

RECOMMENDATIONS

Exhibition

March 2-16
The Institute of Fine Arts, Dhaka University and the Embassy of Japan is jointly holding a painting exhibition by Bangladeshi artists who studied in Japan. The exhibition takes place at Zainul Gallery of the Institute. The show is open from 2 p.m. to 8 p.m.

February-March 18-April 7
Bengal Gallery of Fine Arts will hold a solo exhibition of abstract art by Mahmudul Haque, one of the major exponents of the trend in contemporary times. The show will be inaugurated at 6.30 p.m. by Hon-ourable Minister for Commerce Amir Khosru Mahmud Chowdhury; the Ambassador of Japan to Bangladesh Jiro Kobayashi will also be present. The exhibition will run through April 7 from 12 p.m. to 8 p.m. everyday.

Dance/Instrumentals

March 15-18
The Indian Council for Cultural Relations and the High Commission of India, Dhaka will be presenting the following cultural programmes at three cities in the country as per following schedule:

Bhangra/Giddha Dance by Mr. G.P.S. Ahluwalia and his troupe

March 16, 2003 at National Museum Auditorium, Dhaka at 7.00 p.m.

March 17, 2003 at rajshahi Medical College Auditorium, rajshahi at 07.00 p.m.

Sitar/Surbahar recital by Mr. Jagdeep Sing Bedi and his troupe

March 17, 2003 at Muslim Institute, Chittagong, at 07.00 p.m.

March 18, 2003 at National Museum Auditorium, Dhaka at 07.00 p.m.

Music



British legendary rock band Rolling Stones lead singer Mick Jagger performs on stage during their 40th anniversary world tour in Tokyo on March

Music

Music's breath

Stefan Hussong and Michael Svoboda play at Osmani Memorial Hall

FAYZA HAQ

STEFAN HUSSONG and Michael Svoboda, playing "canzon" and "harmony" on the accordion and trombone certainly delighted the audience at Osmani Memorial Hall recently.

Pausing before going home to their hotel rooms after the performance, Hussong said, "Michael and I were here together in Dhaka and two years ago with a cellist and this time the Goethe Institut wanted us in a different combination. We've played together for many years in Germany, made records together and toured together. I did not exactly come from a musical family as although my father loved music he was not a musician.

"In this concert we dealt with six composers though we played mostly Girolamo Frescobaldi and John Cage. We combined the two with the idea to bind together composers who were far apart in the time frame as one was from the seventeenth century and the other from the twentieth. Although they were so much apart yet their music was close and this fascinated us. Cage's harmonies result from eighteenth-century music. Although the accordion and trombone are different instrument yet they are both breathing instruments, one being a keyboard looking instrument and the other being a pure wind instrument.

Asked if his travelling during his tours disrupted his personal life



Hussong said, "Of course I have to travel a lot and accept it as a part of life. Recently Svoboda and I were in Japan, USA, Europe and the Subcontinent. We've been together since 1996."

Talking about teaching to supplement his income, Hussong said, "I am a professor at a university in

Germany and I have a class with students. I think that both the young men and women are equally good and that the key to success is dedication and love for music and hard discipline to work on an instrument all your life."

Asked to comment on how he felt about pop and band music, "I listen to them very little because they are just too simple. Jazz is much more interesting for me because it has more interesting and complicating structure whereas in pop music it is very easy to say what is coming next."

Touching on if he had been exposed to eastern music in his tours, Hussong said, "I lived for a long time in Japan and was exposed to the music there. The ancestor of this instrument that I play is an ancient mouth organ 'shung' (Chinese) or 'sho' (Japanese). As a boy of 12 my first concert in Germany was a concert of 'sitar' and 'tabla' and heard it often in Europe."

Michael Svoboda said that he met Hussong in Stuttgart and since they have been playing off and on. He said that his father played a little bit of music but there was no one in his family who was a professional. He said that at first his people objected to his career but he felt that he must do what he had to do and now after some years they have got used to the idea of his taking up music. He said that they played Cage and Frescobaldi as they had already made a CD consisting of the works of the two composers. He said that the two fitted very well together though at point they appeared contrary as one is very modern and the other is very traditional but in time they fit harmonically with each other. The language they use is based on functional harmony instead of some tonal base, he said.

Speaking about his training Svoboda said that he was trained as a composer. He said that he travelled a lot for his work and that it was a matter of discipline to be adjusted to life at home and work. He said "I'm too busy playing at concerts and composing to go in for teaching although occasionally I do give lessons. I like both composing and playing equally. I do more playing and I compose when people ask me to write pieces. Basically I try to play as many



concerts as possible."

Svoboda said that he followed contemporary music and thought that some of the pop productions are excellent. Jazz is the music that he plays the most. The choice of the composers that night belonged to the Goethe Institute. In his musicology classes he listened to a lot of

Indian music. However during this particular trip of ten days he spent a lot of time with the local musicians specially at Chennai. Apart from that they were at Kolkata and Sri Lanka. They were going back home via Bangalore and Bombay. He said that for him the East was not what he had expected. "We lived in hotels, rode in taxis and ate at the best restaurants and that's not the east. I just have a lot of different impressions. I found the saris beautiful though I couldn't handle the curry every day."

About his conch shell composition that he had played at the concert he said in conclusion, "There are some cultures that have it as a part of their religious ceremony. Conch shells were also used to declare war. I've been playing the conch shell for about ten years in public and it's an instrument that you play like the trombone as you play it with your lips. The use of air, the change of rhythms and pitch are done with your hands."



Long live 'Band Sangeet'



'Stentorian' performing at the Pepsi concert

ELITA KARIM

SOMETIMES it's a wonder, as to how the long gone generations of this country ever survived with a meager number of musical bands or no band concerts, which we see a lot of today. Once again, eager youngsters got together to catch yet another band concert on the 11th of this month at the Shishu Academy. Sponsored by Pepsi and organized by ASHES, a number of new bands were also seen performing on the spot. The older generations were also denied the pleasure of enjoying the heavy metal, a very recent form of music in Bangladesh. However, the six performing bands boasted off their knowledge of heavy metal and truly made the fans rock and roll.

The very first band to entertain the young crowd was *Bedouin*. Despite the Arabic name, Bedouin performed a couple of popular western tracks and dutifully warmed the crowd up and got everyone into the mood for more. Fresh and eager members of *Kronic* came up next portraying their 'heavy' music talents as well. Popping up next was *Stentorian* with a bunch of extremely energetic young people. The hall reverberated with the vocal's strength and confidence.

Next stored in line were the trio ABC or *Artcell*, *Black* and *Cryptic Fate*. While the instruments were being tuned, fans howled with the entrance of Tony of *Black*, and went on to scream louder when Ershad of *Artcell* tried his fingers on Tahsan's keyboards. Jon joined Ershad and amused the crowd with

their musical feats by trying out Bryan Adam's *Everything I do, I do it for you*. However, realizing that his fingers are apt better for the guitar strings, Ershad let go off the key boards, leaving the fans asking for more. Young Nafi diverted the crowd from the monotonous process of instrument tuning, by featuring his feats on the drums, which did keep the crowd awestruck for a while.

After a grueling forty five minutes of waiting, the musicians finally got ready to perform. The crowd sang the album tracks with *Black*. The hall didn't seem to get tired once *Artcell* made their entrance and rocked them all with their album tracks as well. Finally, Cryptic Fate had the audience vibrating within and all the young hearts were, no doubt, beating at one pace. These bands were undoubtedly the main attractions of the evening, for which the fans lingered on patiently.

Metal concerts have become the craze this season, and it's a pleasure watching youngsters enjoying them. These concerts, sponsored by the big-time brand names are probably the very few sources of entertainment in the country today. However, there is still an urge to all music lovers and performers to create an enjoyable and a safe environment for all to enjoy and cherish the musical moments for generations to come.

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Evening Session	
05.35	Jopnopoder Khobor
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09.00	Channel i News
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10.25	Channel i Mobile Quiz 2525
10.30	Channel i News
11.15	Shangbadpotro Bangladesh
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ATN BANGLA	
6:00	Islamic prog:
12:00	ATN Bangla News
8:25	Puppet Magazine: The World of Jonathon Sing
9:00	Reporting prog: Ghotona Probhah
9:35	Sports Magazine: Stedium
10:10	English Serial: Dubbed in Bangla: Secret Woman
12:00	ATN Bangla News
12:30	The Daily Newspaper: Discussing Prog: Aker Sangbadpotro
12:50	Musical prog: A-TN Music
1:30	Bengali Feature Film: Abdullah
2:30	ATN Bangla News
4:50	The Daily Newspaper: Discussing Prog: Aker Sangbadpotro
5:00	Gram Gonger
5:15	Sangbad
5:30	New Singer
6:00	Competition Prog: Nabin Boran
6:30	Islamic prog: Islamic prog: Sawal O Jawab
7:00	ATN Bangla Evening News
7:30	Musical Prog: Surer Madure
8:05	Drama Serial: Sandatara
8:40	Drama Serial: Dhola Mia Kala Mia
9:00	ATN Bangla News
9:25	Talk Show: Alokpat
10:00	ATN Bangla News
10:30	Musical prog: Film: Bhorosha
HBO	
6:30	All the Pretty Horses
8:45	Ferris Bueller's Day Off
10:45	The Frightenders
1:00	Varsity Blues
3:00	Fear
5:00	The Assassin
7:15	Hideaway
9:30	Tequila Sunrise
11:45	The Exorcist
2:30	Varsity Blues
4:30	Pirates of Silicon Valley
AXN	
6:30	Guinness World Records: Primetime
7:30	The Immortal Asylum

8:30	Who Dear s Wins
9:30	Outdoor Quest 2002
10:30	VIP
11:30	Sheena
12:30	Fear Factor
1:30	Guinness World Records: Primetime
2:30	Movie: Cape Fear
5:30	VIP
6:30	Sheena
7:30	Fear Factor
8:30	Guinness World Records: Primetime
9:30	Absolutely Must Sing! Movie: The Prince of Egypt
11:30	Sheena
12:30	The Immortal Asylum
STAR MOVIES	
09:25	The Others
11:30	Total Recall
01:30	U-571
03:30	I Saw Mommy Kissing Santa Claus
05:15	Cabin By The Lake
06:45	Midnight Heat
08:30	Do You Wanna Know A Secret
10:15	You've Got Mail
13:00	Funny Bones
15:15	Kindergarten Cop
17:25	Beneath Loch Ness
19:00	Kingdom Come
20:45	Lethal Weapon 4
STAR WORLD	
(+ 30 Min)	
00:00	Xena: Warrior Princess
01:00	Walker, Texas Ranger
02:00	Cops
02:30	Kids Say The Darndest Things
03:00	Morris Cerullo
03:30	Benny Hinn
04:00	Kids Say The Darndest Things
04:30	Thunderbirds
05:30	J.A.G
06:30	Billboard Us Countdown
08:30	The Lost World
09:30	Ally Mcbeal
10:30	Mutant X
11:30	Artistic Licence
13:30	Dark Angel
14:30	Kids Say The Darndest Things
15:00	Travel Asia
15:30	Baywatch Hawaii
16:30	The Simpsons
17:00	Malcolm In The Middle
17:30	Focus Asia
18:00	Iht World
18:30	The X Files

TODAY'S HIGHLIGHTS	
10:15 p.m.	You've Got Mail . A modern day remake of "Shop Around The Corner" with Ryan and Hanks playing people who work in rival stores, hate each other by day, but discover each other over the internet, unknowingly.
9:30 p.m.	The Prince of Egypt . Egypt, eons of years ago. Pharaoh Seti commands all male hebrew babies to be drowned. A desperate mother places her son in a basket and lets the Hebrew god guide it along its way on the river. The basket is found by the Queen, and Moses is brought up as a brother to the heir of the throne, Ramses. Years later, the brothers, who grew up happily and wealthy, are split by Moses' recognition of his true heritage and the suppressing system his brother is about to inherit, willing to carry it on.
19:30	Star Trek The Next Generation
20:30	Rendezvous With Simi Garewal
21:00	Focus Asia
21:30	Top Drive
22:00	The X Files
23:00	Star Trek The Next Generation
STAR PLUS	
(+ 30 Min)	
00:00	Film Topper - 301 Series
00:05	Kyun Hota Hai Pyarr
01:00	Tu Tu Main Main
01:30	Shararat
02:00	Ek Mulaqat
02:30	Star Bestsellers
03:00	Hum Hai Kal Aaj Kal Aur Kal
04:00	Musafir Hoon Yaaron
04:30	Sssshhh...Koi Hai...
05:30	Mirch Masala
06:00	Star Geetmala
07:00	Aatma
07:55	Film Topper - 301 Series
08:00	Gurukul - Ancient Wisdom Of In
09:00	Jai Mata Ki
10:00	Yatra
10:30	Bol Baby Bol
11:00	Hai Na Bolo Bolo
11:55	Film Topper - 301 Series
12:00	Chhupa Rustam
12:30	Musafir Hoon Yaaron
13:00	Mirch Masala

13:30	Hit Film: Hit Sangeet - 20 M
13:55	Mail Milap
14:00	Pyar Ka Mandir
17:30	Hit Film: Hit Sangeet - 20 M
18:00	Fox Kids Sunday Film Topper - 301 Series
18:55	Film Topper - 301 Series
19:00	Sonpari
19:30	Jubilee Plus
20:00	Khamoshi
23:30	Hit Film: Hit Sangeet - 20 M
STAR GOLD	
(+ 30 Min)	
02:30	Hit Film: Hit Sangeet - 20 M
03:00	Poonam Ki Raat
06:00	Bollywood Beats
06:30	Hit Film: Hit Sangeet - 20 M
07:00	Durgesh Nandini
10:25	Kuch Hit Kuch Superhit
10:30	Geet Gata Chal
11:00	Kuch Yaadein Kuch Baatein
11:25	Kuch Hit Kuch Superhit
11:30	Hit Film: Hit Sangeet - 20 M
11:55	Kuch Hit Kuch Superhit
12:00	Mehndi
14:55	Kuch Hit Kuch Superhit
15:00	Jhooth Bole Kawwa Kaate
18:25	Kuch Hit Kuch

PICK OF THE DAY	
18:30	Superhit Shri Shri Superstar
19:00	Kuch Hit Kuch Superhit
19:05	Hit Film: Hit Sangeet - 20 M
19:30	Jubilee Plus
19:55	Kuch Hit Kuch Superhit
20:00	Ooh La La
20:55	Kuch Hit Kuch Superhit
21:00	Men In Black Hindi Dub
23:25	Kuch Hit Kuch Superhit
23:30	Suraj Ka Satvan Ghoda
STAR SPORTS	
(+ 30 Min)	
00:30	Sports Unlimited (R)
01:30	Follow Through Super Six Matches #8 & #9(L)
02:00	Pga Tour Golf The Honda Classic Palm Beach Gardens, FL
04:00	Watersports World (R)
05:00	Futbol Mundial (R)
05:30	Equestrian Fei World Cup Jumping Series 2002/03 London, England Highlights(R)
06:30	Go Kart Champions Of The Future Karting Series 2002 Glasgow, Scotland Highlights(R)
07:00	Follow Through Super Six Matches #8 & #9(R)
07:30	Golf Programming The Golf Club 2003 (T)
08:00	Sports Unlimited (R)
09:00	Indoor Athletics laaf 2003 Birmingham, England (R)
11:30	World Of Rugby The Irb's World Of Rugby (T)
12:00	Pga Tour Golf The Honda Classic Palm Beach Gardens, FL
15:30	Tennis Masters Series Pacific Life Open, Indian Wells Indian Wells, Ca Usa Semifinals(S)
17:30	Tennis Masters Series Pacific Life Open, Indian Wells Indian Wells, Ca Usa Semifinals(S)
19:30	Max Power Max Power 2003 (R)
20:30	Best Of Pga Golf The 80's (T)
21:00	Wrestling Apple Crush (R)
22:00	Formula One Highlights 2003 Formula One Highlights Melbourne, Australia Foster's Australian Grand

	Prix(T)
23:00	Tennis Masters Series Pacific Life Open, Indian Wells Indian Wells, Ca Usa Final(L)
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00:00	[V] Sunday Stack
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07:00	[V] Sunday Stack
07:30	[V] Back To Back
08:00	[V] Jumpstart
09:00	[V] Sunday Stack
09:30	[V] Back To Back
10:00	[V] Sunday Stack
10:30	[V] Back To Back
11:00	[V] Zabardast Hits
11:30	[V] Sunday Stack
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14:00	[V] Back To Back
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22:00	Billboard Us Countdown
23:00	Rewind
23:30	[V] Sunday Stack
NATIONAL	
GEOGRAPHIC	
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00:00	Riddle Of The Dead
01:00	Building Big
02:00	Building Big
03:00	Secret China S2
04:00	Wild Asses
05:00	Great Lakes Fragile Seas
06:00	Building Big
07:00	Building Big
08:00	Secret China S2
09:00	Wild Asses
10:00	A Quiet Revolution
10:30	Great Lakes Fragile Seas
11:30	Arctic Flyer
12:00	Shape Of Life
13:00	Game For It
13:30	Earth Report
14:00	Wild Asses
15:00	Great White, Deep Trouble
16:00	Explorer
17:00	Tomorrow's World
17:30	Nick's Quest