

Cinema

A film with a difference

Press preview of 'Matir Moyna', a forthcoming feature film created by Tareque and Catherine Masud, takes place in the city

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AFTER completing 'Mukrir Gaan' in 1995 when we moved to Bangladesh permanently, I had a dream of making a feature film based on my childhood memories. 'Matir Moyna' (The Clay Bird / L'Oiseau d'argile) is a dream come true, said Tareque Masud, a reputed film director while speaking before a gathering of reporters at a special press briefing that was held on his newly completed feature film 'Matir Moyna' at the British Council Auditorium on April 10.

It took seven years for Masud to make his dream come true. After his return to his home country it took him five years to show 'Mukrir Gaan' and making 'Mukrir Kotha'. For the past two years Tareque and Catherine were involved in the making of 'Matir Moyna'. Tareque wanted to make such a film that would not only express his childhood memories and encounters with the real world; it would also disclose the rich culture of our country to the whole world. So for that, after working on the script for four years they presented the script to the French government for the 'South Fund' cinema competition. Fortunate Tareque and Catherine not only got the fund for making their movie, they also got the assistance of MK2, the largest film distribution company in Europe for the distribution of their film. The 'South Fund' is such a fund, which provides the filmmakers with camera, film stock and modern equipped editing lab facilities in France. Apart from that the other expenditures for making the film was on the makers. For the research they also received some help from the Freedom Foundation.

The story of 'Matir Moyna' takes us back in the year '69-'70s. A religious father sends his son Anu to the madrasa. Leaving his village life full of freedom, Anu finds himself in the strict rules of the madrasa. But in this rigidity he finds a friend like Ibrahim Huzur. When Anu comes back to his village in holidays he is



Joyonto Chattapaddhaya and Rokeya Prachi in a scene from Matir Moyna

moved by the natural beauties. The distance between his mother Ayesha and father Kazi turns into a fight. On the other hand the political scenario of the outside world reflects inside the madrasa. When the war closes in, it also effects between the rigid and unprejudiced. Anu, Ayesha and Kazi faces a new truth with the incidents that takes place in the village and the madrasa. But the effect of this truth works differently on Ayesha and Kazi. When the war starts Anu starts a new life holding his mother's hand.



Still from the movie



Rokeya Prachi as Ayesha

Michel Lummaux, the Ambassador of France in Bangladesh was also present at the press briefing and made a special announcement. He said that the film 'Matir Moyna' has been selected to be presented at the prestigious Cannes film festival and will participate at the 'Director's Fortnight' on May 16, 2002 and from the following day the film will be screened in 42 cinema halls in France. Michel Lummaux said, "The meet at Cannes is a trade

fair and they will find many customers for their film there, who will buy and show the films in their country".

Tareque wishes to screen this film in Bangladesh. He wants to do something about the negative image that has been developed over the time about our culture. He believes that oversimplification and ignorance is the main reason behind this. His film might be an approach towards this positive image that we dream of. But then again one or two films will not be able to create an impact on this total scenario, there should be a community of films.

The cast of the film include Nurul Islam Babul as the character of Anu, Rasel Foraji as Rokon, Joyonto Chattapaddhaya as Kazi, Rokeya Prachi as Ayesha, Shobeh Islam as Milon, Lamisa R Rimzim as Asma, Moin Ahmed as Ibrahim, Mohammed Moslemuddin as Bakiullah Head Master, Abdul Karim as Halim Miah and Shah Alam Dewan as Karim Mazhi.

Photography

Graceful Bengal

Annual photo exhibition of Bangladesh Photo Journalist Association welcomes Bangla New Year

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ANGLADESH Photo Journalist Association formally inaugurated a photo exhibition in the gallery located at its premises at Purana Paltan in the city on April 12. Entitled Rupashi Bangla, the exhibition is a routine annual affair of the association that is arranged every year since 1985 ahead of Poyla Baishakh, the first day of Bangla New Year.

A total of forty working photojournalists from different national dailies and district branches of the association are participating in the exhibition including those from Jugantar, The Daily Star, Inquilab, Dainik Dinkal, The Financial Express, Janakantha, Manabjamine, Dainik Ittefaq and from association branches of Narayanganj, Sylhet and Chittagong districts by displaying their works that have numbered up to 300 colour prints.

The theme of the exhibition, as indicated by the title itself, devotes to the rich beauty of Bangladesh in regards to its landscape, culture, heritage, community, lifestyle and so on.

This exhibition of ours is held every year since 1985 and the theme remains the same that is, Rupashi Bangla, or Beautiful Bengal, in that sense, mentions A.K.M. Mohsin, a participant and Chief Photographer of The Daily Star, to this correspondent. 'It is our pride to say that through this particular exhibition, we, probably, turn out to be members of the only organization who welcome the Bengali New Year through a photography exhibition', Mohsin adds.

A variety of subjects have come up in the photographs those are put on display. Subjects have ranged from scenic beauty of harvesting in paddy fields and rural domestic activities of teenage girls and housewives to fishermen in action with sprawled nets

against lovely backgrounds of the rising sun while some other photographs have depicted the traditional cock or bull fight in some village fair or Mela. Several of the photographs have been highlighted on nature and bird life of Bangladesh that demonstrate the recent awareness of the photojournalists on the important topics of environment and wildlife.

'Rupashi Bangla', the title photograph of the exhibition have been presented by M. Salauddin, a staff photographer of Inquilab. Some of the more unique photos like the one taken by Mahub Hossain Nabin of Jugantar showing an orphan

leopard cub drinking milk from the feeding bottle held by a zoo visitor or the photograph depicting the intricate scene of a magnificent 'duel' between two tiny birds, probably, male sparrows over domination of a female, have proved the sense of seriousness and artistry among the photographers.

Some of the participating photojournalists include M. Salauddin, Shafiuddin Ahmed Bitu, Iqbal Hasan, Nasim Sikder, A.K.M. Mohsin, Anisur Rahman, Sk. Enamul Haq, Amran Hossain, Mahub Hossain Nabin, Shamim Noor, Kajar Hajra, Khan Mohammad Nazrul, Mohammad Qamruzzaman, Nurunnabi, Mir Ahmed Miru, Mir Mohiuddin Sohan, Tarif Rahman, Ataur Rahman Babu, Kazi Borhanuddin, Shipan Ahmed, Apu Ahmed, Tapas Saha, D.M. Manju, Syed Tanjin Ahmed, Swapan Saha, Habibur Rahman, Mohammad Baten, Pronob Krishna, Ataur Rahman Ata, Abdul Batin Faisal and Rupam Chakravarti.

Mozammel Hossain, an elderly retired photojournalist, attended the inaugural ceremony as chief guest. The exhibition ends this evening.



Chief guest Mozammel Hossain (with spectacles) visits the exhibition

RECOMMENDATIONS



Syed Jahangir's solo

Featuring recent artworks, the 32nd solo art exhibition by Syed Jahangir will start at the Bengal Gallery of Fine Arts on April 18 at 6 in the evening. Minister M. Morshed Khan will inaugurate the exhibition as chief guest.

Photography Exhibition

To commemorate September 11 tragedy and to pay tribute to the innocent victims, a photography show sponsored by The American Centre of the U.S Embassy, opened on April 7 at the city's Drik Gallery, House # 58, Road # 15/A, Dhanmondi. The show is showcasing 27 pieces taken by renowned photographer Foel Meyerowitz from World Trade Centre site. Exhibition will stay open from 3 to 8 p.m. till April 20.

Art show

An exhibition of recent paintings by Murtaza Baseer is now being held at the city's Gallery Shilparag, House # 15, Road # 16(new) at Dhanmondi. The show is open to all from 11:00 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. everyday till April 19.

Photography

Bangladesh Photo Journalist Association holds a three-day exhibition from April 12 to 14 entitled 'Rupashi Bangla' to celebrate the Bangla new year at its premises at Purana Paltan in the city. Forty photographers of the country are participating in the exhibition with their works.

Fashion

Entitled 'Baishaker Rudro Roop', an exhibition of cotton clothing items is taking place at Texmart at 41, Kemal Ataturk Avenue in the city. Students of NIFD, a fashion and designs' college, have designed the displayed T-shirts, sarees and shalwar-kameez at the exhibition, whose motifs are based on the rural heritage and tradition of Bengal in the Bangla month of Baishakh. The show runs from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. till April 15.

TV GUIDE

BTV

- Morning Session
8:40 Children's Programme
9:15 Noboborsher Kobita
9:45 Dance Program
10:20 Eo He Boishakh
Evening
2:20 Bengali Feature Film
4:00 Khabar
4:55 Sharjah Cup Live!
5:00 Sri Lanka Vs Newzealand
6:00 News Headlines
7:00 News Headlines
8:30 News in Bengali
Special documentary on Pohela Boishakh
9:00 News Headlines
9:05 Rest of the cricket match
10:00 News at Ten
11:30 Khabar / The News

EKUSHEY

- 10:00 Eosho He Boishakh
12:00 Ekushey Midday
12:30 Stage Drama: Behoula Sundore
1:00 Ekushey Headlines
1:05 Stage Drama: Behoula Sundore
1:30 Documentary Programmed : Japan Video Tropic
2:30 Drama: Habar
3:00 Shoprno
3:05 Ekushey Headlines
3:05 Drama: Habar
3:30 Shoprno
3:30 Deshjure Boishakhhe
3:30 Vromon: Tetulia
3:30 Thake Taknaf
6:00 Ekushey Headlines
6:05 Deshjure Boishakhhe
6:05 Vromon: Tetulia
6:30 Thake Taknaf
6:30 Montu Miar Oviyan: Pacharkarer
6:55 Ekushey Headlines
7:00 Montu Miar Oviyan: Pacharkarer
7:00 Papachar
7:30 Ekushey Shongbad
8:00 Ekushey News
8:05 Drama serial : Durer Batighor
8:30 Boishakhhe Sur
9:30 Drama: Jiboner Shes Chikitcha
10:00 News : Simulcast from BTV
10:30 Ekushey Halkhata
11:00 Ekushey Late Night News

HBO

- 6:30 Little Women
9:00 K-9
11:00 Gold Diggers
The Secret of Bear Mountain
1:00 Problem Child
2:45 Bats
4:45 Men of Respect
7:00 An Officer and a Gentleman
9:30 Cobra
11:15 Meet Joe Black
2:45 Problem Child
4:30 Escape From Atlantis

BBC WORLD

- 6:00 BBC News
6:30 Holiday
7:00 BBC News
7:30 Simpson
8:00 BBC News
8:30 Correspondent
9:00 BBC News
9:30 This Week
10:00 BBC News
10:30 Mastermind India
11:00 BBC News
11:30 India Business Report
12:00 BBC News
12:30 Commando!
1:00 BBC News
1:30 Face to Face
2:00 BBC News
2:30 This Week
3:00 BBC News
3:30 Horizon
4:00 BBC News
4:30 Click Online
5:00 BBC News
5:30 Simpsons

STAR GOLD

- 7:00 Dawat (Satish Kaul, Jaysree Gakkar, Sanjeev Kumar)
10:30 Geet Bahar
11:00 Geet Bahar
11:30 Kuch Yaadein
12:00 Rahein Na Rahein Hum
12:30 Maaza Sunday Noon Show : Krishna (Sunil

Shetty, Karishma Kapoor)

- 3:30 Pyar Kiye Jaa (Shashi Kapoor, Mehmood, Mumtaz)
7:00 Geet Bahar Sunday
7:30 Blockbuster An Evening in Paris (Shammi Kappor, Sharmila Tagore)
11:00 Kuch Yaadein Kuch Baatein Hum Tum Aur Who (Vinod Khanna, Bharati)
11:30 Aatma
Dharam Aur Hum
9:30 Amul Best of Surabhi
10:00 Family Fortunes
10:30 Bol Baby Bol
11:00 The Price is Right
11:30 Chalti Ka Naam Antakshiri
12:30 Chhupa Rustam
1:00 Musafir Hoon Yaroon
1:30 Mirch Masala
2:00 Hit Filmein Hit Sangeet
3:30 Star Asia Travel
4:00 Baywatch
4:00 Hawaii
5:00 Futurama
5:30 3rd Rock From The Sun
6:00 Star News
6:30 Focus Asia
6:30 IHT World
7:00 The X Files
8:00 Star Trek
9:00 Rendezvous With Simi
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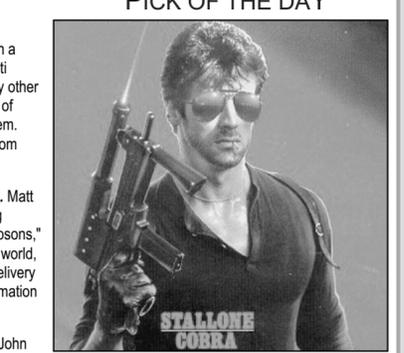
TODAY'S HIGHLIGHTS

EKUSHEY: 8:30 p.m. Boishakhi Shur. This programme greets the Bengali new year with a group song which includes Puthi Path, Boyati songs, Dhaki's Dhol plying, Dance and many other things. After this there will be a presentation of Tagore's 'He Boishakh, Rudra Boishakh' poem. Golam Mustafa will recite the poem. Apart from these there will also be rabindra-sangeet.

STAR WORLD: 5:00 & 7:00 p.m. Futurama. Matt Groening, the multiple Emmy Award-winning creator and executive producer of "The Simpsons," has hatched another outrageous look at the world, FUTURAMA. In tonight's episode, a pizza delivery boy awakens from a state of suspended animation and finds himself in a futuristic world.

AXN: 9:30 p.m. The Replacement Killers. John Lee is the best hitman money can buy. But when John refuses to kill because of the seven-year-old son of his target, John's bosses send someone after John to kill him and then take his place in the ring of hitmen. John then teams up with Meg Coburn to help him escape these "Replacement Killers."

PICK OF THE DAY



Cobra
On HBO at 9:30 p.m.
City cop is on the trail of a serial killer. Loaded with action and violence. Stallone fans will love this Rambo-like movie with Stallone on the chase instead of the run.

- Sangeet
7:00am Billboard Us
9:00 Star Hunter
10:00 Ally Mcbeal
11:00 The Practice
12:00pm First Wave
1:00 Roswell
2:00 Robbie Williams Live At Albert
3:00 Crown And Country
3:30 Star Asia Travel
4:00 Baywatch
4:00 Hawaii
5:00 Futurama
5:30 3rd Rock From The Sun
6:00 Star News
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STAR MOVIES
6:30 Fart the Movie
8:30 Angie
10:15 Highway 395
12:00 Crimson Tide
2:00 Bedazzled
3:45 Rusty The Great Rescue
5:30 Addams Family Reunion
7:00 Supernova
8:30 Joy luck Club
10:45 Angie
12:30 Young Guns II
6:30 Relic Hunter
7:30 Shadow Skill
8:30 Space Warship Yamamoto Yoko
9:30 Battledome
10:30 The Right Stuff
11:30 Guinness World Scariest Places On Earth
1:30 The Amazing Race
2:30 Movie: Hudson Hawk
4:30 Boardwil
5:30 The Amazing Race
6:30 Guinness World Records: Primetime
7:30 Scariest Places on Earth
8:30 Fear Factor
9:30 Sun Action Movie: the Replacement Killers
11:30 Movie: Futuresport
ZEE MUSIC
6:30 Gurbani
7:30 Gujarati News
8:00 Daily News
8:30 Pakistan News Link
9:00 Zaike Ka Safar
9:30 Yoga For Life
10:00 Out And About
10:30 Mahabharat Dream
12:00 Destinations Special
12:30 Correspondent
12:30 Tyag
3:30 R AA A H
4:30 Zee And You
5:00 Kirchiyan
6:00 Samsaar
7:00 Ankahee
7:30 East end
8:30 Antakshari
9:00 News Bulletin
9:00 Badal
12:00 Aaj Bhi Ateet
ALPHA TV
BANGLA
7:00 Bhalobasa Mandobasa
7:30 Surer Ei Dharana
8:00 NR Eyes
8:30 Gaan Unlimited
9:00 Bharat Bhraman
9:30 Sanghat
10:00 Satahik Bhagya Chakra
10:30 Soni Robi Mojar
11:00 Agni Yuger
11:00 Padatik
11:30 Choto Chuttir Phake
12:00 Bhawanipurer Chatujjera
12:30 Half Chocolate
1:00 Ranna Ghar
1:30 Blind Lane
2:00 Guest House
2:30 Amar Sangi
5:00 Saptahik Bhagyachakra
5:30 Mathe Maidane
6:00 News In Bengali
6:30 Ekuse Paa
7:00 Major Khela
7:00 Kobitae
7:30 Googly
8:00 Alpha Bangla
9:45 Purobi Bangla
10:25 Chena Mukh
Achena Manush

11:00 News

- Sudhu Tomake
11:30 Chai
12:00 Abisasya
ZEE TV
7:00 Yoga For Life
7:40 Jagran
7:50 Zee Gym
8:30 Nickelodeon
9:00 Nick On Zee
9:30 Ramayan
10:30 Mahabharat
11:30 Best Of Antakshari
12:30 Raaah
1:30 Top of the Tops
2:00 Khana Khazana
2:30 Zee & You
3:00 Padosan
6:30 Nickelodeon On Zee
7:00 Nick On Zee
7:30 Devrani Jethani
8:00 Niilaam Ghar-Bid id Boom
8:30 Rishtey The Love Stories
9:30 Samsaar
10:30 Aap Jo Bolein Haan To Haan
10:30 Aap Jo Bolein Naa To Naa
11:30 Tejaswini
12:00 Weekend Cinema
ZEE CINEMA
7:00 Weekend Cinema
7:30 Ab To Jeene Do
10:30 Ek Kunwari Ek Kunwara
1:30 Bairaag
5:15 Top Of The Tops
6:00 Aakhri Raasta
9:30 Making Of A Legend
10:00 Ek Tha Raja
SETMAX
7:30 Mini Movies: Nasihat
8:30 Harmony
9:30 Badrinath Yatra
1:00 Harmony
2:00 Iifa Awards
5:30 Kal Ki Awaz
9:00 Hotlist
9:30 Hero No 1
1:30 Nau Bahar
4:30 Sweety

NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC

- 6:30 In New Zealand : Footsteps to the sky
7:30 In New Zealand : Mystery The Mighty Moa
8:30 Nat Geo Genius : Episode 2
8:30 Human Edge : Episode 13
9:30 Adventure Planet : Cradle To Coast : Episode 4
10:00 Quest for K2 : Episode 4 : Path to the Summit
10:30 In New Zealand : Grandma
11:30 Best of the Week : The Fox And The Sharks
12:30 Nat Geo Genius : Episode 1
1:00 Human Edge : Episode 12
1:30 Out There : Sentinels Of Death : Episode 24
2:00 Adventure Starts Here : Next Wave : Poisons Vents : Episode 1
2:30 Sex on the Reef
3:30 Diamonds
4:30 Journey of Life : Shape of Life : Episode 5
5:30 Best of the Week : Fairy Penguin
6:30 Nat Geo Genius : Episode 3
7:00 Human Edge : Episode 15
7:30 Out There : Wolf Man of Russia : Episode 25
8:00 Adventure Starts Here : Next Wave : Lava Lover
8:30 Predators From the Deep : The Octopus Show
9:30 Cats : Caressing the Tiger

10:30 Journey of Life

- Shape of Life : Episode 6
Survival Game
11:30 Best of the Week : Lost Worlds - Future Of The Past : Episode 6
12:30 Predators From the Deep : The Octopus Show
HALLMARK
12:00 McLeod's Daughters (22 Episodes X 1hr) - Episode # 5 - Taking The Reins
01:00 Face To Face
03:00 Something So Right
05:00 Sesame Street - Episode # 89
06:00 Robin Of Locksley
08:00 Katts And Dog - Episode # 10
Race Against Time
08:30 Ghostwriter - Episode # 26
Who's Who? Pt. 4
09:00 Sesame Street - Episode # 89
10:00 Scholastic Clifford - Episode # 23
10:30 Caillou - Episode # 37
11:00 Go Toward The Light
01:00 Chance Of A Lifetime
03:00 The Outsider
05:00 Star Trek: Voyager - Episode # 154 Flesh And Blood Pt. 2
06:00 Touched By An Angel V - Episode # 18 - Family Business
07:00 Off Season
09:00 Star Trek: Voyager - Episode # 157 Shattered
10:00 Crash Course