

RECOMMENDATIONS

**Exhibition**  
*August 17-28*  
Shilpangan Gallery has arranged a 12-day-long solo etching and drawing exhibition of artist Monirul Islam. The show will be open for the visitors daily from 10 am to 9 pm.

*August 18-28*  
An exhibition of artist Mostafa Kamal will start on 15th August at the Gallery of Alliance Francaise.

**Poster Exhibition**  
*August 17-28*  
Goethe Instut holds a poster exhibition at its Exhibition Hall featuring works by Pierre Mendell and Klaus Oberer. Entitled *L'art pour l'art*, this is the first part of a two-session poster exhibition on graphic design. The display is open for visitors from 2 p.m. to 8 p.m. except weekends and holidays. The second part of the show will start on August 31.

**Cultural Show**  
*August 18*  
Salvation International School holds its annual cultural programme at the Public Library Auditorium at 4:30 p.m. Professor Muzaffer Ahmad will grace the occasion as the chief guest.

**Musical Evening**  
*August 21*  
A French musical evening will be held at the cafeteria of Alliance Francaise on 21st August.

**Theatre**  
*August 22*  
The BA (Hons) final-year students of the Department of Music and Dramatics will present an enacting of the classic 'absurd' play *Waiting for Godot* by Samuel Beckett at the Naat Mandal. The presentation is, however, a part of the students' practical test on direction and acting.

<b>Drama Lane</b> Bangladesh Mahila Samity 4 Natok Soroni, New Baily Rd.			
Group	Plays	Date	
Nattayjan	Shaboner Ghat	18	
Dhaka Sadak	Tahader Katha	19	
Dhaka Drama	Ami Gadha Balchhi	20	
LokoNattayadal	Mazratzer Manushera Bhager	23	
Samay	Manush	24	

Face to Face

Nasiruddin and Shimul- the dynamic duo in theatre

**CULTURE DESK**  
**T**HEATRE in Bangladesh has a century old tradition. But it leaped into animated activity on stage immediately after the independence. Also there began a brisk business, drama lovers queuing in at the bustling Bailey Road became a common sight. Youthful and passionate adherents of the

medium worked tirelessly to modernise the form and content of our local theatrical expression. Adaptations from exotic plays and a score of newly written and some experimental ones won the applause of a nascent urban audience. Playwrights were more successful in establishing a distinct theme and content than form in our local plays.

Dhaka Theatre was founded on July 29, 1973 by some young and talented freedom fighters. Their aim was to establish Bangla drama form in the history of world drama. The founder members are Nasiruddin Yusuf, Selim-Al-Deen, M Hamid, Raisul Islam Asad, Apurbo Mojumder, Abdul Kader, Al-Monsur and others. Among them the fabulous four who rose into prominence are--Nasiruddin Yusuf, Shimul Yousuf, Selim-Al-Deen and Jamil Ahmed. They contributed largely to make this form of mass entertainment. While playwrights Selim-Al-Deen and Jamil Ahmed, the latter known more for his technical skill, sought to find out the root of the Bangla plays, Nasiruddin Yusuf continued trying to stage the plays by Selim-Al-Deen with perfect direction.

In its thirty years, the group has produced a good number of talented and renowned actor/actresses like Shimul Yusuf, Humayun Fareedi, Suborna Mustafa, Afzal Hossain, Raisul Islam Asad, Jahiruddin Piyar, and produced a total of 32 plays.

Shimul, known as 'Mancha

Kushum' rose into popularity because of her unique combination of powerful performance and vocal excellence. In late 60s Shimul Billah was a noted singer on children's programmes on the radio and later on TV as well.

Singing has always been like a hobby to her, so her career as a singer is an extra achievement for her. She considers herself more as an actress, a theatre worker and likes working on the stage. To bring fruition to her career she would like to teach young performers the art of acting and also compose music for her plays.

Nasiruddin's passion for directing is because through this form he can express his creativity more successfully than other branches of drama. His ultimate goal is to establish Bangla drama form in the history of drama as well as find out its root.

Some of the unique productions directed by him are *Kirtan Khola*, *Keramatmongol*, *Bonopangshul*, *Prachich* and of course *Hathhadai*.

Shimul and Nasiruddin are known as the dynamic duo in the drama circle.



Shimul Yousuf and Nasiruddin Yusuf

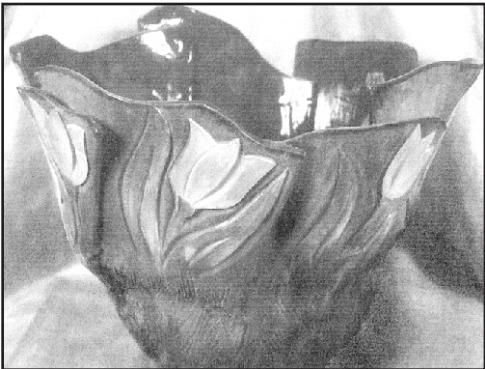
Exhibition

Ceramic art in NYC

CULTURAL CORRESPONDENT

**A** ceramic art exhibition of Akhtarun Nahar Ivy is being held at the Byram Shubert Library, New York, from 19 July through 26 August. Born in Chittagong, Akhtarun Nahar holds both an undergraduate degree and a master's degree from the Institute of Fine Arts, Dhaka, where she secured the first position. She has had a number of art exhibitions in Bangladesh and had been awarded the Shahid Memorial Prize in 1976, Department First Prize, 1977-1980 and Special Prize for Experimental work 1981-1982.

Akhtarun Nahar uses clay as the medium for her art. In this exhibition, Akhtarun Nahar, with her three forms of ceramic pieces, terracotta compositions, potteries, and ceramic paintings demonstrate her artistry, and her success in her experiments using clay as medium.



Filmdom

Costner opens up about failures and new film

BBC, Online

**T**EN years ago, Kevin Costner seemed like the ultimate insider. There was an element of safe reliability to him, from his bland, Everyman good-looks to his propensity for bringing in the box office receipts. After meeting him on-camera during the making of *Truth or Dare*, Madonna--that icon of deliberate, obnoxious rebellion--had put her finger down her throat, branding him part of the hopelessly uncool Establishment with a single gesture.

Funny how things change. On a recent swing through San Francisco to promote his new film *Open Range*, which he directed, produced and stars in, it was the 48-year-old Costner who sounded like the deliberate rebel, albeit one far more tempered than the popstar.

He's made a thoughtful Western, which he knows is unfashionable. It features a post-Civil-War clash between open range cattlemen and landowners, a tale that unfolds naturally, which translates to slow-paced by current standards. It's long (2 hours, 15 minutes). The female lead, Annette Bening, looks her 45 years. Moreover, it's neither a sequel nor an adaptation of an old television series.

"I don't believe in the conventions of moviemaking for the commercial response," Costner said. "I would rather my movie be commercially successful on its own terms than be moulded into the norms of the hour-and-50-minute movie. *Open Range* could not absorb (elements of) conventional moviemaking. It would suffer; it would not be the same movie."

Against Costner's natural inclinations, Disney is releasing *Open Range* in the dog days of summer. Summer



Actors Robert Duvall (L) and Kevin Costner, stars of the new Western film *Open Range*.

movies are measured by their ability to make money in those first few weekends of release, something Costner swears he doesn't care about.

Costner has been accused of being egotistical and his career has had some seriously rough patches, starting in 1995 with the expensive critical bomb *Waterworld*, continuing with the post-apocalyptic *The Postman* in 1997, the stupidly gooeey *Message in a Bottle* in 1999 and the hideous *3,000 Miles to Graceland* in 2001. Critics responded well to *Thirteen Days*, but audiences ignored it. 1996's *Tin Cup* was his last clear hit. If he were defensive, it wouldn't be a surprise.

But instead, Costner is convincingly easy and relaxed, whether he's talking about the failings of *Robin Hood* or discussing the 19-year age difference between him and his fiancée, Chris-

tine Baumgartner. His blue eyes are still schoolboy earnest.

Costner invested a lot of his own money in *Open Range* (supposedly, he won't profit off the project until--or if--the movie makes money) and in return, he had creative control. He didn't on movies such as *Message in a Bottle*, which he regrets.

Though he prides himself on making movies for men, he wants women to respond as well. *Open Range* is a "date movie," he proclaims, with a love story grownups can respond to. "It's really about the words. I'm in love with words and I liked to see love portrayed with words and the sparks that fly back and forth between men and women. The dance that we do amuses me, it intrigues me, it thrills me, it angers me, it destroys me."



PHOTO: AFP

**A Thai rock singer impersonates the late Elvis Presley during a memorial ceremony for the American king of rock and roll, in Bangkok, on 17 August in a local hotel, to commemorate his 26 death anniversary.**



PHOTO: REUTERS

**Academy Award winner actress Nicole Kidman will receive the 18th American Cinematheque Award during a November 14, 2003 benefit gala organised by the film preservation group.**

TV GUIDE

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

News Bulletin

**BTV**  
News Headlines(Bangla) at 12:10 pm. 2:00 p.m 3:10 pm. 4:00 pm. 7:00 pm.  
News(Bangla) at 8:00 am 1:00 pm.5:00 pm.8:00 pm.  
News. (English) at 3:00 pm. 10:00 pm. Late Night News(Bangla and English)News Headlines at 11:30 pm.  
**CHANNEL-i**  
Breakfast News 07:15am. 9:00am News(Bangla) at 7:15 pm, 9:00, 10:30, 12:15 am.  
Telecast of BTV news(Bangla and English) at 11:30 pm.  
**ATN BANGLA**  
News(Bangla) at 8:00 am. 12:00 pm. 7:00 pm. 10:00 pm. 11:00 pm.News (English) at 9:00 pm.  
Telecast of BTV News(Bangla and English) at 11:30 pm.  
**TARA BANGLA**  
NewsHeadline(Bangla) at 5:30 pm. 7:30 pm. Tara News(Bangla) at 8:30 pm. 11:30 pm.  
Tara News Bangladesh(Bangla) at 9:30 pm.  
**BBC World**  
Every hour on the hour

**BTV**  
08:00 Morning News  
08:25 From the Archives  
09:15 Wrestling  
09:40 News Headlines  
01:00 Khabar  
01:05 Priyo Shilpi Priyo Gaan  
01:30 Hajar Bachhar Dhorey  
02:00 News Headlines  
02:05 Cartoon Show: Captain Planet  
02:30 Onu Paromamu  
03:00 English News  
03:05 Drama Serial  
04:00 News Headlines  
04:05 Lekha Pora  
04:30 Open University  
05:00 Khabar  
05:05 School Debate Contest  
05:45 News for Children  
06:00 Khabar: Desh Janopad  
06:10 Dolon Champa  
06:35 Nitir Talay Taley  
07:00 News Headlines  
07:05 Magazine Show: Shur Ananda  
07:30 Drama Serial: Ujan  
08:00 Bangla News at Eight  
08:30 Shamokalin Natok  
09:30 Drama Serial: Jal Chhaap  
10:00 English News at Ten  
10:35 Programme on Nazrul: Sindhu Hindol  
11:30 Late Night News/News Headlines

CHANNEL-i

02:00 Bangla Feature Film: Dipu Number Two  
05:20 Aporanha Kotha  
05:35 Jonopoder Khabor  
05:45 Chitra Mela  
06:10 Music Plus  
06:45 Drama Serial: Durer Akash  
07:15 Channel-i News  
07:55 Drama Serial: Ala Bhola  
08:25 Drama Serial: Pantho Hey  
09:00 Channel-i News  
09:35 Drama Serial: Superman  
10:00 Drama: Shetu  
10:30 Channel-i News  
11:30 Late Night News of BTV  
Channel-i News  
12:15 Channel-i News  
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05:02 News Headlines  
05:04 Potirkar Khabar  
05:16 Putul Naach--Shapla Hunri (Part-4)  
05:46 Amader Bidyalaya  
06:05 Apnar Jigyasha  
06:30 News Headlines  
06:32 Shubho Shandhya  
06:52 Khabar Deshey Deshey  
07:15 Ithashar Ei Diney  
07:30 Evening News  
08:00 Drama Serial: Shob Kichhu Bhengey Porey (Ep-5)  
08:35 Aarshi Nagar  
09:45 News Headlines  
09:47 Khabar  
10:22 Swapno Jatra (Ep-13) Gallery  
10:50 Ithashar Ei Diney  
11:00 News  
11:30 Century: Scandal  
12:30 Cine Gaan

**DISCOVERY**  
08:35 Lions Lot  
09:30 Hawaii & East Caribbean  
09:47 Journey Through the Valley of the kings  
10:22 Master of the Spirits  
11:00 A Mmong Child  
12:00 Legends of the Isles  
12:30 Loch Ness Monster  
12:30 Great Hotels  
1:00 Rittenhouse Hotel, Philadelphia  
1:30 Wedding Story  
1:45 Christina & Juan  
2:30 Baby Stories  
3:45 New Detectives  
4:45 Tainted Blood  
5:30 Need to Succeed  
6:00 Popular Mechanics for Kids Food  
6:30 Production  
9:00 Let's Dance and Eat  
11:30 Eden in Israel  
1:30 Travelers  
5:30 Wings Air Rage  
7:30 Air Jaws  
8:30 Great Sphinx: Lord of the Pyramids  
9:30 Master of the Spirits  
Ta Peshala  
10:00 Legends of the Isles

**HBO**  
8:15 Bare Witness  
9:45 Malediction  
11:30 Mercury Rising  
1:45 Hercules  
3:45 Box Office America Ep. 12  
4:45 Big Fat Liar  
6:00 Cinema Secrets III: 2  
6:30 Visions of the Future  
U-Turn  
9:00 Nothing Hill  
11:30 Darkman  
1:30 Mercury Rising  
**MGM**  
9:00 French Kiss  
11:30 Poltergeist III  
2:00 200 Cigarettes  
4:30 Silence of the Lambs (Jodie Foster, Anthony Hopkins)

7:00 Man in the Iron Mask  
9:30 Love & Rage (Creta Scacchi, Daniel Craig)  
11:30 Married to It (Cybil Shepherd, Bean Bridges)  
**BBC**  
7:00 BBC News  
7:30 Asia Today/Asia Business report  
8:00 BBC News  
8:30 Asia Today/Reporters  
9:00 BBC News  
9:30 Asia Today/Asia Business Report  
10:30 World Business Report  
12:30 World Business report /Sport Today  
1:30 Top Gear  
2:30 Hardtalk  
3:30 Extra Time  
4:30 Asia Today/World Business Report  
5:30 HardTalk  
6:15 World Business Report/Sport Today  
7:30 Sci Shack/Wild  
8:15 Asia Today  
9:30 HardTalk  
10:30 World Business Report/Click Online  
11:00 BBC News  
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TODAY'S HIGHLIGHTS

**HBO:** 9:00 p.m. *Notting Hill*. **Comedy/Romance/Drama;** Julia Roberts, Hugh Grant. Dream comes true for William Thacker, a successful Notting Hill bookstore owner, when Anna Scott, the world's most beautiful woman and best-liked actress, enters his shop. Incidentally, William runs into her again spilling orange juice over her. Anna accepts his offer to change in his nearby apartment, and thanks him with a kiss, which seems to surprise her even more than him. Anna and William get to know each other better.

**MGM:** 9:30 p.m. *Love & Rage*. **Romance/Drama;** Greta Scacchi, Daniel Craig (I). In 19th century Ireland, strong, confident English-woman Agnes McDonnell owns a large estate. She meets and is taken with younger, strong-willed James Lyncheraun, whom she hires to be the manager of the estate. Despite their class differences, they embark on an affair that continues until his true, fiendish character reveals itself.

PICK OF THE DAY

**City Hall**  
On Star Movies at 9:00 p.m.  
**Genre: Drama/Thriller;** Al Pacino, John Cusack, Bridget Fonda  
One seemingly routine morning, a little boy is shot dead in the crossfire between a drug dealer and a narcotics detective in a predominantly black New York City neighborhood. John Pappas, the idealistic mayor of the city, cleverly prevents a race riot, and everything seems to be OK.

10:30	World's Best World's Sexiest Destinations for Couples	8:30	The Brady Bunch	England England Vs South Africa 3rd Test	11:30	Amritlal Tarar Aloy
		9:00	Cheers	Day 4 Highlights(S)	12:00	Hoi Hullor
		9:30	Oprah Winfrey Show	10:00	12:30	Career Compass
		10:30	Nash Bridges	Golden 4 Track & Field /Golden League	1:00	Banglar Mukh
		11:30	Traders	2003 Zurich	1:30	Tara Sundari
		12:30	Worlds Wildest Police Videos	Switzerland (R)	2:00	Taka Na Sona
		1:30	The Pretender	12:00	2:30	Live Angana
		2:28	Star Asia Travel	English Premier Football League	3:00	Liveve Angana Contd.
		2:30	Oprah Winfrey	2003/04 Portsmouth	3:30	Tara News Headlines
		3:30	Bold And Beautiful	England Portsmouth	3:35	Travel Show
		4:30	Sabrina The Teenage Witch	Vs Aston Villa (T)	4:00	Antakshari
		5:00	The Brady Bunch	2:00	4:30	TVC
		5:30	Knight Rider	Npower Test Series	5:00	Ei Prithivi
		6:30	The Simpsons	2003 Nottingham	5:30	Tara News Headlines
		7:00	Everybody Loves Raymond	England England Vs South Africa 3rd Test	5:35	Ajker Shironaam
		7:30	Dharma & Greg	Day 4 Highlights(R)	6:00	Nonte Fonte
		8:00	Friends	3:30	6:30	Howzzat Hungama
		8:30	The King Of Queens	Npower Test Series	6:32	Taka Na Sona
		9:00	Dharma & Greg	2003 Nottingham	7:00	Anandadhara
		9:30	Yes Dear	England England Vs South Africa 3rd Test	7:30	Howzzat Hungama
		10:00	Becker	Day 5 Preview (L)	7:32	Tara News Headlines
		10:30	Third Watch	3:45	7:37	Hoi Hullor
				Npower Test Series	8:00	Tara News Bangla-desh
				2003 Nottingham		
				England England Vs South Africa 3rd Test	8:15	Tara News
				Day 5 1st Session (L)	8:30	Howzzat Hungama
				10:45	8:32	Antakshari
				Npower Test Series	8:50	Bakwas
				2003 Nottingham	9:00	Asche Tara Jomche Para
				England England Vs South Africa 3rd Test	9:30	Howzzat Hungama
				Day 5 Review (L)	9:32	Serial Rajni
					10:00	Chokher aloy
						Dekhchileem
					10:30	Howzzat Hungama
					10:32	Live Doshtai
					11:30	Howzzat Hungama
					11:32	Tara News
					11:45	Tara News Bangla-desh

9:30 Good Morning Disney  
10:30 Chartistbust  
11:00 Music Mantra  
11:30 Indian Holiday  
12:00 Cook It Up With Tarla Dalal  
12:30 CID  
1:00 Kkusum  
1:30 Crime Patrol  
2:00 Naam Gum Jayega  
2:00 Kutumb  
2:30 Dhadkan  
3:00 Ghar Ek Mandir  
3:30 Hubahu  
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 Chartistbust  
8:00 Music Mantra  
8:30 Ab Ayepa  
9:00 Kuch Kehti Hal Showcase-Lagaan  
9:30 Kkusum  
10:00 Naam Kum Jayega  
10:30 Achanak

ANIMAL PLANET

8:30 Friends  
9:30 Friends Elephant  
10:00 Friends Seahorses  
10:30 Animal Planet Safari  
11:30 Natural World Firebird  
12:30 Monday Adventure  
1:30 Monday Adventure  
2:30 Tracie's Shadow  
3:30 Monday Adventure  
4:30 A Season in the Sun  
5:30 Emergency Vets  
6:30 Animal Doctor World of Hurt  
7:00 Breed All About It  
7:30 K-9 to 5  
8:00 Wild on the Set  
8:30 Primates  
9:30 Planet's Funniest  
10:30 A Season in the Sun  
11:30 Wild Man in Borneo  
12:30 What's the Buzz  
1:00 Into Patagonia  
2:00 Chambal Ki Kasam (Shakti Kapoor, Priya)  
3:00 Chaand Ka Tukda (Salman Khan, Sridevi)  
4:00 Zara Hatke Anukush (Nana Patekar, Nisha Singh)  
5:00 Dhartiputra (Mammootty Rishi Kapoor Jaya Prada)

SONY

9:30 Farha)  
Kabhi Naa Kabhi (Anil Kapoor, Jackie Shroff, Pooja Bhatt)  
**AXN**  
8:30 High Action Adrenalin  
9:30 Cold Squad  
10:30 Queen of Swords  
11:30 Rescue 911 ep 19  
12:30 Andromeda  
1:30 The Amazing Race  
2:30 Movie: Shark Attack II  
4:30 High Action Adrenalin  
5:30 Andromeda  
6:30 Queen of Swords  
7:30 Rescue  
8:30 Cold Squad  
9:30 Far  
10:30 Pacific Blue  
**NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC**  
9:30 Different Ball Game S2  
20:00 Geowatch Asia  
10:30 National Geographic's Taboo  
11:30 Dogs With Jobs  
12:00 Earthpulse  
12:30 Wild Orphans  
1:00 Monkey Business  
1:30 Croc Chronicles S2  
2:00 Toyota World Of Wildlife  
2:30 Built For The Kill  
3:30 In Pursuit Maneaters  
4:30 Man-Eaters Of India  
5:30 Sea Stories  
6:00 Animal Edens  
6:30 Dogs With Jobs S3  
7:00 Earth Pulse  
7:30 Wild Orphans  
8:00 Monkey Business  
8:30 Croc Chronicles S2  
9:00 Toyota World Of Wildlife  
9:30 Built For The Kill  
**STAR PLUS**  
8:30 Shakha Laka Boom Boom  
9:00 Taaza Hits  
9:05 Hit Filmene Hit Sangeet  
9:30 Fox Kids  
10:30 Meri Saheli  
11:00 Pal Chinn  
11:30 Kabhii Sautan Kabhii Saheli  
12:00 Shanti (601 - 800)  
1:00 Kasauti Zindagii Kay  
1:30 Kunkum - Pyara Sa Bandhan  
2:00 Kyunki Saas Bhi Kabhi Bahu Thi  
3:00 Shagun (461 - 560)  
3:30 Kabhi Aaye Na Judai  
4:00 Kahaani Ghar Ghar

4:30 Kii  
Kaahin Kissi Roz  
5:00 Film Topper - 301 Series  
5:05 Tanha  
6:00 Hum Saat Aath  
6:30 Fox Kids  
7:30 Kunkum - Pyara Sa Bandhan  
8:00 Shakha Laka Boom Boom  
8:30 Krishsha Arjun  
9:00 Kasauti Zindagii Kay  
9:30 Des Mein Nikla Hoga Kahan  
10:30 Kahaani Ghar Ghar Kii  
**STAR GOLD**  
8:00 Geet Bahar  
8:30 Hit Filmene Hit Sangeet - 20 M  
9:00 Daag  
11:55 Kuch Hit Kuch Superhit  
12:30 Sultaan  
4:00 Jubilee Plus  
4:30 Khel Khiladi Ka  
8:30 Mere Sapno Ki Rani  
**ESPN**  
7:00 English Premier Football League  
2003/04 Liverpool England Liverpool Vs Chelsea (R)  
9:30 Iska World Championships Iska World Team Championships Orlando FI Us (R)  
10:00 Npower Test Series  
2003 Nottingham England England Vs South Africa 3rd Test Day 4 1st Session (S)  
2:00 International Ironman Triathlon 2003-Germany Frankfur Germany (T)  
3:00 True Outdoor Adventures (R)  
3:30 English Premier Football League  
2003/04 Manchester England Manchester United Vs Bolton Wanderers (R)  
5:30 English Premier Football League  
2003/04 London England Arsenal Vs Everton (R)  
7:30 English Premier League Highlights (T)  
8:30 Sportscenter Hindi (L)  
9:00 Wrestling Apple Crush (R)  
9:30 English Premier Football League