Culture

exhibition

Out of Focus, Not Out of Tune

A photography exhibition by a group of working-class children starts at Drik Gallery

By Nafid Imran Ahmed

R Shahidul Alam introduced us with photography. It all started when we first met him at the veranda of the Ananda Niketan School of Gorosahajyia Sangstha," said one of the young photographers at the inaugural ceremony of their group exhibition yesterday at Drik Gallery premises.

'Out of Focus' is a group of working class children who have been associated with Drik since 1994. They were first featured in Drik's 1997 Calendar. They also held an exhibition in Drik Gallery in the same year. That was the time their journey as photographers began.



Abul Kashem-Out of Focus-Drik

Members of 'Out of Focus' have represented Asia as the child-jury

of World Press Photo, at the Junior Summit in MIT Media Lab, Boston, and won the 2nd prize in an international photographic competition organised by the UN Children's Fund where they contested against professional lens-men from the region. Their works was exhibited at the United

Iqbal Hossain-Out of Focus-Drik

Nations building in New York and

the Photographers Gallery in

London. This paved the way to

have their works to get wide pub-

licity. Several of these young

people are currently working in

the Ekushey Television in the

children's news clip 'Mukto

'Monoronjon Noi, Obhijatra'

contains pictures of mostly poor

and working people of the city.

The ongoing exhibition titled

been working. A number of 145 photographs, mostly colour and a few blackand-white by these young and promising people are bound to give rise of hope among the audience. One message is very clear from their works that these photographers worked from their instinct. They pictured those humans whom they could iden-

In the beginning they were

many, in terms of number. When

they were struggling to learn

photography, many dropped out.

Now there are 10 photographers

from Dhaka. The exhibition will

also feature works by another

group of rural children from

Phandauk, a small village near

Brahmanbaria, where Drik has



Daily Star.

There are photographs of

localities, which have been

burned to ashes; a few on natural

scenes, paperboy, person bathing

his pet dog, field workers, slum

lifestyle and various others. By

looking at these pictures one

would certainly realise that these

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Faisal Ahmed Dadan-Out of Focus-Drik

tify with themselves. That is why most of the objects of their photographs are child labourers.

They feel that a lot of things have changed, as they worked on, which have effected their thoughts and visions. Their technique and manner of clicking cameras have also changed. People praise their work but when they see the cameras they are using, most of them say, 'Oh! You used this camera!'

Drik has an educational fund for this young bunch. It also has fund for their treatment, conveyance and costs that include films and printings. The photographs on display are also for sell.

Most of the pictures feature the slums, working people and their sufferings. What mostly these young photographers feel like capturing is the environment around them and they are observing the contrast in the society. 'We are learning photography and taking pictures of child labour, but in fact, we are learn-

5:00 Daily Soap-

Junoon 5:30

Woogi (R) 8:00 Family

Sope) 10:30 C.I.D. #138

12:30 Heena #95 (*Si-

Bhatt, Rakhee Vijan)

1:00 CATS #35 1:30

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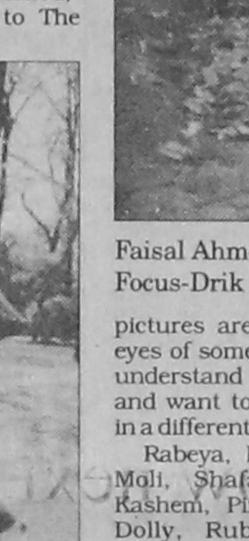
Grusha Kapoor, Ronit

ing to question the authority about rhetoric and reality as far as child labour is concerned," they said while talking to The





Swapna Akter - Out of Focus - Drik



Faisal Ahmed Dadan-Out of

pictures are taken through the eyes of some photographers who understand what they are doing and want to express themselves in a different way.

Rabeya, Faysal, Zakir, Iqbal, Moli, Shafali, Sopna, Bristi, Kashem, Pintu in Dhaka; and Dolly, Rubel, Ruma, Badol, Rupali, Lucky, Taposhi, Rubel Pal, Zafor, Manik in Phandauk are the members of this wonderful group. Kudos to them.

documentary.

The Final Countdown

A film session ends at the Goethe Institut

By Towfique Ali

N the modern-day world, film has not only been served as a source of entertainment but it has proved to be a powerful medium of documentation. Bangladesh Short Film Forum organised a two-day-long Feature Length Documentary film session at the German Cultural Centre (Goethe Institut) auditorium on October 22 and 23. The Forum screened four films projecting socio-emotional problems that we are mired in today's world.

"Kirk-Krat" and "What Do Pina Bauch And Her Dancers Do In Wuppertal?" were screened on the inaugural day at 5:30 pm and 7:00 pm respectively.

documentary on Haiti directed by J. Avila, is about military dictatorship in Latin America and its brutal way of ruling especially in a small country Haiti. "What Do Pina Bauch And

Her Dancers Do In Wuppertal?" is a 115-minute German film. It is an observatory documentary on one of the most gifted female choreographers of present-day Europe by one of the master of German documentary Klaus

Wilden Hann. Afrique's is an 82minute documentary. It is on Cameroon directed by Jean Maria Teno. This documentary on Cameroon tells a story, based on facts, about how democracy fares in African continent. The colonial past of the dark continent has been seen through the eyes of a film maker. It was screened on October 23 at 5:30 p.m.

The session ended with the screening of "What Should We Do Without Death" at 7 p.m. on October 23. It's a 98-minute German documentary directed by Elfi Mikesch.

The title of the film "What Should We Do Without Death" is the feeling that essentially strikes at the core of problem of the elderly women, more particularly in the context of European social framework. Considering crabbed age as the second phase of childhood, the documentary is an honest documentation of some innermost feelings of old-age women abandoned by their oncenear and dear ones. Old age conciseness among people, especially among women living in old homes, is the focus of this experimental documentary by one of most gifted German female film marker.

The documentary very faithfully and compassionately explores the predicament of the old people left in their sheer vulnerability in every sense of the term. It points at the old people's feelings and suggests that they need to be taken care of affectionately. They want to share many of their unexpressed feelings with others and expect reciprocated responses from others.

The film portrays various childlike, often confused, desires of people of this age group. The "Kirk-Krat", a 78-minute old women in the old home express their boredom at their routine life working, taking food, resting and taking medicine. Most often they are confused about how they should pass their

time. And mostly they do so by reminiscing the colourful days of their past. What they badly need is supsupport of every kind.

They are a bunch of lonely people in the real sense of the term. The tedious hours, days and months of loneliness are a pain. At this juncture of life, they

long for companionship and want to share their innermost feelings with the companion. In the absence of a companion, they suffer from spiritual crises. One woman at the old home expressed her disillusionment over worldly life and never wants a rebirth. Another lady, having lost her husband, appears melancholy and laments her irreparable loss. She expresses an intense longing to get her husband. Their idea of death and afterworld is not very clear. But death something that pre-occupies their mind all the time. Sometimes they go on contemplating death endlessly. One lady describes her hallucination as how death came rushing on a horseback.

The message of the documentary is about destiny to prepare in accepting death; an acceptance which at that time becomes a necessity for which you cannot blame them.

Recommendations

Peer Chan

Centre for Asian Theatre (CAT) presents the premiere show of Peer Chan. an adaptation of Henrik Ibsen's Peer Gynt, which will be held at the Shawkat Osman auditorium, Public Library on October 28 at 6:30p.m. Adapted by Sayed Shamsul Haq Peer Chan is directed by Kamaluddin Nilu. Set and light design is done by Kurt Hermansen of Norway and choreography is by Ruth Lerche of Denmark and Munmun Ahmed.

The premiere will be inaugurated by Gerd Wahlstroem, Ambassador of Norway.

Drama festival

The 9-day long Natyautsav, organised by Bangladesh Group Federation, began Oct 22 at the Dhaka Mahanagar Natya Manch at Gulistan. A total of nine front-ranking theatre groups of the country are participating in the utsav. The shows start at 7 in the evening everyday. Dhaka Theatre Manch this evening will stage Mohit Chatterjee's celebrated play Sundar. The play has been directed by Farhad Hassan Siddique.

Papaa's 6th Solo Nurun Nahar Papaa's on going show at Arial Centre gallery, Dhanmandi is a portrayal of nature she has seen through her inner eyes. Open from 12 to 9pm, the show will run until today.

Rashid Khan Performs Today

Contemporary Indian classical music maestro Ustad Rashid Khan will give a vocal recital at National Museum auditorium, Dhaka today at 7:00pm

> Exercise in Wreckage

The 4th solo painting exhibition by Bipul Shah started at the Zainul Galtery. Institute of Fine Arts: University of Dh aka on October 17 at 5.00p.m. The exhibition will remain

open to all from 2.00p.m. -

8.00p.m. everyday till Octo-

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

Rabeya Sarkar Rima - Out of Focus - Drik



Chitrageeti, Moushumi special on Ekushey television tonight 10:20

News 4:05 Sashtho Bolte Chai 7:30 Thattho (Health Ekushey News 8:00 Developing For Shodh 8:30 Pother Mother & Children) Paychali 9:00 Ponds 4:20 Cartoon: Captain Classic Drama 10:00 Planet 4:40 Wild BTV News 10:20 Nature Japan 5:20 Chitrageeti 11:00 Aamar Karbo Joy Ekushey Late Night (Programme For News 11:15 Mon Mon Children) 5:45 Pusti Re Amar 11:45 lattho 6:00 Bangla Ekushey News Head-News 6:05 Uddag 6:30 lines Transmission From Chittagong Center 7:00 CHANNEL-i News For Weather 7:05 8:00 Din Protidin 8:40 Geetbitan (Rabindra Drama: Ghumer Song) 7:25 Chhandey- Deshe 9:10 Bangla Ananandey 8:00 Cinema 12:00 Drama Bangla News At 8 8:20 everyday-Joar Vhata Serial: Bhanga Garar 12:40 Mancholoke 1:15 Khela 9:30 Series: The Chirodiner Gane 2:00 Young Herculas 10:00 Drama: Ghumer News At Ten 10:20 Deshe 2:40 Bangla Sonali Darja Cinema 6:00 Reciting (Programme Drug from Holy Quran 6:101 Addicted) 10:50 Music 6:40 Silpho Aabahomaan Bangla Katha 7:15 I Street 10:30 Choodiyan #8 Angane Mein #23 2:30 11:30 Bangla News Show 8:00 Music Circle 11:35 English News 9:00 Chitti Pelem 10:00 11:40 A) Programme Drama everyday-Joar Outline For Thursday Vhata 10:30 Drama B) National Song 11:45 Ghumer Deshe 11:00

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Closing

Sangeet programme Heart 1:30 Body Imtihaan (*Renuka

Shabe Meraz

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3:00 Ekushey News Language 3:30 Baby Shani, Ferdous Dadi) Show 1:30 [V] Hit Headlines 3:05 Bangla Monitor: Sound of Fear 3:00 Aurat (Daily Machine 2:30 Po [V] Cinema: Dinkal 5:30 5:15 Lethal Weapon 4 Soap) 3:30 Daily Soap- 3:00 [V] Hit Machine Drishti 5:50 Ajker 8:00 Police Academy Ghar Ek Mandir 4:00 4:30 Tea With [V] Potrikay 6:00 Ekushey 10:00 Disclosure 12:30 Daily Soap - (Back To Back Vids) News Headlines 6:05 Close Encounters of Nazdeekiyan 4:30 5.00 Virtual [V] 5:15 Expedition to the the Third 3:15 Holly- Daily Soap- Itihaas Tea With [V] (Back To Animal Kingdom 6:30 wood's Greatest Stunts Life on the Land 7:00 3:45 Lethal Weapon 4

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5:30 Baba Taraknath 8:30 Bollywood News 9:00 Teen Bati Char Rasta 12:00 Geet Bahar 12:30 Beware Nain 3:30 No. 1 # 1 0 4 Bollywood News 4:00 (*Kanwaljeet, Tanvi Boond Jo Ban Gayi Azmi, Kabir, Aporna) STAR SPORTS Moti 7:00 Geet Bahar 8:30 Boogie Woogie 7:00 SBK Superbike 9:30 Rang Birangi- 9:10 Just Mohabbat Samadhi 10:30 #171 (*Saloni, Jay, Bollywood News 11:00 Pritee) 9:50 Ek Mahal Karishma 12:30 Ho Sapna Ka (Daily Karishma (contd) 2:00 Geet Bahar 2:30 Samadhi

SONYENT. TV 7:30 Amrit Varsha 8:00 Sant Asaram Wani 8:30 Music Mantra (Trailer Show) 9:00 Good Morning Disney 10:00 #31 (*Parmeth Sheth, Yeh Duniya Hai



Mon Monre Amar on Ekushey television tonight at 11:15

11:00 Missing #68 11:30 Movers & Shekars 3:00 Daily Soap- Imtihaan Rang Birangee 3:30 (*Renuka Shani, Cine Night Show-Ferdous Dadi) 12:00 Hindi Feature Film Daily Soap- Itihaas 12:30 Movers & CHANNEL[V] Shekars 1:00 Chartbusters (Trailer 2:00 Ajker Potrikay 6:30 White Huntre, Show) 1:30 Rang 2:10 Bhalobasha Kare Black Heart 8:45 The Birangee 2:0 Boogi Koi 2:35 Nazrul Rat Pack 11:15 Clara's Woogi 2:30 Daily Soap-

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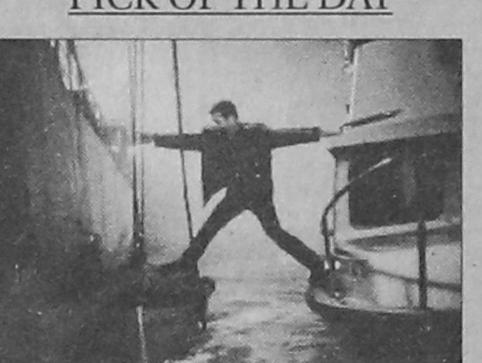
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Back Vids) 8:00 [V] Hit Machine 8:15 [V] Bheja Chartbusters (Trailer Fry 8:30 [V] MMM 9:00 Show) 6:00 Music [V] Junglee Jukebox Mantra (Trailer Show) 9:30 [V] First Day First 6:30 Disney Hour Show 10:00 [V] Hit Cartoons 7:30 Boogi Machine 10:30 [V] Late Night 12:30 [V] Hit Machine

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> 6:30 England Tour Of Pakistan Karachi, PAKISTAN- England Vs Pakistan 1st Odi, Highlights 7:30 Cricket- ICC Knock Out 2000 - Best Catches Kenya, AFRICA 8:00 English Premier Football League Southampton, ENG-LAND- Manchester

TV GUIDE PICK OF THE DAY



Lethal Weapon 4 on HBO at 5:15p.m.

In their fourth adventure together, Los Angeles Police Department's dynamic duo Martin Riggs (Gibson) and Roger Murtaugh (Glover) find themselves caught up in a series of crimes involving immigrant smuggling and counterfeiting. They join forces with junior detective Lee Butters (Rock) and money-laundererturned-private investigator Leo Getz (Pesci) to take on Chinese triad lord Wah Sing Ku (Li). Lithal Weapon 4 also stars Rene Russo and Riggs' lover interest, Lorna Cole. Lethal Weapon 4 is high on explosion, laughter and action.

The movie is directed by Richard Donner and stars Mel Gibson, Danny Glover, Jet Li, Chris Rock, Joe Pesci and others.

Sports- Van's Triple League 2000/01 Baseball World Series Triple Crown Best Of



Mork & Mindy on Star World at 4:30p.m.

Bmx 11:30 Motor Cycle Today Inc. World Meyer 9:30 World Racing- Motoworld Business Report 10:00 News 10:00 Media TV 12:00 Live- Football BBC World News 10:30 10:30 Mork & Mindy Focus 12:30 Live- World Living: Talking 11:00 Hollywood UEFA Champions Movies 11:30 Squares 11:30 Jackie League 2000/01 Reporters 12:00 BBC Colins Hollywood 2000/01 Group Phase 1, Matchday 5

ZEETV 6:15 Yeadon Ki Pal (B/W Songs) 6:45 Old

Is Gold 7:00 Bhakti Songs 7:30 Jagran 7:55 Fitness Plus 8:05 Breakfast Zee (News, Views & Chat) 9:00 Guldasta 9:30 Nicolodion Kid's show 10:30 Ek Nazar 11:00 Alvida Darling 11:30 Hukumat 12:00 Sound of Music 12:10 Dear Women 1:40 Ihalak 1:45 Daily Soap-Hasratein 2:25 Kashti 3:00 Daily Soap-Kartavya 3.30 Daily Soap- Adhikar 4:00 Daily Soap- Chattan 4:30 Daily Soap-Banegi Apni Baat 5:00 Intermission 5:10 Tata Salt Khana Khazana 5:40 Aashiana 6:10 Ek Nazar (Trailer) 6:30 Nicolodion Kid's non, LEBANON- City Vs Southampton Game #3 5:00 Billiards- show 7:30 Ek Nazar Quarterfinal #4 6:25 10:00 Italian Serie A Pool 2000 World Pool (Trailer) 8:00 Daily Soap- Dastaan 8:30 Yeh Hain Mere Apne 9:00 Thief of Bagdad 9:45 Mehendi Tere Duayein Leti Ja 11:30 Thriller At 10 12:00 Crown Best Of Bmx Matchday 5 11:00 India Most Wanted 12:30 Zee Talkies 1:10 Sport 12:30 HARDtalk STARPLUS Ittefaq 1:40 Kashti 2:10 1:30 World Living: Top 5:30 Hit Ya Fit 6:00 Cine Sampat & Sampat 2:20 Gear 2:00 BBC News Jharokha 6:30 Star Naye Nazrane (Trailer 2:30 World Business Geetmala 7:30 Good Show) 3:10 Hindi Report 3:00 Morning India 8:30 Feature Film: Basant Bahar (*Bharat Money Prog 4:30 Asia Ya Fit 9:30 Star Morn-

Bhushan) BBC WORLD 6:00 BBC World News

6:30 World Business Report 7:00 BBC News/Asia Today Inc. STAR WORLD World Business Report 7:00 The Pretender 8:00 8:00 BBC News/Asia Creflo Dollar Daily BBC News / Asia The World With Joyce Fox Kids 7:30 Kahani at 6:30p.m.

Group Phase 1, World News 12:30 12:00 The Oprah Matchday 5 3:00 UEFA Wheels 1:00 BBC Winfrey Show 1:00 Champions League World News 1:30 Home Improvement World Living: Holiday 1:30 Happy Days 2:00 2:00 World News 2:30 JAG 3:00 The Pre-World Focus: tender 4:00 The Oprah Reporters 3:00 BBC Winfrey Show 5:00 World News 3:30 NYPD Blue 6:00 Media HARDtalk 4:00 BBC TV 6:30 The Bold And World News 4:30 The Beautiful 7:00 World Living: Life- Mork & Mindy 7:30 USA Special Philadel- Happy Days 8:00 phia Story 5:00 BBC Baywatch 9:00 Holly-The World Today 5:30 wood Squares 9:30 World Focus: Home Improvement Reporters 6:30 Wheels 10:00 Star News Asia

7:15 World Business 10:30 Friends 11:00 Report 7:30 World Buffy The Vampire Living: Click Online Slayer 11:55 Star News 8:30 HARDtalk 9:00 Asia 12:00 Ally McBeal Naye Nazrane 12:40 BBC World News 9:30 1:00 The Practice 2:00 Zaike Ka Safar 1:10 Asia Today 10:00 BBC Friends 2:30 Star World News 10:15 News 3:00 Buffy The World Business Report Vampire Slayer 4:00 10:30 Made In India: Ally McBeal 5:00 The Face To Face India Practice 6:00 Buffy 11:00 BBC World News The Vampire Slayer



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Friends on Star World tonight at 8:00

Ghar Ghar Ki 8:00 Tu Father of The Bride II Tu Main Main 8:30 DISCOVERY Hasna Mat 9:00 Pal Chhin 9:30 Kaun CHANNEL Banega Crorepati 10:30 6:30 Go For It! 7:30 Kahani Ghar Ghar Ki-7 Ushuaia 8:30 Lonely 11:00 Kyunki Saas Bhi Planet 9:30 Animal in Kabhi Bahu Thi 11:30 Danger 10:00 Eyewit-Aaj Ki Baat 12:00 Tanha ness III 10:30 ESPU 12:30 Hit Ya Fit 1:00 11:00 ÉOuter Bounds I Smal Wonder 1:30 & II 11:30 Shark Files, Saans 2:00 Meri Saheli

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Business Report 9:00 Ministries 9:00 Life In 6:00 Small Wonder 6:30 Bhin Deshi Gram on Ekushey television