

Cinema

A treat for the film lovers

Organised by Bangladesh Short Film Forum, a 9-day long International Short and Independent Film Festival opens on December 22 with the slogan *Free Cinema Free Expression*

TAWFIQUE ALI

BA NGLADESH Short Film Forum has been organising international film festival every alternate year since 1988. The 7th International Film Festival this year, scheduled to begin on December 22, has one hundred and twenty films from about thirty-two countries across the world in its screening menu.

In the wake of gradual derogatory trend in the commercial film making, this film forum puts emphasis on creating art oriented film bearing a particular message. A festival committee, chaired by eminent writer Hasnat Abdul Hye, has been entrusted to organise this year's festival while a national advisory council looks after forum's activities.

With Bangladesh hosting the festival, the participating countries in this year's festival are Brazil, Argentina, Spain, Taiwan, Denmark, Iran, Australia, Poland, Latvia, Germany, France, Canada, Britain, Ethiopia, Jamaica, Indonesia,



Colours Black directed by Mamata Murty from India

Malaysia, United States, Thailand, China, Russia, Belgium, Bulgaria, Netherlands, Sweden, Switzerland, Turkey, Nepal, Italy, and India. The festival this year will put a special focus on the films from Iran and Spain.

This year's Alamgir Kabir Memorial Lecture will be delivered by eminent writer Hasan

Azizul Huq on the *Cinema and Literature*.

A.K.M Zakariamedia coordinator of the festival committee, said, "There is an alternative film making stream in almost every country over the world. Such films are made independently on private enter-

preneurship to give vent to one's individual view, message, and outlook. Our view regarding alternative film is that it ought to be free and independent in every manner to its objective. An alternative film may be of any lengthshort or long, and can adopt any technique it deems fit."

"Usually in foreign countries both government and TV companies financially support such enterprise. If we take our neighbouring India for an example, we find independent films enjoy governmental support there to promote the cause of art film. The atmosphere for alternative film in our country is not conducive. First because the volume of audience for such films is still very limited and secondly prevalent government policy is not in its favour. No government so far has shown interest in alternative film. We are to carry on our programmes with donation, contribution and collecting advertisements. Government should come forward to patronise initiatives in alternative film making."

Of late, many individuals and



A scene from the film 'The Offering' directed by Paul Lee. Country: Canada

organisations have been endeavouring to make alternative films in the country, resulting in an emergence of a cine literate class people. Meanwhile there are a number of film societies and forums. "A film forum differs from a film society in terms of scope, functions and objectives. A society mainly focuses on screening of better films for a particular class of viewers and helps create better audience and makes them appreciate better films. On the other hand, a film forum dedicates its activities to the creation of better films. It is relatively more professional than a society is. The function of both the organisations are complementary to each other," Zakaria remarked.

The central venue for the festival is Central Public Library Auditorium at Shahbag while special sessions and retrospectives will be held at The British Council, Indian Information Centre and the Goethe Institut Auditorium. Four shows are to be held daily at the festival's main venue from December 23. Show timings

are 11:00 a.m., 3:00 p.m., 5:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. Each show is around 90 minutes long featuring short fiction, documentaries, animations and experimental films. A number of filmmakers from various countries are due to take part in the festival

Bangladesh Short Film Forum was formed in 1986 by a

group of independent filmmakers and film activists. Film festivals held by the forum are designed to create a better cine-culture in the country. A number of films made by the Forum members have been awarded in international festivals.



Film : Gdynia directed by Bianca Badua from Germany



A Bangladeshi film directed by A.K.M Zakaria

RECOMMENDATIONS



Eid Fashion Layout

Annela Haque's Andes is having her Eid Fashion layout at its outlet (Rd. 10, House 23, Gulshan-1). Starting from Men's kurtas to women's designer Jamdani saris everything is in the list. It will be open to all everyday from 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. till chand raat.

Ambiance

An exhibition titled 'Ambience' by Debesh Goswami is being held at the National Museum. The exhibition will continue everyday from 9:00 a.m. 3:00 p.m. till December 20.

Neel Utshab

Organised jointly by Aranya and Mennonite Central Committee (MCC), Neel Utshab features dresses, saris and other household products in indigo. Aranya and MCC have teamed up to bring back indigo from the blind allies of history. The outstanding collection of indigo products is now on display at Aranya at Kamal Ataturk Avenue, Banani. The utshab runs until December 15.

Film Festival

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TV GUIDE

EKUSHEY TV

- 2:00 Ekushey Headlines
- 2:05 Ajker Potrikay
- 2:14 Ekatturer Ei Dine
- 2:15 Bangla Film: Allor Michil
- 3:00 Ekushey Headlines
- 3:05 Bangla Film: Allor Michil
- 5:00 Islamic Program: Oishee
- 5:30 E Shoptaher Bishsho
- 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 Anondo
- 8:30 Ekushey Shaptahik 2000 Eid Fashion-2001
- 9:00 Ekushey News
- 9:05 Shukrobarer Natak: Mohua
- 10:00 News : Simulcast from BTV
- 10:30 Drama Serial: Nilanjonna
- 11:00 Ekushey Late Night News
- 11:30 Ei Shoptah
- 12:00 Ekushey Headlines

ALPHA TV

- 12:30 Feature Film
- 3:00 Surer Ei Jharana Dhara
- 3:30 Bharat Bhromon
- 4:00 Pratibimbo
- 4:30 Ek Akasher Niche
- 5:00 Chena Mukher Shari
- 5:30 Football
- 6:00 Chokher Bali/De Re
- 6:30 Tritiyo Purush
- 7:00 Nayantara
- 7:30 News
- 8:00 Surer Ei Jhamadhara
- 8:30 Monniye
- 9:00 News
- 9:05 Bharat Bhraman
- 9:30 Ki Likhi Tomai
- 10:00 Bideshini Bodhu
- 10:30 Saffiya
- 11:00 Nayantara/Asian Sky Shop
- 11:30 Ebar Jombe Moja
- 12:00 Jhara Samayer Uapakatha
- 12:30 Chena Mukher Shari
- 1:00 Ingeet/sian Sky Shop
- 1:30 Ek Akasher Niche
- 2:00 Pratibimbo/Asian Sky Shop
- 5:00 Surer Ei Jhama Dharay
- 5:30 Dour
- 6:00 Alpha Khabor
- 6:25 Jhankar-Exposure
- 6:30 Chokher Bali/Football
- 7:00 Nayantara
- 7:30 Monniye
- 7:55 Jhankar
- 8:00 Pratibimbo
- 8:30 Ek Akasher Niche
- 9:15 Chena Mukh Shari
- 9:45 Ingeet
- 10:15 Dai Baddha
- 10:45 Ek Palake
- 11:00 News
- 10:55 Ek Palake
- 11:00 News
- 11:30 Talk Jhal Misti
- 11:55 Ek Palake
- 12:00 Chokher Bali/Football
- 12:55 Ek Palake

HBO

- 6:30 Robin Hood: Men in Tights
- 8:30 Seven Years in Tibet
- 11:15 Fools Rush in
- 1:30 Mary Reilly
- 3:45 My Girl 2
- 5:45 Magic in the Mirror
- 7:30 Midnight Run
- 10:00 The Bone Collector
- 12:30 Band of Brothers 08: The Last Patrol
- 1:45 Seven Years in Tibet
- 4:30 Midnight Run

STAR GOLD

- 10:30 Amul Bollywood News
- 11:00 Geet Bahar
- 11:30 Bandhan Kuchchey Dhaagon Ka (Shashi Kapoor, Raakhee, Zeenat Aman)
- 3:00 Amul Bollywood News
- 3:30 Meraa Ghar, Mere Bachchey (Smita Patil, Raj Babbar)
- 7:00 Geet Bahar
- 7:30 Shaandaar Shukrawar Pratigya (Dharmendra, Hema Malini)

STAR WORLD

- 11:00 Amul Bollywood News
- 11:30 Jaan Ki Baazi (Sanjay Dutt)
- 12:30 Jaan Ki Baazi (contd)
- 7:30 News
- 8:00 Surer Ei Jhamadhara
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BBC WORLD

- 9:30 Asia Today/Asia Business Report
- 10:30 World Business Report
- 11:30 World Business Report
- 12:30 World Business Report/Sport Today
- 1:30 Top Gear
- 2:30 Hardtalk
- 3:30 Talking Movie
- 4:30 Life
- 5:30 Hardtalk
- 6:30 World Business Report/Sport Today
- 7:30 Talking Movies
- 8:30 Life
- 9:30 Asia Today
- 10:15 World Business Report
- 10:30 Hardtalk India
- 11:30 World Business Report/Sport Today
- 12:30 Hardtalk
- 1:30 QED, Clarkson
- 2:30 World Business Report
- 3:30 Correspondent ex supporting Roles
- 4:30 World Business Report/Asia Today
- 5:30 Hardtalk

STAR PLUS

- 6:00 Sanskruti
- 6:30 Geet Bahar
- 7:30 Hum Saath Aath Hain
- 8:00 Aatma
- 9:00 Hit Filmehin Hit Sangeet
- 9:30 Fox Kids Daily
- 10:30 Small Wonder
- 11:00 Pal Chhin
- 11:30 Saahil
- 12:00 Shanti
- 12:30 Hit Filmehin Hit Sangeet
- 1:00 Hum Saath Aath Hain
- 1:30 Musafir Hoon Yaaron
- 2:00 Mirch Masala
- 2:30 Star Bestseller-Govind Aur Ganesh
- 3:00 Jubilee Plus
- 4:00 Kabhi Sauten Kabhi Saheli
- 4:30 Kalash

TODAY'S HIGHLIGHTS

EKUSHEY : 8:30 p.m. Ekushey Eid Fashion 2001. 5th episode features all awarded dresses of all category. Both fashion stars and fashion designers appear in this show to give their opinion about dress on the occasion of forthcoming Eid.

EKUSHEY : 9:05 p.m. Mahua. Siraj's family consists of his orphan son Ramij and second wife Mahua. Oneday it is known that Ramij suffers from a cancerous disease. Helpless father Siraj is subjected to borrow money from Samsu Mia in exchange of his wife.

EKUSHEY : 10:30 p.m. Neelanjana. Shila understands that she has to act in the game of love. Shila's eye operation ends successfully. Though blind, she can see Reshad's affinity for Rimi.

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- 5:30 Hit Filmehin Hit Sangeet
- 6:00 Small Wonder
- 6:30 Fox Kids
- 7:30 Gharwali Uparwali
- 8:00 Hum Saath Aath Hain
- 8:30 Kya Masti Kya Khuum
- 9:30 Khull Ja Sim Sim
- 10:30 Ssshhh... Koi Hai
- 11:30 Kahani Jurm Ki
- 12:00 Aaj Ki Baat
- 12:30 Gharwali Uparwali
- 1:00 Chalti Ka Naam Antakshri
- 2:00 Chhupa Rustam
- 2:30 Surabhi
- 3:00 Family Fortunes
- 3:30 Kalash
- 4:00 Tu Tu Main Main
- 4:30 Kahani Jurm Ki
- 5:00 Sonpari
- 5:30 Star Bestsellers

STAR MOVIES

- 7:00 Thriller: Red Snow
- 9:00 Thriller: Liars Club
- 11:00 Comedy: Bad Medicine
- 12:45 Thriller: No One Can Hear You
- 2:30 Drama: Mercury Project
- 4:15 Drama: Looking for an Echo
- 6:00 Comedy: The Man With one Red Shoe
- 7:45 Comedy: Cool Runnings
- 9:30 www.youpicktheflick.com:

PICK OF THE DAY



The Bone Collector
On HBO at 10:00 pm
The Manhattan murderer is leaving bony fragments of clues behind after his killings to see if any man of like-minded intelligence is willing to go on a little joyride into corpse-town with him and pick up the missing pieces-provided they can keep up. It's up to Lincon Rhymes (Academy Award Winner Denzel Washington) a New York detective specializing in forensics who teams up with rookie street cop Amelia (Golden globe winner Angelina Jolie).

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STAR NEWS

- 6:00 Star Khel
- 6:30 Bollywood News
- 11:30 Comedy: Me Myself and Irene
- 1:30 Comedy: Bad Medicine
- 3:15 Action: Street Crimes
- 5:00 Thriller: Fever

STAR SPORTS

- 6:00 Nba Action
- 6:30 Nba Basketball Auburn Hills, MI USA New York Knicks @ Detroit Pistons
- 9:00 Pba Bowling
- 10:30 Football Focus
- 11:30 World Cup Mix
- 12:00 Cricket Magazine India's Greatest Cricket Moments Kanpur, UP India, @ Australia India 1998 Pepsi Triangular Series 4th Odi H/Ls
- 1:00 Sportscenter Bristol, CT USA
- 2:00 Xbs
- 2:30 Champions Trophy Sharjah, UAE Pakistan @ Sri Lanka 6th Odi, 1st Session
- 4:30 Champions Trophy Sharjah, UAE Pakistan @ Sri Lanka 6th Odi, 2nd Session
- 7:30 Here We Go
- 8:30 Sportscenter Hindi
- 9:00 Here We Go
- 7:00 Star Bazaar
- 7:30 Saat Baje
- 8:00 Hotline
- 8:30 Tonight at 8
- 9:00 Star Samachar
- 9:30 Star News English
- 10:00 Star Business News
- 10:30 Star Newshour
- 11:30 Star News English
- 12:00 Star News Hindi
- 12:30 Sports Tonight
- 4:00 Action Heroes
- 4:30 The Net
- 5:30 The Hunger
- 6:30 Movie: Route 9
- 8:30 World's Most Amazing
- 12:00 Star News Hindi
- 12:30 Sports Tonight

AXN TV

- 4:00 Action Heroes
- 4:30 The Net
- 5:30 The Hunger
- 6:30 Movie: Route 9
- 8:30 World's Most Amazing
- 9:30 CSI Evaluation Day
- 10:30 Cold Squad III
- 11:30 Sheena
- 12:30 World's Most Amazing Videos II
- 1:30 CSI Evaluation Day
- 2:30 Movie: Nowhere To Run
- 4:30 Action Heroes
- 5:30 Movie: The Tempest
- 6:30 AXN Speed India
- 7:30 Sheena
- 8:30 Seven Days Lifeboat
- 9:30 The Right Stuff
- 10:30 Survivor : Africa
- 11:30 Wjp Dares Wirms II
- 12:30 The Hunger 2
- 1:30 Sheena
- 2:30 Cold Squad III
- 3:30 Planet Ex II
- 12:30 Thursday Hits
- 3:00 Hindi Feathre Film (B&W)
- 5:30 News
- 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 Ardhangini
- 8:45 Yaadein Radio Ceyion Ki
- 9:00 Nickelodeon on Zee
- 10:00 Guldasta
- 10:30 Do Aur Do Paanch

ZEE TV

- 11:00 Aaj Bhi... Aateet
- 11:30 Ek Nazar
- 12:00 Amanat
- 12:30 Sarhadein
- 1:00 Shri 420
- 1:25 Jhalak
- 1:30 Koi Apna Sa
- 2:00 Choti Maa Ek Anokha Bandhan
- 2:30 Gharana
- 3:00 Hindi Feature Film
- 6:00 Ek Nazar
- 6:30 Nickelodeon On Zee
- 7:30 Ek Nazar
- 8:00 Hip Hip Hurray
- 8:30 Sarhadein/Jai Santoshi Maa
- 9:00 Mujhe Dore Koi Kinchne
- 9:30 Choti Maa Ek Anokha Bandhan
- 10:00 Koi Apna Sa
- 10:30 Aaj Bhi... Aateet/ Mahabharat
- 11:00 Dollar Bah/ Mahabharat
- 11:30 Shri 420
- 12:00 Gharana
- 12:27 Intermission
- 2:00 Dil Ka Heera
- 4:30 Apne Dushman
- 7:30 Desh Ke Dushman
- 10:30 The Train (Rajesh Khanna, Nanda)
- 1:30 Phool Aur Kaante (Ajay Devgon, Madhu)
- 6:00 Gardish (Jackie Shroff, Dimple Kapadia)
- 10:00 Prem Aggan (Fardeen Khan, Meghna Kothari)
- 12:35 Zee Music Box
- 1:05 Zee Music Box
- 1:30 Jharokha
- 3:00 Hit Pe Hit
- 3:30 Zee Music Box
- 3:30 Tararum
- 4:30 Phom Maal
- 5:30 Sizzlers
- 6:00 Zee Music Plus
- 7:00 Aalaap
- 7:30 Tara Rum
- 8:30 Hit Pe Hit
- 9:30 Hit Pe Hit
- 10:30 Hit Mix
- 11:00 Dil Se
- 11:30 Zee Music Box
- 12:00 Zee Music Plus
- 1:00 Hit Pe Hit
- 2:00 Jharokha
- 2:35 Fillers
- 3:05 Tara Rum
- 3:30 Tara Rum
- 4:00 Hit Pe Hit
- 5:00 Zee Music Box
- 5:30 Hit Mix
- 6:00 Artist of the Fortnight
- 6:30 Zee Music Plus
- 7:30 Hit Pe Hit

ZEE CINEMA

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ZEE ENGLISH

- 12:30 Living Single
- 1:00 Friends
- 1:30 Fresh Prince of Bel-Air
- 2:00 Family Pride
- 2:30 Royal Canadian Air Force
- 3:00 Heartbreak High
- 4:00 Benny Hill Shoe
- 4:30 Kate & Allie
- 5:00 Heartbreak High
- 6:00 Benny Hill Shoe
- 6:30 Capitol
- 7:00 Family Pride
- 7:30 Heartbreak High
- 8:30 living Single
- 9:00 Three's Company
- 9:30 Kate & Allie
- 10:00 Capitol
- 10:30 La Femme Nikita
- 11:30 Full House
- 12:00 Fresh Prince of Bel Air
- 12:30 Family Pride
- 1:00 Royal Canadian Air Force
- 1:30 Benny Hill Show
- 2:00 Three's Company
- 2:30 Friends
- 3:00 Seinfeld
- 3:30 A Femme Nikita
- 4:30 Living Single
- 5:00 Benny Hill Show
- 5:30 Heartbreak High
- 6:30 Fresh Prince of Bel-Air
- 7:00 Full House
- 7:30 Seinfeld
- 8:00 Three's Company
- 8:30 Fresh Prince of Bel-Air
- 9:00 Jesse
- 9:30 A Mind to Kill/Black Scorpion
- 10:30 Seinfeld
- 11:00 Friends
- 11:30 Full House
- 12:00 Fresh Prince of Bel-Air

ZEE MUSIC

- 12:35 Zee Music Box
- 1:05 Zee Music Box
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