RECOMMENDATIONS

Matir Moina Premiere

A premiere show of '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 ill 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.

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 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.

Solo art show

Artist Banizul Hag 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.

Cinema

An interaction of judgment, values and ideology

The following conversation took place between Iranian film-maker Abbas Kiarostami and one of his Bangladeshi counterparts Tareque Masud in Paris, after their first introduction during the 2002 Cannes Film Festival, where Kiarostami's film "Ten" and Masud's "The Clay Bird" were premiered

AREQUE Masud: I have long been a student of your films, from your very first "Bread and Alley" short to your most recent masterpiece "Ten". have some personal observations regarding your films and would like to hear your own response and comments. Interestingly enough, both you and Satyajit Ray come from a common background, having begun your professional lives in advertising as graphic artists. We observe a Ray-like quality of graphic 'control' in your earlier films, particularly your shorter works, up to 'The Traveler'. This graphically measured construction is reflected in terms of use of sound, music, shot division and compositions. But afterwards we notice a gradual but significant departure from graphic structure to a more free and fluid kind of approaches.

Abbas Kiarostami: What do you want to hear from me? What is coming from you is so well said that I have nothing to add. No European critic has ever come up with such a critique. No one talks about the graphic quality of my early works. I consider what you said about the second part a compliment--I hope that's what you meant. I think a movement towards those changes that you talk about is very natural, it is part of life. You cannot remain stationary, stuck in one phase of your life. You have to go forward. I think deep contours start emerging as we age. We are continually changing, and our outlook is always evolving.

TM: In my opinion, you have created a silent revolution by breaking the whole concept of the cinematic syntax of shot division. You have done this with childlike simplicity, without pretensions or pronounced declarations, invisibly so that people are not even



aware of it. We have witnessed some of the radical filmmakers of Europe, like Jean-Luc Goddard. who brought about dramatic change in the language of film, but did so with dramatic pronouncements and intellectual theorizing. But you have brought about change in the same way a child dismantles his or her toys while **AK**: I enjoyed really what you

said, not because it was about my own films, but because I liked this idea of constructing and then deconstructing. But I don't really think the credit goes to my work. It is what you saw in my films. I would just like to say one beautiful word about children. It's not mines, it's from an Arab philosopher. He said he loves children because they construct, and then deconstruct. They wear new clothes and then make them so dirty. They make war with each other, with no plans, no specific strategy. I think that's exactly what you were saying, especially the last phrase. Because you do not have to plan a change. It must be very spontaneous, you have to go deep down into your own self, and engage in a dialogue. If it's a true dialogue, the deconstruction will be very natural. TM: To me, your films do away

not only with the concept of traditional 'modern' cinema and its structures, but also with intellectual auteur cinema, where the director assumes the role of indoctrinator, spoon-feeding the audience as if they don't have their own minds to think and judge. At the same time, with you we discover a filmmaker with a philosophy. By philosophy I mean a coherent and consistent vision of life which is very much missing in contemporary world cinema after the demise of masters such as Ozu and Bresson, whose work I greatly admire, as I do yours.

AK: I'm very happy to be the source of what you're talking about. What you're referring to, this is the highlight of art, not constructed art, but anticonstructed art. Any return to the source, to the child's life, is defining exactly that. Art doesn't really need knowledge. It needn't be a studied philosophy. The philosophy must come out of you. You must be the source of it. I'm curi-

ous as to what were you doing

before becoming a filmmaker. TM: Unlike most middle class children, instead of going to regular school I was sent to madrasa, where drawing pictures of living creatures was forbidden. I still clearly remember one day, when during an Arabic calligraphy class, I began drawing a butterfly, disguised within my own calligraphic signature. My teacher came from behind me and put his hand on my shoulder, saying, "You know why it is forbidden to draw like this? Because you can't infuse life into things only Allah can do this!" Paradoxically, coming from this background I became a filmmaker. My work is the reproduction of images of living creatures. But

now in retrospect, I see a grain of answer. The answer is inside the greater truth in my teacher's argument, particularly in the context of filmmaking.

AK: I think it's very important to see each other's films in order to have a more interactive discussion on this. It's a pity that you have seen all of my films and I haven't seen any of yours. I would like to watch your film and talk about certain things ,how did you get a particular image, where your ideas come from, what was coming from your own mind, what was coming from some kind of event, how it changed you. And how the film changed you. I think after a good work that's the main thing. When you get a distance from your film, you see that you were going to make the film, but in the end it's actually the film that made you. That's very profound, I think, this change. You don't necessarily have to go through the same process of change for the next film, it's not like you have use the same approach again. Sometimes your second film won't go through the same growth that you yourself have been going through. Sometimes you think that the distance between you and your films is becoming so great. You haven't said anything close to what you wanted to say, and what you see in your film isn't yours. I think that's the beautiful happening of cinema. And I think that you are one person who is capable of

having this experience. TM: That would be a great honor for me to get the opportunity to show you my film. But I don't want to waste your time talking about my film. I would rather like

to bring up another question... AK: I think your questions are not really questions because I didn't answer anything. I think that you understand this too, that some questions don't have any auestion.

TM: Well, I wanted to bring these issues to you as observations really, to get your response and reflections on them, and to reassure myself of their validity. Because of my background in Bangladeshi rural folk culture, with its strong influence of Iranian Sufism, and due to my madrasa education, which exposed me to Iranian Sufi poetry, I have always had a keen interest in Iranian culture. I always wanted to understand how much of a role this culture has had in inspiring your film language, and how much your approach to cinema is cultivated from your own experience and education in Western cinema.

AK: I think it all comes from within. What comes from outside can only make you believe in your credo much more. Now we know that our internal emotions are taking us much farther than what we actually learned, like the scholastic learning you had in the madrasa.

TM: I feel that the language of your cinema is very much rooted in the rich Iranian tradition. Particularly the metaphoric nature of Sufi literature is very much evident in your films. I would like to mention here that in Bangladesh, there exists a rich oral mystic tradition, which is strongly influenced by Iranian Sufi poetry. How does this new Iranian film language, which is rooted in your indigenous traditions, clash with your original schooling in cinema, which was possibly more western?

AK: When I made my first short film, I faced a great problem, because everybody was expecting me to act within the laws and technical rules of cinema. So many cinephiles, and cine critics said that what I had made was not actually a film. I didn't know why.

They said it didn't coincide with the rules of cinema. Everything is coming from the "madrasa", as vou have so beautifully mentioned, because that's the most important period of everybody's

When I was going to

madrasa, my school, we didn't even have a movie theatre in my town. I saw my first movie when I was twelve. The first image on the screen was the lion of Metro-Goldwyn Mayer. I was so afraid, I had to take my sister's hand, but then in the middle of the film I fell asleep. The first instant made its deepest impression on me, when the movie started and the images first came to life. Even now traditional cinema for me is much the same. At the Cannes festival, only one film really moved me, and that was a short film from India, "A Very, Very Silent Film". It was a very simple image, outside of the rules of cinema. Like any other piece of equipment, the camera comes with certain rules and written instructions. For me images are like words. No rules why should we take some rules and use them to put one thing beside another? It should come from inside you. We have so many famous orators, but we have poets too. They are very different one from another: an orator is not a poet and vice versa. So if your question is where does art come from, it's coming from your experience, the life you have been going through, and not from outside. You experience everything. Your experience may not necessarily lead you to success. But if it teaches you not to follow rules, that's something. And then there is an opportunity to open

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STAR PLUS (Add 30 mins.)

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STAR WORLD

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Count How To Survive A Disaster **NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC** (Add 30 mins)

00:00 National Geographic Special Dogs With Jobs S3 Sea Stories 02:00 Me & Issac Newton 03:00 Hot Science 04:00 Mummy Road Show Tales Of The Living Dead 05:00 National Geographic Special 06:00 Dogs With Jobs S3 06:30 Sea Stories

Me & Issac Newton

TODAY'S HIGHLIGHTS

HALLMARK: 7:00 p.m. The Inner Circle. Tom Hulce, Lolita Davidovich and about Ivan Sanshin, a humble projectionist, who is pressed into duty in 1939 to become Joseph Stalin's personal projectionist. Sanshin is kidnapped by the KGB on his wedding night and, after a terrifying ordeal, is introduced to Stalin. Soon Sanshin is inducted into the inner circle of one of Russia's cruelest regimes.



HBO: 5:45 p.m. I Still Know What You Did Last Summer. This shocks-for-free sequel comes with more blood spills to keep you sliding off your seats, a similar sounding title and a brand new hook seems the fisherman's son has joined in the family business. A year after her friends were filleted and hung out to dry, Julie James is picking up the broken pieces of her life - leaving her hometown and painful memories behind to attend college in Boston.

Hot Science 09:00 Mummy Road Show Tales Of The Living Dead

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ADVENTURE ONE (Add 30 mins.) The Seal Hunters

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PICK OF THE DAY

Elizabeth

On HBO at 10:00 p.m.

Intrigue and treachery are the main themes underlining this lavish Oscar-winning costume drama on the crowning and political maturity of England's 'Virgin' Queen. Disowned by her own family, an independent thinker and perhaps the worst of her sins - a Protestant, Flizabeth Tudor is saved from a life in the dungeons when her halfsister. Mary I dies from cancer.

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05:00 Sportsline Tonight Sportsline (R) 05:30 Tennis Masters Series By Mercedes-Benz Tennis Masters Madrid Madrid, SPAIN Highlights(R) 06:30 Equestrian World Equestrian Games 2002 Jerez De La Frontera, SPAIN

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Dressage (Team)(T) Asia Sport Show (R) Pakistan Cricket Pepsi Cup Pakistan Vs Australia Test Series 2002 Sharjah, UAE Pakistan Vs Australia 3rd Test, Day 5, Highlights(R) 09:00 **Enalish Premier** League Highlights **English Premier** League Highlights 2002/03 (R)

Soccer Afc U-17 Championship 2002 Abu Dhabi, UAE China Vs Qatar Quarterfinal Match #1(T) 12:00 Soccer Afc U-17 Championship 2002 Abu Dhabi, UAE Korea Vs India Quarterfinal Match #2(T)

14:00 Fim World Motorcycle Championship Motogp 2002 Philip Island, AUSTRALIA 250cc(L): 500cc(L); 125cc(S)(R) 16:30 Sailing Sailing World 17:00 Sports Unlimited (T) On The Limit On The Limit 2002 - Asia

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Ace Ventura: When Nature Calls 19:15 Tough Guys 21:00 Raising Cain 22:45 An Innocent Man HALLMARK

01:00 a.m. Deadly Web 03:00 Suspicion 05:00 Sesame Street Episode # 22 06:00 No Place Like Home Soul Collector

Young Riders, The Matched Pair 11:00 The Prisoner Of Zenda. Inc. 01:00p.m. Touched By An Angel V - Episode #6

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10:00 Star Trek: Voyager Episode # 6 The Cloud 11:00 Hidden In Silence Champions League 07:00a.m. Blues Brothers 2000 12:00

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Night Visions Ep 04: A View Through The Window / Quiet Please 05:15 Cinema Secrets II Ep 4: Super Models I Still Know What You Did Last Summer 07:45 10:00 Elizabeth

12:30a.m. Last Action Hero