RECOMMENDATIONS

Photography

October 6-10 A photo exhibition titled, 'Beauty of Life, History and Culture of India' takes place at the STR300 at North South University at Banani in the city. The show remains open everyday from 9:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. The exhibition is being organised by North South University Photography Club.

Dance

October 7

A dance event of Manipuri style will be presented by reputed danseuse Sharmila Bannerjee and her troupe, 'Nritya Nandan', at 7:00 p.m. at Shahid Zia auditorium at National Museum in the city. Cards are avilable at Dolce Vita (Dhanmondi), Sagar Publishers (Bailey road), Pathak Samabesh (Shahbagh), Jatra (Kemal Ataturk

Hashem Khan's Solo Exhibition September 27 October 7

Renowned artist Hashem Khan holds a solo exhibition, 'Art Fair: Six Seasons' at Shilpangan gallery at Dhanmondi in the city. The exhibition remains open from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. everyday.

Photography on The **Twin Towers**

September 29 October 6

A photography exhibition is on at the National Art Gallery of Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy in the city, of photographer Obaidullah Mamoon, titled, 'The Twin Towers and The American Spirit' and remains open to all from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. daily except on Friday, when the time is 3 to 7 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.

Resurrecting a mystic on the silver screen

The making of "Hason Raja" with subtitles in English to be released at home and abroad

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■ INE audience of the country who relentlessly craves to watch sophisticated productions will, after a long gap, soon be able to satiate their longing. Within the next quarter of a year, they will meet Hason Raja, a filmed version of a plot written by Professor Momtazuddin Ahmed, based on the real life of a great personality of Bengal. He came from a rich and aristocratic lineage, transformed his life into one of a purely mystical type and led a life through rendition of songs, poetry and philosophy of the complex cosmos. Chashi Nazrul Islam, a leading director is in charge of the production that is being produced by another cine personality of the country, Helal Khan, who, in addition, casts the role of Hason.

As the synopsis of the plot unfolds, Dewan Hason Raja Chowdhury appears before the audience, a son of a rich land lord, Dewan Ali Raja Chowdhury, based in the region presently we know as Sunamganj in Sylhet.

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Hason's mother, Hurmat Jahan Begum, acted by Babita, also belongs to a zamindaar ancestry of a nearby estate. Hurmat bears little Hason in a village, named, Laksmanshree sometimes around 1853. Hason Raja, who loses his father and an elder step brother at a very early age, has to take over all official charges and responsibilities of running the estates, those of which account up to several million acres. In his twenties and thirties, the kind lord becomes a bit awry, in the sense that he draws his attention, in an extreme manner, in a lustful manner towards women. The soul and heart of the sympathetic personality opens up in favour of all the wiser and straighter notions of life as well, for the love and comfort of women. At one stage of his administration, Hason begins the donation of land to the vagrant poor villagers in a most free manner. Once a lord of the region, instead, Hason Raja finds interest in music, nature and in thoughts of philoso-

phy. Binodini, a female singer,

who wanders from place to place in search of the true meaning of humanity and psychic peace. meets the indifferent Hason and, at once, falls for him. Binodini, acted by

Shomi Kaiser, loves the music connoisseur, yet Hason solely explores the vocal qualities of the girl. He writes, composes, sings, loves and suffers. He builds a hut beside his parents' palace and lives there. Restless and relentless, Hason constantly searches for truth. It is a sort of truth that could only be found in the inner psyche of a genuine human

Mukti, a recent talent of the alternative and social movies acts as Hason Raja's wife in the film. Some of the other main performers are Professor Momtazuddin Ahmed, Amol Bose, Khurshiduzzaman Utpal, Nasreen Jasim. Shimla and

As Helal Khan informs, 'It was one of my intention since teen days to make something creative and in public out of the life story of



the great Hason Raja, who belonged to Sylhet, also my ancestral home. One day Chashi bhai (Chashi Nazrul Islam) approached to me with some business dealings when I proposed to him to take up the challenging direction of a new film, the name of which, as I told him, was' Hason Raja'. It has taken nearly three years to complete the works of the film, as stated by Helal, and it has also given much stress to Professor Momtazuddin Ahmed, who, with immense courage and optimistic farsightedness, brought a successful end to his writing of the script of the produc-

'When I started initial works of

PICK OF THE DAY

shooting of the film, many of the regular FDC-goers requested me to abandon the huge and tiresome project and warned by narrating some of the unsuccessful past initiatives of other makers, two of who died afterwards, but of natural illness. Yet I continued my work and finally, today, it's almost over, awaiting a grand release which we hope would take place sometimes within the coming winter season', says a highly delighted Chashi Nazrul, director of the film which should make history when it gets released in theatres of England and America while coinciding with the same in Dhaka. 'It is a vast and difficult task to make a film of

this level and I often thought in fear of how I would depict the entire life of the great mystic within the celluloid tapes that contains a duration of only three hours '. Chashi adds who had to work relentlessly for days and nights, for weeks and months, in a research-oriented way, to discover various facts and incidents of the life of Hason Raia.

Both Babita and Shomi Kaiser are equally elated about their involvements in two of the important roles. 'As I feel, the production of Hason Raja is a milestone in the history of Bangladeshi cinema and would certainly bring a revolutionary change in the present trend of local movies'.

says Babita who too, reveals that she had not been given such a fine role in films made over the last couple of decades and as she further believes, a film of this category has hardly been pro-

'I had waited long for this day in my career. It was my dream to perform in cinema through some truly sophisticated creations and today there is one, Hason Raja', says Shomi Kaiser who feels that the audience is the best judge.

A total of around ten original musical compositions of Hason Raja enrich the film, couple of which include 'Loke bole bole re 'Sona bonde amare dewana

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Maya Mrigya

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News In Bengali

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Wild Rescue II

Natural World

Animals A-Z

Save on Sunday

Walk on the Wild Side

Battersea Dogs Home

Monkey Business

Planet's Funniest

Animals

Experience

ANIMAL PLANET

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Sports (R) Pakistan Cricket Pepsi Cup Pakistar Vs Australia Test Series 2002 Colombo, Sri Lanka Pakistan Vs Australia 1st Test. Day 4, 2nd & 3rd Session(L) Cricket Talk Show

17:30 Best Of Harsha Online (R) Cricket Programming Super Selector Sbk Superbike

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Pepsi Cup Pakistan Vs Australia Test Series 2002 Colombo, Sri Lanka Pakistan Vs Australia 1st Test,

Day 4, Highlights(S) **STAR MOVIES**

12:30p.m. A League Of Their Harrison's Flowers Iron Will 4:45 6:30 Con Games Red Sonja Baia 11:00

Mission To Mars 1:00p.m. Harrison's Flowers House On Terror 5:00 Mighty Joe Young Billy Elliot

TODAY'S HIGHLIGHTS



HALLMARK: 11:00 p.m. Closer and Closer. Novelist Kate Sanders has paid a dear price for her work, having written a best-selling book about a serial killer, only to then be savagely victimized by a psychotic fan. Now confined to a wheelchair and having moved to a secret, secure location in the Pacific Northwest, Kates just finished the seguel to



HBO: 3:00 p.m. Bingo. The dog has got to travel cross-country, from Denver to Wisconsin, to tail his master, But not before he takes a drunken test, rescues a family from bank robbers, testifies in court at the robber's trial and is sent to prison!



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06:30a.m. Mother

01:00 a.m. Seasons Of The

Getting Out

Sesame Street

Episode #4

In His Father's

Katts And Dog

Sesame Street

Scholastic Clifford

Mr. Rock 'N' Roll

The Guardian

The Guardian

The Hunted

01:00p.m. Dead Man On

Campus

Psycho (1960)

Ferris Bueller's Day

3 Ninjas Knuckle Up

Night Visions Ep 02

Dead Air / Renova-

Star Trek: Voyager

Gas Food Lodging

Star Trek: Voyage

Closer And Closer

Ghostwriter

Shoes

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01:00p.m. The Flamingo

A League Of Their

story of a young boy from a working-class family who discovers a passion that will change his life forever. Eleven-year-old miner's son Billy Elliot is on his way to boxing lessons when he stumbles upon a

12:15a.m. K-9 1:30 2:00 2:30 **BBC News** Holiday 6:30

09:30 The Matrix **BBC WORLD** 6:00 6:30

BBC News 7:30 Simpson 8:00 BBC News 8:30 Correspondent **BBC News** 9:30 This Week 10:00 BBC News 10:30 Mastermind India **BBC News** India Business Report **BBC News** Commando! BBC News

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BBC News Simpsons **PLUS** 6:30 Geetmala 7:30 Aatma 8:30 Gurukul 9:30 Jai Mata Ki Yatra 10:30 11:00 Boi Baby Bol Chalti Ka Naam 11:30

Kya Film Kya Geet

Chhupa Rustam

STAR MOVIES: 7:00 p.m. Billy Elliot. The plot contains a touching and heartwarming

Fox Kids Sunday

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The Matrix

On HBO at 9:30 p.m.

Neo, a software programmer by day and hacker otherwise, wakes up every morning to a world he knows only as a dream. And the one man that can show him reality is Morpheus. But before Neo is instantaneously turned into the most dangerous man alive, he must discover the answer to a mind-shattering question.

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NATIONAL **GEOGRAPHIC**

Saturday Unlimited 8:30 Nat Geo Genius 9:00 Human Edge 9:30 Adventure One One Day, One World 11:30 National Geographic Classics 12:30pm Nat Geo Genius Human Edge

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11:30 Alias 12:30 Fear Factor Guinness World 230 Movie: Operation Delta Force V: Random Fire Motorworld 4:30 5:30

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Guinness World Records: Primetime Movie of Month Premiere Movie: Crocodile 2

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Crocodile Hunter's

6:30 am Discovery Sunday Truth or Scare Popular Mechanics for Kids 11:30 Splat! Let's Dance &Eat 12:00 12:30 So You Want To Be' Mega Movie Magic

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Science Mysteries

Science Frontiers Friday Showcase New Detectives IV Crime Night Discovery Sunday Night Safari Late Night Discovery : Vegas