

RECOMMENDATIONS

Exhibitions

December 19-31

The Alliance Francaise holds 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 Shilpalya, 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 Shamsl Alam Azad holds a solo painting exhibition at Gallery Chitrak (Road 4, House 21, Dhanmondi R/A.). The exhibition will remain open for all from 10:00 am to 8:00 pm everyday.

Recitation festival

January 2-3

Recitation group Swanam has organised a recitation festival O Alor Pathojeti Ekhane Themo Na, at the Natmandal auditorium of Dhaka University. Swanam will award celebrated reciter Jayanto Chattapadhyay with 'Golam Mustafa Honourable Medal' and recitation group Kanthashilon with 'Nazim Mahmud Honourable Medal'.

January 2

Swanam will perform Nakshikatha at 6:00 pm at the Natmandal auditorium of Dhaka University.

January 3

Swanam will perform two recitation production titled O Alor Pathojeti Ekhane Themo Na and Kon Pruron Praner Taney.

Nagorik Natyangon Ensemble celebrates its birthday.

Nagorik Natyangon Ensemble observes its 10th anniversary on January 1. In the previous nine years the group staged 8 plays and three street theatres. Nagorik Natyangon Ensemble is going to establish a branch for the rising stars named "Nagorik Natyangon Children Ensemble."

Symphonic business



PHOTO: AFP

Some 200 singers perform Beethoven's Symphony No.9 Choral to attract year-end shoppers at a stairwell of Tokyo's Mitsukoshi department store on December 29.

Star talk

The year that was!

SHILPI MAHALANOOSH

An eventful year: Jaya Ahsan

2003 was a very busy year for me. Although I have worked in many plays, including drama serials and mega serials, I was very much satisfied with two of my endeavors *Shangshoy* and *Poloyon Porbo*. For the first time in my life I took part in a movie named *Bachelor* as a guest artiste. It was a pretty exciting experience for me. I also did some modeling as in *Goru Marka Dheu Tin*, *Taaza*, *Tibet* and *Bashundhara*.

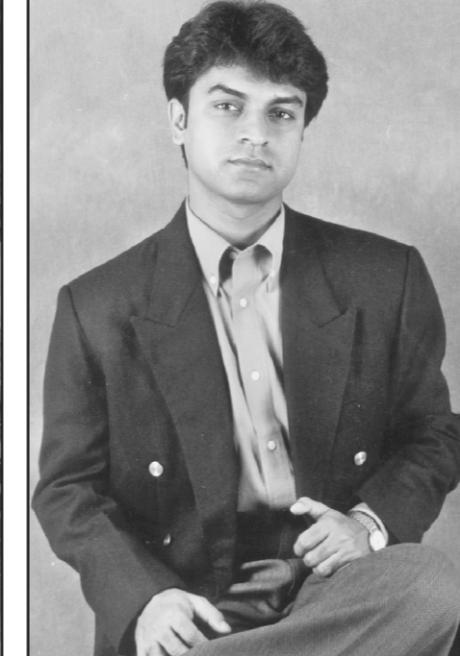
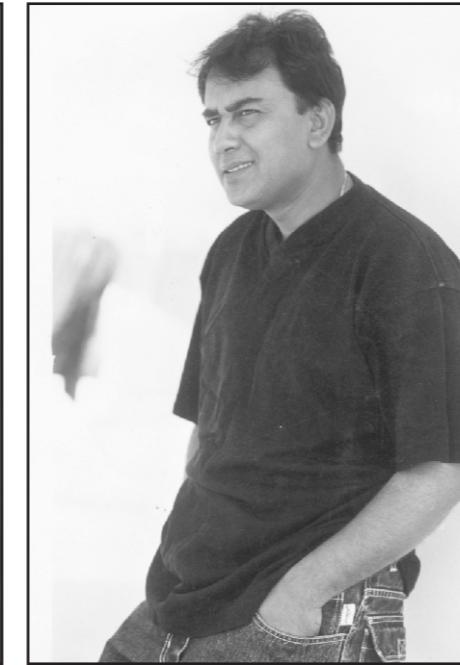
I have worked in an ad with my husband Faysal in the year 2003 which was also quite interesting. I took some break away from the monotony of work and went abroad for a couple of times. I get good support from my family, which is very encouraging. I am satisfied with what I have achieved so far and aim to reach the hearts of the audience.

Year 2003 was an overall success: Kanak Champa

During my career as a singer I have always tried my best to please my listeners and fans. The year 2003 was no exception. This year I was awarded the Meril Prothom Alo Award for the fourth time and the National Award for the second time. I had the privilege to release an album based on songs of Lal, the mystic poet. Previously I had brought out a mixed album where I sang a few Lal songs, but this is my first album based purely on his compositions. The few playback tracks that I have recorded this year namely *Nayan Bhor Jaal*, *Shundore Bodhu*, *Shahoshi Manush Chai* were quite remarkable. I performed at a number of cultural tours abroad, which turned out to be successful. I hope and pray that my well-wishers would continue to appreciate my endeavors.

The joy of achievement and agony of loss: Zahid Hassan

Our only daughter *Pushpita* got admitted to the school this year, which is a very pleasant experience. Besides, I worked in many plays the whole year round. A big success for me was my involvement as a director of the 100-episode serial *Lal Neel Beguni* and its acceptance by the audience. I also made a tele film for Eid. I got the National award as the best actor for the movie *Srabon Megher Din* and also got an award from the Cultural Reporters' Association. Another worthwhile event for me in the year 2003 was that after quite a long time, I worked in a movie *Shangkhanan*, directed by Abu Sayeed, for which I really worked very hard. The saddest incident for me this year was the death of my father-in-law Saiful Islam, a reputed singer. Sometimes all the joys of achievements seem to disappear amidst the pain and agony of loss.



(Clockwise) Jaya Ahsan, Zahid Hassan, Shubhro Dev and Kanak Champa

Achievements in the year 2003: Shubhro Dev

The year 2003 has been a successful one for me. One of my VCDs came out last year, which was well accepted by the audience. Besides, I performed in eight concerts in the USA including FOBANA. I was selected as a judge in a beauty contest in the USA. But the biggest achievement for me was something else.

In 1999 Juana Crick Patrick, a teacher of the Indiana University of the USA came to Bangladesh. I didn't meet him then but he listened to one of my songs. Later on I wrote to him. He was doing his thesis on our folk art, rickshaw painting and much more. The title of his thesis was taken from one of my songs *Boro Shundur Duti Chokh Tomar*. It was quite an achievement for me. I hope to do better work in the coming year.

Tribute

The Director General of Shilpkala Academy Ahmed Nazir along with other officials of the academy places wreath at the *mazar* of Shilpacharya Zainul Abedin on the 89th birth anniversary of the artist.

Event

The DVD of the popular mega serial *Ekannoborti* written by Anisul Haque and directed by Mostafa Sarwar Faruqui was released on December 28, at the Bangladesh China Friendship Conference Centre. Jewel Aich is seen with the performers and the writer of the serial present at the event.

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, 9:00 am. 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
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08:25 Selected Programme
09:15 Anya Bhuban: Wild
Nature
12:15 Sangbad Poter Pata
Theke
01:05 Selected Programme
02:30 Hijol Tomal
03:05 Shukhi Porbar
03:30 Geetobitan
04:05 Open University
04:30 Selected Programme
06:10 Mati O Manush
06:35 Programme Of
Chittagong Centre
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7:40 News Review Prog:

Feray Dekha 2003

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ZEE CINEMA

10:30 Daava (Akshay Kumar, Raveena Tandon)

1:30 Zakhm (Ajay Devgan, Pooja Bhatt, Nagarjuna)

8:00 Shaka Laka Boom Boom

5:30 Sonpari

9:30 Raveena Tandon)

Mujhe Kuch Kehna

Hai (Tushar Kapoor, Kareena Kapoor)

11:00 Kyunki Saas Bhi

Babu (Kabhi Babi

11:30 Kahiin To Hoga

12:00 Kaahin Kissi