

film

The Show Must Go On

The press show of Kittankhola at Goethe Institut

By Nafid Imran Ahmed

THE movie was shot in a very nice location; by the river Jamuna, a place called Dhunat in Bogra district. *Kittankhola*, a film based on the theatrical presentation by famous playwright Selim Al Din. It is one of those plays that can also put an impact a movie among the audience. The shooting was completed in February 2000. And since then till now it was the long process of editing and censoring. The premier show of *Kittankhola* was held on Bangladesh Television on November 25, 2000. A press show of the film was held at the Goethe Institut (German Cultural Centre) on January 16.

The screenplay for the film is prepared by director Abu Sayeed and Nurul Alam Atik. And it has stars like Raisul Islam Asad, Mamunur Rashid, Pijush Bondhapadhaya, Nayla Azad Nupur, Tomalika Karmakar, Joyonta Chattapadhaya, Azad Abul Kalam, Kamal Ahmed, Habib, Rahmat Ali, Abdul Hannan Sheli, Towfique Hasan Moyna, Prodduth Kumar Shapan, Masud Rana Mithu, Rashid Biswas, Nazneen, Islam Uddin Palakar and his group.

It's a large village fair. The fair takes place by the river Jamuna on a tiny piece of land of 3/4 acres. People of different professions through the fair. Thousands of people gather for this 2-3 daylong *mela*. The most interesting part of the fair is that differ-



Jointa Chatyapadya, Naila Azad Nupur and Mamunur Rashid.

ent sides of Bengali culture can be found in the fair such as *Jatra*, puppetry, *Palagaan*, b-scope, *Baul* songs etc. This is the usual village fair that we always come across. But the film *Kittankhola* portrays some crises in the lives of different people at the *mela*.

Rustam a stunning character of the film, is a gypsy. But he hates the life he leads and wants

to try for a different profession. Gypsy woman Dalimon also has the similar problem; she also wants a new life. She wants to marry a daily labourer Sonai. But this is only a dream. Living with this inner agony inside her, she still respects her roots and loves her profession.

Another main character of the film is Idu Contractor. After experiencing a very poor and painful childhood, he now is a wealthy man. Yet he wants more - money, fame and women. He is a member of the fair committee and using his influence he wants to exploit *jatra* member Bansreebala. He wants to take over the only piece of land that Sonai owns. Nobody is spared from his greed and at the end he takes everything from Sonai.

Bansreebala is the leading actress of the *jatra* group. Before joining the *jatra dal*, she was a prostitute. Rabidash rescued her from there and brought her to his team. After joining the *jatra* team, she had a new dream fulfilled, a dream of becoming an actress. But unfortunately fate plays havoc with the circumstances, she is used as an object for entertainment. Rabidash objects to all this but is helpless in front of the *jatra* owner Shubal Das. Bansreebala is in

love with Rabidash and dreams to marry him, but gets no hope from him. So one day when she realises that there is nothing in her life except for being used, she decides to kill herself.

It is the last day of the fair. Bansreebala is no more in this world, but the vulgar dance is still being performed. The gypsies have left the *Kittankhola* fair towards a new destination. *Chayaranjan* and his team will not leave. After losing everything, Sonai does not know what will happen to him. Rustam does not leave with the gypsies. Sonai, Bashir, Chaya, Rustam and many others don't know what is in store for them.

The film *Kittankhola* is a brilliant representation of the lives of the local people of Bangladesh. It is brilliantly pictured and captures the true essence of the lives of these people. The film is edited by Sujan Mahmud and choreographed by Tarun Gosh. It is jointly produced by Impress Telefilms Ltd. and Aangik Communications. Screening of *Kittankhola* for the viewers will be held at the Central Public Library and other movie houses of the country in February.

exhibition

A Jugalbandi in Visual Art

Two Delhi-born artists Naresh Kapu and Alka Mathur synchronise a visual orchestra at Bengal Gallery

By Ziaul Karim

ON the surface level there can hardly be a comparison between the two: Alka Mathur is sensitive and introvert whereas Naresh Kapuria is charismatic and garrulous. But at a deeper level both have accommodated elements of urban civilisation and nature's splendour in their artistic language to strike the synergy of a jugalbandi.

For the city's art lovers this joint show, opening today at 6:30 in the evening, promises to be a rare treat where two artists will be communicating and exchanging dialogues through their art work.

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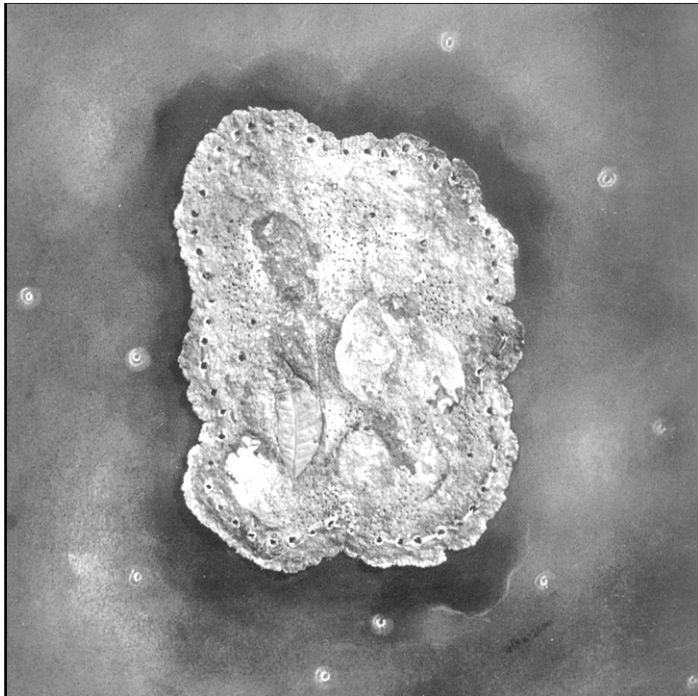
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Alka. Both the artists love to work in mixed media and both incorporate in their work junks, throw-away materials that surround us to create a close links between the animate and inanimate world.

Alka's papier-mâché works decorated with dried leaves and glittering colours speak of the blissful life we have turned our backs to. The works of these artists are testimony to their immunity to the pressure of material civilisation.



"Illusion 3" Alka Mathur mixed media

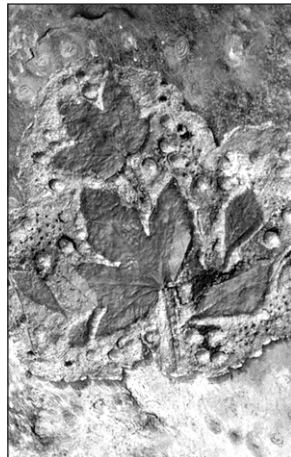
Recommendations

Musical evening

Muktijudha Jadugarh(Liberation war museum) presents a fund raising winter evening of musical soiree. Pramila Chakrabarti's solo musical recital will be held at the Cafe Theatre of the Museum---5, Segun Bagicha, on January 26 at 6. Snacks will be served in the tea-break.

Cassette Release

An album titled Sur Baje Tar Amar Prane by Rabindrasangeet singer Mansura Begum will be held at the Indian High Commission Cultural Centre auditorium on January 18 at 6:30



in the evening.

Art exhibition

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.

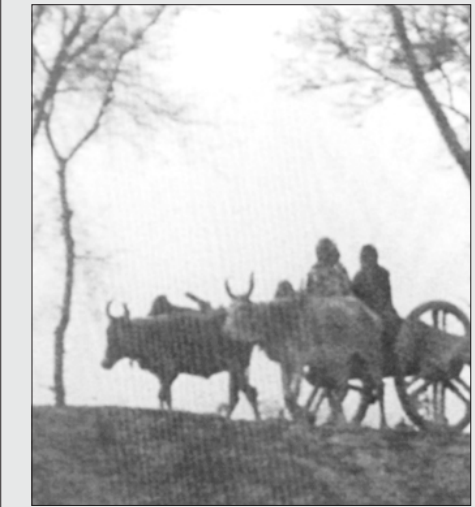
The War We Forgot

A photography exhibition on the history of country's Liberation War has opened at the Drik Gallery..The show displays historic images of the internationally renowned press and other photographers who were in Bangladesh during the War in 1971.The works of Abbas, Barbey, Henri Bureau, David Burnett, Horst Faas(Associated Press), Michel Laurent(associted Press)Raghu Rai Rashid Talukder , among others, have been kept on display. The exhibition is open for all from 3 p.m.to 8 p.m. daily and will come to an end on February 2.

Raisul Islam Asad.

BTV Morning session 10:00 Live Question and Answer session of the 21st session of the National Assembly Evening session 3:20 Open University 4:00 Khabar 4:05 Cartoon: Burney and Friends 4:30 Sur-o-Chhanda 5:00 School TV Debate 5:50 Dharma-o-Jiban 6:00 Khabar 6:20 Programme on healthcare 6:35 Programme of Chittagong centre 7:00 Diganta 7:25 Sandha Malati 8:00 News in Bangla 8:20

Ajker Potrikay 12:15 Bangla Movie: Sareng Bow 2:40 Drishti 3:00 Ekushey News Headlines 3:05 Drama Series: Shodh 3:30 Bhalobasha Kare Koy 4:00 Mon Mon Re Amar 4:30 Expedition to the Animal Kingdom 5:00 Circus Circus 5:30 Drishti 5:50 Ajker Potrikay 6:00 Ekushey News Headlines 6:05 Classic Cartoons 6:30 Charidike 7:00 Ovaltin Presents: Kemon Achen 7:30 Ekushey News 8:00 Tele Film: Chaka



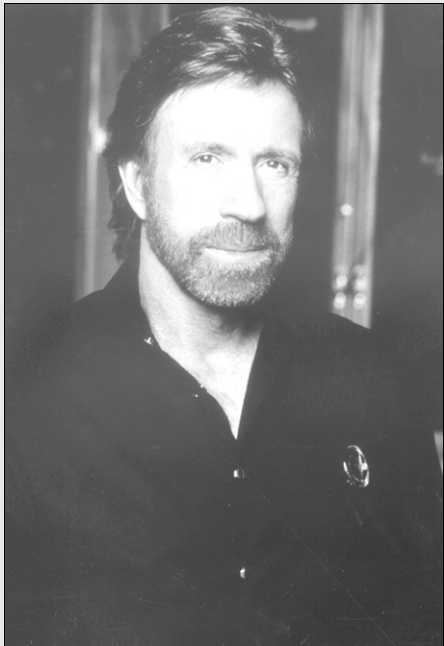
Award-winning film, Chaka, by Morshedul Islam will be screened on Ekushey TVat 8:00 pm.

Drama serial: Pakhi Sab Kare Radb 9:00 Dekha-Adekha 9:30 Nadi Nirabadhi 10:00 News at Ten 10:20 Taraka Jagat 10:45 Documentary: Sacred Monuments of Asia 11:30 Khabar followed by News in English

Ekushey TV 12:00 Ekushey News Headlines 12:05

10:00 BTV News 10:25 Music Hour 11:15 Ekushey Late Night News 11:30 E Shoptaher Bishsho 11:45 Ekushey News Headlines

CHANNEL-I 6:15 Silpho Khatha 6:50 Akattorer Dinguli 7:00 Nilanjona 7:40 Chitthi Pelam 8:00



Walker Texas Ranger on Star World at 9:30 pm.

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Report 7:00 BBC News 7:30 Asia Today/Asia Business Report 8:00 BBC News 8:30 Asia Today/World Business Report 9:00 BBC News 9:30 Asia Today/Asia Business Report 10:00 BBC News 10:30 HARDtalk 11:00 BBC News 11:30 Top Gear Waterworld 12:00 BBC News 12:30 Face to Face 1:00 BBC News 1:30

BBC WORLD

6:00 BBC News 6:30 World Business

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CNN

4:00 CNN This Morning 4:30 Asia



Bengali feature film Sareng Bau on Ekushey TV at 12:05pm.

TV GUIDE

PICK OF THE DAY



Stormcatcher on HBO at 10:00 pm
Jack Holloway is a high ranking military pilot whose life takes a turn for the worse when he's falsely accused and convicted of the crime of treason for the theft of a prototypical stealth bomber. En route to prison, he makes a daring escape in an effort to recover the plane, clear his name and gain his

Business Morning 5:00 CNN This Morning 5:30 Asia Business Morning 6:00 CNN This Morning 6:15 Asia Business Morning 6:30 Asian Edition 6:45 Asia Business Morning 7:00 CNN This Morning 7:30 Moneyline 8:00 Larry King Live 9:00 World News 9:30 World Sport 10:00 Showbiz Today 11:00 World News 11:30 Q&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 4:00 World News 4:30 Biz Asia 5:00 Asia Tonight 5:30 World Sport 6:00 World News 6:15 Asian Edition 6:30 Biz Asia 7:00 Q & A Asia 8:00 Asia Tonight

Care Of Nature 4:30 Outer Bounds I & II 5:00 Without Warning I 5:30 Lonely Planet VI 6:30 Going Wild With Jeff Corwin 7:00 So You Want To Be? 7:30 Wild Discovery 8:30 Paleoworld IV 9:00 New Sanctuaries 9:30 Decisive Weapons 10:00 Discovery News 10:30 Wings 11:30 Discovery Profile Series 12:30 Wild Discovery 1:30 Paleoworld IV 2:00 New Sanctuaries 2:30 Decisive Weapons 3:00 Discovery News 3:30 Wings 4:30 Discovery Profile Series 5:30 Health Showcase

AXN 6:00 Dark Skies/Dreamland 7:00 I Dare You 8:00 Cyberteam in Akihabara/Flame of Recca 9:00 Slam Dunk /Samurai X 10:00 Charlie's Angels I/The Bit Tap Out 11:00 I Dare You 12:00 VIP II/Ransom of Red Val 1:00 Movie: Starman 3:00 Who Dares Wins/ Cyberteam in Akihabara 4:00 Flame of Recca/ Slam Dunk 5:00 Samurai X/Who Dares Wins 6:00 Action Heroes 7:00 Beastmaster II 8:00 Premiere Movie: Believe 10:00 Charlie's Angels I/The Big Tap Out 11:00 Beastmaster II 12:00

HBO 7:00 Riders of the Purple Sage 9:00 Gardens of Stone 11:15 The Perfect Mother 1:15 Radioland Murders 3:30 The Enemy Within 5:30 Absolute Power 8:00 The



Martial Law on Star World at 10:30 pm.

Movie: Believe 2:00 D a r k Skies/Dreamland 3:00 Silk Stalkings IV/Prey of the Fox

STAR GOLD

8:30 Bollywood News 9:00 Paigham (Dilip Kumar, Vyjayantimala) 12:00 Geet Bahar 1 2 : 3 0 Ankhen(Dharmendra, Mala Sinha) 3:30 Bollywood News 4:00 R a j T i l a k (Vyjayantimala, Ganesh) 7:00 Geet Bahar 7:30 Lamhe Pyaar Ke Geetnaji (Jeetendra, Rekha) 10:30 Bollywood News 11:00 Meri Bhabhi (Sunil Dutt, Waheeda Rehman) 12:30 Meri Bhabhi (contd) 2:00 Geet Bahar 2:30 Raj Tilak (Vyjayantimala, Ganesh) 5:30 Meri Bhabhi (Sunil Dutt, Waheeda Rehman)

STAR WORLD

6:30 Life In The Word With Joyce Meyer 7:00 World News 7:30 Grace Under Fire 8:00 Mork & Mindy 8:30 Murder Call 9:30 The Oprah Winfrey Show 10:30 Home Improvement 11:00 Happy Days 11:30 2 Guys A Girl, and A Pizza Place 12:00 Maggie Winters 1:00 Ally McBeal 1:30 The Oprah Winfrey Show 2:30 The Practice 3:30 Grace Under Fire 4:00 The Bold & the Beautiful 4:30 Mork & Mindy 5:00 Happy Days 5:30 Baywatch 6:30 Hollywood Squares 7:00 Home Improvement 7:30 Star News Asia 8:00 Friends 8:30 World's Wild-



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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 Small Wonder 2:00 Meri Saheli 2:30 Saans 3:00 Shagun 3:30 Kabhi Kabhi Mere Ghar Mein Bhuchal Ata Hai 4:00 Kyunki Saas Bhi Kabhi Bahu Thi 4:30 Cine Jharokha 5:00 Hit Ya Fit 5:30 Kuccha Papad Pucca Papad 6:00 Small Wonder 6:30 Fox Kids 7:30 Kahani Ghar Ghar Ki 8:00 Tu Tu Main Main 8:30 Ma Shakti 9:30 Kaun Banega

ZEE TV

6:30 Karishma Kali Ka (Shatru, Amrita) 10:30 Insaaf Ki Devi (Jeetendra, Rekha) 12:00 Vachan (Shashi Kapoor,