

RECOMMENDATIONS

Art Exhibition

A solo exhibition of artworks by artist Nazia Andaleeb Preema is being held at the DRIK gallery at Dhanmondi in the city. The exhibition continues till February 12, 2002. The exhibition is open for all everyday from 3:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Thursday & Friday from 11:00 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Book Fair

Amar Ekushey Grantha Mela, a three-week long book fair at the premises of Bangla Academy is in progress. The fair is open everyday from 2 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Seventh Solo

The 7th solo art exhibition of artist Samiran Chowdhury is being held at Divine Art Gallery in Hotel Sonargaon. Samiran's 25 works in water colour, mixed media and acrylic are on display. The exhibition will remain open for the visitors from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. till February 16.

Drama Festival

Natty Utsav 2002, the national festival of drama is going on at the Mahila Nazrani auditorium in the city. A drama of a particular group is staged everyday at 6:30 p.m. The festival will continue till February 20 organised by Bangladesh Group Theatre Federation.

Satrangi Exhibition

A Satrangi exhibition by Shafiqul Alam Selim is being held at WVA auditorium from February 8 till February 15. The exhibition will remain open for all from 3 p.m. to 8 p.m. everyday.

Solo Painting

The first solo painting exhibition of Zakia Khan Chandana is being held at the Zainul Gallery of the Institute of Fine Art at Shahbagh in the city. The show will remain open for all till February 14 from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. everyday.

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A 12-day painting exhibition by renowned artist Maruf Ahmed started at the Shilpangan Art Gallery in the city from February 7, 2002. The show will remain open for all till February 18, from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. everyday.

Award

Director Robert Altman says bad films were greatest influence

AFP, Berlin

U.S. director Robert Altman, who accepted the Berlin film festival's lifetime achievement award Sunday, said that watching bad movies had taught him most of what he knows about cinema.

"I remember through my whole lifetime of seeing films, I would see a film I thought was dreadful and I'd say 'I want to be sure I never do anything like that,'" he told reporters before a gala screening of his new period mystery "Gosford Park" at which he received the honorary "Golden Bear" award.

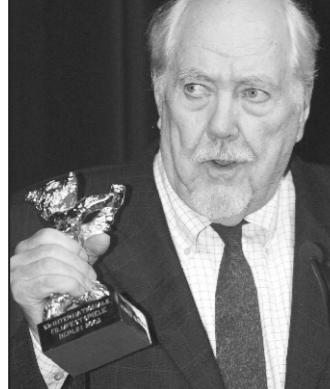
"So the directors who influence me the most, I don't know their names."

The maverick filmmaker, renowned for ensemble pieces such as "M.A.S.H.", "Nashville" and "Short Cuts", said he believed the secret to great filmmaking was allowing good actors the freedom to develop their own characters and allow a certain "magic" to develop from the cast's chemistry.

"What I want to see is something I've not seen before," he said.

"You start with a two-dimensional plan and fill that with actors and partners. They take that into the third dimension and occasionally, into the fourth, that's that thing that makes the film work and nobody knows why."

"Gosford Park", a critical and commercial success since its release in the United States and Britain, presents a stellar British cast in an "Upstairs, Downstairs"



US director Robert Altman holds the honorary 'Golden Bear'

style comedy of manners peppered with a murder mystery.

Veteran actress Maggie Smith, who plays the prickly Constance, Countess of Trentham in the new feature, said it had been a "joy" to work with Altman.

"Anybody loves to be in a Bob Altman film - they fall over themselves to get them," Smith said.

"He's an actor's director. He really does understand how actors work and that we're nervous wrecks and we really aren't too sure of what we're doing."

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