calligraphy at a tender age and devoted to this medium of for over 30 years.

When asked what inspired him to work on calligraphy, he said, "I have always wanted to do something different and I chose this form of art. I observed that this is one field where I will be able to contribute since there is hardly



anyone working in this field. So I paid my all attention into it and started to develop my own style of expression in Islamic calligraphy."

He has also introduced Bengali calligraphy into our art back in the 90s. His Bengali calligraphic works are heavily influenced by bold and artistic compositions of Islamic calligraphy. Professor



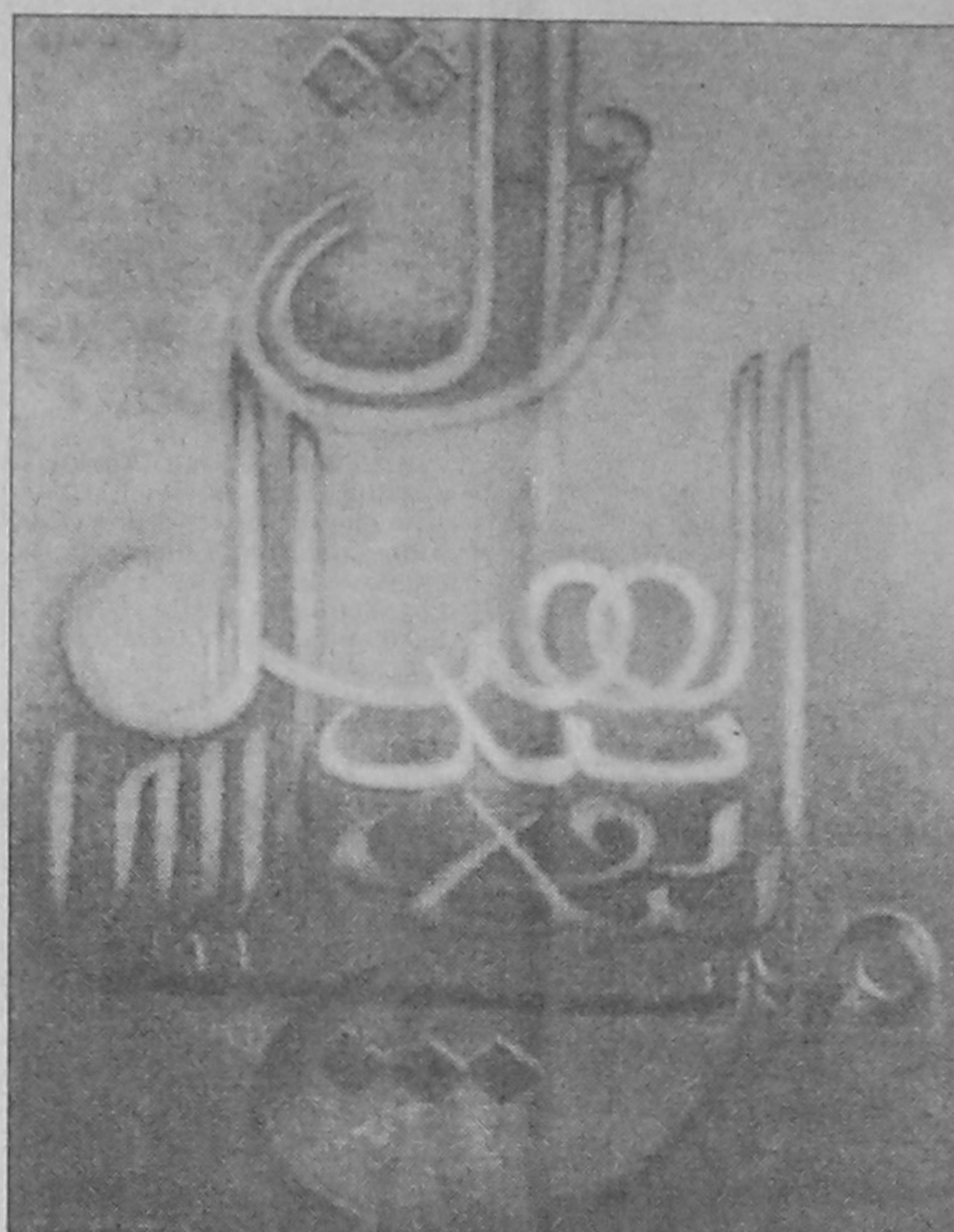
Kabir Chowdhury said Syful had added a new dimension to the contemporary art of Bangladesh.

A.F.M said that Syful Islam's calligraphy works were different from the customary practice of calligraphy. He felt that Syful's

the oil paintings are testimony to his dexterity as a painter. He translated the Arabic lines used in his paintings into Bengali and kept them next to his paintings to make people understand the calligraphy. He used the foamy sea, the starry sky, river, cloud etc. as the background of some of his paintings. He also tried to make some shapes through the alphabets in some of his calligraphic works.

works on the Kaaba and on the mosques.

He complains his works are not being appreciated by the elites as because he is not a graduate from the Institute of Fine Art of Dhaka University. He has further plans to work on Bengali calligraphy and would feel happy to calligraphy in the syllabus of the Institute of Fine Arts of Dhaka University.



In "Yahnur" he used natural beauties to make the painting lively. In this work he showed the floating of a boat and the setting of the sun through the alphabets. There are also some calligraphic

Undoubtedly Syful's calligraphic creations are a fantastic addition to Bangladeshi art and, his efforts are not only pioneering but also a source of new light of new world for viewers.

music

The Tabla Show

Solo classical tabla recital by Yogesh Shamsi tomorrow at the Indian Cultural Center auditorium

By Nafid Imran Ahmed

GREAT news for the classical music lovers of the country. Indian High Commission will be presenting a solo classical tabla recital by Yogesh Shamsi tomorrow (October 22) evening at 7 at the Indian Cultural Center auditorium.

Yogesh is one of the leading tabla players of India. In 1968 Yogesh was born into a rich musical tradition. His father Pandit Dinkar Kalkini is a renowned vocalist of the Agra Gharana and his mother Shashikala Kalkini is also a reputed musician. From such a family, which is rich in musical tradition Yogesh got the chance to live in high standards in both life and music.

Yogesh was introduced to music at a very tender age of 6 by his father. Since then he continued to nurture his passion for music under the Guru Shishya Parampara. Learning diligently from Pandit H Taranath Rao for 3 years and thereafter since the age of 10 under the tutelage of the renowned Tabla Maestro Ustad Allah Rakha of the Punjab Gharana.

As a top class artist of All India Radio and Doordarshan, Yogesh has performed in many solos and has also accompanied many musicians of repute such as: his father Pandit Dinkar Kalkini, late

Pandit K G Ginde, Pandit Jasraj, Pt. Bhimsen Joshi, Ustad Vilayat Khan, Pt. Shivkumar Sharma, Pt. Hariprasad Chaurasia, Pt. Ram Narayan, Ustad Sultan Khan, Ustad Shahid Parvez, Dr N Rajam, Ustad Rashid Khan, Pt. Ajoy Chakraborty etc.

Yogesh has had the rare privilege of accompanying his Guru late Ustad Allah Rakha and Ustad Zahir Hussain in their solo performances. Yogesh has performed in many prestigious music festivals all over India as well as Europe, USA, Canada, Japan, South Africa and many other places. In 1992 he accompanied the renowned Sarangi player Pt. Ram Narayan at the World Music Festival in Berlin, Germany. In 1997 Yogesh participated at the World Music Conference at the theatre de la ville in Paris.

Yogesh also conducted many workshops all over the world. He has also completed an extensive research work for an instructional CD-ROM on Tabla.

Being a multifaceted musician, Yogesh is equally good at solo performances and accompanying instrumental and vocal music. The intensive training from his guru and his keen sense of understanding of the allied forms of music makes him one of the leading and sought after tabla players of his generation.



Recommendations

Rashid Khan

performs on Oct. 25
Contemporary Indian classical music maestro Ustad Rashid Khan will give a vocal recital at National Museum auditorium - Dhaka on October - 25 at 7:00pm



10th Solo

The 10th solo painting exhibition by Khalid Mahmood Mithu will start at the Devine Art Gallery of Pan Pacific Sonargaon Hotel today at 5:00p.m.

Anders Johnson, Ambassador of Sweden will inaugurate the exhibition as chief guest, while Andre Raymond, counselor of cultural, scientific and technical affairs, Embassy of France will also be present as guest of honour.

Indian Classical

Music

Yogesh Shamsi will give a classical recital on Oct. 22 at Indian Cultural Centre, 754 Satmasjid Road - at 7:00pm

Musical Soiree

Organised by Surtali Music School a musical soiree is going to be held at the India Cultural Center auditorium today at 6 in the evening. Students of the Surtali Music School and principle Dr Harun-Ur-Rashid will perform at the programme.

Exercise in Wreckage

The 4th solo painting exhibition by Bipul Shafi started at the Zainul Gallery, Institute of Fine Arts, University of Dhaka on October 17 at 5:00p.m.

The exhibition will remain open to all from 2:00p.m. - 8:00p.m. everyday till October 26.

Musical Soiree

Rabi Rashmi has organised a Tagore Song Evening today at the National Museum Auditorium at 6:15. Kalim Sharafi will be given a reception on the occasion while Bangla Academy DG Dr. Anwar Hossain will grace the

TV GUIDE

PICK OF THE DAY



Patch Adams on HBO tonight at 10

Hunter Adams (Robin Williams) declares himself a psycho, may well be his own solution for finding his sanity, in the mental institute he discovers purpose in life by helping out the other inmates. Inspired by his experience and armed with the belief that he can make a difference, he enters medical school so that he can legitimise his work. But there he learns a new lesson. He finds that would be doctors are taught to always keep a distance from their patients instead of reaching into them to connect with their emotional needs. Realising that there is a need to update the old ways of treatment, and to prove that laughter truly is the best medicine, he defies conventions with consequences.

Mere Ghar Mein Buchaal Aata Hai #5 2:30 National Geographic Special: 3:30 Tea Time Cinema: Khoj Box Office Hindi Film: Damini (*Rishi Kapoor, Naseeruddin Shah, Kimi Kartar, Danny



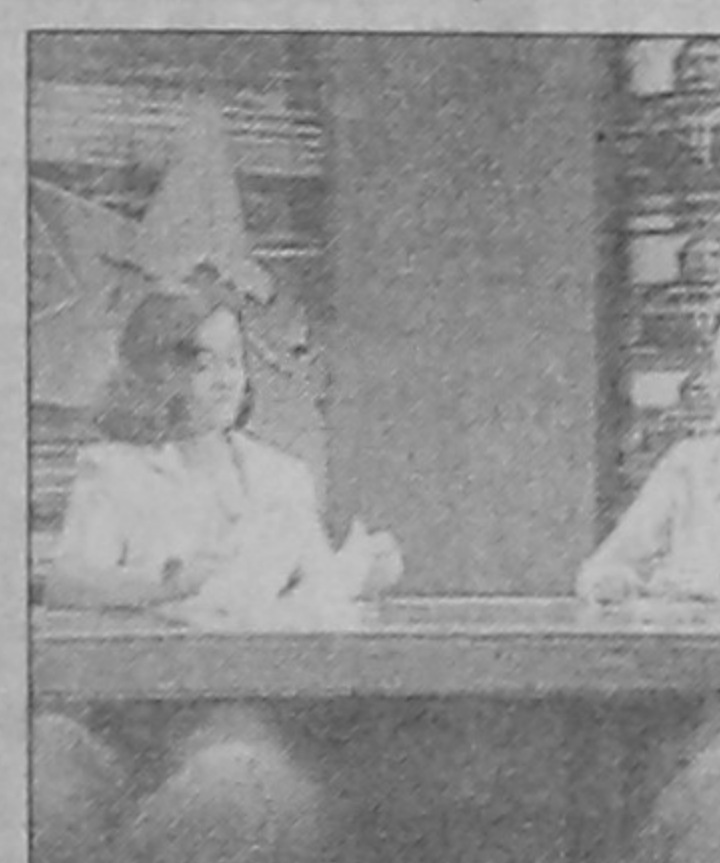
Bengali movie Chitra Nadir Pare will be aired on Ekushey television tonight at 8.

BTB

Morning Prog.
9:00 Opening
Announcement
Recitation From The Holy Quran And Programme Outline
9:05 Patriotic Song 9:10 Khela Dhula 9:40 Unmesh: New Talent Artist Programme
10:05 Sastho Tathto: Serial: 10:35 Angona (Woman Prog.) 10:50 Movie of The Week 12:35 A) Programme Outline For 2nd Session B) National Song 12:40 Closing

Evening Prog.

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Mukta Khabar on Ekushey television at 7:20p.m.

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Ahmed) 10:00 News At

Ten (English) 10:20 Khola Jaanala (Talk Show) 10:45 Mini Series: A Sun of Good Arth 11:30 Sambad (Bangla News) 11:35 English News 11:40 A) Programme Outline For Sunday B) National Song 11:45

EKUSHEY TV

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5:30 Islamic program 7:00 Children



Louis Theroux's Weird Weekends on BBC WORLD at 6:10p.m.

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8:30 Drama Serial 9:00 Reporting Prog 9:35 Music Prog 10:10 Akbar the Great 10:45 Bangladesh-Rajmukhi Sree Khanto 6:32 Child Prog 7:10 New Film Songs 7:50 Drama Serial 8:25 Alif Laila 9:00 Special Prog 10:10 Drama Serial 11:45 Band Show 11:15 Bangladesh-Ramer Shumoti

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ZEE TV

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BBC World

6:00 BBC World News 6:30 World Business Report 7:00 BBC News 7:30 Asia Today / Asia Business Report 9:00 BBC World News 9:30 Asia Today 9:45 Asia Business Report 10:00 BBC News 10:30 World

Living: Talking

Movies (Pres- Tom Brook) 11:00 World News 11:30 USA Direct 12:00 World News 12:30 World Living: Question Time India 1:30 BBC World News 1:30 World Focus: Correspondent- 2:00 BBC World News 2:10 Weekend World: From Daze USA 3:00 BBC News 3:10 Weekend World: Unforgiven- Legacy of A Lynching 4:00 BBC News 4:30 World Living: Holiday 5:00 BBC News 5:30 This Week 6:10 BBC News 6:10 Weekend World: From Daze USA 7:00 BBC World News 7:30 World Living: Click Online 8:00 BBC News 8:10 Weekend World: Paying The Price: The Killing of The Children of Iraq 9:30 BBC World News 9:10 Weekend World: Unforgiven- Legacy of A Lynching 10:00 World News 10:30 Made In India: Mastermind India 11:00 This Week 12:30 World Focus: Earth Report- 1:00 BBC News 1:10 Weekend World: From Daze USA 2:00 BBC World News 2:30 World Living: Talking Movies (Presenter- Tom Brook) 3:00 BBC World News 3:10 Weekend World: Paying The Price: The Killing of The Children of Iraq 4:00 BBC News 4:30 USA Direct

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STAR Plus (India)

6:30 Star Geetmala #111 (Daily Show) 7:30 Good Morning India (News,Ent.) 8:30 Spiderman 9:00 Robocop 9:30 Ninja Turtles 10:00 Power Rangers 10:30 National Geographic Special 11:30 I Live My India #68 12:00 Chupa Rustom #15 12:30 Mirch Masla #2 1:00 TVC Shopping 1:30 Gharwali Uparwali #16 2:00 Kabhi Kabhi

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Puri) 11:30 Aaj Ki Baat 11:45 Hindi Film (Contd.) 12:30 Pal Chhin #80 1:00 Kalass #1 1:30 Live My India #68 2:00 Kabhi Kabhi Mere Ghar Mein Buchaal Aata Hai #5 2:30 Hasna Matt #12 3:00 Hello Cinema 3:30 National Geographic Special 4:30 Musafir Hoon Yaron #15 5:00 Charwali Uparwali #16

STAR World

7:00 The Things People Do #29 7:30 The Simpsons 8:00 Fox Kids Show- Biker Mice From Mars #3- 8:30 Fox Kids Show- Spiderman #18 Ep- 9:00 Fox Kids Show- X Men #3 Ep- 9:30 Fox Kids Show- Goosebumps #5 Ep- 10:00 TV. Com 10:30 Travel Asia #171 R 11:00 Jackie Collin Hollywood 11:30 Grace Under Fire 12:00 Mike Hammer Private Eye #15 10:00 The Bold & The Beautiful #2297-2301 (2 Hours) 3:00 Series: Baywatch 4:00 Series: Hercules #19/22 Ep- A Greek Hero In King Arthur's Court (*Kevin Sorbo) 5:00 Series: Xena - Warriors Prences #Ep- Ides of March (*Lucy Lawless) 6:00 Series: Sir Arthur Conan Doyle's- The Lost World #16/21 Ep- Birthright 7:00 Series: First Wave #16/22 Ep- The Undesirables 8:00 Series: Water Rats #57 Ep- Sympathy For The Devil 9:00 3rd Rock From The Sun #403 Ep- 9:30 Star News 10:00 Baywatch 11:00 Series: First Wave #16/22 Ep- The Undesirables 12:00 Series: Sir Arthur Conan Doyle's- The Lost World #17/21 Ep- Birthright 1:00 Series: Xena - Warriors Prences #Ep- Endgame (*Lucy Lawless) 2:00 Series: Hercules #19/22 Ep- A Greek Hero In King Arthur's Court (*Kevin Sorbo) 3:00 Series: The Key of

David 3:30 Morris

Cerullo 4:00 Space Island One 5:00 Lassie 5:30 Doogie Howser 6:00 Batman 6:30 Jack Hanna's Animal Adventures (Compiled: SATVIEW News Networks, Tel: 9561588(108)

Star Movies

7:45 Comedy: Touch Me (*Amanda Peet, Michael Vartan) (PG) 9:45 Comedy: The Englishman Who Went Up A Hill (*Hugh Grant, Tara Fitzgerald, Colm Meaney, Ian McNeice) 11:30 Drama: Romeo's Bleeding (*Gary Oldman, Lena Olin, Annabella Sciorra, Juliette Lewis, Ray Scheider) (15) 1:30 Action: The Contract (*Johanna Black, Laurent Imbault, Billy Dee Williams) (15) 3:15 Action: Imminent Danger (*Connie Sellecca, Matt McCoy, Alana Austin, Brent Hinkley) (15) 5:15 Action: The Gingerbread Man (15) 7:30 Comedy: The Englishman Who Went Up A Hill (*Hugh Grant, Tara Fitzgerald, Colm Meaney, Ian McNeice) 9:30 US Top Ten 10:00 Thrillument: The Proposition (*Kenneth Branagh, Madeline Stowe, William Hurt) 12:15 Saturday Late Night Movies: Classy Kill (*Molly Ringwald, Christopher Heyerdahl, Chris Mulkey) 2:15 Comedy: The Myth of The Male Orgasm (*Bruce Dinsmore, Miranda Dde Pencier, Ruth Marshall, Macha Grenon) (15)

STAR Sports

07:30 New Zealand Tour Of South Africa Potchefstroom, SOUTH AFRICA- New Zealand Vs South Africa 1st Odi, Highlights 8:30 Asian Football Show 9:30 Sb Superbike Imola, SAN MARINO Event Highlights 10:00 World Wrestling Federation

Live Wire 11:00 Live-

Formula One Qualifying 2000 Sepang, MALAYSIA- Malaysian Grand Prix Qualifying 12:00 Sports Unlimited 1:00 Inside The Pga Tour 1:30 Spanish League Highlights 2000/01 2:00 New Zealand Tour Of South Africa Potchefstroom, SOUTH AFRICA- New Zealand Vs South Africa 1st Odi, Highlights 3:00 Asian Football Show 4:00 Nba Inside Stuff 2000/01 Nba Inside Stuff 4:30 Domestic Competitions New Zealand Provincial Championships Div 1 Auckland - NEW ZEALAND- Otago Vs Auckland Round 9 6:30 Tennis- Wta Tour Toyota Princess Cup Tokyo, JAPAN Final 8:00 Futbol Mundial 8:30 World Wrestling Federation Wrestling 9:30 Formula One Qualifying 2000 Sepang, MALAYSIA- Malaysian Grand Prix Qualifying 10:30 Gillette World Sports Special Cricket Talk Show- Boycott Live 11:30 Cricket Up Close-



The Nation of Islam on BBC WORLD at 9:10p.m.

Semifinal #2 9:00 Golf- President's Cup 2000 Lake Manassas, VA USA Day Two 1:00 Cricket- Icc Knock Out 2000 - Master Blaster Kenya, AFRICA 1:30 English Premier League Highlights 2:30 Uefa Champions League 2000/01 League La Corona, SPAIN- Juventus Fc Vs Deportivo La Corona Group Phase 1, Matchday 4 4:30 Live- English Premier Football League- Leeds United Afc Vs Manchester United 6:30 Cricket- Icc Knock Out 2000 - Master Blaster Kenya, AFRICA 7:00 Billiards- Pool 2000 World Pool Masters 8:00 Live- English Premier Football

DISCOVERY CHANNEL

6:30 Go For It 7:30 Ushuaia 8:30 Lonely Planet III 9:30 Future Tense 10:00 Eyewitness 11:30 Untamed Australia 11:30 Wild Asia 1:30 Untamed Guide 2:30 Amazing Worlds 3:00 Extreme Machines IV 4:30 Beyond 2000 5:00 Discovery News 5:30 Discover News 5:30 6:30 ARK Tales of the Animal Rescue Kids 7:00 Splat IV 7:30 21st Century Medicine 8:30 Health Showcase 9:30 New Detectives 10:30 Trailblazers 11:30 Adventures Crazy 12:30 21st Century Medicine 1:30 Health Showcase 2:30 New Detectives 3:30 Trailblazers 4:30 African Adventures 5:00 Adventures Crazy 5:30 Discover Magazine

Star Gold

6:00 Do Dulheli 8:30 Bollywood News 8:30 Bahut Din Huye 12:30 Geet Bahar 12:30 Arzoo 3:30 Bollywood News 4:00 Dil Aur Mohabbat 7:00 Geet Bahar 7:00 Saturday Special Mere Jeevan Sathi 10:30 TBA 11:30 Channi 12:30 Channi 2:00 Geet Bahar 2:30 Mere Jeevan Sathi

ESP21
7:00 ESPN World Snooker: 2000 British Open Plymouth, UNITED KINGDOM