# RECOMMENDATIONS

#### show November 26 December 6

Dyed Fabric

"Rangeen Utshab", an exhibition celebrating 20 years of the revival of natural dyes in Bangladesh, has an unique range of fashionware and gifts in exquisite colours and designs.

The exhibition is accompanied by craft demonstrations and is being held at Aranya, 60, Kemal Ataturk Avenue, Banani. The show is open from morning till late evening everyday and is open to all.

### **Photography**

November 17 December 02 Dr. Pierre Claquin holds a solo photography show titled. 'Survivina Dreams: The struggling circuses of Bangladesh', at the gallery of Alliance Francaise 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.

### **Art Show**

November 20 January 10 A group art exhibition of four young artists is being held at the American International School at Baridhara in the city and remains open daily throughout the day.

#### Apparel display November 22 December 6

An exhibition of dresses and apparels take place at ARIAL Centre (Rd. 7). Dhanmondi in the city. The show is open from 10:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. daily and is open

# **Surva 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.

# **Photography**

# Signs of Singapore: caught in passing

CULTURE

# Concise camera works of two photojournalists, Chin and Soh (Part of "Chobi Mela"-11), at Goethe Institut

FAYZA HAQ

AY Kay Chin's colour photographs of his country can be seen at the Goethe Institut in a long exotic panel, denicting details of the many faceted life in Singapore. These are shots seen in passing which Chin, a third generation Singaporean treasures. Born in the same year when Singapore became independent, he trained as a photojournalist at the University of Missouri, Columbia, and upon graduation, he joined the Straits Times as a photographer, before becoming Picture Editor in 1999. Under his supervision, Straits Times became one of the first newspapers of the world to put up a photo gallery cyberspace. In 1996, he was one of the 16 photojournalism leaders in the world invited to Poynter Institute of Media Studies. His stint at the Times also included two years at the paper's web edition. In October 1999, he quit the paper to become freelance photographer and web consultant; in 2000, he founded the Nikon Media Photographer the year award for Singapore-based photojournalists. From July to September 2001 he was the Presentation Editor of the Sun newspaper in Bremerton, Washington. He was the form Master as well as Exhibitor, at the Month of Photography in Singapore in 2002.

Based on his series of panoramic Singapore, Hasselblad selected him as one of their 12 Masters of Photography for 2001. His works are collected by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Singapore, the European House of Photography in Paris and private collectors. His first solo exhibition was held at the Kinkunia book store in Sydney, Australia, in mid 2002. A frequent speaker, judge and exhibitor, he is now based in Singapore, where he splits his time between commercial and personal projects. This year, he collaborated with a Singapore theatre company, the Necessary Stage. to produce a community play, "Close

About his exhibit,"Panoramic Singapore", Tay Kay Chin says," I

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thought of losing my memories: but lately, I seem to have forgotten what Singapore is. On a good day, I can probably name all the city states in the US and their accompanying state capitals. If you ask me which stations lie between City Hall and Woodlands, well, I won't have a clue. About a year ago, I began romanticizing the notion of 'making pictures with my heart'. Here's a typical scenario which I will use the catchy phrase: when I miss a Kodak moment because I'm too lazy to carry a real camera now, I say : 'Don't worry, I have taken the picgoing by. The picture is completed with the smooth gray road in front with the yellow traffic stripe. We move on to another image with a figure seen from the back in "singlette". Next to him we see a section of short skirt, pastel printed blouse of the feet of a young women , apparently doing her grocery with her selection of fruit and vegetables. The picture is made buoyant with multi-coloured stripes of wire coiled around a giant object to the left of the lens frame. Thus the mundane and blasé have been made worth standing and staring at.

tion of a boutique or departmentstore. They flaunt western dresses, short coats, skirts and blouses and also toques, in loud orange, emerald greens, shocking pink with contrasting black and white; these are with stripes and floral motifs. The image is a gaudy one, though relived by the setting but well portrays life in Singapore in its actualities and variations.

The people seen in prayer in a temple, in another shot, along one side of the Exhibit Gallery of Goethe Institut, contain people of both sexes, the women having both dead

always dear to his heart.

Tay Kay Chin's works are impeccable and mind-expanding. They certainly reflect his "home thoughts from abroad.'

In another section of the exhibition we find "Thimiti" i.e. fire-walking in Singapore. "Thimiti", the Hindu festival of fire walking takes place annually at the Sri Maiamma Temple in Singapore during the month of Aipasi. It t is held in honour of Draupathi, heroine of the epic poem "Mahabhrata". Legend has it that she had to prove her innocence and fidelity by walking bare foot over hot

whether he would ever be able to do so himself. Now he decided that he would make his favourite pastime his work. A sociologist by training. Darren, 26, is now a photographer by profession

Darren Soh specializes in editorial photography in photojournalism. Some of his clients include Singapore Airlines, Silkair, The Singapore Tourism Board, the National Arts Council as well as several travel and lifestyle magazines. Darren Soh is a regular contributor to the Associated Press and has also worked for "The Straits Times" in Singapore.

included. In another image is a mar with a half- grown beard and moustache; he has his hands lifted in religious frenzy; while necklaces adorn his bare chest. Other figures in black and gray with luminous lights complete this photo.

We can move on to figures of which we can view only the bottom half; these are more worshippers with their white sarongs (that appear gray, white and some have dark borders) lifted to their waists, as they step on to the temple stairs. Movements of the worshippers as well as their shadows have been captured by Darren Soh with alacrity and deftness. The figures seen at the back, who are looking on, and they are either in sarongs or in the shirt-trouser, outfit of most middle class men of Indian origin.

Moving on to see a meditating man with the typical South Indian man's thick and glossy moustache. Beside him is a lady from overseas with blonde hair, rings on her fingers, busy taking photographs of the event. A man, folding his palms in prayer, is also included in the photo. In another picture are more men and in the photo frame is included a woman with white sari and blouse; meanwhile the men are in shorts or sarongs with stripes and even trousers and shirts. Th fairy lights of the temple ceiling are apparent and form a contrast to the severe visages of the dedicated men at worship. Exotic curtains, arches and pillars of the temple also provide relief to the depiction of desperate measures of walking on live coals as the focal point of the eligious festival

The last delineation is that of the temple seen -- with all the deities sitting partly cross-legged; with their "trishur" and other accompaniment; their draped garments and their embellishments, as seen from below a temple roof is a formidable array of deities -- all handiwork of superb craftsmen. Onlooking human figures, seen from the background, have been included in this portrayal adds the human factor in the presentation of the subject, the temple where the religious minded are flocking.



ture with my heart, it stays.' Alas there are limits to the human brain ( and heart). To borrow the words of the American photographer Jeff Jacobson,' I simultaneously feel deeply at home in this country and like a perpetual visitor to the strange and bizarre land ', so these pictures are on one level, my attempts to clarify these conflicts. And on a more practical level, they are just my personal effort to eternalize scenes which will soon be gone. These are also my gifts to Singapore."

panoramic collage we see a lot of cars, houses with a fluttering cloth decorated with Chinese calligraphy in gray -- from which hang bravely a series of coloured tassels. The buildings are fine and painted with variations of gray. Gray, blue and red sleek cars are seen parked or

In Tay Kay Chin's first image in his

Again, In Tay Kay Chin's panorama, we see a part of a park or open café, meant for people to come and chat. Right now there is no soul in sight but yet the image is eye-catching. There are the circular tables, probably of wood, matched with circular seats on their short pillar-like stands. On the floor are soothing checkered patterns in shades of brown and golden-beige. Curled autumn leaves are seen on the empty pace lending a poetic touch. The dark shadow included to the right forefront and the backdrop at the far end of the left side of the picture give the dramatic and romanticized finishing touch to the image.

In yet another picture of the positively unique panorama are a row of western shaped and coloured plastic mannequins suspended from hangers, apparently in a secstrait and permed hair: some are middle aged while others are old : some are seen from the back and others from the side. They all wave iosh sticks and behind are brought impressions of the temple in shaded hues. The Chinese angle of the inhabitants of the country has certainly been captured with precision and subtlety.

The piece de resistance of the panoramic panel is perhaps the delineation of a theatre in progress with a performer with golden jewellery on her neck and ears and dressed in striking colours over the fitting blouse, dancing in the centre with a musical instrument in hand, held aside ,while figures seen from behind enveloping orange curtains. Here is the theatre world that Tay Kay Chin had recently associated himself with and has perhaps been

In 2002, over 4,000 male devotees took part in a fire walking on 28th October, in celebration of their faith. The ritual is also said to fulfill the walkers' wishes. Besides fire walking , the festival has many other colourful ceremonies both before and after the devotees grace the place and walk the four meter long hot burning embers. "Thimiti" has a strong following

in Singapore because of Drapathi is worshipped mainly by the Hindus of the South India. In Singapore, most of the Indian population have their roots in southern Indian state of Tamil Nadu.

As a student, Darren Soh always wondered how people could drag themselves to a nine-to-five day job in small cubic holes, every day. Determined never to find out

In Darren Soh's depiction of Singapore worshippers of Tamil Nadu origin at the temples. In one of the shots -- all being in black and white -- we see men with hitched up white "dhotis", necklaces dangling from their necks, beads around their writs. At the back is the temple which is carved with intricate details of the lights, pillars, as well as the roof with designs in them. There are more people in the background who are hurrying and milling as they go about their necessary worship

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A sweating, overweight dark man probably in his 30s, is seen in another picture, perhaps due to his emotional pitch or perhaps dire distress or even the gathering heat of the ambiance. He is seen with a necklace and the sacred thread, hanging from his shoulder to his waist. At one angle, the temple is

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Despite his relative youth and not so vast an experience. Darren Soh

# TV GUIDE

# **BTV** 12:00p.m. News headline

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5:00 Health program 5:45 6:00 News

Cartoon 6:10 6:35 Chittagong BTV 7:00 (English)

7:05 Weather 7:10 Malancha 7:30 Tommy Miah's

8:00 8:30 Songs 9:00 News headline 9:05 Saptadinga 10:00 News at ten

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#### **Deadly Species** The Darkling **BBC News** 12:00p.m. Turbulence II: World Business Fear Of Flying Report Planes, Trains & Sport Today Automobiles **BBC News** 04:00 The Nutty Professor

Hudson Hawk 08:00 10:00 Driven 12:30a.m. Death Warrant STAR MOVIES

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**ESPN** 

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Sachin Tendulkar

### TODAY'S HIGHLIGHTS HBO: 8:00 p.m. Hudson Hawk.



Eddie "Hudson" Hawk has hung up his coat as the world's greatest cat burglar and wants to go back to being an honest man. But there are those who much prefer him to return to his old ways. The ultra rich Darwin and Minerva Mayflower need a thief to carry out their dark scheme and only the best will do.



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HBO: 2:00 p.m. Planes, Trains & Automobiles. All Steve Martin wants to do is get from New York to Chicago in time for Thanksgiving. But bad weather and bad luck land him in Wichita...with pushy.

talkative John Candy as his traveling companion. In The Driver'S Seat Idrc (Import Drag Racing Circuit ) (R)

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**Orange Test Series** 

Perth. AUSTRALIA

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Worlds Apart **STAR NEWS** (+ 30 mins)

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