

Fashion

Throwing a lifeline

Dhaka Caledonian Society holds fashion show for the orphans of Sreepur Children's Village

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YOUNG Bengali designers enchanted an international audience with their imagination and talent at a fashion show organised by the Dhaka Caledonian Society on Wednesday evening in Gulshan. The show with their textile creations and the following auction of the gowns by the reputed designer Quazi Qumrul Islam raised half a million taka. This money will go directly to the Sreepur Children's Village, an orphanage near Dhaka. It was Yvonne Rankin-Patullo, chief-tain of the Dhaka Caledonian Society, who initiated the event.

The Dhaka Caledonian Society is part of the Caledonian Society in Scotland having branches all over the world. Apart from the yearly celebrations of its country's major figures, the poet Robert Burns and the patron saint Andrew, the major objective of the society is to raise funds for local deserving causes. The chieftain, Rankin, a down-to-earth Scotswoman who is the Finance Manager of Shell Bangladesh, first sought of helping the Sreepur orphans in the beginning of September, she thought spontaneously that this could be done with a fashion auction. "When I asked designer Qumrul to help he readily agreed, this is how it all started", she said.

It had taken weeks of rehearsal and preparation and the dedication of many sponsors such as British Airways, Citibank, Nestle, Unocal, Cairn Energy, Halliburton, Shell and Orchid Printers to make the show possible.

The students of the Bangladesh Garment Manufacturers Export Association (BGMEA) Institute of Fashion and Technology (BIFT), who are only in their second and third semester, presented an inspired perfor-



The members of the Dhaka Caledonian Society and its chieftain Yvonne Rankin-Patullo (with microphone) motivate the audience to contribute to a good cause during the fashion show

mance on the ramp comparable to any catwalk of international mainstream.

The locally produced garments ranged from mini-skirts over elegant deux-pieces, to sarees. The boys and girls of the institute proved that they can master various materials such as paper, silk and cotton and

that they can design clothes for any occasion. Many of the dresses showed the influence of Bengali tradition. There were denims with print motives inspired by Rickshaw art, water lilies and fiery orange tigers. The sarees with Scottish Tartan patterns led to special applause by the international audience



Two British expatriates were not very shy when they walked on stage with their colourful big hats to entertain the audience during the fashion show



The students of the BGMEA on the ramp with their self-designed creations in order to raise money for the children of Sreepur

because they reminded the Scots amongst them of their home country.

According to the principal of the BIFT, Sheena M. Falconer, the students modelled their own ideas. The Knitwear and denim garments have been produced within the placement factories of the BGMEA and "creatively extended" by the students.

Leading fashion designer of the country Kuhu also helped them with the choreography. It is the aim of the institute, which offers 2 Honours Courses in Garment Manufacturing Management and Pattern Cutting and Design, to teach young Bengalis at international standards. "Bangladesh is not only one of the leading garment manufactur-



Two young girls of Sreepur Village charm the audience with their dance number. It is girls like this who will benefit directly from the show organised by the Dhaka Caledonian Society

ers, it has also outstanding young talent which has to be unearthed", said Falconer. "Designers help the country to produce value-added products - this is definitely the way forward." It is her hope that these talents can play a part in the world of fashion and design, using textile products from Bangladesh.

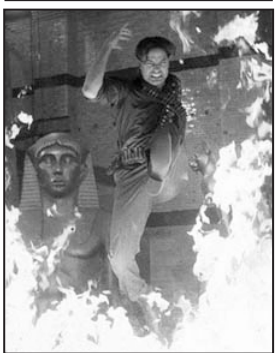
It is of no surprise that the students and also the audience admired the gowns created by Qumrul. He is one of the leading designers in Bangladesh and was awarded the Best Designer in 1999 by Sketch Magazine. He also designs suits for Boy George and Satchi. The beautiful and very elegant evening dresses, many of them meticulously embroidered, made the passion of the bidders run high during the auction. They outbid each others while the models had to walk up and down the catwalk again and again. One especially elegant blue dress which caught the eye of many ladies in the audience rose 73000 taka, a fortune worth spending. Organiser Rankin emphasised that whoever missed the chance to purchase a dress at the occasion could

call her at the Caledonian Society to get an extra copy.

During the cheerful evening the organiser reminded again and again of the good cause of the event. The children of Sreepur village, some of which charmed the viewers with the performance of Bengali dances, will directly benefit from the evening. Their village relies on public donations. It is in need of better facilities and a safe recreational area. One hundred percent of the proceeds raised go towards the construction and equipment of a recreational area to build the children their field of dreams: A field will be transformed into courts for cricket, badminton, basketball and more.

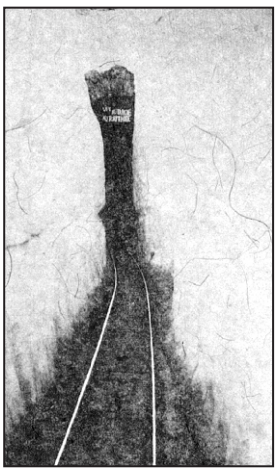
The evening was a gathering of the "united nations" to help those less fortunate. Apart from the designers there were also the local singers and dancers Babu and Shwama plus children of the Dhaka International School who showed their talent and enchanted the audience with great effort.

RECOMMENDATIONS



The Mummy Returns

This Hollywood blockbuster now runs at the country's premier cinema hall Modhumita. The Mummy Returns is the sequel of The Mummy and have all the ingredients of its earlier one. With its spine-tingling adventures against breath-taking landscapes, The Mummy Returns is sure to thrill cine buffs. Hordes of canine bodied Anubis warriors-literally hounds from hell-bound across the Sahara in attack formation while carnivorous pygmy mummies ambush their pray in the jungles of the Nile.



Graphic prints show

Noted French artist Jean-Michel Alberola's solo exhibition of graphic prints runs till October 26 at the French cultural centre, Alliance Francaise, at Dhanmandi.

Six Seasons

Shilparag Gallery at Dhanmandi (House#15, Road# 27 old) presents an exhibition on the theme six seasons. Leading artists of the country have captured in their canvas the rich variety of our seasons and their ambience. The month-long show has been extended till October 31 everyday from 11 am to 8pm.

TV GUIDE

BTV

- 9:10 am Khabar
- 9:15 Aalor Pathay
- 9:35 Cartoon Totally Tuned In
- 10:00 The News
- 10:05 Sports programme
- 10:30 Drama of the Week
- 11:30 Children programme Chup Katha
- 11:55 Shukhi Panibar
- 3:20 pm Bengali feature film Adil Khabar
- 4:00 Khabar
- 6:10 Cartoon film Ghost Busters
- 6:35 Special programme on Farooq Ahmad
- 7:00 News headlines
- 7:05 Malancha
- 7:30 Drama serial Shukher Tadi
- 8:00 News in Bangla
- 8:30 Prime Minister addresses the nation
- 9:00 News headlines
- 9:05 Musical programme Esi Dinguli
- 10:30 The X-Files
- 11:15 Mystic song
- 11:30 Khabar/The News

EKUSHEY TV

- 2:00 Ekushey Headlines
- 2:05 Aiker Potriky
- 2:14 Ekattorer Ei Dine
- 2:15 Classic Cartoons
- 2:40 E Shoptaher Bishsho
- 3:00 Ekushey Headlines
- 3:05 Bangla Film : Shudhu Tume
- 5:30 Gillette World Sports Special
- 6:00 Ekushey Headlines
- 6:05 WWF Smackdown
- 6:55 Ekushey Headlines
- 7:00 Mukto Khobor
- 7:30 Ekushey News
- 7:58 Ek Minute
- 8:00 Virgin Takdum Takdum
- 9:00 Shukrobarer Natok: Helicopter
- 10:00 News : Simulcast from BTV
- 10:30 Music Hour: Star Search-2001
- 11:00 Ekushey Late Night News
- 11:30 Ei Shoptaho
- 12:00 Ekushey Headlines

ATN

- 8:00 ATN Bangla News
- 8:25 Song Prog: Gun Sudu Gun
- 9:00 Musical prog: Katha Thake, Thake Gun
- 9:35 Drama Serial: Baker Nibas
- 10:10 Reporting prog : Prekha Pot
- 10:50 Musical prog: Singer: Kanij Subarna
- 11:30 Islamic Prog. :
- 12:00 ATN Bangla News
- 3:30 Bengali Film : Khuni
- 6:32 Child's Prog: Cholo Gan Gai
- 7:00 ATN Bangla News Headlines
- 7:10 Viewers Request Prog: Matamot
- 7:50 Drama Serial: Utrann
- 8:25 Reporting Prog : Gotona Probah
- 9:00 Magazine prog: Videocon Edaning
- 9:35 Drama Serial: Gueanda Kahani
- 10:00 ATN Bangla News
- 10:35 Magazine prog: Agami Din
- 11:05 Bengali Film: Chowa Powa
- 11:30 ATN Bangla News

CHANNEL-i

- 6:25 Chiro Saronioy Sm Solaiman
- 7:00 Chirodiner Gane
- 7:35 Mama Bheghner Kando
- 8:00 Din Protidin
- 8:15 House Full
- 9:00 Drama: Aguntuk
- 10:10 Addar Table
- 10:40 I Music
- 11:15 Chiro Saronioy Sm Solaiman
- 12:00 Chirodiner gane
- 12:35 Mama Bheghner Kando
- 1:15 House Full
- 2:00 Drama: Aguntuk
- 3:00 Telefilm: Ek Jaloke Alo
- 6:00 Reciting From Holy Quran
- 6:10 Addar Table
- 6:40 I Music
- 7:15 Chanel I Sangbad
- 7:25 Khathi Khathi
- 8:00 Drama: Sonali Sakal
- 8:30 I Tele Quise
- 8:35 Your Choice ole ole
- 9:00 Channel I Sangbad
- 9:15 Drama: Nay Konoe Tikhana
- 9:30 I Tele Quise
- 12:45 Sense and Sensibility
- 10:00 Quize: 60 Sec.
- 10:01 Nes Cafe Classic Un Plugged
- 10:30 Channel I Sangbad
- 11:00 Bangla Cinema: Dhoro Churno

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/World Business Report
- 9:00 BBC News
- 9:30 Asia Today/Asia Business Report
- 10:00 BBC News
- 10:30 Click Online
- 11:00 BBC News
- 11:30 EUR DIR
- 12:00 BBC News
- 12:30 Hardtalk
- 1:00 BBC News
- 1:30 Top Gear
- 2:00 BBC News
- 2:30 Life
- 3:00 BBC News
- 3:30 Hardtalk
- 4:00 BBC News
- 4:30 Talking Movies
- 5:00 BBC News
- 5:30 Life
- 6:00 BBC News
- 6:30 IT: India Tomorrow
- 7:00 Mastermind India
- 7:15 World Business Report
- 7:30 Talking Movies

8:00 BBC News

- 8:30 Life
- 9:00 BBC News
- 9:30 Asia Today
- 10:00 BBC News
- 10:15 World Business Report
- 10:30 Din Protidin
- 10:30 Hardtalk India
- 11:00 BBC News
- 11:30 World Business Report/World Sport
- 12:00 BBC News
- 12:30 Hardtalk
- 1:00 BBC News
- 1:30 Future Fantasi, QED, Clarkson
- 2:00 BBC News
- 2:30 World Business Report
- 3:00 BBC News
- 3:30 Correspondent ex supporting Roles
- 4:00 BBC News
- 4:30 World Business Report/Asia Today
- 5:00 BBC News
- 5:30 Hardtalk

HBO

- 6:30 Dead Ahead
- 8:30 Chinatown
- 11:00 Nadine
- 12:45 Sense and Sensibility
- 3:30 Escape From Alcatraz
- 5:45 The Saint
- 8:00 Wayne's World
- 10:00 Village of the Damned
- 12:00 Jerry Maguire
- 2:45 Heaven's Burning
- 4:45 Nadine

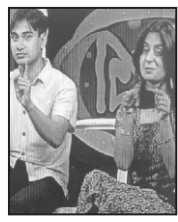
STAR GOLD

- 6:00 Amul Bollywood News
- 11:00 Geet Bahar
- 11:30 Anand Ashram (Uttam Kumar, Sharmila Tagore)
- 3:00 Amul Bollywood News
- 3:30 Insiyat (Dilip Kumar, Dev Anand, Bina Raj)
- 7:00 Geet Bahar
- 7:30 Saturday Shukrawar Ajanabee (Rajesh Khanna, Zeenat Aman)
- 11:00 Amul Bollywood News
- 11:30 Kroadh (Sanjay Dutt, Sunny Deol)
- 12:30 Kroadh (contd)
- 3:00 Geet Bahar
- 3:30 Insiyat (Dilip Kumar, Dev Anand, Bina Raj)
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STAR WORLD

- 6:00 Happy Days
- 6:30 3rd Rock From The Sun
- 7:00 The Oprah Winfrey Show
- 8:00 Water Rats
- 9:00 Buffy the Vampire Slayer
- 10:00 Angel

TODAY'S HIGHLIGHTS



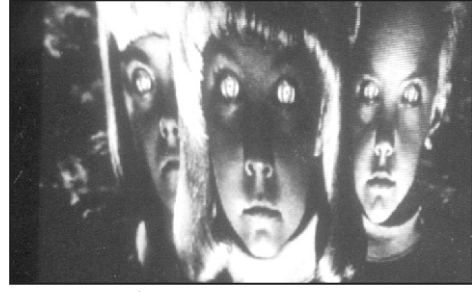
EKUSHEY: 9:00pm Helicopter. Every man imbues in him the dream to fly. Somehow in a realization of this aspiration bicycle becomes a helicopter. Tipu Sultan is a helicopter pilot. Though his dreams are unlimited his ability is limited. Her wife is pregnant. He has got two daughters. This time he dreams of having a son.

He threatens his wife of exile if another daughter turns up. Meanwhile a Saheb comes from town on the purpose of exploration and hires his helicopter for ten days. Tipu talks about their love to Saheb but in reality threatens his wife of exile.

EKUSHEY: 8:00pm. Virgin Takdum Takdum.

This time the singer invited is Shafin Ahmed. Bappa Mazumdar's 'Veschi Ami', Akhin Alamgir's 'Amar Sakal-Sandha tumi', 'Shapnabhang' of Miles, and Ark's 'Sweetly' are going to be some mentionables among the songs. Moreover Shafin is going to answer the Questions.

PICK OF THE DAY



Village of the Damned

On HBO at 10:00 pm
Some kids play harmless games, others play mindless tricks. But some unsuspecting town-folk are about to meet the new kids on the block, they play tricks on minds, with deadly consequences. A dark force has chosen a coastal village in midwich California as a pilot project to spawn its evil.

- 11:00 The Oprah Winfrey Show
- 12:00 Millenium
- 1:00 Media TV
- 1:30 The Bold & The Beautiful
- 2:00 Mork & Mindy
- 2:30 Happy Days
- 3:00 Baywatch
- 4:00 The Simpsons
- 4:30 3rd Rock From The Sun
- 5:00 Star News Asia
- 5:30 Friends
- 6:00 World's Wildest Police Videos
- 6:45 Asia News
- 7:00 Nash Bridges
- 8:00 Bugs
- 9:00 Friends
- 9:30 World's Wildest Police Videos
- 10:30 Nash Bridges
- 11:00 Bugs
- 12:30 World's Wildest Police Videos

STAR PLUS

- 6:00 Sanskruti
- 6:30 Star Geetmala
- 7:00 Kuccha Papad Pucca Papad
- 8:30 Hit Ya Fit
- 9:00 Aatma
- 9:00 Sangeet Toppers
- 9:30 Fox Kids Daily
- 10:30 Small Wonder
- 11:30 Pal Chhin
- 11:30 Saahil
- 12:00 Sansar

ESPN

- 6:00 MLB Championship Series American League Championship Series Game
- 9:00 Motorsport Asia
- 9:30 Italian Football Hilites Italian Serie A
- 10:30 2001/2002 Highlights
- 10:30 NFL Programming NFL Insider: Play Like A Pro
- 11:00 Motoworld
- 11:30 World Cup Mix
- 12:00 Asian Bowling Tour Thailand
- 2:30 NFL Sportscenter
- 3:00 X-Games 2001 Asian X Tour Presented By Toyota Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia Event highlights
- 3:30 World Cup Mix
- 4:00 NFL Football Irving, TX USA Washington

Redskins Dallas Cowboys

- 7:00 ATP Tennis Show
- 7:30 Here We Go
- 8:30 Sportscenter Hindi
- 9:00 Here We Go!
- 9:30 Italian Serie A Football Italian Serie A 2001/2002
- 11:30 Sportscenter Hindi
- 12:00 Asian Bowling Tour Thailand Semifinals & Finals
- 3:00 World Of Rugby The Irb's World of Rugby
- 3:30 Sportscenter Hindi
- 4:00 English Premier Football League English Premier Football League 2001/02
- 6:00 FIM World Motorcycle Championship Motogp 2001 Phillip Island, Australia Highlights

SPORTS

- 7:30 Sportsline Today
- 8:30 Cricket Talk Show
- 9:30 Harsha online
- 10:00 Sports India
- 10:00 Inside The PGA Tour
- 10:30 Tennis Masters Series By Mercedes-Benz
- 10:30 Stuttgart Stuttgart, Germany Early Round Coverage Day
- 12:30 Sportsline Today
- 1:00 English Premier Football League 2001/02
- 3:00 Birmingham, England Fulham @ Aston Villa
- 3:00 Cricket Talk Show
- 3:00 Harsha Online
- 4:00 WTA Tour Ladies
- 4:00 Kremlin Cup Moscow, Russia Finals
- 5:30 South Africa Cricket
- 6:30 South Africa Tri Series East London, South Africa India @ South Africa 7th Odi, 1st Session
- 10:00 South Africa Cricket
- 10:00 South Africa Tri Series East London, South Africa India @ South Africa 7th Odi, 2nd Session
- 2:15 South Africa Cricket
- 3:00 South Africa Tri Series East London, South Africa India @ South Africa 7th Odi, Review
- 3:00 Sportsline Tonight
- 4:00 Sports Unlimited
- 5:00 Sportsline Tonight
- 5:30 Football Asianw

- 1:30 [V] Hit Machine
- 4:30 [V] Hotline
- 5:30 Very [V]
- 7:30 [V] Hit Machine
- 8:00 PO [V]
- 9:00 [V] Jungli Jukebox
- 10:00 [V] FDFS
- 10:30 Club [V]
- 11:30 [V] Hit Machine
- 1:30 [V] Saturday Stack

ZEE TV

- 6:00 Yaadon Ke Pal
- 6:30 Aalaap
- 7:00 Yoga For Life
- 7:20 Jagran
- 7:50 Zee Gym & Eat Healthy
- 8:20 News
- 8:30 Ardhagini
- 8:45 Yaadein Radio Ceylon Ki
- 9:00 Nickelodeon on Zee
- 9:30 Nickelodeon
- 10:00 Guldasta
- 10:30 Shri 420
- 11:00 Ek Tukda Chand Ka
- 11:30 Ek Nazar
- 12:00 Woh Haseen Pal
- 1:00 Hamare Tumhare
- 1:25 Jhalak
- 1:30 Koi Apna Sa
- 2:00 Choti Maa Ek Anokha Bandhan
- 2:30 Gharana
- 3:00 Pyar Jhukta Nahifeature Film
- 6:00 Ek Nazar
- 6:30 Nickelodeon on Zee
- 7:00 Nickelodeon
- 7:30 Ek Nazar
- 8:00 Hip Hip Hurray
- 8:30 Ek Tukda Chand Ka
- 9:00 Mujhe Dore Koi Khinche

CHANNEL [V]

- 7:30 [V] So Long Gone
- 8:30 [V] Jumpstart
- 10:30 [V] Hit Machine
- 12:30 [V] Jungli Jukebox
- 1:00 [V] FDFS

- 9:30 Choti Maa Ek Anokha Bandhan
- 10:00 Koi Apna Sa
- 10:30 Aaj Bhi... Ateet
- 11:00 Dollar Bah
- 11:30 Shri 420
- 12:00 Gharana
- 12:30 Koshish Ek Aashaa
- 1:00 Aaj Bhi... Ateet
- 1:30 Dollar Bahu
- 2:00 Hip Hip Hurray
- 2:30 Gudgudee
- 3:00 Awarar Abdulla-Feature Film
- 5:30 News in Hindi

ZEE CINEMA

- 6:00 Triveni -Feature Film
- 9:00 Kuch Lamhe Kuch Nagme
- 9:15 Tara Rum
- 9:45 Movie Fare
- 10:00 Honeymoon-Feature Film
- 1:00 Chatpatti Chat
- 1:15 Madhyantar
- 1:30 Nishana-Feature Film
- 5:00 Darpan
- 5:15 Making Of A Legend
- 5:45 Film Time
- 6:00 Sansar-Feature Film
- 9:15 Cine News
- 9:30 Ikke Pe Ikka
- 10:00 Abhimanyu-Feature Film
- 1:45 Tara Rum
- 2:15 Kuch Lamhe Kuch Nagme
- 2:30 Le Chal Apne Sang-Feature Film
- 5:30 Chehren

ZEE MUSIC

- 6:00 Music Plus
- 7:00 Aalaap
- 7:30 Tara Rum
- 8:30 Hit Pe Hit
- 10:30 Hit Mix
- 11:00 Dil Se
- 11:30 Music Box
- 12:00 Music Plus
- 1:00 Hit Pe Hit
- 2:00 Jharokha
- 2:35 Pyaar Mohabbat Etc
- 3:05 Tara Rum
- 4:00 Hit Pe Hit
- 5:00 Music Box
- 5:30 Hit Mix
- 6:30 Artist Of The Fortnight
- 6:30 Music Plus
- 7:30 Hit Pe Hit
- 8:30 Dial M
- 9:30 Music Box
- 10:00 Sizzlers
- 10:30 Jharokha
- 11:05 Compact Disc
- 11:35 Phoren Maal
- 12:35 Shabab
- 1:05 Music Box
- 1:30 Jharokha
- 2:00 Hit Pe Hit
- 3:00 Dil Se
- 3:30 Tara Rum
- 4:30 Phoren Maal
- 5:30 Sizzlers

ALPHA TV

- 6:00 Sheshprashna
- 6:30 Tritiyo Purush
- 7:00 Grohon
- 7:30 News
- 8:00 Surer Ei Dharana Dharay
- 8:30 Monniye
- 9:00 News
- 9:05 Bharat Bhraman
- 9:30 Ki Likhi Tomai
- 10:00 Bideshini Bodhu
- 10:30 Monniye
- 11:00 Sheshprashna
- 11:30 Grohon
- 12:00 Jhara Samayer Uapakatha
- 12:30 Chena Mukher Shari
- 1:00 Ingit
- 1:30 Ek Akasher Niche
- 2:00 Nayantara
- 2:00 Sabooj Dweepar Raja - Feature Film
- 5:00 Surer Ei Jharna Dharay
- 5:30 Dour
- 6:00 News
- 6:30 Grohon
- 7:00 Shesh Prashna
- 7:30 Monniye
- 8:00 Nayantara
- 8:30 Ek Akasher Niche
- 9:15 Chena Mukh Shari
- 9:45 Ingeet
- 10:15 Dai Badha
- 10:45 Ek Palake
- 10:50 News
- 11:00 Talk Jhal Misti
- 11:30 News
- 11:55 Ek Palake
- 12:00 Shesh Prashna
- 12:55 Ek Palake
- 13:00 Bangla Feature Film
- 3:00 Ki Likhi Tomai
- 3:30 Bharat Bhraman
- 4:00 Nayantara
- 4:30 Ek Akasher Niche
- 5:00 Chena Mukher Shari
- 5:30 Zee Jalsa

HALLMARK

- 2:00 Steve Martin's Undue influence
- 2:30 Katts and Dog
- 3:00 Steve Martin's Undue Influence
- 5:00 Sesame Street
- 6:00 Reason For Living
- 8:00 Contract for Murder
- 10:00 Sea Change
- 1:00 A Child's Cry For Help
- 1:00 Sliders Season III
- 2:00 Sesame Street
- 3:00 Clifford
- 3:30 Caillou
- 4:00 Sea Change
- 5:00 Star Trek : Voyager
- 6:00 Sliders Season III
- 7:00 To Dance With The White Dog
- 9:00 Star Trek : Voyager