

Fashion

# A first in Bangladesh

## Trade Commission of the French Embassy for the first time brings Paris Spring / Summer 2002 Haute Couture collection in Dhaka in March next year

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THE glamour and glitz from the capital of world fashion, Paris, will be on the ramp in Dhaka in March 2002. This exciting news was disclosed at a press conference organised by the Trade Commission of the French Embassy on November 12.

The fashion spectacular, to be held on March 14, 2002 at the Ball room of Pan Pacific Sonargaon Hotel, features some of the big names in contemporary fashion mainstream such as Paco Rabanne, John Galiano, Pierre Balmain, and Jean-Paul Gaultier. The other fashion Mughals who will make the event a high profile one are Lolita Lempicka, Alexander McQueen, Montana, Thierry Mugler, Sonia Rykiel, Emanuel Ungaro and Vivienne Westwood. The ravishing event of beauty striking an intimate synergy with fashion statement is a relishing piece of news for fashion conscious people of the city and as well as for the people who are associated with the country's fledgling fashion industry.

The Dhaka-Paris catwalk will also co-feature riches of traditional and tribal Bangladeshi weaving and embroidery creating a great platform for local designers to take a leaf from their illustrious counterpart's book. The much-awaited catwalk at Sonargaon Hotel will also initiate interaction between local and guest models from Paris. The crossing of models will provide a rare opportunity for Bangladeshi models to learn the art of fashion modeling from Europe's top models.

A foretaste of the animating experience of the sights and

sounds of Parisian fashion world was experienced at the press conference when a video clipping of the past event, held in New Zealand, was screened. Elisabeth Yearbury, Commercial and Administrative Attaché at France Embassy in the city, informed that the Dhaka event was basically a sequel to Parisian couture in New



Elisabeth Yearbury: Chief promoter of the mega-fashion spectacular due in March 2002

Zealand. Literally a catalyst to the Paris Couture that visits Dhaka in March, Elisabeth Yearbury had been the initiator of the New Zealand fashion extravaganza. Like a magnet Yearbury pulls the Paris couture wherever she travels.

Posted in Dhaka early this year, Yearbury explored the opportunity that was there to be tapped and also thought of creating an interactive platform for Bangladeshi

designers and models. "If the Paris designer finds the traditional and tribal embroidery and weaving of Bangladesh interesting that would be the best part of the whole effort," said fashion aficionado Yearbury.

Introducing and unveiling the ideas and motivation behind this special fashion event to the media, the press preview was also attended by Pierre Boëdoz, French Trade Commissioner in Dhaka, representatives of the two official sponsors Kazi Zahurul Qyuum of Emirates and Paul Kirkham of British American Tobacco.

Yearbury spoke a few words of gratitude for the guests and extended her special thanks to the sponsors and the Pan Pacific Sonargaon Hotel for hosting the mega-event in city's cultural landscape. Later on, she briefed the newsmen about different perspective of the forthcoming show that would be introducing globally renowned designers, models and their creation to the fashion connoisseurs of Bangladesh.

Giving background information about the activities of French Trade Commission in promoting Parisian fashion outside France, Yearbury said that she was involved in bringing glamour and excitement of Paris as the Deputy Trade Commissioner in Auckland, New Zealand in 1995. Auckland watched in awe as many as a hundred variety of haute couture collections of various tastes and designs. The event tasted a resounding success and two more similar events took place in New Zealand and Australia to captivate audience.

"Fashion is rather a passion to



(From L to R): Paul Kirkham, M.D. of British-American Tobacco, Pierre Boëdoz, French Trade Commissioner in Bangladesh, Elisabeth Yearbury, French Commercial Attache accompanies Kazi Zahurul Qyuum, Sales Manager of Emirates during the press conference at Sonargaon Hotel on Monday

me", said Yearbury. "I want to promote new designs and designers in every corner of the globe".

She seemed to be well aware of the cultural scenario of Bangladesh. Here modern fashion had always been able to create an impact on the fashion sensitive community of the country.

Yearbury said though Bangladesh seemed an odd destination for holding a show of such stature,

it could be a rewarding experience for the people of this part of the world where numerous occasions of spectacle had brought smiles to the inhabitants in the past.

The French Trade Commission in holding the forthcoming Dhaka event aims to bring different designers and models of international repute under a single event.

The Commission believes in spreading the traditional spirit of

European culture among the local citizens through the event. A successful completion of the Summer / Spring High Fashion show here will, expects the organisers, put Bangladesh in the world fashion and designing map.

The exotic collection is worth over a million US dollar and would present about 100 silhouettes worn by 12 or more models both Bangladeshi and French.

The visiting Spring / Summer 2002 haute couture has been termed 'fusion fashion' by the French promoter, who holds high hopes about designers and models of Bangladesh. Arrangement of another press review, weeks before the grand event in March was hinted at by the French representatives before rounding off the press conference.

RECOMMENDATIONS

### Berger Young Painters' Art Exhibition 2001

Organised by Berger Paints Bangladesh Limited, the 6th Berger Young Painters' Art Exhibition 2001 is being held at the Zainul Gallery, Institute of Fine Arts, University of Dhaka. The exhibition will continue everyday from 11:00 a.m. 7:00 p.m. till November 17.

### Satranji show

A seven-day exhibition showcasing traditional mat or satranji is being held at the Drik gallery. Open for all from 3-8 pm, the show will run till November 17.

### Art show

An art exhibition of the Samakal Art Group is now being held at Shilpangan gallery. After the formation of the group, this is Shamakal's seventh exhibition. Open from 10 am to 8 pm, the show will continue up to November 14.

### Contemporary Art of Bangladesh

A ten-day long art exhibition entitled Contemporary art of Bangladesh-Trends-2 is now being held at art gallery of the Indian Cultural Centre at Dhanmandi. The show features works of Abdus Satter, Abdus Shakoor, Abul Barq Alvi, Alak Roy, Biren Shome, Chandra Shekhar Dey, Hamiduzzaman Khan, Hashi Chakraborty, KMA Quayyum, Kazi Giasuddin, Monsur-ul-Karim, Nazlee Laila Mansur, Shahabuddin, Shahid Kabir, Swapan Chowdhury. Open for all from 12 to 8 pm, the show runs till November 17.



### Art show

An exhibition of Rokeya Sultana's work is now being held at Bengal Gallery of Fine Arts, House # 275/F, Road # 27, Dhanmandi. The artist's work reflect affliction inflicted on nature and women. The show runs everyday from 12 noon to 8 pm. till November 14.

## TV GUIDE

### TODAY'S HIGHLIGHTS



**EKUSHEY:** 8:00 p.m. *Bandhan*. Episode-56: Sadia visits her father with her newly wed husband. Everyone in the house find an occasion to celebrate.



**EKUSHEY:** 9:30 p.m. *Shundori*. Ishrat becomes a Bengali woman. Like everyone Nilmoni is also looking for Zohir like everyone else. Rasu is in Dhaka with her daughter for her treatment. Bapi wants to go to Sunderban to find his father. Gofar Sherwani is also looking for someone named Amr.



**STAR WORLD:** 9:30 p.m. *The Drew Carey Show*. See *Drew Run*: Comedic magicians Penn & Teller reprise their roles as the department store's ruthless attorney team. This time they to mediate a dispute when Drew leads an employee revolt over management's refusal to create a skywalk above a hazardous intersection outside the store.

### PICK OF THE DAY



**Harriet the Spy**  
On HBO at 10 p.m.  
In the long-awaited film version of Louise Fitzhugh's celebrated novel, Harriet's spy whose about to have her own secrets cast out into the open. Following her nanny's advice, the troubled sixth-grader documents everything she sees and thinks in her little notebook.

<b>BTV</b>	3:10 News Headlines
	3:45 Shasthatyia
	4:00 Khabar
	4:05 Live telecast of the parliamentary sessions from the 8th National Parliament
	5:00 News Headlines
	5:05 Shukhi Poribar
	5:20 Udbhid O'jibon
	5:45 Pushtitathya
	6:00 Khabar
	6:10 Geet Bitan
	6:35 Unmesh
	7:00 News Headlines (English)
	7:15 Special on Diabetics Awareness Day
	8:00 News in Bengali
	8:30 Drama Serial: Bhalobashar Onek Rong
	9:00 News Headlines
	9:05 Chayachanda
	9:30 Drama Serial: Kanta
	10:00 News in English
	10:25 Ognibina
	11:30 Khabar / The News
	11:45 Closing
<b>EKUSHEY TV</b>	12:00 Ekushey Middy
	12:30 Charidike
	1:00 Expedition to the Animal Kingdom
	1:30 Circus Circus
	1:50 Classic Cartoons
	2:10 Deho Tore
	2:30 Drishti
	3:00 Ekushey Headlines
	3:05 Drama Serial: Jhor Brishtir Nir
	3:30 Drama Serial: Jononi
	4:00 Khealay Khelay Chirontonee
	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 Charidike
	6:55 Ekushey Headlines
	7:00 Bolte Chai
	7:30 Ekushey News
	7:58 Ek Minute
	8:00 Drama Serial: Bondhon
	8:45 Program of Song
	9:00 News at Nine
	9:05 Pother Pachali
	9:30 Drama Serial: Sundoree
	10:00 News: Simulcast from BTV
	10:30 Ekushey Test Special
	11:00 Ekushey Late Night News
	11:30 Sumprotique
	12:00 Ekushey Headlines

<b>ATN BANGLA</b>	5:30 Islamic Prog
	7:00 Musical Prog: ATN Music
	7:35 Dance prog: Dance Dance
	8:00 ATN Bangla News
	8:25 Drama serial: Uttaran
	9:00 Film Magazine: Cine Music
	9:35 Drama: Nayeka Sangbad
	10:50 Drama serial: Bondon
	11:15 Bengali film: Ghar Bhangar Ghar
	12:00 ATN Bangla News
	6:07 Health care prog: Sustha Thakun
	6:45 Film Songs prog: Surchoibi
	7:00 ATN Bangla Evening News
	7:35 Drama serial: Rang Berongar Din
	8:10 Film Magazine: Dalwood Bichitra
	8:45 Cook prog: Ranna Banna
	9:20 Drama Serial: Brettyer Bhalobasha
	10:00 ATN Bangla News
	11:05 Drama serial: Bondon
	11:45 Bengali Film: Rupban
	12:00 ATN Bangla News
<b>CHANNEL-i</b>	6:25 Drama Joar Vata
	7:00 Bha ki Darun Drisha
	7:35 Drama Simana
	8:00 Din Protidin
	8:25 Drama: Hablonger Bazare
	10:10 Music Plus
	11:15 Drama Joar Vata
	12:00 Bha ki Darun Drisha
	12:35 Drama Simana
	1:15 Drama: Hablonger Bazare
	3:00 Bangla Cinema: Biswas Abiswas (I Kanchon/Champa)
	6:10 Music Plus
	7:15 Channel I Sangbad
	7:25 Jukti Tarko
	8:00 Chitti Pelam
	8:30 I tele Quise
	8:35 ChrodinerGane
	9:00 Channel I Sangbad
	9:20 Sangbad Patra Bangladesh
	9:30 I tele Quise
	9:35 Sustain Music time
	10:00 Quize: 60 Sec.
	10:30 Channel I Sangbad
	11:00 Bangla Cinema: Nirmann (Alamgir/Sabana)
<b>HBO</b>	6:30 Nowhere to Hide
	8:30 Sudden Terror: the Hijacking of School Bus

10:30	Nicholas and Alexandra
2:15	Black rain
4:45	Empire of the Sun
7:45	Fly Away Home
10:00	Harriet the Spy
12:00	Wild Things
2:45	Star Trek Generations
4:45	Fly Away Home
<b>STAR GOLD</b>	10:30 Amul Bollywood News
	11:00 Geet Bahar
	11:30 Chalte Chalte (Simi Garewal, Vishal)
	3:00 Pathar Ke Sanam (Manoj Kumar, Waheeda Rehman)
	7:00 Geet Bahar
	7:30 Rang Birangi Madhumati (Dilip Kumar, Vyjayantimala)
	11:00 Amul Bollywood News
	11:30 Arzoo (Rajendra Kumar, Sadhana, Feroz Khan)
	12:30 Arzoo (Contd...)
	3:00 Geet Bahar
	3:30 Pathar Ke Sanam (Manoj Kumar, Waheeda Rehman)
	7:00 Madhumati (Dilip Kumar, Vyjayantimala)
<b>STAR WORLD</b>	6:00 Happy Days
	6:30 3" Rock From The Sun
	7:00 The Oprah Winfrey Show
	8:00 Water Rats
	9:00 JAG
	10:00 The Pretender
	11:00 The Oprah Winfrey Show
	12:00 NYPD Blue
	1:00 Things People Do
	1:30 The Bold and 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 Friends
	5:30 The Drew Carey Show
	6:30 Whose Line Is It Anyway?
	6:45 Star News Asia
	7:00 Ally McBeal
	8:00 The Practice
	9:00 Friends
	9:30 The Drew Carey Show
	10:00 Whose Line Is It Anyway?

<b>STAR PLUS (INDIA)</b>	6:00 Sanskruti
	6:30 Star Geetmala
	7:30 Kahaani Ghar Ghar Ki
	8:00 Aatma
	9:00 Sangeet Toppers
	9:30 Fox Kids Daily
	10:30 Small Wonder
	11:00 Pal Chhin
	11:30 Saahil
	12:00 Sansar
	12:30 Sangeet Toppers
	1:00 Hum Saath Aath Hain
	1:30 Kahaani 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 Kaathin Kissii Roz
	5:00 Pal Chhin
	5:30 Sangeet Toppers
	6:00 Small Wonder
	6:30 Fox Kids Daily
	7:30 Sanskruti

<b>ESPN</b>	6:00 Sportscenter Hindi
	7:00 NBA Basketball Sacramento, CA USA
	9:30 Toronto Raptors @ Sacramento Kings
	11:00 Football Focus
	10:30 Motorworld
	11:00 English Premier Football League
	1:00 American Muscle 2001
	1:30 Nit Basketball Preseason
	2:00 Lansing, MI USA
	2:30 Detroit @ Michigan
	3:00 State First Round
	3:30 Lpga Golf Cisco World Ladies Match Play
	4:00 Championship Third Round
	5:00 Sportscenter Bristol, CT USA
	7:30 Sportsline Today
	8:00 Spanish Football League 2001/02
	10:30 Senior Pga Tour Golf
	11:00 Senior Slam St Augustine, FL USA Final

<b>SPORTS</b>	9:00 Goals!
	9:30 NBA Basketball Sacramento, CA USA
	12:30 Toronto Raptors @ Sacramento Kings
	11:30 Sportscenter Hindi
	12:00 Professional Boxing San Jacinto, CA USA
	1:30 Ladies Pro Bowlers Tour Professional Women's Bowling Association Myrtle Beach, SC USA
	2:30 Sportscenter Hindi
	3:00 Lpga Golf Cisco World Ladies Match Play Championship Third Round
	5:00 Sportscenter Bristol, CT USA
	7:00 Sportsline Today
	8:00 Spanish Football League 2001/02
	10:30 Senior Pga Tour Golf Senior Slam St Augustine, FL USA Final

<b>CHANNEL [V]</b>	7:30 [V] So Long Gone
	8:30 [V] Jumpstart
	10:30 [V] Hit Machine
	12:30 [V] Jungli Jukebox
	1:00 [V] FDFS
	1:30 [V] Hit Machine
	4:30 [V] Hotline
	5:30 Very [V]
	[V] Hit Machine

<b>ZEE TV</b>	6:00 Yaadon Ke Pal Aalaap
	6:30 Yoga For Life
	7:30 Jagran
	7:50 Zee Gym & Eat Healthy
	8:20 News
	8:30 Ardhangini
	8:45 Yaadein Radio Ceylon Ki
	9:00 Nickelodeon on Zee
	9:30 Nickelodeon
	10:00 Guldasta
	10:30 Sarhadain
	11:00 Ek Tukda Chand Ka Ek Nazar
	11:30 Woh Haseen Pal
	1:00 Manzilein Apni Apni Jhalak
	1:25 Koi Apna Sa
	1:30 Choti Maa Ek Anokha Bandhan
	2:00 Gharana
	2:30 Feature Film
	6:00 Ek Nazar
	6:30 Nickelodeon On Zee
	7:00 Nickelodeon
	7:30 Ek Nazar
	8:00 Deewane To Deewane Hai
	8:30 Ek Tukda Chand Ka
	9:00 Mehndi Tere Naam Ki

<b>ZEE CINEMA</b>	5:30 Chehren
	6:00 Feature Film
	9:00 Kuch Lamhe Kuch Nagme
	9:15 Ikke Pe Ikka
	9:45 Movie Fare
	10:00 Feature Film
	1:00 Chatpatti Chat
	1:15 Madhyantar
	1:30 Feature Film
	5:00 Darpan
	5:15 Tara Rum
	5:45 Film Time
	6:00 Feature Film
	9:15 Cine News
	9:30 Dadamoni-A Tribute To The Legend-Ashok Kumar
	10:00 Feature Film
	1:45 Tara Rum
	2:15 Kuch Lamhe Kuch Nagme
	2:30 Feature Film
	5:30 Chehren
<b>ZEE MUSIC</b>	6:00 Music Plus
	7:00 Aalaap
	7:30 Tara Rum
	8:30 Hit Pe Hit
	10:30 Hit Mix
	11:00 Music Mag
	11:30 Music Box
	12:00 Music Plus
	1:00 Hit Pe Hit
	2:00 Jharokha
	2:35 Di Show
	3:05 Tara Rum
	4:00 Hit Pe Hit
	5:00 Music Box
	5:30 Hit Mix
	6:00 Cool Age
	6:30 Music Plus
	7:30 Hit Pe Hit
	8:30 Best Of The Best
	9:30 Music Box
	10:00 Sizzlers
	10:30 Jharokha
	11:05 Just Jammin
	11:35 Phoren Maal
	12:35 Shabab
	5:00 Sportsline Tonight
	5:30 Women's Golf
	Samsung World Championship of Golf California, CA USA Day Three

<b>BANGLA</b>	6:00 Sheshprashna
	6:30 Aatpake Bandhe
	7:00 Grohon
	7:30 News
	8:00 Surer Ei Dharana
	Dharay
	8:30 Zee Jalsa
	9:00 News
	9:05 Bharat Bhraman
	9:30 Purobi
	10:00 Googly
	10:30 Prapto Baeskoder janyo
	11:00 Sheshprashna
	11:30 Grohon
	12:00 Gandharbi
	12:30 Chena Mukher Shari
	1:00 Ingit
	1:30 Ek Akasher Niche
	2:00 Nayantara
	2:30 Chaka- Laxmi Puja Special
	5:00 Surer Ei Jhama Dharay
	5:30 Phire Elam
	6:00 News
	6:30 Grohon
	7:00 Shesh Prashna
	7:30 Surer Ei Jhamadhara
	8:00 Nayantara
	8:30 Ek Akasher Niche
	9:15 Chena Mukh Shari
	9:45 Ingeet
	10:15 Football
	10:45 Ek Palake
	10:50 News
	10:55 Ek Palake
	11:00 Bideshini Bodhu
	11:30 News
	11:55 Ek Palake
	12:00 Shesh Prashna
	12:25 Ek Palake
	12:30 Bangla Feature Film
	3:00 Purobi
	3:30 Bharat Bhraman
	4:00 Nayantara
	4:30 Ek Akasher Niche
	5:00 Chena Mukher Shari
	5:30 Football
<b>HALLMARK</b>	12:00 Titanic
	2:00 Katts and dog
	3:30 Titanic
	5:00 Sesame Street
	6:00 Reunion
	8:00 Hidden in Dove: The Series
	10:00 Lonesome Dove: the Series
	11:00 Bonds of Love
	1:00 Sliders Season IV
	2:00 Sesame Street
	3:00 Clifford
	3:30 Caillou
	4:00 Lonesome Dove: the Series
	5:00 Star Tre: Voyager