

RECOMMENDATIONS



Syed Jahangir's solo

Featuring recent artworks, the 32nd solo art exhibition by Sayed Jahangir will start at the Bengal Gallery of Fine Arts on April 18 at 6 in the evening.

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.

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.

Satranji exhibition

A week-long show of traditional rug (Satranji), marking Bengali New Year's day, is being held at 13/A/2, Kemal Ataturk Avenue, Gulshan-2. The show remains open everyday from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. till April 20.

Art exhibition

Works of six noted contemporary print makers, Shafiqul Islam, Mohammad Kibria, Mahmudul Haque, Abul barq Alvi, Rokeya Sultana and Anisuzzaman, are being showcased at the city's Alliance Francaise de Dhaka gallery.

Group painting exhibition

A 10-day long painting exhibition has opened at the city's Haque Arts Gallery, F-43, D.C.C Market, Gulshan-2. The show is open to public everyday from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. till April 24.

Music

Resonant beats and rhythmic applauds

Yamato's Japanese Taiko inspires audience to join in at a performance at Osmani Memorial Hall in the city

SAIFUL ISLAM

THE sonorous solemn hymns and pulsating thumps of Japanese Taiko by popular drummer troop Yamato inspired the audience at Osmani Memorial Hall on April 13 to actively participate in the performance.

The spontaneous and hilarious charisma of physical participation harmonized with the vibration of sometimes mellowing and sometimes thumping reverberation spelled spectators throughout the carnival. Like other glitzy and thought provoking shows of traditional Japanese music, art, and crafts; Yamato's fascinating performance celebrates the thirty fruitful years of Bangladesh-Japan friendship.

The fusion of quintessential Japanese discipline and energy mingled with the extraordinary talent of Yamato created a land of misty mountains and throbbing dales on the spacious stage of Osmani Memorial. The rich blend of auditory images and visual imagery created by brilliant lighting and Karate maneuvers evoked the mood and atmosphere for the unique music. Sometimes it sounded like age-old temples knelling swell of shrilling anthem;



A moment before the torrent of sonorous rhythm

sometimes it evoked the maddening roars of stormy sea; sometimes the clarion captivated the audience; sometimes it was like sacred solemn elegy; sometimes the soft beats sang lovely lullabies. Moreover the occasional comic relief by surpassingly talented

performers gave vent to peeling laughter and a lot of accolades. The fusion of drums big (one as big as Bangladeshi Joidhak) and small; flute, cymbal pairs and Shamisen (an excellent dotara like musical instrument) threw light on the rich cultural life of Japan upholding the

commitment of Japanese artists to their roots.

Hitoshi Mogi, a Japanese folk performance specialist, explains some curious and interesting aspect of Japanese Taiko. Of all Japanese folk instruments taiko are distinct for the number of admirers it has clenched across the globe. Taiko drummer troops can be divided roughly into two groups regarding their origin. The first can be called traditional taiko: drumming styles that are handed down in a particular locale and performed as part of the accompaniment of local festivals and rituals. The second is groups performing original compositions for taiko.

To the Japanese, taiko is thrilling and can remind of bygone days. The latent folk elements suffusing the latest and modern compositions of taiko take the countrymen near the fringes of the past where people can retrace their old but culturally rich days.

Taiko are used in many religious rites. In the rituals known as Kagura, in the major functions of greeting the gods on their visit to earth, entertaining them while they are here, then

sending them back to their abode taiko are performed. Taiko also make the community aware of the gods' presence when played as a kind of precursor to a procession of mikoshi (portable shrine/s) through the streets. In rice-growing rituals, taiko are sounded to ask for a bountiful crop during rice transplanting in spring and to chase away harmful insects and to pray that the rice plants ripen safely in summer. Some taiko are themselves a form of magic, like the amagoi no taiko, whose sound conveys human prayers for rain to the gods of heaven.

Yamato was founded in 1993 in Nara, "the land of Yamato," said to be the birthplace of Japanese culture. Since its formation eight years ago Yamato has given more than 900 performances before over a million people in a dozen or so countries around the world. The breath-taking performance in Dhaka is a part of the groups Spirit Tour in South Asia. They came to Dhaka straight from Colombo. The marvelous group of drummers has members like Masa Ogawa, Takeru Matsushita, Akiko Ogawa, Mika Miyazaki, Shihō Nonaka, Satomi Ikeda, Toshiaki Otawa, Tetsuro Okuba, Midori Tamai, and Tomoko Kawachi who used traditional instruments like chu-daiko, Nagado-daiko, hira-daiko, odaiko, okedo-daiko, shime-daiko, uchiwa-daiko, atarigane, dora, shinobue, shamisen, koto and chappa.

In addition to the metaphysical aspect taiko are remarkable for the complex rhythmic patterns of sounds produced. The fusion of traditional Bangladeshi dhols with taiko clearly pointed to the fact that Bangladeshi artists have potential but we need to do some sort of research to develop and polish our performers to take them to the international arena. The necessity of patronization and state support is very important but at the same time we need to be committed to our tradition and culture. The spirit tour of Yamato can be an example from where we can learn the devotion and commitment that worked behind Yamato's success.

Fashion

Baishakhi trend

Students of a designing college exhibit their works based on seasonal motifs



A refreshing departure from the traditional sari design

CULTURE DESK

THE Bengali New Year was greeted in a unique way by a group of students of a fashion designing college. A large collection of saris, T-shirts and shalwar-kameez ensembles were put on display at a recent exhibition titled 'Baishakher Rudro Roop' with printed motifs on the clothing based on the first month of the Bengali year. Students of a local designing college, National Institute of Fashion and Design arranged the show that ended at a showroom of Texmart at Banani in the city, on April 15.

The design motifs created by Shafi Babu, Nazmul, Fuad, Little, Swadhin, Mamun, Peu and Mumun included various images

and symbols of Bengal, specially, those of rural regions. Those included images of bauls and their musical instruments like ek-taara and do-taara, rural scenes, fishing boat, map of Bangladesh, flowers and birds.

A few of the saris on display possessed nice patterns of thatched huts, cattle and stack of straw with surrounding scenery of the typical rural Bangladesh. A particular T-shirt featured bright yellow shade print of the Bangladesh map.

Most of the designs were hand painted using brush and colour while the others feature block and spray prints.

Noted actor Afzal Hossain inaugurated the exhibition on April 12.

TV GUIDE

BTV

- 3:10 pm News headlines
3:15 Patriotic song
3:20 Open University
3:45 Facts on nutrition
4:05 Education for all
4:20 Cartoon: Godzilla
5:00 News headlines
5:10 Drama series: Family Trip
5:35 Sangeeta
6:00 Khabar
6:10 Shukhi Paribar
6:35 Programme of Chittagong centre
7:00 News headlines
7:05 Pran Tarangya
8:00 News in Bangla
8:30 Drama serial Sei Shab Manush
9:00 News headlines
9:05 Drama
10:00 News in English
10:25 Ajker Arthanity
10:30 Mythaskria
11:30 Khabar/The News

EKUSHEY

- 12:00pm Ekushey Midday
12:30 Deshjure Chalchitro
1:00 Ekushey Headlines
1:05 Expedition to the Animal Kingdom
1:30 Documentary programmed : Japan Video Tropic
1:50 Classic Cartoons
2:10 Surer Prodeep
2:40 Driшти
3:00 Ekushey Headlines
3:05 Drama Serial
3:30 Amader Kolha
4:00 Surer Prodeep
4:30 Expedition to the Animal Kingdom
5:00 Circus Circus
5:50 Ajker Potrikay
6:00 Ekushey Headlines
6:05 Classic Cartoons
6:30 Charidike
6:55 Ekushey Headlines
7:00 Deho Tore
7:30 Ekushey Shongbad
8:00 Ekushey News
8:05 Kena Kata
8:30 New Drama Serial : Bholar Diary
9:00 Natok:
10:00 News : Simulcast from BTV
10:30 When Century Was Young
11:00 Ekushey Late Night Shongbad
11:30 Ekushey Business
12:00 Ekushey Headlines

HALLMARK

- 12:00 Harvest Of Fire
12:00 Spoils Of War
04:00 Scholastic Clifford - Episode # 25
04:30 Caillou - Episode # 39
05:00 Sesame Street - Episode # 91
06:00 A Place For Annie
08:00 Babycakes
10:00 Live Through This - Episode # 8
11:00 In His Father's Shoes
01:00 Sliders - Episode # 2 Applied Physics
02:00 Sesame Street - Episode # 91
03:00 Scholastic Clifford - Episode # 25
03:30 Caillou - Episode # 39
04:00 Live Through This - Episode # 8
05:00 Star Trek: Voyager - Episode # 158 Lineage
06:00 Sliders - Episode # 3 Strangers And Comrades
07:00 They Call Me Sirr
09:00 Star Trek: Voyager - Episode # 159 Repentance
10:00 On Golden Pond
NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC
6:00 Wild Passions : Big Snake
7:00 When Nature Strikes Back : Twister Tours
8:00 Endangered : Big Guy Florida Panther
8:30 Human Edge : Episode 17
9:00 When Nature Strikes Back : Floods
10:00 Scientific American Frontiers : Changing Your Mind
11:00 Revolutionary Rhythms : Tango : Argentina : Episode 3
11:30 Sumo : Dance Of The Gargantuana
12:00 Endangered : Esperanza the Mountain Tapir
12:30 Human Edge : Episode 16
1:00 Lost Worlds : Digging By The

- 2:00 Book : Episode 2
Croc Chronicles : Episode 9 : The Reluctant Warrior
2:30 Tales from Belize : Episode 5 : Swimming with Sharks
3:00 Supercroc
4:00 Kanzi : An Ape Of Genius
5:00 Forbidden Rites : Cannibalism : Episode 1
6:00 Endangered : Jumbos in the Clouds
6:30 Human Edge : Episode 19
7:00 Lost Worlds : Treasure Seekers : Episode 3
8:00 Croc Chronicles : Episode 10 : Gharials Go Home / Nuisance Gator
Location: India and Florida, USA
8:30 Tales from Belize : Paradise In Peril : Episode 1
9:00 Africa : Life and Death In The Sahara : Episode 2
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BBC WORLD
6:00 BBC News
6:30 World Business Report
7:00 BBC News
7:30 Asia Today/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

TODAY'S HIGHLIGHTS

- EKUSHEY: 8:30p.m. Bholar Dairy, Episode 5: Boki invites Bholo to her birthday party. The party was a candle light dinner. Bholo comes to the party while Boki flees from home and joins in. But the dinner menu creates some problems for Bholo. On the other hand Joseph also comes to the same restaurant with his new girl friend. The situation heats up.
STAR MOVIES: 7:00p.m. Pacific Heights. Based on a real life experience, a couple Patty and Drake buy their dream house in San Francisco. They decide to rent out the ground floor apartment to help out with the mortgage payments. Charming Carter Hayes initially seems to be an ideal tenant, but after he moves in things begin to go wrong.
STAR WORLD: 7:00 & 10:30p.m. The Pretender. A very young boy named Jarod is brought to The Centre, an organisation shrouded in secretive and suspicious activity. With a uniquely high IQ, Jarod becomes a human experiment. He becomes a Pretender. In tonight's episode, Jarod poses as an arms dealer to reunite a mother with her children, who have been taken by her ex-husband.

PICK OF THE DAY

The Phantom
On HBO at 10:00p.m.
A lavish action-adventure of swashbuckling romance and mystery based on the popular comic-strip superhero created by Lee Falk. Kit Walker, a.k.a. the Phantom, must rescue a rich heiress and prevent a vicious brotherhood of pirates and a ruthless business mogul from bringing an ancient prophecy of power to pass.

- 10:30 World Business Report
11:00 BBC News
11:30 World Business Report
12:00 pmBBC News
12:30 World Business Report/Sport Today
1:00 BBC News
1:30 Click Online
2:00 BBC News
2:30 Hardtalk
3:00 BBC News
3:30 Earth Report
4:00 BBC News
4:30 Asia Today/World Business Report
5:00 BBC News
5:30 Hardtalk
HBO
6:30am The House of Yes
8:15 I Still Know What You Did Last Summer
10:15 The Chippendales Murders
12:00pmBingo
1:45 King Cobra
3:45 The People Under The Stairs
5:45 Top Gun
8:00 The Crossing
10:00 The Phantom
12:00amAlive
2:30 I Still Know What You Did Last Summer
4:30 The People Under the Stairs

- STAR MOVIES
6:30am Sanctimony
8:30 Richie Richs Christmas wish
10:15 Diabolique
12:00pmAce Ventura Pet Detective
1:45 Little Richard
3:30 Harlan County War
5:30 Farf The Movie
7:00 Pacific Heights
8:45 Exorcist III
10:30 Richie Richs Christmas Wish
12:30 Air Up There, The
STAR GOLD
7:00am Naomi Chor (Biswajeet, Shatrughan Sinha, Leena Chandavarkar)
10:30 Bollywood News
11:00 Geet Bahar
11:30 Anarkali (Pradeep Kumar, Bina Rai)
3:00pm Bollywood News
3:30 Marhi Da Deeva (Raj Babbar, Deepti Naval)
7:00 Geet Bahar
7:30 Mangal Masti : Humshakal (Rajesh Khanna, Tanuja)
11:00 Bollywood News
11:30 Azaad (Dharmendra, Hema Malini)
STAR PLUS
6:30 Star Geetmala
7:30 Hum Saath Aath Hain
8:00 Aatma

ZEE CINEMA

- 7:00 Top Of The Tops
7:30 Jai Baba Amarnath
10:00 Dosti
1:30 Ghar Ki Laaj
5:15 Weekend Cinema
6:00 Saajan Bina Suhagan
9:15 Yaadein Radio Ceylon Ki
9:30 Tara Tum
10:00 Deewana
ZEE TV
7:00 Yoga For Life
7:30 Jagran
7:50 Zee Gym & Eat Healthy
8:20 News
8:30 Ardhangini
8:45 Yaadein Radio Ceylon Ki
9:00 Nickelodeon on Zee
10:30 Hum Paanch
11:00 Hudd Kar Di
12:00 Koshish ... Ek Aashaa
12:30 Kitne Kool Hain Hum
1:00 Tu Kahe Agar
1:30 Koi Apna Sa
2:00 Choti Maa Ek Anokha Bandhan
2:30 Gharana
3:00 Naram Garam
6:00 Nick On Zee
6:30 Nickelodeon On Zee
8:00 Apna Apna Style
8:30 Kitne Kool Hain Hum
9:00 Justjuoo
9:30 Niilaam Ghar Bid Bid Boom
10:00 Koi Apna Sa
10:30 Choti Maa... Ek Anokha Bandhan
11:00 Tu Kahe Agar
11:30 Tejaswini
12:00 Gharana
ZEE MUSIC
7:30 Gujarati News
8:00 Daily News
8:30 Babul Ki Duwayan Leti Ja
9:00 Gharana
9:30 Koi Apna Sa
10:00 Dream Destinations
10:30 Yeh Zindagi Sangini
12:00 Aan
12:30 Mere Jeevan Saathi
3:30 Punjabi News
4:00 Choti Maa Ek Anokha Bandhan
4:30 Chattan
5:30 Pride Mehendi Tere Naam Ki

- 6:00 Kartavya
6:30 Deewane To Deewane Hain Gharana
7:30 Babul Ki Duwayan Leti Ja
8:30 News Bulletin
9:00 Koshish.... Ek Aasha
9:30 Koi Apna Sa
10:00 Choti Maa Ek Anokha Bandhan Aan
10:30 Pakistan News Link
11:30 Zee Nostalgia
12:00 Indias Most Wanted
ALPHA TV BANGLA
7:00 Shayola
7:30 Surer Ei Jharmadhara
8:00 Sur Taal
8:30 Gaan Unltd.
9:05 Bharat Bhraman
9:30 Kichu Smriti Kichu Gaan
10:00 Saregama
11:00 Grohon
11:30 Sesh Prashna
12:00 Bhalobasa
12:30 Chena Mukher Shari
1:00 Kapurush
1:30 Ek Akasher Niche
2:00 Pratibimbo
2:30 Suva Sangbad
5:00 Sesh Prashna
6:00 Football
6:30 Grohon
7:00 Shayola
7:30 Purobi
8:00 Patibimbo
8:30 Ek Akasher Niche
9:10 Chena Mukh Shari
9:55 Kapurush
10:25 Bishesh Sangbad Data
11:00 New
11:30 Aat Pake Bandha
12:00 Shayola
SONY
6:30 Music Mantra
7:00 Chartbusters
7:30 Amrit Varsha
8:00 Sant AsaramVani
8:30 Chartist
9:00 Good Morning Disney
9:30 Good Morning Disney
10:00 Music Mantra
10:30 Dekh Bhai Dekh
11:00 Choodiyan
11:30 Shaheen
12:00 Challenge

- 12:30 Indian Holiday
1:00 Kkusum
1:30 Ek Mahal Ho Sapano Ka
2:00 Kutumb
2:30 Chamatkaar
3:00 Dhadkan
3:30 Thoda Hai... Thoda Ki Zaurat Hai
4:00 Choti Si Asha
4:30 Sparsh
5:00 Jaane Kahan Mera Jigar Gaya Jee
5:30 C.A. T.S
6:00 Just Mohabbat
6:30 Disney Hour
7:30 Chartbusters
8:00 Music Mantra
8:30 Hum Sab Ek Hain
9:00 Dhadkan
9:30 Kkusum
10:00 Kutumb
10:30 Aahat Specials
11:30 Bhanwar
12:00 Kaun Apna Kaun Paraya
AXN
6:30 Movie: The Opportunists
8:30 Rollerjam
9:30 CSI
10:30 Xena
11:30 Now And Again
12:30 Who Dares Wins II
1:30 CSI
2:30 Movie: The Opportunists
4:30 Boardwild
5:30 Who Dares Wins II
6:30 Rollerjam
7:30 Now And Again
8:30 The Agency
9:30 Ripley's Believe It Or Not
10:30 Movie : Macho Callahan
12:30 Alfred Hitchcock
1:30 Now and Again
SET MAX
Mini Movies: Bees Saal Pehle
8:30 Harmony
9:00 Hotlist
9:30 Hatyara
1:00 Harmony
1:30 Anand
5:00 Caravan
5:30 Mr. India
9:00 Hotlist
9:30 Chhoti Si Baat
1:30 Taqdeer
4:30 Son of India