

Festival

A festival to treasure

Curtain falls on 7th International Short & Independent Film Festival Dhaka 2001

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A pall of gloom spread around the main venue of the 7th International Short & Independent Film Festival at Central Public Library in the city as the curtain fell on the 9-day long fiesta late Sunday evening, December 30, 2001.

Arrangements on the closing day were screening of free length feature films from Bangladesh and India and presentation of the Festival Declaration, a summarised version of the aims and message of the forum for the audience. 'We, this time, are not only pleased but highly exuberant due to a massive inspirational enthusiasm of the general cine lovers shown to short films', read out Nurul Rashed Chowdhury, a member of the forum. The contents of the declaration included a viewpoint that the audiences wanted to watch the depiction of their personal emotional feelings and conditions as the subject matter, which were duly covered by the filmmakers. Mass gathering at



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every show proved a cheerful acceptance of the films by the audience, as a result latecomers had to leave due to complete sell-out of entry pass. Aminul Islam, President of Bangladesh Short Film Forum, Tareq Shahriar, Manzar-e-Hassin, Kawser Chowdhury, Pulak Gupta, AKM Zakaria all of them being participating film-

makers of the festival and forum officials, were in constant touch with the venue guests. They repeatedly mentioned their obligation and committed responsibility towards the audience that seemed to have received a rekindled boost during the festival. Absence of foreign delegates and various financial constraints were felt by



Strong Root (Brazil)

many. Special sessions and memorial seminars like 'Alamgir Kabir Memorial Speech', conducted by Hasan Azizul Haque, were among some other important programs. These thought provoking seminars brought out some essential elements for critics and researchers in the field of films. 'Hosting of the

current festival could be a fine means of paying tribute towards Late Alamgir Kabir who would certainly be the happiest one if he were among us', said Kawser Chowdhury, a short filmmaker.

Special sessions on Iranian and Spanish films were held in which films of well acclaimed directors were presented to the local cine-goers. Abbas Kiarostami from Iran and Aloor Gopalakrishnan from India, two popular makers among Bangladeshi film enthusiasts, drew a remarkable crowd in each show of their films. 'Bread and Alley' by Kiarostami depicted the emotional values of a child where he befriended a street dog by offering a piece of bread to the desperate canine. 'The Chorus', 'Solution', 'Regularly or Irregularly?' were some of the other presentations from the famous Iranian filmmaker.

'Chick Flicks', screening of a number of short films and animations by female British Directors at the British Council auditorium, was jointly organised by the forum in collaboration with the British institute in Dhaka.



We Have The Same Kind Of Blood (Denmark / Nepal)

Special session of films on Women Issues in Bangladesh, held at a separate venue, boosted up the gender development concern. 'I'thish Kanya', directed by Shamim Akhter and Afsan Chowdhury's 'Tahader Juddho' reflected the harsh experience of women during our Liberation War. An attempt to glorify the sacrificial role of our mothers and sisters during the period seemed well accomplished by the makers. Through 'Ayna', an attempt was made to portray acid violence.

The crisis of overall human and gender rights, particularly that of the females, has been prevailing as an ever-existing problem all over the world. Attempts of creating awareness regarding this critical problem found place in a number of films like 'Colours Black' from India, whilst 'Noho Mata Noho Kannya', 'Kali Ghar' and 'My Migrant Soul' / Porobashi Mon Amar' from Bangladesh.

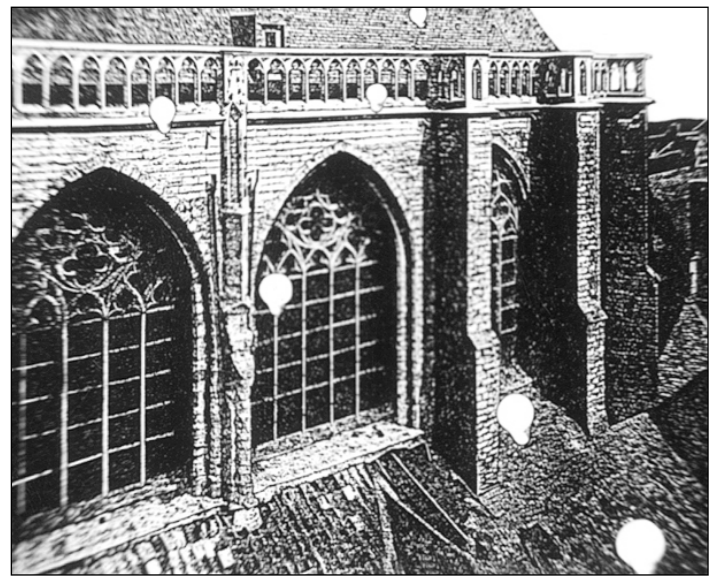
'La Vision' a fine piece of fictional film from Spain exposed the sense of human desire and fulfilment that could well be

shortlived to ones' disappointment.

Harrowing historical tales received prominence in several of the politics and war-related productions like 'Madonna with a child' from Latvia, 'Mass Grave "Indonesia"', 'Images of a Dictatorship' from Canada and 'Shei Rater Kotha Bolte Eshechi' from Bangladesh. Fateful conditions of innocent victims had been depicted in all the themes with a strong message of protest.

'Kittonkhola' was exhibited at the National Museum auditorium on the concluding day that revealed social conditions of the third world where human emotions found and lost way in complex settings revolved round a typical Bengali opera house or *Jatra Dal*.

This grand cultural event of the alternative filmmaking forum has certainly been successful in achieving their objectives and meeting expectations. In the context of Bangladesh, one may feel that these filmmakers have been playing a pivotal role in creating a tasteful and delicate class of cine-lovers.

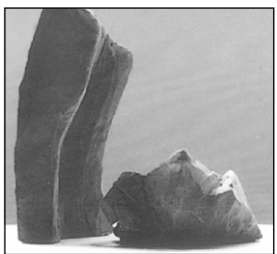


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The Unwanted (Bulgaria)

RECOMMENDATIONS



Sculpture show

A group sculpture show is now being held at the gallery of National Museum at Shahbagh. The show showcases recent work by Hamiduzzaman, Ivy Zaman and Rowen Aziz. Open to all, the show runs till January 15.

Opening ceremony of musical albums

Bengal Foundation presents an opening ceremony of 14 CD & cassette albums by prominent and promising artists consecutively on January 3, 4, and 5 at House # 275/F, Road # 27, Dhanmondi R/A. Begum Momtaj Khalek releases a Tagore song album by Shahhaj Rumana on January 3. Next day, eminent music master Azad Rahman releases a Nazrul song album by Masuda Nargis Anam and on January 5, eminent journalist Mahfuz Anam is due to release a Nazrul song album by Khairul Anam Shakil.

Dhaka Art Circle

Dhaka Art Circle, an informal group of artists, holds its latest art show at Gallery Chitral (house #21, Road # 4, Dhanmondi) now. The exhibition open to all from 10 am to 8 pm everyday will run until January 6, 2002.



Nriyanchal Festival 2002

Nriyanchal, a front ranking organisation in the country to institutionalise dance as a popular form of art, is organising a five-day long dance festival from January 10 to 14 at Bangladesh Shishu Academy Auditorium.

TV GUIDE

BTV

- 3:10 News Headlines
- 3:15 Desher Gaan
- 3:20 Open University
- 3:45 Shashatathya
- 4:00 Khabar
- 4:05 Cartoon: Zoomanji
- 4:20 Shukhi Poribar
- 4:40 Desh O' Biggan
- 5:00 News Headlines
- 5:20 Shishangan
- 5:45 Pushtiatthya
- 6:00 Khabar
- 6:10 Geet Bitan
- 6:35 Programme from Chittagong station
- 7:00 News Headlines (English)
- 7:05 Special on National Social Welfare Day
- 8:00 News in Bengali
- 8:30 Drama Serial: Bhalobashar shukh Dukkho
- 9:00 News Headlines
- 9:05 Chayachanda
- 9:30 Drama Serial: Kanta
- 10:00 News at Ten (English)
- 10:25 Anandak
- 11:30 Khabar / The News

EKUSHEY TV

- 12:00 Ekushey Midday
- 12:30 Charidike
- 1:00 Expedition to the Animal Kingdom
- 1:30 Documentary programme: Japan Video Tropic
- 1:50 Classic Cartoons
- 2:10 Deho Tore
- 2:30 Drishti
- 3:00 Ekushey Headlines
- 3:05 Drama Serial: Bondhu Borasho
- 3:30 Documentary
- 4:00 Khelay Khelay Chirononee
- 4:30 Expedition to the Animal Kingdom
- 5:00 Circus Circus
- 5:30 Drishti
- 5:50 Ajker Potrikay
- 6:00 Ekushey Headlines
- 6:05 Classic Cartoons
- 6:30 Charidike
- 6:55 Ekushey Headlines
- 7:00 Bolle Chai
- 7:30 Ekushey News
- 7:58 Ek Minute
- 8:00 Drama Serial: Bondhon
- 8:45 Program of Song: Anondo
- 9:00 Ekushey News
- 9:05 Pother Pachile
- 9:30 Drama Serial: Sundoree
- 10:00 News: Simulcast From BTV

ATN BANGLA

- 5:30 Islamic Prog
- 7:00 ATN Music
- 8:00 ATN Bangla News
- 8:25 Musical prog: Talk Show on "Polithin Issue"
- 9:00 Special prog: Happy New Year 2002
- 10:50 Drama serial: Bondon
- 11:20 Telefilm: Tume Sudu Amar
- 12:00 ATN Bangla News
- 6:07 Health Care prog: Sustha Thakun
- 6:45 Film songs prog: Surchobi
- 7:00 ATN Bangla Evening News
- 7:35 Drama Serial: Rang Beronger Din
- 8:10 Film Magazine :Dallwood Bichitra
- 8:45 Cooking prog: Ranna Banna
- 9:20 Drama Serial: Brettlyer Bhalobasha
- 10:00 ATN Bangla News
- 10:35 Drama serial: Bondon
- 11:15 Bengali feature film: Rajlakkhi Srekantho
- 11:30 ATN Bangla News
- BBC WORLD
- 6:00 BBC News
- 6:30 World Business Report
- 7:00 BBC News
- 7:30 Asia Today Inc 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 Hardtalk
- 11:00 BBC News
- 11:30 World Business Report
- 12:00 BBC News
- 12:30 World Business Report /Sports Today
- 1:00 BBC News

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- World Business Report /Sports Today
- 2:00 BBC News
- 2:30 Rough Science
- 3:00 BBC News
- 3:30 Reporters
- 4:00 BBC News
- 4:30 East Asia Today/Sport Today
- 5:00 BBC News
- 5:30 Hardtalk
- 6:00 BBC News
- 6:30 World Business Report/Sports Today
- 7:00 BBC News
- 7:30 Click Online
- 8:00 BBC News
- 8:30 Reporters
- 9:00 BBC News
- 9:30 Asia Today
- 10:00 BBC News/World Business Report
- 10:30 Face to Face
- 11:00 BBC News
- 11:30 Holiday
- 12:00 BBC News
- 12:30 World Business Report/Sport Today
- 1:00 BBC News
- 1:30 Hardtalk
- 2:00 BBC News
- 2:30 Top Gear
- 3:00 BBC News
- 4:00 BBC News
- 4:30 Asia Business Report/Asia Today
- 5:00 BBC News
- 5:30 Asia Business Report/Asia Today
- HBO
- 6:30 Captain America
- 8:30 X-Change
- 10:45 Blue Chips
- 1:00 The Remains of the Day
- 3:45 Dragon: The Bruce Lee Story
- 6:15 Normal Life
- 8:15 Rag and Bone
- 10:00 Operation Sandman
- 11:45 I Saw What You Did
- 1:45 Blue Chips
- 4:00 Dragon: The Bruce Lee Story
- STAR MOVIES
- 6:30 Final Assault

TODAY'S HIGHLIGHTS



EKUSHEY: 8:00 p.m. *Bandhan*. Episode 68: Sadiya tells Kabir that she does not want Badal to come back in her life. But Kabir does not believe her. Imran gets furious on Kabir for his reaction and ends up in a fight. Sadiya and Kabir's relationship gets worse. On the other hand a letter from London arrives in which Konka writes that she will be arriving soon.

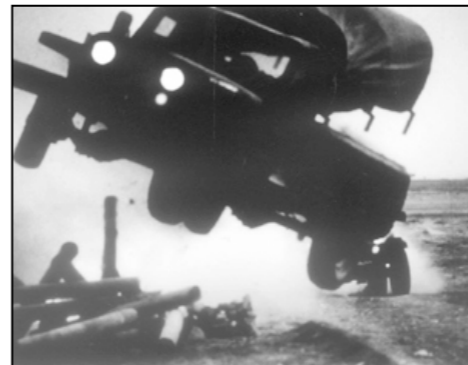


EKUSHEY: 9:30 p.m. *Shundori*. Episode 21: Labeling fungi the destruction of the Sundori trees continues. This upsets Ishrat. She writes to the university for help. Zahir returns to the Sunderbans after a long time. After his arrival Gofur Sherwani starts doing social welfare. He wants a connection to the area of Montu Mohajan.



AXN: 10:30 p.m. *Last Action Hero*. A young boy gets a magical ticket to enter a movie starring Slater, his favourite action hero. However, the movie villains get a hold of the magic ticket and wreak havoc in the real world where crime does pay and, as Slater discovers, heroes aren't invincible.

PICK OF THE DAY



Operation Sandman
On HBO at 10:00 p.m. When the Government decides to conduct sweep deprivation experiments on soldiers, little do they know that the results could be disastrous. The soldiers are given the serum, which keeps them awake for weeks, and things go horribly wrong as murders begin to happen under mysterious circumstances.

- 8:30 Dentist 2
- 10:15 Resurrection Man
- 12:00 Howling, the
- 1:45 Stealth Hunters
- 3:30 Pass, the
- 5:15 Possessed
- 7:00 Thelma and Louise
- 9:15 Total Recall
- 11:00 Dentist 2
- 12:00 Muppet Christmas Carol
- 2:30 Rocky
- 4:30 Final Assault

STAR GOLD

- 7:00 Chalthe Chalthe (Vishal, Simi Garewal)
- 10:30 Amul Bollywood News
- 11:00 Geet Bahar
- 11:30 Daag (Dilip Kumar, Nimmi)
- 3:00 Amul Bollywood News
- 3:30 Dilsey Miley Dil (Bhisham, Shyamlee)
- 7:00 Rang Birangi Bhavani Junction (Shashi Kapoor, Shatrughan Sinha)
- 11:00 Amul Bollywood News

- 11:30 Shatru (Rajesh Khanna, Shabana Sadique)
- 12:30 Shatru (Rajesh Khanna, Shabana Sadique)

- 3:00 Geet Bahar
- 3:30 Dilsey Miley Dil (Bhisham, Shyamlee)

STAR PLUS (INDIA)

- 6:00 Sanskruti
- 6:30 Star Geetmala
- 7:30 Hum Saath Aath

- 8:00 Hain
- 9:00 Hit Filmein Hit Sangeet
- 9:30 Fox Kids Daily
- 10:30 Small Wonder
- 11:00 Pal Chhin
- 11:30 Saahil
- 12:00 Shanti
- 12:30 Hit Filmein Hit Sangeet
- 1:00 Hum Saath Aath
- 1:30 Kahaani Ghar Ghar Kii
- 2:00 Sanskruti
- 2:30 Kyunki Saas Bhi Kabhi Bahu Thi
- 3:00 Shagun
- 3:30 Kasautii Zindagi Kay
- 4:00 Kabhi Sauten Kabhi Saheli
- 4:30 Kaathin Kissii Roz Meri Saheli
- 5:00 Hit Filmein Hit Sangeet
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- 2:30 Chhupa Rustam
- 3:00 Pal Chhin
- 3:30 Saahil
- 4:00 Shanti
- 4:30 Kyunki Saas Bhi Kabhi Bahu Thi
- 5:00 Meri Saheli
- 5:30 Hit Filmein Sangeet

STAR NEWS

- 7:00 Breakfast News
- 6:00 Star News Hindi
- 6:30 Bollywood News
- 7:00 Star Bazaar
- 7:00 Saat Bajee
- 8:00 Star Khel
- 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 Sports Tonight
- 12:30 Star News English

AXN TV

- 6:30 Movie: The Companion
- 8:30 Ripley's Believe It Or Not!
- 9:30 World's Most Amazing
- 10:30 Amazon Sheena
- 11:30 Ripley's Believe It Or Not
- 1:30 Survivor: Africa
- 2:30 Movie: Scarface
- 4:30 Movie: The Companion
- 7:30 Sheena when Fun Turns To Fest
- 9:30 The Amazing Race
- 10:30 Movie: Last Action

- 12:30 Silk Stalkings VII
- 1:30 Sheena
- 2:30 Amazon
- 3:30 The Pale Horseman

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 Bruce Springsteen And E-Street Band
- 11:00 The Oprah Winfrey Show
- 12:00 Law & Order Special Victims Unit
- 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
- 5:30 Friends
- 6:00 The Drew Carey Show
- 6:30 Whose Line Is It Anyway?
- 6:45 Star News Asia
- 7:00 Ally McBeal
- 8:00 The Practice
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- 1:30 Ally McBeal
- 2:30 3rd Rock From The Sun
- 3:00 Creflo Dollar Daily
- 3:30 Kenneth Copeland Ministries
- 4:00 Joyce Meyer Ministries
- 4:30 World News
- 5:00 Fashion TV
- 5:30 Mork & Mindy

SPORTS

- ESPN
- 6:00 Soccer The Match of the Country: Carizzo
- 6:30 Sportscenter Hindi Golf Classics US Open Official Films for Years 1994
- 7:00 Final Assault
- 8:00 Nba Basketball Los Angeles, CA USA Portland Trailblazers @ Los Angeles Clippers
- 10:30 Motoworld
- 11:00 English Premier Football League
- 11:00 English Premier Football League
- 1:00 Sportscenter Hindi Pool World League 2001
- 1:30 BoltonWanderers @ Liverpool
- 2:00 Pool World League 2001
- 3:00 College Football Bowl Game 2001 Chick Fil-A-Peach

- Bowl Atlanta, GA USA Unc @ Auburn
- 6:30 English Premier Football League
- 6:30 English Premier Football League
- 4:00 Women's Pro Billiards 2001
- 5:00 Wpba Classic Tour Chicago, IL USA Semifinal
- 5:00 Sportscenter Bristol, CT USA
- 6:30 Sportscenter Hindi Goals!
- 7:00 Nba Basketball Los Angeles, CA USA Portland Trailblazers @ Los Angeles Clippers
- 11:30 Sportscenter Hindi Pool World League 2001
- 1:00 Sportscenter Hindi Cheerleanding 2001
- 1:30 Partner Stunt National Championships Orlando, FL USA
- 1:40 English Premier Football League

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- 2001/02 London, England Manchester United @ Fulham
- 3:30 Rally Racing Total Dakar 2002 Day 4 highlights
- 4:00 Australia Cricket Orange Test Series Sydney, Australia
- 5:30 Australia Cricket Orange Test Series Sydney, Australia
- 8:00 Sportsline Tonight
- 8:30 World Cup Mix
- 9:00 Gillette World Sports Special
- 1:00 Sportsline Today

- 1:30 English Premier Football League
- English Premier Football League
- 2001/02 Manchester, England Newcastle United @ Manchester United
- 4:00 Women's Pro Billiards 2001
- 5:00 Wpba Classic Tour Chicago, IL USA Semifinal
- 5:00 Sportscenter Bristol, CT USA
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