

RECOMMENDATIONS

Group art show

Sept. 07-16
Artistes Laila Sharmin, Bipasha Hayat, Sarkar Nahid Niazi, Asma Sultana and Nadia Anjum exhibit their works at the art gallery of the Russian Cultural Center in the city that runs daily from 3 to 8 p.m.

Dance festival

September 15-17
Nriya Dhara, a dance institution hosts 'Bangladesh Dance Festival', a 3-day event that schedules to display dance disciplines of several origins from across the country, in cooperation with the Bengal Foundation. State Minister for Cultural Affairs, Begum Selima Rahman inaugurates the festival at Bangladesh National Museum.

Music CD launching

Sept. 14-15
Bengal Shilpalaya presents launching ceremony of two CDs, one of Nazrul songs by singer Yasmeen Mustan and the other of Raag songs by artiste Shanti Sharma. On each of the two days, the ceremonies will be followed by songs by the respective artistes. Both the events start at 7:00 p.m.

Cinema

Sept. 17-18
Eight shows, four each day, at 5, 6, 7 and 8 p.m., will be screened at the Goethe Institut at Dhanmondi in the city. The show will start through a cultural ceremony on September 12 at 6:30 p.m. and will continue till 9:00 p.m. The second day's proceedings will continue from 10:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Solo art exhibition

September 14-15
Artist Laila Sharmeen holds her solo art exhibition at Hyacinth Garden Gallery (Hse 8, Rd. 20, Sec #4) at Uttara Model Town in the city. The exhibition remains open from 4 to 7 p.m. Inaugural ceremony takes place on September 13 at 6:00 p.m. Ambassador of Sweden in Bangladesh, Borje Mattson opens the exhibition.

Fashion

September 12-13
Shatabdi presents an autumn exhibition of boutique saris and punjabi at Ariel center at Dhanmondi in the city. The show will start through a cultural ceremony on September 12 at 6:30 p.m. and will continue till 9:00 p.m. The second day's proceedings will continue from 10:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Exhibition

Wood, silence, and vibrant life

Works of five contemporary women artists exhibited at the Russian Cultural Centre

SAIFUL ISLAM

A fresh and unbiased perspective of life seemed to have preoccupied five contemporary women artists of Bangladesh at an exhibit of paintings at the Russian Cultural Centre, Dhaka. Asma Sultana Mita, Bipasha Hayat, Laila Sharmin, Sarkar Nahid Niazi Manna Nipu and Anjum Nadia came together at a group art exhibition in the city with divergent canvases.

The compositions of Laila Sharmeen are different from the other paintings in the exhibit. A perennial liquid form has drenched her canvas. Blue in all its variations has found its place. The pristine scenery of her canvas floats across a sky or on a river imbuing in it a dreamy softness. The artist's attachment to a world of peace is evident in the selection of titles for her works, Arcadia, Narcissist, Utopia, Golden Bangla; a selection that conglomerates the ideal worlds of

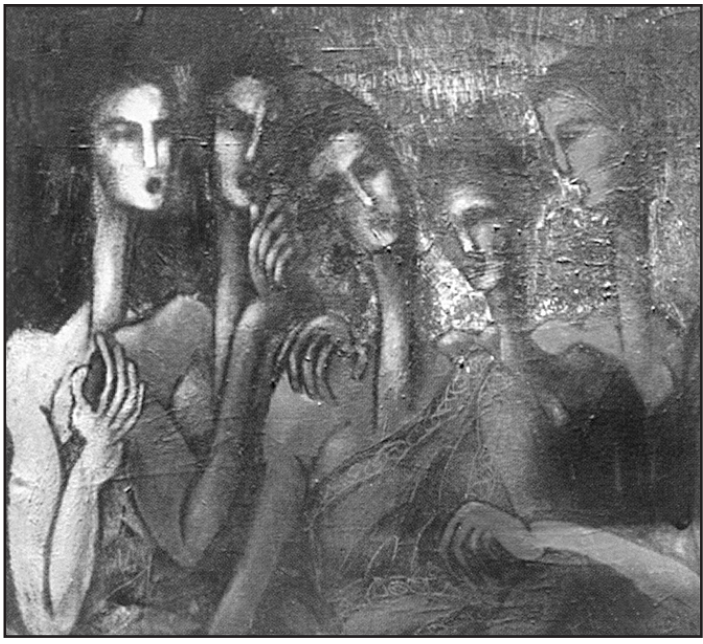


Arcadia/Laila Sharmeen

the west and the east. 'This world is losing its soft composition. In pain, my canvas, paintbrush and palette, seek colour from the green paddy fields,'

kash', henna, "dhundul" flowers, they seek solace from parrots, water hyacinths, butterflies and Prussian blue of the sky. This soft composition is my humanism, my idealism 'it's the artists roots, her love' said Laila pointing to the fact that she sees the world as a seer sees the future.

Anjum Nadia's series of works titled Fragile reveals the innovative mind of the artist. The gradual emergence of a facial outline takes place in the three paintings positioned side by side. One can only imagine the outlines of the eyes, nose and a mouth; on the canvas there are deformed shapes of a couple of eyes, a nose and a mouth that has seemingly smeared with each other. A pensive mood looms over the canvas. Fragile 2 which stands apart from the other two of the series for the use of vivacious colours. Fragile 3 sets smeared outlines of two faces in a fashion as if opposed to each other.



Maniera/Bipasha Hayat

Here the use of colour ushers in the dark sides of life. 'I deliberately kept the eyes closed, there are so many crimes going on each day, we just endure the injustices, as if we are blind. The facial outlines bring in masks,' said Nadia.

Bipasha Hayat's easel digs deep in to the psychology of women. Her studies of women seem to be a bit influenced by 17th century Italian Maniera style, a little apart from realism, a moving away from the clear and balanced towards the more complex and emotional style, perhaps characterized by distortion. The colour is not clear, a haze loom over Maniera to characterize the complexity, the turmoil. The approach is dramatic, and faces are saturated with tension.

Sarkar Nahid Niazi Manna Nipu seemed obsessed with wood. The painting exhibitions she had participated in a last few months showed her study with wood. Here again she has come up with wood, the charac-

ters like human beings in her canvas are woody too, hands are like slender pieces of varnished wood, faces are without eyes, or nose or mouth. Two women face each other with faces like woody shapes. Actually she has taken wood as a style, and the almost identical nature her works take today are due to the deep analysis of wood that she has been occupied with.

Asma Sultana Mita's approach to life and the world seemed to be soaked in melancholy and abjection. Her Death of Innocence 3 studies the grave, death, and decay. Here two toppled crosses and furrowed land are shown, with an insidious atmosphere lurking over, as if graves have been exhumed and a new dead body buried there. A shape of a black palm peeping out from a hole, the fingers are spread out to catch any last support that may come forward. Such symbolic notions are also present in her other paintings.



Death of Innocence-3/Asma Sultana

Music

Fans await a grand finale

Benson & Hedges Star Search 2002 final event to be held today

AZIZ AMIRUL

AFTER a moderate wait since mid-2002, when the preliminary rounds kicked off in the port city, music fans, specially, band music connoisseurs drench their thirst of getting to know the final outcome of this year's Benson & Hedges Star Search program when the grand final begins with a bang at the Winter Garden ballroom of Sheraton hotel in the city.

Fans would be provided gratification through presentation of eleven new bands those arrive here after crossing preliminary hurdles to reach the last stage along with four solo finalists. The preliminary rounds have been held at a number of venues in Chittagong, Rajshahi, Khulna and Dhaka in between August 10 and 21. Earlier, the organizers placed preliminary application forms at various select restaurants, eateries and retail outlets of the country. In addition, advertisements had also been placed along with the form in the print and electronic media. Live auditions have been taken at the divisional venues with a five-day rigorous examination in Dhaka.

A total of 290 performers, of both solo and group have been taken audition of, those include, after

breaking down in figures, 145 from Dhaka, 43 from Chittagong, 51 from Khulna, 39 from Rajshahi and 12 from Sylhet.

Members of the jury panels have reviewed recorded tapes of the audition as well have gone through the filled-in forms to pick out the best fifteen finalists. The bands who have made to the 'big league' are Dhruvo, Subconscious and Ebong Sri Sri from Dhaka, Fusion, Orchid, Warrior, Recent, Triangle and Sound Vibration from Chittagong, Chorus from Khulna and Salvation from Rajshahi. The four soloists are Nigar Sultana from Khulna, Ashfaqul Bari Rumon from Rajshahi, Beauty Das from Chittagong and Raju Ahmed from Dhaka.

The categories in which the aspirants will be awarded this year are for Best Band, Best vocalist, Best solo vocalist, Best guitarist, Best Bassist, Best keyboard player, Best percussionist, Best lyricist, Best composer and Best (other) instrumentalist.

The event, as like in previous years, has been kept restricted among adult invited guests with absolutely no admission or participation to persons under 18.

The program is scheduled to begin at 4:00 p.m.



Subconscious from Dhaka

TV GUIDE

CHANNEL-i

- 1:35p.m. Ham'd & Naat
2:00 Satyar sondhaney
2:50 Double mazaa
5:05 Documentary
5:35 Children's program
6:10 Music Plus
6:45 Baro mash-er ranna
7:15 Channel I News
8:00 Sajai swapna ghar
8:30 Songs
9:00 Channel I News
9:30 Shongbadpotrey Bangladesh
9:45 Mobile quiz
10:00 Raven
10:30 Channel I News
11:15 Baro mash-er ranna
12:00a.m. Channel I News
ATN BANGLA
5:30 Islamic Prog
7:00 Islamic Prog: Sundor Jeebaner Jannee
7:35 Film based prog: Cine Magazine
8:00 ATN Bangla News
8:25 Music prog: Music Time
9:00 Mage Serial "Kun Semanay Mukte"
10:10 Musical Prog
11:50 Islamic prog.
12:00 ATN Bangla News
12:30 Islamic Prog: Band
12:30 ATN Bangla News Headlines
3:30 Bengali feature film : Chawa Theke Pawa
Children prog : Cholo Gan Gai
7:00 ATN Bangla Evening News
7:35 Mage serial: Mohine
8:10 Film Songs: Surchobi
8:25 Tasmery Kechokhon
9:30 Drama : Abashese
10:00 ATN Bangla News
10:35 Musical prog : Band By Demand
11:05 A special prog: On Dr Ibrahim Death Anniversary
12:00 Bengali Feature Film : Griholokkhi

HBO

- 6:30 Death Benefit
8:15 Alien Cargo
10:00 The Baby-Sitters Sangeet
12:00 The Craft
2:00 Dead Ahead
4:00 Fly Away Home
6:15 If Lucy Fell
8:15 Operation Sandman
10:00 Sleepy Hollow
12:15 The Accused
2:30 Fly Away home
4:45 The Craft
BBC WORLD
6:00am 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
12:00pm BBC News
12:30 World Business Report/Sport Today
BBC News
1:00 Talking Movies
1:30 BBC News
2:00 BBC News
2:30 Hardtalk
3:00 BBC News
3:30 Money
Prog/Panorama
4:00 BBC News
4:30 Asia Today/World Business Report
5:00 BBC News
5:30 Hardtalk
STAR PLUS
7:30 Shaka Laka Boom Boom
8:00 Aatma
9:00 Hit Filmein Hit Sangeet
9:30 Fox Kids Daily
10:10 Hit Geet
10:25 Kya Film Kya Geet
10:30 Small Wonder
11:00 Hasna Mat
11:30 Meri Saheli
12:00 Shanti
12:30 Hit Filmein Hit Sangeet
Kalash
1:00 Film Toopers
1:25 Breakfast News
1:30 Eena Meena Deeka
2:00 Ek Mulaqat
2:30 Star Bestseller
3:00 Chhupe Chehre
4:00 Jubilee Plus

- 4:30 Krishna Arjun
5:00 Kora Kaagaz
5:30 Hit Filmein Hit Sangeet
6:00 Shaka Laka Boom Boom
6:30 Fox Kids
7:10 Aaj Ki Baat
7:25 Kya Film Kya Geet
7:30 Gharwali Uparwali Film Toppers
8:00 Shaka Laka Boom Boom
8:30 Best of Kaun Banega Crorepati
9:30 Khullja Sim Sim
10:30 Sshhhhh... Koi Hai ...
11:30 Avinash IPS
12:05 Aaj Ki Baat
STAR GOLD
7:00 Geet Bahar Navrang
7:30 Bollywood Beats
11:00 Ika Pe Ika
11:30 Geet Bahar Anuraag
7:00 Bollywood Beats Shaandaar Shukrawaar Laila Majnu
11:30 Avtaar
STAR WORLD
7:00 Oprah Winfrey Show
8:00 Da Vincis Inquest
9:00 Buffy The Vampire Slayer
10:00 Angel
11:00 Oprah Winfrey Show
11:58 STAR Asia Travel
12:00 NYPD Blue
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 World's Wildest Police Videos
6:55 Asia News Upd
7:00 Nash Bridges
8:00 Traders
9:00 Frasier
9:30 World's Wildest Police Videos
10:30 Nash Bridges
11:30 Traders
STAR NEWS
6:00 Star News Hindi
6:30 Newshour
7:30 Breakfast News English
8:00 Breakfast News Hindi
9:30 Star News English

TODAY'S HIGHLIGHTS

CHANNEL-i: 6:45 p.m. Baro mash-er ranna. The program highlights on seasonal recipes and provides tips on the menus of a wide range. This episode presents recipes on egg fry, fish cake and potato bhaji. Lipika Biswas is the guest of each episode. This episode also presents mince meat, chicken fry and cooking of gourd, a vegetable. Anisul Haq speaks on nutritional values and on calory.

STAR MOVIES: 7:00 p.m. Big Momma's house. An FBI agent who goes undercover in the Deep South. Lawrence portrays Malcolm Turner, a master of disguise whose talent is tested to its fullest when he confronts his latest case. Confident that a dangerous bank robber and fugitive is setting his sights his ex-girlfriend, Sherry (Nia Long), Turner must slip into the large shoes of Sherry's grandmother and figure out a way to crack the case. This comic romp is from editor-turned-director Raja Gosnell.

- 10:00 Star News Hindi
6:00 Star Khel
6:30 Bollywood News
7:00 Star Bazaar Hindi
7:30 Saat Baje Hindi
8:00 Hotline
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
12:00 Star News Hindi
CHANNEL [V]
8:00 [V] Back to Back
8:30 [V] Jumpstart
9:30 [V] Hit Machine
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10:30 [V] Hit Machine
11:00 [V] Back to Back
11:30 [V] Hit Machine
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12:30 [V] Jungli Jukebox
1:00 [V] FDFS
1:30 [V] Hit Machine
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3:00 [V] Zabardast Hits
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4:00 [V] Hit Machine
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11:30 [V] Hit Machine
12:00 [V] Back to Back
6:30 Nat Geo Max
8:30 Dogs With Jobs
9:00 Human Edge
9:30 On The Edge
10:30 Sci-Files
11:30 People & Places
12:30 Dogs With Jobs
1:00 Human Edge
1:30 On The Edge
2:30 Toyota World Of Wildlife
3:00 Wild
3:30 Nat Geo Max
4:30 Sci-Files
5:30 People & Places
6:30 Dogs With Jobs
7:00 Human Edge
7:30 On The Edge
8:30 Toyota World of Wildlife
8:30 Wild
9:30 Nat Geo Max
10:00 Sci-Files
11:30 People & Places
AXN
6:30 Movie: Shark Attack
8:30 Motorworld
9:30 Sheena II
10:30 18 Wheels of Justice Caged
11:30 The Immortal Forest For The Trees
12:30 Courage
1:30 Sheena II
2:30 Movie: shark Attack
4:30 The Green Hornet
5:30 Courage

PICK OF THE DAY

Mission to Mars
On Star Movies at 5:00 p.m.
After the first manned mission to Mars ends in a mysterious catastrophe, a new crew is assembled and sent into space to track down the missing astronaut and find out what really transpired. The crew includes a recently widowed husband, a married couple, and a fresh-faced upstart. Brian De Palma's big-budget thriller is aided greatly by its overflowing star power--in the form of the actors--as well as its spectacular visual effects.

- 10:30 Bhalobasa Mondobasa
11:30 Bideshini Bodhu
11:30 Gaan Unltd.
12:00 Spandan
12:30 Ananya
1:00 Nayantara
1:30 Ek Akasher Niche
2:00 Pratibimba
2:30 Ujaan
5:00 Gaan Unltd.
5:30 Ek Palak
6:00 News In Bengali
6:30 Bideshini Bodhu
7:00 Ek Palak
7:30 Mon Nibe
8:00 Pratibimba
8:30 Ek Akasher Niche
9:10 Ananya
9:50 Spandan
10:30 News In Bengali
11:00 Ek Palak
11:30 Nayantara
12:00 Ebar Jombe Mawja
ZEE CINEMA
7:30 Lamboo Dada
10:30 Jawani Diwani
1:30 Kaili Topi Laal Rumal
5:30 Cine News
5:30 Julie
9:00 Top Of The Tops
9:30 Girtar
ZEE MGM
9:00 Millennium
11:30 Doctor at Sea
2:00 Separate Ways
4:00 Secret Admirer
7:00 California Casanova
9:30 Number one Fan
ZEE ENGLISH
6:00 Benny Hill Shoe
6:30 Capitol
7:00 Family Pride
7:30 Heartbreak High
8:30 Benny Hill Shoe
9:00 Three's Company
9:30 Kate & Allie
10:00 Jesse
10:30 La Femme Nikita
11:00 Full House
12:30 Fresh Prince of Bel Air
Veronica's closet
Royal Canadian Air Farce
1:30 Benny Hill Show
2:00 Three's Company
2:30 Friends
3:00 Seinfeld
3:30 La Femme Nikita
4:30 Suddenly Susan
5:00 Mad About YOU
5:30 Heartbreak High
6:30 Full House
7:00 Movie Stars
7:30 Seinfeld
8:00 Three's Company
8:30 Fresh Prince of Bel-Air
9:00 Suddenly Susan
9:30 Veronica's Closet
10:00 Mad About You
10:30 Seinfeld

- 11:00 Friends
11:30 Black Scorpion
ZEE MUSIC
6:30 Zee Music Box
7:30 Sizzlers
8:00 Zee Music Box
8:30 Dil Se
9:00 Sizzlers
9:30 Ujaan
10:30 Hit Pit Hit
11:00 Zee Music Plus
12:00 Dialogue
12:30 Hit Pit Hit
1:30 Zee Music Box
2:00 Jharokha
2:30 Tara Rum
3:30 Just Jammin
4:00 Zee Music Plus
5:00 Dialogue
5:30 Hit mix
6:00 Zee Music Plus
7:00 Compact Disc
7:30 Zee Music Plus
8:30 RAAAH
9:30 First Take/Sizzlers
10:00 Dil Se
10:30 Jharokha
11:00 Zee Music Plus
11:30 Phonren Maal
HALL MARK
6:00 Nurses on the Line
8:00 Journey Of The Heart
10:00 The Young Riders
1:00 Touched by an Angel
2:00 Sesame Street
3:00 Scholastic Clifford
3:30 Caillou
4:00 The Young Riders
5:00 Star Trek: Voyager
6:00 Touched by an Angel
7:00 Taking A Chance On Love
9:00 Star Trek: Voyager
10:00 The Inspectors
12:00 Steve Martin's Undue Influence
ANIMAL PLANET
7:00 Animal Doctor
7:30 World of Horses
8:30 The Aquanauts
8:30 Animal Planet Safari
9:30 Weird N Wonderful Friday
11:00 The Jeff Corwin Experience
12:00 Vets on the Wild Side
12:30 Animal Hospital
1:00 Vet's School
1:30 Wild Rescues
2:00 Champions of the Wild IV
2:30 Cats
3:00 Animal Planet Safari
4:00 Animal Doctor
4:30 Weird N Wonderful Friday
6:00 Shark Gordon
6:30 O'Shea's Big

- 7:00 Adventure
7:30 Vets on the Wild Side
7:30 World of Horses
8:00 Animal Planet Safari
9:00 Svage Wilderness
10:00 Animal Doctor II
10:30 Weird N Wonderful Friday
12:00 Shark Gordon
DISCOVERY
7:30 Crocodile Hunter
8:30 Wild Discovery
9:30 Lonely Planet V
10:30 Friday Showcase
12:30 Woman's Hour : A Makeover Story
Diet Busters
1:00 Wild Discovery
2:30 Crocodile Hunter
3:30 Discovery Kids : So You Want To Be?
4:30 Action Zone : History of Football
5:30 Lonely Planet V
6:30 Crocodile Hunter
7:30 Family Time : Wild Discovery
8:30 Friday Showcase
10:30 Discovery Civilisation
11:30 After Midnight
12:00 Casino Diaries
SONY
6:30 Music Mantra
7:00 Dil Ka Dwar Khol
7:30 Amrit Varsha
8:00 Sant AsaramVani
8:30 Charbusters
9:00 Good Morning Disney
10:00 Music Mantra
10:30 Bournvita Quiz Contest
11:00 Shree Ganesh
12:00 Malgudi Days
12:30 Pehchaan
1:00 Kkusum
1:30 Kanyadaan
2:30 Lajja
2:30 Milan
3:00 Hum Pardesi Ho Gaye
3:30 Thoda Hai... Thoda Ki Zurrat Hai
4:00 Just Mohabbat
4:30 Alpaviram
5:00 Krishna
5:30 Disney Hour
6:30 Charbusters
8:00 Music Mantra
8:30 Boogie Woogie
9:00 Par Is Di Ko Kaise Samjaye
9:30 Kkusum
10:00 Heena
10:30 CID
11:00 Achanak 37 Saal Baad
11:30 Bhanwar
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