RECOMMENDATIONS

Pritom's solo

May 9-15 Nurul Islam Pritom holds his first solo art exhibition at the Zainul gallery of Fine Arts Institute in the city that is open

to all from 2 p.m. to 8 p.m. daily.

Calligraphy

May 4 to 15 Arifur Rahman, a calligraphy artist holds his fifth solo exhibition at the lobby of National Museum in the city. The exhibition displays around fifty works, done in Arabic and Bangla. The exhibition is open from 10:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Syed Jahangir's

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

Ahmed Nazir's print exhibition May 3 to 12

City's Gallery Chitrak presents a ten day long print exhibition by Ahmed Nazir from May 3 at its premises, House #21, Road # 4, Dhanmondi R/A. Eminent artists Mohammad Kibria and Shahid Kabir attended the inauguration. The show is open daily from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m.

Monsur's Gallery May 12

An art gallery of Professor Monsur UI Karim, a teacher of Chittagong University Fine Arts Department, is to be inaugurated at 5:00 p.m. at South Nalapara in the port city. The gallery will remain open from Saturday to Wednesday from 3:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. and on Thursday and Friday from 6:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. All are invited to attend the opening

Exhibition

UK hosts Bangladeshi art

Shikor O Phool, a preview of a Bangladeshi art exhibition to visit UK, is now being held in the city

SAIFUL ISLAM

HE tar-black anchor had pierced the ash-coloured beach. No one is there. On some earthen pots, rice, garlic, turmeric powder, pulse and red chilies are kept, useful articles for a fisherman. The fishing net was spread on a bamboo structurequite an architectural work, utilitarian to its possessor. This whole piece of work talks about the life of a race, that has survived by the side of the Bay of Bengal for years. Ashok Karmakar's installation, " Life of Fisherman, Life on water" is a work of epic multitude. And it represents Bangladesh, Representative works by eleven artists from Bandladesh are selected for a number of exhibitions in the UK in July. Shikor O Phool is a priceless preview of these works for the Bangladeshi viewers. Mr. David Carter, the British High Commissioner in Bangladesh, inaugurated the exhibition that showcases and illustrates almost all the features of Bangladesh. Professor Syed Manzoorul Islam, Carl Reuter, the Director of the British Council, and

Professor Mahmudul Haque were present on the occasion.

The message of the title of the preview is straight and clear. Shikor or roots stand for the traces of heritage, and Phool or blossom stand for the well shaped, newly grown, colourful art works dipped in modern forms and mainstream art movements. "Quite an appropriate name chosen by Professor Manzoorul Islam" commented Mahmudul Haque in his speech. The selection of works include folk based art, ethnic tribal elements, craft, and modern art, which are representative of the ethos of Bangladeshi fine arts though works by eleven artists cannot represent the whole volume of Bangladeshi art" added art-critic Manzoorul Islam. The selected artists include monumental figures and new talents of Bangladeshi art world.

The canvases contain snapshots of contemporary Bangladesh. The city life with all its grimy, gloomy, and terrifying aspects, juxtaposed with the soothing glimpses of crafts impregnate with age-old tradition and heritage.



CULTURE

Viewers have a glimpse of the displayed works on the opening day

gurgling folklore as ever. The tribal life has also got a room by virtue of Kalpana's ceaseless and devoted works on indigenous lives and lifestyles, which are always red, like the red hills the tribal people live on.

Professor Manzoorul Islam alluded to the generosity of artlover Carl Reuter who came up with the very quick decision on the funding of the whole programme. The preview, an excellent effort, has enabled the dwellers of Dhaka to have a glimpse of the works that are going to represent Bangladesh in the UK in July. A number of galleries in the UK are co-ordinating their efforts and energies to host four separate exhibitions of art work from Bangladesh, India, Pakistan and Shrilanka in the summer of 2002. The series of exhibitions under the rubric ArtSouthAsia is timed to coincide with the commonwealth games in Manchester.

The participating artists from Bangladesh are Mahmudul Haque, Abdus Shakoor Shah, Mansur ul Karim, Rokeya Sultana, Fareha Zeba, Atia İslam Anne, Kanak Chanpa Chakma, Shishir Bhattacharjee, Ashok Karmakar, Faruk Ahamad, and Shafiqul Kabir

The series of artworks on woven 'cool' mat, an excellent part of the traditional Bangladesh, by Shafiqul Kabir Chandan knitted prominent parts of the country, characters of tigers, peacock, and fishes, when one mat focuses on the labouring class another upholds the majestic elephant errands of kings and The Storm 1 and 2 by Mahmudul

Haque carries the signature of the whimsical climate of Bangladesh. The very black used to vivify the looming sharp edges of the wind reminds us of the tragedy that took more than three hundred lives few days ago. Shishir and Atia's cynical, clini-

cal and vivid presentation of the real aided by distortion and satire illuminates the dark times of everyday terror, rape, maltreatment and suppression that the whole country is undergoing. Whether Faruk Ahmed's

wooden masks journey through the hazy tunnels of Bengali mysticism, Rokeya's etchings, soft ground, roves around merrily and leaps toward a delightful, unpretentious

Event

New videomakers in the circuit

Kangalini Sufia renders song in the city today at a certificate awarding ceremony of a video course

HE students of a video documentary production course will receive certificates from Steps Towards Development, a N.G.O., at a cultural ceremony, which will be held today at 5 p.m. at the auditorium of Goethe-Institut in the city.

Three video documentary films, made by some of the students, will also be screened. Those are 'Kangalini Sufia', 'Mobile art gallery and one R.K. Das', 'Uncertain

The documentary titled 'Kangalini Sufia' is a biographical video of a semi-spiritual female singer who in her childhood had

passed through hardship and struggle. The lady, since days of her youth, preserved deep in her soul, a desire of gaining spiritual height in psyche and soon her dreams paid off. She discovered an entirely new world where mysticism ruled the order of the day. At present, in her middle ages, Kangalini Sufia (which means 'Sufia, the beggar of spiritualism') strongly believes that she has finally found her path, one of high aesthetic importance that is saturated with mystic elements. She has gained immense popularity among members of a certain class of rural and suburban community. Shahidul Islam Ripon, Bapi Sarwar and Bayezid Kamal have jointly directed the film that has duration of

39 minutes and has an English version of commentary.

RK Das, a professional painter of rickshaw art, is the central character in 'Mobile art gallery and one RK Das.' The documentary is a result of works from Illyas Milon, Shirin Sultana and Paul Gomes who have joint contribution in direction and script. Hardship in lives of thousands of rickshaw art painter including that of Das are depicted in the plot where the audience discover, in amazement, a world of splashing colour and design on back-plates of seat and hood covers of the threewheeler. It is often difficult to believe that these works have been done by a community of artists who have no academic background in basic art or in related fields. The documentary has duration of 25 minutes and has been translated in English.

'Uncertain future' tell stories of millions of young girls and women who work in garment factories across Bangladesh since the last couple of decades. A huge number of female citizens, whose predecessors had once suffered in hands of their husbands for dowry, or received harassment from antisocial elements and even landed in dark alleys of red-light zones, no longer remained dependent on others by virtue of entering into such respectful professions.

In recent times, the garment industries of our country have gone through some critical juncture that has resulted in closure of some 1300 factories. Female workers have lost their jobs in the process. Helpless women of one of the poorest nations have once again returned to a dead-end of a path that has an uncertain future. The film has a copy in English version with duration of 15 minutes. Directors are Faruq Amjad Khan, Sanjay Dey and Shaheen Bin Abdul Hye. Kangalini Sufia will render songs

after the screening of the documen-Borje Mattson, the Ambassador

of Sweden in Bangladesh, Mustafa Monwar, an eminent artist and Syed Shujauddin Ahmed, Director-General of National Institute of Mass Communication (NIMCO) will be present as guests.

Tradition (Oil on canvas) by Abdus Shakoor Shah

TV GUIDE

ATN BANGLA

News Headlines 3:20 Shasthatathya 7:35 4:00 Khabar 4:10 Debate in English

News Headlines 5:00 5:05 Obhinoyer Path 5:30

6:00 Shukhi Poribar 6:10 6:35 Programme from

BTV

Chittagong station **News Headlines** Aa Mori Bangla 7:05 Bhasha

7:35 Geetimallya 8:00 News in Bengali 8:30 Drama of the week: Shesh Bikeler Prante

9:00 **News Headlines** 10:00 News at Ten Drama Series: School Gates

11:30 Khabar / The News **EKUSHEY** 12:00 Ekushey Headlines

12:05 Aiker Potrikav 12:20 Mukto Khobor 12:50 Bolte Chai 1:20 Classic Cartoons 2:00 Toyota World of Wildlife 2:30 Ei Shoptaho

3:00 **Ekushey Headlines** 3:05 Jatra Pala 5:30 Gillette FIFA World Cup 2002

6:00 **Ekushey Headlines** 6:05 Serial: Alif Laila 6:55 **Ekushey Headlines** 7:00 Shoptaho Ghura

Ekushey News 8:00 **Ekushey News** (English) 8:05

BTV Bangla Film: Buker

Bangla Film : Buker 8:00 Dhon 8:30 10:00 News: Simulcast from 9:00 Ekushey Late Night **Business Report** Shongbad 10:00 BBC News

Islamic prog: Children: Cholo

Viewers opinion prog.: Motamot ATN Bangla News Mage serial Mohine

Film Songs Prog: Meril Tumar Janne Magazine prog.

Jony Hit Super Hit Drama serial Abashese Bengali feature film: Chader Alo

ATN Bangla News Children prog. : Shapla Saluk Viewers request film songs prog. Anurodher Assor 7:00 ATN Bangla

Evening News Mage serial 7:35 Mohine Reporting prog. Ghotona Probaha 8:45 Drama Serial Mamla Hamla

Fashion Prog: You Got the Look ATN Bangla News Bengali feature

film: Dinkal ATN Bangla News **BBC WORLD**

BBC News 6:00 6:30 World Business Report 7:00 **BBC News** Asia Today/World **Business Report BBC News**

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Jack Thank God Its Friday White sands 10:45 Any Where But

10:30 Talking Movies **BBC News** 11:00 11:30 12:00 **BBC News** 12:30 Click Online 1:00 BBC News

Correspondent **BBC News** The Rat Pack/The Future Just Happened/The Human Body 3:00 **BBC News** La Stories

1:30

Voyager: Hemingway 4:00 **BBC News** The Car's The Star/Top Gear

5:00 **BBC News** 5:30 This Week **HBO**

6:30 Poison 8:30 Escape Under Pressure 10:00 Magic in the Water Problem Child 2 A Night at the Roxibury 4:00 Apt Pupil The Whole Nine

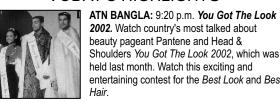
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STAR MOVIES **Enemies a Love** Story 8:30 White Sands 10:15 Colote Ugly Pitch Black

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STAR PLUS 7:30 8:00 Aatma 9:00 Sangeet 9:30 Fox Kids

TODAY'S HIGHLIGHTS



2002. Watch country's most talked about beauty pageant Pantene and Head & Shoulders You Got The Look 2002, which was held last month. Watch this exciting and STAR WORLD: 9:30 p.m. Baywatch Hawaii.

there ain't a better-looking weekend series

anywhere. Mitch, Sean, Jason, JD, Kekoa, Allie



Sinha)

Geet Bahar

Howrah Bridge

(Ashok Kumar,

Madhubala)

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11:00

episode, Sean and Jason encounter Jenna for the first time, in flirtation and innocence. **AXN:** 9:30 p.m. *Die Hard.* Tough New York cop John McClane finds himself in a tight situation when an office building in Los Angeles is taken over by terrorists. Apart from himself, everyone else in the building - including his wife - is held at gunpoint while their captors spell out their



PICK OF THE DAY

On HBO at 10:00 p.m.

When Frank Carter ends up dead, his brother Jack (Stallone, Cobra, The Specialist), a hiredkiller, is here to investigate his death. Help from the LAPD isn't forthcoming, so Jack goes trailing for clues himself, and finds himself knee-deep in the seedy underworld of LA's gambling and porn industry, and gets acquainted with its nasty players, including his old nemesis Jeremy

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12:30 Bollywood News 1:30 **Bollywood News** 2:00 3:30

Salaakhen (Sunny Deol, Raveena Tandon) Geet Bahar Saturday Special Star Ki Pasand Thriller Special Hatya (Govinda, Neelam) Rajehin Na Rahein Hum Woh Chhokri (Paresh Rawal

Pallavi Joshi) Chupa Rustam Hit Filmein Hit

Chalti Ka Naam Antakshairi Eena Meena Deeka Tu Tu Main Main Indiatimes Presents Coke [V] Popstars Hit Filmein Hit Sangeet Kashmakash Kundali Yamraaj (Mithun, Mink)

Tea Time Cinema 6:30 Fox Kids Bol Baby Bol 8:00 The Price Is Right Star Superhit: Kaun (Urmila Matondkar, Manoj Bajpai) 11:30 Aaj Ki Baat 12:05 Kaun (contd) **HALLMARK** To Dance with the

White Dog

8:00

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Ghostwrite Sesame Street Scholastic Clifford 10:30 Caillou 11:00 God Bless the Child 1:00 Bonds of Love 3:00 To Dance with the White Dog 5:00 Star Trek: Voyager 6:00 Mcleod's Daughters Taking Back Our

Star Trek: Voyager 10:00 Taggart: Out of Bounds 12:00 Mcleod's Daughters AXN6:30 Core Culture 7:30 Shadow Skill Space Warship Yamamoto Yoko

Lifestyle Rollerjam 11 10:00 Core Culture # 18 Reality Blast! Who Dares Wins II Ripley's Believe It Or Not 1:30 Rated 2:30 Movie: Predator

The Making of

4:30

Collateral Damage Beauties In Action 5:30 Queen of Swords Duel With a Stranger 6:30 Relic Hunter (Season 11) Gypsy Jigsaw Space Out! Andromeda The Outer Limits

Heroes Movie: Die Hart Movie: Sudden Death Ripley's Believe It Or Not! 3:30 Boardwild ZEE TV

6:00 Yaadon Ke Pal 6:30 Bhakti Bhav Yoga For Life 7:00 7:20 Jagran 7:50 Zee Gym 8:00 Tara Rum 8:30 Ramayan 9:00 Nick on Zee Hum Paanch Hudd Kar Di

Zee & You

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Khana Khazana Jai Santoshi Ma Rishtey The Love 1:30

find place on back-plate of rickshaw seat

4:30 Gubbare Top of the Tops 5:30 6:30 Nickelodeon 7:00 Nick on Zee 8:00 Niilaam Ghar Bid Bid Boom 8:30 Saturday Live

Sunidhi Chauhan

Tum Pukar Lo **ALPHA TV BANGLA**

Moyurakshi Tumi Bangla Mon Niye 6:30 7:00 Shayola 7:30 Aalaap Bengali Spl Bishesh Sangbad 8:00 Data 8:30 Gaan Unitd. (Bengali) Bharat Bhraman

9:30 Bhalo Bhasha 10:00 Abhinetri 10:30 Encounter 11:00 Moyurakshi Tumi 11:30 Saregama 12:30 Chena Mukher Shari

1:00 Kono Ek Din 1:30 Ek Akasher Niche 2:00 Pratibimba Bengali Feature 2:45 Jhara Samayer Upakatha 5:30 Bichitra 6:00 News In Bengali

6:30 Bhalobasa Mandobasa Aatpake Bandhe 7:30 Sur Taal Bengali 8:00 Shudhu Tomake Chai 8:30 Saregama 9:55 Sat Kahan 10:25 Abisasya

Portraits of film actresses and other colourful images of birds, animals, etc

11:00 News in Bengal

Encounter

11:30 Choto Chutir

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World Animals Animals A-Z Champions of the Wild Grizzlies Monkey Business Animai Docto

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4:30 Crock Files 1:30 Music Box Wild Rescues 5:00 2:00 Jharonakha 5:30 Nature World 2:30 Tara Rum Pum 6:30 Planet's Funniest Hit Mix 3:30 Battersea Dogs 4:00 Hit Pe Hit 5:00 Just Jammin Saturday Superstars 5:30 Hit Mix

Postcards from the Wild Wild on the Set 10:00 Crocodile Hunter Animal Planet Safari

Sizzlers **DISCOVERY** Dialogue Assignment Jharokha discovery Music Box Phoren Maal

Winners 8:30 War Zone **Animal Bites**

Ram Aur Shyam 11:30 Ikke Pe Ikka 12:00 Brahma Yaadein Radio 12:30 Ceylon Ki Weekend Cinema Sangharsh 2:00 Yaadein Radio

ANIMAL PLANET

Ceylon Ki

7:00am Zookeepers Battersea Dogs 7:30 Home 8:00 Animal Doctor 8:30 The New Adven tures of ARK 9:00 Rolf's amazing

Discovery Award Lonely Planet Back Staghorn's Born Winners Real Kit Going Wild With Jeff Corwin I Love My Music Let's Dance & Eat Africa's Great Rivers **Uncharted Africa** 2:30 Shark Files **Discovery Sunday**

6:30 On the Inside 7:30 Wings 8:30 9:30

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