

RECOMMENDATIONS

Exhibition
May 22 - June 5
The inauguration of a painting exhibition by Kakoli and a sculpture exhibition by Reaz will take place at the Alliance Francaise de Dhaka on May 22 at 6:00p.m. The exhibition will continue till June 5.

May 16-22
The second solo painting exhibition of artist Rajaul Islam Lovelu is going on at the Zainul gallery of Institute of Fine Arts, Dhaka University. The display is open for visitors daily from 2 pm to 8 pm.

Music
May 22-23
Nazrul Sangeet Shilpi Parishad will hold Nazrul Sangeet Conference to mark the 104th birth anniversary of the Rebel-poet Kazi Nazrul Islam. The conference will feature Nazrul songs performed by reputed Nazrul artistes of the country. On the second day the Parishad will accord reception to eminent Nazrul Sangeet personalities Firoza Begum, Sohrab Hossain, Sudhin Das, Abdus Sattar, Julhasuddin Ahmed, Khalid Hossain, Ferdousi Rahman, and Rafiqul Islam. The programme will take place at the Nazrul Institute auditorium (Road-28 (old), Dhanmondi) at 5p.m.

Film
May 21
Impress Telefilm will hold the inauguration ceremony of the shooting of *Kokhono Megh Kokhono Brishti*, a film written by Rabeya Khatun and directed by film-actress Moushumi at 4:00 pm at the Osmani Memorial Auditorium. The Information Minister Tariqul Islam will be present at the ceremony as the chief guest.

Exhibition

An extravaganza of feminine visions

Exhibition of 28 women artists at Bengal Gallery

FAYZA HAQ

THE 28 artists' display at the Bengal Foundation celebrates the creativity of human imagination. It proved once again the remarkable prowess of our women painters and sculptors ranging from Farida Zaman and Rokeya Sultana to Nahid Niazi to Farzana Zaman Milky. Constantly striving and experimenting what they have to show takes one breath away with admiration. This was to celebrate the recent Women's Initiative for Peace in South Asia.

Farida Zaman's work brings in a feline dream of numerous fish hanging from nets in a rising sun. The fishing nets hang delicately against the gray blue sky and gentle

contributions in splashes of blue, lemon yellow, green and russet with simplified figures in variations of gray blue and green. For some time inspired by nature's beauty and simplicity Rokeya is a many times prize winner and a popular teacher at the Dept. of Print Making at the Fine Arts Institute, Nasreen Begum's "Cacti Woman" in acrylic and pen had gentle strokes of blue against green and brought in beautiful forms as only a dedicated exponent of oriental art can be. The young woman with the elegance of Grecian art holds on to the cactus as if it were some delicate lily blossom. Nasreen studied print making at Baroda and is reputed for the pristine charm of her work.

In shades of purple indigo, gold and black dots is Naima Haque's

"Hyacinth Girl" in mixed media by Leila Sharmeen, presents herself portrait dreaming and gazing from a dreamland of hyacinth garden with purple and blue blossom, seen in barred rows, with the starlit sky above. In vertical bars of indigo, purple royal blue and lemon green, with the portrait with its cascading black hair and pen-

sketched in figures in gray scattered on the canvas add to the sense of loneliness and alienation. Ferdousi Priyobhashini's untitled piece in driftwood root could be a modern piece of sculpture showing a torso in bulges of brown muscles. Ferdousi's imagination and dedication to her work has always been admirable.

Atiya Islam Annie's "Woman and society 11" has a surrealist aura with the Mona Lisa in a square, ghostly white hands showing the portrait to the world, rows of hands bearing plastic artificial flowers of admiration under it, and a bar of waving fleshy leaves on the third section of the canvas. With an MFA in Drawing and Painting from the Institute of Fine Arts, DU, Atiya is an art teacher at Jhapi School of Art. "Embryo withdrawn-11" by Dilara Begum Jolly is again out to express a decisive message rather than win the admiration of the casual buyer with an aim of decorating the sitting room walls.

Sarkar Nahid Niazi's "Broken Window" presents the beauty of old parts of our architecture in the form of a widow with an open portion planked up and covered with torn netting. The other parts of the open window present more planks of wood put in horizontal and vertical forms, painted over with interesting blues and beige. Nahid has done her BFA from the Institute of Fine Arts, DU. "Woman", acrylic on canvas by Setara Elin, presents a gorgeous female nude with a single black pearl couched on the pale bosom, with forms of nature, water and plant branches and leaves forming the backdrop of the voluptuous form. Setara has done her MFA from the Institute of Fine Arts, DU.

Tandra Das's "Movement of the wind" brings in delicate motifs of leaves set in a net pattern, with a few geometrical forms included in the composition of beige and green, with a touch of red and blue. Tayeba Begum Lipi's "Toys" with its presentation of eastern and western women present the artist's belief that women are puppets in the hands of society and its dictates. Both Tandra and Lipi have done their MFA from the Institute of Fine Arts, DU.

The exhibition proves beyond doubt that our women artists are both inspired and talented and take their work seriously.

Dance

Russian National Ballet-Revival enthralls Dhaka audience

CULTURAL CORRESPONDENT

THE Russian National Ballet-Revival troupe flew from Moscow to perform Le Corsaire, Dying Swan and Don Quixote and enthralled



the Dhaka audience at the Osmani Memorial Hall recently. This was the finest Ballet performance seen in Bangladesh till date. The Russian Festival in Dhaka was organized by Russia Bangladesh Chamber of Commerce & Industry (RBCCI).

Founded in 1993 as Sligo Dance Company by Valeri Balazovski and later, renamed the Russian National Ballet-Revival, brought to Dhaka some of the finest dancers in the world. Outstanding ballet teachers, celebrated artists of Russian classics work for the Company. Several dancers of the Company have achieved national and international accolade and prizes. Great Masters work for the Company and help the young dancers realize their creative potential. Great artists such as Nina Chistova and Anatoly Golovan and others whose high mastery serve as role model for the young talented dancers. As a

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result, a brilliant production and genuine professionalism was achieved in a very short period of time. The Ballet programme included Grand pas de Quatre, Gypsy Dance, The Dying Swan, Dance on the Square, Solo Dance of Toreros, Duet of Toreodor and Street Dancer etc.

Mihail Shulgin, the Artistic Director and Choreographer, studied at the Moscow School of Choreography. He joined Bolshoi Ballet Company upon graduation and was famed as one of the most gifted soloists. Later he joined the Russian Academy of Dramatic Art and became a Ballet Master. Shulgin mixes traditions of Russian classical ballet (both Moscow and Leningrad Schools) and contemporary choreography boldly to enhance the creative process that makes the visuals extraordinary.

Nataliya Balazovskaia, Director of the Russian National Ballet-Revival who accompanied the Troupe to Dhaka, is the daughter of the Founder President of the Company. Jetset PR, one of the foremost event management companies in Bangladesh, detailed the gala event.

It is a pity that dance enthusiasts of the city failed to witness the gala show in large numbers as the tickets were quite high priced. We wish that such performances would be shown to the audiences who are not only involved in this field but also have a love for the art. Ballet, as a dance form is a rare presentation in our country. It would greatly enhance the cultural exchange between the two countries if people from all walks of life could enjoy such a presentation.



TV GUIDE

<p>All programmes are in local time. The Daily Star will not be responsible for any change in the programme.</p> <p>BTv</p> <p>12:00 Opening Announcement</p> <p>12:10 News Headline</p> <p>12:15 Shubhechha Nin</p> <p>12:30 Shangbad Patrer</p> <p>Pata Theke</p> <p>12:40 Shashthya Tathay</p> <p>1:00 News</p> <p>1:05 'Jibon Bangladesh Moron Bangladesh'</p> <p>1:30 Vpohar</p> <p>2:00 News Headline</p> <p>2:05 Cartoon Film</p> <p>2:30 Udbhid O Jibon</p> <p>3:00 News</p> <p>3:05 Hijoltomal</p> <p>3:35 Shukhi Paribar</p> <p>4:00 News Headlines</p> <p>4:05 Geet Bitan</p> <p>4:30 Open University</p> <p>5:00 News</p> <p>5:05 Desh O Bigyan</p> <p>5:30 Apon Bhumi</p> <p>5:55 Shamakalin</p> <p>Orthonti</p> <p>6:00 News: Desh Janapad</p> <p>6:10 Hajar Bochhor Dhore</p> <p>6:35 Programmes of Chittagong Centre</p> <p>a) News Headline</p> <p>b) Share Market</p> <p>c) Weather Forecast</p> <p>7:00</p> <p>Mati O Manush</p> <p>7:30 Shorashori</p> <p>8:00 News At Eight (Bangla)</p> <p>8:30 Drama Series: Shanyorrra Rang in Natok</p> <p>9:00 Series Drama: Chokher Alo</p> <p>9:30 Series Drama: Hajar Ronger Shwppo</p> <p>10:00 News At Ten</p> <p>10:25 Weather Forecast</p> <p>10:30 News Reporting</p> <p>10:35 Selected Programme</p> <p>11:30 Late night news/News Headlines</p>	<p>CHANNEL-i</p> <p>6:10 Islamic Programme</p> <p>7:15 Prothom Sur</p> <p>09:15 i-Sports</p> <p>09:30 Music Plus</p> <p>10:00 Drama Serial: Poster</p> <p>10:30 Drama Serial: SunderSarbanash</p> <p>12:00 Drama Serial : Grihagolpo</p> <p>12:30 Drama Serial :Graham</p> <p>01:30 Business Show</p> <p>2:00 Bangla Feature Film: Mohat</p> <p>5:35 Jonopoder Khabor</p> <p>5:45 Chitti Pelam</p> <p>6:10 Music Plus</p> <p>6:45 Chaya Zanker</p> <p>7:15 Channel-i News</p> <p>7:45 Ishpani-i Tele Quiz (Q)</p> <p>7:50 Kichu Mone Korbenno Dot Com</p> <p>8:25 Drama Serial: Kichu megh kichu Ruddur</p> <p>9:00 Channel-i News</p> <p>9:31 Ishpani-i Tele Quiz (R)</p> <p>9:35 Drama Serial : Bela Shese</p> <p>10:00 Drama Serial : Tomar Basonto</p> <p>10:25 Channel-i Mobile Quiz 2525</p> <p>10:30 Channel-i News</p> <p>11:15 Sangbad Potrey Bangladesh</p> <p>11:20 Business Show</p> <p>11:30 Late Night News of BTv</p> <p>12:15 Channel-i News</p> <p>ATN BANGLA</p> <p>6:00 Islamic prog.</p> <p>8:00 ATN Bangla News</p> <p>8:25 Computer based prog. ATN Computer Projukte</p> <p>9:00 Drama serial : Ragene</p> <p>9:35 Darna Sada Rang</p> <p>10:10 Audio magazine : Audio Mela</p> <p>12:00 ATN Bangla News</p> <p>12:20 The Daily Newspapper Discussing prog. Aikar Sangbadpotro</p> <p>12:40 Film song's prog. Surchobi</p> <p>1:20 Bengali feature film : Raja Mistere</p> <p>4:20 Children prog. Cholo Gan Gai</p> <p>4:50 The Daily Newspapper Discussing prog. Aikar Sangbadpotro</p> <p>5:00 Gram Banglar Sangbad</p> <p>5:15 Viewers opinion</p>	<p>5:50 prog. Motamot</p> <p>Musical prog. Saat Rang</p> <p>6:25 Islamic prog. Islamee Sawal O Jawab</p> <p>7:00 ATN Bangla Evening News</p> <p>7:30 Cine Musical prog. Gondoraz</p> <p>Samsung Cine Aaha</p> <p>8:05 Musical prog.</p> <p>8:40 Drama serial : No Problem</p> <p>9:00 ATN Bangla News</p> <p>9:25 Talk show : Face to Face</p> <p>10:00 ATN Bangla News</p> <p>10:30 Musical prog : Music Vision</p> <p>11:00 ATN Bangla News</p> <p>12:00 Bengali feature film : Achol Bande</p> <p>TARA BANGLA</p> <p>1:30 Yes No Very Good</p> <p>2:00 Taka na Sona</p> <p>6:30 Aajker Shironam</p> <p>7:00 Gaan-War</p> <p>7:20 Dhush Sambad</p> <p>8:30 Tara News</p> <p>9:30 Tara News Bangladesh</p> <p>10:00 Bangla Mukh</p> <p>10:30 News Magazine</p> <p>11:30 Tara News</p> <p>HBO</p> <p>6:30 The Expendables</p> <p>8:15 Star Trek: Insurrection</p> <p>10:15 Spring Break Lawyer</p> <p>12:00 Picking Up The Pieces</p> <p>1:45 Masterminds</p> <p>4:00 Dragonheart</p> <p>6:00 The Enemy</p> <p>8:00 Malevolent</p> <p>10:00 True Lies</p> <p>12:45 Enemy At The Gates</p> <p>3:15 Dragonheart</p> <p>5:15 Picking Up The Pieces</p> <p>ADVENTURE ONE</p> <p>6:00 Danger Diaries</p> <p>7:00 Cameramen Who Dared</p> <p>7:30 Ng Adventures</p> <p>8:30 On Assignment</p> <p>9:00 Explorer's Journal</p> <p>10:00 Danger Diaries</p> <p>11:00 Secret of Tsangpo</p> <p>11:30 The Hunt For Amazing Treasures</p> <p>12:00 Surfer's Journal</p> <p>12:30 Explorer's Journal</p> <p>1:30 Florida Aqua Caves</p> <p>2:30 Pain And Suffering</p> <p>3:30 Danger Diaries</p> <p>4:40 The Last Tonnara</p>	<p>TODAY'S HIGHLIGHTS</p> <p>STAR MOVIES: 8:40p.m. <i>Transylvania 6-5000</i>. Two fearless journalists travel to Transylvania to search for proof of the region's legendary monsters and vampires. Instead of Dracula, however, they find a mayor-cum-hotel manager transforming castles into theme hotels, and madcap doctors performing wild and wacky experiments. An uproarious spoof of vampire thrillers.</p> <p>HBO: 8:00 p.m. <i>Malevolent</i>. Lou Diamond Phillips stars in this thriller as Jack, a maverick cop whose most recent case has made him both a local hero and the subject of a routine investigation for a shooting that occurred during the case. Though he is innocent, Jack quickly finds that departmental investigators are finding enough evidence for a substantial case against him.</p>	<p>PICK OF THE DAY</p> <p>Kiss of the Dragon On Star Movies at 7.00 p.m. Liu Jian, a police officer from China, comes to Paris to help the vice squad apprehend a Chinese drug lord and his unknown French connection. The French connection is Richard, the head of the vice squad, who intends to kill the drug lord then frame Jian. Jian ducks a bullet and escapes with a tape of what really happened. By chance, Jian turns to Jessica - a US farm girl who is one of Richard's hookers - for help.</p>	<p>6:30 Twenty Years With</p> <p>7:30 People Out There</p> <p>8:00 Mission Everest</p> <p>8:30 \$100 Taxi Ride</p> <p>9:00 Young Global Hot Shots</p> <p>9:30 Zulu River Odyssey</p> <p>10:30 Croc Chronicles</p> <p>11:00 Toyota World Of Wildlife S3</p> <p>11:30 Dogs With Jobs</p> <p>12:00 Earth Pulse</p> <p>12:30 Miracle In The Pacific</p> <p>1:30 Truth Files</p> <p>2:30 Mummy Road Show</p> <p>3:00 Tales Of The Living Dead</p> <p>3:30 Dragons of the Namib</p> <p>4:30 The Photographers</p> <p>5:30 Animal Edens</p> <p>6:00 Return to the Wild</p> <p>6:30 Dogs With Jobs S3</p> <p>7:00 Earth Pulse</p> <p>7:30 Avalanche Angels</p> <p>8:30 Truth Files</p> <p>9:30 Mummy Road Show</p> <p>10:00 Tales of The Living Dead</p> <p>10:30 Chinese Footing</p> <p>Binding The Vanis</p> <p>11:30 In The Shadow of The Shark</p> <p>STAR PLUS</p> <p>6:00 Bhabhi</p> <p>6:30 Geet Bahar</p> <p>7:30 Dr Morepen Tango - Daily</p> <p>8:30 Shaka Laka Boom Boom</p> <p>9:00 Taaza Hits</p> <p>9:05 Hit Filemin Hit Sangeet</p> <p>9:30 Fox Kids</p> <p>10:10 Hit Filemin Hit Sangeet</p> <p>10:30 Meri Saheli</p> <p>11:00 Pal Chinn</p> <p>11:30 Kabhii Sauntan Kabhii Saheli</p> <p>12:00 Shanti</p> <p>12:30 Hit Filemin Hit Sangeet</p> <p>12:55 Taaza Hits</p> <p>1:00 Kasautii Zindagii Kay</p> <p>1:30 Kumkum-Pyara Sa Bandhan</p> <p>2:00 Bhabhi</p> <p>2:30 Kyunki Saas Bhi Kabhi Bahu Thi</p> <p>3:00 Shagun</p> <p>3:30 Kabhi Aaye Na Judai</p> <p>4:00 Kahaani Ghar Ghar Kii</p> <p>4:30 Kaahin Kissi Roz</p> <p>5:00 Film Topper</p> <p>5:05 Saans</p> <p>5:30 Hit Filemin Hit Sangeet</p> <p>5:55 Taaza Hits</p> <p>6:00 Hum Saath Aath Hain</p> <p>6:30 Fox Kids</p> <p>6:25 Film Topper - 301 Series</p> <p>7:30 Kumkum - Pyara Sa Bandhan</p>	<p>7:55 Film Topper - 301 Series</p> <p>8:00 Shaka Laka Boom Boom</p> <p>8:30 Sonpari</p> <p>9:00 Kasautii Zindagii Kay</p> <p>9:30 Sanjivani - A Medical Boon</p> <p>10:30 Kahaani Ghar Ghar Kii</p> <p>11:00 Kyunki Saas Bhi Kabhi Bahu Thi</p> <p>11:30 Kaahin Kissi Roz</p> <p>12:00 Bhabhi</p> <p>SONY</p> <p>7:00 Amrit Varsha</p> <p>8:00 Sant Asaram Vani</p> <p>8:30 Om Namah Shivay</p> <p>9:30 Good Morning Disney</p> <p>10:30 Chartbusters</p> <p>11:00 Music Mantra</p> <p>11:30 Khwahish</p> <p>12:00 Cook It up With Tarla Dalal</p> <p>12:30 Bachke Rehna Zara Sambhalna</p> <p>1:00 Kkusum</p> <p>1:30 Kuch Kehti Hai Yeh Dhun</p> <p>2:00 Kahani Terri Merri</p> <p>2:30 Kutumb</p> <p>3:00 Dhakkan</p> <p>3:30 Ghar Ek Mandir</p> <p>4:00 Alpaviram</p> <p>4:30 Kaun Apna Kaun Paraya</p> <p>5:00 Malgudi Days</p> <p>5:30 Dekh Bhai Dekh</p> <p>6:00 Jist Mohabbat</p> <p>6:30 Disney Hour</p> <p>7:30 Chartbusters</p> <p>8:00 Music Mantra</p> <p>8:30 Boogie Woogie</p> <p>9:00 Goonj</p> <p>9:30 Kkusum</p> <p>10:00 Kahani Terri Merri</p> <p>10:30 Achanak 37 Saal Baad</p> <p>11:00 Aahat</p> <p>11:30 Kutumb</p> <p>12:00 Ghar Ek Mandir</p> <p>DISCOVERY</p> <p>8:30 Wild Discovery : Sabretooth</p> <p>9:30 Globetrekker Hawaii & East Caribbean</p> <p>10:30 Military Aviation Air Power</p> <p>11:30 Extreme Machines</p> <p>12:30 Mega Trucks</p> <p>Great Palaces Of The World Topkapı Turkey</p> <p>Casino Diaries: The Professional</p> <p>1:00 Body Challenge</p> <p>2:30 New Detectives: Dead In The Water</p> <p>3:30 Globetrekker</p> <p>4:30 I Love My Music</p>	<p>5:30 Breed All About It</p> <p>Pointers</p> <p>6:00 Twisted Tales Bugs</p> <p>6:30 Challenge Through The Grand Canyon</p> <p>7:30 Wild Discovery Sharks of Palau</p> <p>8:30 Military Aviation</p> <p>Mustang : Cadillac of the Skies</p> <p>9:00 Military Aviation</p> <p>Harrier Jump Jet : Jumping Jet Flash</p> <p>9:30 Extreme Machines</p> <p>Smart Weapons</p> <p>10:30 Jeremy Clarkson's Motorworld : Cuba</p> <p>Great Crimes and Trials : The Escapes From Alcatraz</p> <p>11:30 Big Largest Building In The World</p> <p>TEN SPORTS</p> <p>6:00 Western Union</p> <p>Football Show</p> <p>Fitness Beach</p> <p>7:30 Smackdown</p> <p>9:00 Fitness Beach</p> <p>9:30 Robot Wars</p> <p>10:30 Fitness Beach</p> <p>Western Union</p> <p>Football Show</p> <p>1:30 Robot Wars</p> <p>2:30 EPGA H/L's : Benson & Hedges</p> <p>3:30 European Tour Weekly 2003</p> <p>4:00 Fitness Beach</p> <p>4:30 Robot Wars</p> <p>5:30 Bajaj Caliber 115</p> <p>6:30 Bajaj Caliber 115</p> <p>7:30 Sports Update</p> <p>8:00 Western Union</p> <p>Football Show</p> <p>10:05 Gillette World Sport</p> <p>10:55 Bajaj Caliber 115</p> <p>11:30 Sports Update</p> <p>Bajaj Caliber 115</p> <p>Sports Update</p> <p>ESPN</p> <p>6:30 Sportscenter Hindi</p> <p>7:00 Western Union World Football</p> <p>7:30 School Quiz Show</p> <p>ESPN School</p> <p>8:00 Wrestling Apple Crush</p> <p>11:30 School Quiz Show</p> <p>ESPN School</p> <p>6:30 Spanish Football League</p> <p>8:30 Sportscenter Hindi</p> <p>9:00 Football Focus</p> <p>11:30 Sportscenter Hindi</p> <p>12:00 School Quiz Show</p> <p>ESPN School</p>
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