RECOMMENDATIONS

Theatre

January 28 Vision Theatre premières its third production Chourasta on January 28 at the Central Shahid Minar premises at 6 pm. The drama is written by Moloy Bhowmik and directed by Rehana Yasmin. Liyakat Ali Lucky and Akteruzzaman of Bangladesh Group Theatre Federation will be present at the opening show of

Exhibitions

January 15-31

The 11th Asian Art Biennale is being held at Osmani Memorial Hall, Shilpa Kala Academy and National Museum. The show will remain open for all from 11 am to 7 pm

January 13- February 12

Saju Art Gallery is holding the 50th Grand Group Art Exhibition of reputed Bangladeshi artists with 128 art works by 87 artists at the gallery premises (F/40-41, DCC, North Super Market 2nd Circle, Gulshan). The display will remain open for all from 10 am to 8:30 pm everyday except Fridays.

January 07-29

DRIK Gallery is holding prestigious photojournalistic exhibition titled . World Press Photo from January 4. The display remains open for all from 3 to 8 pm everyday. January 18-27

Dhrupad Gallery holds an exhibition titled Solo Oriental Painting Exhibition by Cacoly at the gallery premises (House- 36, Road-5, Block- G, Banani). The display will remain open for all from 10 am to 8 pm everyday.

January 19-29

Goethe-Institut will hold an exhibition titled Along the Rivers by German artist Hans Benda, starting from Sunday at the exhbition hall. The display will remain open from 2pm to 8pm everyday except Fridays and Saturdays.

January 23-30 Mokhlesur Rahman's solo art exhibition is being held at Shilpangan Art Gallery (Road 5 House 25, Dhanmondi) from January 23. Titled Ruposhi Bangla, the exhibition is open for all from 10 am to 9 pm

Folk Festival

January 24

of Naraynganj

January 20-26 Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy has arranged a weeklong folk festival at the academy's National Natyashala at 6:00 pm everyday. The schedules are as below

Bhikarir Chhele by Binodon Natyadal of Tangai January 25 Chameli Bala by Janata Jatra Unit

January 26 Shujan Beder Ghat by Bhodra Jatra

Unit of Shatkhira

CD Launching January 24

Mustafa Zaman Abbasi: Ureelo Shonar Pavra January 25 Sumita Naha: Tomar Surer Dhara January 26 Shaheen Samad: Abhisaar January 27 Meeta Haque: Chirobondhu Chironirbhor

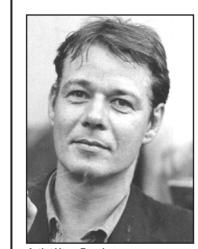
Venue: Bengal Foundation

Time: 6:00 pm

Painting

Going back to realism

Hans Beda's exhibition at Goethe Institut



FAYZA HAQ

ANS Beda, explaining how he came to exhibit in Bangladesh, says that he met Shaheen Rashid from Bangladesh, who was the co-director of a New York gallery and made the contact with Dhaka's Goethe Institut. He then showed his works to Dr Markus Litz whom he met in Cologne. This was followed with the agreement to hold the exhibi-

As a child, Beda was more interested in music, and he used to play the guitar for hours everyday. At 20, he switched to painting and the Academy of Fine Arts at Karlsruhe accepted him. He used to be an abstract painter before and came back to figurative painting in 1998. The situation in art then in West Europe was that all you could see was installation, video or photography. Painting almost disappeared and critics said that there was nothing more to do in painting. This to me seemed absurd as painting has a long history that goes back to the cave art. I felt that as the critics believed painting did not exist any more, I was free to do what

With an ironic attitude Benda felt that he would use the oldest European painting technique, like oil on wood panel and the oldest cliches like the female portraits and landscape. 'It is strange that today painting is coming back very strongly in London, Belgium or Germany. Painting will not end: it is like a pendulum that comes and

Benda paints as the first thing to do in a day and he is very regular.



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anyone to come in. When he does his portraits, he has no sitters as most of them are done from photos. There are many layers of colours and the photo is just to make the first sketch after which the painting may change dramatically and may have little resemblance to the origi nal photo, for the tones, colours and textures become totally different. As regards the landscape, some of them too are from photos but some are invented and inspired by long walks in the reservation. As rents are cheap in the area of Belgium where he lives, survival as an artist is not difficult for him. Once in a while he manages to make trips to USA and

One of his portraits displays a lot of gray and rose colours, which are Benda's favourite shades. A landscape with trees and caravans presents a camping place close to where he lives.

Benda has always wanted to bring in some universal feelings in his exhibition and, coming to Bangladesh, realised that rivers form an important part of life here. Some of his paintings include rivers as the one portraying the docks in Cologne. Another painting brings in a house on a boat and connected to the camping picture entitled Moving home. Connected to departure is the painting of the wash being put out to dry and being seen from inside a closed room. With the same theme is the portrait of a woman standing in front of a pile of suitcases, thinking

Someone sent him a photograph of a river scene in Bangla desh and the next painting is developed on this. Another painting is based on the gathering of golden clouds as seen from above the sky, sitting in an airplane. Yet another is an imaginary island, washed in sweeps of gray, merging with pale

Contrary to the expressionist painters, he wants to disappear behind his paintings. They will last long, even when he is gone. The pictures are more than landscapes and portraits of women. They bring in feelings and emotions, seen in

Benda's paintings have an element of melancholia flowing through them as in the use of gray Benda uses delicate brush strokes recovering the technique of the old

Hans Benda has exhibited in Japan, Europe and USA. He has had ten solo exhibitions and has taken part in 11 joint displays

CD launching

Shimul Yusuff brings out new album Shimuler Gaan

HIEFLY known as a theatre activist, Shimul Yusuff is also quite famous as a singer. Recently she has brought out her latest music collection. Veteran poet Shamsur Rahman launched the album Shimuler Gaan at the Liberation War Museum on January 22.

Presented by World Music, the collection contains 17 songs including Rabindra Sangeet, Nazrul Sangeet, Lalon's songs and a few 'Modern' ones. With the music of distinguished musicians like Kamol Dasgupta, Abdul Latif, Altaf Mahmud, Sheikh Lutfar Rahman, Khan Ataur Rahman, Samar Das and Mohammad Shahnewaz in Modern songs, the Shannewaz in Modern songs, the album's songs have gain an impressive height. The lyrics of these songs are also written by noted personalities like Abdul Gaffar Choudhury, Fazle Lohani, Dr. En a mul Haque and Nuruzzaman Sheikh Nuruzzaman Sheikh.

Shimul Yusuff, who started singing as a child artiste long ago, is versatile talent in the cultural field in our country. Staring with *Jhor elo elo jhor* in the earlier period of her singing career through the latest Joy shotyer joy, she has made a unique style of her own in music. The album contains three

The song that will surely win the audience's heart is *Jhor elo elo jhor*.

the music director of the album, Shimul Yusuff are also seen in the picture. that it reveals Shimul's true self as a

Rabindra Sangeet--Tumi nirmal karo, Aji jhorer ratey and Tuire Basanta shomiran. The Nazrul The programme was attended songs are Tepantorer mathey and Srijano chhandey. Shimul, however, has not been able to do justice to these classic pieces of Bangla

Poet Shamsur Rahman holds up the CD album Shimuler Gaan at the launch-

ing ceremony. (From right) Ezaz Khan Swapan of Music World, Shahnewaz,

The rendition is so spontaneous

by cultural personalities including artist Rafiqunnabi and music director of the album Shahnewaz Among others, owner of World Music Ezaz Khan Swapan was also present on the occasion. Popular actor Pijush Bandyopadhyay

Channel click

ATN Bangla to air a comic play

ERSHAD KAMOL

Uchcha Bongshio Patro Chai, a comedy by Faruk Ahmed, will be telecast on ATN Bangla on January 26 at

Directed by Shahiduzzaman Selim, the story of the play presents Moyna, the daughter of a chairman, in love with Mojnu of the same village. She adopts a clever approach to manage her father who is an illtempered man. She pretends that she is in love with someone else to confuse her father. When her father seeks the help of a matchmaker, Moyna offers bribe to

the matchmaker. Finally, she wins her beloved. And the play ends with a festive mood of a marriage cere-



News makers

Moving Home, oil on wood

Ben Affleck, J.Lo break off relationship

AP, New York

HE on-again, off-again relationship between Ben Affleck and Jennifer Lopez is off. Again. And this time, it looks like it's for good. Jennifer Lopez ended the engagement, one of her publicists told The Associated Press on Thursday. A spokesman for Lopez at Dan Klores Communications said in a statement: "I am confirming the reports that Jennifer Lopez has ended her engagement to Ben Affleck. At this difficult time, we ask that you respect her privacy.

People and Us Weekly magazines first reported the breakup on their Web sites Thursday nublicist Ken would only say: "As usual, we never comment on the private lives of our clients."

Lopez, 34, and Affleck, 31, have been the subject of near-constant media scrutiny for the pastyear and a half.

In the video for Lopez's 2002 hit *Jenny From* the *Block*, in which she makes fun of the paparazzi, Affleck rubs her legendary posterior while basking in the sunshine on a boat. In another song from her album This Is Me ... Then, titled Dear Ben, she professes her affection for Affleck.



Ben Affleck and Jennifer Lopez are seen at the premiere of their film Gigli last July in Los Angeles, Their on-again, off-again relationship appears to be off again.

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But then their romantic comedy, Gigli, was considered the cinematic disaster of the year before it even debuted in August. They were supposed to have married a month later, but abruptly postponed their lavish plans "due to the excessive media attention surrounding

Since then, the media has followed their every move, keeping track of who Lopez was with and whether she wore her 6.1-carat pink diamond Harry Winston engagement ring. Even a routine trip to a Georgia courthouse to get a gun license for Affleck drew a horde of photographers and celebrity reporters.

This would have been the first wedding for Affleck. Lopez has been married twice beforeto waiter Ojani Noa in 1997 and to dancer Cris Judd in 2001. Noa lasted a little more than a year; Judd for nine months.

She also famously dated Sean "P. Diddy" Combs--back when he was still "Puffy"--for two years before the couple broke up in Febru-

Now the former couple will appear on screen together again in Jersey Girl, due out March 19. Lopez plays Affleck's wife, but she dies 12 minutes into the movie.

Exit Wounds

On HBO at 9:30 pm.

Thriller/Drama/Crime

Steven Seagal, DMX

PICK OF THE DAY

Latrell Walker leads a life in the midst of Stolen Drugs and

Crooked Cops. And when he realizes that cops too figure

prominently in the scheme of things, it poses him the

question - are all cops corrupt? His question is answered

when he meets Orin Boyd, a tough urban detective who's in

everyone's bad books because of his liberal interpretation

Lucky twosome

Rani strikes a hit formula with Big B!



HINDUSTANTIMES

Amitabh Bachchan and Rani Mukerji have hit upon a formula for 'making' a film successful. The two stars have realised any film they see in the same preview show is a hit! Two recent examples are Koi... Mil Gaya and Kal Ho Naa Ho. What's more, as Bachchan told Rani: "You should always sit to my left because you were seated to my left in both shows.

The Black co-stars recently saw Khakee together. Although Rani was seeing the film for the first time, it was Bachchan's third viewing. And yes, the two were seated together with Rani on Bachchan's left! If Khakee clicks, we'll have producers queuing up outside the homes of the two stars, to invite them for trial shows!

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Poison!

Ultimate Guide Ultimate

Discover India Myths

Survivor Science Deser

Fashion Street Pin-Ups

Wild Encounters Lost

Lakes of the Pacific

Monkey Chimps

Cricket Show Espn

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W ESpiders from Mars

W EPiranhas

Guide: Spiders

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TV GUIDE

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

News Bulletin

News Headlines(Bangla) at 9:40 am.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)

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

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.

News(Bangla) at 8:00 am. 12:00 pm.

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BBC World

Every hour on the hour

BTV 07:35 Suprobhat Bangla-Programmes from the 08:25 Anya Bhuban Sangbad Potrer Pata 01:05 Drama

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03:05 Nibedon 03:30 Shukhi Poribai 05:05 **English Debate** 06:10 07:00 Share Market, Weather Forecast 07:30 Film Show: Fortune 08:30 Drama Serial: Dekha Adekha 09:00 Drama: Akhanka

Pop Show

11:00 Sur o Lohiri CHANNEL-i Tritia Matra

Chithi Pelam 12:00 12:30 Ekanyaborti Feature Film: Ghar Sangar (Shabana/Razzak) 05:10 Tovota Wild Life 06:10 Music Plus Gillette World Sports Drama Serial: Chera

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08:30 Monihaar 09:30 Ei Shomoy 10:02 Cinema: Sadhana Ke korbey Bajimaath 03:00 03:30 Pepsi Music Express 04:00 Kichu Katha Kichu

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11:20 Dindarpan **ATN BANGLA**

10:15 Talk show: Annodristee Drama serial: Baba 12:40 Musical prog: Uro Cola Saat Rang 1:20 Bengali Feature Film Love In Simla 4:20 Children prog Shapla Shaluk 5:10 Health care prog Sustha Thakun

Jawab 6:20 Talk show: Annodristee 7:40 English serial dubbed in Bangla: Thunder Musical prog.

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Mega serial: Lal Neel 9:25 Mega serial: Baba Law based prog : Mail 10:30 12:20 Telifilm: Datta **HBO** 9:30

Cool World True Colours Best In Show Angel Eyes King Kong Lives Dragonheart: A New Exit Wounds

Drama Serial: Aranyai Shukh Dukho Alice in wonderland

Telefilm: Ethodin Kothai Chhiley

MGM: 9:30 pm. Birthday Girl. Comedy / Drama / Romance / Crime. Nicole Kidman, Ben Chaplin, Vincent Cassel. Internet love connections and mail-order brides rarely ever work out, and John should have known. Having never been lucky in the game of love and tired of waiting for the perfect woman to come along, John decides to take his chances and orders a mail-order bride from Russia online. At first, things seem perfect but...

STAR MOVIES: 11:15 pm. Prince of

Darkness. Horror, Donald

Pleasence, Jameson Parker

Victor Wong. A sinister secret has

for many years. With the death of a

sect, another priest opens the door to

been kept in the basement of an

abandoned Los Angeles church

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the basement and discovers a vat

students to investigate it

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containing a green liquid. The priest

contacts a group of physics graduate

1:30 Missing in Action **ZEE MGM** 11:30

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STAR MOVIES

Bandits

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The End Of The Affair Code 11-14 How To Make An American Q The Boxer

5:00 Insomnia 7:00 Attack Clones Predator **STAR WORLD** Robocop 2:30 3:00 X - Men

Cops

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Star Wars: Episode 2 -Prince Of Darkness

The Kumars At No. 42

Knight Rider The X Files

9:30 World Idol 11:00 Malcolm In The Middle 11:30 **ZEE CINEMA** 10:30

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World's Wildest Police Xena:Warrior Princess Tna Wrestling

Baywatch Hawaii Mashooq (Ayub Khan, Ayesha Jhulka) Heer Ranjha, Chaand Ka Tukda, Tohfa (Sridevi)

Patthar Ke Phool

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(Salman Khan, Raveena Tandon) Dhadkan (Sunil Shetty, Akshay Kumar, Shilpa

STAR PLUS 2:30 Mirch Masala Musafir Hoon Yaaron Jubilee Film Kya Baat Hail

Gharwali Uparwali

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STAR GOLD

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Startoons Countdown

Shaolin Soccer - Hindi

Return To The Wild

Journey To The

Bachche

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Mamla Gadbad Hai

GEOGRAPHIC 1:30 **Cheating Death** 3:30 Mission Wild

Play: The Nature Of The 5:30 6:00 Tomorrow's World 6:30 Dogs With Jobs 7:00 Tovota World Of Wildlife Earth Report Earthpulse 8:30 National Geographic Secret Life Of The 9:30

Forgotte

Crash The Self-Portrait 11:30 Ng Explore **DISCOVERY CHANNEL**

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Realm/Triumph of Life

Discovery Showcase

signed a worldwide deal with Warner Music Scandinavia and has returned to the studio to record an album of cover songs.

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Presents Samsung

Cricket Show (R)

Chrysler Classic La

Quinta Ca Usa Third

Round(S)

Pga Tour Golf Bob Hope

Lunchtime Show(L)

Australia Cricket Vb

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Pick of the Week 0:00 Trans World Sports Football week UK Cricket Classics Speed

Pick of the Week Football week UK Heat (1): Ep 283 Winning Post FA Cup 4th round 11:00

History of Football Indian Football Show Gillette Word Sport Indian Football Show 6:00 8:25 FA Cup 04: 4th Round 8:55