## RECOMMENDATIONS

### Solo painting

A weeklong art exhibition of late artist Junabul Islam is being held at Zainul gallery of the Institute of Fine Arts in the city. Rokeya Islam, wife of the artist, hosts the display. Exhibition remains open from 2 p.m. to 8 p.m. daily till April 28.

#### Swadhinata-r Utsav

A get-together of students who have visited Liberation Museum will take place on April 27 at the Sultana Kamal Mahila Krira Complex as part of the 'Outreach program' undertaken by the museum authorities. Entitled 'Swadhinata-Utsav', the event will start at 2:00 p.m. which will continue till 6:00 p.m. The event will include song, raffle draw, Instant quiz competition Mobile Liberation Museum. The event will allow only invited guests.

#### Group art exhibition

Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy and Bangladesh Institute of Labour Studies are organising a weeklong art exhibition of 10 contemporary artists of the country from April 23. The exhibition is a préview of another display scheduled to be organised jointly by the Danish Trade Union Council for Intern-ational Development Cooperation LO-FTF Council and BILS in Denmark from Novemer 2002. The present exhibition remains open from 11:00 a.m. (Friday 3 p.m.) to 7 p.m. daily till

#### Syed Jahangir's solo

Featuring recent artworks, the 32nd solo art exhibition by Syed Jahangir started at the Bengal Gallery of Fine Arts on April 18. The exhibition will continue everyday from 12 - 8 p.m.

### Art exhibition

Works of six noted contemporary print makers, Shafiuddin Ahmed, Mohammad Kibria, Mahmudul Hague, Abul barg Alvi, Rokeva Sultana and Anisuzzaman, are being showcased at the city's Alliance Francaise de Dhaka gallery Exhibition ends on April 26.

#### French cinema 'Une affaire de gout de Bernard

Rapp', a film in French directed by Bernard Giraudean will be screened at the auditorium of Alliance Francaise de dhaka in the city on April 26 at 10:00 a.m. A second feature film from France, 'Ascenceur pour l'echafaud' directed by Louis Malle will be screened at the same venue later on in the evening at 6:00 p.m. These two are in part of Alliance Francaise's weekly film exhibition

### Art

# Reaching art to the commoners' doorstep

## Painters' organisation, Samakal offers art enthusiasts a unique opportunity to collect works of fine arts from a Baishakhi Mela stall in the city

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**TAWFIQUE ALI** 

ISITORS at a Baishakhi Mela (traditional art & crafts fair) to welcome Bengali new year that was held at the city's Dhanmondi play ground marking Bengali New Years' Day festivity, appreciated the novel effort of making art works accessible within the commoners' means. Samakal an organsiation of amateur and professional painters appeared at their stall with a reduction sale of their paintings at the fair.

During the weeklong event, group of inquisitive crowd was a frequent feature in front of the Samakal stall at the fair premises. People of varied tastes and senses spontaneously showered their admirable enthusiasm for art inspiring Samakal activists who work for a movement to create an art market among the country's layman.

Any visitor passing by, had a peep into the stall, admired the pieces on display and enquired about price of their choice. On each of three successive visits to



A section of inquisitive art enthusiasts sorting out pieces of their taste

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Samakal painters at a glance

the stall, this correspondent found the organisers and stalls keepers joyfully busy in showcasing pieces and answering various queries made by art lovers. "Sale is satisfactory, and more important is that people's enthusiasm is inspiring," the organisers said.

Matiar Rahman is one of those established and emerging painters who belong to Samakal. While talking to The Daily Star, he said, "Our principal aim is to help commoners' dormant enthusiasm for art bloom and let them have an access to the world of art bringing it within their affordability. If you can arouse a sense of art and beauty, ugliness of different forms will gradually disappear from human society. Another vital aspect in this respect is that fine art has multiple languages to speak to any people of any land. On our can-

vas we depict ingredients of our own tradition, heritage, culture and history, which are quintessentially Bangali. Our aim is to acquaint our indigenous tradition with the world as our master painters did." He also added that during last four years they have been highly encouraged by common men's response made to Samakal's initiative. Samakal's activities include organising sale particularly on New Year's day celebrations and other traditional occa-

Samakal's member painters, among others, include Ranjit Das, Rammen Saha, Abdus Shakur, Nasir Bishwas, Farida Zaman. Shawkatuzzaman. Zinat Wahid, Selima Hedaeyt, Anisur Rahman and Israt Jahan.

Reminiscing his days as an art student, Matiar said that a significant change has taken

place in the country's art arena. Ranjit Das termed the initiative as a "movement." "There are lot of art enthusiasts in our coun-

try but art works remain beyond

their means. We intend to make it easy for them to avail." he remarked. In the fair common art lovers availed themselves of an oppor-

tunity to pick some pieces of their own fancy. Lopa Hanif, an art enthusiast

and resident at Dhanmondi, appeared to be one of rather earnest visitors at Samakal's stall in the fair who, being impressed by the initiative, collected one or two art pieces. "In view of popularising art, it is a pretty good endeavour which deserves to be duly appreciated and promoted," she observed while exchanging her views with this correspondent. She thought such effort could expedite the

mode of arousing aesthetic sense among the general peo-

On Friday morning, Manzoor Hossain of Fakirerpool paid a visit to Samakal stall of paintings with his daughteran avid art lover, and compiled five pieces of paintings to adorn his newly bought residence.

Paintings for the sale have been done in oil; water and acrylic on paper except some pencil and ink sketches.

There was also some pottery paintings on the list. Folk designs and motifs have commonly found room in almost all the pieces capturing a resonant rural landscape of beauteous Bengal. Works are mostly realistic with panoramic views except a few abstract and semi-abstract pieces with vibrant forms and figures in brilliant colours. Matiar Rahman's pieces have been found pre-occupied with pastoral sights composed of small boats casually lying tied to the stake, shopworn walkway by the riverbank, dilapidated houses. grassy field and surrounding greenery. Other works portray rural bride; village women faces; sailing boat; twilight on the riverbank; a raging storm and playful children suggesting mirthful phenomena of rural Bengal. One piece by Ranjit Das interprets an exquisite woman face shrouded in delicate mystery of virginal beauty, with great affection. In other pieces also painters have dealt affectionately to delineate representative rural beauty and aspects of our own tradition.

The fair came to an end on Saturday last.



A view of the paintings at the stall

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## Tv guidE

BTV 3:00p.m. Opening News headline Bangla 3:20 Open university Health related program 4:00 News in Bangla Cartoon 4:20 Family planning

4:40 Kheltey kheltey com-News headline in Bangla 5:20 Jibon O Jibika

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News headline in English 7:05 Prashangik 7:25 Mati O Manush 8:00 News in Bangla 8:30 Drama serial

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Music 7:35 Dance prog: Dance Dance 8:00 ATN Bangla Evening News Computer Based prog. : ATN Computer Projukte 9:00 Drama: Naeka

Songbad 10:10 Musical Prog 10:50 Bengali Feature film: 12:00 ATN Bangla News 6:07 Sustha Thakun 6:45 Film Songs Prog:

ATN Bangla Evening News 7:35 Musical Prog. **Dhallywood Bichitra** 8:45 Drama: Bebak 9:20 Musical Prog

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ATN Bangla News

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## **EKUSHEY TV**

12:00pm Ekushey Midday Deho Tore **Ekushey Headlines** Expedition to the Animal Kingdom Programmed: Japan Video Tropic Classic Cartoons 2:10 Deho Tore 2:40 Drishti 3:00 **Ekushey Headlines** 3:05 Drama Serial: 3:30 Ek Cup Cha 4:00 Surma Parer Gaan 4:30 Expedition to the Animal Kingdom 5:00 Wildlife on One 5:30 Drishti 5:50 Ajker Potrikay 6:00 **Ekushey Headlines** 6:05 Classic Cartoons 6:30 Deshjure Songlap 6:55

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## **BBC WORLD**

6:00am BBC News 6:30 World Business Report **BBC New** Asia Today/Asia 7:30 **Business Report** 8:00 **BBC News** 8:30 **Business Report BBC News** Asia Today /Asia 9:30 **Business Report BBC News** 10:30 World Business Report 11:00 **BBC News** World Business 11:30 Report

12:30 World Business Report / Sports 1:00 **BBC News** 1:30 Clarkson **BBC News** 2:30 Hardtalk **BBC News** 3:00 3:30 Reporters **BBC News** 4:00 **Business Report** 

**HBO** 

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Face to face

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Asia Today/World

**BBC News** 

Hardtalk

4:30 The Untouchables STAR MOVIES

## TODAY'S HIGHLIGHTS



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Show. If you loved his sarcastic tone and deadpar expression in Whose Line Is It Anyway?, then don't miss him in form on the show that's named after him. In tonight's episode, Greg invests in Drew's Buzz Beer business and becomes a hard STAR MOVIES: 7:00 p.m. Freejack. Auto racer

STAR WORLD: 6:00 & 9:30 p.m. The Drew Carey



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7:00am Ladaai (Mithun.

Dimple, Rekha)

Bollywood News

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Sharada (Raj

Kumari)

Kapoor, Meena

Bollywood News

Kapoor, Sharmila

Swati (Shahsi

Geet Bahar

Rang Birangi

Shatru (Rajesh

Khanna, Shabana

Sadique, Nutan)

Bollywood News

Hema Malini)

(INDIA)

Hum Saath Aath

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Ramkali

STAR PLUS

Wild America

Till Dad Do US Part

Of Mice and Men

Alex Furlong is snatched by time travel, a split second before a fatal explosion, by Vasendak's 21st-century team of techies, who plan to sell his healthy body to an ailing rich man at McCandless Corporation, for a mind transfer. He escapes, but has no rights in this nightmare future of violence and sleaze. The story concerns his survival, and

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#### STAR WORLD The Oprah Winfrey 7:00 Show MacGyver

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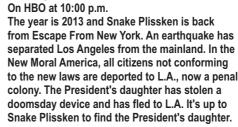
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## **Escape From L.A.**



PICK OF THE DAY

### **AXN TV** Movie: Escape From

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Now and Again 8:30 Relic Hunter 9:30 Guinness World Records The Agency 10:30 11:30 CSI 12:30 Alfred Hitchcock Presents

#### HALL MARK 6:00 Incident in a Small Town

8:00 A Stranger to Love 10:00 Sea Change 11:00 Six Weeks 1:00 Sliders 2:00 Sesame Street 3:00 Scholastic Clifford 3:30 Caillou 4:00 Sea Change

Star Trek: Voyager

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#### 9:00 Star Trek: Vovager Bridge of Time The Infinite World of

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Justujoo 12:30 Kitne Kool Hain Hum 1:00 Tu Kahe Agar 1:30 Koi Apna Sa Choti Maa Ek Anokha Bandhan 2:30 Gharana 3:00 Banarasi Babu

6:30 Nick on Zee 7:00 Nickeldeon 8:00 Apna Apna Style 8:30 Kitne Kool Hain Hum 9:00 Mehndi Tere Naam 9:30 Niilaam Ghar Bid Bid Boom 10:00 Koi Apna Sa

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Anokha Bandhan

11:00 Tu Kahe Agar 11:30 Teiaswini Gharana **ALPHA TV** 

BANGLA 6:00 Grohan 6:30 Aatpake Bandhe 7:00 Shayola 7:30 Surer Ei Jharnadhara 8:00 Bichitra

8:30 Gaan Unltd. 9:05 Bharat Bhraman 9:30 Purobi Bangla 10:00 Googly 10:30 Mathe Maidane 11:00 Grohon

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Dinner On the Diner

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9:30 Kohi Apna Sa Chingari 10:30 Kirchiyan 11:00 Sangini 6:30 12:00 Aan 12:30 Baazi 3:30 Punjabi News 4:00 Choti Maa Ek

Anokha Bandhan 4:30 Sansaar 5:30 Justujoo 6:00 Kartavva 6:30 Raah 7:30 Gharana 8:00 Babul Ki Duwayan

Leti Ja 8:30 News Bulletin 9:00 Asli Atta Ki amanat Kohi Apna Sa Choti Maa Ek 10:00 Anokha Bandhan 10:30 Aan

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