

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.

Solo art exhibition

September 14-19
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.

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.

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 Kawzar Chowdhury, on beta format video. Entry cards are available at the institute's reception counter.

Anniversary

Tribute to a teacher

Najma Jasmine Chowdhury's thirteenth death anniversary observed

HARUN UR RASHID

IN memory of Dr. Najma Jasmine Chowdhury, the late lecturer in Bangla at the Institute of Modern Languages, a seminar was arranged on 12th September at the auditorium of the Institute. Noted educationist and Vice Chancellor of Central Women's University, Professor Begjadi Mahmuda Nasir delivered the speech entitled 'Aami O Aamar Shomoy' (Myself and My Time). The acting VC of Dhaka University, Professor A.F.M. Yusuf Haider presided over the seminar.

Najma Jasmine Chowdhury had been a teacher all her life, having taught Bangla literature at Central Women's College and Bangla language to foreign students at IML since 1984 up to the last day of her life. Apart from teaching, Najma wrote novels, short stories, essays and plays for both children and adults. She was also an accomplished research-scholar, who was awarded Ph.D. degree by DU for conducting research on 'Bangla Novels and Politics' under supervision of the late Professor Dr. Ahmed Sharif.

As a litterateur Najma's career was quite diverse. She wrote novels-- Shamne Shomoy and Gharer Chhaya; short stories collected in Onya Nayak, Megh Kete Gele; essays in Shahityer Shamajikata. She wrote plays for both the TV and the Radio: her plays include Khela, Chharpatra, Prothom Ongkar and Protiwandwi for the TV; Shesh Porichoy and Hingshute Doitya for the Radio. Chharpatra won her the first prize at Bangladesh Television National Drama Competition in 1977. Her organising capability gave birth to Dhaka Little Theatre, a theatre group of



children and youths. She was also the advisor to a theatre group called Obhijatrik and a quarterly magazine Manon. Najma Jasmine Chowdhury has another identity: she was the wife of eminent scholar and Professor of English at DU, Dr. Serajul Islam Chowdhury. In association with IML and financed by Serajul Islam, Najma Jasmine Chowdhury Memorial Trust organises this seminar each year on September 12.

In her speech at the seminar, Professor Begjadi Mahmuda Nasir spoke of her time and her acquaintance with Najma, who was both a student and, later, Begjadi's colleague at Central Women's College. Begjadi

substantially presented a comparison between her time and the present on the levels of social, economic, political and religious values. She focused particularly on the degeneration in the education sector. Begjadi recalls in her essay an incident of her college life, when her friends and she were rebuked by their teacher Miss Alfanso for taking unhygienic food from a roadside vendor. Begjadi also remembers how foreigners also honoured the cultural and religious traditions of the time: one of her teachers once put on veil on her head during azaan.

Begjadi recalls the sincere concern the teachers had for the students during 1952 when students, both male and female,

were constituting movements against Mohammad Ali Jinnah's injunction that Urdu alone would be Pakistan's state language.

Begjadi lashed at the existing mean and absurd system of naming different institutions; she informs that the present Shahidullah Hall of Dhaka University was known in her time as Dacca Hall. She maintained that this effort to pay honour to such a great personality, instead of building a new hostel and then naming it after him, was surely 'a patchy effort.' She argued that these hostels should be named after those, whose hard work, sacrifice and scholarship had helped the University achieve today's prosperity.

While discussing Najma's literary career, Professor Begjadi noted how in Shamne Shomoy Najma deals with the degenerate relationship between husband and wife in the modern time. She suggests converting this novel into a drama.

Before the speech of Professor Begjadi, however, a Korean named Yi Namshil, a student at IML learning Bangla, read out an essay written by herself in Bangla, which had secured the first place in an essay-writing contest among foreign learners.

Namshil's moderately orderly sentences, her sincere efforts in pronouncing Bangla words and, above all, her love for the language and people she had shown in her essay-- was a fitting tribute to Najma Jasmine Chowdhury.

Professor Yusuf Haider also paid tribute to the memory of Najma and informed that Najma was a syndicate member of DU in 1987.

Music

A trio of the world

Three U.S. Jazz performers touring Bangladesh

CULTURE DESK

JAMIE Baum, Ken Wessel and Jerome Harris, three jazz performers are currently in the city while on a weeklong goodwill tour of Bangladesh. A performance at the Osmani Hall auditorium in the city has introduced the three members and their competence in Jazz to the audience in Dhaka.

The international tour is being held in commemoration of the birth centenary of Louis Armstrong, a jazz great of the United States, who died in 1971. Kicking off the American Jazz Ambassadors touring season, the trio of Baum, Wessel and Harris has offered a free concert on August 15 in Washington, D.C., performing a contemporary take on the work of Louis Armstrong. Having returned from a spring tour of Thailand, Sri Lanka, the Maldives, and India, flautist Jamie Baum, guitarist Ken Wessel, and bass guitarist Jerome Harris have now reached Dhaka for a weeklong tour in Bangladesh, also as part of the celebration of America Week in Bangladesh.

As well as performing, jazz ambassadors also conduct master classes and lecture-recitals for musicians in the countries they visit. In Bangladesh, Baum, Wessel, and Harris are also scheduled to perform at the U.S. ambassador's residence in Dhaka apart from

Osmani Hall, and then travel to Chittagong to perform at the Chittagong Club and at the Engineering Institute auditorium. The Baum, Wessel and Harris trio offers an assortment of traditional jazz renderings and contemporary offerings, including numbers composed by members of the trio.

The tours, part of the U.S. Department of State's Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs Jazz Ambassadors program, have been cosponsored by the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts since 1998 and showcase some of America's most talented musicians in contemporary performances abroad.

In introducing Baum, Wessel, and Harris, Angier Peavy, the Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs Director of Cultural Programs, recalled the impact of jazz ambassador visits when she served as a U.S. Foreign Service officer at American embassies in Zaire, Nigeria, and elsewhere.

"It was a wonderful experience to introduce the best of American arts to these countries. We could show off all the things that we are most proud of -- our diversity, our talent, our creativity, and share it with many who had had little exposure to the finest our country has to offer."

According to bass guitarist Harris, who previously toured for the State Department in 1982 and 1985,

the trio considers it a privilege to 'represent this music we love'. At the same time, he acknowledges, 'it is a bit of a responsibility to be officially interpreting the music of geniuses like Louis Armstrong'.

"The recent tour of South Asia was my first experience as a jazz ambassador", added guitarist Wessel, "and it really struck me how much American stuff we export ordinarily -- things like Coke and Hollywood movies. But we have an opportunity to offer something from America that is not only accessible but also complex, rich, and expansive."

Baum, who has toured in Latin America, enjoys bringing the ethos of American jazz to many places. "In India, I was told that I was the first woman flautist the audience had ever seen. The great thing about jazz is that it gets lots of different kinds of people together. People get to see that when we perform."

Five additional jazz trios from America will tour throughout the world, this autumn, in countries across Africa, Latin America, and Central and South Asia performing American blues music. Each group will open its tour with a free concert in Washington, D.C.

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Award

In memory of a prodigy

Swanan, a poetry recitation group awards gold medal on its 18th founding anniversary in memory of Rozina Mustarin Tushi, a journalist who passed away recently

CULTURE DESK

A sombre atmosphere prevailed at the auditorium of Kachi Kancha at Shegunbagicha in the city yesterday at an award giving ceremony organised by 'Swanan', a poetry recitation group who observed its

18th founding anniversary. The award, titled 'Rozina Mustarin Tushi Abriti Gold Medal 2002', was handed out to the best young poetry reader of a national contest that was arranged earlier by 'Swanan', in memory of late Rozina Mustarin Tushi, a contributing reporter of Daily Prothom-Alo, who died in an

unfortunate accident in the city recently.

The event was attended by Nasiruddin Yousuf Bacchu, President of Sammito Sangskritik Jote, along with Hassan Arif, who was present as a special guest.

'Swanan' has decided to give out this award every year from now on.

TV GUIDE

CHANNEL-i

- 1:50 Bangla feature film
5:05 Documentary
5:35 Chithi pelaam
6:10 Music Plus
6:45 Alokito Bangladesh
7:15 Channel I News
8:00 Media Jagat
8:30 Geet badya
9:00 Channel I News Shongbadpotrey Bangladesh
9:30 Mobile quiz
10:00 Drama serial
10:30 Channel I News
11:15 Chithi pelaam
12:00 Channel I News

ATN Bangla

- 5:30 Islamic Prog
7:00 Musical Prog: ATN Music
7:35 Musical Prog: Music Time
8:00 ATN Bangla News
8:25 Musical Prog: Bando Rasheya
9:00 ATN Computer Projukte
10:10 Magazine Prog: Tibbat Anondo Behar
12:00 ATN Bangla News
2:05 Musical Prog: ATN Music
2:30 ATN Bangla News Headlines
2:45 Bengali Feature Film: Moner Moto Mon
5:50 Healthcare Prog: Sustha Thakun
6:25 Film Song's Prog: Surchobi
7:00 ATN Bangla Evening News
7:25 Drama Serial: Nonte Fante
8:00 Talk Show: Face To Face
8:35 Drama Serial: Jot
9:10 Musical Prog: Music Time
10:00 ATN Bangla News
10:35 Musical Prog: Amar Hear Maje Lukeya Chele
11:10 Musical Prog: ATN Bangla News
12:00 Bengali Feature Film: Sato Janomer Pream

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 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
7:00 Dragmet
9:15 And the Band Played on
12:00 Troop Beverly Hills
2:15 Desperado
4:15 Mindstorm
6:15 Black Sheep
8:00 King Cobra
10:00 That Old Feeling
12:15 Mystery Men
2:45 Spartacus

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STAR GOLD

- 7:00am Geet Bahar
7:30 Mehboob Ki Mehindi
11:00 Bollywood Beats
11:30 Raampur Ka Lakshman
3:00 Geet Bahar Madhumati
3:30 Bollywood Beats
7:30 Mangal Masti-Tum Hasen Main Javan
11:00 Yeh Kaisa Insaf

STAR PLUS

- 7:30 Hum Saath Aath Hain
8:00 Aatma

- 9:00 Hit Filmein Hit Sangeet
9:30 Fox Kids-Daily Hit Geet
10:10 Kya Film Kya Geet
10:30 Small Wonder
11:30 Meri Saheli
12:00 Shanti
12:30 Hit Filmein Hit Sangeet
1:00 Kaahin Kissii Roz
1:25 Film Toppers
1:30 Kahaani Ghar Ghar Ki
2:00 Bhabhi
2:30 Kyunki Saas Bhi Bahu Thi
3:00 Shagun
3:30 Kasautii Zindagii Kay
4:00 Kumkum
4:30 Kabhii Sautan Kabhii Saheli
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 Ki
11:00 Kyunki Saas Bhi Bahu Thi
11:30 Kaahin Kissii Roz
12:00 Film Toppers
12:05 Aaj Ki Baat

STAR MOVIES

- 7:15 Digital Man
9:00 Hi Honey In Dead
10:45 Circuitry Man
12:45 Scenes from A Mail
The Hand That Rocks The Cradle
7:00 Moves with Style An Officer & A Gentleman
9:30 Bollywood Action Niglit Crimson Tide
11:45 Late Night Innings
Mighty Joe Young

STAR WORLD

- 7:00 The Oprah Winfrey Show
8:00 Da Vinci's Inquest

TODAY'S HIGHLIGHTS

Star Movies: 7:00 p.m. Red Sonja. Brigitte Nielsen appears as warrior-woman Sonja who unites with a couple other gladiator types to overthrow the evil queen Gedren and avenge the deaths of Sonja's family.
BTV: 3:00 p.m. England Vs Zimbabwe. England opens first round campaign through this match. Full of zeal and with some young prodigies as well with some few matured talents, Nasser Hussain & Co. would try to outnumber their African opponents whilst Zimbabwe would also make an attempt to create an upset by beating the Englishmen and collect full points after suffering a loss to India in their earlier match. But would that upset be created? Watch live!
Star Movies: 8:30 p.m. Operation Dumbo Drop. South Vietnam, 1968. Thanks to the bungling of a new American general, the Viet Cong hear that the residents of a small Vietnamese village have befriended U.S. soldiers stationed nearby. As punishment for this infraction, the North Vietnamese army kills their town's prized elephant just before an important ceremony in which the animal plays an important role.

- 9:00 King of Queens
9:30 Dharma & Greg
10:00 Boston Public
11:00 The Oprah Winfrey Show
12:00 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 Law & Order
10:30 Star News English
11:00 Star News Hindi
11:30 Star News English
12:00 Star News Hindi
12:30 Star News English
1:00 Star News Hindi
1:30 Star News English
2:00 Star News Hindi
2:30 Bollywud News
7:00 Star Bazaar Hindi
7:30 Saat Baje Hindi
8:00 Star Khe!
8:30 Tonight At 8
9:00 Star Samachar
9:30 Star News English
10:00 Star Business News
10:30 Star News Hour
11:30 Star News English
12:00 Sports Tonight

CHANNEL [V]

- 7:00 [V] Hit Machine
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
11:30 [V] Hit Machine
12:00 [V] Zabardast Hits
12:30 [V] Jungli Jukebox
1:00 [V] FDFS
1:30 [V] Hit Machine
2:00 [V] Zabardast Hits
2:30 [V] Back To Back
3:00 [V]Zabardast Hits
3:30 [V] Back To Back

STAR NEWS

- 7:30 Breakfast News English
8:00 Breakfast News Hindi
8:30 Breakfast News English
9:00 Breakfast News
10:00 Star News Hindi

PICK OF THE DAY



Gas, Food, Lodging

On Hallmark Channel at 11:00 p.m. The beliefs and desires of a mother and her two grown daughters are put to the test in the parched New Mexico desert in this provoking, poignant coming-of-age tale. Shade is a teenager on the brink of womanhood, out to find her long absent father. Nora, her mother, is a sexy waitress at the local truck stop, embittered by a life unfulfilled. When Shade's older sister becomes pregnant, and the father seemingly abandons her.

- 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 Spi
8:00 Purobi Bangla
8:30 Gaan Unltd
9:10 Bharat Bhraman
9:30 Sat Kahan
10:00 Saregama
11:00 Bideshini Bodhu
11:30 Gaan Unltd
12:00 Chokh
12:30 Chena Mukher Shari
1:00 Nayanntara
1:30 Ek Akasher Niche
2:00 Pratibimba
2:30 Andhare Alo
5:00 Gaan unltd.
5:30 Ingit
6:00 News in Bengali
6:30 Bideshini Bodhu
7:00 Shyaola
7:30 Bishesh Sangbad Data

ZEE CINEMA

- 7:00 Top of the Tops
7:30 Chintamani Surdas
10:30 Bhagam Bhag
1:30 Babul
5:15 Weekend Cinema
6:00 Hum Bhi Insaan Hain
9:15 Yaadein Radio
10:00 Anari No 1

ZEE MUSIC

- 7:00 Sizzlers
8:00 Zee Music Box
8:30 Dil Se
9:00 Sizzlers
9:30 Hit Pe Hit
10:30 Hit Mix
12:00 Compact Disc
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 Compact Disc
5:30 Hit Mix
6:00 Zee Music Plus
7:00 Just Jammin
7:30 Hit Pe Hit
8:30 Zee Music Com
9:30 Sizzlers
10:00 Dil Se

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 Force

ZEE NEWS

- 6:30 Bulletin
7:00 RPT
7:30 Bulletin
10:00 RPT
10:30 Bulletin
12:00 Dream Destination
12:30 RPT
1:00 Manoranjan
1:30 Beyond Headlines
2:00 Bulletin
2:57 Manoranjan
3:00 Bulletin
4:00 RPT

- 10:30 Jharokha
11:00 Zee Music Box
11:30 Phoren Maal

ZEE TV

- 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 Kline Kool Hain Hum
12:00 Saanjhi
12:30 Kitty Party
1:00 Love Marriage
1:30 Koi Apna Sa
2:00 Kammal
2:30 Gharana
3:00 Santaan
6:30 Nickelodeon On Zee
7:00 Nickelodeon
8:00 Kline Kool Hain Hum
8:30 Kammal
9:00 Justujoo
9:30 Love Marriage
10:00 Koi Apna Sa
10:30 Kitty Party
11:00 Simply Shekhar
11:30 Gharana
12:00 Yeh Dil Kya Kare

AXN TV

- 6:30 Movie: Twister
8:30 Rescue
9:30 VIP Holy Val
10:30 Andromeda An Affirming Flame
11:30 The good
12:30 Ripley's Believe It Or Not
1:30 VIP Holy Val
2:30 Movie: Twister
5:00 The Green Hornet
5:30 Ripley's Believe It Or Not!
6:30 Exploring the Unknown
7:30 The Immortal Kiyomi
8:30 Beast master
9:30 Guinness World Records: Primetime Factor
11:30 The Hunger
12:30 AXN Late Nights
Relic Hunter

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