

RECOMMENDATIONS



Classical Music Concert

As a part of their South Asia Tour 2002, 'Ensemble Resonanz' a classical orchestra will perform at the Osmani Memorial Hall on January 24 at 7:00 p.m. The programme is organised by Goethe Institut (German Cultural Centre).

Exhibition by Russian artists

Organised by the Russian Cultural Centre, Dhaka a show of contemporary art by Russian artists Poliakov Vasily and Persidskiy Konstantin is being held at the Exhibition Hall of the Russian Cultural Centre, House # 510, Road # 7, Dhanmondi R/A.

Art show of three Bengali pioneers

An exhibition showcasing works of pioneer artists Zainul Abedin, Gamlul Hassan and S.M. Sultan-- of Bangladeshi art movement is being held at the Bengal Gallery of Fine Arts at Dhanmondi. This show is the second of a series presented from the collection of Abul Khair, chairman of Bengal Foundation. The exhibition will be open from January 12 to February 7, 2002 from 12 p.m. till 8 p.m. everyday.

Group Art Show

The 45th Grand Group Art Exhibition of leading Bangladeshi artists organised by Sajit 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.

2nd solo exhibition

The 2nd solo art exhibition by artist Rezaul Hoque Lito is being held at the High Commission of India Cultural Centre (754 Satmasjid Road, Dhanmondi). The exhibition will remain open for all from 3:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. everyday, till January 24.

Satranji Exhibition

A Satranji exhibition is being held at the Alliance Francaise de Dhaka. The exhibition will continue everyday from 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. and 5:00 - 8:00 p.m. till January 23.

Cultural evening

Expressing concern over human rights situation

Sammilita Sangskritik Jote, New York chapter, organised a cultural evening at the Liberation War Museum Dhaka on January 17

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ON a trip to Bangladesh, the New York chapter of Sammilita Sangskritik Jote held a cultural evening, preceded by a discussion programme where the discussants expressing their resentment over "repressive" tendency of the present government and voiced their concern for intolerance in the cultural and political arena.

and unaccommodative. Intellectuals, journalists, columnists, theatre personalities and cultural activists criticised the government for "unleashing terrorist attacks on minority religious and ethnic groups". At a cultural evening organised by Sammilita Sangskritik Jote, New York chapter, discussants presented their views on the issues of human and civic rights from their respective viewpoints.

Referring to Shahriar Kabir's detention, the discussants



A musical recital by the Jote members

accused the government of Human Rights violation. They were in the opinion that Shahriar's detention tantamount to denial of basic human

and civic rights of an individual. The discussants highlighted the ideals and aspiration of the war of liberation in 1971. They said that "minority repression" was



A section of the discussants

"an outcome of blue-print drawn by one of four allies of the ruling government."

The programme was reverberated with "Arouse con-

science; Save Human Rights" slogan. Before the discussion, G.S. of the Jote, in an introductory address said, "It appears to us that cultural activists in this country are not vocal about the Human Rights violation."

Chaired by Dr. Mahammad Abdullah, one of advisors of the New York Jote, discussion opened with Hasan Arif who pointed out some of the anti Human Rights activities that the country has been witnessing now. Dr Mohammad Samad criticised government's failure in guarding Human Rights.

Prof. Anisuzzaman spoke next terming minority repression as worse as it was in war torn situation in 1971. The repressions inflicted on the religious and ethnic minority groups can only be compared to that of '71," Anisuzzaman said citing a couple of such incidents that he himself witnessed. He called upon all expatriate



The Shahid Minar, built by the Jote, at Athens Park New York

Bangladeshis to form public opinion in international arena in favour of protecting human rights.

Sara Zaker, chairperson of Bangladesh Group Theatre Federation, said, Cultural and human rights movements in Bangladesh are rooted in the spirit of Liberation War. The ideals, that the Liberation War wanted to achieve, are not being honoured after immediately last general election. Our stand is, all along, in favour of Human Rights. There is no political bending in this regard."

Muntasir Mamun expressed his pessimism and extreme disappointment. He said, "The Hindu community in this country has never enjoyed fair treatment."

Theatre personality Dr. Enamul Huq, journalist Abed Khan, cultural activists Ramendu Majumdar and Golam Kuddus also spoke on

the occasion and condemned Shahriar Kabir's "repressive detention".

A musical programme performed by the Jote members followed the discussion. Sammilita Sangskritik Jote, New York was founded in 2000 in New York in co-ordination of five different cultural organisations. It is a cultural platform of expatriate Bangladeshis living in North America.

The Jote holds programmes to mark important days of our political and cultural calendar. It organised Victory Day programme on 16 December, 2000 at Queens, New York and International Language Day programme at the Shahid Minar, built as the similar design of Dhaka Shahid Minar, at Astoria annex Park New York, on Language Martyr Day in 2001. It also celebrates Independence Day at Dhaka Cafe Restaurant, New York and observers Pehela Baishakh (Bangla New Year),



The Jote observes 30th Anniversary of Independence of Bangladesh at Dhaka cafe, Queens, New York



Cultural performance by the artists of the Asia Pacific programme organised by the Jote at Queens Park, New York

Music

Dhaka hosts Ensemble Resonanz

Classical music lovers to have a rich diet of chamber orchestra



Ensemble Resonanz

ENSEMBLE Resonanz, an orchestra band from Germany will perform string instrument at the Osmani Memorial Hall in Dhaka at 7 p.m. on January 24, 2002.

The group will arrive in Bangladesh from Sri Lanka as part of their month-long tour to South Asia. The final leg of their trip will take them to Kolkata from where they are scheduled to reach home.

Ensemble Resonanz was founded in 1994 by a group of highly competent instrument players who formerly were the members of the Young German Philharmonic Orchestra (Junge Deutsche Philharmonie).

Orchestra performance, quite an uncommon event to the audience of our country, contains instrumental tunes of various types played by musicians who possess a wide form of expertise, each proficient in his or her respective discipline.

The group is known among fans and enthusiasts as a classical chamber orchestra whose musicians play in variable soloist formations. Ensemble Resonanz believes in maintenance of content orientation and there is strong urge among the members to reproduce new musical impulses.

The inventive activities of the musicians focus on personal co-operation with composers as well as collaborative projects with artists from the area of performing and fine arts. Certain degrees of experimental projects are too, realised. Celebrated composers like Carola Baukholt, Michael Gordon, Caspar Johannes Walter, actor Christian Quadflieg, Video artist Elliot Caplan and renowned conductors like Lothar Zagrosek, Rudolf Barshai, David Shallon, Frieder Bernius, Roland Kluttig, Johannes Kalitzke, Sian Edwards und Dominique My are all associated with works of Ensemble Resonanz.

Some of the renowned venues of Ensemble Resonanz include sites of Cologne and Berlin Philharmonia, Schleswig-Holstein Musik Festival, Bremer Musikfest, Musik Biennale Berlin, International Mozartfest Chemnitz, Ludwigsburg, Music Triennale Cologne and International Bach-Fest Schaffhausen are the famous music festivals where the troupe of Ensemble Resonanz has regular performance.

Several CD and Video productions of the group have been completed in collaboration with the West German Radio (WDR) and Video opera 'Weather'.

Last year Ensemble Resonanz played the 'Goldberg-Variations' by Johann Sebastian Bach in the version for string Orchestra for a CD-production.

The 90-minute concert at the Osmani auditorium in Dhaka, to be performed by Ensemble Resonanz, will include four legendary instrumental compilations of Johann Sebastian Bach (Brandenburg Concerto No.3 in G-major BWV 1048), Bernd Alois Zimmermann (Concerto for String Orchestra), Felix Mendelssohn (String Symphony No. 10 B-minor) and Ludwig van Beethoven (String Quartet c-sharp minor).

Admission card, priced taka 70/- each, is available at the office of the Goethe Institut at Dhanmondi in the city.

Award

A Beautiful Mind scoops four prizes

Australians dominate 2002 Golden Globe Awards

AFP, California

"A Beautiful Mind," the story of a math genius' extraordinary triumph over mental illness, on Sunday cornered the film honours at the 2002 Golden Globe Awards, scooping up four prizes.

In wins dominated by a phalanx of Australians, the rich musical "Moulin Rouge" took second place by garnering three honours, including best musical or comedy film and best actress in a musical for Aussie star Nicole Kidman.

"Mind," the true story of schizophrenic economist John Nash, won best dramatic picture, best actor in a dramatic film for fellow Australian Russell Crowe, best supporting actress for Jennifer Connelly and best screenplay.

Both films had come to the awards ceremony and banquet at a plush hotel here as favourites -- armed with six nominations apiece -- and left as hot contenders for next month's Oscar nominations.

The Globes -- whose awards ceremony is known as Hollywood's party of the year -- are seen by many as a bellwether of a film's Academy Awards potential.

New Zealand-born Crowe, 37, who played the mentally tortured Nash who went on to win a Nobel economics prize, downplayed the importance of winning Hollywood's number two prize after the Oscars, saying it was "just a movie."

"But hopefully it helps us open our hearts, gives us a little more understanding, gives us a little more compassion, and also hopefully it gives us the belief that in our lives something extraordinary can always happen."

Red-headed Kidman, the ex-wife of screen megastar Tom Cruise who played courtesan Satine in the old-style Hollywood extravaganza "Moulin Rouge", said she had never imagined being in a musical, much less winning an award for one.

"I was terrified and (they



Actor Kiefer Sutherland (L) and actress Judy Davis (R) pose with their Golden Globe awards at the 59th Annual Golden Globe Awards at the Beverly Hilton in Beverly Hills 20 January, 2002. Sutherland won for Best Performance by an Actor in a Television Series-Drama for his role in "24" and Davis won for Best Performance by an Actress in a Miniseries or Motion Picture made for Television for her role in "Life With Judy Garland: Me And My Shadows."



Actor Stanley Tucci holds his Golden Globe award for Best Performance in a Series, Miniseries or Motion Picture made for Television for "Conspiracy" at the 59th Annual Golden Globe Awards at the Beverly Hilton in Beverly Hills, CA, 20 January, 2002.

convinced me I can do it. I love to sing now," she said of her role in Australian director Baz Luhrmann's sumptuous production. After the show, Kidman noted

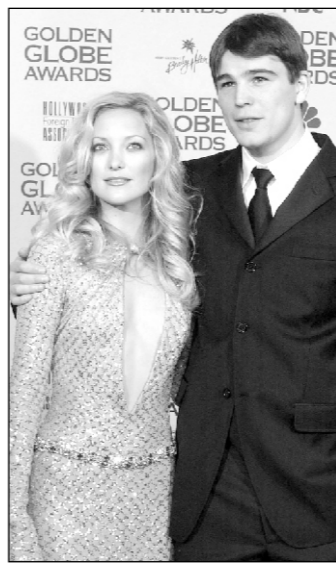


US actor Harrison Ford waves as he holds the Cecile B. DeMille award for lifetime achievement at the 59th Annual Golden Globe Awards.



Director Danis Tanovic holds his Golden Globe award for Best Foreign Language Film for "No Man's Land" (Bosnia) at the 59th Annual Golden Globe Awards at the Beverly Hilton in Beverly Hills, CA, 20 January, 2002

the massive Aussie presence at the Globes -- including Rachel Griffiths who won best supporting TV actress for "Six Feet Under" and nominee Hugh Jackman -- saying the



Actor Josh Harnett and Kate Hudson, presenters at the Golden Globe awards, pose for photographers at the 59th Annual Golden Globe Awards at the Beverly Hilton in Beverly Hills, CA, 20 January, 2002.



Actress Rachel Griffiths speaks after receiving her trophy during the 59th Annual Golden Globe Awards yesterday. Griffiths won the Best Performance by an Actress in a Supporting Role in a Series, Miniseries or Motion Picture Made for Television for her role in "Six Feet Under".

antipodeans had tried to sit at the same table. "They didn't let us. We would have been too rowdy," said the 34-year-old who had also been nominated for a second award



Australian actor Russell Crowe delivers a speech during the 59th Annual Golden Globe Awards yesterday. Crowe won the Best Actor in a Motion Picture - Drama for his role in "A Beautiful Mind".



Australian actress Nicole Kidman holds her Golden Globe for Best Performance in a Motion Picture-Musical/Comedy for her role in "Moulin Rouge" at the 59th Annual Golden Globe Awards at the Beverly Hilton in Beverly Hills, CA 20 January, 2002.

as best actress in a drama for the spooky "The Others, but lost out to Sissy Spacek. Kidman also nodded to a year in which she made two highly successful films but saw

her 10-year marriage fall apart. "In a weird way, the best of times and the worst of times always come together," she said. "It's 2002 now, and I'm looking forward to this year."

Oscar laureate Spacek, 52, won the Globe for best actress in a drama for her wrenching role as a distraught housewife in "In the Bedroom," the story of a couple's whose relationship implodes following the murder of their son.

Gene Hackman, 71, won the statuette for best actor in a comedy for his role as an out-cast father in "The Royal Tenenbaums," standing opposite female best comedy actor counterpart Kidman.

Newcomer Jennifer Connelly won best supporting actress in a drama for her portrayal of Nash's supportive wife Alicia in "Mind," while Briton Jim Broadbent was the surprise winner of the best supporting actor prize for his role as British novelist Dame Iris Murdoch's husband in "Iris."

Robert Altman walked away with the best director award for his satirical 1930s murder mystery "Gosford Park," but the star-studded film failed to make good its four other nominations.

Two other films with multiple nominations, blockbuster fantasy epic "Lord of the Rings" and David Lynch's twisted drama "Mulholland Drive" -- each tapped for four nods -- were completely snubbed by the 90 Globe jurors.

Bosnian film "No Man's Land" won best foreign film while Globe organizers -- the Hollywood Foreign Press Association -- gave "Star Wars" and "Raiders of the Lost Ark" star Harrison Ford the Cecil B. DeMille for his "outstanding contribution to the entertainment field" during his 35-year career.

The 59th annual Golden Globes Awards saw a return of the glitz, jewels and glamour following a self-conscious effort by Tinseltown to tone down displays of wealth following the September 11 terror attacks on US targets.

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