

RECOMMENDATIONS

Cinema

July 28-30
Chalachitram Film Society observes its 20th founding anniversary and arranges eleventh program of its ongoing series of events titled, 'A tribute to the great filmmakers of the century: A selection of films' in cooperation with Goethe-Institut, Dhaka at the institute's auditorium at Dhanmondi in the city. Five famous films from across the world are to be screened.

Fine arts exhibition

July 20-Aug 4
Renowned sculptor Rasa and his younger brother, Rajeb Siddiky, a rising artist, hold a joint display of their creations of painting and sculpture at the 2nd floor gallery of National Museum in the city. The exhibition remains open to all everyday from 10:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Children's painting

July 22-Aug 8
Entitled Wasserwelten (Water world), an exhibition of paintings done by children from the schools of 'Shilpi Sultan Pathshala' and 'Surovi' of Dhaka, takes place at Goethe Institut in the city from 2 p.m. to 8 p.m. everyday except on Fridays and general holidays.

Exhibition on French art

July 5-August 2
An exhibition of the works of French artist George de La Tour, observing his 350th death anniversary, continues at the Andre Malraux room of Alliance Francaise in the city. The exhibits include books on the artist and a majority of his famous works.

Art exhibition

August 2-15
Artist Fakrul Islam holds a solo exhibition of his works at the gallery of Alliance Francaise, complete schedule of which will soon be announced. 'Art is the best way to express emotion, love and personal attitude of oneself' says Fakrul.

Theatre

In search of roots

Jionkathi's inaugural staging of 'Abohoman Bangla'

SAIFUL ISLAM

JIONKATHI, a new group in the theatre-milieu of Bangladesh, presented a theatre production, 'Palanatak 'Abohoman Bangla', before the audience of Dhaka at Natmandal, an auditorium situated in the campus of the University of Dhaka. The plot of the theatre straddles over the history of Bangladesh and the search of her roots, an almost two-hour long journey over a history as old as two thousand years.

The prelude of the theatre foreshadows the story containing tension and conflict that is so carefully illustrated throughout the development of the musical. The continual batter by bamboo sticks, from the outset of the drama, created an atmosphere where the audience had to sit and watch carefully to find out what is happening.

A very famous fairy tale and its popular characters are used to talk about a superman whose appearance is greatly coveted by the narrators and performers on stage, these narrators do not narrate from a distance, and sometimes they get emotionally involved. They lament, and look towards the audience with blood-laden eyes. The presence of one active female performer perhaps indicates that women worked



A scene from Abohoman Bangla

side by side men from days of the past.

The person, the godly figure who will rescue the common from misery and oppression, will appear one day as he appeared in the ancient time to rescue the woman, the epitome of good, from the grips of the monster,

the epitome of evil. He is addressed by names of the powerful and adventurous heroes of the legendary world. Dalinkumar/Nilkamal/Lalakamal et cetera. Sometimes the story reminds us of Nietzsche's superman, who will come one day and will

topple the present lawless society. Sometimes the drama reminds us of many great literatures, the common theme of which is the eternal war between good and evil. The performers carry on their search for that leader. In the midst of all this the history of Bangladesh is narrated, acted and analyzed by short but striking speeches and epigrams. At first it seemed to many that the theatre deals with the tradition of Bangladesh in order to juxtapose it with the question of multi-ethnicity raised by many. The plot is full of the glorification of our forefathers who once thrived in economics and education. The valor of the forefathers is used, at some points, as a tool to inspire the audience to strive for good and glorious deeds. There were fourteen universities in Bangladesh when Columbus did not discover America, and when the ancient Britons were involved in bloody conflicts and savagery. But it was not idealizing, the reasons of the fall from glory were pointed and the politics in the name of religion was blamed.

Internation

Bollywood awaits Asian fiesta

India to host Asian film festival in August

AFP, Bombay

FILMS from 14 Asian countries will be unspooled next month in the first ever Asian film festival to be organised in India, Asian Film Foundation (AFF), organisers of the festival, said Monday.

AFF chairman Kiran Shantaram said 40 Asian films will be screened from August 3 to 10 in Bombay, where India's film industry -- Bollywood -- is located.

"This is the first Asian film festival in India," said Shantaram, adding that one of the five sections of the festival would comprise a special focus on Taiwan cinema.

The aim of the project is to give a platform for Asian films in world

cinema. "We want to show that it is not only Hollywood or European movies that are of high international quality. Asian cinema is also winning awards and yet its separate identity is not much known to Asian themselves," he said.

Shantaram said in the special focus segment, six Taiwanese films -- "Blue Gate Crossing", "Beijing Bicycle", "The Hole", "Heartbreak Island", "Mirror Image" and "Blue Moon" -- would be screened.

"Taiwanese films have not been screened in India, but have been winning accolades at major festivals internationally. This is the first time that Taiwanese cinema is getting exposure in India on such a scale,"

he said. Apart from the special focus category, the week long festival would be broken into four other categories -- Spectrum Asia, Award-winners, Parallel Cinema in the 90s and Special Screenings.

The Spectrum Asia would present the latest Asian films made in the last two or three years and the Award-winners would be comprised of major award winning films from Japan, China and India. The Parallel Cinema in the 90s would show some of India's realistic and artistic movies, while Special Screenings would show some outstanding films of the past and the present.

Some of the highlights of the

festival would be movies such as "Spring Festival" from China directed by Huang Jianhong and Li Xiaowen, "Land of Fear" from Egypt directed by Daoud Abd El Sayed, "Do Ankenh Bara Hath" (Two Eyes, Twelve Hands) from India directed by V. Shantaram and two other Indian movies from Oscar-winning Indian director Satyajit Ray -- "Aparajit" (Undefeated) and "Agantuk" (Stranger).

The festival will also offer a special Asian film culture award to Sri Lankan director Lester James Peries, whose movie "Mansion By The Lake" will close the festival.

The opening film of the festival will be "Baran" (Rain), directed by Iranian Majid Majidi.

Exhibition

The 'Wasserwelten': Painting exhibition by children

Underprivileged children voice their demands on the proper use of water through paintings being held in the city

HARUN UR RASHID

THE Goethe Institut Dhaka inaugurated an exhibition of paintings by underprivileged children of the city on 22nd July at its exhibition hall. Titled Wasserwelten (water world), the exhibition is a contribution from Bangladeshi children, along with that of their counterparts abroad, for the project 'Wasserwelten' of the Goethe Institut Head Office in Germany. With the advent of the new millennium, Goethe Institut introduced this project in 2000 to mark the changes in the use of water as an essential element for human living.

The project aims at creating awareness among people against misuse and abuse of water. The 122 branches of Goethe Institut have initiated many different activities as part of this project. The activities include seminar and workshop, theatre, composition of songs and poems, multimedia presentation, water-gymnastics, photography and painting exhibitions. A huge response from 122 countries culminated in achieving a great opportunity of exposure. The head office could not accommodate this enormous participation in its premises. The 'misfortune,' however, turned a 'fortunate' one as the Institut was provided with quite a large space at the world exhibition 'EXPO 2000' in Hanover. The Institut organised an exhibition of pictures of the paintings by children.

Participation from Bangladesh could not be possible at that time for scarcity of fund. However, as the project is still running, the Goethe Institut Dhaka has taken initiatives to participate in forthcoming activities of Forum Wasserwelten. Two schools for the neglected and poor children in Dhaka -- Shilpi Sultan Pathshala and Surovi -- have come up with paintings by their students.

All the paintings delineate life both in and around the water while projecting the main topic, the use of water. The young artists' endeavour help mingle their understanding of the theme with colourful imagination and present beautiful pictures. Masuda of standard VI at Surovi, shows in her drawing the cruel aspects of the use of water by showing people washing cattle and clothes in the river while, simultaneously, children are bathing and a woman is filling her pitcher with the river water. Sumi, an artist from the Pathshala, dives deep into her imagination to explore the amazing water world with fellow divers. Rumi, another Pathshala student of class II, has captured the destructive beauty of the nature by drawing a river under a terrible storm with boats bouncing on the swelling waves.

A number of children have depicted the fairy-tale world under water occupied by mermaids gleeful at play with whale, octopus, sea horse and starfish.

And according to these children, the octopus is rather a wonderful creature rather than a fearful one. This fairy-tale depiction of under-water world brings in tales of their childhood that would have been true if we, the unconscious and unsympathetic human beings, had not destroyed them by our devastating activities. They believe that these mermaids really once existed, but that we have driven them away.

Shilpi Sultan Pathshala is the educational wing of a non-government organisation in Bangladesh called Bastob, which is supported by the Bangladesh branch of the German NGO, NETZ. The Pathshala was founded by late Ahmed Sofa, an eminent local litterateur and advisor to Bastob till his demise, for educating children from slum areas of the city. Surovi, on the other hand, is another reputed NGO school for young household servants. Having spread up to as many as 22 branches in Dhaka at present, Surovi began on February 1, 1979 with the help of Syeda Iqbal Mand Banu with her only housemaid. The organisation includes children who dwell in slums, too.

The painting exhibition continues up to August 8 from 2 p.m. to 8 p.m. daily except weekends and holidays.

TV GUIDE

Channel i

7:10a.m. Music Plus
7:50 Saat rong-er mela
8:20 Jibon jekhaney jemon
8:50 Drama
9:20 Amar cchabi
9:50 Documentary
10:20 Magazine
10:50 Music Plus
11:30 Saat rong-er mela
12:00p.m. Jibon jekhaney jemon
12:30 Drama
1:00 Amar cchabi
1:35 Special program
1:50 Bangla film
5:05 Documentary
5:35 Roving I
6:10 Music Plus
6:50 Week I Focus
7:15 Channel i news
8:00 Drama serial
8:30 Shyamoli Nishorgo
8:55 Ispahani I telequiz
9:30 Shongbadpotrey Bangladesh
9:45 Channel I Mobile quiz
10:00 Drama serial
10:30 Channel I News
11:15 Pepsi concert
12:00 Channel I News

ATN

5:30 Islamic prog:
7:00 New Singer competition prog: Nabin Borron
8:00 ATN Bangla Evening News
8:25 Mage Serial: Mohine
9:00 Musical Prog: Surer Madure
9:35 Papet show: The world of Jonaton sing
10:10 Music Time
10:50 Bengali Feature film: Jumur
12:00 ATN Bangla News
6:07 Film song's prog: Surchobi
6:45 Dance Prog: Nete Netray
7:00 ATN Bangla Evening News
7:35 Mage Serial: Mohine
8:10 Reporting prog: Ghotonar Napathee
8:45 Band musical prog: Pop Dhamaka
9:20 Music Time
10:00 ATN Bangla News
10:35 Drama: Patal Purer Golpo
10:45 Bengali Feature film: Mether Raja
11:30 ATN Bangla News

BBC WORLD

6:00am BBC News
6:30 Asia
7:00 Today/Reporters
7:30 Asia Today/Asia Business Report
8:00 BBC News
8:30 Asia
9:00 Today/Reporters
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
12:00pmBBC News
12:30 World Sports Report / Sports Today

HBO

6:30 Darkling
8:30 Beverly Hills Cop
10:30 Teacher's Pet
12:15 Superstar
2:00 Body Double
4:15 Monster
6:00 Star Trek: First Contact
8:15 Nsync Popodysey Live
10:00 Dragon: The Bruce Lee Story
12:30 Idle Hands
2:15 Beverly Hills Cop
4:15 Star Trek: First Contact

STAR MOVIES

6:30 Mockingbird Dont Sing
8:30 Operative, The
10:15 Give Me a Break
12:00 Silent Fall
1:45 Toys
3:45 Species
5:30 Honey I Shrunk The Kids
7:00 Honey I Blew Up The Kid
8:30 U-571
9:00 Nightbreed
10:30 Operative, The

STAR PLUS (INDIA)

7:30 Hum Saath Aath Hain
8:00 Aatma
9:00 Hit Filmein Hit Sangeet
9:30 Fox Kids

10:20 Hit Geet
10:25 Kya Film Kya Geet
10:30 Small Wonder
11:00 Maal Hai To Taal Hai
11:30 Meri Saahil
12:00pmShanti
12:30 Hit Filmein Hit Sangeet
1:00 Kaahin Kissii Roz...
1:25 Film Toppers
1:30 Kahaani Ghar Ghar Kii
2:00 Bhabhi
2:30 Kyunki Saas Bhi Kabhi Bahu Thi
3:00 Shagun
3:30 Kasautii Zindagi Kay
4:00 Kumkum
4:30 Kabhii Sautan Kabhii Saheli
5:00 Kora Kaagaz
5:30 Hit Filmein Hit Sangeet
6:00 Small Wonder
6:30 Kuch Kids Daily
7:20 Aaj Ki Baat
7:25 Kya Film Kya Geet
7:30 Bhabhi
7:55 Film Toppers
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
12:00 Film Toppres
12:05 Aaj Ki Baat

STAR GOLD

7:30 Geet Bahar
8:00 Bandini (Nutan, Ashok Kumar, Dharmendra)
10:30 Kuch Yaddain Kuch Baastein Bastein
12:00 Do Qaidi (Snajay Dutt, Govinda)
3:00pm Geet Bahar
4:00 Dekh Kabira Roy (Anita Guha, Daljit)
7:00 Bellowood Beats
7:30 Monday Magic
8:00 Bhavani Junction (Shashi Kapoor, Shatrughan Sinha, Zeenat Aman)

TODAY'S HIGHLIGHTS

Star Movies at 10:30 a.m. Teacher's Pet.
With big budget, star-studded homicidal high school slasher flicks hindering any box office potential their bargain basement cousins might have, it'll be great to see a star-less, low budget shocker like this take on the studio. The highly entertaining thriller tells the tale of a psychotic student, Debbie who breaks out from a mental hospital only to end up on college grounds. Debbie soon gets obsessively attracted to a male teacher.

Star Movies at 7:00 p.m. Honey I blew up the kid. Eccentric inventor Wayne Szalinski and his family return in this sequel to the international smash hit, "Honey, I Shrunk the Kids." When two-and-a-half year-old Adam Szalinski wanders in front of his dad's new enlargement ray, the baby begins to grow at an alarming rate whenever he's near electricity. Things get really crazy when Adam encounters a power line and becomes 112 feet tall!

STAR WORLD

7:00 The Oprah Winfrey Show
8:00 MacGyver
9:00 Nash Bridges
10:00 Traders
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 Cheers
5:00 Starwews Asia
5:30 Friends
6:00 King of Queens
6:30 Everybody Love Raymond
6:55 Starwews 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 NEWS

PICK OF THE DAY

NSYNC-Popodysey live
On HBO at 8:15 p.m.
Crazy Pyrotechnics, Giggly and weepy girls, extravagant skits, exuberant costume changes all topped off with "POP" music -- that just about sums up NSYNC's Popodysey Live. In a concert from their No Strings attached tour, watch NSYNC perform some of their biggest hits live -- stuff like Bye bye bye, Its gonna be me, Gone and Pop.

11:30 Humshakal (Rajesh Khanna, Tanuja)
8:00 Breakfast News English
8:30 Breakfast News Hindi
9:00 Breakfast News English
9:30 Star News English
10:00 Star News Hindi
10:30 Star News English
11:00 Star News Hindi
11:30 Star News English
12:00pm Star News Hindi
1:00 Star News Hindi
1:30 Star News English
2:00 Star News Hindi
2:30 Bollywood News
3:00 Saat Baje Hindi
8:00 Star Khel
8:30 Tonight At 8
9:00 Star Samachar
9:30 Star News English
10:00 Star Business News
10:30 Star Newshour
11:30 Star News English
12:00am Sports Tonight

CHANNEL [V]

8:00 [V] Back To Back
8:30 [V] Jumpstart
9:30 [V] Hit Machine
10:00 [V] Back To Back
10:30 [V] Hit Machine
11:00 [V] Back To Back

7:20 Jagran
7:50 Zee Gym & Eat
8:20 News
8:30 Ardhangini
8:45 Yaadein Radio
9:00 Nickelodeon
9:30 Nick on Zee
10:30 Hum Paanch
11:00 Hudd Kar Di
12:00 Amanat
12:30 Tu Kahe Agar
1:00 Love Marriage
1:30 Koi Apna Sa
2:00 Kammal
2:30 Gharana
3:00 Bazaar
6:30 Nickelodeon On Zee
7:00 Nickeldeon
8:00 Kitne Kool Hain Hum
8:30 Kammal
9:00 Saanjhi
9:30 Baazi Kiski
10:00 Kohi Apna Sa
10:30 Love Marriage
11:00 Tu Kahe Agar
11:30 Gharana
12:00 Ye DilKya Kare

ZEE NEWS

6:30 Bulletin
7:00 RPT
7:30 Bulletin
10:00 RPT
10:30 Bulletin
12:00 Dream Destination
12:30 Bulletin
12:57 Manoranjan
1:00 RPT
1:30 Beyond Headlines
2:00 Bulletin
2:57 Manoranjan
3:00 Bulletin
4:00 RPT
4:30 Bulletin
4:57 Manoranjan
5:00 Inside Story
5:30 Bulletin
6:00 RPT
6:30 Zee Business
6:57 Manoranjan
7:00 Bulletin
7:30 News At 7
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
11:57 Manoranjan

ALPHA TV BANGLA

7:00 Yoga For Life

7:00 Geet Gopal
7:30 News
7:40 Shraddha- Exposure
7:45 Dewachiye Dwari
8:00 Chitra Sangeet
8:30 Surtaal
9:00 News
9:10 Dewachiye Dwari
9:30 Alpha Windows
9:35 Swartaal-Exposure
10:00 Nupoor
10:30 News
10:35 Alpha Feature
10:45 Kathakathi
11:00 Zee Music Box
11:30 News
11:35 Alpha Windows
11:40 Geetanjali-Exposure
11:45 Dewachiye Dwari
12:00 Mrunmayi
12:30 News
12:35 Surtaal
1:00 Alpha Features
1:10 Shriyut Gangadhar Tipare

ZEE CINEMA

1:30 News
1:35 Manasi
2:00 Ek Ha Asa Dhaga Sukhacha
2:30 Avatika
3:00 Feature Film
3:30 News
3:35 Feature Film Contd.
4:30 News
4:35 Feature Film Contd.
5:30 News
5:35 Feature Film Contd.
6:00 Alpha Windows
6:30 News
6:35 Sanjphool
7:00 Alpha Feature
7:10 Surtaal
7:25 Swartaal-Exposure
7:30 News
7:55 Gaane Nave
8:00 Tarane-Exposure
8:30 Pimpalpaan
9:00 Avatika
9:30 Shravansaree
10:00 Duniyadari
10:30 Ek Ha Asa Dhaga Sukhacha
11:00 Manasi
11:25 Geetanjali-Exposure
11:30 Alpha Windows
11:33 News
12:00 Alpha Feature
12:10 Phatkanti

ZEE MUSIC

6:30 Music Box
7:30 Sizzlers
8:00 Music Box
8:30 Best of the Best
9:30 Hit Pe Hit
10:30 Hit Mix
11:00 Zee Music Plus
12:00 Dil Se
12:30 Hit Pe Hit
1:30 Music Box
2:00 Jharokha
2:30 Tara Rum Pum
3:30 Artist of the Foringit
4:00 Zee Music Box
5:00 Dil Se
5:30 Hit Mix
6:00 Zee Music Plus
7:00 Artist of the Fortnight
7:30 Zee Music Box
8:00 Music. Com
9:30 Sizzlers
10:00 Compact Disc
10:30 Jharokha
11:00 Zee Music Box
11:30 Phoren Maal

ZEE ENGLISH

6:00 Over the Edge
6:30 Capitol
7:00 Family Pride
7:30 Heartbreak High
8:30 Benny Hill Show
9:00 Three's Company
9:30 Kete & Allie
10:30 Movies Stars
10:30 The West Wing
11:30 Full House
12:00 Fresh Prince of Bel Air
12:30 Veronica's Closet
1:00 Royal Canadian Air Farce
1:30 Benny Hill Show
2:00 Three's Company
2:30 Friends7
3:00 Seinfeld
3:30 The West Wing
4:30 Suddenly Susan
5:00 Mad About You
5:30 Heartbreak High
6:30 Full House