RECOMMENDATIONS

Solo painting
Sept. 15 - 30
Artist Sadrul Hassan Rafi's solo exhibition continues at Alliance Francaise in the city and is open daily from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. & from 5 to 8 p.m. The show opens on today at 6:30 p.m.

Art Exhibition
September 13 - 25
Charcoal, a contemporary artists' group holds an art exhibition at the Alliance Francaise gallery at Mirpur road in the city that continues daily from 4 to 8 p.m.

Dance festival
September 15 -17
Nritya 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 Affaires, 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 Mustari 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.

Six celebrated artists' show
Sept. 20 Oct. 7
Akku Chowdhury hosts art exhibition of 6 celebrated artists of the country, Jamal Ahmed, Kanak Champa Chakma, Khalid Mahmud Mithu, Saidul Islam Juise, Fareha Zeba and Nisar Hossain at La Galerie, Kemal Ataturk Avenue. The show remains open daily from 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 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, of 'Shei rater kotha boltey eshechi' (Tale of the darkest night), directed by Kawsar Chowdhury, on beta format video. Entry cards are available at the institute's reception counter.

Music

Benson & Hedges' blessings for beginners

One & Only Star Search 2002 presents a glittering finale at the Sheraton Hotel

AZIZ AMIRUL

AN atmosphere of an electrifying nature prevailed at the Winter Garden throughout the evening of September 13. This was the venue of the final event of Benson & Hedges' One & Only Star Search 2002, a promotional band music contest that is held annually with open selection from across the country.

Eleven bands and four solo vocalists, who had earlier crossed preliminary barriers at district levels, appeared before the jam-packed auditorium and performed two songs each.

'Abong Sristy', a group of four performers, arrived first on stage to perform. This band, that originated in Dhaka,likes to play two kinds of music, rock with fusion and pure hard rock. 'We are influenced by the spirit of Bon Jovi', said one of the members.

'Warrior', a soft rock band, coming from Chittagong, who are motivated by local icons like Ayub Bacchu and James, performed next.

Subconscious: A champion band

Nigar Sultana Shumi took control of things on stage, being the first of the four solo vocalists to appear before the audience. A singer with inclination of style towards rock and fusion, Shumi, from Khulna division, had basic trainings in classical music.

The fourth contender to step up on the stage was 'Salvation', a rock-based band from Rajshahi. Greatly influenced by seniors like 'L.R.B.' and 'Deep Purple', 'Salvation' aimed at good tunes.

Comprising of seven members, a Chittagonian group, 'The sound vibration musician team' performed two folk and contemporary numbers.

Once again, it was the turn of a solo performer and this time, Beauty Das, a young female artiste of modern songs from Chittagong reached the finals. Being a winner of two national awards, she seemed quite confident at the final of Benson & Hedges event.

'Fusion: Purba-Poschim', from Dhaka, gave a big surprise when a five-member band played instrumental composition of semi-classical and fusion type with a touch of jazz and rock. The main attraction of the team remained centered on a flautist, the band's main performer, Zubair Malik.

'Dhruba', a band from Dhaka, presented an alternative, rock and rock-n'-roll, and comprised of four members.

Based in Khulna, 'Chorus' seemed attracted to tasteful lyrics and soft melodies.. 'Music, to us, is a second nature', said the 'Chorus' members.

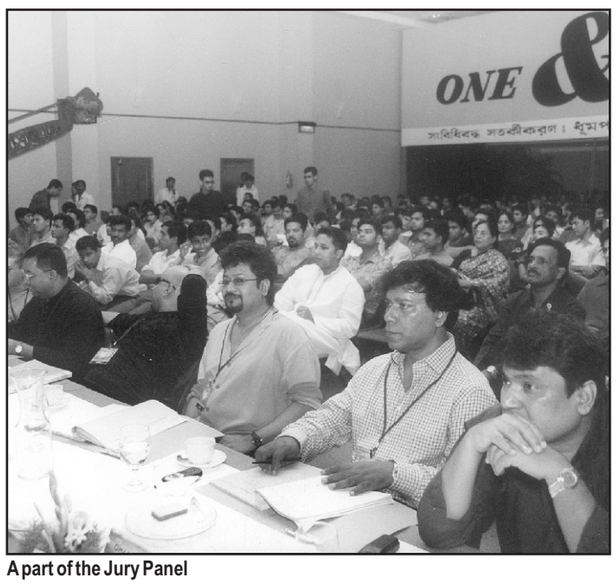
Yet another solo performer from Rajshahi, Ashfaqul Bari Rumon, performed a couple of reggae and soft rock numbers with suavity. M. Shamsuzzaman, another soloist from North Bengal, soon followed. He performed soft melodious songs.

Bands, 'Triangle' and 'Recent', both from the port city, arrived on stage with their rock and semi-soft compositions. The last band of the show was 'Orchid' was also from Chittagong and who seemed quite apt.

Before 'Orchid"s arrival, came the hot favourites, 'Subconscious', a band from Dhaka that comprised of five members. They performed intense punk rock and fusion numbers. The band was named as the best band of the evening, hence, of the overall Star Search program.

The evening's schedule stretched till past 10:00 p.m. due to some fine treats from former Star Search winners including singers Mimi Farhana Huq and Ariful Islame, in addition to 'Vikings' and 'Shaptak', two renowned bands of the present time. The extravaganza ended through the declaration of the winning list that gave away awards to ten entrants in the form of soloists and bands, but not before a show was presented by members of the Jury Panel - Ayub Bacchu, Foad Nasser, Neo Mendis, Feisal Siddiky, Omar Khaled Rumi and Naquib Khan through their special 'jamming' session.

Apart from 'Subconscious', that won the award for best band, the other winners, in category, were Rajshahi-based Ashfaqul Bari Rumon for best soloist and also for best lyricist, Beauty Das for best vocalist, Johan Alamgir of 'Subconscious' for best guitarist, Kamrul Hassan of 'Warrior' for best bassist, Ruptanu Das Sharma of 'The sound vibration musician team' for best keyboard player, Zubair Malik of 'Fusion: Purbo-Poschim' for best instrumentalist, Tony Vincent Gomes for best percussionist and the band, 'Warrior' for best musical composition.


A part of the Jury Panel

Soloist Ashfaqul Bari Rumon records fine victory

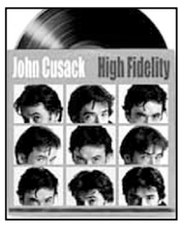
Beauty Das: Champion from Chittagong

Dance festiva

3-day long Bangladesh Dance Festival kicks off at National Museum in the city from today, to be hosted by Nritya Dhara, a local dance organisation

TV GUIDE

TODAY'S HIGHLIGHTS



STAR MOVIES: 7:00 p.m. ***High Fidelity***. A male-perspective confessional about being an adultbut not acting like one--HIGH FIDELITY is the story of Rob Gordon, the thirtysomething owner of Championship Vinyl, a record store in the suburbs of Chicago. Rob is in the throes of a difficult breakup with his girlfriend Laura (Iben Hjejle), and he creates a list of the ex-girlfriends who qualify as his Top Five Worst Breakups, then tracks them down one by one.

STAR MOVIES: 7:00 p.m. ***Harrison's flowers.*** True love doesn't hesitate.... and Sarah was surviving on the focus of that love. Immersing herself into a world she never fathomed, Sarah embarks on a perilous journey to find Harrison, her husband, colleague and father of their two children.

HBO: 3:00 p.m. ***Sudden terror: The hijacking of school bus # 17***. The plot of the movie is based on tension-filled story of a female bus driver who faces terrifying situation when her bus loaded with a group of specially-abled school children is taken over by an insane person who carries a bag full of explosives.

PICK OF THE DAY

Scarface
On HBO at 9:30 p.m.
The plot is splattered with high adrenaline and blood and is a virtual Hawaiian shirt of machismo. A Cuban hustler who immigrates to Miami in the infamous 1980 refugee boatlift wills his way to the top of a cocaine cartel by being more violent than anyone else can possibly imagine--the same drive that leads him to the top ultimately causes his downfall.

CHANNEL-i
1:50p.m. Bangla feature film
5:05 Documentary
5:35 Dristipaat
6:10 Music Plus
6:50 Boithoki
7:15 Channel I News
8:00 Unnayan manusher jonnyo
8:30 Drama
9:00 Channel I News
9:30 Shongbadpotrey Bangladesh
9:45 Mobile quiz
10:00 Amar cchabi
10:30 Channel I News
11:15 Dristipaat
12:00a.m. Channel I News

ATN
5:30 "Islamic Prog
7:00 Children Prog: Shapla Shaluk
7:35 Viewers request film songs prog : Anurodher Assor
8:00 ATN Bangla News
8:25 Mage Serial: Mohine
9:00 Reporting prog: Ghotona Probhah
9:35 Magazine: Rang Ar Mela
10:10 Drama serial: Aradona
12:00 ATN Bangla News
2:05 Film song's prog: Surchobi
2:30 ATN Bangla News Headlines
2:45 Bengali feature film: "Barho Ma"
5:50 Musical prog: ATN Music
6:25 Musical prog: Dutora Basher Kanna Hashe
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9:10 Musical prog: Music Time
10:00 ATN Bangla News
10:35 Musical prog: Sether Pata Thekhe
11:10 Musical prog:
11:30 ATN Bangla News
12:00 Bengali feature film: Desh Premic

HBO
6:30 Final Jeopardy
8:30 Sense and Sensibity
11:15 The Hunted
1:15 A Night At the Roxbury
3:00 Sudden Terror the Hijacking of School Bus
5:00 Summer School
7:00 The Mummy
9:30 Scarface
12:45 Child's Play **2**
2:30 A Night At the Roxbury
4:15 Troop Bevery Hills

BBC WORLD
6:00 BBC News
6:30 Holiday
7:00 BBC News
7:30 Simpson
8:00 BBC News
8:30 Correspondent
9:00 BBC News
9:30 This Week
10:00 BBC News
10:30 Mastermind India
11:00 BBC News
11:30 India Business Report
12:00 BBC News
12:30 Commando!
1:00 BBC News
1:30 Face to Face
2:00 BBC News
2:30 This Week
3:00 BBC News
3:30 Horizon
4:00 BBC News
4:30 Click Online
5:00 BBC News
5:30 Simpsons

STAR MOVIES
7:00 Toys
9:00 The World is Not Enough
11:15 Wall Street
1:15 Mighty Joe Young
3:15 Give Me a Break
4:45 The World is Not Enough
7:00 Cookies Fortune
9:00 Ive Been Waiting For You
10:30 Toys
12:30 Mission to Mars

STAR PLUS
6:30 Geetmala
7:30 Aatma
8:30 Gurukul
9:30 Jai Mata Ki
10:30 Yatra
11:00 Boi Baby Bol
11:30 Chalti Ka Naam Antakshiri
12:25 Kya Film Kya Geet
12:30 Chhupa Rustam
1:00 Musafir Hoon Yaroon
1:30 Mirch Masala
2:00 Hit Filmein Hit Sangeet
2:30 Mail Milap
2:30 Pyar Ka Mandir
6:00 Hit Filmein Hit Sangeet
6:30 Fox Kids Sunday
7:25 Kya Film Kya Geet
7:30 Cine Jharokha Special
8:00 Jubilee Plus
8:30 Star Mast Movie : Bandhan
12:00 Hit Filmein Hit Sangeet

STAR GOLD
7:00 Geet Bahar
8:00 Shakuntala (Jayshree, Chandramohan)
11:00 Bollywood Beats
11:30 Kuch Yaadein Kuch Baatein Rati Agnihotri
12:00 Geet Gaata Chal Maaza Sunday Noon Show: Laawaris (Akshaye Khanna, Manisha Koirala, Jackie Shroff)
4:00 Jugnu (Dharmendra, Hema Malini)
7:00 Bollywood Beats
7:30 Sunday Blockbusters Lahu Ke Do Rang (Vinod Khanna, Shabana Azmi)
11:00 Kuch Yaadein Kuch Baatein Johny Walker
11:30 Sanjog (Amitabh Bachchan, Mala Sinha)

STAR WORLD
7:00am Billboard Us Countdown
9:00 The Lost World
10:00 Ally Mcbeal
11:00 The Practice
12:00pm Mutant X
1:00 Buffy The Vampire Slayer
2:00 Angel
3:00 Kids Say The Darndest Things
3:30 Travel Asia
4:00 Baywatch Hawaii
5:00 Futurama
5:30 3rd Rock From The Sun
6:00 Star News Focus Asia
6:30 IHT World
7:00 The X Files
8:00 Star Trek The Next Generation
9:00 Rendezvous With Simi Garewal
9:30 Star News Focus Asia
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STAR NEWS
7:30 The Big Fight
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1:00 Reality Bites
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5:30 Star News (E)
6:00 Star News (H)
6:30 The Big Fight
7:30 Saat Baje Hindi
8:00 Star Talk
8:30 We The People
9:30 Star News Sunday
10:30 Star Revivaar
11:30 Star News (E)
12:00am STAR Talk

CHANNEL [V]
8:00 [V] Back To Back
8:30 [V] Best of Jumpstart
9:30 [V] Sunday Stack
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9:00 [V] Sunday Stack
9:30 [V] Weekends
10:30 Billboard US Countdown
11:30 [V] Chosen One It's All About Shakira

NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC
7:30 Saturday Unlimited
8:30 Nat Geo Genius
9:00 Human Edge
9:30 Adventure One
10:30 One Day,One World
11:30 National Geographic Classics
12:30pm Nat Geo Genius
1:00 Human Edge
1:30 Adventure Starts Here
2:30 Mummy Road Show
3:00 Tales from the living Dead
3:30 National Geographic Special
4:30 Journey of Life
5:30 Best of The Week
6:30 Nat Geo Genius
7:00 Human Edge
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6:30 Guinness World Records : Primetime
7:30 Queen of Sword Death to the King
8:30 Who Dares Wins
9:30 The Right Stuff
10:30 VIP
11:30 Alias So It Begins
12:30 Fear Factor
1:30 Guinness World Records : Primetime
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4:30 Motorworld
5:30 VIP
6:30 Alias So It Begins
7:30 Fear Factor
8:30 Guinness World Records : Primetime
9:30 Sun Action Heroes Premiere Movie: Red Team
11:30 Alias So It Begins

HALLMARK
6:00 The Prince And The Pauper
8:00 Katts and Dog
8:30 Ghostwriter
9:00 Sesame Street
10:00 Scholastic Clifford
10:30 Caillou
11:00 Trail of Tears
1:00 Nurses on the Line
3:00 Zelly and Me
5:00 Star Trek: Voyager
6:00 The Guardian
7:00 Laurie Lee's Cider with Rosie
9:00 Star Trak : Voyager
10:00 Lord of Misrule

ZEE TV
7:00 Yoga For Life
7:40 Jagran
7:50 Zee Gym
8:30 Nick On Zee
9:00 Nick On Zee
9:30 Ramayan
10:30 Mahabharat
11:30 Thief of Baghdad
12:30 Gubbare
1:30 Top of the Tops
2:00 Khana Khazana
2:30 Zee & You
3:00 Rajaji
6:30 Nick On Zee
7:00 Nick On Zee
8:00 Niilaam Ghar-Bid id Boom
8:30 Rishtey The Love Stories
9:30 Sansaar
10:30 X Zone
11:30 Top of the Tops
12:00 Tele Brands

ZEE NEWS
6:00 News RPT
6:30 Religious Prog
7:00 RPT
7:30 Bulletin
10:00 RPT
10:30 Special Correspondent
11:00 Bulletin
11:30 Dream Destination
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7:30 News At **7**
8:00 Bulletin
8:30 Encounter
9:00 Metro News
9:30 News At **9**
10:00 Inside Story
10:30 ISS Waqt
11:00 Din Bhar
11:30 World View

ZEE CINEMA
7:30 Veer Chatrarsal
10:30 Do Raaste
1:30 Viewers Choice
5:00 Ikke Pe Ikka
5:30 Kali Topi Laal Rumal
9:00 Weekend Cinema
10:00 Ghayal

ZEE MUSIC
7:30 Sizzlers
8:00 Zee Music Box
8:30 Best of The Best
9:30 Hit Pe hit
10:30 Hit Mix
11:00 RAAH
12:00 Compact Disc
12:30 Hit Pe Hit
1:30 Zee Music Box
3:30 Jharokha
2:30 Tara Rum
3:30 Artist of the Fortnight
4:00 Zee Music Box
5:00 Dil Se
5:30 Hit Mix
6:00 Zee Music Plus
7:00 Dialogue
7:30 Zee Music Box
8:30 Best Of The Best
9:30 Sizzlers
10:00 Just Jammin
10:30 Jharokha
11:00 Zee Music Box
11:30 Phoren Maal

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8:30 Gaan Unltd.
9:00 Bharat Bhraman
9:30 Hiyar Majhe
10:00 Saptahik Bhagya Chakra
10:30 Saat No. Atmahatya
11:00 Nilu Hazrar Hatya Rahasya
11:30 Ranna Ghar
12:00 Bhowanipurer Chattujera
12:30 Swapnoneel
1:00 Goyenda Paribar
1:30 Saregama
2:30 Maya Mrigya
5:00 Saptahik Bhagya Chakra
5:30 Mathe Maidane
6:00 News In Bengali
6:30 Shudhu Tomake Chai
7:00 Googly
7:30 Phire Dekha -- Telechobi
9:10 Saat No. Atmahatya
9:50 Nilu Hazrar Hatya Ras
10:30 News in Bengali
11:00 Chena Mukh Achena Manush
11:30 Shudhu Tomake Chai
12:00 Abisasywa

ZEE MGM
6:30 Doctor in Clover
9:00 Shadow of the Cobra
11:30 Doctor in Distress
2:00 Liebestraum
4:30 Malone
7:00 Late for Dinner
9:30 Traffic

ZEE ENGLISH
6:00 Benny Hill Shoe
6:30 Mini Series : Nothing Lasts Forever
7:30 Heartbreak High
8:30 Royal Canadian Air Farce
9:00 Homicide Life on the Street
10:00 Mowgli
10:30 Charlie Chaplin
11:00 Over the Edge
11:30 Police Academy
12:30 Black Scorpion
1:30 Zee English Happy Hour
2:30 La Femme Nikita
3:30 Mini Series : Nothing Lasts Forever
4:30 The Sopranos
5:30 Heartbreak High
6:30 For Your Love
7:00 ER
8:00 Living Single
8:30 Jesse
9:00 Friends **8**
9:30 Touched by an Angel
10:30 The West Wing/Picture This
11:30 Friends **8**/Picture This
12:00 Movie Stars

SONY
6:30 Music Mantra
7:00 Chartbusters
7:30 Sant Asaram Vani
8:00 Shri Krishna
9:00 Shree Ganesh
10:00 Music Mantra Indian Holi
10:30 Hum Sab Ek
11:00 Choodiya
11:30 Shaheen
12:00 Challenge
12:30 Pehchaa
1:00 Kkusum
1:30 Kanyadaa
2:00 Lajja
2:30 Milan
3:00 Hum Pardes Gaye
3:30 Thoda Hai... Thod Zarurat
4:00 Choti S
4:30 Sparsh
5:00 Jaane Kah
5:00 Jaane Kahan Mera Jigar Gaya jee
5:30 C.A. T.S
6:00 Dil Vil Pyaar Vyaar
6:30 Disney Hour
7:30 Charbusters
8:00 Music Mantra
8:30 Boogie Woogie
9:00 Par Is Dil ko Kaise Samjaye
9:30 Kkusum
10:00 Heena
10:30 CID
11:00 Achanak **37** Saal Baad
11:30 Bhanwar
12:00 Kaun Apna Kaun paraya

ANIMAL PLANET
7:00 The Jeff Corwin Experience
8:00 Wild Rescue III
8:30 Natural World
9:30 Save on Sunday
11:00 Animals A-Z
11:30 Walk on the Wild Side
12:00 Battersea Dogs Home
12:30 Monkey Business
1:00 Planet's Funniest Animals
1:30 Animal Doctor II
2:00 Postcards from the Wild
2:30 Vets on the Wild Side
3:00 Natural World
4:00 Crocodile Hunter's Croc Files
4:30 Saved on Sunday
6:00 Vets in Practice V
6:30 Nick's Quest
7:00 Animals A-Z
7:30 Wild Rescues
8:00 Emergency Vets VIII
8:30 Fit for the Wild
9:00 Animal Planet Safari
10:00 Crocodile Hunter's Croc Files
10:30 Saved on Sunday

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