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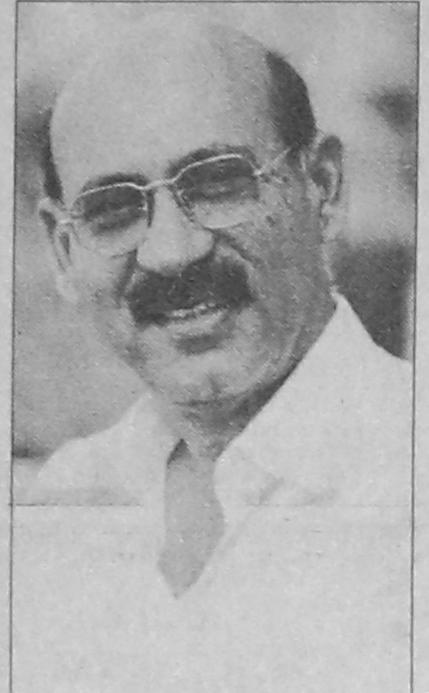
Loko Natyadal honours two most prolific thespians of contemporary theatre

By Tawfique Ali

HEATRE has of late been coming into the focal point d of the country's cultural activities. With the historical move to repeal the Theatre Control Act in the parliament, Bangladesh's theatrical movement is going to experience a renaissance soon. The country's theatre movement, since the country achieved its political independence, has so far made a remarkable progression. During its long arduous journey, theatre movement had to travel a thorny path and experienced a good many obstructions in the name of censorship. During the last thirty years many theatre personalities have worked hard and dedicated themselves to put theatre in a respectable position so that it can play a significant role in social reform. But in many a case it is a matter of regret that such personalities remain unsung.

Loko Natyadal, a very prominent theatre group in the country. has set a precedence in this respect. It has been awarding country's dedicated and outstanding theatre workers since

Loko Natyadal's "Theatre Award-1999" went to actor Abul Hayat and Humayun Faridi two of the most outstanding theatre performers and film actors of the country. The award giving programme was held at a ceremonious function on November 20.



Abul Hayat

Humayun Faridi

The awardees with the special guests pose for a family photograph

at the Mahila Samity auditorium. Baily Road, at 7 in the evening.

Khan, Director General of National Museum were guests of The award aims to recognise the most dedicated and creative honour on the occasion. The former handed over gold medal, theatre personalities. Faridi and certificate and robe to Abul Hayat Hayat have been considered as while later did the same to the most powerful actors, both on the stage and in the film, in Ban-Humayun Faridi. Liakat Ali Lucky chaired the function and Mohini Mohan Chakrabarti, advisor to National Professor Kabir

the Loko Natyadal, was also present at the occa-

Chowdhury and Shamsuzzaman

Loko Natyadal emerged in July, 1981, as an associate organisation of People's Theatre Association. It has remained committed to life-oriented and experimental drama for 19 years now and has staged 34 productions so far. This group's production 'Konjus', an adaptation of the French playwright Moliere's Miser, has received critical acclaim for its brilliant performance and proved a stunning success in drawing crowd. It has been staged for a record number of times in the history of contemporary Bangladesh theatre.

Late Mohammad Zakaria was honoured with this award in 1991; Abdullah Al Mamun, Mamunur Rashid and Asaduzzaman Noor were honored in 1995. Sayed function.

Ahmed and Zia Haider were also given this award in 1996.

Abul Hayat, while expressing his feelings, said that a true theatre activist never works for name and fame. "I never worked for city, new and old. Moni Hossain is reward. Theatreis in my blood. But such initiative as this will let our coming generation to know about the history of our theatre."

Hayat obtained his BSc (Civil) Engineering degree from BUET in 1967. He started acting in 1954 at age of 10, by playing a character

in Tipu Sultan. Humayun Faridi was born in Dhaka in 1952. He did his postgraduation from Jahangirnagar University in 1980. He has been performing in theatre for 30 years | print, hand painting, patch work, now. He has acted in more than patch work and tie and dye make 400 shows. So far, Muntasir the dazzling effects on the winter Fantasy, Shakuntala, Fonimonosha, Kittonkhola are the remarkable plays that he has acted in.

Shamsuzzaman, in his speech, said "during last 30 years Bangladeshi theatre has flourished remarkably. Our theatre has proved its worth; drawn attention and earned a fame over the world. It is the theatre that has widened our outlook and horizon of spirit.

Kabir Chowdhury remarked. "theatre is a powerful medium to

bring about social changes. The award-giving ceremony is that she dyes her own clothes Tissue and georgette, tie and

fashion

### Altamira Fashion Gallery Makes it Debut

Moni Hossain's bright and colourful creations dazzle the eye

By Muneera Parbeen

ITY dwellers will be glad to her studio in DOHS before worklearn that a new gallery solely for the promotion of designers has been launched in binations of colours I use are the city. Altamira Fashion Gallery at Dhanmondi made its debut in the city this week with the creations of Moni Hossain.

Altamira has long felt the necessity for a new platform from where designers can exhibit and sell their creations in this part of the city. This necessity was especially triggered after Alliance Francaise de Dhaka closed its doors to mercantile exhibitions on its premises affective from the beginning of this month. That left designers with almost no other place in this part of the town to put up their show-cum-sales. The seed of th4e idea was born and within a small period of time the venue for the new gallery was also found and decorated to be able to launch it before Ramadan begins.

Thus began the journey of Altamira fashion house, which will be open to all designers in the herself one of the three designers of Altamira but his show is entirely of her own creations.

Bright shades of blue, green and red played around with hues of yellow, lime and black, Moni's creations are sure to cheer up any winter day blue. Salwar Kameezes and sarees in georgettes, chiffons, silks, tissues and synthetic softies decorated by combinations of block print, tube collection of the designer quite outstanding.

Moni's creations are similar in their appearance to some extend. but on closer look, it is discovered that each of her collections have different combinations and intricate designs that make the clothes a signature collection on The creative combinations of

colours and crafts make each of her creations unique by themselves and are not duplicable at all. Moni says that her advantage rials markedly different from with brush paint

others' in the market. She basi- type. cally buys her materials from ing on them.

the creation of local fashion replicas of the work, for the com-



A pale blue lavender and pink sari with abstract design on the anchal

different and I don't stick to any particular formula or measurement of combinations. Also the colour and chemical available in the market influence the result of my efforts greatly.

and chemicals locally, only occasionally picking them up from India if she likes some particular



was rounded off with a cultural and that's what makes her mate- dye salwar-kameeze ensemble

Once the clothes have been India in white and dyes them at dyed and dried, Moni then sets to designing the pattern and cut of the clothes and deciding what 'I myself am not able to create type of work would be doing on them. Hand painting takes time, as does tube block, a method that involves painting by hand directly from the tube of paint.

In combinations of block print, off set by brush paint, or patch works outlined in machine embroidery, the combinations of brightly dyed georgettes. chiffons, or tissue materials create dresses that are made for celebration. The creations are totally ethnic and traditional in their appeal and a sure hit for any kind of festive occasion.

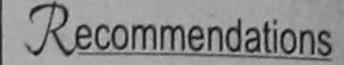
The sarees come in bold patterns of large leaves or traditional alpana patterns on bases of rainbow combination of colours. Most of the sarees are on Rajshahi silks that have been dyed and block printed and embroidered to give them a rich look fit for any festive occasion.

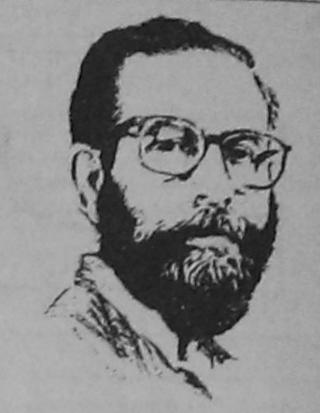
There are also cotton creations on plain bases of Tangail handlooms and some with weaven borders. All the sarees boast elaborate work on the Moni chiefly buys her colours anchal, some depicts peacocks and villages scenes, others hold abstract patterns and motifs.

Moni has had no formal training in arts or painting but has picked up from people she has worked with. There are some creations by her husband Tukun. in her collection on show, she points out. Asked what's on her mind for

the upcoming Eid collection, Moni said that she has been working with a weaver in Mirpur, whose forefathers used to weave the famous Muslin material. They have developed a tissue-like material, much softer than the one available in the market, which is based on the technology and methods used for producing the muslin. This is the material she has used for her upcoming festival collection. She refused to spill any more beans saying that the rest of it will be on display in Ramadan.

Judging from her record of creations, the next exhibition should not be a disappointment of any kind.





Anniversary

Kanthashilan will comemorate the 2nd death anniversary of scholar Nauren Biswas on 27th November at the central public library auditorium. Shahbag.

#### Artists of the New Millennium

Gallery 21 celebrates its 3rd founding anniversary with the group exhibition titled Artists of the New Millennium. The inaugural ceremony of the exhibition started on November 17. The exhibition will bring together the works of all our exciting younger painters.

The exhibition will remain open from 10:00a.m 8:00p.m. till November 27.

#### Exhibition

Jamal Ahmed presents his 43rd solo painting exhibition, now being held at the Divine Art Gallery, Pan Pacific Sonargaon Hotel.The exhibition remains open daily from 9a.m. to 8p.m.



#### Woman Artists

A selection of art works by different women artists of the country will be put on show at the Bengal Shilpalaya Gallery on occasion of the first death anniversary of poet Begum Sufia Kamal. The show that opens at 275/F, Dhanmondi Rd no 27 (old) 16 (new) on Saturday will remain open to the public from 12.00 pm to 8.00 pm everyday till December 9.

#### **EKUSHEYTV**

2:00 Ekushey News Headlines 2:05 Aiker Potrikay 2:15 E Shoptaher Bishsho 2:40 Classic Cartoons 3:00 Ekushey News Headlines 3:05 Meizan Roshonar Bashona 3:30 Bangla Movie: Prem 6:00 Ekushey News Headlines 6:05 The Big Fight 6:30 Gillette World Sports Special 7:00 Pepsodent Braincheck 7:30 Ekushey News 8:00 Shofol Jara Kemon Tara 8:30 Virgin Takdum Takdum 9:00 Shongshar Shokhi 10:00 BTV News 10:20 Chirontonee 11:00 Ekushey Late Night News 11:15 Ei Shoptaho 11:30 Ekushey News Headlines

#### ZEE CINEMA

6:30 College Girl (Virendra Singh, Anita Naagiya) 10:30 Devdas (Dilip Kumar, Vaijayantimala) 2:00 Hanste Khelte (Rahul Roy, Nandini Singh) Hattangadi) 10:30 Aunty No 1 (Govinda, Ravina) 2:30 Bindiya Aur Bandook (Kiran Kumar, Asha Sachdeo)

6:30 Saraansh Ultimate Guide 9:30 Sportscenter Live 2:00 (Anupam Kher, Rohini Future Tense 10:00 English Premier



Shubhesya on BTV tonight at 9:00

DISCOVERY CHANNEL

6:30 Go For It! 7:30 Hour: Gulsitan 4:30 9:30 Sportsline Today 3:00 Morris Cerullo (Biswajeet, Babita

Ushuaia 8:30 Lonely Discovery Profile 9:55 Australia Cricket- 3:30 Exalted World 4:00 Planet I 9:30 Assign- Series 5:30 Discover Ansett Australia Test Creflo Dollar, ment Discovery 10:30 Magazine ESPU 11:00 Outer

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### STAR SPORTS

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Series 2000 West Changing Your World Indies vs Australia 4:30 World News 5:00 12:00 Sportsline Today Outback Adventure Files 12:30 Wild Dis- 6:00 Sportscenter Live 12:30 Australian 6:00 Batman 6:30 Jack covery 1:30 Medical 6:30 Motoworld 7:00 Cricket-Ansett Austra- Hanna's Animal lia Test Series 2000 Adventure 7:00 Things West Indies vs Austra- People Do 7:30 The zine-Stumped Bats-

lia 5:00 Cricket Maga- Simpsons men vs Bowlers 5:30 STARMOVIES Futbol Mundial 6:00 7:00 Thriller: The Good Seniors Open-MI Son 15 9:00 Drama: Motorola Tour of Born Bad 15 11:00 Champions 8:30 World Thriller: Extramarital Wrestling Federation 1:30 Midday Movie: Live Wire 9:00 Asian When A Man Loves a Football Show 10:30 Woman PG 3:30 Com-Sportsline Tonight edy: Paulie PG 5:30 Live 11:30 Australia Family: White Fang Tonight Live STAR WORLD

Ranger 10:00 Martial and Hate 15 Law 11:00 The Oprah

ment 8:30 Happy Days 4:00 Comedy: A Thin

Winfrey Show 12:00

World's Wildest Police STAR GOLD 1:30 The Bold & the Shaheed (Subash Ghai, Bhroman 9:30 Bahari News/Arghya Beautiful 2:00 Mork & Reena Sapru) 8:30 Aahaar 10:00 Griha

PICK OF THE DAY

#### Almost Heroes on HBO

TV GUIDE

tonight at 10:30.

Cricket-Ansett Austra- 7:30 Thriller: The Good It is 18th century America, Hunt and lia Test Series 2000 Son 15 9:30 Bhaskar Edwards are on the trail og the great West Indies vs Austra- Ghose Show 10:00 outdoors to beat Lewis and Clarc in getlia 12:00 Sportsline Friday Night All Stars: ting to the Pacific Ocean first. It is a side-Rapid Fire 15 1992 splitting saga of how the West was lost, 12:15 Friday Fury: Way aided by the contrasts in characters of the of the Dragon 15 2:00 scruffy Chris Farley and the smooth and 8:00 Home Improve- Action: Hangmen 15 refined Mathew Perry.(pick)

9:00 Walker Texas Line Between Love BANGLA

Mindy 2:30 Happy Bollywood News 9:00 Sajja 10:30 Chokher STARPLUS Days 3:00 Baywatch Aadmi (Dilip Kumar, Bali 11:00 Kapurush 7:30 Good Morning 4:00 Hollywood Waheeda Rehman, 11:30 Sa Re Ga Ma India 8:30 Cine Squares 4:30 Home Manoj Kumar) 12:00 12:30 Serial: Amra Jharokha 9:00 Hit Ya Fit Improvement 5:00 Star Geet Bahar 12:30 Probasi 1:00 Serial: 9:30 Star Morning News Asia 5:30 Lakhon Mein Ek Shyaola 1.30 Serial: Ek Show Kasam Vardi Ki Friends 6:00 World (Mehmood, Aruna Akasher Niche 2:00 12:30 Hit Ya Fit 1:00 Championship Wres- Irani, Pran) 3:30 Serial: Nayantara 2:30 TSN 1:30 Shrimati tling Worldwide 7:00 Bollywood News 4:00 Feature Film 5:00 Sharma Na Kehti Thi French and Saunders Sargam (Raj Kumar, Serial: Football 5:30 2:00 Meri Saheli 2:30 7:30 Blackadder Goes Rehana) 7:00 Geet Serial: Chena Mukh Saans 3:00 Hasna Mat Forth 8:00 Murder Call Bahar 7:30 Shaandaar Achena Manush 6:00 3:30 Small Wonder 4:00 9:00 Friends 9:30 Star Shukrawaar Film Arghya 6:30 Serial: Din Jubilee Plus 4:30 Cine News 10:00 Dr Quinn Show: Tum Haseen Protidin 7:30 News In Jharokha 5:00 Hit Ya Fit Medicine Woman 11:00 Main Jawap Bangali 8:00 Serial: 5:30 Chupa Rustom Goodness Gracious (Dharmendra, Hema Nayantara 8:30 Serial: 6:00 Small Wonder 6:30 Me 11:30 Blackadder Malini, Pran) 10:30 Ek Akasher Niche 9:00 Fox Kids 7:30 Hello 6:00 Australia Cricket- Goes Forth 12:00 3rd Bollywood News 11:00 Googly 9:30 Sat Kahan Cinema 8:00 Tu Tu Ansett Australia Test Rock From the Sun Dil Daulat Duniya 10:00 News/Shyaola Main Main 8:30 Kalash Series 2000 West 12:30 French and (Rajesh Khanna, 10:30 Serial: Football 9:00 Star Superhits:

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Indies vs Australia 7:00 Saunders 1:00 Murder Sadhana, Om Praksh) 11:00 Serial: Din Mehndi 11:30 Aaj Ki 1:30 Bangla Movie 4:00 Saans 2:00 Meri Saheli 4:30 Tea With [V] 5:00 India Tomorrow 7:00 Robinson's Wine

2:30 Sewalal Virtual [V] 5:15 Tea Mewawala 3:00 Tu Tu With [V] 8:00 [V] Hit Main Main 3:30 I Love Machine 9:00 [V] My India 4:00 Kuchha Jungli Jukebox 9:30 [V] Papad Pucca Papad First Day First Show 4:30 Janata Ki Adalat 10:00 [V] Hit Machine 5:00 Pal Chhin 5:30 10:30 [V] Late Night

HBO

Kalash

7:00 National Lampoon's The Don's 6:00 BBC News 6:30 Analyst 9:00 Any World Business Report 4:30 The Cable Guy

#### CHANNEL [V] (INDIA)

Which Way You Can 7:00 BBC News 7:30 Addicted to Love 3:30 Business Report 8:00 In Country 6:00 Our BBC News 8:30 Asia Mother's Murder 8:00 Today/Asia Business The Cable Guy 10:00 Report 9:00 BBC News Shakespeare in Love Asia Business Report 2:30 Addicted to Love 10:00 BBC News 10:30 Hardtalk 11:00 BBC News 11:30 Click

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BBC WORLD

7:30 [V] So Long Gone Tomorrow 1:30 BBC

9:30 Virtual [V] 9:45 [V] News 1:30 Hardtalk Video Preview 11:00 Panorama Cutting 3:00 [V] Hit Machine 12:30 BBC News 3:30 [V] Jungli Jukebox 1:00 Hardtalk 4:00 BBC [V] First Day First News 4:30 Talking Show 1:30 [V] Hit Movies 5:00 BBC News

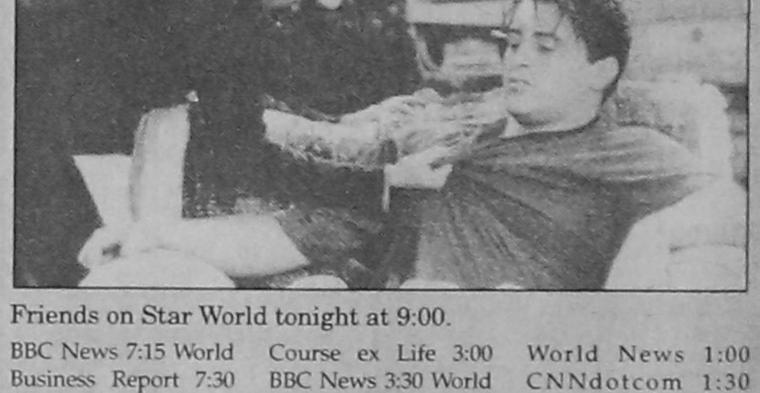
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3:00 [V] Hit Machine 6:00 BBC News 6:30 IT: News 2:30 Jancis



10:00 BBC News 10:15 Business Report/USA Newsroom World Business Report Direct/Asia Today 10:30 Question Time India 11:00 Top Gear 12:35 World Business Report 12:45 World

#### CNN

6:30 Asian Edition 6:45 Asia Business Morning Sport 1:00 World News 7:00 CNN This Morning 7:30 Moneyline 8:00 Larry King Live 9:00 World News 9:30 World Sport 10:00 World News 10:30 Showbiz Today 11:00 World News 11:30 O&A (replay) 12:00 World News 12:30 World Report 1:00 World News 1:30 World Sport 2:00 World News 2:30 Insight 3:00 Larry King Live (replay) 4:00 1.50 Akattorer Dinguli World News 4:30 Biz 2.00 Drama: Nisarge Asia 5:00 Asia Tonight 5:30 World Sport 6:00 Talk 2.50 i Focus 3.00 World News 6:15 Asian Edition 6:30 Biz Asia 7:00 World News 7:30 ebizasia 8:00 Asia Tonight 8:30 World Sport 9:00 World News 9:30 Style South Asia 10:00 World News 10:30 Biz Asia 11:00 World News 11:30 Q&A South Asia 12:00

Talking Movies 8:00 Business Report 4:00 World Business Today BBC News 8:30 BBC News 4:30 Corre- 2:00 World News 2:30 Hardtalk 9:00 BBC spondent 5:00 BBC O&A 3:00 World News News 9:30 Asia Today News 5:30 World Europe 3:30 CNN

7.00 Drama Everyday:

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