

RECOMMENDATIONS

Exhibitions

December 19-31

The Alliance Francaise has organised a photography exhibition titled 'An Intimate Journal of Twin Nationalities' by Anwar Hossain. The display will remain open for all from 5 pm to 9 pm everyday.

December 22-January 04

A solo exhibition of oil paintings by artist Mohammad Fakhrul Islam is going on at the Bengal Gallery (Bengal Shilpaloy, House 275/F, Road 27, Dhanmondi). The display will remain open for all from 12:00 pm to 8:00 pm.

December 26-January 04

Artist Shamsul Alam Azad will be holding a solo painting exhibition at Gallery Chitrak (Road 4, House 21, Dhanmondi R/A), beginning from December 26. Professor Qayyum Chowdhury will inaugurate the exhibition at 5:00 pm at the gallery premises. The exhibition will remain open for all from 10:00 am to 8:00 pm everyday.

Photography

Exhibition

December 22-28

The second solo photography exhibition of Mayeen Murshed is being held at the central auditorium of Jahangirnagar University, Savar. The display will remain open for all from 10:00 am to 6:00 pm everyday.

Exhibition

A hundred-year flight

Photographs celebrate the centennial of human avition

ELITA KARIM

ON December 17, 1903, Wilber and Orville Wright paved a way in the sky and created history. *Kiti Hawk*, the first ever man-made flying machine, was tried out by Wilber Wright and with that mankind had conquered yet another element of the universe.

This year, the day was celebrated worldwide, including three photographers--veteran Enam Ul Haque, and two professional aviators Enam Talukder and Sarif Uddin Sarker. Together, they arranged a photography exhibition at the Zainul

Gallery of Institute of Fine Arts, Dhaka University. The exhibition titled *Akasher Thikanay* was very interesting all together comprising shots of aeroplanes of various kinds, emphasising on both power and beauty of flight.

Their photographs displayed different aircraft flying at par with the nature, with mountains and clouds drifting in the background. There were also pictures of people strolling by and suddenly stopping to watch a moving aircraft above them, as if making a path for the conqueror of the sky. Scenes like, children throwing off their play things and moving their heads backwards to see a flying aircraft shading their



The power and beauty of flight!

play area, or a village woman gazing at the roaring aircraft through her veil, are common in our country, which were amazingly brought out through the photographs.

According to Enam Talukder, a strong relationship could be built with aviation, since Talukder is a Biman pilot himself. The other two also have association with aviation: Sarker is an Air Force Fighter pilot, while Haque happens to be a ground official. 'Even today, a great number of people in our country have never come close to an air craft', says Sarker. 'We have tried to get these people closer to these flying machines through our

work.', Talukder says pointing to a figurative picture of a Biman aircraft. 'When we walk by an engine of a plane, we can never imagine the size of it, which is actually very huge. In fact, a man can even stand within the circular section, and still remain smaller in proportion!'

Someone once said that the world is a small place. Whoever he was, he probably never realised the extent of this truth. Today a mere mortal can fly like a bird, without any wings and close the gaps between the thousands of boundaries in the world.



Playing with the aircraft might become true in this baby's life.

Craft

Melange in wood, metal and fabric

Arts & crafts exhibition at "Shilpangan"

FAYZA HAQ

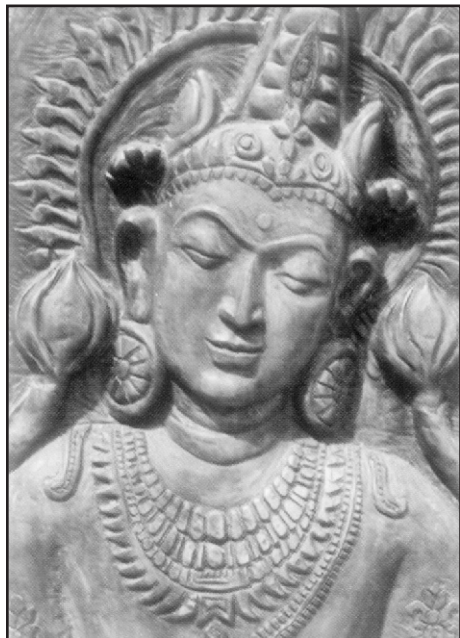
THE exhibition of the Crafts Department of the Institute of Fine Arts, Dhaka University, held at Shilpangan recently display composition of motifs. Seen in wood, metal, fabric and wool, the artistic pieces captivated the viewers' mind and imagination. A few of the items were, however, copies of classical masterpieces from Moynamoti, Paharpur, Ajanta and Elora.

"It's the first time that the works by students are being displayed in a private gallery," said art criticque Rabiul Husain.

"At last, crafts is coming to the forefront," said Abdus Sattar, Director of the Institute of Fine Arts. Within a few years of the establishment of the department in 1983, it has been flooded with eager and enterprising students, trained under the guidance and constant encouragement of teachers like Abdus Shakoor.

"Due to lack of teachers and funds to buy equipment and machines, the Department took some time to come into actual existence even though efforts to set it up were there since the days of Zainul Abedin," said Shakoor, the well-known folk art painter and the head of the Crafts Department. It began with Janabul Islam as the head, with a degree course. The five teachers, including Abdus Shakoor, Farouq Ahmed, Abdul Jabbar, Shafiqul Kabir Chandan and Nazib Mohammed are struggling hard to make the department a success.

Abdus Shakoor's *Window* presents a square of vermillion framed by strips of black wood in with red motifs of triangles, circles, lines, stripes



Buddhadev on wood by Sumana Haq Mitu

and crosses. They are tied together with coloured ropes. At times five pieces of wood are placed one on top of another. In his *Tradition* there are shots of green and purple designed with black checks with red dots in the centre. Faces of women are painted while straw forms

the trailing tresses.

Zunabul Islam's mixed media projects a jungle scene with butterflies and birds in yellow and gray, with dark brushes, leaves, branches and trunks of trees at the back. In his batik there are two elephants with bright "howdahs"; the elephants are black and painted with yellow, red and blue motifs. Motifs of plants in semi-circles and paisley patterns decorate the lower portion of the composition.

Farouque Ahmed has brought in a royal couple in metal and placed on burnt red and copper coloured wood. The figures' features, bodies and ornaments are minimised. Holes are bored into the wood and large dots add to them a mystery in the composition. Farouque's birds are of burnt wood with the lower section of the composition is pale. The details of the beaks, tails depict geometrical forms of dots and lines.

Suchento Kumar's buffalo is made in bronze, while another composition of his has human faces in minimised forms. Acid and heat have been applied to get a brownish pinkish glaze while the eyes are piercing black. Shumana Haq's elephant has a face with the ears fanning out and the tusks thrust forward.

Embroidery and tapestry items on display brings in landscapes complete with skies, rivers, boats and trees, masks and presentations of demons and goddesses, including portraits of Kali and Krishna.

Some stoneware and wood carving recreate the classical pieces which would do well in interior décor of homes and offices.

DRAMA FESTIVAL

Hridoy Paney
Hridoy Taney

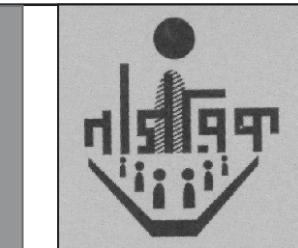
ERSHAD KAMOL

Preview

Bhalo Chhele

Bhalo Chhele by Shekhor Somaddar is a tragedy. In the play, we get the story of an honest middle-class government servant, Abinash Sanyal, who suffers a lot because of the conflict between his ideology and the degradations of the values of his children.

Moloy Chaudhury is the director of the play. Set and light are designed by Joyonta Roy and Bijoy Chatterjee respectively.



Dandik, the group from Kolkata, will stage Bhalo Chhele as part of the drama festival arranged by Nagorik Natyangan at 7:00 p.m. at the Public Library Auditorium today.

Opinion

We have got enough support to arrange the festival

Dr. Inam and Lucky Inam

NAGAGORIK Natyangan has arranged a 10-day long drama festival from December 27 to January 5, 2004. In the drama festival at the Public Library Auditorium, three Indian groups--Dandik and Bhubishwat from Kolkata and Natyabhumi from Agartola and six local groups are taking part. To arrange such a big drama festival for a group like Nagagorik Natyangan is not an easy task. When this reporter was talked to the Inam couple about the obstacles that they faced to arrange it, Dr. Inamul Haq said, 'We have got enough support from everywhere to arrange

the festival. Specially, I like to thank the ministry of Cultural Affairs for allowing the Indian groups to come and to take part in the festival. And then, of course, I like to mention the logistic support that we got from the sponsors. You know I am teaching at BUET, and I think this reputation helped us a lot. Everybody also knows Lucky very well. For this, I think the Indian groups have responded to our invitation. And we are really grateful to our local friends for participating in the festival with their popular productions.'



Dr. Inamul Haque and Lucky Inam

Entertainment



Ustad Captain Azizul Islam performed Raag Imon, Bhatiali Dhun and other Raagas at the Sunny Tower of Kolkata recently. After his recital veteran vocal artiste Pandit AT Kanan performed Kheyal in the programme. Azizul Islam was accompanied by Pandit Shubhen Chatterjee in Tabla and Mohammad Jahangir in Tanpura.

TV GUIDE

TODAY'S HIGHLIGHTS



AXN: 8:30pm *Sleepy Hollow*. Horror/Mystery. Johnny Depp, Christina Ricci. 1799: Ichabod Crane, a constable from New York, is concerned with all the new scientific gadgets. His latest assignment is in the town of Sleepy Hollow, where there have been a series of murders involving people whose heads have been cut off. The locals believe it is the work of the legendary Headless Horseman.



HBO: 9:30 pm. *Vanilla Sky*. Romance/Thriller. Tom Cruise, Penelope Cruz, Cameron Diaz. NYC magazine publisher David Aames, a playboy with strange dreams, spends a night of passion with Julie, "a friend he sometimes sleeps with," and a night with Sofia, a witty, knowing dancer with a Spanish accent--a night with intimations of love. David is charming, rich (his mother's Monet, "Vanilla Sky" is in his bedroom), and feckless: he inherited the magazines and his minority partners want him out.



STAR MOVIES: 7:00 pm *Mercury Rising*. Action/Drama/Thriller. Bruce Willis, Alec Baldwin. Bruce Willis is an outcast FBI agent who is assigned to protect a 9 year old autistic boy who is the target for assassins after cracking a top secret government code. The United States government is about to launch it's brand new super code. Impossible to break, or so they thought until it was broken by a nine year old autistic boy. Now the bodies are piling up to keep it secret and the mercury is rising.

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 9:40 am. 12:10 pm. 2:00 pm. 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) 11:30 pm.
CHANNEL-i
Breakfast News 07:15 am. 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.
Telecast of BTV News (Bangla and English) at 11:30 pm.
Latest News (Bangla) at 09 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 11:00 am. 1pm. 2:00 pm. 3:00 pm. 4:00pm. 6:00 pm. and 8:00 pm.
n tv
News Headlines (Bangla) at 5:02 pm. 6:30 pm. 9:45 pm.
News (Bangla) 7:30 pm. 10:30 pm.
TARA BANGLA
News Headline (Bangla) at 5:30 pm. 7:30 pm. 11:30 pm. 11:30 pm.
Tara News Bangladesh (Bangla) at 9:30 pm.
BBC World
Every hour on the hour

BTV
07:35 *Suprobrhat Banglades*
08:30 *Natun Kuri 2003*
12:15 *Sangbad Potrer Pata Theke*
01:05 *E Shoptaher Natok*
03:05 *Nibedon*
04:05 *Moner Kotha*
05:05 *Debate Competition*
06:10 *Wrestling*
07:00 *Share Market, Weather Forecast*
07:05 *Swastha Katha*
07:30 *Film Show: Fortune Hunter*
08:30 *Documentary Prog. Dekha Adekha*
09:00 *Drama: Hey Bandhu Hey Priy*
10:35 *Pop Show*
11:00 *Shur Lohori*
ATN BANGLA
10:15 *Annoadistee*
10:50 *Drama serial: Baba Uro Cola Saatrang*
12:40 *Bangali feature film: Kaporado*
3:45 *Shapla Shaluk*
5:10 *Sustha Thakun*
5:50 *Islamee Sawal O Jawab*
6:20 *Annoadistee*
7:40 *English serial dubbed in Bangla: Thunder Stone*
8:15 *A special prog: of 8th International Film Festival: Mukth Chinter Chalochetro*
10:30 *Musical competition prog: Shes Akkhor*
12:20 *Musical competition prog: Shes Akkhor*
CHANNEL-i
09:45 *Tritia Matra*
12:00 *Chithi Pelam*

12:30 *Ebong Cinemar Gaan*
02:00 *Feature Film: Maa O Chheley* (Sabana/Alamgir)
06:10 *Music Plus*
06:45 *Gillette World Sports*
07:50 *Drama Serial: Chhera Pata*
08:25 *Vim Jhatpat Ranna Chatpat Parishkar*
09:35 *Drama Serial: Bashabash*
10:00 *Drama Serial: Bandhubarehu*
ntv
05:02 *Itihashe Ei Diney*
05:10 *Potrikar Khabor*
05:30 *Islamic Programme*
06:00 *Dastan-E-Hatem Tai Shubho Shondhya*
06:32 *Shoptaher Khabor*
06:52 *Drama Serial: Tin Purush*
08:00 *Tele Film: Bhalobasha Dot Com*
08:35 *Din Darpan*
11:00 *Shangskriti Ei Shoptaho*
12:05 *Deep Blue Sea*
1:45 *Stephen King's Thinner*
3:45 *Problem Child 3*
5:30 *The Wedding Singer*
7:30 *Enter The Dragon*
9:30 *Vanilla Sky*
12:15 *King Solomon's Mines*
2:15 *Deep Blue Sea*
STAR MOVIES
8:30 *Bridget Jones's Diary*
10:15 *The Boxer*
12:15 *The Abyss*
3:00 *Terminator 2*
5:15 *102 Dalmatians*
7:00 *Mercury Rising*
9:00 *The Negotiator*
11:15 *Child's Play 3: Look Who's Stalking*
12:45 *Power Elite*

STAR WORLD
2:30 *Robocop*
3:00 *X - Men*
7:00 *The Kumars At No. 42*
4:00 *Cops*
4:30 *World's Wildest Police Videos*
5:30 *Knight Rider*
6:30 *The X Files*
7:30 *Xena: Warrior Princess*
8:30 *Tna Wrestling*
9:20 *Mutant X*
10:30 *Adventure Inc*
11:30 *Baywatch Hawaii*

STAR PLUS
3:30 *Mehboob Ki Mehndi*
6:30 *Sannawali Khidki*
7:00 *Yatra*
7:30 *Khichdi*
8:00 *Jaaduu*
8:30 *Vikraal Aur Gabraal*
9:30 *Gharwali Uparwali*
10:30 *Khullia Sim Sim*
11:30 *Mamla Gadbad Hai*
12:00 *Kahani Jurm Ki*
ZEE CINEMA
10:30 *Seeta Aur Geeta* (Dhamandra, Sanjeev Kumar, Hema)

5:30 *Malini*
6:30 *Om Jai Jagdish* (Anil Kapoor, Abhishek Bachchan, Fardeen Khan)
7:30 *Khoobsurat* (Sanjay Dutt, Urmila Matondkar)
8:30 *Maa Tujhhe Salam* (Sunny Deol, Tabu, Arbaaz Khan)
STAR GOLD
8:30 *Maa Kasam*
12:30 *Damini*
4:30 *Hum Hai Bemisaal*
8:00 *Staroons Countdown*
8:30 *Jurassic Park 2 The*

11:00 *Lost World - Hindi*
11:30 *Without Ticket*
NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC
12:30 *Taming The Tigers*
1:30 *Nat Geo Frontline*
2:30 *Diaries*
3:30 *Self-Portrait*
4:00 *Mission Wild*
4:30 *Return To The Wild*
4:30 *Ng Explorer*
5:30 *Phantoms Of The Night*
6:00 *Tomorrow's World*

6:30 *Dogs With Jobs*
7:00 *Toyota World Of Wildlife S3*
7:30 *Earth Report*
8:00 *Earthpulse*
8:30 *The Pyramids: Secret Chambers Revealed*
9:30 *Egypt Eternal: Quest For Lost T*
10:30 *On Assignment*
11:00 *Cheetah Chase*
11:30 *The Making Of 1 Giant Leap*
DISCOVERY
12:30 *Discovery Wings A Celebration Of Flight*
1:30 *Extreme Machines : 21st Century Flight*
2:30 *Friday Spotlight: Secrets of the South Pacific : Islands of War*
3:30 *Secrets of Paradise*
4:30 *History Weekends*
5:30 *Quest for the True Cross*
6:30 *Royal Treasure*
7:30 *Ramesses : Favourite of the Gods*
8:30 *The Path of the Dragon*
9:30 *Discovery Showcase*
10:30 *Making of a Hangover*
11:30 *Understanding Gizmos & Widdits*
12:30 *Discover India*
1:30 *The Darjeeling Himalayan Railway*
2:30 *Six Degrees/Sync or Swim*
3:30 *Sex Appeal Placebo : Mind over Medicine*
4:30 *Animal Planet*
5:30 *Wild Encounters A herd of their own*
6:30 *Blue Planet The Deep*
7:30 *Saturday Wild*
8:30 *Encounters Osprey The Fish Hawks*
9:30 *Saturday Wild*

1:30 *Encounters Rainbow Warriors*
2:30 *Saturday Wild*
3:30 *Encounters Deadly Viper*
4:30 *Wild Encounters*
5:30 *Shadows of the Sun*
6:30 *Best of Animal Planet*
7:30 *Stunt Call of the Cajun Wild*
8:30 *Best of Animal Planet*
9:30 *Stunt Run With Lions*
10:30 *Best of Animal Planet*
11:30 *Stunt Journey to the Red Center*
12:30 *Saturday Wild*
1:30 *TEncounters Warthogs : Hogging the Limelight*
2:30 *Saturday Wild*
3:30 *Encounters Wolves in White*
4:30 *Saturday Wild*
5:30 *Encounters On the Path of the Reindeer*
6:30 *Wild Encounters Lions of Etosha*
7:30 *Life of Birds Insatiable Appetite*
8:30 *STAR SPORTS*
9:30 *Australia Cricket 3 Test Series Melbourne*
10:30 *Australia Australia Vs India 3rd Test Day 2 (L)*
11:30 *Nba Inside Stuff (R)*
12:30 *English Premier Football League*
1:30 *2003/04 Charlton UK*
2:30 *Chelsea (S)*
3:30 *English Premier Football League*
4:30 *2003/04 Manchester England Manche Ster*
5:30 *United Vs Everton (S)*
6:30 *Australia Vs India 3rd*

8:00 *Test Day 2 Highlight*
9:00 *Ts(S)*
10:30 *Hitz (T)*
11:00 *Harsha Unplugged (R)*
12:00 *Australia Vs India 3rd Test Day 2 (R)*
ESPN
6:30 *Pakistan Tour Of New Zealand National Bank Series Wellington*
7:30 *New Zealand Vs West Indies 2nd Test Day 1*
8:30 *West Indies Tour Of South Africa Castle Lager/Mtn Test Series*
9:30 *Durban South Africa*
10:30 *South Africa Vs West Indies 2nd Test Day (L)*
11:30 *English Premier Football League*
12:30 *2003/04 Manchester England Manche Ster*
1:30 *United Vs Everton*
2:30 *New Zealand Vs Pakistan 2nd Test Day 2*
3:30 *High lights(S)*
4:30 *TEN SPORTS*
5:30 *Gillette World Sport*
6:30 *Womens Champions Trophy Final*
7:30 *Pick of the Week*
8:30 *History of Football*
9:30 *Trans World Sports*
10:30 *Football Week UK*
11:30 *Wimbledon Classics*
12:30 *Heat*
1:30 *Pick of the Week*
2:30 *Trans World Sports*
3:30 *Horse Racing Preview*
4:30 *Show*
5:30 *Cricket Classics*
6:30 *Heat*