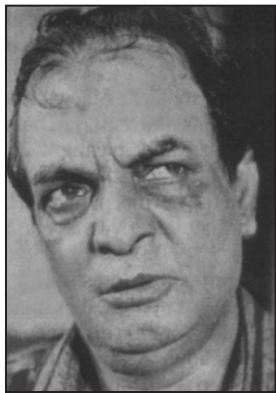


RECOMMENDATIONS



Anniversary and Book exhibition

June 30 - July 9
Birth Anniversary of renowned author Ahmad Safa is being observed by Sraban, a book outlet at Aziz Super Market in the city. A ten-day book exhibition of the writer continues at the shop.

Dhokrara Daake

July 5-12
A group sculpture exhibition goes on at the Indian High Commission cultural center at Dhanmondi in the city. The exhibition focuses on dhokra casting. The show is open everyday from 3 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Film show

July 06
Under its weekly movie programme, Alliance Francaise screens two films titled 'France, la visite' and 'A bout de souffle' at its auditorium in the city at 10:30 a.m. and 6 p.m., respectively.

Workshop

July 7-12
Indian theatre trainer Devendra Raj conducts a five-day playwriting workshop titled, 'Playwriting: Narrative style' and a seminar those are to be organized by Centre for Asian Theatre (CAT) from July 7 to 12. The seminar is open to the audience at 5:00 p.m. on July 12 at the auditorium of Goethe Institut at Dhanmondi in the city.

Music

The Search begins

Benson & Hedges 'One & Only Star Search 2002' process starts

NAFID IMRAN AHMED

JUST when country's music lovers were dimming down in this off-season of music, it started again. After 1999, 2000 and 2001, world famous brand Benson & Hedges returned for the fourth time with its popular Star Search contest. The process of Benson & Hedges 'One & Only Star Search 2002' started from July 3 all over Bangladesh.

Benson & Hedges Star Search is a musical talent contest that provides undiscovered solo and band performers an opportunity to be heard and appreciated. Applications are invited from musicians all over the country, who is keen on getting exposure and establishing a name for them in the musical scene. These applicants undergo a rigorous screening and selection process which culminates in an electrifying showdown where everyone gets to perform but only one band and one solo artist are awarded the title of Star Search winner.



Trio performing at Star Search 2001

The inaugural year of Star Search (1999) saw a huge number of entries from the four corners of the country. In 1999, one could apply by simply completing an application form. That year, there were over 1000 entries and only one winner, Vikings.

In order to make the Star Search bigger and better, in 2000 Benson & Hedges decided by expand its categories of

musical excellence. There were 700 entries. That year in addition to the Best Band award, the awards for Best Solo, Best Guitarist, Best Keyboards, Best Lyricist, Best Composition, were also given out. Steeler was awarded Best Band and Atahar Hossain (Tito) was awarded the Best Solo performer.

The concept of demo-tape was introduced in 2001. This meant that all applicants had to fill out the application form as well as do a demo recording so that the judges could ascertain who would be short-listed for the live auditions. This concept sliced down the entries to 250. That year Shaptak was awarded Best Band and Ariful Islame took the Best Solo award.

The Star Search 2002 has become more competitive. The applicants for this year, not only have to prove their musical abilities, but also have to demonstrate their talent in stage performance. Interested musicians have to fill up the application forms, which are available in select eateries, restaurants and grocery stores. Filled applica-



Shaptak (Best Band 2001)

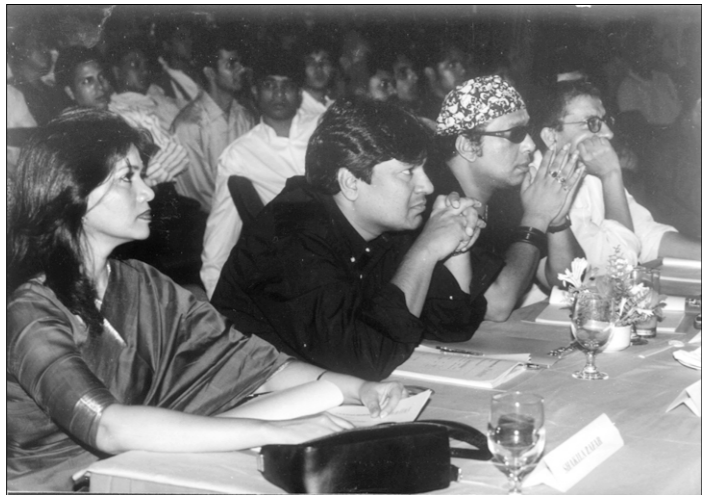
tion forms has to be submitted to the nearest Star Search centre with necessary documents and photographs. The applications will be received in 5 (five) divisions Dhaka, Chittagong, Khulna, Rajshahi and Sylhet. The applicants have to appear for live audition that will be recorded in different divisions. Then the judges will review the application forms and the recorded tapes of the auditions and the short-listed finalists will

be selected for the ultimate final event.

Star Search has always challenging opportunity for the unborn musical talents of the country to prove them. Winning this contest will make them a Star and provide them a solid platform to promote their music. Let's hope that this year the contest will be as exciting as the previous years.



Ariful Islame (Best Solo Performer 2001)



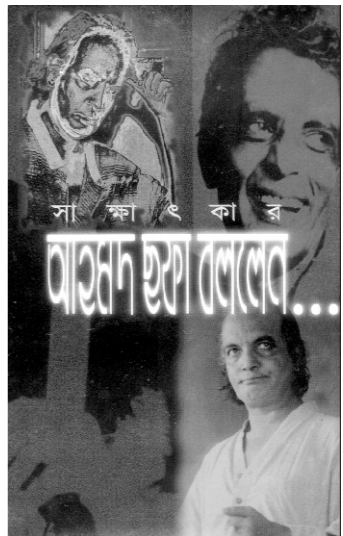
Panel of judges at Star Search 2001

Book fair

A treasure on sale

Sraban showcases an excellent collection of thirty-six books by and on Ahmad Safa

SAIFUL ISLAM



SRABON, a book-merchandising house situated at Aziz Super Market has started a ten-day long fair on books written by Ahmad Safa, and books written about Ahmad Safa by others. The exhibition of books has created an enthusiasm not only in people who knew the writings by the eminent author but also in many who have heard a lot about Safa but was a little reluctant, for some unknown reason, to try a book by the author. The book fair is designed as a showcase for Safa's books, a treasure valuable for lovers of Bangla literature.

Many book lovers of Bangladesh consider Ahmad Safa a great novelist writing about people who are real and ordinary in many ways like middle class Bangles, though they are witty and have the courage and a desperate bent of mind to breakthrough the shackles of oppression. Ahmad Safa was also a columnist whose treatises were published in eminent national dailies. His writings dissect not only the political nature of the country but also comments on the literary tradition of Bangladesh. Folk was a favorite topic to him. He also composed an epic poem, an information unknown to many readers crazy about his writings.

many ways reflect the man living inside him. If we place his political writings and interviews side by side his novels than we will see that he is taking the reader towards a political debate, perhaps unknowingly. In *Surjo Tumi Shathi* we feel the presence of a voice inspiring the reader to consider communism and socialism, a favorite topic to Safa who passed days ruminating on Marx. A thing like this was quite a normal thing for Safa who observed from near the changing historical aspects of his country. He experienced the ups and downs and tried earnestly to search for a solution. But in many ways his writings were different from the traditional novels in Bangla. Good fiction is off course present but it always veers on questions that seem insoluble. Analysis, political and psychological, is a dominant feature of his works.

Another interesting element in Safa is his wit and unabashed manner in talking freely about human recesses that is as true as the creation of man. Man is not independent of evil, in his life good and evil goes side by side. This perpetual conflict is present in his works. A sound nose for mysticism, and philosophy propounded by great authors have always found room in his works but bulk was something constantly avoided by Safa who was extremely well read. Safa was a writer influenced by both western and eastern philosophies though the voice of a preacher is absent which could have been a harm to his prose that reads easily. Simple lines by Safa can dramatize and can create an allure that entices the reader to read on.

The book fair presents a good collection of interviews on Safa that might take us close to the writer who has departed months ago. *Ahmad Safar Somoy* by eminent photographer Nasir Ali Mamun and *Ahmad Safa Bollen*, a compilation of interviews taken by Bratto Raisu, Sajjad Sharif, Mizanur Rahman Mizan, Ahmad Faruk Hasan and Nazimuddin Mostan, are two precious books among many.

TV GUIDE

BTV

2:00 Opening
2:10 News headline
2:15 Songs
2:20 Health program
2:45 Kheladhula
3:00 News
3:05 Unmesh
4:00 News headline
4:05 Film songs
5:00 News
5:05 Online
5:30 Nibedon
6:00 News
6:10 Sukhi paribar
6:35 Chittagong BTV
7:00 News headline
7:05 Documentary
7:30 Songs
8:00 News
8:30 Drama
9:00 News headline
10:00 News at ten
10:25 Drama serial (English)
11:30 News (Bangla/English)
11:45 Closing

EKUSHEY

12:00 Ekushey Middy
12:05 Aikjer Potrikay
12:20 Mukto Khobor
1:00 Ekushey Headlines
1:05 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 World Special
6:00 Ekushey Headlines
6:05 Cartoon: Robinson Succoro
6:55 Ekushey Headlines
7:00 Shoptaho Ghura Deshjure
7:30 Ekushey News
8:00 Ekushey News (English)
8:15 Serial: Alif Laila
9:30 New drama serial: Neel Towale
10:00 News: Simulcast from BTV
10:30 Ekushey Business
11:00 Ekushey Late Night Shongbad

CHANNEL I

7:10a.m. Music Plus
7:50 Kothay kothay
8:20 Sajai swapna ghar
8:50 Joar bhata
9:20 Raven
9:50 Documentary
10:20 Mela
10:50 Music Plus
11:30 Kothay kothay
12:00p.m. Sajai swapna ghar
12:30 Joar bhata
1:00 Raven
1:35 Special program
1:50 Bangla feature film
5:05 Documentary
5:35 Special program
6:10 Music Plus
6:45 Jungle Book
7:15 Channel I News
8:00 Drama serial
8:30 Music Horizon
8:55 Ispahani I telequiz
9:30 Shongbadpotrey Bangladesh
9:45 Mobile quiz
10:00 Na bola kotha
10:25 Ispahani I telequiz
10:30 Channel I News
11:15 Pepsi Live Concert
12:00 Channel I News

ATN

5:30 Islamic prog:
7:00 Children: Cholo Gan Gai
7:35 Viewers opinion prog.: Motamot
8:00 ATN Bangla News
8:25 Mage serial: Mohine
9:00 Film songs prog: Meril Tumar Janne Gan
9:35 Solo musical prog: Singer-Suvro Dev
10:10 Drama serial: Abashese
10:50 Bengali feature film: Cheoro Satro
12:00 ATN Bangla News
6:07 Children prog.: Shapla Saluk
6:45 Viewers request film songs prog.: Anurodher Assor
7:00 ATN Bangla Evening News
7:35 Mage serial: Mohine
8:10 Reporting prog. Ghotona Probaha
8:45 Drama serial: Mamla Hamla Jameila

9:20 Drama serial: Kasher Manus
10:00 ATN Bangla News
10:35 Film magazine: Boliwooder Khobor
11:15 Bengali feature film: Dip Nevenai
11:30 ATN Bangla News

BBC WORLD

6:00 BBC News
6:30 World Business Report
7:00 BBC News
7:30 Asia Today/World Business Report
8:00 BBC News
8:30 Asia Today/World Business Report
9:00 BBC News
9:30 Asia Today/World Business Report
10:00 BBC News
10:30 Talking Movies
11:00 BBC News
11:30 Simpsons World
12:00 BBC News
12:30 Click Online
1:00 BBC News
1:30 Correspondent
2:00 BBC News
2:30 Inside Enron, Writers
3:00 BBC News
3:30 Voyager: Keats Lost Lake
4:00 BBC News
4:30 Top Gear/Bike Star
5:00 BBC News
5:30 This Week

HBO

6:30 Wuthering Heights
8:45 The Locusts
11:15 Delivering Milo
1:15 The Ten Commandments
5:30 Crashpoint Zero
7:30 Dragon: The Bruce Lee Story
10:00 Election
12:00 Tales From The Crypt Presents Bordello of Blood
1:30 Always
4:00 Dragon: The Bruce Lee Story

STAR MOVIES

6:30 Boiling Point
8:30 Drive Me Crazy
10:15 Shrink Is In
11:45 First Blood
1:15 Father of the Bride
3:00 Chain of Command

TODAY'S HIGHLIGHTS

STAR MOVIES: 7:00 p.m. *What Lies Beneath.* Norman Spencer, a university research scientist, is growing more and more concerned about his wife, Claire, a retired concert cellist who a year ago was involved in a serious auto accident. Now, Claire reports hearing voices and witnessing eerie occurrences in and around their lakeside Vermont home, including seeing the face of a young woman reflected in water.

STAR WORLD: 9:30 p.m. *Baywatch Hawaii.* No matter what kind of kick you want to get out of *Baywatch Hawaii*, there's no denying that there is not a better-looking weekend series anywhere. In tonight's episode, Mitch confronts an old Navy Seal who is planning to bomb in the name of ecoterrorism.

AXN: 9:30 p.m. *The Seventh Sign.* Around the world, the signs of the apocalypse—as outlined in the Book of Revelations—seem to be coming to pass in the wake of a mysterious wanderer. Father Lucchi, the Vatican Emissary assigned to investigate, dismisses the occurrences as natural, but Abby Quinn, a young American woman, has reason to fear they're real—and that the unfolding events may spell disaster for her unborn child.

4:30 Matick Sea
5:00 3 Strikes
7:00 What Lies Beneath
9:15 Rough Air
10:45 Drive Me Crazy
12:30 Circle

STAR GOLD

7:00am Geet Bahar
8:00 Sant Tukaram (Shahu Modak, Anita Guha)
11:00 Bollywood News
11:30 Chetan Anand Shradhanjali
12:00 Haqeeqat (Braj Sahni, Dhramendra)
3:00 Geet Bahar
3:30 Saturday: Beqabu (Sanjay Kapoor, Mamta Kulkarni)
7:00 Bollywood Beats
7:30 Saturday Special: Dream Girls Special An Evening In Paris (Shammi Kapoor, Sharmila Tagore)
11:00 Rajehin Na Rahein Hum
11:30 New Wave Cinema: Naseem (Kaifi Azmi, Mayuri Kango)

STAR PLUS

7:30 Chupa Rustam
8:00 Aatma
9:00 Hit Filmein Hit Sangeet
9:30 Fox Kids
10:10 Hit Geet
10:25 Kya Film Kya Geet
10:30 Family Fortunes
11:00 AmulBest of Surabhi
11:30 Chalti Ka Naam Antakshiri
12:30 Eena Meena Deeka
1:00 Tu Tu Main Main
1:30 Gharwali Uparwali
2:00 Hit Filmein Hit Sangeet
2:30 Kashmakash
3:00 Kundali
3:30 Tea Time Cinema arhad (Raj Babbar, Farha, Danny)
6:30 Fox Kids
7:25 Kya Film Kya Geet
7:30 Bol Baby Bol
8:00 The Price Is Right
8:30 Star Superhit: Kuch Khatii Kuch Meethii (Kajol, Sunil Shetty, Rishi Kapoor)

11:30 Aaj Ki Baat
12:05 Star Superhit (Cont.)

PICK OF THE DAY

Election
On HBO at 10:00 p.m. Tracey Flick is running unopposed for this year's high school student council president election. But school civics teacher Jim McAllister has a different plan. Partly to establish a more democratic election, and partly to satisfy some deep personal anger towards Tracey, Jim talks popular varsity football player Paul Metzler to run for president as well.

11:30 Star News English
12:00 Star News Hindi
1:00 World Wildest Police Videos
2:00 Viper
3:00 Baywatch
4:00 Walker Texas Ranger
5:00 Xena: Warrior Princess
6:00 Star Hunter
7:00 First Wave
8:00 Water Rats
9:00 3rd Rock From the Sun
9:30 Baywatch Hawii
10:30 First Wave
11:30 Star Hunter

STAR NEWS

6:00am Star News Hindi
6:30 Newshour
7:30 Star News English
8:00 Star News Hindi
10:30 Limelight English
11:00 Star News Hindi
11:30 Star News English
1:00 Limelight Hindi
1:30 Star News English
2:00 Star News Hindi
3:00 Saat Bajee Hindi
8:30 Limelight Hindi
9:30 Big Fight
9:30 Star News English
10:00 Reality Bites
10:30 Star Business Week
11:00 Limelight English

CHANNEL [V]

8:00 [V] Back To Back
8:30 [V] Best of Jumpstart
9:30 [V] Saturday Stack
10:00 [V] Back to Back
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5:30 Weekend Spl
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7:00 [V] Back to Back
7:30 [V] Saturday Stack
8:00 [V] Karaoke
8:30 Billboard US Countdown
9:30 [V] Saturday Stack
10:30 [V] Club
11:30 [V] Weekends

NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC

6:30 Toyota World of wildlife
7:00 Wild
7:30 Nat Geo Max

8:30 Dogs With Jobs
9:00 Human Edge
9:30 On The edge
10:30 Sci-Files
11:30 People & Place
12:30 Net Geo Genius
1:00 Human Edge
1:30 Adventure One Elephant Vision
2:30 Saturday Unlimited
5:30 NG Classics
6:30 Nat Geo Genius
7:00 Human Edge
7:30 Adventure One
8:30 Saturday Unlimited
11:30 NG Classics

AXN TV

6:30am Core Culture
7:30 Who Dares Wins
8:30 Rollerjam
9:30 Lifestyle Core Culture
10:30 Reality Blast No Boundaries
11:30 Who Dares Wins
12:30 Ripley's Believe it or Not!
1:30 Rated
2:00 Motorworld
2:30 Movie: Arlington Road
5:30 Beauties in Action Queen of Swords
6:30 Relic Hunter
7:30 Space Out! Andromeda
8:30 The Outer Limits
9:30 Sat Premiere Movie: The Seventh Sign
11:30 Asian Cinema Premiere Movie: Not One Less

HALLMARK

6:00 The Treasure Seekers
8:00 Katts and Dog
8:30 Ghostwriter
9:00 Sesame Street
10:00 Scholastic Clifford
10:30 Caillou
11:00 A Stranger to Love
1:00 Getting Up And Going Home
3:00 The Treasure Seekers
5:00 Star Trek: Voyager
6:00 Mcleod's Daughters
7:00 Taking a Chance on Love
9:00 Star Trek: Voyager
10:00 Cadfael: Monk's Hood
12:00 Mcleod's Daughters

Zee TV

6:00 Yaadon Ke Pal
6:30 Bhakti Bhav
7:00 Yoga For Life
7:20 Jagran
7:50 Zee Gym

8:00 Tara Rum
8:30 Ramayan
9:00 Nick on Zee
10:30 Hum Paanch
11:00 Hudd Kar Di
11:30 Zee & You
12:00 World Close Up Antakshari
12:30 Khana Khazana
1:00 Sai Santoshi Ma
1:30 Sa Re Ga Ma Pa
3:00 Sautan
6:30 Nickeldeon
7:00 Nick on Zee
8:00 Nilaam Ghar Bid Bid Boom
8:30 Deewane
11:30 Weekend Cinema

SONY

6:30 Music Mantra
7:00 Chartisters
7:30 Sant Asaram Vani
8:00 Mythological Film: Veer Ghatokach
11:00 Taal Se Taal Mila
11:30 Good Morning Disney
12:30 Dil Driya
1:00 The Making of a Dream
1:30 Cine Matinee: Nakhuda
5:30 Chartbusters
6:00 Music Mantra
6:30 Disney Hour
7:30 CID Files
8:30 Cine Prime: Saudagar

ANIMAL PLANET

7:00am Jeff Corwin Experience
8:00 Wild Rescue III
8:30 Natural World
9:30 Saturday Superstars
11:00 Animals A-Z
10:30 Caillou
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Zee News

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7:30 News At 7
8:00 Zee Business
8:30 News At 8
9:00 Metro News
9:30 News At 9
10:00 Prime Time
10:30 ISS Waqt
11:00 Din Bhar
11:30 World View

Croc Files
10:30 Saturday Superstars
12:00 Animal Hospital

DISCOVERY

6:30 Wings
7:30 Full Circle with Michael Palin
8:30 CIA Secrets
9:30 Fitness Fantasy
10:30 Back Staghorn's Animal Bites
11:00 Naturequest
11:30 Real Kids, Real Adventures
12:00 Going Wild With Jeff Corwin
12:30 Born Winners
1:00 I Love My Music
1:30 Classic Discovery
3:30 Discovery Sunday
6:30 On the Inside
7:30 Wings
8:30 Gulsitan
9:30 Full circle with Michael Palin
10:30 Discovery Showcase
11:30 Beach Hour

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