RECOMMENDATIONS

Quamrul-er

Ramonira May 17 - 31

Entitled 'Quamrul-er Ramonira', a 15-day long painting exhibition of artist Quamrul Hassan will be held at the Shilpangan gallery in the city. The show is open to all from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. daily.

Nazrul song CD

A compact disk containing Nazrul songs those are sung by artist Ferdous Ara, will be released along with publication of a book 'Sangeet bhuboney Nazrul' written by the same artist, at the Liberation War Museum at Shegunbagicha in the city at 5:00 p.m.

Calligraphy exhibition

May 17 - June 04 A calligraphy exhibition with works of 24 renowned artists starts at the lobby of National Museum in the city. Barrister Jamiruddin Sarker, Speaker of the Parliament inaugurates the exhibition at 4:30 p.m. today.

Group art show May 15 to 29

The High Commission of India Cultural Centre presents a group art show featuring fifteen prominent artists from Chittagong at 754, Satmasjid Road, Dhaka. The show opens on May 15, which runs daily

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

Photography: **Heavy Metal** 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.

Cinema

The Contemporary Russian film scenario

Zahir Raihan Film Society screens seven Russian films to mark its 16th founding anniversary

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AHIR Raihan film society will screen seven Russian films at the Rusian Cultural Centre, to mark the 16th founding anniversary of the film society. These films will be screened in cooperation with the Russian Cultural Centre on

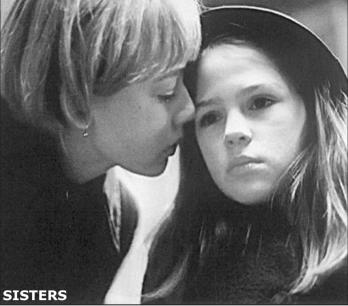
Zahir Raihan Film Society, the country's leading film club, was founded in Dhaka on May 16, 1986. Since then, the Film Club has screened about 2000 films. 215 films were screened last year. The screened films include awardwinning films from around the world. It also organises screening of classic films - both past classics as well as the contemporary ones. Retrospectives, special screenings on themes and countries are also organised. Seminars, workshops. publications on the theoretical as well as practical aspects of film art are included in its agenda.

The transition from socialist economy to market economy and the dismantling of the USSR created an unprecedented crisis in Russian film industry. The All Union Ministry of Cinematography (GOSKINO) was dismembered. The government is no longer financing the films. In the past, the state film financing had to undergo a strict censorship. Despite this strict censorship, the filmmakers used to get generous funds, which were enough for making a very good film. The number of film theatres in the Russian Federation has dwindled from 3,000 to 1,500 and continues to fall. The early 1990s enjoyed a production boom (300 films in 1991-92 alone). But recently, the figure has stabilised around 50-60 films per year. This is an alarming situation for the Russian cinema today One doesn't have to go to the remote past to see the glorious days of the Soviet cinema which produced excellent films.

This films in the session will give an idea of the different trends in contemporary Russian cinema.

"Sisters" (2001; Col; 83 min.) Director: Sergei Bodrov Jr. (Screening: On Thursday, May

16. at 5:00 pm) A slow but touching film about



survival in modern Russia. It's more about characters and issues than shooting the gangsters. The two sisters at the centre of the film thirteen year old Sveta, poor and abandoned by her father, who longs to go off and be a sniper in the army. and spoilt eight year old Dina, doted on by her gangster father - represent two very different aspects of modern Russia: the old, poor but moral; the young, cynical and money-obsessed. Sveta lives in a shabby home with her grandmother. Dina gets to live in a lavish apartment with their mother, and goes off to violin lessons. An incident takes place and brings the sisters together... A very naturalistic performance from Oksana Akinshina and Katya Gorina makes this a fine,

"Little Vera" (1988; Col; 115 Director: Vasili Pichul.

(Screening: On Thursday, May 16, at 6:30 pm)

This film, made during the waning years of the Soviet Union, is a marked departure from the "regular" Soviet movies of the day. It portrays the rebellion of the title character, Vera, a young woman coming of age. And the realities of things to come are already evident in the

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Escape From LA

Turbulence 2: Fear

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Silent Justice

Billy Bathgate

STAR GOLD

Keeping the Faith

Black Rain

Dark Asylum

The Flintstones

Double Jeopardy

House on Haunted

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movie, with shortages, alcoholism, and a sense of social drift. Glasnost takes a front-row-centre-seat in this angst-ridden drama about the thoroughly modern Moscovite Vera. Her alcoholic father and ineffectual mother constantly worry about Vera's untraditional ways. She falls in love and moves her fiance into the family's tight quarters. The circumscribed sadness of life in a dull industrial town: the inability of the

"The Thief" (1997; Col; 93 min.) Director: Pavel Chukhrai. (Screening: On Saturday, May 18. at 5:00 pm)

generation to understand each

other; the hard-eyed look at love as

explosive and divisive, not redemp-

tive force; these themes are merci-

lessly delineated in the film.

In 1946, a soldier fathers a child and then dies before its birth. Jump to 1952: on a train, the child and his mother meet a handsome soldier, who makes a play for her. She accepts. Posing as a married family, the soldier finds them a rooming house where he becomes everyone's favourite through his good looks and generosity. Meanwhile, he gives the boy, Sanya, lessons in life: to fight back, to win at all costs. The child's mother, Katya, is headover-heels in love with Tolvan, the

soldier, but the relationship becomes rocky when Tolyan's true plans for the rooming house become clear. Tolyan is a thief without remorse, using everybody to get money. It starts them on a treadmill of flight that risks Katya's life. Tolvan's liberty and Sanva's trust. This entrancing story uses domestic dynamics as a metaphor for a political system that cannibalises its own people. Stunning performances from the main characters make this a memorable film

"The Barber of Siberia" (2000; Col: 180 min.)

Director: Nikita Mikhalkov. (Screening: On Saturday, May

18. at 6:30 pm) Set in the turn-of-the-century

Russia, a passionate and epic love story about lost love, betrayal and the human spirit, 1905; Jane Callaghan (Julia Ormond), a once beautiful American, writes to her son, a cadet at the famous West Point Military Academy. Her memories take us back 20 years to when



she arrived in Russia to assist Douglas McCracken (Richard Harris), an obsessive engineer who needs the Grand Prince's patronage to sponsor his monstrous invention "the Barber of Siberia"- a machine to harvest the forests of Siberia. On

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will change her life forever. A handsome young cadet, Andrey Tolstov (Olea Menshikov), with whom she shares a fondness of opera, and the powerful General Radlov who is spellbound by her beauty. The General wants her hand in marriage, and she knows she can use him to gain access to the Grand Prince. The 40 million dollar budget for the film is a record for a Russian film, beating the previous record of "War and Peace" by Sergei

"A Forgotten Melody for the Flute" (1988; Col; 131 min.)

Director: Eldar Ryazanov. (Screening: On Sunday, May 19

at 4:00 pm) This is an enjoyable romantic comedy as well as a caustic satire on the bureaucracy of the post-Glasnost era. Leonid, a highranking bureaucrat faces a mid-life crisis when he becomes enthralled with Lida, a charming and spirited nurse. He makes awkward advances. She learns that his promising career as a concert flutist ended when his politically powerful father-in-law hoisted him on the ladder of bureaucracy. He is flustered when Yelena, his architect wife, finds out his affair with Lida.

Director: Eldar Ryazanov. (Screeing: On Sunday, May 19. at 6:30 PM) The film is based on the play "A

Dowerless Girl" by the prominent

45 min.)

19th century Russian dramatist Alexander Ostrovsky. The beautiful Larissa Ogudalova, daughter of an impoverished, widowed, noblewoman living in a small town on the Volga, is madly in love with the handsome, singing, dancing, and bon-vivant Sergei Sergeyerich Paratov. He reciprocates the girl's

feelings as long as it suits his purposes. Paratov keeps secret his engagement to another girl and just passes time with Larissa. At the climactic moment, when the girl is expecting him to explain himself, he leaves town to go inspect his estate. At the same time, Larissa is being proposed to by Karandyashev, whom she despises. What ensues is a classic case of seduction by the immoral Paratov and then the inevitable happens - betrayal and tragedy. Starring as Paratov is the famous actor and director Mikita Mikhalkov. The film won the "Golden Peacock" for Best Film at the Inter-

national Film Festival, India, at

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Delhi, in 1985.

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"Moscow Does Not Believe in **Tears**" (1979; Col; 140 min.) Director: Vladimir Menshov

(Screening: On Monday, May 20,

This is a melodrama about the life-stories of three girls. Three friends: Antonina, Liudmila, and Yekaterina, came to Moscow in search of their dream. Sharing a hostel room, they work and play together. Antonina soon marries a good man and settles down to raise a family. For Liudmila. Moscow is a sort of lottery, in which you have to pick the lucky ticket. She attempts to conquer the big city, but ends up a loser. The life of the third girl. Yekaterina, is a contemporary Cinderella story. She had her share of disappointments but did not despair. In 20 years, she built up a career and became the director of a big enterprise. A single parent of a daughter, she finally meets the right man, and after a long and bitter years of loneliness, finds true happiness. The film won the Best Foreign Language Film Oscar in 1981.

"No Man's Land" (Bosnia; 2001; Col; 95 min.)

Director: Danis Tanovic. (Screening: On Monday, May 20,

7:30 pm)Bosnia and Herzegovina during

993 at the time of the heaviest fighting between the two warring sides. The two Bosnian soldiers, Niki and Chiki, wanders into the 'no man's land' and become the victims of bombing. This is a story that begs to be told a good representation of what has been a mysterious war halfway around the world in Yugoslavia. It is an immensely interesting film, dominated by the relationship between the Serb and the Bosnia. and even more, their two sides. The workings of the UN 'Peacekeepers' were also well represented in the film and in a very realistic and interesting way. The byplay between the Serb and the Bosnian was great. and the portrayal of the several different nationalities of the UN (of which English is the only common language) is well represented. The role of the press and media has been brilliantly satirized. It won the Best Foreign Language Film Oscar

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12:00	News Headline
12:30	Closing
Evening session	

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Bangla Bulletin 8:00 8:30 World Tele-Communication Day 9:00 **News Headlines** 9:05 Magazine programme

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6:00am BBC News World Business Report **BBC News** 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**

7:00am Laila Majnu (Rishi Kapoor, Ranjeeta) 10:00 **BBC News Bollywood News** 10:30 World Business Geet Bahar 11:30 Report Ek Raaz (Kishore

TODAY'S HIGHLIGHTS



STAR MOVIES: 7 p.m. Turbulence 3. Slade Craven the rock superstar and reigning king of "Death Metal" music has planned a farewell concert unlike anything the world has ever seen: flies from Los Angeles to Toronto. In a first for the internet and the TV industry, the entire spectacle ZTV. Murder and mayhem take over as the flight is hijacked by a sadistic fan, who randomly starts killing anyone who gets in his way. Proving to be the ultimate white-knuckle flight for the passengers and millions of web viewers, the aptly numbered Flight 666 continues off course and toward



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HBO: 10:00 p.m. Black Rain. Being an international crime thriller, the film stars Michael Douglas as Mike Conklin, a New York detective under investigation for corruption. When vakuza York, he's extradited to Osaka to face trial with Conklin and Charlie Vincent as his escorts Mistakenly turning over their prisoner to Yakuza disguised as police, Conklin and Vincent realize, after running down some blind alleys, that they have no chance of finding Sato in the unfamiliar city and enlist the services of Japanese desk cop Másahiro "Mas" Masumoto.

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In this wind-me-up-tighter-than-a-corkscrew thriller, a female psychiatrist working with an infamous serial killer "The Trasher" (Drake. Durango Kids) finds herself locked in the asylum 12:00

after dark. If trying to unlock the lunatic's mind is her mission in life, she'll get her chance finally. While the outside world is safe, she isn't. Now the madman will get to do what he does best while in incarceration. Shanti Hit Filmein Hit Sangeet Kora Kagaz

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Dark Asylum

On HBO at 12:30 a.m.

The Oprah Winfrey Caroline In The City Hollywood Squares 4:00 The Simpsons 3rd Rock From The

Sun Star News Asia Friends Worlds Wildest Police Videos Asianews Update Nash Bridges 8:00 9:00 Friends 9:30 Worlds Wildest Police Videos

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Caught On Tape

The Amazing Race

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8:00 **Twisted Tales** Planet's Funniest 8:30 9:00 Crock Files 9:30 Breed All About It Battersea Dogs Home Animal Planet Safar Wild and Wonderful 12:00 Friday Nature by design The Making of Supersense **Animal Doctor** 2:30 O'Shea's Big Adventure 3:30 Animal X **Twisted Tales** 4:00 4:30 **Animal Hospital** Croc Files Animal A-Z Fit for the Wild Battersea Dogs Home

Animal X

Wild Rescue Animal Doctor **Animal Planet Safari** Weird N Wonderful Friday Wild on the Set Wildlife Emergency Animal Planet Safari Killing for a Living **DISCOVERY**

Crocodile Hunter Wild Discovery

Travelers Friday Showcase Girl Meets Hawaii Romantic Escapes Wild Discovery Crocodile Hunter Truth or Scare Let's Dance & Eat Journeys to the

Ends of the Earth the Lost of City of Gold 5:30 Travelers Crocodile Hunter

War Zone Secrets Great

Wild Discovery Friday Showcase

Conquerors