

## RECOMMENDATIONS

## Thailand through my eyes

March 01  
Bengal Gallery of Fine arts will hold a photography exhibition by Dr Rashid Un Nabi titled, 'Thailand through my eyes' on March 01 at 6:30p.m. The exhibition will continue everyday from 12-8p.m. till March 10 (Closed on public holidays).

## Anniversary

February 27

Wriszish Shilpi Gosthi will celebrate their 26th anniversary at the Bangladesh Shishu Academy auditorium on February 27 at 4:30p.m.

## Exhibition

February 28 - March 9

A solo exhibition by artist Tahera Khanom will start at the Gallery Chitrak on February 28 at 5:30p.m. The exhibition will continue everyday from 10a.m. - 8p.m. till March 9.

## Mobile art exhibition

February 26 - March 2

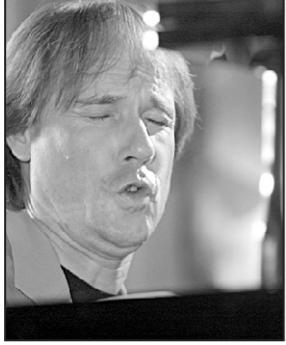
Bangladesh Shilpkala Academy in co-operation with The British School has organised a 5 daylong mobile art exhibition, which will take place at The British School auditorium on February 26 at 11a.m.

## Concert

February 27

Wizard Showbiz holds an open-air concert featuring Miles, Swadhinata, Dalchhut, Arurhoin and Black at the Women's Sports Complex at Dhanmondi. The Suncrest Cola sponsored concert starts at 3p.m.

## Music



Famous pianist Richard Clayderman performs at a concert in Calcutta on February 24. About five hundred Indian music lovers attended the show.

## Poetry

# Ekush reflected in Bangla poems

'60s and '70s poets gather together to celebrate their poetry

HARUN UR RASHID

THE unforgettable incidents of February 1952 have put poetry of Bangladesh on a uniquely different standing from places where Bangla is practised, discussants said at a recitation ceremony held on February 23 at the Viswa Shahitya Kendra. Organised by the literary little magazine *Uttarpurush*, the programme featured recitation of favourite poems by the poets of two consecutive decades—the 1960s and the '70s. The programme also included a discussion on 'Ekush: Aamader Kobita', at which professor Rafiqullah Khan, Baitullah Quaderi and Santosh Dhali pointed out the salient features of Bangla poetry and the influence of *Amor Ekushey*.

A total of thirteen poets—six from the '60s and seven from the '70s—read from their favorite poems. The senior generation included poets Rabiu Hussain, Asad Chowdhury, Faruk Alamgir, Nirmalendu Gun, Maquid Haider and Muhammad Nurul Huda, while the '70s generation poets comprised of Matin Boiragi, Mujibul Haque Kabir, Tridib Dostidar, Abu Karim, Jafrul Ahsan, Kamal Chowdhury and Mohammad Kamal.

Rafiqullah Khan in his discussion disagreed to the division of poets according to the time frame of decades. Especially regarding February 21 and other national events, such division is illogical, if probable, because the central spirit of our poetry is inherent with our collective national existence, he said. The incidents of February



The poets who read their favourite poems at the event.

21, 1952 stirred the whole nation into protest and rebellion against the autocratic rule of the then Pakistan-government, culminating ultimately in the independence in 1971. And our poetry has since had a sub-conscious relation to it. Rafiqullah said that Ekush, freedom fight, riots, tyrdom etc. may not directly appear in our poetry, but the traces are always perceptible in shape of a national consciousness.

And this consciousness has distinguished us, he said, from people writing poetry in Bangla in other regions. In Tripura, Assam and Bihar, apart from the West Bengal, for example, many traces of Bangla poetry are found, which are different in feeling from ours. The decade-wise division of poets might express the collectivism of the concerned time, but a poet is always remembered for his own works alone and not for his belonging to a time, said Rafiqullah.

Baitullah Quaderi, however,

did not completely conform to this view. According to him, describing a poet in light of his time lets us know about that particular time, the poet's relation to it, thus helping us understand his work. The whole process finally takes one back to his ancient traditions, his ancestors, which is surely another important influence of Ekushey—to discover the past.

President of the event poet Samudra Gupta regrettably informed that only two new books of poetry have come out at this year's Ekushey Book Fair;

Maquid Haider's *Rokon Ali-Galpo*, and Nirmaudu Gun's *Muthophone-er Kabyo* volume 2.

Organised by *Uttarpurush*, the programme was in consequence of another similar one held in September 2002 where poets of the 1970s only took part. Hamid Raihan, the editor of the little magazine, surely deserves compliment for such endeavor.

## Event

# 'The Look' at its final stage

Pantene and Head & Shoulders 'You Got The Look 2003' to be held today

NAFID IMRAN AHMED

ONCE again the ramp is set and the spotlights are ready to flash. Who will be the owner of the 'Best Look' of 2003? This is only a matter of time when the 'Best Look' and 'Best Hair' awards of the beauty pageant extravaganza Pantene and Head & Shoulders 'You Got the Look 2003' will be crowned today at the Sheraton Winter Garden.

Beauty pageants in Bangladesh are not rare these days as it was, even few years back. Events like Pantene and Head & Shoulders 'You Got the Look' has played a major role. The first Pantene and Head & Shoulders 'You Got The Look 2001' was held in February 2001 and the second 'You Got The Look 2002' was held in March 2002. These two quite exciting events proved that such events are very much possible in our country.

The idea of the contest was to



Some of the finalists of 'You Got The Look 2003'

promote not just beauty but also the intellect of the participants. It was open both to men and women; moreover it was open to anyone who wanted to apply. Procter &

Gamble Bangladesh sponsored the contest.

Alike the previous year 10 men and 10 women will be participating the show this year. These finalists

were selected from hundreds entries. They have also been put through a training session where they were groomed in the basics of walking, talking and presentation.

This year's finalists are, Male:

Mainur Rahman, Tariq Ahmad, Asif Anwar, Asif Iqbal, Md. Zahirul Hoque Joy, Shahnoor Ahmed Sujoy, Mizanur Rahman, Shah Khaled Pavel, Tanvir Habib Shuvo and KM Arif-Uz-Zaman; Female: Trisha Mazumdar, Syeda Tanjina Akter, Nazma Sultan Priya, Rezwana Karim, Tafria Ahmed, Shairin Sultan Nupur, Aneeka Shahnewaz, Sonia Hassan, Naja Jarin and Nazia Tarq.

A six-member panel of judges has also been set to act. They will select both male and female contestants and awards will be given for the 'Best Look' and 'Best Hair'. Apart from the contest local artists will also be invited to perform. The show is an invitation-only and will be telecasted on the local television stations at a later date.

## Music

# Guitar gently weeps on George Harrison's 60th birthday

AFP, Liverpool

GEORGE Harrison's first guitar went on display Tuesday on what would have been the 60th birthday of the "quiet Beatle."

The simple acoustic guitar -- a Dutch-made Egmond that Harrison bought from a classmate in the mid-1950s with cash from his mother -- is valued at 200,000 pounds (792,500 dollars, 734,000 euros).

"It is a simple, cheap guitar, but to me that makes it all the more beautiful," said curator Sandra Quayle of the Beatles Story museum in Liverpool, the Fab Four's hometown in northwest England.

The museum expects a flood of music fans to see the instrument -- on loan from a private collector in

Britain -- and to pay tribute to Harrison, who died of cancer in November 2001.



# Indian sitar maestro gives full credit to daughter Norah Jones

AFP, New Delhi

INDIAN sitar wizard Ravi Shankar Monday gave full marks to his daughter Norah Jones for picking up five trophies at the 45th annual Grammy awards in New York overnight.

"She has been born and brought up in America, and her music has its foundations in jazz, pop and the western style. I cannot take credit for it," the 82-year-old sitar maestro told reporters in New Delhi.

Jones, 23, who is the daughter of Shankar and New York concert producer Sue Jones, never saw her father between age nine and 18.

Shankar and Jones never married and split before Norah was born, but she later reconciled with her father.

On Sunday, Jones blew away the competition, taking five trophies including Album of the Year, and stealing the thunder from old-school rocker Bruce Springsteen.



Norah Jones

## TV GUIDE

## BTV

12.10 pm News Headlines  
12.15 Shubhechha Nin  
12.30 Ajker Sangbadpatra  
12.35 Cricket Quiz  
12.45 Highlights of the World Cup Cricket Game  
01.00 Khabar  
01.45 Live telecast of the South Africa Vs Canada World Cup Cricket match  
02.00 News Headlines  
03.00 English News  
04.00 News Headlines  
05.00 Khabar  
06.00 Khabar-Desh Janapad  
07.00 News Headlines (English)  
07.05 Share Bazaar & Weather Bulletin  
08.00 Bangla Shangbad at 8' clock  
10.00 English News at 10' o'clock  
10.25 News Report  
10.30 Movie of the Week  
11.30 Late Night News/News Headlines

## CHANNEL-i

07.00 am Prothom Shur  
10.00 Music Plus

10.50 Drama Serial: *Bhul*

11.25 Drama Serial: *Kichhu Megh Kichhu Roddar*

12.00 pm Drama Serial: *Shudhu Tomar Jonno*

12.30 *I Focus*

02.00 Bangla Feature Film: *Shuktara*

05.35 Janapad-er Khabar

05.45 Jato Adat Tato Mat

06.10 Music Plus

06.45 Special Programme

07.15 Channel-i News

07.45 Ispahani-Tele Quiz (Questions)

07.55 English Drama Serial: *Queen*

08.25 Mega Serial: *Grihagalo*

09.00 Channel-i News

09.31 Ispahani-Tele Quiz (Answers)

10.00 Band Music: *Close Up Heat Wave*

10.25 Channel-i Mobile Quiz 2525

10.30 Channel-i News

11.15 Shangbadpatrey Bangladesh

11.30 Live Telecast of BTV Late Night News

Telecast of Recorded BTV News at Ten

12.15 am Channel-i News

## ATN

8:00 ATN Bangla News  
8:25 Sustha Thakun  
9:00 Face to Face  
9:35 Priyo Tarokar Sera

10:10 Saal Rang

12:00 ATN Bangla News

12:30 Ajker Sangbadpotro

12:50 Musical prog: ATN Music

1:30 Bengali Feature film: Paharadar

2:30 ATN Bangla News Headlines

4:50 Ajker Sangbadpotro

5:00 Gram Gonger

5:15 Islamic prog: Sundor

5:30 Jiboner Janne

5:50 Film Magazine: A

6:25 Sapteler Chobi

6:30 Islamic prog : Islamee Sawal O Jawab

7:00 ATN Bangla Evening News

7:30 Mage serial: Kun Semayan Mukte

8:05 Drama Serial: Hada-Ar-Bhuder Kandokkharan

8:40 Honelus Benudon

9:00 Bichitra

9:15 ATN Bangla News

10:00 Prekhkhat

10:35 Musical prog: Ganer

11:00 ATN Bangla News

12:00 Bengali film: Monehar

13:00 Hit Mix

14:45 Twins

17:45 Twins

10:00 Dragonheart: A New Beginning

11:45 Sleepy hollow

2:00 Bad Boys

3:30 Hit Mix

4:15 Unforgettable

6:00 Tvc Skyshop

6:30 Relic Hunter : Midnight Flight

7:00 Pop Re Pop New

11:30 Farscape: Incubator

12:30 Guinness World Records: Primetime

1:30 Martial Law: Extreme Measures