RECOMMENDATIONS

# Japanese Film

Festival October 13-19 Seven Japanese films in English

are to be screened, with one film a day, at the auditorium of the Institut Modern Languages at Dhaka University to be organised by Japanese Universities Alumni Association in Bangladesh. Admission is free

### **Art exhibition** October 8-17

Artist Mahbubur Rahman holds a solo of prints and drawing at the Goethe Institut gallery, titled, CONFLICT. This exhibition is one of the fund raising programmes of Britto International Artists' Workshop 2003.

## Concert

October 21 A jazz concert of Florian Ross Sextet will be held at the Osmani Memorial Hall at 6 p.m. Admission cards are available at the Goethe Institut at Dhanmondi in the city.

### **Japanese Blues** Concert

October 24 - 25 FUSA & THE PLACE, a Japanese Blues Troupe presents a concert at Osmani Memorial Hall in the city at 7:00 p.m. (both days) as part of their South Asia tour. The event also coincides with the on-going Japan Month in Bangladesh.Free tickets are available at the Embassy of Japan from 13th October). The event is co-organised by Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy.

# Theater

October 22- 28 A drama festival titled, 'Three decades of Theater' takes place at the Mahila Samity Auditorium in the city in observance of 30th anniversary of the group, 'Theater', Seven productions are to be staged within the period of local and Indian

### **Japanese Doll Exhibition**

October 29 November 9 An exhibition of assorted Japanese dolls will be held at the premises of Bangladesh Shishu Academy, to be co-organised by the same academy. The show remains open from 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. till before Ramadan and shortens by two hours that is till 4:00 p.m. during the religious month. Admission is

# Satirizing society with incisive symbols

# Mahbubur Rahman's solo exhibit at the Goethe Institut

AHBUBUR Rahman, speaking about one of his works "Conflict", an etching and aquatint, at his recent solo exhibition at the Goethe Institut says, "This is a drawing and a print. Some of works has been taken from 'War my love', an earlier display from 2000 to 2002. I have dealt with social and political crises as well as the unstable economic situation with stress on warfare and religious oppression." The first one has the face of a man but the chest of a woman. It has apparently many hands and legs but these are actually a couple of pairs of limbs -- the hands and legs-- shown in different positions. The figure wears a necklace of human heads shown in distorted forms. It sits on a cow in which Mahbub brings in the irony of how a religious animal for the Hindus in our neighbouring country is sent here to be slaughtered when it gets old for our Muslim religious festival. There are tiny rockets, tanks, graveyards and flies scattered all over the paper heightening its bizarre atmosphere. There are ugly human heads veering from the back of the central figure. All the images are in shades of gray or

The artist says," The head has 'eyes of wisdom' but these are gradually falling out of the head to the ground below so that man's canacity to think rationally is apparently diminishing with time. Even after two World Wars he gets involved in more wars with one excuse or another, resolving or gaining nothing to celebrate. There are contradictions in ourselves as the figure plays with human heads on one hand and appears innocent otherwise. To lend thoughtprovoking elements to ourselves the bodies contain elements of both men and women. To satirize the existence of war around us on the globe I have given child-like hands to the airplanes. Elements of war have been combined with that of normal nature such as that of the flies . The figures often wear boots to ridicule the military junta. As for the cow at the bottom it brings in religious irony and satire once



In etching, aquatint, open bite, "Self-slaughter-1" has three pairs of hands which once again denote a pair of limbs in action. One bears a knife which is about to slice off the neck. Below are figures gazing at him/her. The heads of slaughtered people are carried in the hands in the manner such as we see in the statues of Hindu goddess Kali or Durga. There is the crescent and star of the Muslim world at one end at the top." This is taken from a series which I had done last year. This depicts the fact that people are destroying their own society around them. There is rape, high-jacking, murder around us as we see everyday in the news media. Thus we are destroying our fellow beings ourselves. The total arrangement of the figures with people looking on represent our present chaotic society. The star and crescent moon stand for our religion while the drooping lotus is our national symbol," Mahbub says.

In "War ,my love" we see an army personnel with a helmet while the others wear boots. They appear without clothes so that the subject hits us hard and we comprehend the brutality and senselessness of war. This is done in charcoal on paper to give the work a dynamic effect and drive home the diabolical elements of warfare. Mahbub says,"In our history we have facts that tell us that our rulers were often at war with each other. Often, in order to create peace and harmony, they had intermarriages of their families as during the Moghul times and even before. This happened not only in our country in the past but all over the universe. That is why I have shown some of the soldiers embrac-

suggested that instead of going to war with one another why not live in peace and harmony when you can progress and live in contentment? I brought in nude figures to depict the ugliness and harshness of war. The kiss stands for historical peace efforts when princesses and princes married for political reasons."

In "War, my love-2" we see the same theme with charcoal and tea on paper. One figure wears a "burqa" while the other is prepared for biological warfare with gas masks. While the "burqa" is there to protect the woman from outside aggression so the war gear is to guard the male figure against attacks of chemical weapon. The female form not only sports a heavy veil but also gloves on her hands. The simplified floating heads are there to enhance the atmosphere of confusion and chaos.

"Self-slaughter-2 presents a figure that is like some hermaphrodite. The heads appear like two in number while the hands are numerous to denote action." They are not numerous heads or limbs but the normal ones seen at different times," Mabub says. "The blue that I have included in it brings the colour of the coolness of the night to provide some contrast. As society is hell bent in destroying itself, so I have given the work that

The etching and aquatint "Madonna" brings in a woman with feathers and a tail of a hen and around her are scampering chicken with human heads. The mother hen carries the head of a man on her shoulders. Mahbub says that this

work is based on the fact that his younger sister becomes a widow at a young age and has to look after her child, so fending against the world on her own. This, Mahbub says, is the case of many luckless women in our country where the little child asks the mother the poignant question, "When will my father return and where is he?". This work does not have the purposeful harshness of the other works although this too is surrealistic,

Another gentle theme is found in "Me and she" and aquatint in which a couple are simplified and at the same time some of the elements of their features are elaborated . She wears a necklace, has a" teep" on her forehead and she is weeping. This relates to the time when the artist was away at a Delhi art camp and his wife, Lipi, longed for him. The texture work included in the composition are experimentation on that print.

Asked about the purpose behind his work which is not particularly aimed at sale, Mahbub says," We are moving through various problems so that within us we have an internal pain. A man who has the ability he buys such items and decorates him to escape from the pain of existence. My work is to express the harshness of life such as a man abusing another or hitting

someone. I get relief by expressing the problems that we face everyday. I do not want to capture the natural beauties around us and so forget our conflicts. The people who would normally buy my paintings are people who are creating the mayhem and confusion around us. They would not want their life to be reflected around them. I survive by saving the prize money such as the Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy Award 1998, the Grand Award of the 9th Asian Biennale 1999, Honourable Mention in the First Art Biennale of Bangladesh Charu Shilpi Sangshad in 2000, Honourable Mention in the 5th, and 7th Asian Art Biennale Bangladesh and also the award from Patua Quamrul Hassan Oitiiiah Prasad as the "Best Student of the Year" in 1991. There was also the Unesco-Auschberg burseries for artists in 1993 and the money from the Irish Museum of Modern

Mahbub has had six solo exhibitions at Indonesia and Bangladesh. He has taken part in many workshops as in Nepal, Japan, India, Ireland, Germany, Indonesia etc. His collections are there in Japan, Katmandu, Germany and the Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy.

Hollywood Squares

Family Ties

The Simpsons

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Star Asia Travel

When Stunts Go Bad

When Stunts Go Bad

Dark Angel

Baywatch

Frasier

Roswell

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Tank Girl

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12:00p.m. Ace Ventura: Pet

Detective

Business

Memento

12:15a.m. Come See The

01:00 a.m. High Stakes

HALLMARK

Paradise

Michael Angel

Falsely Accused

Sesame Street

Case Of The White

Young Riders, The

Chapel Vampire

Episode # 15

Babycakes

Night Hunter

Michael Angel

Taking Care Of

Skeletons In The

Black River

Calendar Girl

**STAR MOVIES** 

12:30a.m. Soft Kill

Dark Angel

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# Theatre Festival of Natya Kendra or 12th year of the organisation

October 11 - 17, 2002

October 12- Drama: Bicchoo at Public Library auditorium at 7:00 p.m.

October 13- Drama: Bicchoo at Public Library auditorium at 7:00 p.m. October 14- Drama: Gazir gaan by Sheikh Lutfar Rahman Gazi &

troupe at Guide House auditorium at 7:00 p.m. October 15- Palagaan by Islamuddin Palakaar at Guide House audito-

at 4:00 p.m. Ramayan gaan by Bimal Sadhu at Guide

October 16- Aalcaap by Rajshahi Dal at Guide House auditorium at 7:00

October 17- Raaslila by Manipur theater from Srimangal at Mahila Samity

Advance tickets available at Pathak Samabesh, Aziz Super Market,

# Tv GuidE

### 12:10p.m. News headline **12:15** Patriotic songs 12:20 Selected program 1:00 2:00 News headline 2:20 Open University 2:40 Health based program 3:00 News (English)

Bangla feature film 3:05 4:00 News headline News for children 4:05 Ajker shongbadpotro

4:30 5:00 5:30 6:00 News

6:10 Mukhomukhi 6:35 7:00 News headline 7:05 Weather

7:10 Agami deen 7:30 Drama serial 8:00 News 8:30 Drama serial News headline 9:00

10:00 News at ten 10:25 Samakalin Orthoniti 10:30 Loukik Bangla / Heritage of Bangladesh

11:30 Khabar / News 11:45 Closing

### **CHANNEL-i** 1:30p.m. Opening

2:00 Bangla feature film 5:05 **Documentary** 5:35 Joto pod toto mot 6:10 6:45 Houseful

7:15 Channel I News 7:45 Ispahani telequiz 7:55 8:25 Drama serial 9:00 Channel I News 9:30 Shongbadpotrey Bangladesh

9:40 Ispahani telequiz 9:50 Music Horizon 10:25 Mobile quiz 10:30 Channel I News 11:15 Film based program

12:00a.m. Channel I News

**STAR PLUS** (Add 30 mins.)

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Kyunki Saas Bhi Kora Kagaz 05:00 Hit Filmein Hit Sangeet 05:30 Bhabhi 06:00 Star Geetmala 07:00 Shaka Laka Boom Hit Filmein Hit Sangeet

07:30 09:00 Fox Kids 09:40 Hit Geet 09:55 Kva Film Kva Geet 10:00 Small Wonder Telebrands 101 - 150 11:00 Meri Saheli 11:30 Shanti Hit Filmein Hit 12:00 Sangeet

Kaahin Kissi Roz 12:30 Film Toppers 12:55 Kahaani Ghar Ghar Bhabh Kyunki Saas Bhi 14:00 Kabhi Bahu Thi Kasautii Zindagii Kay Kumkum - Pyara Sa

14:30 15:00 15:30 Bandhan Kabhii Sautan Kabhi Sahelii Kora Kagaz 17:00 Hit Filmein Hit

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Sangeet Shaka Laka Boom Fox Kids Aai Ki Baat Kya Film Kya Geet Kumkum - Pvara Sa 01:30 Bandhan 02:00 Film Toppers

Shaka Laka Boom 19:30 Kyun Hota Hai Pyarrr 20:30 Kasautii Zindagii Kay 21:00 Kismev Kitnaa Hai Dam Aai Dekk Kahaani Ghar Ghar

**STAR WORLD** (Add 30 mins.) Star News Focus

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World News Suddenly Susan Hollywood Squares **Family Ties** Cheers Oprah Winfrey Show Bugs Nash Bridges

08:30 09:30 Traders Oprah Winfrey Star Asia Travel World's Wildest Police Videos Suddenly Susan The Bold & The

11:30 12:30 13:00 Beautiful 13:30 Hollywood Squares **Family Ties** 14:30 Baywatch 15:30 The Simpsons 16:00 Cheers 16:30 Starnews Asia 17:00 Frasier 17:30 That 70s Show Raymond Starnews Upd

**Everybody Loves** 18:30 Dharma & Gred 19:00 Becker 19:30 **Boston Public** 20:28 Star Asia Trave That 70s Show 21:00 Dharma & Greg 22:00 Everybody Loves Raymond 22:30 Becker

23:00 Boston Public NATIONAL **GEOGRAPHIC** 

(Add 30 min) Secrets Of A Lost **Empire** Dogs With Jobs S3 Sea Stories Vietnam's Unseen War: Pictures Fm The Other.. Hot Science Tales Of The Living Dead 05:00

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# TODAY'S HIGHLIGHTS

HALLMARK: 11:00 a.m. Chance of a *lifetime*. The charming tale of mature love finds a career-driven widow. given six months to live, stepping out of character and into a whirlwind romance with a dashing man in Mexico, only to find out that her illness was misdiagnosed. Will she return to regimented life or act on this chance of a lifetime?



Hot Science

Mummy Road Show

Tales Of The Living

Dogs With Jobs

Tomorrow's World

Sailing's Everest

The Whale Shark

Pearl Harbour

People's Planet

Secret China S2

Dogs With Jobs

Return To The Wild

Tomorrow's World

Swiftwater Rescue

Penguin Baywatch

Secret China S2

Shark Feeders

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Racing The Sahara

Explorer's Journal

King Of The Arctic

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**Danger Diaries** 

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**ADVENTURE ONE** 

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HBO: 10:00 p.m. Saving Private **Ryan**. The story centers on the mission to recover one soldier, a Private Ryan. No one knows whether he is dead or alive behind enemy lines, but his survival is crucial since three of his brothers have already died in previous battles. This would mean a public relations disaster for the government at home.

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16:00 Microlight Odyseey 16:30 Racing The Sahara 17:00 Explorer's Journal 18:00 Pioneers To The Deep 19:00 King Of The Arctic **Danger Diaries** 20:00 Voyager 21:30 Pioneers To The Deep 22:30 King Of The Arctic 23:30 Danger Diaries STAR GOLD

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Hit Geet

**Bollywood Beats** 

18:15

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Ride With The Wind

On Hallmark at 7:00 p.m. A washed up motorcycle racer and a critically ill boy find that their new relationship gives both of them strength and a will to live. While the boy struggles to hold onto life, the racer sees that he needs to reevaluate his goals and priorities. The boy's mother is there to support both of them in this touching story about having the strength to face life's challenges.

22:15 Hit Geet 22:30 Aakhri Baazi CHANNEL [V]

(Add 30 mins) 00:00 CLUB [V] [V] HIT MACHINE [V] HIT MACHINE **IVI HIT MACHINE** [V] BACK TO BACK **IVI JUMPSTART** 08:00 **IVI HIT MACHINE** 09:00 09:30 **IVI BACK TO BACK** 10:00 V) HIT MACHINE 10:30 [V] BACK TO BACK [V] HIT MACHINE 11:00 [V] ZABARDAST HITS 12:00 [V] JUNGLI JUKEBOX 12:30 [V] FDFS 13:00 [V] HIT MACHINE 13:30 14:00 [V] BACK TO BACK 15:00 [V] HIT MACHINE 15:30 16:00 [V] HOTLINE 17:30 [V]IDEO WAR 17:45 **IVI HIT MACHINE** 18:00

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23:00 V RATED R **STAR SPORTS** Cricket Talk Show Best Of Harsha Online (R)



PICK OF THE DAY

01:00 Tennis Masters Series 23:30 By Mercedes-Benz Madrid 2012 Masters Madrid, SPAIN Early **HBO** Round Coverage Day

Sportsline Tonight Sportsline (R) Sportsline Tonight Sportsline (R) Sportsline Tonight Sportsline (R) Sbk Superbike Season Review(R) Pool Asian 8-Bal Championships 2002 SINGAPORE Men'S Semifinals #2(R) Max Power Max

Power 2002 (R) Badminton 2002 Indonesian Open Jakarta, INDONESIA Mixed Doubles 09:30 Sports Unlimited (T) 10:30 Watersports World (R) Formula One Boat Racing Uim F1 **Powerboat Champion** ships 2002 Campione ITALY Highlights #2(T) Tennis Masters Series By Mercedes-Benz Madrid 2012 Masters Madrid, SPAIN Early Round Coverage Day

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Speedway Wld C'Ship Gp 2002 Vojens, DENMARK High-Sailing Sailing World International

Motorsports News Internationa Motorsports News 2002 (R) Gillette World Sports Special Gillette World Sports (R) 18:00 Sports Unlimited (R) Cricket Programming

Super Selector (L) Sportsline Tonight Sportsline (L) Tennis Masters Series By Mercedes-Benz Madrid 2012 Masters Madrid, SPAIN Early Round Coverage Day

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Sportsline

06:30a.m. The Ticket The Trigger Effect Anya's Bell 12:00p.m. Bingo **Ginger Snaps** 1:45 Night Visions Ep 03: 4:00 The Doghouse / Still

5:00 Cinema Secrets II Ep 3: Fantasy Worlds A Lesson Before Dying: A True Story An HBO Original Movie Saving Private Ryan 10:00

**ESPN** 

(Add 30 min) Bloopers (T) Wrestling Apple Crush Mlb Championship Series National League Championship Series San Francisco. CA USA St. Louis Cardinals Vs San Francisco Giants Sportscenter Hindi (R)

Sportscenter Hindi (R) Mlb Championship Series National League Championship Series St. Louis, MO USA San Francisco Giants Vs St. Louis

Cardinals Game #6 (If Necessary)(L) Fivb Volleyball 2002 Fivb Men'S World Championship Buenos Aires, ARGENTINA Final(R) Motoworld (T)

Goals! (T) 11:00 11:30 **English Premie** Football League **English Premier** Football League 2002/03 (Encore) Birmingham **ENGLAND Birming** ham City Vs Leeds

United (R) Sportscenter Bristol CT USA (S) Motorsport Asia (T) Mlb Championship Series National League Championship Series St. Louis, MO USA San Francisco Giants Vs St. Louis

Cardinals Game #6 (If Necessary)(R) Pakistan Cricket Pepsi Cup Pakistan Vs Australia Test Series 2002 Sharjah, UAE Pakistan Vs Australia 2nd Test, Day 2, Highlights(R)

Cricket Programming Super Selector (L) Goals! (R) Sportscenter Hindi (L) 20:30 Cricket Programming Legends Of Cricket (T Sportscenter Hindi (S) Bloopers (R) Wrestling Apple Crush

23:00 Sportscenter Hindi (T) **STAR WORLD** 00:00 Charmed 01:00 Ally Mc Beal Creflo Dollar Daily 02:30

Kenneth Copeland Ministries Life In The Word W Joyce Meyer 04:00 World News 04:30 Suddenly Susan 05:00 Hollywood Squares 05:30 Family Ties 06:00 Cheers **Oprah Winfrey Show** 07:30 Bugs Charmed Ally Mc Beal 09:30

Star Asia Travel

Suddenly Susan

The Bold & The

Two Guys And A Girl

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Lady For A Night Chance Of A Lifetime 01:00p.m. Touched By An Angel - Episode # 1 Sesame Street Episode # 15 Scholastic Clifford Circus Stars & Limelight Fright Caillou - Episode # 23 Flipper (66 Episodes X 1hr) - Paradise Found Early Edition Star Trek: Voyager 170 Renaissance Man 07:00 Ride With The Wind 09:00 Early Edition (Episodes 24-46x1hr) Seaso - A Minor Miracle Oprah Winfrey Show

Episode # 171 Endgame Pt 1

Star Trek: Voyager -Ride To Freedom: The Rosa Parks Story