RECOMMENDATIONS

Solo Water Colour Exhibition

November 15-22

Artist S. Helaluddin holds a solo watercolour painting exhibition at Divine Art Gallery at Pan Pacific Sonargaon Hotel in the city. The show remains open everyday from 10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. and is open to all.

Begum Selima Rahman, State Minister, Cultural Affaires, earlier inaugurated the exhibition with the presence of H.E. Hu Qian Wen, Chinese Ambassador in Bangladesh and artist Mahmudul Haque who presided over the inaugural ceremony.

Photography November 17 December 02

Dr. Pierre Claquin holds a solo photography show titled, 'Surviving Dreams: The struaalina circuses of Bangladesh', at the gallery of Alliance Française de Dhaka in the city that remains open from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. and from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m. everyday.

Surya Utsav December 29 January 02

Bangladesh Astronomical Association arranges one of its annual events, Surya Utsav (Sun Festival) as the organisation aims at showing the participants, several exciting matters including the first sunrise of the year 2003, cultural ceremony of the indigenous people of the area, Keokradang at Bandarban district, Pitha festival and observation of the night sky through telescope. Interested persons are requested to register names within November 30 at the office of Bangladesh Astronomical Association 1/3, Block-E, Lalmatia, Dhaka Ph: 0171-187555

Cinema

Dreaming Great Wall and steppe-dust

Remarkable range of Chinese films glued viewers at Goethe Institute Dhaka

SAIFUL ISLAM

► HINESE society, the juxtaposition of feudal China and modern Hong Kong, the sterility of city life and the magic of hidden spirits haunting the red mountains of China riveted film lovers during the Chinese Language Film session. Zahir Raihan Film Society screened ten contemporary Chinese (Mandarin and Cantonese) language films at the Goethe Institut Dhaka. The show started on November 17, 2002. Ten films (two films a day) in Chinese from China, Hong Kong and Taiwan by notable directors and makers were screened till November 21.

Chinese language films are gaining a stronghold in the international film market and drawing attention of film reviewers and viewers. Contemporary Chinese films have a good number of their films invited. shown and awarded in the prestigious film festivals world over. Zahir Raihan Film Society, considering this growing interest world wide for Chinese films, has organised a film session exclusively on Chinese films for the film lovers of Dhaka. Since two decades the film society has screened more than two thousand films; exceeding hundred every year. The session shows films by the fifth generation of Chinese filmmakers like Zhang Yimou, Chen Kaige, and Zhang Yang. Internationally acclaimed filmmaker from Taiwan Hou Hsiao-Hsien and Oscar winning Ang Lee are also included in the festival.

The films screened during the film festival were Shadow Magic by Ann Hu(I), Temptation of a Monk by Clara Law, Hollywood Hong-Kong by Fruit Chan, Quitting, Crouching Tiger Hidden Dragon by Ang Lee, Awar-god in action



Suzhou River by Ye Lou, Chucking Express by Wong Kar-Wai, Flowers of Shanghai by Hou Hsiao-Hisen, *The road Home* by Zhang Yimou and The Emperor and the Assassin by Chen

Flowers of Shanghai could be seen as a prime example of director Hsiao-Hsien genius. The film is set against the backdrop of Shanghai in 1880. The film focuses on the psyche of a dreamer, and the



atmosphere evoked remians one of Chekov. In Crouching Tiger Hidden Dragon two warriors in pursuit of a stolen sword and a notorious fugitive are wearing masks of an impetuous, physically skilled, teenaged nobleman's daughter, who is at crossroads in her life. The elaborate analysis of Chinese feudal psyche, the sense of heroism and lethal attraction for a man in the film rivet the viewer to the seat. Crouching Tiger Hidden Dragon is a timeless story that takes place in feudal China when miracles were credible and spirits and gods were present in one's world. It is not unbelievable that Zen warriors float through the air, skim the water and battle in trees and on rooftops. Pain, revenge and duty are the elementss that bind us in this world and are the main plot-line of the movie, but in the afterlife love and faith linger on.

The Emperor and the Assassin is a visually stunning epic exploring the devastating price a country pays for power. Almost the same thing happens in The Temptation of a Monk. The elaborate court dresses, the grandeur of the huge army fighting for a cause are really a new experience and is sumptuous. Shadow Magic is more focused on man than the surroundings. An ordinary boy becomes extraordinary and goes down in the pages of history in the film. It is remarkable how the

mainstream films from China, Hong Kong and Taiwan have flooded the International market and won the hearts of the viewers world over. Perhaps, a film festival like this will inspire the lacklustre film scene of Bangla-

PICK OF THE DAY

where thrill seeker Frank Cotton is trying to raise hell.

His method? A satanic Rubik's cube called the Lament

Configuration, which? if solved - would summon the

most frightening spirits from the Outer Darkness.

Fair

Tribute to a fine Bengali figure

'Abbas Mela' continues in Kolkata

SAKYA SEN MITRA, from Kolkata

fortnight-long fair or 'mela', in memory of the great Bangladeshi poet Abbasuddin that had started here in Kolkata from November 10, comes to an end on November 25. However, even though the fair was to commemorate a great poet and singer, it had run into controversies as the Bangladeshi 'element' was missing. And some say it has been the fault of the organizers, while the latter point out that in spite of repeated invitations to various organizations in Bangladesh, there absence has been quite surprising. Firdousi Rahman, the daugh-

ter of the famous poet, inaugu-

rated the fair. And while doing so on Sunday last, she said, 'It is a matter of great pride to me that I am inaugurating a fair in memory of my father. His songs and poetry can act as the ideal catalyst to bring the two Bengals together. After all, we speak the same language and so we should interact more closely and more often. However, political reasons act as a hindrance to this interaction. But then the works of my father and his contributions to society can bring unite the Bengali culture on both sides of the border.' She also added, 'My father is remembered more often in West Bengal, than in Bangladesh. For that I am thankful to the Abbasuddin Memorial Committee (Abbasuddin Smarak Samity). They have preserved his ideals, thoughts and songs. Ms. Rahaman also added, 'Songs like Bhatiyali, Bhawai, Sari and Jari have gained international recognition because of my father. He was responsible for popularizing them. Otherwise such an art would have remained confined in the interior villages of West Bengal and



Bangladesh.

Legendary folk singer late Abbasuddin was born in Balarampur village of Tufanganj subdivision, 12 miles from Kuchbihar district headquarters. In the 40's. He built a house at Palashbari road in Kuchbihar main town, which was known as Hiraman Manzil.' The late singer came to Dhaka after the

partition of India in 1947. The current fair, which is being held just opposite to Rabindra Sadan has more than 70 stalls. However, most of the stalls belong to people from West Bengal displaying their handicrafts. Various forms of sculptures, food, books of North Bengal are displayed in these stalls. During the inauguration of the programme, the West Bengal Minister for Tourism Mr. Dinesh Dakua, the Public Works Department Minister Mr. Ashok Bhattacharjee, the Forest Minister Jogesh Burman and the Bangladesh Deputy High Commissioner in India Mr. Tauhid Hussain were present. Speaking on the occasion, Mr. Hussain said, 'It is very nice to see that an amalgamation of the two cultural worlds of Bangladesh and West Bengal are

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Jubilee Plus

Kora Kagaz

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Bollywood Beats

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Ssshhhh...Koi Hai.

Krisshna Arjun

taking place. We also want such fairs to take place regularly." Incidentally, the famous poet was born in Balarampur in the Coochbehar district of West Bengal. After his schooling, he came down to Kolkata. Then just before 1946 he went over and settled down in Bangladesh. Mr. Dakua said, 'The aim is simply to preserve what the great Abbasuddin started. He popularized the folk culture of West Bengal and Bangladesh. We just want to remember the contributions that he made towards our society.' In fact according to mr.

Dakua, the poet's contribution

The Haily Star

can become a major tourist attractions for both Bangladesh and West Bengal. Speaking to this correspondent today, Mr. Dakua said, 'Folk handicrafts, the songs and poetry that is created in rural Bengal can easily be used to attract tourists. I would say that Abbasuddin was a visionary. We are trying to basically to move towards the goal that he aimed for. He started an endeavour so that the works of rural Bengal can carve a niche for itself in the international world. We are just working on it.' When asked as to why there was a paucity of participation from Bangladesh, Mr. Dakua said, 'I have no idea. However, we are more concerned with making the 'mela' a success from our side. At this moment we want to concentrate on the richness that we have in tradition and culture in North Bengal. But we always have some form of participation from Bangladesh. It may be a couple of stalls only.

But then Abbasuddin stood for the Bengali culture in totality, thus, one should differentiate between 'our Bengal' and 'their

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TV GUIDE

Hellraiser

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On HBO at 2:15 p.m.

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Championship 2002

Quarterfinal Match

Sportsline Tonight

On The Limit On The

Pacific Rally C'Ship

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Sportsline (R)

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Highlights(S)

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7:30 Tommy Miah's Report (r) Kitchen 8:00 09:30 Asia Today (r) News Songs 09:45 Asia Business Report 9:00 News headline 10:00 **BBC News** 9:05 Magazine 10:30 10:00 News at ten 11:00 **BBC News** 10:25 News feature

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Fools Rush In

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01:30 Goals! (R)

Question Time India Top Gear (r)

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Murder - Part # 1 Marriage Acts Sesame Street -Falling From Grace The Young Riders:

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Angel V - Godspeed Scholastic Clifford Caillou - Episode # Flipper (66 Episodes

05:00 Early Edition - The Episode # 30 Death

STAR MOVIES 12:45a.m. Boiling Point

ESPN (+ 30 mins)

TODAY'S HIGHLIGHTS



NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC: 4:00 p.m. About Asia: Ramadhan in Indonesia Indonesian Muslims share their experiences of the month of Ramadan through the celebration and spiritual



HBO: 10:00 p.m. The Base II. Soldiers are about to discover that they have more to fear than their foreign enemies? for the real enemies are amongst their own When Private Ramirez fails to take down a terrorist, two soldiers end up dead.



Nfl'S Greatest

Ladies Pro Bowlers

Tour Professional

Women'S Bowling

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Western Union World

Sportscenter Bristol,

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Pool World Pool

Masters 2002 (T)

English Premier

Football League

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ENGLAND Liverpool

Vs Sunderland (R)

Trick Shot Masters

Western Union World

Sportscenter Bristol,

Pool World Pool

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HALLMARK: 11:00 p.m. Fools rush in. Matthew Perry and Salma Hayek star in this unlikely love story about an uptight New York corporate executive who meets and marries a fiery Mexican-American woman before he knows anything about her. What starts out as a single night of passion in this funny romantic tale abruptly becomes a lifelong commitment as she ends up pregnant and he decides to do the right thing.

Sportscenter Hindi 15:00 Moments Pitchmer Tour (R)

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Bulawayo. 7IMBABWE Zimbabwe Vs Pakistan 2nd Test. Day 4, Highlights(R) 23:00 Sportscenter Hindi Sachin Tendulkar Programming Sachin Speaks On World Cup Stars (R)

STAR SPORTS (+ 30 mins) Australia Cricket 00:00

Adelaide.

AUSTRALIA

Orange Test Series

Australia Vs England

Mix Of Motorsport (Compile)(R) 04:30 Australia Cricket Orange Test Series Adelaide, AUSTRALIA Australia Vs England 2nd Test, Day 1, Highlights(R) 05:57 Australia Cricket Orange Test Series Adelaide, AUSTRALIA Australia Vs England 2nd Test, Day 2, 1st Session(L) On The Limit On The Limit 2002 - Asia Pacific Rally C'Ship Mix Of Motorsport (Compile)(R)

Australia Cricket Orange Test Series Adelaide, AUSTRALIA Australia Vs England 2nd Test, Day 2, 2nd & 3rd Session(L) Warburg Cup Ubs Warburg Cup 2002 Georgia, USA Final

Day(T) 16:00 Sailing Sailing World Spanish League Highlights 2002/03 Spanish League Highlights (T) Nba Basketball Dallas, TX USA Houston Rockets Vs Dallas Mavericks (S) Sportsline Tonight Sportsline (L)

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Sportsline (R) STAR WORLD (+ 30 mins) Roswell

Sportsline Tonight

01:00 Dark Angel 02:00 Cheers 02:30 Creflo Dollar Daily Kenneth Copeland Ministries 03:30 The Simpsons

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Dogs With Jobs

Tomorrow World

NG Explorer

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Riding The Rails STAR NEWS Hit Filmein Hit Sangeet (+ 30 mins)

Star News Hotline

Star News Star News Star Bazaar Saat Baje Sawaal Khel Ka Tonight At 8 Samachar 21:30

Star News English **Business News** 22:00 Star News Hour Star News English Star News