

RECOMMENDATIONS

Concert of Classical Music

May 18
As part of their 'Cultural Events 2002', the Embassy of Italy in Bangladesh organises a concert of classical music titled, 'I Solisti Veneti' at 7:00 p.m. at Dhaka Sheraton Hotel.

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.

Japanese film session

May 19-21
Rainbow Film Society has organised a three-day long Japanese Film Session, in association with Goethe-Institut. Filmshows start daily at 5:30 p.m. at the German cultural center auditorium. 'Andromedia' and 'Doubles' will be screened on May 19, 'Ekiden' and 'HIMITSU-Secret' on May 20 and 'The white collar worker' and 'KEIZOKU Unsolved cases' on May 21.

Photography on ship-breaking

May 18-29
R. Laarsen, a photographer from Sweden and a teacher at Pathshala Photography School, holds a solo exhibition in the city on issues of ship-breaking in Bangladesh. Through his works, Laarsen raise questions those focus on various hazardous and harmful sides of the business including matters of environmental pollution caused by the breaking process.

Event

A brave step forward

Kangalini Sufia sparks spirit in the certificate awarding and documentary screening of Steps Towards Development

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THE evening of May 11, in Goethe-Institut was like a serene bath in rain. It was pouring outside. The philosophical songs of Kangalini Sufia drenched the audience inside the institute though the well-timed documentaries on problems like the large number of female garment workers being workless, the rickshaw art being threatened, and the gifted but impoverished baul singers of Bangladesh posed questions before the viewers. And these questions were raised by the new talents in documentary making who received their certificates in the presence of renowned artist Mustafa Monwar, Borje Mattson, the ambassador of Sweden in Bangladesh, Syed Shujauddin Ahmed, Director General of National Institute of Mass Communication (NIMCO). The chair on the occasion was Bela Nabi.



Kangalini Sufia

Mustafa Monwar, a leading personality in the cultural arena of Bangladesh, shared his views about documentary filmmaking. "The three elements, important to documentary film making are entertainment, information, and presentation," he added while emphasizing that the work, not the man behind the documentary is to be thought about. Ranjan Karmaker, in his welcome note, informed that documentary is a powerful media of these times. But Mustafa Monwar said, "a man honest to his heart and thought has

the power to make any media powerful." He thanked Steps for its contribution to the enthusiastic youths interested in documentary making. The day was a success day for them as the films they made were screened before a large audience and the certificates being awarded to them. The awarded young talents are Elias Milan, Bapi Sarwar, Sanjay Dey, Md. Shaheen Bin Abdul Hai, Paul James Gomes, Faruque Amjad Khan, Shahidul Islam Ripon, Bayzid Kamal, and Shirin Sultana Onu. Steps Towards Development has been working in Video in Development and Artistic Expression since 1993. With a vision to enhance people's awareness of social justice and equitable society, Steps pro-

duces different kinds of audio-visual materials and these productions are screened both directly in the community as well as through national television channels.

The live show of Kangalini Sufia on stage on the evening, a while after the screening of the documentary on her, flickered the audience after the screening of the thought-provoking documentaries on the jobless female workers and rickshaw art.

Rickshaw art is a part of Bangladeshi art, which had been hitherto neglected. We do see beautifully painted back-boards, colourfully decorated hoods of the rickshaw everyday, but our eyes are so much used to it that it never struck us that it is an important part of our culture. The mobile Art Gallery and Tales of One R.K. Das, makes us aware of the lives of devoted artists who have passed their times in painting rickshaws but have never been able to encounter the lustrous path of fame. The documentary focuses on the life and family of R.K. Das, a pioneer rickshaw painter, as a representative of the class of painters who now are suffering economically for the introduction of modern printing of pictures on boards and the government decision of reducing the number of plying rickshaws in Dhaka.

Garments industries have contributed a lot to our economy. But thousands of industries are now under threat due to the change of the

US policy in buying clothes from the garments, as the US was the largest buyer of our products. Hundreds of female workers are now unemployed, they were the largest part of these industries that mushroomed countrywide. The work in garments saved these girls from early-marriages, insecure motherhood, suppression of the patriarchal society, and gave them financial freedom. Now the uncertainty of life is waving them towards a dark future. This is the message that we find in the documentary In Search of Future.

In Love Beggar, the life of the epicenter of the work, Kangalini Sufia, fascinates us. The audience is amazed by her life, which is stranger than fiction and her philosophy of life veers through mysticism. Her popular numbers deal and explain her philosophy, which is quite a food for thought if taken seriously. Her definition of psyche, body, the progress of life (the river of life in her words), copulation, motherhood, song, music, prayer, the relation to god, truth, and wisdom lies at the centre of her songs. This genius has so far, toured China, Britain, Hong-Kong and other countries and received accolades and admiration but still is in want of money. "My recent need is a multi-visa of which I am refused several times," she added with a smile, she will be visiting Sweden recently.

Fair

United for a cause

Bangladesh Bird Club holds a daylong fair of bird watching, painting competition, book and magazine display and quiz competition at the campus of Rajshahi University

CULTURE DESK

IT turned out to be a day of festivity as children, youth and elderly persons gathered at the campus of Rajshahi University on May 2, along with members of Bangladesh Bird Club at a day long fair of wild birds at the green, wooded enclosure of the institution.

The fair, result of an idea of the bird club President Enam Ul Haq, started at 8 a.m. at the library premises with exhibition of bird photographs and display of books, magazines and international journals on birds. Over thirty photographs, taken by Enam, of different kinds of local and guest birds of Bangladesh, were put on show. Also on display were 50 books of renowned authors and bird experts including Salim Ali, Dillon Ripley, James Audubon, Roger Tory Peterson, Grimmett and Inskipp. About a hundred issues of international bird magazines with titles like 'Birdwatch', 'Birdwatching', 'Birdkeeper', 'Forktail', besides journals of Oriental Bird Club, RSPB and American Birdwatchers' Association were kept at a corner for general reading purpose.

The entire ground of the fair was decorated with colourful banners and festoons. Loudspeakers aired recorded birdcalls of various pitches and tones that transformed the place into a wonderland of wild birds and nature.

The other event of the fair that generated interest among the enthusiastic participants was the bird-watching tour across wooded paths of the well-conserved campus, led by Enam Ul Haq. Different species of birds like the Sterling, Jungle and Bank Mynah, Oriole, Subird, Flycatcher, Bulbul, Babbler, Baya-weaver, Palm-swift, Kingfisher, Water-hen, Hawk-cuckoo, Koel, Coucal, Pariah kite and Dove were spotted at ease. At the marshy opening and at adjoining locations, the students and their guides spotted to their excitement, specimens of Open billed stork, White-eyed buzzard and Paradise flycatcher. Enam Ul Haq and others found a pair of white Paradise Flycatcher,



Photography exhibition at the fair pulls a good number of young people

who conducted the demonstration. A quiz competition followed the slide show. A few school students as well as faculty members sportingly joined hundreds of university students in the interesting contest.

The entertaining bird fair came to an end through a speech of thanks from the Vice Chancellor of Rajshahi University who invited the visiting club members to repeat the fair during winter months through similar events.

A slide show on birds was screened at the later half of the day with narration from Enam Ul Haq



Enthusiastic students of Rajshahi University watch birds at the fair



The Ambassador of Sweden addresses, in praise of Steps' activities



Artist Mustafa Monwar speaks before the audience at the Goethe-Institut

TV GUIDE

BTV

- 3:10 News Headlines
3:15 Desher Gaan
3:20 Open University
3:45 Sasthathatha
4:00 Khabar
4:05 School Debate Competition
5:00 News Headlines
5:05 Sukhi Paribar
5:30 Nitul Tata Natiaoni Football League.
6:00 Khabar
7:00 News Headlines (English)
7:30 Chandey Aanadey
8:00 Bangla Bulletin
8:30 Darma : Probhati
9:00 News Headlines
10:00 English Bulletin
10:25 Hajar Basar Dharey Documentary: The Future of Oasis Earth
11:00 Khabar/The News
11:45 Closing

EKUSHEY

- 12:00pm Ekushey Middy
12:30 Deshjure
1:00 Ekushey Headlines Expedition to the Animal Kingdom
1:30 Documentary Programmed: Japan Video Tropic
1:50 Classic Cartoons
2:10 Nazrul Gitee
2:30 Drishti
3:00 Ekushey Headlines
3:05 Drama Serial: Kena Kata
3:30 Surer Propid
4:00 Expedition to the Animal Kingdom
4:30 Wildlife on One
5:00 Drishti
5:30 Ajker Potrikay
6:00 Ekushey Headlines
6:05 Classic Cartoons
6:30 Deshjure Chalchitro
6:55 Ekushey Headlines
7:00 Toyota World of Wildlife
7:30 Ekushey Shongbad
8:00 Ekushey News
8:05 Drama Serial: Bondhon
8:30 Bangla Film: Konnyadan
10:00 News: Simulcast From BTV
10:30 Bangla Film: Konnyadan
11:00 Ekushey Late Night Shongbad

ATN

- 5:30 Islamic prog: New Singer
7:00 Competition prog: Nabin Borron
8:00 ATN Bangla Evening News
8:25 Musical Prog: Kane Kane
9:00 Kechukhan
9:35 Papet show: The world of Jonaton sing
10:10 Drama serial: Jeebon Jekhane Shes
10:50 Bengali Feature film: Janam
12:00 ATN Bangla News
6:07 Competition prog: Sapla Saluk ATN Gold Medal
7:00 Protijugita
7:00 ATN Bangla Evening News
7:35 Musical Prog: Ghotonar Nepathee
8:45 Magazine Prog: Sutorang
9:20 Mage Serial: Kun Semanay Mukte
10:00 ATN Bangla News
10:45 Drama Serial: Jeggasa
11:15 Bengali Feature film: Nure
11:30 ATN Bangla News
BBC WORLD
6:00am BBC News
6:30 Asia
Today/Reporters
7:00 BBC New
7:30 Asia Today/Asia Business Report
8:00 BBC News
8:30 Asia
Today/Reporters
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 Euro Brief
2:00 BBC News
2:30 Hardtalk
3:00 BBC News
3:30 Correspondent
4:00 BBC News
4:30 Asia Business Report/World Business Report
5:00 BBC News
5:30 Hardtalk
HBO
6:30 "Oliver!"
9:30 The Unholy Ghost
2:00 Psycho III
3:45 Flashdance
5:45 Showdown in Little Tokyo
7:15 Sleepers
10:00 Pet Semetary II
12:00 Double Jeopardy
2:15 Ghost
4:45 Flashdance
STAR GOLD
7:00am Jugnu (Dharmendra, Hema Malini)
10:30 Kuch Yaddain Kuch Baatein
11:00 Geet Bahar
11:30 Beqassor (Girish Kernard, Nasseruddin Shah)
3:00pm Geet Bahar
3:30 Paying Guest (Dev Anand, Nutan)
7:00 Geet Bahar
7:30 Monday Magic Dil Ka Raaja (Raj Kumar, Leena Chandavarkar)
11:00 Bollywood News
11:30 Geetanjali (Jeetendra, Rekha)
STAR PLUS
7:30 Hum Saath Aath Hain
8:00 Aatma
9:00 Hit Filmlein Hit Sangeet
9:30 Des Mein Niklla Hoga Chand

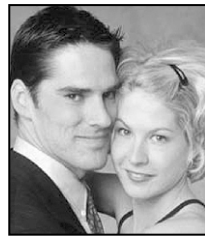
TODAY'S HIGHLIGHTS



ATN BANGLA: 8:45 p.m. Sutorang. A television magazine that has earned considerable popularity among the audience, Sutorang, in this episode presents various humorous activities of some of the best film and drama comedians of the country. Harun Kissingar takes part in an item. Nur Ainun Jesmin renders a song.



STAR MOVIES: 7:00 p.m. The Intern. A young, underappreciated intern at the ultra-hip magazine Skirt must learn to deal with kissy-face phoniness, model tantrums and bulimic editors, while trying to steal the heart of a dashing British art director from the grips of a supermodel.



STAR WORLD: 7:00 & 10:00 p.m. Dharma & Greg. Hippiedom and blue-blooded snobocracy. Dharma and Greg. No one thought anyone would want to watch a serial about "one totally happy couple". But there you go... Dharma and Greg has managed to become a total hit, and one of ABC's top-rated primetime shows. In tonight's episode, Dharma tries to reconnect with her old life by planning a wild trip to Mexico with her friends.

PICK OF THE DAY



Pet Semetary-2
On HBO at 10:00 p.m.
After witnessing his own mother electrocuted to death in a freak accident, a move to a small town in Maine is a welcomed change for Jeff Matthews (Furling, Terminator 2: Judgment Day). It is here that he makes friend with Drew (McGuire, Forrest Gump). The two boys come to know about a cemetery that resurrects dead animals.

- 9:30 Fox Kids Daily
10:30 Small Wonder
11:00 Maal Hai To Tall Hai
11:30 Meri Saahil
12:00pm Shanti
12:30 Hit Filmlein Hit
1:00 Kora Kagaz
1:30 Kahaani Ghar
2:00 Bhabhi
2:30 Kyunki Saas Bhi Kabhi Bahu Thi
3:00 Shagun
3:30 Kasautii Zindagi Kay
4:00 Kabhi Sauten Kabhi Saheli
4:30 Kaathin Kissii Roz
5:00 Meri Saheli
5:30 Hit Filmlein Hit Sangeet
6:00 Small Wonder
6:30 Fox Kids Daily
7:10 Aaj Ki Baat
7:30 Bhabhi
8:00 Hum Saath Aath Hain
8:30 Krishna Sharma ca
9:00 Kasautii Zindagi Kay
9:30 Des Mein Niklla Hoga Chand
10:30 Kahaani Ghar Ghar Kii
11:00 Kyunki Saas Bhi Kabhi Bahu Thi
11:30 Kaahin Kissii Roz
12:05 Aaj Ki Baat
STAR WORLD
7:00 The Oprah Winfrey Show
8:00 MacGyver
9:00 Nash Bridges
10:00 Bugs
11:00 The Oprah Winfrey Show
12:00pm Worlds wildest Police Videos
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 3rd Rock From The Sun
5:00 Star News Asia
5:30 Friends
6:00 King of Queens
6:30 Everybody Love Raymond
6:55 Asianews Update
7:00 Dharma & Greg
7:30 Frasier
8:00 Boston Public
9:00 Friends
9:30 King of Queens
10:00 Dharma & Greg
10:30 Everybody Love Raymond
11:00 Frasier
11:30 Boston Public
STAR MOVIES
6:45 Clown at Midnight
8:30 Lias Club 1990
10:15 Far From Home
11:45 Mary and Rhoda
1:45 Me Myself and Irene
3:00 Incognito
4:45 Eyes of Laura Mars, the Intern, the
7:00 Gone in 60 Seconds
8:30 Lias Club 1990
10:30 Thomas Crown affair
AXN
6:30 Movie: The Runner
8:30 Max Steel
9:30 Farscape
10:30 Xena
11:30 Eco-Challenge
12:30 Fear Factor
1:30 Farscape
2:30 Movie: The Runner
4:30 Boardwild
5:30 Fear Factor
6:30 Max Steel
7:30 When Fun Turns to
8:00 Fear
8:30 Prime Zone
9:30 X Zone Who Dares Wins
10:30 The Amazing Race
11:30 The Hunger
12:30 Alfred Hitchcock Presents
HALL MARK
6:00 What Kind of Mother are You?
8:00 Follow the River
10:00 Second Sight
11:00 The Ranger, the Cook and a Hole in the Sky
1:00 Sliders
2:00 Sesame Street
3:00 Scholastic Clifford
3:30 Caillou
4:00 Second Sight
5:00 Star Trek: Voyager
6:00 Sliders
7:00 Sublet
9:00 Star Trek: Voyager
10:00 Victim of Beauty
12:00 Champagne Charlie
ANIMAL
7:00 Wild Rescue III
7:30 K-9 to 5
8:00 Wild On the Set II
8:30 Animal Funniest
9:00 The New Adventures of ARK
9:30 Horse Tales
10:00 Animal Hospital
10:30 Bettersea Dogs Home
11:00 Animals Planet Safari
12:00 Monday Connections
1:30 Killing for a living
2:30 Jeff Corwin
3:30 K-9 to 5
4:00 Wild on the Set
4:30 Animal Hospital
5:00 Croc Files
5:30 Animals A-Z
6:00 Lords of the Animals
7:00 Battersea Dogs Home
7:30 Natural Neighbors
8:00 Monday Connections
9:30 K-9 to 5
10:00 Shark Gordon
10:30 Animal Planet Safari
11:30 Natural World20
DISCOVERY
7:30 Plane Funniest Animals
8:00 Really Wild Show
8:30 Wild Discovery
9:30 Travelers
10:30 Discovery Civilisation
11:30 Classic Discovery
12:30 Wedding Story
1:30 Wild Discovery
2:30 Planet's Funniest Animals
3:00 Really Wild Show
3:30 Born Winners Kite
4:00 Buck staghorn's Animal Bites
4:30 Extreme Machines II
5:30 Travelers II
6:30 Planet's Funniest Animals
7:00 Really Wild Show
7:30 Wild Discovery
8:30 Discovery Civilisation
9:30 Classic Discovery
10:30 On the Inside In the Mind of Criminal Profilers
11:30 Ancient Warriors
12:00 Those Who Dare
ZEE TV
6:00 Yaadon Ke Pal
6:30 Bhakti Bhav
7:00 Yoga For Life
7:30 Jagran
7:50 Zee Gym & Eat
8:20 Health
8:30 Ardhangani
8:45 Yaadein Radio Ceylon Ki
9:00 Nick on Zee
9:30 Nickelodeon on Zee
10:30 Hum Paanch
11:00 Hudd Kar Di
12:00 Saanjhi
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 Anjali
6:30 Nickelodeon On Zee
7:00 Nickeldeon
8:00 Kitne Kool Hain Hum
8:30 Kammal
9:00 Koshish... Ek Aashaa
9:30 Baazi Kiski
10:00 Koi Apna Sa
10:30 Choti Maa... Ek Anokha Bandhan
11:00 Tu Kahe Agar
11:30 Wedding Story
12:00 Gharana
ALPHA TV
BANGLA
6:30 Chhotto Chhutir Phanke
7:00 Shudhu Tomake Chai
7:30 Aalaap Bengali Spli
8:00 Abhinetri
8:30 Gaan Unltd.
9:05 Bharat Bhraman
9:30 Mojar Khela Kobitae
10:00 Bishesh Sangbad Data
10:30 Ranna Ghar
11:00 Parineeta
11:30 Gaan Unltd Manabi
12:00 Sanghaat
1:00 Sat Kahan
1:30 Jhara Samayer Upakatha
2:00 Agni Yuger Padatik
2:30 Paras Pathar
5:00 Gaan Unltd
5:30 Football
6:00 News in Bengali
6:30 Mayurakshi Tum/Bangla
7:00 Shayola
7:30 Kichu Smriti Kichu Gaan
8:00 Patibimba
8:30 Ek Akasher Niche
9:15 Chena Mukh Shari
9:45 Kapurush
10:25 Talk Jhaal Misti
11:00 New In Bengali
11:30 Guest House
12:00 Shayola
ZEE MUSIC
6:30 Hit Pe Hit
7:30 Sizzlers
8:00 Music Box
8:30 Best of the Best
9:30 Hit Pe Hit
10:00 Hit Mix
10:00 Taaza Maal
12:00 Dil Se
12:30 Hit Pe Hit
1:30 Music Box
2:00 Jharokha
2:30 Tara Rum Pum
3:30 Hit Mix
4:30 Hit Pe Hit
5:00 Dil Se
5:30 Hit Mix
6:00 Music Plus
6:30 Artist of the Fortnight
7:30 Hit Pe Hit
8:00 Music. Com
9:30 Sizzlers
10:00 Compact Disc
10:30 Jharokha
11:00 Music Box
11:30 Phoren Maal
CNBC
7:30 Taking Stock
9:00 Meet the Press
9:30 MF Investor
1:00 The Classroom
6:00 Managing India
11:00 Managing India
ZEE CINEMA
7:00 Ikke Pe Ikka
7:30 Maa Ki Mamta
10:30 Naag Nagin
1:30 Amma
5:15 Cine News
6:00 Maa