Reviving an oriental craft

An exhibition of traditional satranji held at the Drik Gallery

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ATRANJI is a traditional art adored in the royal courts of the East. Made of either fur or jute or cotton, satranji had (still has) manifold uses. Very primarily satranji used to be a material to prevent cold spreading on the palace floor. Muslims have carried satranji as prayer rugs with them wherever they have travelled. An important use of satranji was that it used to be sent to kings as tributary offerings. Above all, as a decorative item spread-out satranii on the floor or hung on the wall bears testimony to users' aristocracy, sense of art and sign of good taste.

Originated in the regions of Persia, Caucasus and Central Asia during 6th to 4th century B.C, satranji tradition has existed thousand years in these parts of the world. It is considered as one of the most ancient forms of weaving existing

During the Mughal dynasty in the Indian sub-continent, Emperor Akbar used to admire this handicraft highly and decorate his palace with

For last couple years Safiqul Alam Selim a private entrepreneur dealing in handicrafts at Rangour has been endeavoring to promote satranji in the country. He has been exploring market for this traditional craft-work suiting the contemporary

The 4th exhibition of satranji, held at the Drik Gallery on November 11-17, is an outcome of Selim's effort to popularize and re-establish a craft gone out of vogue for a long time. Selim has so far convinced the weaver families at Nishbetganj to revive this indigenous craft industry. He undertook the motivational efforts to unite craftsmen and women, train them up and provide them with raw material. The result is a silent forward movement of a satranji industry and the birth of an artisan community at Nishbetganj know as satranji village.

Selim has so far held four shows of this traditional product. Public

response to the satranji so far is indicative of a bright prospect of this traditional craft.

"We neither can lose or let our enterprise flop. In which case the whole community would be demoralised and disappointed causing the traditional craft suffer a deadly setback. To keep a heritage alive. we cannot afford a failure in any way," stated Selim.

A huge turnout of buyers and visitors at the show was noteworthy. "This time the number of buyers are greater than the casual visitors. It seems the visitors in the last exhibition have turned out to be buyers in the fourth show". While talking about the objective of his latest show, Selim remarked, "By now I am convinced that there is a market for satranji and it would only expand in days to come. As consumers' response is pretty encouraging, now I intend to open a display and sale centre of satranii

Hakim Mian, who is the master supervisor of the team of satranii workers, is hopeful about setting up

of a big sale centre in the capital Raw materials used for weaving satranii are wool, cotton and iute Cotton satranii was on the high demand in the exhibition. British historian Hunter's record shows that satranji named Pilpa or Hatipaya was very popular. Among other designs Jafri, Itkhali and Latai were equally famous. Hatipaya design is named so because an impression of an elephant foot is woven up in this kind of satranji. Satranji designs are usually very

simple in nature. The artisans depict such designs and motifs, which are quite familiar to them and to the rural people as well. Sober and tasteful colours used in satranji suit artistic taste of its admirers. Satranji is called Kelim in Turkey and Durry in

With the growing popularity, satranji or rug, a lost traditional craft in this country is making its way to regain its own ground after a long passage of time



Artisans engaged in weaving satranji at the village Nishbetganj

CULTURE

Music close to nature

Dhanmondi amphitheatre opens with Wizard Showbiz's concert



audience enjoyed their different

CHITHRAL CORRESPONDENT

HE renovation of Dhanmondi lake changed the total outlook of the lake and added more colour to it. The Dhanmondi Lake Amphitheatre, just beside the bridge on Road 8 is an additional attraction to the lake's beauty. The renovation work for the lake has almost come to an end. Meanwhile, the opening of the lake's amphitheatre took place on November 15. For the first time an open-air concert was held at the Dhanmondi Organised by Wizard Showbiz,

dedicated to promoting the music of the younger generation, four bands performed at the concert. They were Shironamhin, Monitor, Vikings and

The show was scheduled to start at 4:00 p.m. but the strike delayed it for an hour. The first band to perform was the rising stars Shironamhin. With the number Ei Muhurte, a song by Mohiner Ghoraguli, Shironamhin filled the amphitheatre premises. Next they performed one of their

musical composition. Another song by Mohiner Ghoraguli Akashe Chorano and Kishore Kumar's famous number Shei Rate's jazz version was next. The crowd liked their performance and the amphitheatre premises began filling up. With the song Dil Ki Doya, a song by late Paban Das Baul composed by famous French musician Sam Mills the enthralling performance of Shironamhin came to an end. The audience wanted more form them but more bands awated the stage.

The next band was Monitor. After the soft numbers of Shironamhin they presented the audience with some hard numbers such as Ami Eka. Bhalobasha Kokhono Hashay Kokhono Kaday, Anita, Boro Eka and many more. The audience enjoyed their trendy performance.

Next came the band Vikings the winner of "Benson & Hedges Star Search 1999". They started off with the number Din Joto Dukkho Toto. The audience greeted them onstage. One after another Vikings rocked the Dhanmondi amphitheatre with the numbers Tumi

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[V] Hit Machine

[V] Jungli Jukebox

[V] Hotline

Very [V]

10:30 [V] Hit Machine

12:00 [V] Hit Machine

Yaadon Ke Pal

Yoga For Life

Jagran

News

10:00 Guldasta

10:30 Shri 420

11:30 Ek Nazar

Ardhangini

Nickelodeaon

11:00 Ek Tukda Chand Ka

Hamare Tumhare

Choti Maa Ek Anokha

Naukar Feature Film

Nickeldeon On Zee

Ek Tukda Chand Ka

Choti Maa Ek Anokha

Muihe Dore Koi Khinche

12:00 Woh Haseen Pal

Koi Apna Sa

Bandhan

Gharana

Ek Nazar

Ek Nazar

Nickelodeon

Hip Hip Hurray

Bhandhan

10:00 Koi Apna Sa

10:30 Aaj Bhi... Ateet

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11:00 Late Night

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Kotha Dao. Bon Jovi's You Give Love a Bad Name, Ki Pele Ashbe Tumi. Dishari and Bon Jovi's Its' Mv Life. The audience loved their performance. This memorable performance by Vikings came to an end with the number Jiboner The last band to perform at the

concert was Nova. It was quite a long break for the band. They began with their famous number School Polatok Meye. The audience enjoyed the song and cheered them. Nova continued with the numbers Padma Pare, Swapna Rongin, Biyer Dhum, Ghrina and Thikana. The crowd danced along with their music. With Ricky Martin's Living in Lavidaloka Nova pulled the certain to the concert.

The best part of the show was the natural beauty that one enjoys while sitting at the amphitheatre. Overall the inauguration of the amphitheatre was extraordinary. Wizard Showbiz is going to organise a big concert next January. Lets hope that this concert will also be a success-



The Lesson

The centre for Asian Art stages Eugene Ionesco's The Lesson, translated in Bangla by Saidus Saklaen and directed by Mejrema Reuter, today at 7 in the evening at Natmandal Auditorium of the Dhaka

Art show

A group art exhibition by Zahid Shamim, Kakoli and Safin has opened at The High Commission of India cultural centre, 754, Satmasjid Road, Dhanmondi. The show runs everyday from 3:00 to 8:00 p.m. till November 29.

Crafts and fashion works show

A Crafts and Fashion Works Exhibition is now being held at the Zainul Gallery, Institute of Fine Arts, Shahbagh, Dhaka. The show will run till November 30.

Alfred Hitchcock Retrospective

Zahir Raihan Film Society, in collaboration with Indian High Commission in Dhaka, has organised a fortnight long Alfred Hitchcock Retrospective. The Birds, starring Tippi Hedren, Rod Taylor & Jessica Tandy will be screened today at Indian High Commission Auditorium at 6 in the

Fashion

A colourful apparel show by Altamira, a fashion gallery, is now being held at House # 1, Road # 2, Dhanmomndi. The show, open from 10 a.m to 10 p.m. everyday, runs till December 14

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News

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9:05 Bharat Bhraman

10:00 Bideshini Bodhu

11:00 Sheshprashna

12:00 Jhara Samaver

Uapakatha

Nayantara

Feature Film

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News

Grohon

Monnive

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11:30 News

10:15 Dai Baddha

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11:55 Ek Palake

11:00 Talk Jhal Misti

Ki Likhi Tomai

News

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TV GUIDE

BTV

A satranii with duck motifs

12:00 noon:Live telecast of the parliamentary procedure from the Jatyo Sangsad

3:10 p.m.Sangbad Shironam

Open University Khabar

Sukhi Paribar

5:00 Sangbad Shironam

everyday life 6:00 Khabar

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Programme from

chittagong station 7:00

English

7:05 Aubhijatra: A programme

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8.00 News in Bangla

8:30 Movie: Ocean Girl

10:25 Documentary: The Face of

11:15 Khabar /The News 11:30 Closing

EKUSHEY TV

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Expedition to the Animal Kingdom

Documentary Programmed Japan Video Tropic

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Ekushey Headlines Kena Kata

4:00 Surer Prodeep

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Adventure Bangladesh 7:00 7:30 **Ekushey News**

7:58 Fk Minute 8:00 Drama: Nishobdo Ghoon

9:00 Ekushey News (English) Serial: Alif Laila 10:00 News: Simulcast from

10:30 Drama: Protidin Ekte Golap

11:00 Ekushey Nightly News 12:00 E Shoptaher Bishsho **12:30** Ekushey News Headlines

Cartoon picture Mahe Ramadan

School debate competition Religion and life: Islam in

Shadhinata Tomar Jonya

Sangbad Shironam in

on youth development Sandha Malati: Nazrul

Sangbad Shironam Drama serial :Shubha 9:05

9:30 Geeti Bichitra 10:30 Channel I Sangbad 10:00 News at ten (English) 11:00 Drama : Ekti Premer

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BBC News World Business Report **BBC News** 7:00 Asia Today/Asia **Business Report BBC News**

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CHANNEL-i

6:25 Drama (S) Joar Vata

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Bangla Cinema: Sukhe

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Mahe Ramadan

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Music Plus

10:15 Drama Joar Vata

11:00 Chitti Pelam

11:35 Premer Gane..

12:35 Sustain Music

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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** Top Gear 2:00 BBC News 2:30 Life **BBC News** 3:00

3:30 Hardtalk **BBC News** 4:00 4:30 **Talking Movies** 5:00 BBC News 5:30 Life 6:00 **BBC News**

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IT: India Tomorrow **BBC News** 7:15 World Business Report **Talking Movies** 7:30

7:00 BBC News 8:00 9:00 BBC News

9:30 Asia Today 10:00 BBC News

Report 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 Fantasti, QED,

Clarkson 2:00 **BBC News** 2:30 World Business Report 3:00 **BBC News** 3:30 Correspondent ex

supporting Roles BBC News 4:30 World Business Report/Asia Today 5:00 **BBC News**

5:30 Hardtalk **HBO**

6:30 Killers in the House 8:15 The Assignment 10:30 Harriet the Spv 12:30 Accidental Meeting 2:15 The First Wives Club Dream For an Insom-

niac Trapped 8:00 Weird Science 10:00 Mercy **11:45** The Matrix 2:30 Uncommon Valor

4:45 The Assignment STAR GOLD

10:30 Amul Bollywood News 11:00 Geet Bahar 11:30 Payal Ki Jhankar (Kishore Kumar, Jyoti Lakshmi)

Amul Bollywood News Nadiva Ke Par (Dilip Kumar, Kamini Kaushal) 7.00 Geet Bahar 7:30 Lamhe Pyaar Ke: Biwi Ho To Aisi (Rekhan,

Faroque Sheikh) 11:00 Amul Bollywood News 11:30 Mere Ghar Mere Bachche (Smita Patil, Raj Babbar) 12:30 Mere Ghar Mere

Bachche (contd) Geet Bahar 3:30 Nadiva Ke Par (Dilip Kumar, Kamini Kaushal) Biwi Ho To Aisi (Rekha,

Farouque Sheikh) STAR WORLD Happy Days

3rd Rock From The Sun The Oprah Winfrey Show Water Rats The Drew Care Show Whose Line Is It

TODAY'S HIGHLIGHTS 10:15 World Business



EKUSHEY:7:00 p.m. Deshjurey. Today's episode features bisexual community, Jute bag of Nilfamari and eventful life of Farsat Ali of Habigani



EKUSHEY:8:00 p.m.. Niswabda Ghunpoka. A police officer is out to inquire about a murder. In course of inquiry he calls a family in question and sees that its members know the



Anyway

11:00 The Oprah Winfrey

Your Fears

Fashion TV

Beautiful

The Bold & The

Mork & Mindy

Happy Days

The Simpsons

Star News Asia

Friends

Roswell

Friends

Rosewell

10:30 Templation Island

10:00 Cont'd

11:30 Martial Law

12:30 Roswell

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Life In the Word with

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Media TV

5:30 Mork & Mindy

STAR PLUS

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Aatma

Sangeet

Star Geetmala

Hit Filmein Hit

Fox Kids Daily

Hum Saath Aath Hain

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Baywatch

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12:00 The Practice

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EKUSHEY:10:30 p.m. Protidin Ekti Golap. Nantu intends to file a GD with the police station. Shahid asks the killers to obstruct Nantu so that he can not do so. As Banya over hears Shahid, the killers can do no harm to

10:30 Small Wonder

11:00 Pal Chhin 11:30 Saahil 12:00 Shanti Show, How To Control

ESPN

12:30 Hit Filmein Hit Sangeet Hum Saath Aath Hain 1:00 Sanskruti 2:30 Bahu Thi 3:00 Shagun Kasauti Zindagi Kav 3:30

4:00 Kabhi Sauten Kabhi Saheli 4:30 Kaahin Kissii Roz 5:00 Meri Saheli 5:30

6:00 Nit Basketball Presea-

8:30 Nit Basketball Presea-

10:30 Great Alaska Shootout

Semifinal

12:30 Motorsport Asia

son Nit Basketball

Basketball Anchorage

Alaska-Anchorage First

Sportscenter Bristol, CT

2:00 Golf Classics The Nearly

India Tour of South

Africa Port Elizabeth.

South Africa 2nd Test,

Day 5. Highlights

Uefa Champions

3:00 South Africa Cricket

AK USA Indiana @

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York, NY USA Semifinal

Kahaani Ghar Ghar Kii Kyunki Saas Bhi Kabhi 1:00 1:30 2:00 3:00 3:30 Hit Filmein Hit Sangeet 4:00 Small Wonder 4:30 6:30 7:30 Sanskruit

8:00 Hum Saath Aath Hain 8:30 Kundali 9.00 Kasautii Zindagi Kay Kora Kagaz 10:00 Kangan 10:30 Kahaani Ghar Ghar Kii Bahu Thi 11:30 Kaahin Kissi Roz **12:05** AAj Ki Baat 12:30 Jubilee Plus

Mercy

11:00 Kyunki Saas Bhi Kabhi Hit Filmein Hit Sangeet Telebrands Sonnari Pal Chhin Saahil Sansar Kyunki Saas Bhi Kabhi Bahu Thi 5:00 Meri Saheli

League 2001/02 Uefa

Champions League

Group Phase 2,

Sportscenter Hindi

International Beach

Soccer Beach Soccer

Worldwide Acapulco.

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League English Premier

2001/02 Charlton, UK

West Ham United @

World Cup Mix

10:00 Western Union World

10:30 Cricket Programming

ber Launch

11:30 Sportscenter Hindi

12:00 English Premier Football

Football League

Charlton Athletic

Sportscenter Hindi

2:30 Nfl Football

Football

Matchday 7

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5:30 Hit Filmein Hit Sangeet **STAR MOVIES**

11:00 Phantom Menace 1:15 Finders Fee 3:00 Joy Luck Club 5:15 Pitch Black 7:00 Hurricane 9:30 Perfect Murder2 CHANNEL [V]

[V] Hit Machine

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[V] Jungli Jukebox

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New York Giants @ Minnesota Vikings 5:30 Sportscenter Bristol, CT

8:00 Sportsline Today

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Zealand Tour of Austra-

lia 2001 Hobart, Austra-

lia New Zealand @ 2nd & 3rd Session 1:00 Sportsline Today 1:30

8:30 Cricket Programming Super Selector December Launch

Australia Cricket New

Zealand Tour of Austra-

lia 2001 Hobart, Australia New Zealand @ Australia 2nd Test, Day 1 Highlights 10:30 Sportsline Tonight 11:00 Cricket Talk Show Harsha Online

12:00 Sportsline Tonight 12:30 Grand Slam of Golf Pga Grand Slam of Golf 2001 Kauai, Hawaii Day Two

4:00 Sportsline Tonight Australia Cricket New 5:00 Zealand Tour of Australia 2001 Hobart, Australia New Zealand @

Hip Hip Hurray

11:00 Dollar Bah **11:30** Shri 420 **12:00** Gharana 12:30 Koshish Ek Aashaa Aai Bhi.... Ateet 1:00 Dollar Bahu 1:30

Gudgudee Ghar Ghar Ki Kahani Feature Film

2:00

News in Hindi ZEE CINEMA Feature Film 9:00 Kuch Lamhe Kuch

Nagme Zee Gym & Eat Healthy 9:15 Tara Rum 9.45 Movie Fare 10:00 Feature Film Yaadein Radio Ceyion Ki 1:00 Chatpati Chat Nickelodeon on Zee

Madhyantar Feature Film 1:30 Darpan 5:00 Making Of A Legend 5:15 5.45 Film Time

6:00 Feature Film 9:15 Cine News 9:30 Ikke Pe Ikka 10:00 Feature Film Tara Rum 2:15 Kuch Lamhe Kuch

2:30 Feature Film 5:30 Chehren

ZEE MUSIC

Music Plus 6.00 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

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Hit Pe Hit 2:00 3:00 Dil Se Tara Rum 3:30 4:30 Phoren Maal 5:30 Sizzlers **ALPHA TV**

1:30 Jharokha

1:00 Sliders Season IV 2:00 Sesame Street 3:00 Clifford 3:30 Caillou 6:00

7:00

12:00 Shesh Prashna **12:55** Ek Palake 12:30 Bangla Feature Film 3:00 Ki Likhi Tomai 3:30 Bharat Bhraman 4:00 Navantara 4:30 Ek Akasher Niche 5:00 Chena Mukher Shari 5:30 Zee Jalsa **HALLMARK** 12:00 The Ranger, The Cook and a Hole in the Sky Katts and Dog 3:00 The Ranger, The Cook and a Hole in the Sky 5:00 Sesame Street 6:00 Wildflower 8:00 Series

Walter And Henry 10:00 Lonesome Dove: The 11:00 Side by Side

Star Trek: Voyager Sliders Season IV The Good Fight 9:00 Star Trek: Voyager

4:00 Lonesome Dove: The

10:00 Survival on the Mountain





On HBO at 10:00 PM Dorothy's all made-up and stripped down to nothing. Only trouble is, she's dead. Her body's

been bizarrely and brutally mutilated. Looks like she won't be going out on a date tonight. The only evidence sexual paraphernalia and pictures of victims engaged in kinky activities with a masked man. But who is he?

6:15 Going Home 8:00 Blair Witch Project 9:30 Just One Night

7:30 [V] So Long Gone 8:30 [V] Jumpstart

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STAR SPORTS

Australia 2nd Test, Day 1, English Premier Football League 2001/02 Liverpool, England Chelsea @ Everton 3:30 Sports Unlimited

Grand Slam of Golf Pga Grand Slam of Golf 2001 Kauai, Hawaii Day 8:00 Sportsline Tonight

Highlights

Australia 2nd Test, Day 1, 6:00 Shesh Prashna 6:30 Tritiyo Purush

1:05 Music Box

BANGLA