

RECOMMENDATIONS



Seminar

May 28 Bangla Academy organises a seminar titled 'Conservation of the Nation's Historical Memory: Contribution of Artist Zainul Abedin at the Seminar Hall of the Academy to observe the 27th death anniversary of the legendary artist. Dr. Enamul Haque will present the main essay. The seminar starts at 11 a.m.

Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy will hold a seminar titled 'The Creation of Zainul: Subject and Creative Thoughts' at the Gallery Bhaban of the Academy. Mainuddin Khaled will present the main essay at the seminar. The seminar starts at 5 p.m.

MUSIC

May 28 Alliance Francaise de Dacca will present an evening of classical music by Ram Kanai Das at its auditorium. The function starts at 7 p.m.

EXHIBITION

May 29 - June 12 Bangla Shilpakala Academy organises an exhibition of recent works by Kalidas Karmakar titled 'Alluvial Faces' at the Bengal Gallery of Fine Arts from May 29 to June 12.

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 6:00 p.m. The exhibition will continue till June 5.

NAZUL CONFERENCE

June 01-08 Nazul Academy will hold a week long 'Nazul Conference 1410' at the Nazul Bhaban at Moghbazar. The conference will run from 5.30 p.m. to 9.30 p.m. everyday.

Exhibition

Poetic forms engraved on wood

Rajaul Islam Lovelu's exhibition at Zainul Gallery

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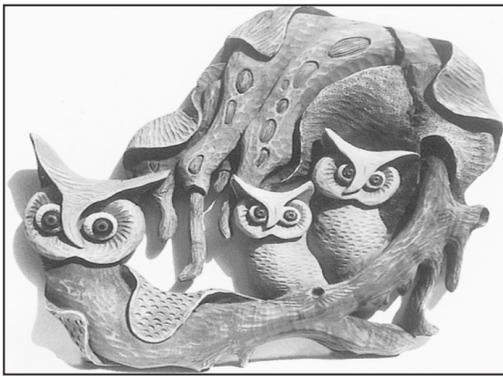
RAJAUl Islam Lovelu, who has recently had his exhibition of wood carving at Zainul Gallery has done his MFA from the Institute of Fine Arts recently. He has studied Fine Arts earlier at Chittagong and Rajshahi before being admitted in the Crafts section. He uses hand tools as well as machinery for his work. The colour is laid on with enamel using turpentine to reduce the glaze and enhance the matte effect. He went into wood carving because he felt confident in this and enjoyed it enormously. He feels that this is more of a challenge than straight-forward painting. He admits that this requires time and patience but this suits his moods and inclinations best. There were 28 pieces and Lovelu had worked on them from 9:00 am to 6:00 pm at a stretch for a year in his own studio at Central Road.

Lovelu said that he got his inspiration from teachers in his department like Abdur Shakoor Shah, Farid Ahmed Mollah and Shatish Gujral (the brother of I K Gujral) from India. He had his earlier exhibition in 2001. There was a gap between the two exhibits as he had to study for his Masters and felt that if he had more time in hand he would be able to produce better work, with more depth and variation. He has mostly dealt with nature and wood is an integral part of that. With the trees, fish, flowers and birds he has brought in human beings too from time to time.

Talking about the problems that he faces, Lovelu says that there are



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Owls

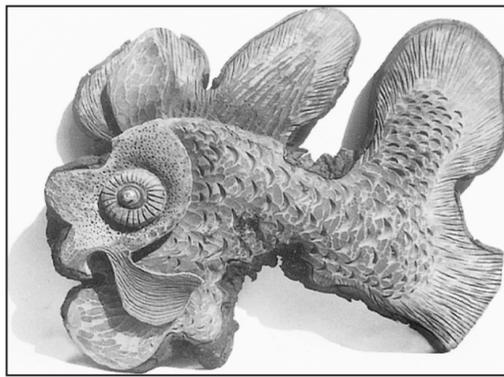
very few ways to preserve the wood in the damp, muggy and hot weather. To buy and keep wood also requires an open studio where the sound of the work too would be absorbed so that it wouldn't disturb the neighbours. For this, he says, a tin shed is most suitable. Due to the difficulties artists often hesitate to come to this field, he points out, even though this is a traditional craft that goes back to centuries.

Asked to comment on the motifs that he has used, Lovelu says that they are definitely modern in conception and composition. "Yes," he says, "some of the flowers, owls and peacock have been seen in our art for centuries but the way I've rendered them is totally modern". Talking about the time it has taken him to complete each piece, Lovelu says "Each composition has taken me a week, working from early morning to sunset". Touching on his sale, he said, "I've sold about 16 items so far and covered the cost of production in Taka 1,75,000 that I got so far as I spent Taka 75,000 on the gallery rent and the printing of brochures. I'm confident that the rest will be sold in time too."

"Birds and elephant" which won a prize recently at the Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy in the Young Artists' Exhibition. It had an elephant at the bottom in a curled position with the trunk, tusks, legs and the tail all moulded into a curved shape. The ear too took this

form of shape. On it were perched some birds with three layers of wood behind them like rows of trees with other canopies one being brown and the others red in hue. The bird was in an oval container heightened with red.

A woman's figure was included in "Nature-6". The female form had its head bent in a gentle curve to one side. Below her face, her long neck was draped and behind were animals that were curling over and had their tongues thrust out. A flower was included in the backdrop. This was completed in brown, blue, beige and white hues,



Fish

while at places the wood was dotted and at others it had straight curves. Meanwhile the backdrop was a burnt black.

In "Owls-3" one found four rounded owls that had been carved with care and precision as they sat on a branch of a tree, with an antique touch to the presentation. The wings had been flecked while the tails were striped while the faces, eyes, beaks and wings were done in details, with some having their wings outstretched and all bearing shining brass bits for the protruding eyes.

A mother's shape had been brought in "Image" that was presented standing and carrying two children. Her clothes appeared to drape on either side with work done on them being presented in a deeper shade of red, flecked with black. Only the heads and hands of the infants were visible.

The piece de resistance was a carving in beige, brown and blue where two birds with long necks and beak turning upwards and downwards to flowers and blossoms were presented in an alcove in the forest. A woman's torso was included to the left.

In all his works Lovelu explored the links between nature and man with an oriental turn to his modern presentation. Invited by the motifs one was persuaded to ponder over the interior designs that had been created.

Film festival

Cannes waves flag for US auteur films by giving top prize to "Elephant"

AFP, France

FRANCE'S love-hate relationship with US cinema remained intact Monday after the Cannes movie festival bestowed its Palme d'Or on an auteur film by US director Gus Van Sant that confronts America's problem with violence.

"Elephant", a documentary-style movie about a school massacre that strongly resembled the real-life 1999 Columbine high school shootings, took the coveted award at the closing ceremony in this French Riviera town Sunday.

In doing so, it elbowed past 19 other contenders, including "Dogville", the latest production by Cannes' favourite son, the Danish director Lars von Trier, which almost all critics had expected to win.

Van Sant, who is best-known for "Good Will Hunting", "Drugstore Cowboy" and "My Own Private Idaho", also picked up the Best Director prize -- an unusual double honour from the nine-person Cannes jury that this year included US director Steven Soderbergh and actress Meg Ryan.

"To win is kind of miraculous and fortunate and lucky," Van Sant told a media conference after receiving the awards. He was the first American to win the prestigious Palme since Quentin Tarantino took it for "Pulp Fiction" in 1994.

His film, made for a US cable network on a meagre three-million-dollar (2.5 million euro) budget with a mostly non-professional cast of real students in a school in the American west, was not meant as a criticism of America but more "a musing about school violence," he said. The title came from a highly acclaimed 1989 BBC documentary about Northern Ireland.

Diversity is one of Cannes' signature themes, however, and that was reinforced with the award of the runner-up Grand Prize to "Distant", a Turkish film by Nuri Bilge Ceylan that explores the emptiness of life and loneliness in the city.

A French-language Canadian film, "The Barbarian Invasions", that was probably the most popular entry seen in the week and a half long festival, earned a Best Screenplay award for its writer and director, Denys Arcand. It also took the Best Actress prize for Marie-Josee



US director Gus Van Sant poses for photographers with French theatre and cinema director, head of the jury, Patrice Chereau (3rdL), US actress Meg Ryan (5thL), French actress Karin Viard (4thL), Indian actress Aishwarya Rai (R), after being awarded the Golden Palm and the Best direction prize for his film "Elephant" during the closing ceremony of the 56th Cannes film festival.

Croze, who played a heroin junky helping a dying man cope with his pain.

Overlooked was the Clint Eastwood-directed "Mystic River", a psychological thriller that used its all-star cast of Sean Penn, Kevin Bacon and Tim Robbins to good effect.

For many of the 30,000 industry types and journalists accredited to the event, and for the tens of thousands more movie fans who flocked to the Riviera for a glimpse of celebrities, the real high point came early on, with the out-of-competition premiere of "The Matrix Reloaded" in the presence of Keanu Reeves and its other stars.

Little else lived up to Cannes' reputation for over-the-top cinematic hype except for Arnold Schwarzenegger's shameless plugging of his upcoming and as-yet unseen "Terminator 3: The Rise of the Machines" in a seaside publicity show and exclusive party.

Many of the official screenings seemed to be grim celebrations of death. The little humour to be found was in "The Barbarian Invasions" or in non-competing fare such as the wryly polished French animation "Belleville Rendez-Vous", about a Tour de France cyclist kidnapped and taken to a pastiche Manhattan to race for sinister Mafia types.



Iranian director Samira Makhmalbaf poses for photographers on a terrace of the Palais des festivals after being awarded the Ecumenical prize for her film "Panj E Asr" during the 56th Cannes film festival.

TV GUIDE

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

12:00 Opening Announcement
12:10 News Headline
12:15 Shubhechha Nin
12:30 Shangbad Patrer Pata Theke

12:40 Shasthya Tathya
01:00 News
01:05 Rimjhim
01:30 Apnader Chithi Pelam
02:00 News Headline
02:05 Cartoon Film
02:30 Khetle Khetle Computer
03:00 News (English)
03:05 Hijolamal
03:35 Shukhi Paribar
04:00 News Headlines
04:05 Geet Bitan
04:30 Open University
05:00 News
05:05 Jibon Dhara
05:30 Protisuti
05:55 Shamakalin Orthoniti
06:00 News: Desh Janapad
06:10 Shipo O Shahitya
06:35 Programmes of Chittagong Centre a) News Headline b) Share Market c) Weather Forecast

07:00 Mati O Manush
07:30 Prochesta
08:00 News At Eight (Bangla)
08:30 Drama Series: Shompurna Rangin Natak

09:00 Series drama: Chokher Alo
09:30 Series Drama: Hajar Ronger Shopno
10:00 News At Ten (English)
10:25 Weather Forecast
10:30 News Reporting
10:35 A Programme in Memory of Jaiul Abedin

11:00 Ananda Dhara
11:30 Late Night News/News Headlines

07:15 Pratham Sur
07:45 iSports
08:30 Music Plus
10:00 Drama Serial: Poster
10:30 Drama Serial: Sunder Sarbanash

12:00 Gribagolpo
12:30 Drama Serial: Grahani
12:30 Drama Serial: Bhaloo Mondo Manushera
12:30 Bangla Feature Film: Kusum Koli
05:35 Jonopoder Khabor
05:45 Chitti Pelam
06:10 Music Plus
06:45 Chaya Zanker
07:15 Channel-i News Quiz (Q)
07:45 Kichu Mone Korbenbn Dot Com

08:25 Drama Serial: Kichu megh kichu Roddur Channel-i News
09:00 Ispahani-i Tele Quiz (R)
09:35 Bela Shese
10:00 Tomar Basonto Diney
10:25 Channel-i Mobile Quiz 2525
10:30 Channel-i News
11:15 Sangbad Potrey Bangladesh

11:30 Late Night News of BTV Channel-i News

ATN BANGLA

6:00 Islamic prog.
8:00 ATN Bangla News
8:25 Computer based prog. ATN Computer Projekte
9:00 Drama Serial: Ragene

9:35 Music Video: Gane Gane Chobi
10:10 Audio Magazine: Audio Mela
12:00 ATN Bangla News
12:20 The Daily Newspaper Discussing Prog. Ajker Sangbadpotro

12:40 Film Song's Prog: Surchobi
1:20 Bengali Feature Film: Chapa Danger Bow
4:20 Shipo O Shahitya Cholo Gan Gai
4:50 The Daily Newspaper Discussing prog. Ajker Sangbadpotro

5:00 Gram Banglar Sangbad
5:15 Viewers Opinion Prog. Motamot
5:50 Musical prog. Saat Rang
6:25 Islamic prog. Islamee Sawal O Jawab

7:00 ATN Bangla Evening News
7:30 Cine Musical prog. Gondoraz Samsung Cine Aaha

8:05 Musical prog.
8:40 Drama serial: No Problem
9:00 ATN Bangla News
9:25 Talk Show: Face to Face

10:00 ATN Bangla News Musical prog.
10:30 Music Vision
11:00 ATN Bangla News
12:00 Bengali Feature Film: Nespap Bhadu

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TARA BANGLA

1:30 Yes No Very Good
2:00 Taka Na Sona
6:30 Aajker Shironam
7:00 Gaan-War
7:20 Dhush Sambad
8:30 Tara News
9:30 Tara News Bangladesh

10:00 Bangladesh Mukh
10:30 Banglar Magazine

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6:30 Instinct to Kill
8:15 Beverly Hills Cop
10:15 Hercules and Xena The Animated Movie: The Battle Fo

12:00 A Simple Wish
1:45 The Unsaid
4:00 Ransom
6:30 Tales From The Crypt Presents Bordello of Blood

8:00 Dark Descent
10:00 Mission: Impossible
12:30 Cyborg
2:15 A Simple Wish
4:00 Ransom

ADVENTURE ONE
6:00 Danger Diaries
7:00 A Train To Nowhere
7:30 NG Adventures
8:30 On Assignment
9:00 Explorer's Journal

10:00 Danger Diaries
11:00 On Assignment
11:30 The Hunt For Amazing Treasures

12:00 Surfer's Journal
12:30 Explorer's Journal
1:30 Journey to the Sea of Ice
2:30 Ormele Caves of Borno

3:30 Danger Diaries
4:40 Cameramen Who Dared
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STAR WORLD

6:00 Kenneth Copeland Ministries
6:30 The Simpsons
7:00 Friends
7:30 Suddenly Susan
8:00 Hollywood Squares
8:30 The Brady Bunch
9:00 Cheers
9:30 Oprah Winfrey Show

10:30 The Drew Carey Show
11:00 Whose Line Is It Anyway
11:30 J.A.G

TODAY'S HIGHLIGHTS



HBO: 10:00 p.m. Mission: Impossible II. IMF agent Ethan Hunt has been sent on a mission to retrieve and destroy the supply of a genetically created disease called 'Chimera'. His mission is made impossible due to the fact that he is not the only person after samples of the disease. He must also contend with a gang of international terrorists headed by a turned bad former IMF agent.



STAR MOVIES: 10:30 p.m. My Best Friend's Wedding. After Michael tells his best friend, Julianne that he is getting married in four days, she goes straight to Chicago to help him get through. But she has every intention to stop the wedding and steal the groom from Kimberly. Over the next three days, she tries everything to split them up. Finally, on the day of the wedding, Jules tells Mike she loves him and kisses him, but to her disadvantage, Kimmy is watching them. Now Michael has to decide whom he loves most.

12:30 Law And Order - S.V.U
1:30 Chicago Hope
2:28 Star Asia Travel
2:30 Oprah Winfrey
3:30 Bold and Beautiful
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 Charmed
9:30 Ally Mcbeal
11:28 Star Asia Travel
11:30 Baywatch

STAR MOVIES
6:30 The Elite
10:00 My Best Friends Wedding
11:45 Peters Meteor
1:30 Grumpier Old Men
3:15 Murder At 1600
5:20 Doctor Dolittle
7:00 Men In Black
8:40 Child's Play
10:30 My Best Friend's Wedding
12:15 Cape Fear

STAR GOLD
7:00 Geet Bahar Show
7:30 Dhush Sambad
10:55 Kuch Hit Kuch
11:00 Hit Filmlein Hit Sangeet - 20 M
11:25 Kuch Hit Kuch

PICK OF THE DAY



Child's Play
On Star Movies at 8.40 p.m.
All when Andy Barclay wanted was a "Good Guy" doll. When he finally gets one, he learns that the doll is possessed by the soul of Charles Lee Ray, a psychopathic killer. After his Aunt Maggie is murdered by the trash mouthed doll, he tells the simple truth to his mother and the police that "Chucky did it!" No one believes him...

Subterra
7:30 Courage
8:30 Alias The Prophecy
9:30 Guinness World Records: Primetime
10:30 CSI: Crime Science Investigation
11:30 When Fun Turns To Fear
12:30 Guinness World Records: Primetime
1:30 Courage

ANIMAL PLANET
8:30 Wild Rescues
9:00 Croc Files/Croc Hunter Diaries
9:30 Animal Planet Safari
10:30 Living Planet
11:30 Planet's Funniest Animals
12:00 Breed All About It
12:30 Battersea Dogs Home
1:00 Monday Action Men
2:30 Aussie Animal Rescue
3:00 Parklife
3:30 The Zoo
4:00 Twisted Tales
4:30 Animal Planet Safari
5:30 Natural World
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9:30 The Zoo
10:00 Twisted Tales Bears

10:30 Animal Planet Safari
11:30 Natural World
NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC
6:00 Toyota World Of Wildlife S3
6:30 Attack-in Pursuit of Africa
7:30 People Out There
8:00 Mission Everest
8:30 \$100 Taxi Ride
9:00 Young Global Hot Shots
9:30 Search For King Solomon's Croc Chronicles
10:30 Toyota World Of Wildlife S3
11:30 Dogs With Jobs
12:00 Earth Pulse
12:30 Avalanche Angels
1:30 Truth Files
2:30 Mummy Road Show
3:00 Tales Of The Living Dead
3:30 Chinese Footing Binding The Vanis
4:30 In The Shadow of the Shark
5:30 Animal Edens
6:00 Return to the Wild
6:30 Dogs With Jobs S3
7:00 Earth Pulse
7:30 Hum Badger
8:30 Truth Files
9:30 Mummy Road Show
10:00 Tales of The Living Dead
10:30 Yenisey Expedition

STAR PLUS

6:00 Bhabhi
6:30 Star Geetmala
7:30 Dr Morepen Tango - Daily
8:30 Shaka Laka Boom Boom
9:00 Taaza Hits
9:05 Hit Filemin Hit
9:30 Fox Kids
10:10 Hit Filemin Hit
10:30 Meri Saheli
11:00 Pal Chinn
11:30 Kabhii Sautan Kabhii Saheli

12:00 Shanti
12:30 Hit Filemin Hit
12:55 Taaza Hits
1:00 Kasauti Zindagii Kay
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4:00 Kahaani Ghar Ghar Kii

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5:00 Film Topper
5:05 Saans
5:30 Hit Filemin Hit
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 Sonpuri
9:00 Kasauti Zindagii Kay

9:30 Sanjivani - A Medical Boon
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11:00 Music Mantra
11:30 Khwahish
12:00 Cook It up With Tarla Dalal
12:30 Bachke Rehna Zara Sambhalna
1:00 Kkusum
1:30 Kuch Kehti Hai Yeh Dhun
2:00 Kahani Terri Merri
2:30 Kutumb
3:00 Dhadkan
3:30 Ghar Ek Mandir
4:00 Alpaviram
4:30 Kaun Apna Kaun Paraya
5:00 Malgudi Days
5:30 Dekh Bhai Dekh
6:00 Just Mohabbat
6:30 Disney Hour
7:30 Chartbusters
8:00 Music Mantra
8:30 Boogie Woogie
9:00 Goonj
9:30 Kkusum
10:00 Kahani Terri Merri
10:30 Achanak 37 Saal Baad
11:00 Aahat
11:30 Kutumb
12:00 Ghar Ek Mandir

DISCOVERY
8:30 Wild Discovery: Ducks Eye View
9:30 Globetrekker
10:30 Extreme Wild: Forest for all Seasons
11:30 Shark Files: Danger Beach
12:30 World's Best: Florida's Best Hotels
1:30 Medical Miracles
2:30 New Detectives: Body Count
3:30 Globetrekker
4:30 Going Wild With Jeff Corwin Ndzalama, South Africa-Aardwolf
5:00 Real Kids Real Adventures: Shark Attack!
5:30 In The Wild Asian Elephants Goldie
6:30 Speed
7:30 Wild Discovery: The African Boss- Buffalo
8:30 Extreme Wild: Himalaya
9:30 Shark Files: Tales Of The Tiger Shark
10:30 On The Inside: Inside The World's Mightiest Bank
11:30 Romantic Escapes: Hi-Kauai
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SONY
7:00 Amrit Varsha
8:00 Sant Asaram Vani
8:30 Om Namah Shivay
9:30 Good Morning Disney
10:30 Chartbusters

ESPAN

6:00 School Quiz Show
6:30 ESPN School Sportscenter Hindi
7:00 NBA Conference Finals 2003 NBA
9:30 Wrestling Able Crush
10:00 Football Focus
11:30 School Quiz Show
12:00 ESPN School

2:00 X-Games the Asian X Tour Present
3:00 NBA Conference Finals 2003 NBA
5:30 School Quiz Show
6:00 ESPN School
6:00 X-Games Files 2001
6:30 X Games VII Class
6:30 Spanish Football League
8:30 Spotscenter Hindi
9:00 NBA Conference Finals 2003 NBA
11:30 Sportscenter Hindi
12:00 UEFA Champions League 2002/03

TEN SPORTS
6:00 Western Union Football Show
6:30 Fitness Beach
7:00 Smackdown
9:00 Fitness Beach
9:30 Robot Wars
10:30 Fitness Beach
11:00 Telefonica World Series '03: Round 2, Zolder
12:30 Western Union Football Show
1:00 Gillette World Sport
1:30 Robot Wars
2:30 European Tour Weekly
3:00 After Burn
4:00 Fitness Beach
7:30 Bajaj Caliber 115 Sports Update
7:35 French Tennis Open '03
9:30 Bajaj Caliber 1 15 Sports Update
10:20 After Burn
10:55 Bajaj Caliber 115 Sports Update
11:00 After Burn
11:30 Bajaj Caliber 1 15 Sports Update
11:35 EPGA H/L's 03: Volvo PGA Championship