CULTURE

The Baily Star

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 Chourasta

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 everyday

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 photoiournalistic exhibition titled World Press Photo from January 4 The display remains open for all from 3 to 8 pm everyday.

January 19-29

Goethe-Institut holds an exhibition titled Along the Rivers by German artist Hans Benda 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.

CD Launching

January 31 The second CD and audiocassette titled Chena Pother Baire by Nazrul Islam will be launched formally at the VIP Lounge of National Press Club at 4:00 pm. Singer Husna Banu Khanom, Abdul Hadi, Poet Asad Choudhury, K G Mustafa and Subal Das will be present at the occasion

Music



Cinema The spirit of Lalon

Film based on the life of the mystic folk singer released

HARUN UR RASHID

story line. A N V I R Mokammel's much B i otalked-about film graphi-Lalon aroused c a l films mixed reaction amongst a select guest audience on its première show on do not neces-January 25 at the Balaka cinema hall. Produced by sarily Anjan Chowdhury Pintu of m e a n Masranga Productions Ltd. and Kino-Eye Films, o rtrayal the film features eminent actor Raisul Islam Asad in ofan eventthe titular role, and it endeavours in portraying the mores in the great ife Except for the mystic poet's life. What might seem to be sequen the principal attraction of

a film based on the life of a where mystic folk singer like Lalon Lalon, in fact, turned out to after be the most incoherent i element in the film Lalon. return Tanvir has used a good to his number of baul songs in village the film, but 'the songs seemed much too fre-

quent than were necessary,' commented a spectator after the show. Another aspect of the movie that falls short of becoming a 'movie' is that

it lacks a good h e

after a long spell of small pox, was refused any place comparison to his acting, in the society, nowhere in the movie can be found the slightest bit of suspense, which make a film hold the audience's attraction. dience's attraction. sings and dance. Shomi The cinematography of Kaiser, however, has done



soaring Raisul Islam Asad in the titular role high in perfection. In

that of Azad Abul Kalam, who portrayed the young Lalon, seems quite clumsy, especially in the sequences where Lalon

the film very well in the role of $i \ s$, Lalon's adopted daughter Piyarinnesa

Among other actors performing in the film are good as Tamanna Yasmin Tithi, Khurshiduzzaman Utpal, was Ramendu Majumdar, Wahida Mallik Jolly, d from h e Bhaswar Bandyopadhyay, renown Fakir Anwar Hossain Mantu Shah, Kartik Das camera-Baul, Pagla Bablu, Fakir Bolai Shah, Fakir Selim wizard Anwar Shah, Krishna Ghosh, Hossain

Arko, Noirit and others. One aspect of the film is very appreciable and that is the inclusion of a good regards number of real life Bauls acting, who project some true Raisul features of the minstrels' Islam lifestyle Asad seems to

Renowned folksingers like Farida Parvin, Farida Yasmin, Kangalini Sufia, Kartik Das Baul have sung the songs used in the film. Besides, Chitralekha Guha, Bolai Shah, Syed Sabab Ali Arju, Tamanna Yasmin Tuli, Ashutosh

Adhikari and Sultana Kaniz Fatema also perform many songs.



Band music

Rock concert at ISD Auditorium

Alternative underground bands flaunt sensational performance

FAIZUL A TANIM

THEN Breach and Sellout played this gig; their electrifying sets reminded everyone that when it comes to the increasingly trendy blend of hip-hop and nu-metal music, nobody does it better than

The show started on time at ISD School, Bashundhara with Enshrined. They performed a neat set comprised of Thank you by Dido, Thousand miles by Vanessa Carlton, Don't speak by No Doubt and many more

Next on stage was Ashor presenting some popular tracks with a better performance. Their covers of How you remind me by Nickelback and U'r a God from Vertical Horizon were performed moderately well, however, left scopes for improvement. Their cover of Vasoline by the Stone Temple Pilots portrayed a compact



Breach in action

tive response in the underground scene. Popular track Sweet child o' mine brought out almost CD quality sound wrapping up their set list.

This was a crowd of die-hard fans who knew not only the verse and choruses to songs like Freak on a leash by Korn or Sugar by System of a Down, but knew every single



Sellout performing at the ISD auditorium

own song--with flamboyant drumming, good guitar works and tune-

formance was much appreciated.

Playing at number five, Nemesis performed several classic rock numbers. U2's *Elevation* cover was numbers Obocheton and New day. own two tracks Shada and Shopnosongs which created a lot of posi

that the vocalists sang out, the crowd knew it all! In an aweinspiring moment during their performances, spot lights pointing on the stage primed the bands Breach and Sellout performing at numbers four and six respectively. illuminated the hundreds of heads pumping and jumping in the air along with their exhilarating performances. It was a moment that prompted one to marvel at how much of an impact the bands songs have on their fans. Breach performed It's on, Freak on a leash by Korn followed by Sanitarium--Limpbizkit version of the famous Metallica song, *Vietnow* of Rage Against The Machine and their

The last two bands for the evening were the majestic Cryptic Fate and in-style Black. CF performed their compositions Dhulikona, Withered alive, Shokal choita, Prem, Amar shathe ai, medley of Shadhin Bangla betar kendro, Shreshto and Dream sayer Although older bands like CF should practice more before a gig so as not to disappoint their loyal fans, their anthem song Cholo Bangladesh got the crowd on their toes Black performed their songs

-they were applauded immensely

Sellout's setlist started with a jam

of Slipknot's Liberate followed by

Sugar and Holy Man by One Min-

ute Silence, Waiting to Die by Hed

Pe, Aeroplane by Red Hot Chili

Peppers and many more. Their concluding song was *Tribute*. Wearing fancy cloaks including

Matrix-long-coat, dhuti and

painted faces, a hip-hop rock 'n roll

rebel approach relayed to a rather

emotional staging by Breach and

Sellout! The musicians are all

promising! They played like it

would be their last gig ever--which

it was!--as members of these two

bands have left recently to pursue

higher education abroad. They

however, left behind a moshing

energetic crowd who would certainly miss their heroes in action.

Obinoshhor, Amra, Shokarto upokul and the recently released hit *Prakritik*--a performance that the crowd seemed very enthusiastic about and was well entertained as that wrapped up the event.

The organisers limmy and lonathan had done an amazing job in keeping the whole show under control. The stage set-up and the lighting were perfect but a better quality sound system could have surely done the concert more justice.

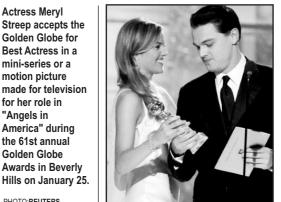
The 27th anniversary of Wrishiz Shilpi Goshthi



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cultural programme and a reception of celebrities

chairman of the Shammilito Shangskritik Jote Nasiruddin Yusuff were present as special guests.



Wrestling Apple Crush (

8:30

World of Memories

Miss Golder Globe Lilv Costner (L) daughter of

performance. Nonetheless, their utterance and expression by heart. From the lucid rhythm and rhymes

Prachir was number three in the band line-up. Their Tool-ish expression resulted in a mature debut. Their cover of Stinkfist by Tool was a well-done piece featuring technical drumming and bass playing. Their own two tracks had good guitar works and admirable drumming. Even though the vocals needed to be at par with the stan-

Snaps from Lalon

Sumita Naha's 'Tomar Surer Dhara'

CD launching at the Bengal Foundation

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ELITA KARIM

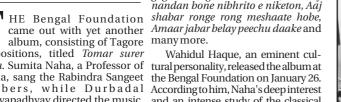
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Baul Gaan

Music

album, consisting of Tagore manymore. compositions, titled Tomar surer dhara. Sumita Naha, a Professor of tural personality, released the album at recorded numbers are Tomay notun this field.



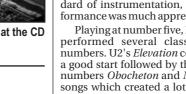
Bangla, sang the Rabindra Sangeet the Bengal Foundation on January 26. numbers, while Durbadal According to him, Naha's deep interest Chattyapadhyay directed the music. and an intense study of the classical A selection of 14 Tagore numbers music from Shri Mithun De, led her to have been released in this album and indulge into this field. Singing it is worth a mention, that most of the Rabindra compositions has always numbers are not the conventional been her passion. Wahidul Haque also Rabindra composition set one would hoped that she further develops her find in a Tagore album. Some of the talent and acquires more interest in kore, Tomar surer dhara, Godhuli



(L-R) Wahidul Haque, Sumita Naha and Luva Nahid Chowdhury at the CD

TV GUIDE

Wrishiz Medal 2003 was conferred upon eminent philosop

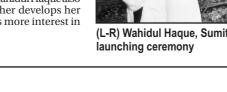


Award

launching ceremony

ful vocals was a wonderful piece.

dard of instrumentation, the pera good start followed by their own





US singer Britney Spears performs during the NRJ Music Awards ceremony, recently, in Cannes, southern France.

Sardar Fazlul Karim (Sitting 2nd from right), poet Shamsur Rahman (C) Nuriahan Begum (L), seen with other prominent quests

Library auditorium on the occasion of the 27th anniversary of Wrishiz Shilpi Goshthi (WSG) recently. The whole programme was dedicated to the recently deceased actress Sumita Devi known as the First Lady of Bangladeshi Cinema.

were arranged at the Public

Poet Shamsur Rahamn was present as chief guest while the chairman of WSG Fakir Alamgir chaired the programme. Writer Rabeya Khatun, drama activist Aly Zaker and the

educationist Sardar Fazlul Karim and Begum editor Nurjahan Begum.

In the cultural programme Udichi, Kranti and Wrishiz performed songs and dances. The programme was directed by Fakir Siraj and Samar Barua and hosted by SM Saijad. Nritvalok performed dances and Mohidul Islam and Rafiqul Islam recited poems in the programme.



mini-series or a motion picture made for television for her role in "Angels in America" during the 61st annual Golden Globe Awards in Beverly Hills on January 25. PHOTO:RELITERS

actor Kevin Costner, gives actor Leonardo DiCaprio an award to present during the 61st annual Golden Globe Awards in Beverly Hills on January 25. PHOTO:REUTERS

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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. 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 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.

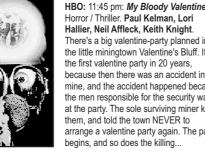
BBC World

Every hour on the hour

BTV		09:30	Ei Shomoy
07:35	Suproblat Panala	10:02	Hello Music
07.55	Suprobhat Bangla- desh	10:30	Shur Ananda
08:25	Documentary Film	11:00	Tele Film: Antare
00:25	Quiz Quiz	02.20	Nirantar
12:15	Sangbad Potrer Pata	02:30	Cinegaan
12.10	Theke	03:00	Drama Serial: Ebong Ami
01:05	Selected Programme	03:30	Taray Taray
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	Computer	04.00	Shongshoy
03:05	Open University	04:30	Drama Serial: Amade
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06:10	Shilpo O Shahityo	06:00	Apnar Jigyasha
07:00	Share Market,	06:35	Shubho Shondhya
	Weather Forecast	06:55	Sports World
07:30	Film Show: Mortal	08:00	Siddiqua Kabir's
	Combat Conquest		Recipe
08:30	Drama Serial:	08:35	Shurer Jalsha
	Ahangkar	09:47	Drama Serial: Chena
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09:30	Drama Serial:	HBO	
40.00	Ashomoy		
10:30	Ujjibon	8:30	Sexual Predator
11:00	Anondadhara	10:15	Strange Frequency 3
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09:45	Tritia Matra	3:00	The Screaming Room : Dracula Goes to
12:00	Chithi Pelam		Hollywood
12:30	Ebong Cinemar Gaan	3:30	Enemy at the Gates
02:00	Feature Film: Mukti	6:00	Dead Sexy
	Chai (Chompa,	7:30	The Flintstones in
	Manna)	1.00	Viva Rock Vegas
05:45	Boi Ebong Boi	9:30	Bait
06:10	Music Plus	11:45	My Bloody Valentine
06:45	Yamee Chhaya	766 /	
	Jhankar		CINEMA
07:50	Kichhu Mone Korben	10:30	Abhimanyu (Anil
	Na Dot Com		Kapoor, Poonam
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	Megh Kichhu Roddur	1:30	Majboor (Sunny Deol
09:35	Drama Serial:		Jayaprada)
10.00	Rangdhanu Rang	5:30	Dharmatma (Feroz
10:00	Drama Serial:		Khan, Hema Malini)
	Jugalbandi	9:30	Mrityudand (Ayub
ntv			Khan, Madhuri Dixit)
08:00	Ajker Sakal	MGM	
00.00	Devil Ocean	0.00	

9:00 Jackie Brown

TODAY'S HIGHLIGHTS



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2:00

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7:00

Incognito

The Serpents

Tadpole

Mimic2 Ocean Tribe

Diabolique

Predator

Callas Foreve

Men In Black

How To Make

American Q

Final Fantasy

Spirits Wit

Scarface

STAR MOVIES

Horror / Thriller. Paul Kelman, Lori Hallier, Neil Affleck, Keith Knight. There's a big valentine-party planned in the little miningtown Valentine's Bluff. It is the first valentine party in 20 years, because then there was an accident in the mine, and the accident happened because the men responsible for the security was at the party. The sole surviving miner killed them, and told the town NEVER to arrange a valentine party again. The party begins, and so does the killing ...

MGM:7:00 pm : Mimic 2. Horror / Thriller / Sci-Fi. Alix Koromzav. Will Estes, Gaven E. Lucas. When a cockroach-spread plague threatened to decimate the child population of New York City in the original Mimic, biologist Susan Tyler and her research associates developed a species of "Judas" bugs and introduced them into the environment, where they were to "mimic" the diseased roaches and infiltrate their grubby habits. The plan worked until the bugs evolved to mimic their next prey.....humans!

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PICK OF THE DAY



Scarface

On Star Movies at 7:00 pm Genre: Crime / Drama

Al Pacino, Steven Bauer, Michelle Pfeiffer

An update of the 1932 film, Scarface (1983) follows gang-ster Tony Montana and his close friend Manny Ray from their trip on the Cuban Boat Lift for refugees to their arrival in Miami. After killing a powerful Cuban figure. Montana and company gain the ability to leave their refugee camps and roam around the U.S. After unsuccessfully trying to make it legitamately in the country. Montana and Ray resort to selling cocaine to dealers around the world. Jony's rise is quick, but as he becomes more powerful, his enemies and his own paranoia begin to plague his empire.

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8:00	Shaka Laka Boom Boom	4:30 5:00	Hollywood Squares Two Guys And A Girl
8:30	Sonpari	5:30	Knight Rider
9:00	Kasautii Zindagii Kay	6:30	The Simpsons
9:30	Sanjivani - A Medical Bo	7:00	Home Improvement
10:30	Kahaani Ghar Ghar Kii	7:30	Friends
11:00	Kyunki Saas Bhi Kabhi	8:00	Just Shoot Me

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3:30	Wild Discovery Platypus	12:30	Animal Planet R
	: World's Strangest Animal		Orangutan Reso
4:30	Operation Junkyard	1:30	Animal Planet R
4.00	Baseball Pitcher		They call him Ch
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Indian Football Show

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Unforgettables

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