

exhibition

Capturing Faces within Faces

Shishu Academy holds an exhibition of portrait photography which is the result of a workshop hosted by Drik.

By Tawfique Ali

Portrait photography is still in its infancy in Bangladesh. Encounters with internationally famed photographers as well as getting international exposure are the keys to take our photography to international photographic mainstream; and Drik has exactly done that by organising the 1st Photography Festival in Asia or Chobi Mela, currently being held in Dhaka, which will open up a new forum for learning and sharing photographic experiences. This photography festival, it is expected, punctuated with various academic sessions will pave passages to newer dimensions of photographic art. As an outcome, country's photography will gain a

significant drive for its progression. As part of Chobi Mela, a workshop was held on portraits between Nov. 30 and Dec. 9, 2000 at Pathshala-South Asian Institute of Photography, resulting in an exhibition of portrait photographs titled 'Faces within Faces'. A total of 16 photographers, 14 Pathshala diploma and graduate students and 2 externals, took part in the workshop conducted by Thomas Lutte and Eric Huber-- photographers from Germany and Switzerland respectively. We, due to subjectivity, often escape noticing an artistic value, meaning, beauty and coincidence of light and space when we experience a person. In most cases human observation lacks objectivity. But a camera sees an object objectively. So we can learn by watching our photo-



graphs with more time to understand and observe what camera captures. A camera is not confused like we some times are. It is an effective device to help us for a better understanding of the world around us.

The participants of the workshop used to start their day early in the morning shooting. In the afternoon, they all met at the Pathshala. The participants would then sit with the days work and select some frames from contact sheets and then, with Thomas and Eric, to engage themselves in an evaluation of their work. After serious discussions work prints would be made from the chosen frames, and enlargements for the exhibition.

The photographs were taken under four themes, Space, Light, Moment and Faces. In the theme Space, a black and white picture taken by Golam Mostafa Akash depicts a woman washing utensils and other household materials in a pond. In the same section again, an angular turning space with a boy peeping out of curiosity, is a snap shot by Azizur Rahim Pua.

When spectators turn to the next section called Light, they would be amazed by the splendid sport of light and shade to make photographs appear aesthetically valuable. One image in black and white by

Ashfaque Ahmed Khair in this section, is a man's face where light and shade has been captured in such a way that it make it to give a different look. In another picture by Saeyad Farhana, a woman's face appears to be a canvas in which light portrays an image of itself giving birth to a mystery on the face. Shade divides the face keeping one part of it under darkness while light makes the other part visible. Next the visitors plunge into a captivating mystery created by light entering through a window grills and falling upon a woman singing with her musical instruments. Solemnity produced by a beautiful blend of light and darkness all around the classical artist evokes an unearthly pleasure in the viewer's mind. One is easily overwhelmed by the simplicity of black and white.

In the section called Moment, some fleeting moments have been framed brilliantly. These moments are captured in black and white, as it were, to adhere to exactness and unmixed reality of the events. Moments of boys running in an open field, workers tying up bamboo frame for construction work, an elderly man chopping wood and piling them up and a sweating moment of arduous earth work constitute this section. And the last section called Faces,

is a gallery of faces with various expressions. This portrait gallery presents expressions of pleasure, exclamation, worry, disgust, grief, despair, meditation, inquisitiveness and happy faces in light and shade.

The participants had to undergo different phases to get to the theme of portrait photography. Three stages of the process were social position, dreamy state of the mind and personality, unrepeatable moments of a person. social position of a person is determined by the factors--society, position, role and individual abilities. dreamy state of mind is a kind of absence as a possibility for an inner retreat.

The workshop Faces within Faces was meant to focus on the dialogue between the persons-- in front of the camera and behind the camera.

The exhibition will remain open till January 17 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. everyday.

workshop

License to Write

Workshops on Creative Writing at British Council in February

By Cultural Correspondent

The British Council organises two creative writing workshops titled 'From Inspiration to Publication' for poets who need a platform to learn about the basics of writing and an intense reading of their own work.

The workshops will be conducted by noted poet Sudeep Sen. The workshop will take a look at the outputs of a group of selected participants at the event. Aspects of prosody-metre, rhythm, rhyme, and structure will be discussed at the workshop. Alongside this discussions will be held online-by-line analysis of compositions, critical thinking, and notes on revision and rewriting.

Participants at the event will also be given guidance to write pieces on different topics and this will be read out at the session. They will also be

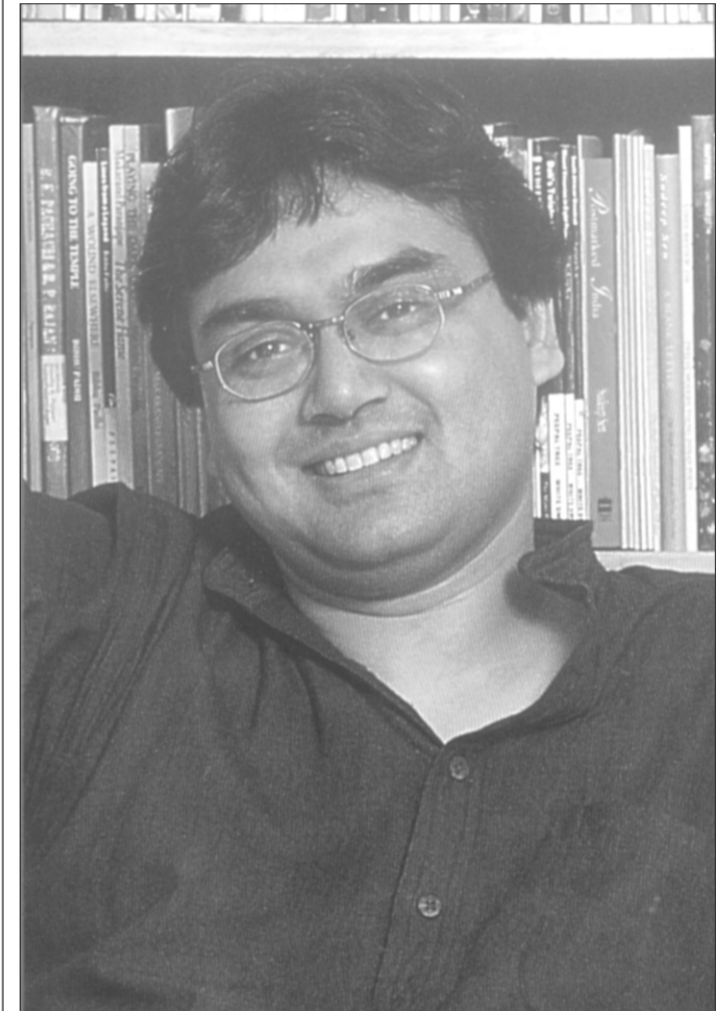
encouraged to read extensively on a variety of subjects, since the basis of being a good writer is to be a good reader as well.

The incentive of the workshops will be that the best works read out at the session will be put together in a book form.

Sudeep Sen needs no prior introduction in literary circles. His works have been published widely including The Times Literary Supplement, The Guardian, The Financial Times, and The Statesman.

Born in New Delhi, Sudeep received an MSc from the Graduate School of Journalism at Columbia University in New York. He has published 15 books and chapbooks.

He is also the winner of Hawthornden Fellowship for his book Postmarked India: New and Selected Poems (HerperCollins).



Poet Sudeep Sen

Recommendations

Fashion Show

A fashion show, organised by the students of Design Inspiration, will be held at the auditorium of Bangladesh Institute of Administration & Management (BIAM), 63 New Eskaton, on January 12 at 5:30 p.m. Design Inspiration, established in 1998 with foreign collaboration, is one of the pioneer design institutes of the country. This fashion house is affiliated to Birla Institute of Liberal Arts.

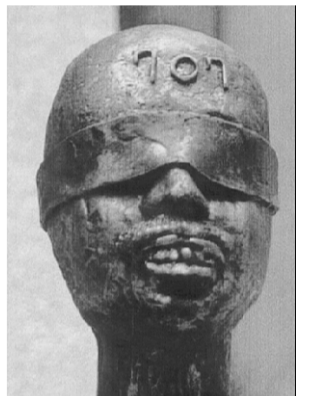
Exhibition

Selected Indonesian exhibitions titled Images from Antara



News Agency, The Children of Timore Lorosa'e and The Transfixed Spectator are being held at the Gallery Chittrak, House # 21, Road # 4, Dhammondi.

The exhibition will run till January 14 from 10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. everyday.



Alka Mathur and Naresh Kapuria's joint show opens at Bengal Gallery on January 18. Alka Mathur is a familiar name in the Dhaka art circle. These two artists together promise a mind stirring show for the city's gallery-goers.



TV GUIDE

PICK OF THE DAY



A new drama serial Cleopatra on BTV after 8:00 p.m. Bangla News tonight.

Hel (Gina Torres), Sarge (Victoria Pratt) and Horst (David Press) emerge from an underground shaft into what used to be Grand Central Station. They're nearing the Earth's surface and Hel has an uneasy feeling. She doesn't want to press on but the Voice, which only Hel can hear through a receptor implanted in her jaw, tells her that it's crucial that they make it to the surface. The three warriors, armed with gauntlets that sport an array of high-tech weapons, climb through a trap door and look in wonder at the vast landscape, a sight Hel has never seen before. Suddenly, the group is attacked by a Bailey, a monstrous airborne creature heavily protected by armor. Hel leaps into action and fires a rocket from her gauntlet. One of the Bailey's arms falls off. Hel grabs it, and the group retreats back under the Earth as the Bailey regenerates. Hel and Sarge think they've made a clean getaway, but metal guns pop out of Horst's forearms and they realize he's a Betrayer robot.

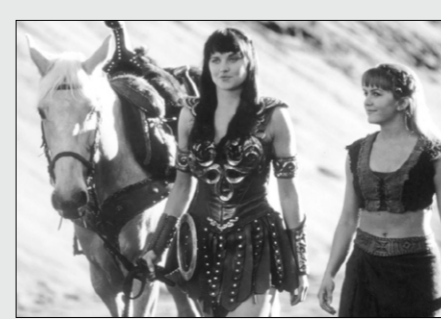
Hel (Gina Torres) and Sarge (Victoria Pratt), two warriors in the year 2525, rescue Cleopatra (Jennifer Sky), an aspiring actress who awakens from a cryogenic deep freeze after more than five centuries to find the world literally turned upside down.

Waheeda Rehman)

HBO
7:00 Conspiracy Theory 9:45 Wolfen 12:15 Gardens of Stone 2:30 Heartbreak Ridge 5:15 Marathon Man 7:45 Eraser 10:00 Lethal Weapon 3 12:30 Major Payne 2:30 Gardens of Stone 4:45 Eraser

AXN
6:00 Dark Skies/Mercury Rising 7:00 Action Heroes/Action Heroes 8:00 Cyberteam in Akihabara/Flame of Recca 9:00 Slam Dunk/SamuraX 10:00 Charlie's Angels I/consenting Adults 11:00 Action Heroes/Action Heroes 12:00 Beasmatter II 1:00 Movie: Murderer's Row 3:00 Who Dares Wins/Cyberteam in Akihabara 4:00 Flame of Recca/Slam Dunk 5:00 Samurai X/Who Dares Wins 6:00 Walker's World/Walker's World 7:00 Wheels of Justice 8:00 Premiere Movie: Gattaca 10:00 Charlie's Angels I/Consenting Adults 11:00 18 Wheels of Justice 12:00 Movie: Gattaca 2:00 Dark Skies-Mercury Rising 3:00 Silk Stalkings V/Last Kiss Goodnight

BBC WORLD
6:00 BBC News 6:30



Xena on Star World at 8:30 p.m.



Hercules on Star World at 6:30 p.m.

World Business Report 7:00 BBC News 7:30 Asia Today/Asia Business Report 8:00 BBC News 8:30 Asia Today/Asia Business Report 9:00 BBC News 9:30 Asia Today 9:45 Asia Business Report 10:00 BBC News 10:30 Hardtalk 11:00 BBC News 11:30 Click Online 12:00 BBC News 12:30 IT: India Tomorrow 1:30 BBC News 1:30 Hardtalk 2:00 BBC News 2:30 Panorama ex Privacy: Net World Rev 3:00 BBC News 3:30 Hardtalk 4:00 BBC

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CNN
4:00 CNN This Morning 4:30 Asia Business Morning 5:00 CNN This Morning 5:30 Asia

DISCOVERY CHANNEL
6:30 Animal Survivors 7:00 In Care of Nature 7:30 Outer Bounds I & II 8:00 Without Warning I 8:30 Lonely Planet I 9:30 Assignment Discovery 10:30 Go For It! 11:30 Intimate Escapes 12:00 Wild Discovery 1:30 Medical Detectives II 2:30 21st Century Medicine 3:30 Animal Survivors 4:00 In Care of Nature 4:30 Outer Bounds I & II 5:00 Without Warning I 5:30 Lonely Planet III 6:30 Splat II & III 7:00 Let's Dance/There's No Food Like My Food 7:30 Wild Discovery 8:30 Ultimate Guide 9:30 Future Tense 10:00 Cafe Digital 10:30 India Hour: Gulistan 11:00 India Hour Gulistan 11:30 Discovery Profile Series 12:30 Wild Discovery 1:30 Ultimate Guide 2:30 Future Tense 3:00 Cafe Digital 3:30 India Hour: Gulistan 4:30 Discovery Profile Series 5:30 21st Century Medicine



Lethal weapon on HBO at 10:00 p.m. Join Mel Gibson and Danny Glover as they once again set your screen on fire in Lethal Weapon 3. STARRING: Mel Gibson, Danny Glover, Joe Pesci, Rene Russo

BTV
Morningsession 9:00 Opening announcement 9:10 Khabar 9:15 Alorpathy 9:35 Documentary 10:00 The News 10:05 Sports programme 10:30 Moner Mukurey 11:30 Moner Katha 11:55 Computer 12:40 Closing Evening session 3:00 Opening announcement 3:20 Bengali feature film 4:00 Khabar 4:05 Bengali feature film 6:00 Khabar 6:10 Sukhi Paribar 6:30 Programmes of Chittagong centre 7:00 Malancha 7:25 Drama serial: Alowkik (2nd part) 8:00 News in Bangla 9:00 Magazine Utsab 10:00 News at

World Sports Special 7:00 Pepsodent Braincheck 7:30 Ekushey News 8:00 Drama Serial: Probashi Porjon 8:30 Virgin Takdum Takdum 9:00 Shukrobarer Natok: Grohon 10:00 BTV News 10:20 Nescafe Unplugged 11:00 Ekushey Late Night News 11:15 E1 Shoptaho 11:30 Ekushey News Headlines

STAR WORLD
6:00 Exalted Word 6:30 Creflo Dollar, Changing Your World 7:00 World News 7:30 Outback Adventure 8:30 The Adventures of Sinbad 9:30 The Simpsons 10:00 The Things People Do 10:30 The Bold & the Beautiful 12:30 TV Com 1:00

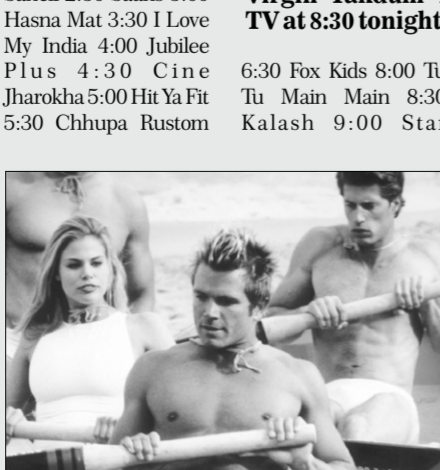


The Adventure of Sindbad on star World at 8:30 a.m.

Xena 4:30 Hercules 5:30 Key of David

STAR PLUS

6:00 Tu Tu Main Main 6:30 STAR Geetmala 7:30 Hit Ya Fit 8:00 Cine Jharokha 8:30 Good Morning India 9:30 Star Morning Show 12:30 Hit Ya Fit 1:00 TSN 1:30 Shrimati Sharma Na Kehti Thi 2:00 Meri Saheli 2:30 Saans 3:00 Hasna Mat 3:30 I Love My India 4:00 Jubilee Plus 4:30 Cine Jharokha 5:00 Hit Ya Fit 5:30 Chhupa Rustom



Baywatch on Star World at 5:30 p.m.

Superhits: Patthar Ke Phool (Salman Khan, Raveena Tandon) 12:00 Aaj Ki Baat 12:45 Patthar Ke Phool (Contd) 1:00 Chalti Ka Naam Antakshri 2:00 Gharwali Uparwali 2:30 Chhupa Rustam 3:00 Shrimati Sharma Na Kehti Thi 3:30 Kalash 4:00 I Love My India 4:30 Janata Ki Adalat 5:00 Siski 5:30 STAR Bestsellers

STAR MOVIES

7:00am Drama: That Championship Season 9:15am Thriller: Species 2 11:00am Comedy: Bitter Suite 1:00pm Action: Fist Blood 3:00pm Thriller: Angel Heart 5:00pm Comedy: Doctor Dolittle 7:00pm You-Pick-the-Flick: TBA 9:00pm Action: Armageddon 11:30pm



Virgin Takdum Takdum on Ekushey TV at 8:30 tonight.

6:30 Fox Kids 8:00 Tu Tu Main Main 8:30 Kalash 9:00 Star Action: The Contract 1:00am Drama: That Championship Season 3:15am Drama: Ever After 5:15am Comedy: Secret Life of Girls 7:00am Drama: Johnny Handsome STARGOLD 8:30 Bollywood News 9:00 Milap (Dev Anand, Geeta Bali) 12:00 Geet Bahar 12:30 Hamrahi (Randhir Kapoor, Tanuja) 3:30 Bollywood News 4:00 Amne



Drama serial Probashi Porjon on Ekushey TV at 8:00 p.m.

Ten 10:20 Film show: The X-Files 11:30 Khabar/ The news 11:45 Closing.

EKUSHEY TV
2:00 Ekushey News Headlines 2:05 Ajker Potrikay 2:15 E Shoptaher Bishsho 2:40 Classic Cartoons 3:00 Ekushey News Headlines 3:05 Bangla Movie: Khoch Khobor 6:00 Ekushey News Headlines 6:05 The Big Fight 6:30 Gillette

Travel Asia 1:30 Fox Kids Goosebumps 3:30 World Champions Wrestling Nitro 5:30 Baywatch 6:30 Hercules 7:30 Xena 8:30 Sir Arthur Conan Doyle's The Lost World 9:30 First Wave 10:30 Sir Arthur Conan Doyle's The Lost World 3:30