

RECOMMENDATIONS

Exhibitions

December 19-31
The Alliance Francaise holds a photography exhibition titled 'An Intimate Journal of Twin Nationalities' by Anwar Hossain.

December 22-January 04
A solo exhibition of oil paintings by artist Mohammad Fakhru Islam is going on at the Bengal Gallery.

December 26-January 04
Artist Shamsul Alam Azad holds a solo painting exhibition at Gallery Chitrak.

Recitation festival

January 2-3
Recitation group Swanar has organised a recitation festival O Alor Pathojatri Ekhaney Themo Na.

January 2
Swanar will perform Nakshikatha at 6:00 pm at the Natmandal auditorium of Dhaka University.

January 3
Swanar will perform two recitation production titled O Alor Pathojatri Ekhaney Themo Na.

Nagorik Natyangan Ensemble celebrates its birthday.
Nagorik Natyangan Ensemble observes its 10th anniversary on January 1.

Star talk

The year that was!

SHILPI MAHALANOBISH

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 Polayon Porbo.

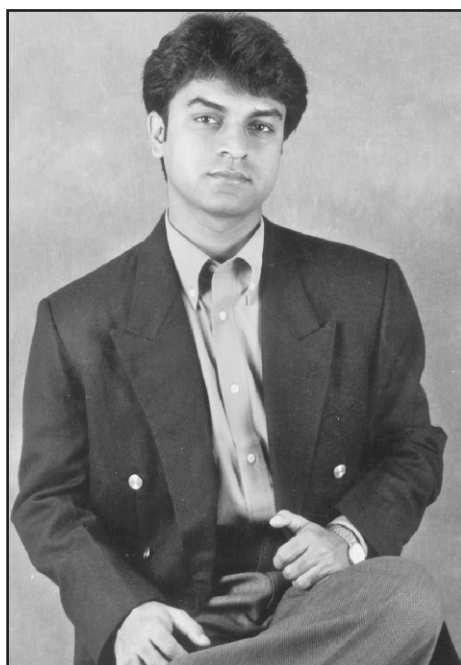
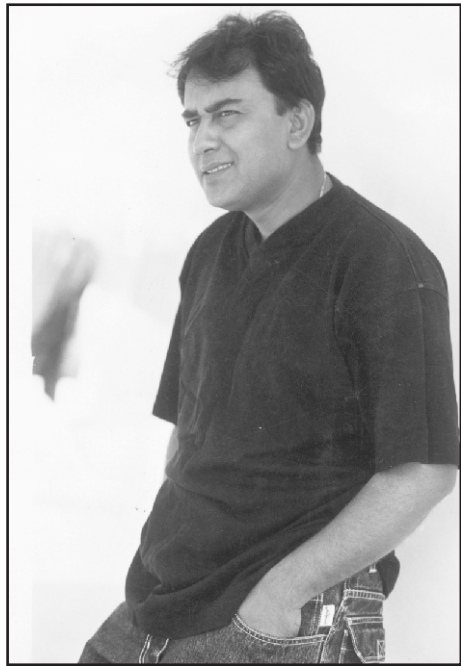
I have worked in an ad with my husband Faysal in the year 2003 which was also quite interesting. I took some break away from the monotony of work and went abroad for a couple of times.

Year 2003 was an overall success: Kanak Chanpa

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.

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.



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

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.

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.

Tribute



The Director General of Shilpakala 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 Ekanoborti written by Anisul Haque and directed by Mostafa Sarwar Faruqui was released on December 28, at the Bangladesh China Friendship Conference Centre.

Drama festival



ERSHAD KAMOL

Preview--Raktokarobi



Khaled Khan and Opi Karim in a scene from Raktokarobi

Interview

Dandik, a theatrical group from Hawra in Kolkata, recently visited Dhaka to take part in the drama festival arranged by Nagorik Natyangan.



Malay Chawdhury, the chief of the theatrical group Dandik

regular members in our group. So far we have staged 13 plays and 4 short plays. In theatre, he is a follower of Russian Staneslavoski but he considers Utpal Datta as his ideal.

Flick review

Year of the dying sequels

SYED TASHFIN CHOWDHURY

AS the year comes to an end, Hollywood is still trying to shake off its 'hangover' from the year's upsets and the sleeper hits. It could have been a prospective year for the movies, due to the massive line-up of sequels, most of which ultimately could not even draw as much attention or hype as their originals had.

The year started off with movies like Chicago, Confessions of a dangerous mind, and The Recruit. The three were loved and enjoyed by critics and movie-goers alike.

powerful cast. Movies like American Splendor and Sinbad also fared well.

The year ended off with 'Matrix Revolutions' brutally murdering the matrix saga. But yet 'Lord of the Rings III: Return of the King', which even though, had the weakest story of all the three episodes, still continues to be in the top ten two weeks after its release.

Movies like League of Extraordinary Gentlemen, Pirates of the Caribbean, Sea-Biscuit, were appreciated and enjoyed by fans of all ages.



Scene from Pirates of the Caribbean

During fall, horror and thrillers that created all the rave were Gothika, The Texas Chainsaw Massacre and Underworld while others like Jeepers Creepers 2, Freddy vs. Jason 'died a fast death' at the theaters.

BTV

07:35 Suprobat Bangladesh
08:25 Selected Programme
09:15 Anya Bhuban: Wild Nature
12:15 Sangbad Potrer Pata Theke
01:05 Selected Programme HijoI Tomal
02:30 Shukhi Poribar
03:05 Geetobitan
04:05 Open University
04:30 Selected Programme Mati O Manush
06:35 Programme Of Chittagong Centre
07:05 Talk Show
07:30 Film Show: Mortal Combat Conquest
08:30 Drama Serial: Ahankar
09:00 Drama Serial: Mukhosho
09:30 Drama Serial: Ashomoy Chandralok
10:30 CHANNEL-i
09:45 Tria Matra
12:00 Chithi Pelam
12:30 Ebong Cinemar Gaan
01:00 Sharey Tin Tala
02:00 Feature Film: Bishdant (Rubel, Ran)
06:10 Music Plus
06:45 Shomoyer Katha
07:55 Drama: Nishobdo Hanon
09:35 A Special Interview With Tarek Rahman
10:00 Jugal Bandi
12:00 Special Programme On New Year's Eve
ATN BANGLA
12:40 Uro Cola Saat Rang
1:20 Bengali Feature Film: Priyon
4:20 Musical Prog

Motamat

5:10 Islamee Sawal O Jawab
6:25 Talk Show: Annodristee
7:40 News Review Prog: Feraf Dekha 2003
8:15 Drama Serial: Thebore Jibhon
8:40 Drama Serial: Nayeka Sangbad
9:25 Drama Serial: Danob
10:30 Talk Show: Face To Face
12:20 Bengali Feature Film: Bhai
STAR MOVIES
1:15 In His Life: The John Lennon Story
02:45 Ghosts Of Mississippi
05:00 Mercury Rising
07:00 Star Wars: Episode 2 - Attack Of The Clones
09:30 Star Wars: Episode 2 - Attack Of The Clones
12:00 Brotherhood iii: Young Demons
01:30 Julius Caesar
HBO
12:00 Solo
2:00 Spider's Web
3:45 Strange Frequency
5:30 Along Came A Spider
7:30 Tango & Cash
9:30 The Fast And The Furious
11:45 Enter The Dragon
11:45 Close Encounters Of The Third Kind
ZEE CINEMA
10:30 Daava (Akshay Kumar, Raveena Tandon)
1:30 Zakhm (Ajay Devgan, Pooja Bhatt, Nagarjuna)
5:30 Anari No. 1 (Govinda,

TODAY'S HIGHLIGHTS



AXN: New year's eve Wild on Party. Starts 31 December 11:30 pm. ends 1 January 7:30 am. Host: Brooke Burke.



HBO: 9:30 pm. The Fast and the Furious. Thriller / Action / Crime. Paul Walker, Vin Diesel, Michelle Rodriguez.

9:30 Raveena Tandon)
9:30 Mujhe Kuch Kehna Hai (Tushaar Kapoor, Kareena Kapoor)
11:30 Kyunki Saas Bhi Kabhi Bahu Thi
12:00 Kahiin To Hoga Kaahiin Kissi Roz
STAR PLUS
4:00 Kahaani Ghar Ghar Ki
4:30 Kahiin To Hoga
5:05 Meri Saheli
6:00 Hum Saath Aath Hain
6:30 Fox Kids
7:30 Kumkum - Pyara Sa Bandhan
8:00 Shaka Laka Boom Boom
8:30 Sonpari

PICK OF THE DAY



Star Wars: Episode II - Attack of the Clones. On Star Movies at 7:30 and 9:30 pm. Genre: Sci-Fi / Adventure / Action.

8:00 Friends
8:00 Just Shoot Me
8:30 Cher: The Farewell Tour
10:30 Two Guys And A Girl
11:00 Titus
11:28 Star Asia Travel
11:30 Baywatch
STAR GOLD
8:30 Pyar Kiye Jaa
12:30 Biwi No. 1
4:00 Gaane Bhi Do Yaaron
4:30 Hasena Maan Jayegi
8:30 Hera Pheri - Movies
12:00 Armour Of God II
NATIONAL
3:30 Extreme Detectives
4:30 Out There
5:00 Chasing Time
5:30 Return To The Wild
6:00 Sea Stories
6:30 Dogs With Jobs
7:00 Toyota World Of Wildlife
PLANET
2:30 Profiles Of Nature
4:00 Claws - The World Of Crabs And Lobsters
3:30 Animal Hospital/Vets In Practice
4:00 Wild Rescues Girl, Sampson, Dr. Nathanson
4:30 Emergency Vets
5:00 Breed All About It
6:30 Amazing Animal Videos
6:30 Planet's Funniest Animals
7:30 Blue Planet The Blue Planet
8:30 Animal Planet Reveals Elephant Delinquents
10:30 Wild Encounters Rhino
11:30 Killing For A Living
Company Of Killers
STAR SPORTS
8:00 Sportsline (L)
8:30 Esmn Big Fights : Pound For Pound (T)
9:30 Cricket Programming
10:30 Sportsline (R)
11:00 Tennis Classic Archive
12:00 Wrestling Apple Crush (R)
ESPN
1:00 Nba Basketball Auburn Hills Mi Usa New
3:30 Nba Basketball
6:00 Sunny Programming
8:00 Hitz (T)
8:30 Sportscenter India (L)
9:00 Goals! (T)
9:30 English Premier League Highlights (R)
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SONY: 10:30 pm. Celebrate this new years with Non stop Hungama. Usher in this New Year with Bollywood superstars Fardeen Khan, Salman Khan, Govinda, Ishita Arun, Arti Chhabria, Suniti Chouhan, Abhijeet, Kumar Sanu, Sudesh Bhosle and many more.

News Bulletin

BTv News Headlines (Bangla) at 9:40 am. 12:10 pm. 2:00 p.m. 3:10 pm. 4:00 pm. 7:00 pm.

STAR PLUS

4:00 Kahaani Ghar Ghar Ki

STAR GOLD

8:30 Pyar Kiye Jaa

PLANET

2:30 Profiles Of Nature

STAR SPORTS

8:00 Sportsline (L)

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TV GUIDE

11:00 Cairo Unveiled
11:30 Tango!
12:00 One Giant Leap

DISCOVERY CHANNEL

3:30 Wild Discovery
4:30 Chimpanzee Diary
5:00 Operation Junkyard
5:00 Catapult
5:00 Mystery Hunters Ice Mummy (Peru)/Cryonics

ANIMAL PLANET

2:30 Profiles Of Nature
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