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Fashion A step forward

Fashion exhibitions and Bangladesh Fashion Week 2002, organised by Mayasir, opens in the city soon

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LTHOUGH the name 'Mayasir' is new to us, but it's founder - Mahin Khan, one of the leading fashion designers of the country, has been in this business for quite some time now.

Her creations are celebrated and appreciated at home and abroad. Through her designs Mahin Khan wants to revive the tradition and cultural heritage of Bangladesh and reintroduce them to her valued clients. She finds great satisfaction to be able to help the skilled artisans and craftsmen of the country. Since the launching of Mayasir last November, a new venture has started in this country. Not only by lessening the crisis of unemployment through involving rural artisans and craftsmen for production, Mayasir also wants to take the fashion industry of Bangladesh to the international fashion capitals. For this Mayasir has organised a number of fashion exhibitions and fashion extravaganza titled 'Bangladesh Fashion Week 2002' the largest fashion even the country has ever observed



Intricate embroidery with glass work speaks of Mahin's interest in Raianthani design

'I want to give the people of Bangladesh a chance to see the 'top end' or the 'ace' products of other countries' said Mahin Khan while talking to The Daily Star about her upcoming fashion events in a press briefing that took place on January 10. She also said that her plan is to depict our traditional values and customs through fashion. Through her creative designs she hopes to give her consumers

the best of the latest design, keeping intact the basics of Bengali culture. The name Mayasir, comes from Persian and Mahin chose the term just to promote and strengthen the bond of regional alliance. Mahin recalled the 'Trousseau

collection' at Delhi, a fashion show of Bridal wear. The 3-day grand event was attended by a large number of foreign designers where Mahin, with her stall of Mayasir, was the representative of Bangladesh. She also said that Mavasir's 'Nakshi Kantha' dresses has been added to the showcases of Delhi's 'Kava' last October. At the same time she wants to give the people of Bangladesh a glimpse of the fashion industry of other countries. As a part of

this exchange of culture Delhi's reputed fashion house 'Kaya' is coming to Dhaka to exhibit their jewelry collection. This weeklong exhibition will take place on January

'Kaya' is just the beginning. After 'Kava' a Pakistani and two other Indian internationally acclaimed fashion designers are coming to Dhaka to exhibit their products. Reputed fashion designer Madhu Jain is coming with her collection of Salwar Kameez having 'Reviver Ecut' (Andha Pradesh), 'Kanch' embroidery and her latest style 'Madhubani' hand painting. Madhu Jain's works are the example of a fully traditional work. This exhibition will take place on the second week of February.

An exhibition of Saris designed by Ava Dalmia will be next. Revive traditional weaving of 'Benaroshis' is the specialty of Dalmia's design. After Dalmia's exhibition, which will take place in mid March, an exhibition of women suits by fashion designer Faiza Sami from Pakistan will take place. The traditional 'Sindhi' and 'Gota' are the special-



anyone in the fashion circuit does

ties of Sami's works. 'We are about to introduce some newly designed handicraft, jute, Nakshi Kantha, wood, bamboo and leather items in the upcoming fashion events.' said Mahin Khan while talking about 'Bangladesh

Fashion Week 2002' the first ever fashion extravaganza of the country scheduled to be held in June, 2002. This four-daylong fashion festival will include the works of all the leading fashion houses and designers of the country. Every day there

will be fashion shows by two design houses participated by the leading models of the country. This event will take place in one of the five star hotels of the city and will contain thirty stalls. Along with the stalls of the fashion houses there will also be



A salwar-kameez ensemble in lemon yellow with white Jamdani design from Mayasir's latest collection





From Kaya's latest collection

stalls of different items related with fashion. There will be stalls of parlours, makeup artists, music, model, photography, advertising agencies, event management and video-graphy companies. 'Bangladesh Fashion Week 2002' will also include seminars, in which fashion intellects and critics of the country will share their thoughts and ideas. 'Mayasir' will also be introducing its' event management wing 'Mayasir Communications' next month. Mahin points the art industry of the country as an example. According to her as the rapid growth of many

private galleries and initiatives has boosted up the art industry of the country, which has a very bright future, the fashion industry can also be developed in this same manner and 'Bangladesh Fashion Week 2002' is just a step towards it. Mahin's effort to boost up the fashion industry of Bangladesh and placing it in the international fashion scenario is astonishing. May her future plans turn out successful and the growing fashion industry of Bangladesh reaches the height of success, which is a dream for every country



Nrityanchal Festival 2002

Nrityanchal, 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.

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.

Art show of three Bengali pioneers

An exhibition showcasing works of pioneer artistsZainul Abedin, Qamrul Hassan and S.M. Sultan-of Bangladeshi art movement opens at the Bengal Gallery of Fine Arts at Dhanmandi on January 12. This show is the second of a series presented from the collection of Abul Khair, chairman of Benga Foundation

Asian Art Workshop

Bengal Foundation will hold a three-day art workshop involving the participants and delegates of the 10th Asian Art Biennale at BRAC Centre, Rajendrapur on January 14 at 12:00 p.m. The workshop will be inaugurated by Fazle Hassan Abed, chairperson of BRAC as chief guest while noted artist Safjuddin Ahmed and Professor Anisuzzaman will be present as special guests.

Group Art Show

The 45th Grand Group Art Exhibition of leading Bangladeshi artists organised by Saju Art Gallery is now being held at its gallery space at Gulshan. North Super Market 2nd circle. The month-long show, open to all, will run until February 7 from 10 am to 8:30 pm barring Fridays.

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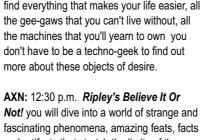
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