


Syed Jahangir's solo
April 18 to May 9

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

Shabin Shahriar's fourth solo
May 1 to 7

A weeklong painting exhibition by Shabin Shahriar opens at Zainul Gallery of Fine Arts Institute, University of Dhaka. Artists Abdus Sattar and Professor Abdul Matin Sarkar are due to attend the inaugural ceremony.

Victor Hugo
April 30

Alliance Francaise de dhaka has chalked out a series of programs to celebrate the bicentenary of the birth of Victor Hugo. A conference titled 'Drama personality Victor Hugo' will be held at 7 p.m. at the Alliance Francaise's art gallery in the city.

Theatre
May 3

A theatrical production titled 'Hugo's parishes' by eminent French actress, director and playwright Pierrette Dupoyet will be brought before the Dhaka audience at the auditorium of National Museum in the city. Tickets are available at the office of Alliance Francaise at Dhanmondi in the city.

Cinema

Matir Moyna flies to Cannes

Feature film 'Matir Moyna', made by Tareque Masud and Catherine Masud, joins the list of films to be screened in the forthcoming film festival at Cannes in France

ANAM BISWAS

T AREQUE Masud has a story to tell. Story of a little boy who bought a clay bird for his sister on his way home. And the sister promised to hide her brother's gift somewhere no one would ever find. She kept it in her heart... Tareque waited all this time to tell the story; to relieve the pain he has been carrying since his childhood. At last Tareque has relieved his memories of agony and love in 35mm celluloid. His recent film on this theme 'Matir Moyna' (95 minutes colour) is to be screened at the Cannes and going to represent Bangladesh this year (May 15-26, 2002). The film is produced by Katherine Masud.

On April 26 evening Bangladesh Short Film Forum invited friends and well-wishers at the British Council Auditorium to applaud the film maker and the whole of 'Matir Moyna' unit for the honour they have brought to the country. This is for the first time a Bangladeshi film is going to participate in the Cannes, more widely known as the "Festival de Cannes", is probably the most prestigious one after the Oscar. The Festival has become a major crossroads for the international film scene. Not only



does the presentation of a film in Cannes guarantee international exposure and access to quality audiences, but the Festival also presents the evolution and trends in world cinema.

The spirit of the Festival Cannes is one of friendship and universal cooperation. Its aim is to reveal and focus attention on works of quality in order to contribute to the progress of the motion picture arts and to encourage the development of the film industry throughout the

world. Set in the sixties' rural Bangladesh the story evolves around a boy named Anu (played by Nurul Islam Bablu). He is yet to reach his teens and stays away from his parents in a madrassa. In that confines Anu finds a friend, Rokon (Played by Russel Farazi). But the life back home with all its freedom and colours, various communal fiestas and simplicity greatly differs with his madrassa life. The child starts growing up in confusion and

isolation. Ayesha, the boy's mother (played by Rokeya Prachy) never liked her husband's (Kazi played by Jayanta Chattapadhyay) sudden transformation as a strict disciplinarian Muslim. Their daughter dies because of Kazi's blindness. With the son away in a madrassa and the daughter already dead Ayesha becomes increasingly restless. Series of tragic events follow. And the rest should be left for the viewers to experience on their own in front of the screen.

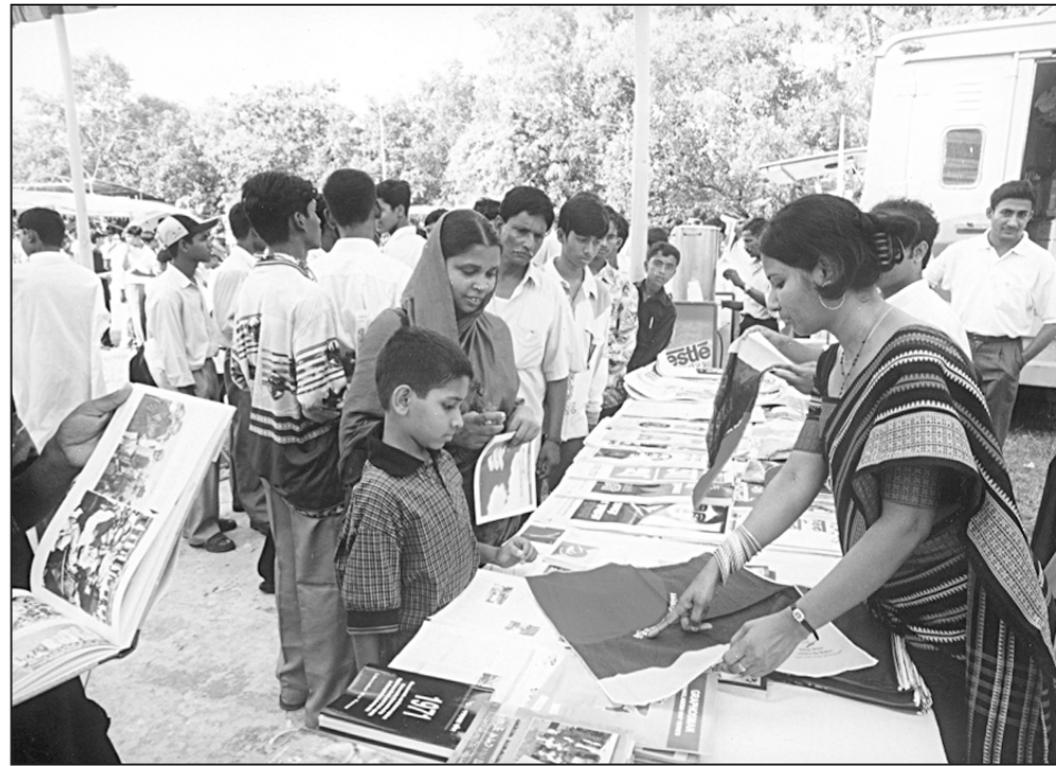
Matir Moyna is a film, is autobiographical. Tareque spent 8 years of his life in a madrassa where he entered as a child that never provided him with the necessary space that everyone needs, particularly in a country like ours where the communal culture is too strong to ignore. And Tareque grew up as an outsider. He never quite accepted the rituals he practiced or quite understood why the festivals he attended were not right. But after many years abroad Tareque came back and made this movie "as an insider, as a fellow Muslim. Not as a practicing Muslim".

Matir Moyna is a production of 3 years labour and a man's life long passion. That's the signature that stays with the audience.


Festival

A sea of young patriots

Liberation Museum holds Swadhinota-r Utsav, a get-together of young students, in the city



Children read books on liberation of Bangladesh at the festival

AZIZ AMIRUL

OVER 7,000 teenaged boys and girls congregated in a grand 'get-together' at the vast open field of Sultana Kamal Mohila Krira Complex in the city on April 27 afternoon at one of the largest festive meets of youth, titled 'Swadhinota-r Utsav'. The festival was organised for the second consecutive year, as part of LWM Outreach Program, by the trustee board of Liberation Museum, headed by Akku Chowdhury, its founder Director.

The festival that lasted for almost four hours consisted of various items of entertainment including the presence of a mobile museum on board a van of the Liberation Museum, raffle draw with prizes, food stalls, distribution of awards among the winners of quiz competitions and a number of popular songs by Renaissance, a renowned band of the country.

A special session of martial art

demonstration by a group of boys from UCEP schools of the city provided extra amusement and enthusiasm to the young audience.

Rare photographs, documents, letters and used articles of liberation martyrs were displayed at the cozy racks of the mobile museum, to thousands of inquisitive students who visited the venue. There were long queues behind the mobile museum yet the well-disciplined youngsters waited with patience for their turn.

'Hall of Fame' was the other attraction of the festival, a special covered enclosure where different types of arms, ammunition and electronic equipment of communication were kept for viewing. Interested students and guardians looked around the place and asked the guides about the sophisticated and precious exhibits.

A number of eminent authors, poets and artists of the television and theatrical arena were present at the festival including Zafar Iqbal,

Rabiul Hussain and Shams Sumon besides singers like Nakib Khan, Bogy and others.

The Outreach Program make the participants aware about our history so that they can be responsible citizens and future nation builders', mentioned Akku Chowdhury, the main initiator behind the whole project. 'We hope to see these children as ambassadors of the museum in the days to come', added the inspired patriot.

Eminent poet Rabiul Hussain, who is also one of the eight members of Liberation Museum Trustee Board, felt an urgent need of developing a strong force of young people who would dedicate themselves for the welfare of the nation and for that matter, as he believed, the grand get-together of children at the festival would provide tempo to the movement nation-building.

Bangladesh Freedom Foundation funded the festival.

TV GUIDE

CHANNEL-i

Morning
3:00 Opening
3:10 News headline
3:15 Patriotic songs
3:20 Open University
3:45 Nutrition-related program
4:00 News
4:05 Health for all
4:20 Cartoon
5:00 News headline
5:10 The son of good earth
5:35 Sangita
6:00 News
6:10 Sukhi paribar
6:35 Chittagong center program
7:00 News headline
7:05 Pran taranga
8:00 News in Bangla
8:30 Drama serial
9:00 News headline
9:05 Drama serial
10:00 News at ten
10:30 Magazine
11:30 News (English/Bangla)
11:45 Closing

EKUSHEY

12:00pm Ekushey Midday
12:30 Deshjore 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 Dristi
3:00 Ekushey Headlines
3:05 Drama Serial
3:30 Amader Kotha
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 Drama serial: Bholar Diary
9:00 Natok: Sada Kagoj
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

ATN BANGLA

5:30 "Islamic" Prog
7:00 Competition prog:
Sapla Saluk ATN
Gold Medal
Protijugita
7:30 ATN Bangla News
1:00 Mage serial: Mohine
1:30 Click Online
2:00 BBC News
2:30 Hardtalk
3:00 BBC News
3:30 Semanay Mukte
4:00 BBC News
4:30 Asia Today/World
Business Report
10:50 Bengali feature film:
Khoz Khabar
12:00 ATN Bangla News
6:07 Musical prog: ATN
Music

Discover Bangladesh

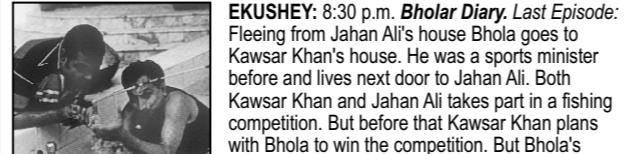
7:00 ATN Bangla Evening News
9:10 Balaka Mon
10:10 Space To-let
10:40 Film songs
11:10 Music Plus

BBC WORLD

5:10 Space To-let
5:40 Roving eye
6:10 Music Plus
6:50 Eye focus
8:00 Drama serial

STAR GOLD

7:00 "Islamic" Prog
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Todontho Cholse
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TODAY'S HIGHLIGHTS


EKUSHEY: 8:30 p.m. *Bholar Diary*. Last Episode: Fleeing from Jahan Ali's house Bholo goes to Kawsar Khan's house. He was a sports minister before and lives next door to Jahan Ali. Both Kawsar Khan and Jahan Ali takes part in a fishing competition. But before that Kawsar Khan plans with Bholo to win the competition. But Bholo's mistake makes Jahan Ali win and that makes Kawsar Khan very angry.



STAR WORLD: 7:00 & 10:30 p.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 becomes an ex-convict to stop an unscrupulous parole officer who masterminds home evasion robberies.



AXN: 10:30 p.m. *The Legend of Curly's Gold*. The second part of City Slickers begins after the death of Curly. It is the 40th birthday of Mitch Robbins and the day begins quite good until he returns home and finds his brother Glen, the black sheep of the family, in his sofa. Nevertheless he is about to have a wonderful birthday-night with his wife when he discovers a treasure map of Curly by chance.



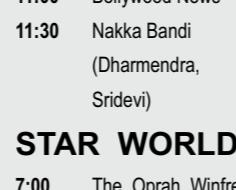
STAR GOLD
7:00 The Oprah Winfrey Show
8:00 MacGyver
9:00 King of Queens
9:30 Dharma & Greg



HBO
10:30 The Pretender
11:30 Law & Order:
Special Victims Unit
9:00 Friends
9:30 JAG
10:30 The Oprah Winfrey Show



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STAR GOLD
5:00 BBC News
5:30 Hardtalk
6:00 BBC News
6:30 Hardtalk
7:00 Meraa Ghar Mere

PICK OF THE DAY


COBRA
On HBO at 10:00 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.



STAR PLUS
9:00 Kasautii Zindagi Kay
9:30 Kamzor Kaddi Kaun
10:30 Kahaani Ghar Ghar



STAR PLUS
6:30 Star Geetmala
7:00 Hum Saath Aath Hain
7:30 Kitne Kool Hain Hum



STAR PLUS
9:00 Kyunki Saas Bhi
9:30 Koi Apna Sa
10:00 Choti Maa Ek Anokha



STAR GOLD
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