

RECOMMENDATIONS

Matir Moina Premiere

Oct. 24 A premiere show 'Matir Moina', a much-awaited feature film, directed by Tareque Masud and produced by Catherine Masud, is going to be held at 6:00 p.m. at the auditorium of The British Council in the city. The ceremony will be attended among others by the former Chief Advisor to the Caretaker Government, Justice Habibur Rahman who will be the chief guest. Special guests of the show will include H.E. Michel Lummaux, The French Ambassador in Bangladesh, H.E. Dr. David Carter, the British High Commissioner in Bangladesh and Dr. Hameeda Hossain, a noted human rights activist of the country, who will also preside over the meet. Regular shows of the film for the general public will kick-off at Madhumita cinema from October 25.

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.

Clay pottery show

October 16-22 A solo exhibition of clay pottery works done by artist Mehedi Masud is being held at the Zainul Gallery-2 in the Institute of Fine Arts at Dhaka University campus in the city. A total of 60 works are being displayed at the show that remains open daily from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Japanese 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.

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 groups.

Solo art show

Oct. 15-29 Artist Banizul Haq holds a solo art exhibition at the gallery of Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy at Shegunbagicha in the city. The show remains open everyday from 11:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. and is open to all.

Event

An evening of reminiscence and support

Zonta International Club of Dhaka III arranges charity event in the city to mitigate rural arsenic problem

AZIZ AMIRUL

SEVERAL hundred guests gathered at the auditorium on the STM Hall at the Uttara campus of Scholastica in the evening of October 18. Here a charity musical soiree was held in aid of Zonta Arsenic Village of Devpur, Comilla and this was organized by the Zonta Club of Dhaka III, a humanitarian social development organization.

Entitled 'Old is Gold', the musical program brought before the audience, two vocalists, Ruxana Anwar and Agun.

Songs like 'Tumi je amar', 'Ae shudhu gaan-er din / ae logon gaan shonabaar', 'Padma-r dheu-rey' besides, a Hindi composition, 'Baachpaan', and a couple of other numbers sung by Ruxana, better familiar as a television newscaster, received rounds of applause from the guests.

With a guitar in his arms, Agun presented a fine rendition of songs from the past including, 'Ei raat tomar amar / ei chaand tomar amar / shudhu du...u..joney...'. It was a pleasant surprise and a moment of nostalgia for many of the former cine-goers present in the audience, to enjoy from Agun's voice, 'Ore neel doriya / amay dey re dey cchariaa', a popular num-



President of the club speaks

ber of a Bangla film. The song, as Agun mentioned at the very beginning of his performance, had slightly been remixed to match with the present demands of the music lovers.

After presentation of a number of songs of the golden times, the performance of Agun came to an end through the number, 'Ekatturey jara ostro haatey dhorey cchilo...', one that highlighted the sacrifice of the golden



Agun renders a number

early 90's and provided a brief history of the Zonta International Club that has been considered worldwide as an international service association.

Among other activities, Zonta at Shishu Bikash Kendra at Rayerbazar in the city has been providing education to 150 children of the underprivileged community in two shifts. Free breakfast of balanced nutrition is given to the children in the morning shift, and

they are encouraged to take interest in activities such as art, debate, essay contest and sports.

As Shahnaaz Ahmed further informed, the club of Dhaka has been supporting the ill and the needy members of the community with subsidized as well, often free of cost medical treatment including those for heart and kidney transplants, tuberculosis, cancer, etc.

Contribution to the ICDDRDB Endowment Fund and provision of scholarship to visually impaired students of a school, BERDOG is also being carried out by the organization.

'Since last one year, arsenic mitigation project at Devpur region of Chandpur Sadar in the greater Comilla district has been bringing in positive results for the inhabitants against life-threatening arsenic crisis', said Shahnaaz. She further added that the efforts of arranging the charity event, 'Old is gold' has certainly been a blessing to a large group of people, who, like many others across the country, have constantly been looking forward to receiving help from Zonta International Club of Dhaka III.

Cinema

Matir Moina ready to take off clean

Public show of the much-talked film finally to take place

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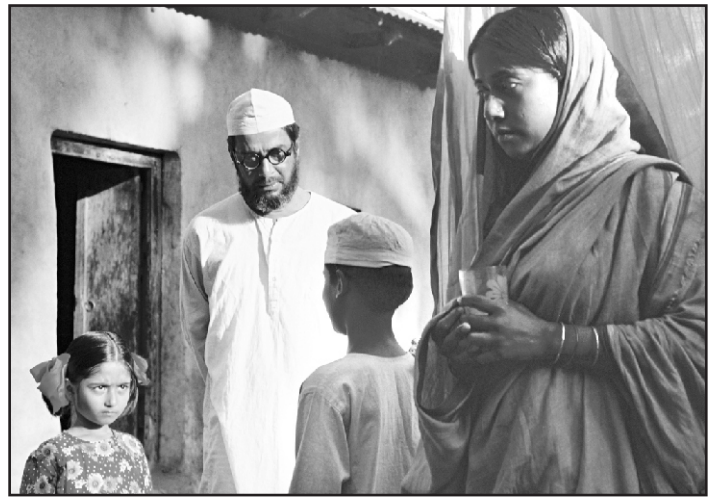
THE feature film 'Matir Moina', having received its censorship certificate, will now be released on October 25 at the Modhumita Cinema Hall in the city. It may be mentioned here that after being first denied the certificate by the Censor Board authority, the film's director made an application to the Appeal Board, where the film was granted its certificate on August 7. 'Matir Moina' is the first film from Bangladesh to have been selected for the world-renowned Cannes Film Festival, where it won the International Critics' Prize. Recently the film was given the Best Screenplay award at the Marrakesh International Film Festival in Morocco. It is also being shown at a number of other international film festivals including the Cairo Festival in Egypt, where it premieres on October 22.

'Matir Moina' is director Tareque Masud's first feature-length fiction film. The film's story is based on his own childhood experience.

Against the backdrop of the political upheavals of the late 1960's in the then East Pakistan, Anu, a shy village boy, is sent off to madrasa by

his deeply religious father. Within the rigidly disciplined world of the madrasa, Anu finds a special friend, Rokon, and a liberal minded teacher, Ibrahim. When Anu returns home on holiday, the beauty of rural life bursts upon him with all its vibrant color and festivity. But all is not well in Anu's village home: Anu's sister falls ill, and the widening gap between Anu's mother Ayesha and his father Kazi develops into a tacit conflict. Meanwhile, the growing political unrest in the country begins to penetrate even within the static confines of the madrasa, and a schism emerges between moderate and extremist elements. As the country heads toward civil war, a series of events in the madrasa and Anu's village home expose Anu and his mother to the harsher truth of life.

The main cast includes Nurul Islam Bablu, Russell Farazi, Jayanto Chattopadhyay and Rokeya Prachy among others. Mr. Masud's first film was 'Adam Surat', a documentary on the life and work of the painter S.M.Sultan. Together with his wife Catherine Masud, Tareque has also made a number of other documentaries, including 'Mukir Gaan' and 'Mukir Kotha.'



A scene from 'Matir Moina'



Charter President delivers vote of thanks



Ruxana Anwar sings

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