

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.

Swadhinatara 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 'Swadhinatara 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, 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. Exhibition ends today.

French cinema

'Une affaire de gout de Bernard Rapp', a film in French directed by Bernard Giraudean will be screened today at the auditorium of Alliance Francaise de dhaka in the city 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.

Dance

Spicy dances, alluring sights

Malaysian performers at the auditorium of the National Museum in Dhaka captivates the audience

SAIFUL ISLAM

THE dresses worn by the truly Malaysian performers were colourful and traditional. The numbers performed by them were classical. But the background music reminded us of the spell of the popular culture lavishly mesmerizing every people of today's world. The fusion of the classical and the contemporary, the blend of the established and popular trends received a lot of accolades. The enthusiastic response of the viewers proved that the Malaysian carnival in Dhaka, organized by the art, culture and tourism ministry of Malaysia, was extremely successful.

The guests were received with sincere modesty and lovely smiles. The brilliant performers bowed to them welcoming to the cozy auditorium. In his laconic and witty speech the minister of the arts, cultural affairs and tourism gave an overview of the rich multicultural background of his country which is like a confluence of different cultures and races of Asia. The theme of the eve was Malaysia truly Asia upholding



The event is in progress before a large audience

the rare mixture of the different cultures of Asia in one country.

The next part of the programme was a twelve-minute long compact but exclusive video show touring the splendid and stunning landscape of Malaysia. The serene sea shore, the sunny dales, the clear sky, opaque blue minarets of the mosques, temples, churches and pagodas, snapshots of the delicacies and traditional cuisine (Thai, Indian, continental and Malaysian), and birds-eye-view of the latest

fashion gods of the west all of these were compiled in the video.

There are strong interlinks between the country's multicultural and multiracial make-up with its history. Besides the local Malays and the native groups, immigrants from China, Indonesia, India, Bangladesh, Portugal and other Arab countries have contributed to the multicultural dimension of Malaysian culture.

The fascinating dance by the sensational Malaysian troop

was the composition of pieces from the different cultures that influenced the Malaysian culture so much. From the classic Indian Kathak to the chilly mixture of Portuguese flamenco and tango, from the ancient Malay dance to the indigenous deer dance in pleasing rhythmic patterns and steps suffused the one hour and quarter long composition of the Dance troop. The interesting cultural diversity of the country was upheld by the sinewy performers delicately stepping on stage.

The dancers were wearing sheer pretty tops, layered colourful skirts, and traditionally designed ornaments. The delicate details of their dress added to the fresh looks of the performers. The presentation was done in the most chic way possible inspiring the irresistible allurements of enjoying this kind of programmes over and over again.

The cultural splendour of Malaysia did cast a spell on the audience and will last in their collective memory for a long time to come.



Spectacular performance by Malaysian artists bemuse the audience

Cinema

Lalsalu visits Korea

Tanvir Mokammel's feature film Lalsalu, after winning hearts of local cinefans, is being screened at a film festival in Korea that starts from today

CULTURE DESK

LALSALU, a novel-based feature film that has been directed by Tanvir Mokammel and widely acclaimed by cinegoers of the city, is being screened at the 3rd Jeonju International Film Festival in South Korea that starts from today in the Korean city of Jeonju.

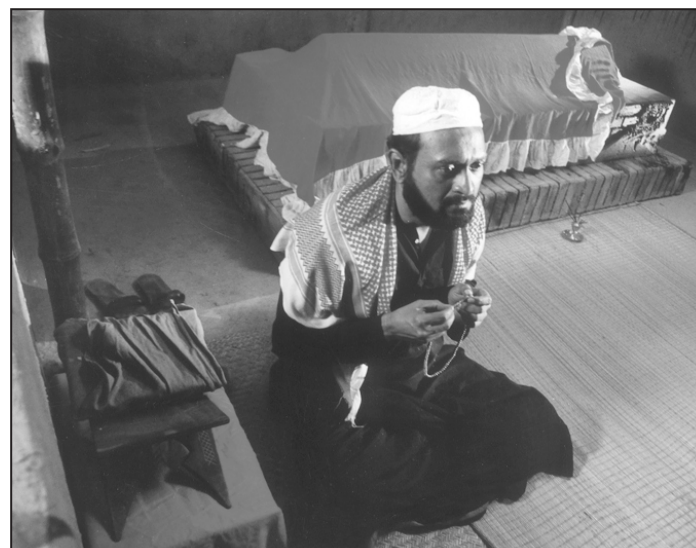
The film was shown to the general public through a premier that was held in the city last year and since then numerous shows took place including those in important district towns and metropolitan cities of the country. Crossing boundaries of the country, now this film is being shown in the Korean film festival of Jeonju that has a different perspective on Asian cinema, which can be explained as self-gazing from a certain distance.

Jeonju International Film Festival intends to anticipate the future of Asian cinema in the new millenium with an affectionate and critical stance. As a



Jamila, the young wife of Majid, eventually becomes his nemesis

member of the organising committee of the festival says, 'We are challengingly focussing our festival towards the new medium of digital films, as we hope to provide a positive forum for the voices of the digital filmmakers in Asia'. The plot of the film is based



Majid tries to be pious

upon a novel titled Lalsalu (A tree without roots) written by Syed Waliullah. The central character of Majid, a fake mullah, appears as a religious person who creates a sense of fear and mystery among the innocent inhabitants of a village. He discovers an old and dilapidated grave of some unknown person only to declare it as one of a pious pir who, in his words, had great spiritual powers. The villagers start worshipping the grave and soon Majid becomes a rich person and marries Rahima, a middle-aged woman. His lust and financial capacity forces him to bring another wife in the family, this time, a teen-aged Jamila, who seems to be clever and sharp in brains. Final scenes depict some developments through severe natural calamities that bring the downfall of Majid, showing sssymbolic similarities between the roles of Jamila and the floods.

The festival at Jeonju in Korea ends on May 2.

TV GUIDE

BTV

Morning

- 8:30 Opening
- 8:35 Alo-r-pothey
- 9:00 News in Bangla
- 9:05 Cartoon
- 9:30 Somaroho
- 10:00 The News
- 10:05 Krirajagat
- 10:30 Natun Kuri 2002
- 11:00 News headline
- 12:00 News headline
- 12:15 Al Qur'an
- 12:30 Closing
- 3:00 Opening
- 3:15 Patriotic songs
- 3:20 Bangla feature film
- 4:00 News
- 5:00 News headline
- 5:45 Pustitiotha
- 6:00 News
- 6:10 Cartoon
- 6:35 BTV Chittagong center
- 7:00 News headline (Eng)
- 7:05 Malancha
- 7:30 Drama serial: Sukher tori
- 8:00 News in Bangla
- 8:30 Drama: Jubok tomar jonno
- 9:00 News headline
- 9:05 Apan bhubon
- 10:00 News at ten
- 10:25 Ripley's believe it or not!
- 11:20 World music album
- 11:30 News (Bangla/English)
- 11:45 Closing

EKUSHEY

- 2:00pm Ekushey Headlines
- 2:05 Potrikay Weekend
- 2:15 E Shoptaher Bishsho
- 2:35 Classic Cartoons
- 3:00 Ekushey Headlines
- 3:05 Bangla Film: Rag Anurag
- 5:30 Gillette Sports
- 6:00 Ekushey Headlines
- 6:05 WWF Smackdown
- 6:55 Ekushey Headlines
- 7:00 Mukto Khobor
- 7:30 Ekushey Shongbad
- 8:00 Ekushey News
- 8:30 Ekushey Live
- 9:00 Shukrobarer Natok: Uddeshoheen
- 10:00 News : Simulcast from BTV
- 10:30 Nescafe Unplugged
- 11:00 Ekushey Late Night
- 11:30 Ei Shoptaho
- 12:00 Ekushey Headlines

CHANNEL-i

Morning

- 7:40 Chaya jhankar
- 8:10 Drama serial: Naksha
- 8:40 Drama serial: Joar bhata
- 9:10 Marine location
- 9:40 Documentary
- 10:10 Joto pod toto mot
- 10:40 Music Plus
- 11:30 Chaya jhankar
- 12:00 Drama serial: Naksha
- 1:00 Drama serial: Joar bhata
- 1:30 Marine location
- 2:00 Satyar
- 3:00 Double Mazaa

Evening

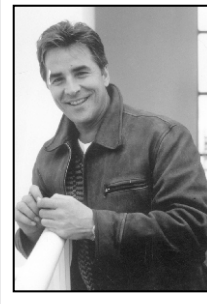
- 5:00 Opening
- 5:10 Documentary
- 5:40 Aker bhitoray paanch
- 6:10 Music Plus
- 6:50 Amader shahitya
- 7:15 Channel-I News
- 8:00 Paanch mishaali
- 8:30 Drama serial: Joar bhata
- 9:00 Channel-I News
- 9:35 Shangbadpotrey Bangladesh
- 9:50 Ispahani-I telequiz
- 10:00 Film: Raven
- 10:30 Channel-I News
- 11:30 Bangla feature film
- 5:45 Islamic Prog
- 7:00 Islamic prog : Sundor Jeebaner Jannee
- 7:35 Film based prog. : Cine Music
- 8:00 ATN Bangla News
- 8:25 New Singer
- 9:00 Musical prog. : Agomony
- 9:00 Drama serial : Bhalobasa Bodal
- 9:35 Talk show : Samokalini
- 10:00 Prongsong
- 10:10 Reporting prog : Prekha Pot

- 11:50 Islamic prog.
- 12:00 ATN Bangla News
- 3:30 Bengali feature film : Abdholla
- 6:07 Children prog : Cholo Gan Gai
- 6:45 Viewers opinion prog : Motamot
- 7:00 ATN Bangla Evening News
- 7:35 Mega serial : Mohine
- 8:10 Film songs prog: Meril Tumar Janne Gan
- 8:45 Magazine prog: Tasmery Kechokhon
- 9:20 Drama : Abashese
- 10:00 ATN Bangla News
- 10:45 Bengali Feature Film: Mirjafor
- 11:30 ATN Bangla News

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
- 9:30 BBC News
- 9:30 Asia Today/Asia Business Report
- 10:00 BBC News
- 10:30 World Business Report/Sport Today
- 11:00 BBC News
- 11:30 World Business Report
- 1:00 BBC News
- 1:30 Talking Movies
- 2:00 BBC News
- 2:30 Hardtalk
- 3:00 BBC News
- 3:30 Money Prog/Panorama

TODAY'S HIGHLIGHTS



EKUSHEY: 9:00 p.m. *Uddeshhojin.* Litu is a freelance photographer who also works with his friend, a photographer and advertising firm owner. Litu gets to a place outside the capital to do some assignment on behalf of his friend and takes some snaps of the location. He hears a gunshot and then he leaves the place hurriedly. After receiving the printed photographs, Litu finds something very interesting. In a photo, a woman was running chased by a man. Next day, a news item is published in the paper that says of a murder at the place where Litu took the photographs. Litu finally unveils the murder mystery by trekking the woman of his photo.

STAR WORLD: 7:00 & 9:30 p.m. *Nash Bridges.* The average San Francisco citizen has no idea how much they owe Nash Bridges. Day after day he pounds their streets, nosing out the hookers with a powder problem, the crack shooters, the guys who murder their ex-wives, the average Joe who decides to go on a shooting spree right under the Golden Gate Bridge... As the acting head and boss of the elite Special Investigators Unit, Nash and his partners Joe and Harvey pull out all the stops to make sure the streets on their beat are safe. At the same time, Nash needs to iron out the never-fading wrinkles of his personal life.

- 4:00 BBC News
- 4:30 Asia Today/World Business Report
- 5:00 BBC News
- 5:30 Hardtalk
- 6:45am The Brady Bunch Movie
- 8:30 Friday the 13th : The Final Chapter
- 10:15 Anne of the Thousand Days
- 1:15 Manhattan Murder Mystery
- 3:30 Congo
- 5:45 The Last Supper
- 7:30 Alive
- 10:00 Sheena
- 12:15 Wild Things
- 2:30 Friday the 13th : The Final Chapter
- 4:15 Escape from Alcatraz
- 7:45 Little Richard
- 9:15 Thelma and Louise
- 11:30 Going to Kansas City
- 1:15 Pacific Heights
- 3:00 Doppelganger
- 4:45 What Lies
- 7:00 Beneath White Sands
- 8:30 Who Framed Roger Rabbit
- 7:00am Romance (Kumar Gaurav, Poonam Dhillon)
- 10:30 Bollywood News
- 11:00 Geet Bahar
- 11:30 Daag (Dilip Kumar, Nimmi)
- 3:00 Bollywood News
- 3:30 New Delhi (Kishore Kumar, Vijayantimala)
- 7:00 Geet Bahar
- 7:30 Shaandaar
- 11:00 Bollywood News
- 11:30 Himalaya Super Action Filmein
- 4:00 Aatma
- 9:00 Hit Filmein Hit Sangeet
- 9:30 Fox Kids Daily
- 10:30 Small Wonder
- 11:00 Hasna Mat
- 11:30 Meri Saheli
- 12:00 Shanti
- 12:30 Hit Filmein Hit Sangeet
- 1:00 Kora Kagaz
- 1:30 Eena Meena Deeka
- 2:00 Ajeeb Dastaan
- 2:30 Star Bestseller
- 3:30 Love on The Net
- 4:00 Kashmakash
- 4:30 Kabhi Sauten Kabhi Saheli
- 4:30 Kalash
- 5:00 Meri Saheli
- 5:30 Hit Filmein Hit Sangeet
- 6:00 Small Wonder
- 6:30 Fox Kids
- 7:10 Aaj Ki Baat
- 7:30 Gharwali Uparwali
- 8:00 Hum Saath Aath Hain
- 8:30 Kya Masti Kya Khuum
- 9:30 Khullija Sim Sim
- 10:30 Sshhhh... Koi Hai
- 11:30 Kahani Jurm Ki

PICK OF THE DAY



Sheena
On HBO at 10:00 p.m.
Tanya Roberts ("Hotline" TV Sereis) brings the based-on-a-comic-strip Sheena to life on the big screen. Sheena is a fair-skinned orphan taken in by a kind priestess in a remote African village and trained in the ancient art of telepathic communication with all creatures.

- 10:30 Nash Bridges
- 11:30 Bugs
- AXN**
- 6:30 Movie: Apocalypse Now
- 8:30 Motorworld
- 9:30 Queen of Swords
- 10:30 Xena
- 11:30 Close Calls: Chealing Death
- 12:30 Scarlest Places On Earth
- 1:30 Queen of Swords
- 2:30 Movie: Apocalypse Now
- 4:30 Alfred Hitchcock Presents
- 5:30 Scarkest Places On Earth
- 6:30 Rated X/ Motorworld
- 7:30 Close Calls: Cheating Death
- 8:30 Farscape
- 9:30 The Amazing Race
- 10:30 On The War Path ... Premiere Movie: D-Day the Sixth of June
- ZEE TV**
- 6:00 Yaadon Ke Pal
- 6:30 Bhakti Bhav
- 7:00 Yoga For Life
- 7:20 Jagran
- 7:50 Zee Gym & Eat Healthy
- 8:20 News
- 8:30 Ardhagini
- 8:45 Yaadein Radio Ceylon Ki
- 9:00 Nickelodeon on Zee
- 10:30 Hum Paanch
- 11:00 Hudd Kar Di
- 12:00 Amanat
- 12:30 Best of Antakshari
- 1:30 Sansaar
- 2:30 Gharana
- 3:00 Aaj Ka Arjun
- 6:30 Nickelodeon On Zee
- 7:00 Hip Hip Hurray
- 8:30 Jai Santoshi Maa
- 9:00 Saanjhi
- 9:30 Jeena Isi Ka Naam Hai
- 10:30 Sa Re Ga Ma Pa
- 11:30 Tejaswini
- 12:00 Gharana
- 12:30 Koshish... Ek Aashaa
- ZEE MUSIC**
- 6:00 Jaagran
- 6:30 Gurbani
- 7:30 Gujarati
- 8:00 Daily News
- 8:30 Babul Ki Duwayan Leti Ja
- 9:00 Gharana
- 9:30 Adhikar
- 10:30 Banegi Apni Baat
- 11:30 Ritu Khana Khazana
- 12:30 Mere Sapno Ki Rani (Sanjay Kapoor)
- 3:30 Punjabi News
- 4:00 Deewane To Deewane Hain
- 5:00 Hip Hip Hurray
- 5:30 Asli Atta Ki Amanat
- 6:00 Yeh Hai Mumbai Meri Jaan (Serial)
- 6:30 Ek Tukdaa Chaand Ka
- 7:30 Gharana
- 8:00 Babul Ki Duwayan Leti Ja
- 8:30 News Bulletin
- 8:55 Hit Series
- 9:00 Pride Mehendi Tere Naam Ki
- 9:30 Aan
- 10:30 Dollar Bahu
- 11:00 Aaj Bhi Ateet
- 11:30 Mahabharat
- 12:30 News Bulletin
- ALPHA TV**
- 6:00 Grohon
- 6:30 Half Chocolate
- 7:00 Shayoola
- 7:30 Surer Ei Jharna Dhara
- 8:00 Mon Niye
- 8:30 Gaan Unlit
- 9:05 Bharat Bhraman
- 9:30 Abhinetri
- 10:00 Bhawanipurer Chatujjara
- 10:30 Bhalobasa
- 11:00 Grohon
- 11:30 Sesh Prashna
- 12:00 Jhara Samayer Uapakatha
- 12:30 Chena Mukher Shari
- 1:00 Kapurush
- 1:30 Ek Akasher Niche
- 2:00 Pratibimbo
- 2:30 Asnite Ashiona
- 5:00 Sesh Prashna
- 5:30 Football
- 6:00 News in Bengali
- 6:30 Grohon
- 7:00 Shayoola
- 7:30 Monniye
- 8:00 Pratibimba
- 8:30 Ek Akasher Niche
- 9:10 Chena Mukh Shari
- 9:55 Kapurush
- 10:25 Encounter
- 11:00 News in Bengali
- 11:30 Chena Mukhachena Manush
- 12:00 Zee Sheyala
- ZEE CINEMA**
- 7:00 Tara Rum
- 7:30 Aakhri Dao
- 10:30 Himmat
- 1:30 Benaam
- 5:15 Making of a Legend
- 6:00 Naam
- 9:15 Cine News
- 9:30 Ikke Pe Ikka
- 10:00 Milan
- 1:15 Yaadein Radio Ceylon Ki
- HALL MARK**
- 6:00 Lily Dale
- 8:00 Dr Quinn: The Heart Within
- 10:00 The Young Riders
- 11:00 Against her Will: An Incident in Baltimore
- 1:00 Sliders
- 2:00 Sesame Street
- 3:00 Scholastic Clifford
- 3:30 Caillou
- 4:00 The Young Riders
- 5:00 Star Trek: Voyager Sliders
- 7:00 My Louisiana sky
- 9:00 Star Trek: Voyager
- 10:00 Moonshine Highway
- 12:00 The Infinite world of H G Wells