

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-r 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 preview of another display scheduled to be organised jointly by the Danish Trade Union Council for International Development Cooperation LO-FTF Council and BLS in Denmark from November 2002. The present exhibition remains open from 11:00 a.m. (Friday 3 p.m.) to 7 p.m. daily till April 29.

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. till May 9.

Art exhibition

Works of six noted contemporary print makers, Shafiuddin Ahmed, Mohammad Kibria, Mahmudul Haque, Abul barq Alvi, Rokeya 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 Giraudan 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, 'Ascenseur 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 schedule.

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

TAWFIQUE ALI

VISITORS 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 organisation 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



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 occasions. 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 country 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 opportunity 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 people. On Friday morning, Manzoor Hossain of Fakirpool 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 pasto-

ral 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

TV GUIDE

BTV	
3:00p.m.	Opening
3:10	News headline Bangla
3:20	Open university
3:45	Health related program
4:00	News in Bangla
4:05	Cartoon
4:20	Family planning
4:40	Khetley khetley computer
5:00	News headline in Bangla
5:20	Jibon O Jibika
5:45	Geetbitan
6:00	News in Bangla
6:10	Nutrition related program
6:35	BTV: Chittagong center
7:00	News headline in English
7:05	Prashangik
7:25	Mati O Manush
8:00	News in Bangla
8:30	Drama serial
9:00	News headline in Bangla
9:05	Drama serial
9:30	Film songs
10:00	News at ten
10:20	Protideen
11:00	Ujjibon
11:30	News (Bangla/English)
11:45	Closing
ATN BANGLA	
5:30	Islamic prog:
7:00	Musical prog: ATN Music
7:35	Dance prog: Dance
8:00	ATN Bangla Evening News
8:25	Computer Based prog. : ATN Computer
9:00	Projukta
9:10	Drama: Naeka
9:40	Songbad
10:10	Musical Prog
10:50	Bengali Feature film: Aer-e-Nam Pream
12:00	ATN Bangla News
6:07	Sustha Thakun
6:45	Film Songs Prog: Surchobi
7:00	ATN Bangla Evening News
7:35	Musical Prog.
8:10	Dhallywood Bichitra
8:45	Drama: Bekab
9:20	Musical Prog: Ruposhe
10:00	ATN Bangla News
10:35	Film magazine: Filmy Bazar
11:15	Bengali Feature film: Chalbazz
11:30	ATN Bangla News

EKUSHEY TV	
12:00pm	Ekushey Midday
12:30	Deho Tore
1:00	Ekushey Headlines
1:05	Expedition to the Animal Kingdom
1:30	Documentary Programmed: Japan Video Tropic
1:50	Classic Cartoons
2:10	Deho Tore
2:40	Drishiti
3:00	Ekushey Headlines
3:05	Geetbitan
3:30	Ek Cup Cha
4:00	Surma Parer Gaan
4:30	Expedition to the Animal Kingdom
5:00	Wildlife on One
5:30	Drishiti
5:50	Ajker Potrikan
6:00	Ekushey Headlines
6:05	Classic Cartoons
6:30	Deshjure Songlap
6:55	Ekushey Headlines
7:00	Botle Chai
7:30	Ekushey Shongbad
8:00	Ekushey News
8:05	Drama Serial: Bondhon
8:30	Pop Show
9:00	Choto Golper Shombhar
9:30	Pother Pachile
10:00	News: Simulcast From BTV
10:30	Chittrogetee
11:00	Ekushey Late Night Shongbad
11:30	Sumptrotique
12:00	Ekushey Headlines
CHANNEL-i	
Morning	
7:30a.m.	Music Plus
8:10	Alokito Bangladesh
8:40	Drama serial: Simana
9:10	Drama serial: Joar bhata
9:40	Anubhabey Anukhaney
10:10	Documentary program
10:40	Goto satdin
11:10	Musical Plus
12:00	Alokito Bangladesh
12:30	Drama serial: Simana
1:00	Drama serial: Joar bhata
1:30	Anubhabey Anukhaney
2:00	Bangla feature film
Evening	
5:00	Opening

5:10	Documentary
5:40	Chithi pelaam
6:10	Music Plus
6:50	Songs
7:15	Channel-I news
8:00	Face to face
8:30	Drama serial: Joar bhata
8:50	Ispahani telequiz
9:00	Channel-I news
9:35	Shongbadpotrey Bangladesh
9:50	Ispahani telequiz
10:00	Sanchita
10:30	Channel-I news
11:30	Bangla feature film
BBC WORLD	
6:00am	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
10:30	World Business Report
11:00	BBC News
11:30	World Business Report
12:00pm	BBC News
12:30	World Business Report / Sports Today
1:00	BBC News
1:30	Clarkson
2:00	BBC News
2:30	Hardtalk
3:00	BBC News
3:30	Reporters
4:00	BBC News
4:30	Asia Today/World Business Report
5:00	BBC News
5:30	Hardtalk
HBO	
6:45am	Bermuda Triangle
8:30	The Assassin
10:45	So I Married an Axe Murderer
12:45	The Seventh Sign
2:45	Problem Child
4:30	The Untouchables
7:00	Scent of A Woman
10:00	Escape From L.A
12:00	Small Soldiers
2:15	The Assassin
4:30	The Untouchables
STAR MOVIES	

TODAY'S HIGHLIGHTS	
Ekushey 9:30 p.m. Protidin ekti golap	As the plot unfolds, Subrata, a college teacher of Ichapur returns to home to his family. Altaf, a friend of Subrata comes and takeshim for a ride in a car. Altaf seems to be a spoilt child of some rich businessman father who talks all sorts of nonsense with Subrata. Suddenly the car meets an accident.
STAR WORLD: 6:00 & 9:30 p.m. The Drew Carey Show.	If you loved his sarcastic tone and deadpan expression in <i>Whose Line Is It Anyway?</i> , 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 task master.
STAR MOVIES: 7:00 p.m. Freejack.	Auto racer Alex Furlong is snatched by time travel, a split second before a fatal explosion, by Vasenda'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 his attempt to revive his relationship with his fiancée Julie.
6:30	Managua
8:30	Till Dad Do US Part
10:15	Of Mice and Men
12:15	Crush, the
2:00	Mumford
3:45	Wild America
5:30	Lapd
7:00	Freehag
8:45	On the QT
10:30	Till Dad Do US Part
12:30	Speechless
STAR GOLD	
7:00am	Ladaai (Mithun, Dimple, Rekha)
10:30	Bollywood News
11:00	Geet Bahar
11:30	Sharada (Raj Kapoor, Meena Kumari)
3:00pm	Bollywood News
3:30	Swati (Shashi Kapoor, Sharmila Tagore)
7:00	Geet Bahar
7:30	Rang Birangi Shatru (Rajesh Khanna, Shabana Sadique, Nutan)
11:00	Bollywood News
11:30	Ramkali (Shatrughan Sinha, Hema Malini)
STAR PLUS (INDIA)	
7:30	Hum Saath Aath Hain
8:00	Aatma
9:00	Hit Filmlein Hit Sangeet
9:30	Fox Kids Daily
10:30	Small Wonder
11:00	Hasna Mat
11:30	Meri Saahil
12:00pm	Shanti
12:30	Hit Filmlein Hit Sangeet
1:00	Kora Kagaz
1:30	Kahaani Ghar Ghar Ki
2:00	Bhabhi
2:30	Kyunki Saas Bhi Kabhi Bahu Thi
3:00	Shagun
3:30	Kasauti Zindagi
4:00	Kay
4:30	Kabhi Sauten
5:00	Kabhi Saheli
5:30	Kaathin Kissii Roz
6:00	Meri Saheli
6:30	Hit Filmlein Hit Sangeet
7:00	Small Wonder
7:30	Fox Kids Daily
8:00	Aaj Ki Baat
8:30	Bhabhi
9:00	Hum Saath Aath Hain
9:30	Son Pari
10:00	Kasauti Zindagi
10:30	Kay
11:00	Sanjivani
11:30	Kahaani Ghar Ghar Ki
12:00	Kyunki Saas Bhi Kabhi Bahu Thi

PICK OF THE DAY	
Escape From L.A.	On HBO at 10:00 p.m. The year is 2013 and Snake Plissken is back from Escape From New York. An earthquake has separated Los Angeles from the mainland. In the new Moral America, all citizens not conforming to the new laws are deported to L.A., now a penal colony. The President's daughter has stolen a doomsday device and has fled to L.A. It's up to Snake Plissken to find the President's daughter.
11:30	Kaahin Kissii Roz
12:05	Aaj Ki Baat
STAR WORLD	
7:00	The Oprah Winfrey Show
8:00	MacGyver
9:00	JAG
10:00	The Pretender
11:00	The Oprah Winfrey Show
12:00pm	Law & Order: Special Victims Unit
1:00	Caroline In The City
1:30	The Bold & The Beautiful
2:00	Hollywood Squares
2:30	Family Ties
3:00	Baywatch
4:00	The Simpsons
4:30	3" Rock From The Sun
5:00	Star News Asia
5:30	Friends
6:00	The Drew Carey Show
6:30	Whose Line Is It Anyway
6:55	Asianews Update
7:00	Ally McBeal
7:30	The Practice
8:00	Friends
9:00	The Drew Carey Show
9:30	Whose Line Is It Anyway
10:00	Ally McBeal
11:30	The Practice
AXN TV	
6:30	Movie: Escape From Absolom
8:30	Boardwild
9:30	The Agency
10:30	Xena
11:30	Now and Again
12:30	Ripley's Believe It or Not!
1:30	The Agency
2:30	Movie: Escape From Absolom
4:30	Alfred Hitchcock Presents
5:30	Ripley's Believe It or Not!
6:30	Battledome
7:30	Now and Again
8:30	Relic Hunter
9:30	Guinness World Records
10:30	The Agency
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	Calliou
4:00	Sea Change
5:00	Star Trek: Voyager

6:00	Sliders
7:00	Champs for the Easy Life
9:00	Star Trek : Voyager
10:00	Bridge of Time
12:00	The Infinite World of H G Wells
ZEE TV	
6:00	Yaadon Ke Pal
6:30	Bhakti Bhav
7:00	Yoga For Life
7:30	Jagran
7:50	Zee Gym & Eat Healthy
8:20	News
8:30	Ardhangini
8:45	Yaadein Radio
9:00	Ceylon Ki
9:30	Nick On Zee
10:30	Hum Paanch
11:00	Hudd Kar Di
12:00	Justjoo
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	Banarasi Babu
6:30	Nick on Zee
7:00	Nickelodeon
8:00	Apna Apna Style
8:30	Kitne Kool Hain Hum
9:00	Mehndi Tere Naam Ki
9:30	Nillaam 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
ALPHA TV BANGLA	
6:00	Grohan
6:30	Aatpake Bandhe
7:00	Shayola
7:30	Surer Ei Jhamadhara
8:00	Bichitra
8:30	Gaan Unltd.
9:05	Bharat Bhraman
9:30	Purobi Bangla
10:00	Googly
10:30	Mathe Maidane
11:00	Grohan
11:30	Sesh Prashna
12:00	Neel Chander Alo
12:30	Chena Mukher Shari

1:00	Kapurush
1:30	Ek Akasher Niche
2:00	Pratibimba
2:30	Chopper
5:00	Sesh Prashna
5:30	Footba II
6:00	News in Bengali
6:30	Grohan
7:00	Shayola
7:30	Surer Ei Jhama
8:00	Dharaya
8:30	Patibimba
9:10	Ek Akasher Niche
9:55	Chena Mukh Shari
10:25	Kapurush
11:00	Bichitra
11:30	News In Bengali
12:00	Bhawanipurer Chatujiera
12:30	Shayola
ZEE CINEMA	
7:00	Dadamoni
7:30	Hisaab Khoon Ka
8:00	Apna Khoon
10:30	Ab Kya Hoga
5:15	Tara Rum
6:00	Haveli
9:15	Yaadein Radio
9:30	Ceylon Ki
10:00	Top of the Tops
ZEE MUSIC	
7:30	Gujarati News
8:00	Daily News
8:30	Babul Ki Duwayan
9:00	Leti Ja
9:30	Gharana
10:00	Kohi Apna Sa
10:30	Chingari
11:00	Kirchiyan
12:00	Sangini
12:30	Aan
1:00	Baazi
1:30	Punjabi News
2:00	Choti Maa Ek Anokha Bandhan
4:30	Sansaar
5:30	Justjoo
6:00	Kartavya
6:30	Raah
7:30	Gharana
8:00	Babul Ki Duwayan
8:30	Leti Ja
9:00	News Bulletin
9:30	Asli Atta Ki amanat
10:00	Kohi Apna Sa
10:30	Choti Maa Ek Anokha Bandhan
11:00	Aan
11:30	Shri 420
12:00	Zee Nostalgia
12:30	Agni Chakra

NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC	
6:30	Croc Chronicles : Episode 1 : Killer
7:00	Croc of Mondonguillo
7:30	Tales from Belize : River on the Edge : Episode 2
8:30	Toothed Titans
9:30	Endangered : New Fox in Town
10:00	Human Edge : Episode 4
10:30	Lost Worlds : Stones and Bones : Episode 4
11:00	Mystery of Genius : Episode 1 : Faces of Genius
11:30	Forbidden Rites : Headhunting : Episode 3
12:30	Endangered : Tuna and Lobster
1:00	Human Edge : Episode 24
1:30	Volvo, The Spirit of the Seas : Miracle at Sea
2:30	Dogs with Jobs : Bruno Police Dog : Episode 12
3:00	Wildlife Detectives : Wild Yak Bridge
3:30	Kanzi : Episode 2 : The Genius Chimp
4:30	Building Big : Dome Dinner On the Diner : Episode 1 : South Africa
5:30	Endangered : Otters and Oil
6:30	Above All Else
7:30	Dogs with Jobs : Dani Therapy : Episode 13
8:00	Wildlife Detectives : Eagle Alert
8:30	King Gimp
9:30	Building Big : Tunnel
11:30	Dinner On the Diner : Episode 2 : Scotland
12:30	Dogs with Jobs : Dani Therapy : Episode 13
1:00	Wildlife Detectives : Eagle Alert
1:30	King Gimp