

RECOMMENDATIONS

Photography exhibition

August 23 September 01
A solo photography exhibition titled, 'Our glorious past: Sonargaon' by photographer Syed Zakir Hossain, begins at the DRIK gallery of Dhanmondi in the city. The exhibition is open everyday from 3 to 8 p.m. The exhibition schedules also contain launching of a photo album.

Sculpture exhibition

August 12-28
A sculpture exhibition of artist Ferdousi Priyobhassini continues at Bengal art gallery at Dhanmondi in the city. The exhibition runs everyday from 12:00 to 8:30 p.m.

Architectural designs' show

Aug. 17 Sept. 09
An exhibition goes on at the National Museum at Shahbagh in the city to reveal the unfolding drama of the design and construction of Sher-e-banglanagar. Timetable: 10:30 a.m. 4:30 p.m. (Saturday to Wednesday), 3:30 7:30 p.m. (Friday). The show is closed on Thursday.

Documentary

August 29-31
Directed by Kawsar Chowdhury, a documentary production 'Shei raater kotha bolley shechi' (Tale of the darkest night) appears on screen at the auditorium of Russian Cultural Center at the following timings:
On August 29 at 4:00, 5:00 and 6:00 p.m.
On August 30 at 10:00, 11:00, 3:00, 4:00, 5:00 and 6:00 p.m.
On August 31 at 5:00, 6:00 and 7:00 p.m.
Entry cards are available at Sagar Publishers, Pathak Samabesh, Arabian fast food Dhanmondi and at hall counter before shows.

Exhibition

Art in life

Bangladesh Bonsai Society holds its exhibition

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THE art of bonsai, introduced in the country not long ago, gained another boost as Bangladesh Bonsai Society (BBS) held its fourth yearly-exhibition from August 22 to 24, at the Banquet Hall of BRAC Centre Inn. A splendid collection of bonsai pieces by the BBS members were on display depicting new dimensions of beauty and creative art.

A Japanese word, 'bonsai' means 'a tree in a pot,' *bon* being a plate or a shallow pot, and *sai*, a tree. The idea of tree here is purely scientific: in botany 'tree' is distinctly different from plant or herb. A bonsai is a giant tree transformed into a miniature of it by means of certain techniques. What is much important about bonsai is that, while this transformation is improvised on the tree, all its basic characteristics are carefully retained in the bonsai. The exposed roots of the tree, its trunk, the branches and leaves, flowers and fruits - all in the bonsai are the exact 'look alike'

of those in the original large tree, only in a much smaller scale.

The history of bonsai dates far back in the 3rd century when the Chinese first developed it. But the credit for establishing bonsai as another form of artistic expression, as it is regarded today, is generally attributed to the 10th and 11th century Japanese monks. Despite this long history, bonsai, however, remained unknown to the western world until the end of the World War II. In Bangladesh, the art of bonsai achieved its institutional recognition through the formation of Bangladesh Bonsai Society in 1999.

The bonsai includes almost all trees from our native Banyan tree, fig tree, pakur, karamcha, shaora, krishnachura, panbilash, tomal, koro, shishu, arjun, gamari and dates tree, to foreign cherry, juniper, oak etc. According to the bonsai experts, bonsai is a great means of staying near Nature. Masudur Rahman, Secretary of BBS, says that the way our cities are getting concretised, the day is



not very far when these bonsai will provide us with the stimulation of nature. 'Besides decorating your house,' says Masud, 'it brings within your premises many species, which you cannot really take the pain of travelling to see.' Regarding the allegation that bonsai prevents the natural growth of a tree, and thus alters nature's order, he argues that bonsai means exactly contrary: by retaining all the major features of a tree, bonsai artists actually contribute to preserving many rare species. Moreover, when one leaf is shorn off a tree in the process of transforming it into a bonsai, there grow two leaves. In a sense, then, bonsai is also a means to give enhanced life to a tree. Masud calls bonsai 'the living art.'

How the bonsai looks depends on the artist's creativity and taste. The exhibition displayed bonsai in several established styles along with many other irregular and informal ones. 'Saiki' or the 'Landscape' is a common established style in which the bonsai piece is decorated in a way so that it looks like

a section of a large landscape. Jesmin Amin's 'Forest Grove' presented bonsai in the fashion of a miniature forest. 'Wind Swept' was another common style with the artists at the exhibition: Anisul Hoque, Sayeeda A. Zahid and Feroza Begum had wind swept kamini, juniper and other species. Anisul Hoque, a devoted bonsai lover and artist, brought a marvellous landscape with delicate decorations of 'baby's tears' a kind of herb. Fatema Zohra's 'Root on stone' of juniper, Anis's 'Twin Trunk' of panbilash, Emdadul Haque's 'Root on Rock' of 'fukun tea' etc. attracted appreciative attentions of the visitors.

Since its inception in 1999, BBS has organised yearly three-day exhibitions of bonsai regularly to promote the art in the country. It also conducts training courses for those interested. In a press release, BBS declares that its next training course starts in the middle of September 2002.

Poetry

Of poetry and reading aptitude

Bengal Shilpalaya holds a poetry reading session in the city

CULTURE DESK

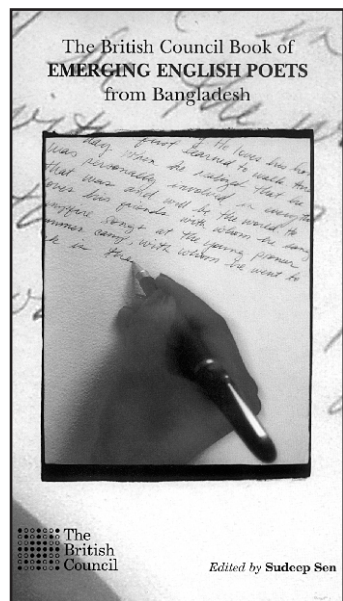
17 B.C., a scholastic club, comprised of over a dozen young poets, held a poetry reading session on August 17 at Bengal Shilpalaya at Dhanmondi. It was attended among others by leading poet, Shamsur Rahman, and Sudeep Sen, a celebrated poet of the subcontinent, who has been composing poems in English.

The poetry club that was founded a year ago through a 3-day English poetry workshop, conducted by Sudeep Sen, at British Council on 27 January 2001, dedicated most of the poems of its latest session to late Kashfi Kabir, a member who passed away recently, after suffering from an acute illness.

Sudeep Sen, while addressing the attended audience, lauded the role of the young scholars who as he felt, seemed aware of the present situation. As Sudeep said, the young poets read a lot and wrote worthwhile poems. 'As a group they are excellent, have improved a lot since the comple-

tion of the workshop and moreover they are not stuffy like our senior poets.'

Member poets of 17 B.C. read out self-composed poems, contents of most of which spoke



against social imbalance, negative issues, of love, frustration and unwanted jurisdiction over human value and psychological

sovereignty.

Shamsur Rahman mentioned his worry about the young poets, most of who, as he felt, would face difficult time ahead in establishing themselves as English poets in this country where Bangla is a major language. 'But I can feel that at least one or two among the large group would be able to stand up as world renowned poets,' said Rahman.

Copies of a book titled, 'The British Council Book of Emerging English Poets from Bangladesh' comprised of poems of the club's members Camellia Ahmed, Zain Omar Ali, Aasha Mehreen Amin, Arun Kumar Biswas, Sameen Elahi, Farhana Farid, Noyonima Hassan, Abak Hussain, Mohammad Saiful Islam, late Kashfi Kabir, Istiaq Saeem, Inshirah Shakawat, Omar Sharif, Samiha Zaman, Aliyao Rao and Graham Thomas besides the well-known poets like Kaiser Haq, Aminur Rahman and Sudeep Sen, was distributed among the audience group. The book is edited by Sudeep Sen.

Cinema

Loss at home

Internationally acclaimed Iranian film industry ignored at home

AFP, Tehran

IRANIAN cinema, applauded in the West for its high artistic quality, is suffering at home from general disinterest and a lack of money, leaving many directors only interested in their audiences abroad, an MP said Wednesday.

"The crisis is made worse by the growing use of the Internet, CD-Rom or DVD (movies), and these are destroying our cinema,"

said Ali Asghar Sherdust, a member of the parliamentary cultural committee.

Last year, only 20 million cinema tickets were sold for a population of 64 million people, Sherdust added, quoted by the official news agency IRNA.

"There are more than 80 movie theater construction projects shelved because of financial problems," Sherdust went on to say, adding that "if nothing is done

to get our cinema out of this crisis our films will only be limited to international festivals."

He said the committee was holding consultations to remedy the situation.

Iran's directors, known for their subtle and artistic films, have captivated audiences in the West with their ability to express themselves while conforming to the constraints placed on them by their country's strict Islamic laws.

TV GUIDE

CHANNEL-i

7:10a.m. Music Plus
7:50 Amar gaan-er bulbuli
8:20 Shyamal Megher deshey
8:50 Talk show
9:20 Sanchita
9:50 Children's program
10:20 Music Plus
10:50 Amar gaan-er bulbuli
11:30 Shyamal megher deshey
12:00p.m. Talk show
12:30 Sanchita
1:00 Documentary
1:50 Bangla feature film
5:05 Documentary
5:40 Chithi pelaam
6:10 Music plus
6:45 Geetidhara
7:15 Channel I News
7:50 Tasmeri film world
8:30 Sargaam
9:00 Channel I News
9:30 Shongbadpotrey Bangladesh
9:45 Mobile quiz
9:50 Drama serial
10:25 Telequiz
10:30 Channel I News
11:25 Chithi pelaam
12:00 Channel I News

ATN BANGLA

5:30 Islamic Prog: Directed by Arkan Ullah Haruni
7:00 On the occasion of Kazi Nazrul Islam death anniversary: Sakal Belar Pakhee
7:35 Special drama on the occasion of Kazi Nazrul Islam death anniversary: Shilpee
8:00 ATN Bangla News
8:25 Special Musical Prog: Amare Debona Bhulethey
9:00 Special prog on the occasion of Kazi Nazrul Islam death anniversary: Chokeraker Nazrul
10:10 Special prog on the occasion of Kazi Nazrul Islam death anniversary: Harano Heya
10:50 Drama Serial: Netay Ganger Meya
11:15 Bengali feature film: Modhumita
12:00 ATN Bangla News
6:07 Health care prog: Sustha Thakun
6:45 Film song's prog: Surchhobi
7:00 ATN Bangla Evening News
7:35 Drama Serial: Note Fante
8:10 Talk show: Face to face
8:45 Musical Prog: Getesotodal
9:20 Development Prog: Unnayan Sangeet
10:00 ATN Bangla News
10:35 Drama Serial: Netay Ganger Meya
11:15 Bengali feature film: Attacher
11:30 ATN Bangla News

BBC WORLD

6:00 BBC News
6:30 World Business Report
7:00 BBC News
7:30 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
10:00 BBC News
10:30 World Business Report
11:00 BBC News
11:30 World Business Report
12:00 pm BBC News
12:30 World Business Report/Sport Today
1:00 BBC News
1:30 Click Online
2:00 BBC News
2:30 Hardtalk
3:00 BBC News
3:30 Earth Report
4:00 BBC News
4:30 Asia Today/World Business Report
5:00 BBC News
5:30 Hardtalk
7:00am Geet Bahar Sujata
7:30 Bollywood Beats
11:30 Patthar Ke Sanam
3:00 Geet Bahar Jhanak Jhanak
3:30 Payal Baaje
7:00 Bollywood Beats
7:30 Nature Fresh Rang Birangi-Kashmir Ki Kali
11:00 Karz Chukana Hai
7:30 Hum Saath Aath Hain
8:00 Aatma
9:00 Hit Filmein Hit Sangeet
9:30 Fox Kids-Daily
10:10 Hit Geet
10:25 Kya Film Kya Kya
11:00

10:30 Small Wonder
11:30 Meri Saheli
12:00pm Shanti
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 Zindagii Kay
4:00 Kumkum
4:30 Kabhii Sautan Kabhii Sahelii
5:00 Kora Kagaz
5:30 Hit Filmein Hit Sangeet
6:00 Small Wonder
6:30 Fox Kids Daily
7:20 Aaj Ki Baat
7:25 Kya Film Kay Geet
7:30 Kumkum-Pyara Sa Bandhan
7:55 Film Toppers
8:00 Hum Saath Aath Hain
8:30 Kalash
9:00 Kasautii Zindagii Kay
9:30 Kehta Hai Dil
10:30 Kahaani Ghar Ghar Kii
11:00 Kyunki Saas Bhi Kabhi Bahu Thi
11:30 Kaahin Kissii Roz
12:00 Film Toppers
12:05 Aaj Ki Baat
12:30a.m. Radical Jack
02:30 Maze
04:30 Turner and Surch
06:30 Young Guns li
08:30 Peril
10:15 Sister Act 2
12:00p.m. Houseguest
1:45 Maze
3:30 Exposure
5:00 Return To Me
7:00

TODAY'S HIGHLIGHTS

Star Movies: 7:00 p.m. Crimson Tide. The nuclear submarine Alabama, on a mission near Russian waters, gets an incomplete order that may or may not be the signal to launch nuclear weapons. Captain Ramsey wants to launch missiles, but must have the agreement of his second-in-command, Hunter.

HBO: 7:15 p.m. Truman. A telefilm biography about Harry S. Truman, the 33rd President of the United States. The story covers Truman's early political career, including his stints as a senator and vice-president, and later his triumphant defeat of Thomas Dewey to become chief of state.

Star Movies: 10:30 p.m. Peril. Terry (Morgan Fairchild) and her husband, desperate for money, go hiking to look for a hidden stash of money reputed to be in a local cave. Terry's husband is trapped in a drainage tube rapidly filling with water.

PICK OF THE DAY



The Little Rascals
On HBO at 10:00 p.m.
Spanky and his gang are back in this modern take on the favorite old comedy shorts from the 1920s and 30s. Back, too, is the "He-man Woman Haters Club", but now its very existence is threatened by one of its own members: Alfalfa has gone sweet on Darl.

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
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
11:57 Manoranjan

ALPHA TV BANGLA

7:00 Shyaola
7:30 Aalaap Bengali
8:00 Purobi Bangla
8:30 Gaan Unltd
9:10 Bharat Bhraman
9:30 Talk Jhaal Misti
10:00 Googly
10:30 Mathe Maidane
11:00 Bideshini Bodhu
11:30 Gaan Unltd
12:00 Chokh
12:30 Chena Mukher Shari
1:00 Nayantara
1:30 Ek Akasher Niche
2:00 Pratibimba
2:30 Kapalkundlia
5:00 Gaan Unltd.
5:30 Ingit
6:00 News in Bengali
6:30 Bideshini Bodhu
7:00 Shyaola
7:30 Bichitra
8:00 Pratibimba
8:30 Ek Akasher Niche
9:10 Chena Mukher Shari
9:50 Chokh
10:30 News in Bengali
11:00 Ingit
11:30 Nayantara
12:00 Shyaola

ZEE ENGLISH

7:00 Family Pride
7:30 Heartbreak High
8:30 Benny Hill Show
9:00 Three's Company
9:30 Kate & Allie
10:00 Gregory Hines Show
10:30 The Sopranos
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 Friends
3:00 Seinfeld
3:30 The Sopranos
4:30 Suddenly Susan
5:00 Mad About You
5:30 Heartbreak High
6:30 Full House
7:00 For Your Love
7:30 Seinfeld
8:00 Three's Company
8:30 Fresh Prince of Bel Air
9:00 Suddenly Susan
9:30 Veronica's Susan
10:00 Mad About You
10:30 Seinfeld
11:00 Friends
11:30 Homicide-Life on the Street
6:30 Doctor in Love
9:00 The Woman In White
11:30 Doctor in the House
2:00 To Kill For
4:30 Dream Lover
7:00 Blood Oath
9:30 Why Me?
7:00 Top of the Tops
7:30 Do Gulab
10:30 Asha
1:30 Ashant
5:15 Dadamoni (A Tribute to the Legend)
6:00 Anokha Bandhan (Zcn)
9:15 Kuch Lamhe Kuch Nagme
9:30 Ikke Pe Ikka

ZEE MUSIC

7:30 Sizzlers
8:00 Zee Music Box
8:30 Tara Rum (Zee Music)
9:30 Hit Pe Hit-A
10:30 Hit Mix
11:00 Taaza Maal
12:00 Artist Of The Fort-night
12:30 Hit Pe Hit
1:30 Zee Music Box
2:00 Jharokha
2:30 Tara Rum
3:30 Hit Mix
4:00 Hit Pe Hit
5:00 Dil Se - A (Zee Music)
5:30 Hit Mix
6:00 Zee Music Plus
7:00 Dil Se - A (Zee Music)
7:30 Hit Pe Hit
8:30 Zee Music Com
9:30 Sizzlers
10:00 Artist Of The Fort-night
10:30 Jharokha
11:00 Zee Music Box
11:30 Phoren Maal
7:00 Yoga For Life
7:20 Jagran
7:50 Zee Gym & Eat Healthy
8:20 News
8:30 Ardhangani
8:45 Yaadein Radio
9:00 Ceylon Ki
9:00 Nickelodeon
9:30 Nickelodeon
10:30 Hum Paanch
11:00 Kitne Kool Hain Hum
12:00 Justjoo
12:30 Kitty Party
1:00 Love Marriage
1:30 Koi Apna Sa
2:00 Kammal
2:30 Gharana
3:00 Dharmatma
6:30 Nickelodeon On Zee
7:00 Nickledeon
8:00 Kitne Kool Hain Hum

9:00 Radical Jack
10:30 Peril
7:30 Breakfast News English
8:00 Breakfast News Hindi
8:30 Breakfast News English
9:00 Breakfast News Hindi
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 Everybody Loves Raymond
12:30 Becker
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 Star News Asia
5:30 Frasier
6:00 JAG
6:55 Star News Update
7:00 The Pretender
8:00 Law & Order
9:00 Frasier
9:30 JAG
10:30 The Pretender
11:30 Law & Order
7:30 Breakfast News English
8:00 Breakfast News Hindi
8:30 Breakfast News English
9:00 Star News Hindi
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 Sports Tonight
7:30am Nat Geo Max
8:30 Scientific American Frontiers
9:30 People & Places
10:30 Dogs With Jobs
11:00 Human Edge
11:30 On The Edge
12:30pm N G Specials
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12:30 Jungli Jukebox
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2:30 Back To Back
3:00 Zabardast Hits
3:30 Back To Back
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NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC

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