

Interview

An architect with a dream of more cultural interchanges

Slide presentation on new architecture in Berlin tomorrow

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CLAUDIA Riemke, who helped with the setting up the exhibition on the new buildings of Berlin at Goethe Institut, and put in the necessary commentaries during the accompanying slide show, has been to Bangladesh last year for four months.

Claudia says, "I stayed with architect Saiful Huq and we had worked together on some projects, specially domestic ones such as the guest house located near an orphanage in Chittagong. I had joined Saiful's office for four months from January to May last year. We also joined a competition for a memorial for the victims of the

Liberation War, with the two of us working like a team. We had met in Berlin, when he was there two and a half years ago to study German and German architecture. We had a long talk on how we could collaborate on projects in Bangladesh and that is how I am here. We have the same wave lengths and we arranged the trip though e-mail correspondence."

"The reason why I am helping Goethe Institut with the poster exhibition and the slide show is because I used to visit the Goethe Institut in Berlin frequently and they requested for my help. The exhibition is an extension of a German festival in India. The slide show features the development in Berlin in the last decade after the Berlin

Wall came down. Many developments took place remarkably rapidly. Originally, I come from Frankfurt from the west but I moved to Berlin to complete my architectural studies. Living there for eight years now, I love Berlin. I know all the buildings that are included in the slide show. If people ask various questions you have to know everything about the city, which I do. The show also includes an entertaining lecture."

Asked what aspects of the Berlin architecture she had taken, Claudia says, "The slide show has already been designed. It has not been made by me. Saiful Huq and I decided to make a lecture out of the slide show to make it lively and

clarify all the aspects of the architecture in Berlin. Here people get the chance to discuss if they like. I arranged the layout with the people in Dhaka of the poster exhibition as I know the subject so it is easy to organize it. Basically my stay in Dhaka for four weeks is a break for me. I'd love to stay longer but I can't. I can only stay for a fortnight at the most working on the exhibition and the lecture. The lecture is scheduled on May 4."

Speaking about how she got into architecture, Claudia says, "I think my first steps to architecture was my keen interest in art and I studied art history first and also studied graphic designing for a while. I felt really

drawn to architecture as it combines many aspects and felt the need to create ideal environment. For me architecture is a perfect combination of realistic things like how to build a wall, a roof or a door. This is combined with the idealistic design aspect. All these aspects are so interesting to me. The same applies to Berlin which I have helped to project. "It is not a beautiful city. Munich in comparison is much more attractive, architecturally and from the viewpoint of the landscape. I feel that Berlin is changing over the years and it is very exciting. It is getting more cosmopolitan and I experienced this personally as I have friends from various countries such as Bangladesh. It is very lively. I will not compare it to London or Paris for each city has its own individual attraction. Each has its own atmosphere and Berlin is special in its unique manner of continuous changes. This makes the city lively and interesting."

Asked to talk about the architects who have inspired her, Claudia says that there are many like Louis Kahn, Zangwill and Sauerbruch / Hutton. She says, "When I first came here I studied Shere-e-Bangla Nagar. I went to the Parliament building twice, just to sketch the structure. I spent hours there and talked to a lot of people about it. I did some own



Claudia Riemke

research of Asian architecture based on village and tribal architecture. It is inspiring to see how people create their own environment. I collected the facts to make a book of my own. I have done urban designing mainly for the eastern part of Berlin and am also a consultant for architectural design."

"My experience includes that with Werbeagentur Zinnecker, Bad Hamburg and Deutsche Architekturmuseum, Frankfurt am Main. I have three years of working experience, specializing in urban

design in the eastern part of Berlin as there have been many disasters there. I feel they have been adequately reconstructed the buildings although there is still a lot of work to do. East Berlin is really good now. A lot of money was needed to do this task and the government has helped generously. In the Eastern part there was a great lack of facilities like kindergartens, schools and other social amenities. Now, the whole situation has improved greatly."

Talking about her impressions of Bangladesh, Claudia says, "I loved my stay here because of the warmth of the people. Most of the time I stayed at Dhaka, although I had the opportunity to visit other places too like Srimangal, Chittagong and the Sunderbans last year. This time I came to visit friends. I find the Bengali mentality very heart warming. When I came here last month, I stayed with Bengali families, almost like a family member. I like the food, although I have to add a lot of rice to reduce the spice. The sweetmeats are sometimes too much for me. But I loved trying out all types of food here, including the 'pitthas'. Last year I went to 'Ramna Batamul' on 'Pahila Basha' wearing a sari. I have heard 'Rabindrasahgeets' and have loved them. I have been exposed to the 'sitar', 'harmonium', 'tabla' and the 'sarodh' while at Berlin."

"Coming to Bangladesh, I cannot deny the western media concept that there is a lot of poverty and natural calamities. The traffic pollution and the lack of education cannot be denied. My Bengali friends are suffering because of these elements. However, there have been changes and there are people here who are educated and have stayed back in the country in order to bring a change in the environment and other social elements. There is hope for the country."

"I've been to Thailand, Nepal, Malaysia, Singapore and love Asian culture. I hope to go to India next time. I hope to have inter-cultural exchange through my work. As I know a lot of Bengalis living in Berlin, for instance, who are artists, geologists who deal with organic problems like arsenic. Through them and those I know living in Bangladesh itself, I hope to have better understanding and cultural interchanges from time to time."



This building designed by Claudia is located in an area, which is being revitalised. Here you find accommodation for single parents.



House for artists designed by Claudia. It was originally Built 100 years ago.



Lofts for artists planned by Claudia

TV GUIDE

PICK OF THE DAY



So I Married an Axe Murderer on HBO at 10:00 p.m. Comic extraordinary Mike Myers is a guy who is afraid of commitment. He invents absurd excuses to break up with his girlfriend until he meets Miss Right. Unfortunately, the woman of his dreams might turn out to have a fatal flaw - she could be an axe murderer.

BTV	News
3:00 Opening Announcement	3:30 Zindagi (Rajendra, Kumar, Vijayantimala)
3:20 Open University	7:00 Geet Bahar
3:45 Documentary	7:30 Lamhe Pyaar Ke Pyaar
4:00 Khabar	Ke Babul (Dilip Kumar, Nargis)
4:05 Cartoon: Burny & Friends	11:00 Woodland Bollywood
4:30 Ta Ta Thoi Thoi: Dance lessons for children	12:00 Mehndi Lagi Mere Haath (Shashi Kapoor, Nanda)
5:00 School Debate	12:30 Mehndi Lagi Mere Haath (Contd)
5:45 Dharma O' Jiban	3:00 Geet Bahar
6:00 Khabar	3:30 Roti Ki Keemat (Mithun Chakraborty, Kimi Katkar)
6:20 Shasthatathya: Healthcare programme for mother and children	7:00 Shakuntala (Jayshree, Chandramohan)
6:35 Programme from Chittagong station	
7:00 News Headlines	
7:05 Ei Prithibi	
7:30 Shondhamaloti: Nazrulsangeet programme	
8:00 News in Bengali	
8:30 Drama serial: Roder Uthan Bari	
9:00 News Headlines	
9:05 Magazine show: Bohurupi	
9:30 Movie: Karishma	
10:00 Banglar Mukh	
10:30 News in English	
10:55 Muktir Pothe	
11:30 Khabar / The News	
11:45 Closing	

EKUSHEY TV	12:00 Ekushey Midday
12:20 Bangla Film: Geet	
12:40 Drishti	
3:00 Ekushey Headlines	
3:05 Drama Serial: Probashi Porjan	
3:30 Kena Kata	
4:00 Taroka Mela	
4:30 Expedition to the Animal Kingdom	
5:00 Circus Circus	
5:30 Drishti	
5:50 Aiker Potrikay	
6:00 Ekushey Headlines	
6:05 Classic Cartoons	
6:30 Chardike	
7:30 Ekushey News	
8:00 English Series: Peter Benchley's Amazon	
9:00 Drama: Konkai	
10:00 Pepsi Concert	
10:30 BTV News	
11:00 Ekushey Nightly News	
11:30 E Shoptaher Bishsho	
12:00 Ekushey News Headlines	

STAR GOLD	10:30 Woodland Bollywood News
11:00 Geet Bahar	
11:30 Pathar Ke Sanam (Manoj Kumar, Mumtaz, Waheeda Rehman)	
3:00 Woodland Bollywood	

HBO	7:00 Beethoven
8:45 Born to Ride	
10:45 Rosewood	
1:30 Johnny Belinda	
3:30 Sphere	
6:00 Almost Heroes	
8:00 Escape from Atlantis	
10:00 So I Married an Axe Murderer	
12:00 Life in a Day	
1:45 Rosewood	
4:30 Almost Heroes	

BBC WORLD	6:00 BBC News
6:30 World Business Report	
7:00 BBC News	
7:30 Asia Today/Asia Business Report	
8:00 BBC News	
8:30 Asia Today/W	
9:00 BBC News	
9:30 Asia Today/Asia Business Report	
10:00 BBC News	
10:30 Top Gear/Aqua/Extra Much	
11:00 BBC News	
11:30 Reporters	
12:00 BBC News	
12:30 Hardtalk	
1:30 BBC News	
1:30 Talking Movies	
2:00 BBC News	
2:30 Money Programme	
3:00 BBC News	
3:30 Hardtalk	
4:00 BBC News	
4:30 Holiday	
5:00 BBC News	
5:30 Money Programme	
6:00 BBC News	
6:30 Face to Face	
7:00 BBC News	
7:30 Top Gear/Aqua/Extra Mach	
8:00 BBC News	
8:30 Money Programme	
9:00 BBC News	
9:30 Asia Today	

STAR WORLD	6:00 Murder Call
7:00 The Oprah Winfrey Show	
8:00 Home Improvement	
8:30 Happy Days	
9:00 2 Guys A Girl, and a Pizza Place	
9:30 Maggie Winters	
10:00 Ally McBeal	
11:00 The Oprah Winfrey Show	
12:00 The Practice	
1:00 Fashion TV	
1:30 The Bold & The Beautiful	
2:00 Mork & Mindy	
2:30 Happy Days	
3:00 Baywatch	
4:00 The Simpsons	
4:30 Home Improvement	
5:00 STAR News Asia	
5:30 Friends	
6:00 The Drew Carey Show	
6:30 Whose Line is it Anyway?	
6:45 STAR News Asia	
7:00 Walker Texas Ranger	
8:00 Martial Law	
9:00 Friends	
9:30 Star News	
10:00 The Drew Carey Show	
10:30 Whose Line is it Anyway	
11:00 Walker Texas Ranger	
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1:30 Whose Line is it Anyway	
2:00 Walker Texas Ranger	
3:00 Creflo Dollar Daily	
3:30 Keeneth Copeland Ministries	
4:00 Life in the World With Joyce Meyer	
4:30 World News	
5:00 Media TV	
5:30 Mork & Mindy	

STAR PLUS	6:00 Sanskruti
6:30 STAR Geetmala	
7:30 Sewalal Mewawala	
8:00 Hit Ya Fit	

8:30 Good Morning India	
9:30 Star Morning Show: Tarqeeb	
12:30 Hit Ya Fit	
1:00 TSN	
1:30 Kahani Ghar Ghar Ki	
2:00 Sanskruti	
2:30 Kyunki Saas Bhi Kabhi Bahu Thi	
3:00 Shagun	
3:30 Shanti	
4:00 Meri Saheli	
4:30 Kaahin Kissii Roz	
5:00 Hit Ya Fit	
5:30 Kuccha Papad Pucca Papad	
6:00 Small Wonder	
6:30 Fox Kids-Daily	
7:30 Sanskruti	
8:00 Tu Tu Main Main	
8:30 Ma Shakti	
9:00 Kaahin Kissii Roz	
9:30 Kora Kagaz	
10:00 Ji Mantirji	
10:30 Kahaani Ghar Ghar Kii	
11:00 Kyunki Saas Bhi Kabhi Bahu Thi	
11:30 Shagun	
12:00 Theabrand	
1:00 Hit Ya Fit	
1:30 Star Movie Show: Tarqeeb (Mithun, Shakti Kapoor)	
4:30 Kyunki Saas Bhi Kabhi Bahu Thi	
5:00 Shanti	
5:30 Hit Ya Fit	

AXN	6:30 Grander
Musashi/Starship Troopers	
7:30 Shinhakkenden/Samurai X	
8:30 Nightman II /Gore	
9:30 Heart of Courage	
10:30 Grander Musashi/Starship Troopers	
11:30 Shinhakkenden/Samurai X	
12:30 The Net/Dreams	
1:30 Heart of Courage	
2:30 VIP II/Va's On First	
3:30 Movie: Iron Eagle	
5:30 Grander Musashi	
6:30 Starship Troop-	

7:30 ers/Shinhakkenden	
Samurai X/Who Dares Wins	
8:30 Core Cultur	
9:30 Beastmaster II	
10:30 Movie: Twilight Zone	
12:30 Profiler II/Cycle of Violence	
1:30 Movie: Twilight Zone	
3:30 Beastmaster II	
4:30 Profiler III/Cycle of Violence	
5:00 Nightman II /Gore	

SONY TV	7:30 Amrit Varsha
8:00 Sant Asaram Wani	
8:30 Charbusters	
9:00 Good Morning Disney	
10:00 Music Mantra	
10:30 The Poppadum Show	
11:00 Dil Hai Ki Manta Nahin	
11:30 Chamatkar	
12:00 Family No. 1	
12:30 Dekh Bhai Dekh	
1:00 Movers & Shakers	
1:30 Boogie Woogie	
2:30 Alpvrarn	
3:00 Aurat	
3:30 Ghar Ek Mandir	
4:00 Nazdeekiyan	
4:30 Ithaas	
5:00 Ajnabi	
5:30 Charbusters	
6:00 Music Mantra	
6:30 Disney Hour	
7:30 Boogie Woogie	
8:00 Hum Sub Ek Hain	
8:30 Milan	
9:10 Hum Pardesi Ho Gaye	
9:30 Kusum	

SAT MAX	7:30 Mini Movies: Zimbo Finds a Son
8:30 Current Bollywood Biographies	
9:30 Jailor	
12:30 Hotlist	
1:00 Noon Show: Shaque	
3:30 The Left vs Right Cup (3 pm-11 pm) Day 1	
11:30 Mere Apne	
2:30 Shaque	
5:00 Bees Saal Pehle	

HALLMARK TV	1:00 Sea Change
2:00 Danger Bay	
3:00 Home Fires Burning	
5:00 Sea Street	
6:00 Finding Buck Mchenry	
8:00 No One Would Tell	
10:00 Sea Change	
1:00 Danger Bay	
2:00 Sea Street	
3:00 Clifford	
3:30 The Cat in the Hat's	

4:00 Birthday Surprise	
4:00 Road to Avonlea V-VII	
5:00 Till Murder Do Us Part	
7:00 Till Murder Do Us Part	
9:00 William Faulkner's Old Man	
11:00 Veronica Clare: Naked Hearts	

ESPN SPORTS	7:00 ESPN's Wednesday Night Baseball Seattle, WA USA Boston Red Sox
11:00 Bikes, Blades & Boards B3 Stop 1 Blades Anaheim, CA USA	
12:00 World Table Tennis Champs World Table Tennis Championships 2001 Osaka, Men's & Women's Doubles Quarterfinals	
4:30 LPGA Golf Kathy Ireland Championship Honoring Harvey Penick Austin, TX USA Third Round	
6:30 International Cricket the Cricket Archives 1905 1960	
7:00 Western Union World Football	
7:30 Bikes, Blades & Boards B3 Stop 1 Blades Anaheim, CA USA	
8:00 Sportscenter Hindi UEFA Champions League 2000/01 UEFA Champions League Leeds, England Valencia	
11:30 Sportscenter Hindi English Premier League Highlights	
1:00 Boxing Series Friday Night Fights Cincinnati, OH USA	
2:30 Sportscenter Hindi Bowling World Tenpim Masters 2001	
4:00 Sportscenter Bristol, CT	
5:00 NHL Playoffs NHL Conference	

ALPHA TV BANGLA	
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6:00 Ananya	
6:30 Bhalobasha Mondobash	
7:00 Jeebon Rekha	
7:30 News Bulletin	
8:00 Alaap	
9:00 News Bulletin	
9:05 Bharat Bhraman	
10:30 Apna Der Janya	
13:00 Chena Mukh Achena Manush	
10:30 Bhristi Megher Akash	
11:00 Swapnoneel	
11:30 Grihasajja	
12:00 Bahari Ahaar	
12:30 Lookochuri	
13:00 Ingeet	
13:30 Ek Akasher Niche	
14:00 Nayanantara	
14:30 Heerer Angti-Feature Film	
17:00 Shesh Prashna	
17:30 Half Chocolate /Disney	
18:00 Alpha Khabor	
18:25 Jhankar	
18:30 Football	
19:00 Swapnoneel	
19:25 Jhankar	
19:30 Ki Likhi Tomai	
19:55 Jhankar	
20:00 Nayanantara	
20:30 Ek Akasher Niche	
21:00 Saregama	
22:00 News Bulletin	
22:05 Ek Palake	
22:10 Ingeet	
22:40 Ek Palake	
22:45 Football	
23:20 Alpha Khabor	
23:45 Ek Palake	
23:50 Mahanagar	
00:20 Surer Ei Jharna Dhara	
0:30 Surer Ei Jharna Dhara	
1:00 Bharat Bhraman	
1:30 Feature Film	
4:00 Ek Akasher Niche	
4:30 Nayanantara	
5:00 Ingeet	
5:30 Football	

ZEE CINEMA	6:00 Ikraar
9:00 Kuch Lamhe Kuch Nagme	
9:15 Super Hit Hamesha	
9:45 Movie Fare	
10:00 Jane Hatheli Pe	
13:00 Cine News	
13:15 Madhyantar	
13:30 Ghar Ki Laaj (Sanjeev Kumar)	
17:00 Darpan	
17:15 Directors Diary	
17:45 Film Time	
18:00 Sannata	
21:45 Chatpati Chat	
22:00 Top Of The Tops	
22:30 Mard Ki Zubaan	
2:15 Kuch Lamhe Kuch Nagme	
2:30 Hukumnama	
5:30 Chehren	

Film Time	5:45
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ZEE MGM	6:30 Return Of The Musket-teers
9:00 Breathless	
11:30 Dead On Sight	
14:00 Domino	
16:30 The Flight Of Black Angel	
19:00 Return Of The Musket-teers	
21:30 Breathless	
23:30 Dead On Sight	
1:30 Domino	
4:00 The Flight Of Black Angel	

ZEE ENGLISH	6:30 Benny Hill Show
7:00 Capitol	
7:30 Music Zone	
8:00 Late Show With David Letterman	
9:00 Three'S Company	
9:30 Here'S Lucy	
10:00 Dave'S World	
10:30 Homicide - Life On Street	
11:30 Full House	
12:00 Capitol	
12:30 All My Children	
13:30 Dave'S World	
14:00 Three'S Company	
14:30 Friends	
15:00 For Your Love	
15:30 Fresh Prince of Bel Air	
16:00 Evening Shades	
16:30 Here'S Lucy	
17:30 Three'S Company	
17:30 Heartbreak High	
18:30 For Your Love	
19:00 Full House	
19:30 Police Academy	
20:30 Friends	
21:00 Fresh Prince of Bel Air	
21:30 Late Show With David Letterman	
22:30 Movie Stars	
23:00 Suddenly Susan	
23:30 Friends	
0:00 Fresh Prince of Bel Air	
0:30 Full House	
1:00 Late Show With David Letterman	
2:00 All My Children	
3:00 Music Zone	
4:00 Benny Hill Show	
4:30 Heartbreak High	
5:30 Music Zone	

ZEE TV	6:45 Old Is Gold
7:00 Bhakti Geet	
7:30 Jagran	
8:00 Morning Zee	
9:00 Nickelodeon On Zee!(Rugrats)	
9:30 Nickelodeon (Real Monsters)	
10:00 Guldsta	

10:30 Filmi Chakkar	
11:00 Highlight Zee	
11:15 Chatpati Chaat	
11:30 Ek Nazar	
12:00 Basera	
12:30 Sangini	
13:00 Dastaan	
13:25 Jhalak	
13:30 Husratein	
14:00 Chandan Ka Palna	
Resham Ki Dori	
14:30 Amanat	
15:00 Gharana	
15:30 Yeh Dil Kya Kare	
16:00 Kaisa Kahoon...?	
16:30 Aanchal Ki Chaon Mein	
17:00 Nickelodeon (Cat Dog)	
17:30 Nickelodeon (Legends)	
18:00 Ek Nazar	
18:30 Banegi Apni Baat	
19:00 Hip Hip Hurray	
19:30 Ek Nazar	
20:00 Devrani Jethani	
20:30 Babul Ki Duayein Leti Ja...	
21:00 Amanat	
21:30 Chandan Ka Palna	
Resham Ki Dori	
22:00 Samander	
22:30 Yeh Dil Kya Kare	