

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 5 p.m.

**May 24-26**  
Bengal Shilpalay will host a musical presentation titled *Shongey Theko Sangeet*, by young classical, instrumental and Nazrul artistes. The schedule follows:  
May 24  
*Classical vocal* by Idul Bashar Rahi  
*Setar* by Ibadul Haque Saikat  
May 25  
*Classical vocal* by Amin Akhter Saadmani  
*Flute* by Murtaza Kabir Murad  
May 26  
*Nazrul Sangeet* by Bijon Chandra Mistri, Sadia Afreen Hamid Nijhum, Jalal Hasan and Mimi Farhana Haque. The programme starts every-day at 7 p.m.

Heritage

# Befriending museums

## International Museum Day observed in Bangladesh

HARUN UR RASHID

Two ironically contradictory incidents mark the history of museums and world heritage this year. On the one hand, International Council of Museums (ICOM) has selected 'Museums and Friends' as its theme of activities for this year. On the other, it is this same year when one of the world's richest museums, the Baghdad Museum, came under the most barbaric destruction and looting after the Anglo-US forces had taken over the Iraqi capital a couple of months ago.

Despite the contradiction, however, the International Museum Day was celebrated the world over on May 18 in the spirit of the ICOM motto: 'Museums are an important means of cultural exchange, enrichment of cultures and development of mutual understanding, cooperation and peace among peoples.'

In Bangladesh too the day was celebrated jointly by Bangladesh Museums Council (BMC), ICOM-Bangladesh National Committee, and Bangladesh National Museum Officers' Association. A seminar was held on this occasion at the Poet Sufia Kamal Auditorium of the National Museum. M Abu Yunus, Secretary of Research and Publication, BMC, presented the essay on this year's theme 'Museums and Friends' at the seminar.

International Museum Day has been observed all over the world since 1977. The event provides the opportunity for museum professionals to meet the public and alert them to the challenges that Museums face if they are to be--as in the ICOM definition of museums--'an institution in the service of society and of its development.'

It was, however, 15 years since the Day had been first celebrated that ICOM decided to choose a theme for each year. In 1992 the first theme was decided to be 'Museums and Environment.' In 1993 it was 'Museums and Indigenous Peoples', in 1994 'Behind the Scenes in Museums', in 1995 'Response and Responsibility', and in 1996 'Collecting today for tomorrow.' 1997 and 1998 jointly decided one theme--'The fight against illicit traffic of cultural property.' In



Lord Vishnu, Black marble, 12th century.

1999, the focus was on the 'Pleasures of Discovery', while the 2000 theme depicted museums' role in 'Peace and Harmony in Society.' In 2001 the theme was 'Museums: building community', and last year it was 'Museums and Globalisation.'

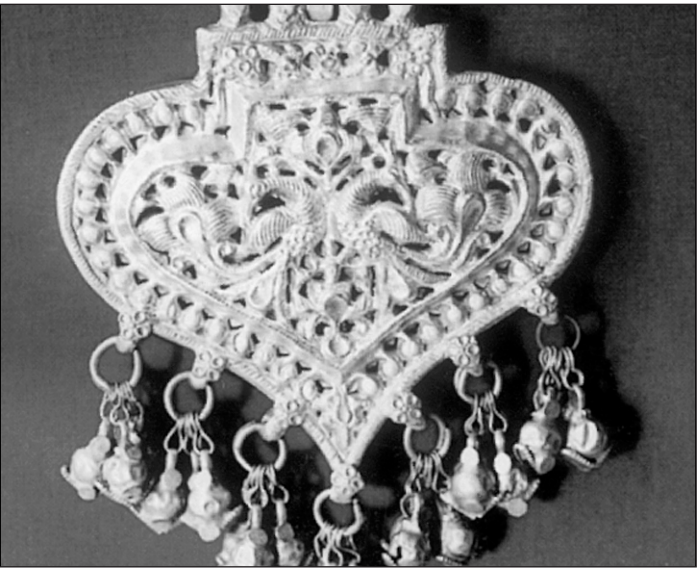
The idea of this year's theme 'Museums and Friends' can be traced back in the 17th century Europe. A group of enlightened people--collectors and connoisseurs of artistic, scientific and historical antiquities, artists,



Ottar container, German silver, 20th century.

teachers, professionals, students and even house-wives--gathered together and came forward to uphold and popularise museums through various cultural activities. Besides this, they also started enterprising expeditions in search of ancient relics, exhibitions of them, and raising funds for maintenance of the museums.

Initiated by a Spanish Friend, Luis Monreal, the International Friends of Museums was founded in 1972. Later in 1975, the organisation became a federation taking the



Locket, German silver, 20th century.

name 'World Federation of the Friends of Museums' (WFFM). At present the Federation has over six million members all over the world.

In Bangladesh, however, there is no such organisation yet. At different times a number of individuals, like Sharat Kumar Roy, Akshay Kumar Moitreyo, Narendra Narayan Roy Chowdhury, Hakim Habibur Rahman, Rabindranath Tagore, Shilpacharya Zainul Abedin and others--have founded and patronised museums at different places.

'But certainly it's time we had such an organisation in the country', unanimously resounded all the speakers present at the May 18 seminar. Dr. Shah Sufi Mustafizur Rahman, Associate Professor of Archaeology, Jahangirnagar University, and M. Shihab Uddin of the National Museum discussed on the essay read out by Abu Yunus at the seminar. Presided over by the BMC President SAM Monwar Jahan, the seminar was also attended by Begum Selima Rahman, State Minister for Cultural Affairs, and Dr. SMA Fayeze, Vice Chancellor of Dhaka University.

As is often noticed in programmes held by government organisations, the seminar could not be as effective as it should have been. Among the activities suggested on the occasion by ICOM and WFFM, and narrated at the seminar by Monwar Jahan, very few seemed to have been executed. There should have been sufficient poster and advertising on the national media so that people from all walks of life could come to know about the Day and its importance. The auditorium was decorated with banners inscribed with awareness-increasing lessons, but they could not certainly reach the general people. For the audience at the seminar comprised mostly of employees of the National Museum.

The speakers emphasised that it is more important for us to protect and preserve what we have at present. It is necessary to encourage preservation of the existing treasures our museums now possess so that they proclaim our rich cultural and historical ancestry.

Dance

# Nrityanchal dance festival ahead

CULTURE DESK

NRITYANCHAL, a reputed organisation for dance and music, will hold the final competition on June 2 of the countrywide 'Nrityanchal Talent Search Programme' at the Kachi Kancha auditorium in Dhaka. Competitors who secured first place in the preliminary competition held in nine centres of the 6 divisions of the country from February to April will compete in this final session. Performers who earned second place in *Kathak* and *Bharat Natyam* disciplines are also eligible for the contest.

Prominent cultural personality Mustafa Monwar and David Fletcher, Chief Executive of Standard Chartered Bank will attend the programme.

The competition ultimately paves the path of the aspired 'Nrityanchal Festival 2003' to be held on June 04-05 at the Shishu Academy.

Research

## Ph. D. awarded on literary works

CULTURE DESK



Syed Haque

MOSTAFA Tariqul Islam has received his Ph.D. degree from Rajshahi University for research on the literary works of Syed Shamsul Haque, a prominent poet-playwright-novelist of Bangladesh. This is the first ever Ph.D. programme done on the works of a living Bangladeshi literary personality.

Born in 1935 in Kurigram, Syed Shamsul Haque started his literary career in 1954. He has written more than 150 books of poetry, story, essay, novel, drama and literature for children. His writings have been translated in English, French, Hindi, Urdu, Russian and Japanese. He received Adamji Prize for poetry, Bangla Academy award for short stories, Munir Choudhury Honorarium for drama. The government of Bangladesh has honoured him with the highest awards of the country--Ekushey Padak and Swadhinota Padak.



Shamim Ara Nipa and Shibli Mohammad in the dance drama *Shakuntala* to be staged at the festival in June.

Cinema



PHOTO: STAR

Inauguration of shooting of the film *Kokhono Megh Kokhono Brishti* at the Osmani Memorial auditorium yesterday. (From left) Actor Razzak, director Moushumi, writer Rabeya Khatun, actor Ferdous and Information Minister Tariqul Islam. The film is being produced by Impress Telefilms.

# TV GUIDE

All programmes are in local time. The Daily Star will not be responsible for any change in the programme.

BTV

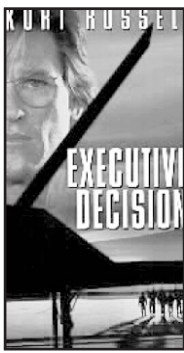
12:00	Opening Announcement
12:10	News Headline
12:15	Shubhechha Nin
12:30	Shangbad Patrer Pata Theke
12:40	Shasthya Tathya
1:00	News
1:05	Lok Loka Loye
1:30	Chhande Chhande
2:00	News Headline
2:05	Cartoon Film
2:30	Open University
3:00	News (English)
3:10	Bengali Feature Film
4:00	News Headlines
5:00	News
5:30	On-Line
6:00	News
6:10	Udbhid O Jibon
6:35	Jiboner Alo
7:00	a) News Headline b) Share Market c) Weather Forecast
7:05	Grontho Bhubon
7:30	Film : Darkknight
8:00	News At Eight (Bangla)
8:30	E Shaptaher Natak: Mayabi Jhiliak
9:30	Selected programme
10:00	News At Ten
10:25	Weather Forecast
10:30	News Reporting
10:35	Telefilm: Shajai Bibor Pala
11:30	Late Night News/News Headlines
<b>CHANNEL-i</b>	
2:00	Bangla Feature Film: Juli
5:00	<b>Money Talk</b>
5:35	Jonopoder Khabor
5:45	Joto poth Toto Mott
6:10	Music Plus
6:15	Housefull
7:15	Channel-i News
7:45	Ispahani-i Tele Quiz (Q)
7:55	English Serial: Queen
8:25	Drama Serial: Grihagolpo
9:00	Channel-i News
9:31	Ispahani-i Tele Quiz (R)
9:35	Drama Serial : Charisma
10:00	Band Show: Close up
10:25	Channel-i Mobile Quiz 2525
10:30	Channel-i News
11:15	Sangbad Potrey Bangladesh
11:20	Business Show
11:30	Late Night News of BTV
12:15	Channel-i News

ATN BANGLA

6:00	Islamic Prog:
8:00	ATN Bangla News
8:25	Cine Music prog: "Gondoraz Samsung Cine Aaha"
9:35	Musical Prog:
10:10	Drama serial: No Problem
10:50	Talk show: Face to Face
12:00	ATN Bangla News
12:20	The Daily Newspaper Discussing Prog: Aijker Sangbadpotro
12:40	Musical prog : Srether Pata Theke
1:20	Bengali Feature film: Raj Kapal
4:20	Islamic prog:
4:50	The Daily Newspaper Discussing Prog: Aijker Sangbadpotro
5:00	Gram Banglar Sangbad
5:15	Film Magazine: A sapteher Chobi
5:50	Musical Prog: Saat Rang
6:25	Islamic Prog:
7:00	ATN Bangla Evening News
7:30	Musical Prog: Drama Serial: Cheinly Na Amal
8:05	Film Magazine: Henolux Benudon Bichitra
9:00	ATN Bangla News
9:25	Reporting prog: Prekhhapot
10:00	ATN Bangla News
10:35	Drama Serial: Kakkhachuta
11:00	ATN Bangla News
12:00	Bengali Feature Film: Raja Mistere
<b>TARA BANGLA</b>	
1:30	Yes No Very Good
2:00	Taka Na Sona
6:30	Aajiker Shironam
7:00	Gaan-War
7:20	Dhush Sambad
8:00	Syllebusey Nei
8:30	Tara News
9:30	Tara News Bangladesh
10:00	Parichoy
10:30	News Magazine
11:30	Tara News
<b>HBO</b>	
7:00	Cinema Secrets
7:30	Final Impact

9:30	Maverick
12:00	Mrs. Winterbourne
2:15	Deadly Species
4:00	Jezebel's Kiss
6:00	Zeus And Roxanne
8:00	Python
10:00	Executive Decision
12:45	Rush Hour
2:45	Mrs. Winterbourne
5:00	Zeus And Roxanne
<b>STAR MOVIES</b>	
7:45	The Doctor
10:00	Mad City
12:00	Transylvania
1:45	Double Whammy
3:30	While You Were Sleeping
5:25	US Marshals
7:00	Mad Love
8:40	The Order
10:30	Girffight
12:30	Human Bomb
<b>ADVENTURE ONE</b>	
6:00	Danger Diaries
7:00	Ice Climb
7:30	Action Asia
8:30	Challenge
9:00	Across The Line
9:30	Beyond Limits
10:00	NG Adventures
11:00	Out There
11:30	Extreme Science
12:00	Surfer's Journal
12:30	Explorer's Journal
1:30	Tracks
2:30	Poles Apart
3:30	Danger Diaries
4:30	Firebombers
5:00	Explorer's Journal 2002
6:00	Across The Line
7:00	Beyond Limits
7:30	Beyond Limits
8:30	Sheer Will
9:00	Surfer's Journal
10:00	2002
11:00	Across The Line
11:30	Beyond Limits
<b>STAR WORLD</b>	
6:00	Kenneth Copeland
6:30	The Simpsons
7:00	The Simpsons
7:30	Suddenly Susan
8:00	Hollywood Squares
8:30	The Brady Bunch
9:00	Cheers
9:30	Oprah Winfrey Show
10:30	Charmed
11:30	Ally Mcbeal
1:30	Chicago Hope
2:28	Star Asia Travel
2:30	Oprah Winfrey Show
3:30	Bold and Beautiful

## TODAY'S HIGHLIGHTS



**STAR MOVIES:** 8:40 p.m. *The Order*. Reformated artifact smuggler Rudy is forced to travel to Jerusalem and come to the aid of his museum curator father, who has been kidnapped by a radical religious group. After being framed for murder there, Rudy must enlist the help of a mysterious woman so that he may find a sacred scroll before it falls into the wrong hands, thus starting Holy War.

**HBO:** 10:00 p.m. *Executive Decision*. Terrorists take over a 747 bound from Athens to Washington D.C., supposedly to effect the release of their leader. Intelligence expert David Grant suspects another reason and convinces the military that the 'plane should not be allowed to enter U.S. airspace. An assault mission is devised, using a specially equipped 'plane designed for mid-air crew transfers, and Grant finds himself aboard the 747 with a team of military anti-terrorists who have to defuse a bomb and overpower the terrorists.

## PICK OF THE DAY



**Rush Hour**  
On HBO at 12.45 a.m.  
Realizing that the FBI and their by the book tactics may be unsuccessful, the Chinese consul recruits the aid of a loyal Hong Kong inspector to help rescue his kidnapped daughter. Outlawed by the FBI, the inspector must form an unlikely partnership with a cocky, street smart LAPD officer who prefers doing things his own way.

4:30	Hollywood Squares
5:00	The Brady Bunch
5:30	Knight Rider
6:30	The Simpsons
7:00	Everybody Loves Raymond
7:30	Drama & Greg
8:00	Friends
8:30	Buffy The Vampire Slayer
9:30	Angel
10:30	NYPD Blue
11:28	Star Asia Travel
11:30	Baywatch
<b>ANIMAL PLANET</b>	
8:30	Wild Rescues
9:00	Croc Files
9:30	Animal Planet Safari
10:30	Natural World
11:30	Planet's Funniest Animals
12:00	Breed All About It
12:30	Battersea Dogs
1:00	Tuesday Trauma
2:30	Jeff Corwin
3:30	The Zoo
4:00	Twisted Tales
4:30	Animal Planet Safari
5:30	Natural World
6:30	Battersea Dogs
7:00	Tuesday Trauma
8:30	Jeff Corwin

9:30	Experience
10:00	Twisted Tales Bugs
10:30	Animal Planet Safari
11:30	Natural World
<b>STAR GOLD</b>	
7:00	Geet Bahar
7:30	Ek Mutthi Aasmaan
10:55	Kuch Hit Kuch Superhit
11:00	Hit Filmlein Hit
11:25	Sangeet Kuch Hit Kuch Superhit
11:30	Kuch Hit Kuch Superhit
12:25	Kuch Hit Kuch Superhit
12:30	Geet Bahar
3:00	Hit Filmlein Hit Sangeet - 20 M
3:25	Kuch Hit Kuch Superhit
3:30	Biwi Ho To Aisi
6:55	Kuch Hit Kuch Superhit
7:00	Hit Filmlein Hit Sangeet - 20 M
7:25	Kuch Hit Kuch Superhit
7:30	Pratikar
10:55	Kuch Hit Kuch Superhit
11:00	Flashback
11:30	Hit Filmlein Hit Sangeet
11:55	Kuch Hit Kuch Superhit
<b>AXN</b>	
6:30	Movie: Going Back
8:30	High Action Adrenalin
9:30	When Fun Turns To Fear
10:30	Farscape/Dog With Two Bones
11:30	Courage
1:30	Guinness World Records : Primetime
2:30	Movie: Going Back
5:00	High Action Adrenalin

6:30	Disney Hour
7:30	Charbusters
8:00	Music Mantra
8:30	Meri Biwi Wonderful
9:00	Sambhav Asambhav
9:30	Kkusum
10:00	Kahani Terri Merri
10:30	Achanak
11:00	Aahat Dehshat Ke 6 Saal
11:30	Kutumb
12:00	Ghar Ek Mandir
<b>DISCOVERY</b>	
8:30	Wild Discovery
9:30	Globetrekker:
10:30	Extreme Wild : Between Two Worlds
11:30	Shark Files Deep Water, Deadly Game
12:30	America's Great Theme Hotels
1:30	Medical Miracles
2:30	New Detectives: Scent of the Kill
3:30	Globetrekker
4:30	Going Wild with Jeff Corwin Djuma, South Africa Bush Baby
5:00	Real Kids Real Adventures: Bear Attack!
5:30	In The Wild : The Galopogos Mystery
6:30	Richard Dreyfuss
7:30	Speed American
8:30	Chopper
9:30	Wild Discovery
10:30	Extreme Wild Forest
11:30	Romantic Escapes: Seattle
12:00	Medical Detectives: Material Evidence
<b>SONY</b>	
7:30	Amrit Varsha
8:00	Sant Asaram Vani
8:30	Om Namath Shivay
9:30	Good Morning Disney
10:30	Charbusters
11:00	Music Mantra
11:30	Shaheen
12:00	Cook it up with Tarla Dalal
12:30	Devi
1:00	Kkusum
1:30	Goonj-Aateet Ki
2:00	Kahani Terri Merri
2:30	Kutumb
3:30	Dhadkan
4:00	Alpaviram
4:30	Kaun Apna Kaun
5:00	Malgudi Days
5:30	Dekh Bhai Dekh
6:00	Just Mohabbat

2:30	The New Chimpanzees
3:00	Tales Of The Living Dead
3:30	Legends of the Gobi
4:30	War Ships
5:30	Animal Edens
6:00	Return to the Wild
6:30	Dogs With Jobs S3
7:00	Earth Pulse
7:30	The Black Robin a Chatham's is
8:30	Built for the Kill
9:30	Land of the Anaconda
10:30	Hornets: A Sting in the Tale
11:30	War Ships
<b>STAR PLUS</b>	
6:00	Bhabhi
6:30	Geet Bahar
7:30	Dr Morepen Tango - Daily
8:30	Shaka Laka Boom Boom
9:00	Taaza Hits
9:05	Hit Filemin Hit Sangeet
10:30	Meri Saheli
11:00	Pal Chinn
11:30	Kabhii Sautan Kabhii Saheli
12:00	Shanti
12:30	Hit Filemin Hit Sangeet
12:55	Taaza Hits
1:00	Kasautii Zindagii Kay
1:30	Kumkum-Pyara Sa
2:00	Bhabhi
2:30	Kyunki Saas Bhi Kabhi Bahu Thi
3:00	Shagun
3:30	Kabhi Aaye Na Judai
4:00	Kahaani Ghar Ghar Kii
4:30	Kaahin Kissi Roz
5:00	Film Topper
5:05	Saans
5:30	Hit Filemin Hit Sangeet
5:55	Taaza Hits
6:00	Hum Saath Aath Hain
6:30	Fox Kids
6:25	Film Topper - 301 Series
7:30	Kumkum - Pyara Sa Bandhan
7:55	Film Topper - 301 Series
8:00	Shaka Laka Boom Boom
8:30	Kyun Hota Hai Pyarr
9:00	Kasautii Zindagii Kay
9:30	Khullja Sim Sim
10:30	Dogs With Jobs
11:00	Kyunki Saas Bhi Kabhi Bahu Thi
11:30	Kaahin Kissi Roz

12:00	Bhabhi
<b>ESPN</b>	
6:00	X-Games Files 2001 X Games VII Class
6:30	School Quiz Show ESPN 2003
7:00	NBA Conference