

tele-film

The Triumph of Love

Telefilm *Naiori*, a joint production of Viewfinder and Ornet Visual, premiered at the Goethe Institute, in the city.

By Tawfique Ali

LOVE knows no bound, caste and colour: It is such a blissful well that springs up at its own accord and flows incessantly. The intense passion of love leads one to sever all set values and bindings imposed by the society. Set in a typical Bangladeshi village, *Naiori*, a tale of a passionate love affair, was premiered on November 27, in the evening at the Goethe Institute Auditorium.

As TV channels are open to private productions, we have been experiencing private efforts to dish out wholesome entertainment through different private TV channels. With the coming of various channels, one is no longer a slave of a particular channel. One would admit the fact that this is a healthy sign for a people who are entertainment starved. TV channel are producing their version of TV cinema lovingly called Tele-film.

Naiori, the latest addition to TV's Tele-film culture, evolves around a tale of some rustic village people and their emotional bondage, natural feelings, love, affection, union and separation in their simplest and purest form. The film portrays a young village woman who falls victim to social injustice and cruelty. Though her falling in love is not a crime, her



Bipasha as the simple village girl Piari in the film

parents send her to a kind of exile just to save her from being out-cast.

The synopsis of the story runs as under:

Mona, a young man from an ordinary household, who leaves his home with a flute to a world unknown to him in search of work. Wandering about different places, one day he arrives in an idyllic village with the intention to settle down. He gets a household job in the village. Mona works in the day and plays on his flute at night.

Piari, the young daughter of

Mona's employer, is enchanted by the tune of his flute. She develops an intense love for Mona and the two young lovers elope one night and get married.

But the society reacts only to reject and condemn this union of two souls. The society that is under the sway of obscurantism and religious dogmas takes fright at the natural relation that is developed between a man and a woman. Whenever the so-called values of a society faces a challenge the traditionalists feel threatened. And as such the society remain deaf to cries of

human soul.

The society declares Mona and Piari outcast and virtually banishes them from their abode of love.

In the next morning the village elders reach the verdict that Mona be expelled from the village. He, out of frustration, joins a Bawl group and stops playing his flute.

Piari's parents can't marry her off because of her social 'stigma'. So, they decide about spreading the rumour that Piari has passed away and her to a far off village to marry her off.

Eventually, Piari gets married to a childless middle-aged man without her consent. She reveals the sad story of her life to her husband at the wedding night. Though she submits herself to him, she says that she won't be able to accept any man as her husband other than Mona. Piari and her new husband feign husband and wife but actually they lead an insular conjugal life.

Piari all the while cherishes her lover husband and miserably fails to accept the man, whom she lives with, as her husband.

Latter it happens that Piari's younger brother comes to take her on a post-marriage return trip to her father's house. On the way to her village by boat she comes to know that "she is dead" to the villagers. She makes up her mind that she would go neither her father's house nor her in-laws' house. After wandering for some time, the boat stops at a place where a Bawl song programme is in progress. Here Piari meets her true love, Mona. She intends to stay with him. But Mona, now beyond any worldly cravings, discards the idea. He, instead, asks his beloved to search him in the man who is socially recognised as her husband.

Piari returns to her in-law's house and the film ends up with the sad news that the first wife of Piari's husband dies of labour pain, might be to provide Piari with a room of her own in the house.

Piari's husband eventually feels affinity towards her and makes efforts to endear her through love and affection.

The central characters the film are being played by Bipasha Hayat who has starred the character of Piari, Azizul Hakim who has played in the role of Mona and Toukir Ahmed in the role of Piari's husband. The film script has been written by Shakur Majid and directed by TV performer Toukir Ahmed.



Naiori on the way to her father's house

sky entertainment

HBO This December

By Cultural Correspondent

WHAT else does one need if movies such as *The Godfather*, *Lost in Space* and *Mission Impossible* are being aired within a space of two weeks? Yes, movie channel HBO is bringing all these and many more for you this December. A peek into the highlights.

Based on Mario Puzo's best-selling novel, *The Godfather* has been hailed as 'the 1970s answer to *Gone With the Wind* - a film of epic proportions, masterfully done.' (Leonard Maltin) *Nimicked*, parodied and revered, Francis Ford Coppola's 1972 sprawling masterpiece picked up three Oscars: Best Picture, Best Actor (for Brando) and Best Adapted Screenplay.



The Godfather (December 3 at 10.00p.m.)

The Godfather

Starring: Al Pacino, Marlo Brando, James Caan

Airdate: December 3 at 10:00 pm

The New York-New Jersey underworld is a world where emotional ties are strong loyalties are flexible at times and tempers are short. One of the ruling clans is the Corleones headed by Don Vito (Brando). Al Pacino is the Don's youngest son, Michael, who though previously uninterested in the family business, reluctantly takes over when his father is critically wounded in an assassination attempt by a rival gang. It also stars Robert Duvall as the Corleone's attorney and Diane Keaton as Michael's sweetheart.



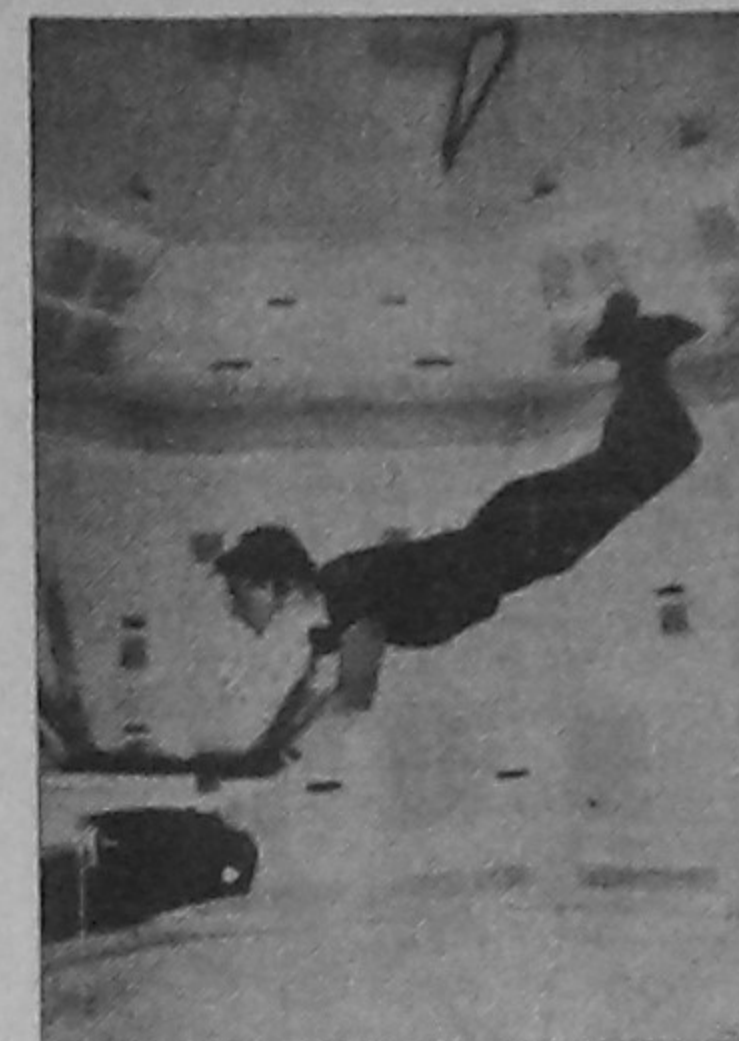
Lost in Space (December 4 at 10.00p.m.)

Lost in Space

Starring: William Hurt, Gary Oldman, Matt Le Blanc

Airdate: December 4 at 10:00 pm

No, it is nothing like the original 60's TV series. In fact, other than the familiar plot of the Robinson family set adrift in space looking for home, this movie is light years away. Even Robby the robot is new and updated. This is largely thanks to more than 750 state-of-the-art special effects that catapult it to being a visual feast, creating larger than life creatures and out-of-this-world scenarios. An all-star ensemble cast also makes this movie a veritable eye candy. Matt Le Blanc from television's *Friends* plays the pilot of a mother ship, headed towards a new planet marked for colonization. En route, the ship is sabotaged by arch villain Dr Zachary Smith and is sent hurtling off course. The Robinson family then has to figure out a way to survive in uncharted territories and unexpected circumstances. A definite must see for sci-fi fans. Other cast members add the glitter, such as Oscar winner William Hurt, Mimi Rogers, Lacey Chabert, and Heather Graham among others. Check out the groovy retro-inspired closing sequence.



Mission Impossible (December 9 at 10.00p.m.)

Mission Impossible

Starring: Tom Cruise, Jon Voight

Airdate: December 9 at 10.00 pm

Your mission should you choose to accept it is to go along with Tom Cruise on "the wildest movie ride of the year. Tom plays super-agent Ethan Hunt, accused of betraying his agency and selling top-secret information to the highest bidder. Racing from one tight spot to another, he fights to prove his innocence and to uncover the "mole" that threatens the CIA's efforts in Eastern Europe. All this to the beat of Lalo Schiffrin's immortal, addictive theme music.

A Few Good Men

Starring: Tom Cruise, Jack Nicholson, Demi Moore

Airdate: December 10 at 10.00 pm

Riveting courtroom drama. While defending two young marines accused of murder, a Navy lawyer finds he must face his own deepest fears. Eager to obtain a quick and quiet plea bargain, the Navy appoints Lieutenant JG Daniel Kaffee (Cruise) to defend two Marines accused of murdering a fellow platoon member while conducting a "code red" disciplinary action. But what begins as a routine open and shut case, slowly unravels into a far more complex issue than the young Lieutenant lawyer expects. Suddenly realising why he was assigned the case Kaffee finds he must wage a major court battle to defend both his clients and his honor. Directed by Rob Reiner the outstanding cast in this film also includes Demi Moore and Jack Nicholson.

Recommendations

Recitation

Organised by the academy of Recitation, the recitation of *Bolachand Mukhapadhaya's Koshipathar* will be held at the Showkat Osman Memorial auditorium today at 6:30 in the evening.



Bangla Faces

The Goethe Institut, Dhaka and Drik gallery have jointly organised a workshop on photography with renowned German photographer Thomas Lüttge at the Goethe Institut.

This is the second workshop of this kind by Lüttge in Dhaka. This year he will be conducting the workshop within the framework of the 'Chobi Mela', the first photography festival in Asia. The workshop will come to an end on December 11.

Exhibition on

Liberation

On the occasion of the 30th anniversary of the Liberation War, the Liberation War Museum started a month long exhibition titled *Gouraboy Atmadan Chiro-Jagorok* yesterday.

The remaining found in the killing fields of Jallakhana and Nuri Masjid and some photographs are being exhibited.

Krishti

The preview of their apparel exhibition of uniquely Deshi fabrics steeped in heritage for both men and women started at the Drik gallery.

The exhibition will come to an end tomorrow.

Commemorative discussion

A commemorative discussion will be held on late Professor Abdur Razzak and his life and work on December 1 at 10 a.m. at the T.S.C of Dhaka University. The chairman of Abdur Razzak Foundation, Justice Muhammad Habibur Rahman will preside over the programme.

TV GUIDE

PICK OF THE DAY



Voyage of Terror

Tonight on Star Movies at 10

As the luxurious cruise ship, *Capricorn*, sets sail on a majestic voyage filled with vacationing passengers, neither they nor the crew would ever suspect the Ebola virus that is onboard, after passengers begin to fall ill. It is up to US Army infectious disease researcher, Dr. Stephanie Tauber (Wagner), vacationing aboard the liner with her daughter, to determine the cause of the mystery illness. Starring: Lindsay Wagner, Michael Ironside & Martin Sheen

Island One 5:00 Lassie 5:30 Doogie Howser 6:00 Batman 6:30 Jack Hanna's Animal Adventure 7:00 Second Noah

STAR MOVIES

7:30 Action: The Hostages 12:30 Comedy: Gone Fishin 15:11:30 Action: Blood on the Badge 15:13:30 Maximum Force 15:33:30 Comedy: Gone Fishin 15:53:30 Thriller: Error in Judgement 15:7:15 Drama: The Client 15:9:30 US Top Ten 10:00 Thrillennium: Voyage

of Terror 1998 12:00 Saturday Late Night Movies: Twist of Fate 12:20:00 Thriller: Error in Judgement 15:4:00 E! This: Rebekka Armstrong 5:00 Action: Imminent Danger 15

STAR PLUS (INDIA) 6:00 Hello Cinema 6:30 Star Getmalma 7:30 Good Morning India 8:30 Fox Kids 10:30 National Geographic Special 11:30 I Love My India 12:00 Chupa Rustom 12:30 Mirch

BTV

Morning session 9:00 Opening announcement 9:10 Children sports programme 9:35 Angana: Programme for woman 10:00 Programme on mother



Earth Final Conflict on BTV today at 7:25p.m.

and child health 10:20 Movie of the week: Lawrence of Arabia (part-1) Evening session 2:30 Opening announcement 2:35 Tele-film: Kachher Manush 4:00 Khabar 4:45 Mahe Ramadan 5:25 Special programme marking the national day of United Arab Emirates 5:50 Nibedan 6:00 Khabar 6:25 Programme from Chittagong Station 7:00 Geetimalya: Rabindrasangeet Programme 7:25 Film Show: Earth Final Conflict 8:00 News in Bengali 8:20 A special programme on Chittagong hill track peace agreement 8:40 Special programme on Victory Day 8:50 This Week's Drama: Tulsum 10:00 News at Ten 10:20 Talk Show: Khola Janala 10:50 Drama Series: Sea's Green 11:15 Khabar/The News 11:30 Close Down

EkusheyTV

2:00 Ekushey News Headlines 2:05 Ajker Potrikay 2:15 Shorashori 3:00 Documentary Film on Hill Tracks Peace Treaty 3:30 Toyota World of

Wildlife 4:00 Documentary: Savage Sky 5:00 Religious Musical Programme 5:30 E! Shoptah 6:00 Ekushey News Headlines 6:05 European Football Show 7:00 Mukto Khobor 7:30 Ekushey News 8:00 Drama: Badhon Hara 9:00 Bangla Movie: Bou Rani 10:00 BTV News 10:20 Bangla Movie: Bou Rani 11:00 Ekushey Late Night News 11:15 Ekushey News Headlines

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World Aids Day special drama: Hobona Badhon Hara on Ekushey television tonight at 8

Masala 1:00 TSN 1:30 Chharwali Uparwali 2:00 Kabhi Kabie Mere Ghar Men Bhuchaal Aata Hai 2:30 National Geographic Special 3:30 Tea Time Cinema: 6:30 Musafir Hoon Yaron 7:00 Family Fortunes 7:30 Chalti Ka Naam Antakshiri 8:30 STAR Mast Movies: Insaaf (Akshay Kumar, Shilpa Shetty) 11:30 Aaj Ki Baat 11:45 Insaaf 12:30 Pal Chhin 1:00 Kalash 1:30 I Love My India 2:00 Kabhi Kabhie Mere Ghar Mein Bhuchaal Aata Hai 2:30 Hasna Matt 3:00 Hello Cinema 3:30 National Geographic Special 4:30 Musafir Hoon Yaron 5:00 Chharwali Uparwali 5:30 Shrimati Sharma Na Kehni Thi

BBC WORLD

6:00 BBC News 6:30 World Business Report 7:00 BBC News 7:30 Asia Today World Business Report 8:00 BBC News 8:30 Asia Today World Business Report 9:00 BBC News 9:30 Asia Today World Business Report 10:00 BBC News 10:30 Hardtalk 11:00 BBC News 11:30 Talking Movies 12:00 BBC



Special documentary on Chittagong hill tracks, today on Ekushey television at 3:00p.m.



A Civil Action tonight on HBO at 10

Theroux's Weekends (45) Inside Dot Coms (46-49) Moral Combat (50-52) Global Sunrise (53) 3:00 BBC News 3:30 Talking Movies 4:00 BBC News 4:45 The Entertainment Biz (45-47) Pull Of The City (48-50) Nobel Minds (51) TBA (52) Royal Collart (53) 8:00 BBC News 8:30 Click Online 9:00 BBC News 9:45 Generous Rich (45) Bubble Trouble (46-48) Tate Mod (49-50) Shock (51) Royal (52) Global Sunrise (53) 10:00 BBC News 10:30 Mastermind India 11:00 BBC News 11:30 Talking Movies 12:00 BBC News 12:30 This Week 1:00 BBC News 1:30 Earth Report ex World Review 2:00 BBC News/Louis

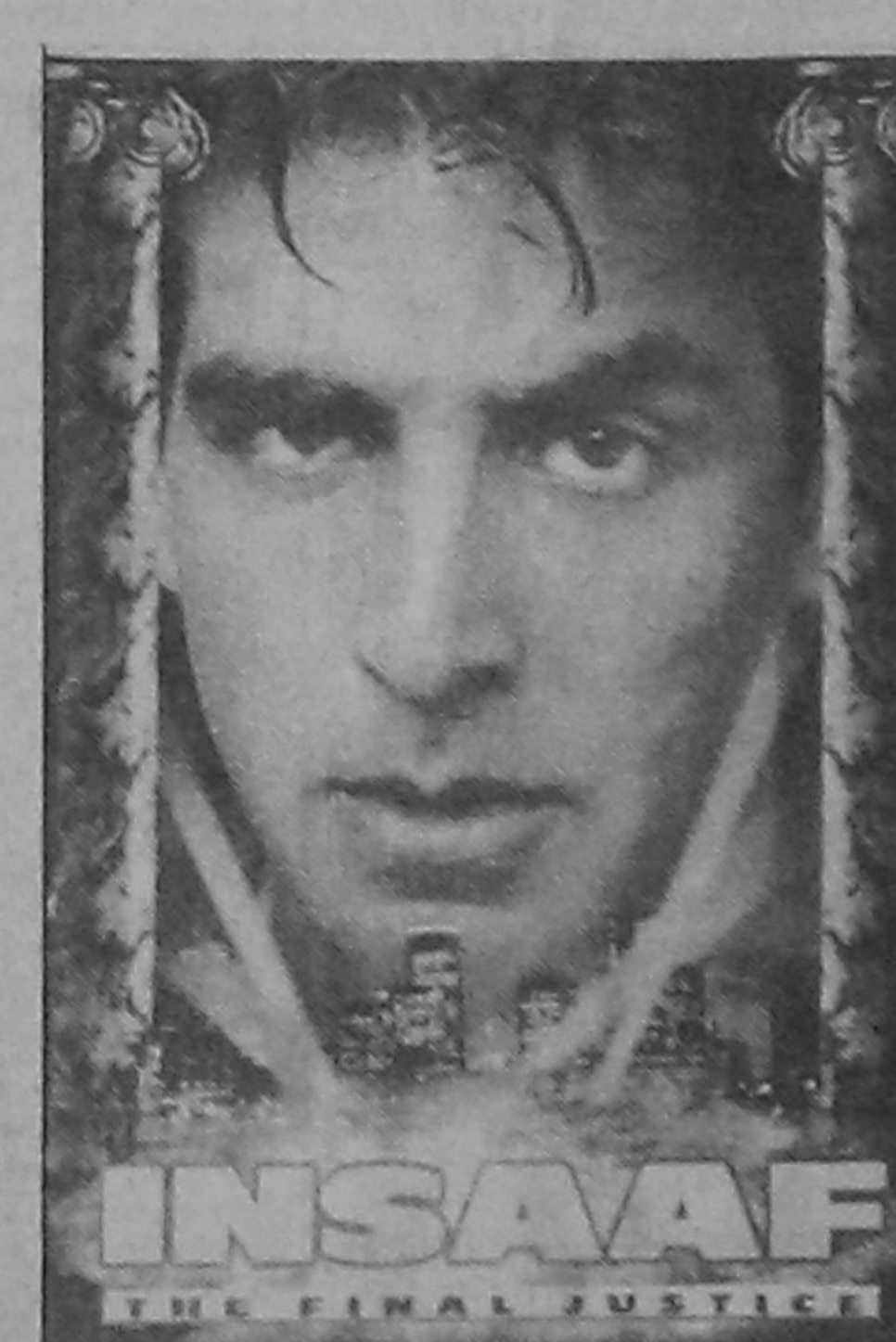
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Artclub 9:00 World

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HBO

7:00 Sphere 9:30 Marilyn: The Untold Story 12:00 Power 2:15 Fearless 4:45 If Looks Could Kill 6:45 Hollywood's Greatest Stunts #208A: Taking Care of Business 7:15 Batman 10:00 A Civil Action 12:15 Showdown In Little Tokyo 2:00 Mean Streets 4:15 Batman



Star Mast Movies: Insaaf on Star Plus tonight at 8:30