

RECOMMENDATIONS

Theatre

**January 28**  
Vision Theatre premieres its third production *Chourasta* on January 28 at the Central Shahid Minar premises at 6 pm. The drama is written by Moloy Bhownik 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 photojournalistic 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 exhibition 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 Pather 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.

Cinema

The spirit of Lalon

Film based on the life of the mystic folk singer released

HARUN UR RASHID

**T**A N V I R lacks a good story line. Biography films do not necessarily mean the portrayal of an eventful life. Except for the sequence where Lalon, in fact, turned out to be the most incoherent element in the film *Lalon*, Tanvir has used a good number of *baul* songs in the film, but "the songs seemed much too frequent than were necessary," commented a spectator after the show.

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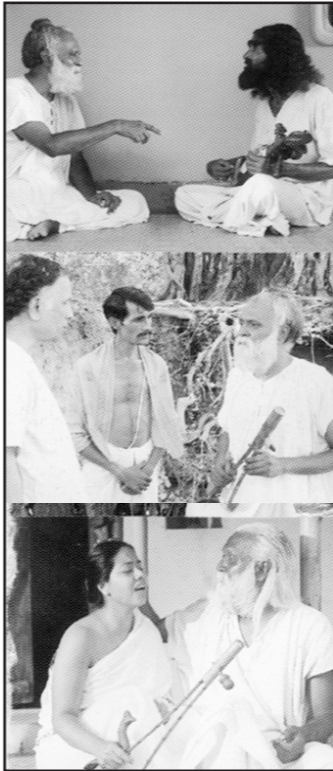


Raisul Islam Asad in the titular role

The film is, however, very good as was expected from the renowned camerawizard Anwar Hossain. As regards the acting, Raisul Islam Asad seems to be soaring high in perfection. In comparison to his acting, that of Azad Abul Kalam, who portrayed the young Lalon, seems quite clumsy, especially in the sequences where Lalon sings and dance. Shomi Kaiser, however, has done very well in the role of Lalon's adopted daughter Piyarinnasa.

Among other actors performing in the film are Tamanna Yasmin Tihti, Khurshiduzzaman Utpal, Ramendu Majumdar, Wahida Malik Jolly, Bhaswar Bandyopadhyay, Fakir Anwar Hossain Mantu Shah, Kartik Das Baul, Pagla Bablu, Fakir Bolai Shah, Fakir Selim Shah, Krishna Ghosh, Arko, Noirit and others.

One aspect of the film is very appreciable and that is the inclusion of a good number of real life *Bauls* who project some true features of the minstrel's lifestyle. Renowned folksingers like Farida Parvin, Farida Yasmin, Kanganini 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.



Snaps from Lalon

Band music

Rock concert at ISD Auditorium

Alternative underground bands flaunt sensational performance

FAIZUL A TANIM

**W**HEN 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 them.

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 *Valotine* by the Stone Temple Pilots portrayed a compact



Breach in action

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

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

-they were applauded immensely. Sellout's setlist started with a jam of Slipknot's *Liberate* followed by *Sugar* and *Holy Man* by One Minute 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.

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*, melody of *Shadhin Bangla betar kendro*, *Shreshtho* 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 *Obinoshhor*, *Amra*, *Shokarto upokul* and the recently released hit *Praktik*--a performance that the crowd seemed very enthusiastic about and was well entertained as that wrapped up the event.

The organisers Jimmy and Jonathan 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.

Music

Sumita Naha's 'Tomar Surer Dhara'

CD launching at the Bengal Foundation

ELITA KARIM

**T**HE Bengal Foundation came out with yet another album, consisting of Tagore compositions, titled *Tomar surer dhara*. Sumita Naha, a Professor of Bangla, sang the Rabindra Sangeet numbers, while Durbadal Chattyapadhyay directed the music. A selection of 14 Tagore numbers have been released in this album and it is worth a mention, that most of the numbers are not the conventional Rabindra composition set one would find in a Tagore album. Some of the recorded numbers are *Tomay notun kore*, *Tomar surer dhara*, *Godhuli*

*gogone meghe dhekechilo*, *Hridoy nandan bone nibhrito e nicketon*, *Aaj shabar ronge rong meshaate hobe*, *Amar jabar belay peechu daake* and many more.

Wahidul Haque, an eminent cultural personality, released the album at the Bengal Foundation on January 26. According to him, Naha's deep interest and an intense study of the classical music from Shri Mithun De, led her to indulge into this field. Singing Rabindra compositions has always been her passion. Wahidul Haque also hoped that she further develops her talent and acquires more interest in this field.



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

Event

The 27th anniversary of Wrishiz Shilpi Goshthi



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

CULTURE CORRESPONDENT

**A** cultural programme and a reception of celebrities were arranged at the Public 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.

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

chairman of the Shammilito Shangkritik Jote Nasiruddin Yusuf were present as special guests.

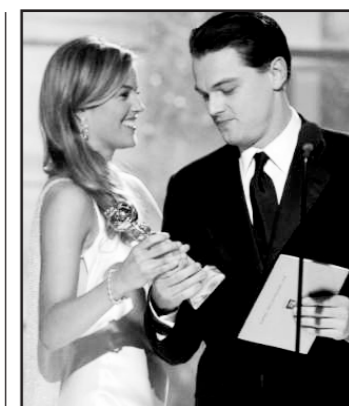
Wrishiz Medal 2003 was conferred upon eminent philosopher and educationist Sardar Fazlul Karim and *Begum* editor Nurjahan Begum.

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 Sajjad. Nrityalok performed dances and Mohidul Islam and Rafiqul Islam recited poems in the programme.

Award



Actress Meryl Streep accepts the Golden Globe for Best Actress in a 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.



Miss Golden Globe Lily Costner (L), daughter of actor Kevin Costner, gives actor Leonardo DiCaprio an award to present during the 61st annual Golden Globe Awards in Beverly Hills on January 25.

TV GUIDE

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

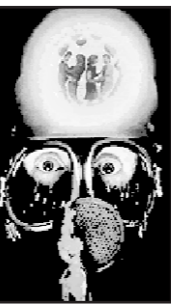
News Bulletin

**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, 12:00 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.  
**TARA BANGLA**  
News Headline (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**  
07:35 *Suprohat* Bangladesh  
08:25 Documentary Film  
09:15 Quiz Quiz  
12:15 *Sangbad Potrer Pata Theke*  
01:05 Selected Programme  
01:05 *Khelte Khelte Computer*  
03:05 Open University  
03:30 *Geetobitan*  
05:05 *Mati O Manush*  
06:10 *Shilpo O Shahityo*  
07:00 *Share Market*  
07:00 Weather Forecast  
07:30 Film Show: Mortal Combat Conquest  
08:30 Drama Serial: *Ahangkar*  
09:00 Drama Serial: *Shamudra Shimanay*  
09:30 Drama Serial: *Ashomoy*  
10:30 *Anondadhara*  
**CHANNEL-i**  
09:45 *Titia Matra*  
12:00 *Chitli Palam*  
12:30 *Ebong Cinemar Gaan*  
02:00 Feature Film: *Mukti Chai* (Chompa, Manna)  
05:45 *Boi Ebong Boi*  
06:10 *MUSIC Plus*  
06:45 *Yamee Chhaya Jhankar*  
07:50 *Kichhu Mone Korben Na Dot Com*  
08:25 Drama Serial: *Kichhu Megh Kichhu Roodur*  
09:35 Drama Serial: *Rangdhanu Rang*  
10:00 Drama Serial: *Jugalbandi*  
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08:00 *Ajker Sakal*  
08:30 *Baul Gaan*

09:30 *Ei Shomoy*  
10:02 Hello Music  
10:30 *Shur Andana*  
11:00 Tele Film: *Antare Niranar*  
02:30 *Cinegana*  
03:00 Drama Serial: *Ebong Ami*  
03:30 *Taray Taray*  
04:00 Drama Serial: *Shongshoy*  
04:30 Drama Serial: *Amader Golpo*  
05:25 *Ke korbey Bajmaath*  
06:00 *Apar Jigyasha*  
06:35 *Shubho Shondhya*  
06:55 World Siddiqua Kabir's Recipe  
08:35 *Shurer Jalsha*  
09:47 Drama Serial: *Chena Chena Lage Dindarpan*  
11:20  
**HBO**  
8:30 Sexual Predator  
10:15 *Strange Frequency 3*  
12:00 Any Given Sunday  
3:00 *The Screaming Room*  
3:30 *Dracula Goes to Hollywood*  
6:00 *Enemy at the Gates*  
6:00 *Dead Sexy*  
7:30 *The Flintstones in Viva Rock Vegas*  
9:30 *Bait*  
11:45 *My Bloody Valentine*  
**ZEE CINEMA**  
10:30 Abhimanyu (Anil Kapoor, Poonam Dhillon, Kimi Katkar)  
1:30 *Majboor* (Sunny Deol, Jayapradha)  
5:30 Dharmatma (Feroz Khan, Hema Malini)  
9:30 *Mrityudand* (Ayub Khan, Madhuri Dixit)  
**MGM**  
9:00 Jackie Brown

TODAY'S HIGHLIGHTS



**HBO:** 11:45 pm: *My Bloody Valentine*. 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 Koromzay, 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 "Judass" 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!

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 gangster 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 legitimately in the country, Montana and Ray resort to selling cocaine to dealers around the world. Tony's rise is quick, but as he becomes more powerful, his enemies and his own paranoia begin to plague his empire.

11:30 Incognito	9:40 Brave New World	Kabhi B	B
2:00 Tadpole	11:30 Focus	4:00 Kahaani Ghar Ghar Kii	11:30 Kahin To Hoga
4:30 The Serpents Kiss	<b>STAR GOLD</b>	4:30 Kahin To Hoga	12:00 Kaahin Kissii Roz
7:00 Mimic2	9:00 Lahu Ke Do Rang	5:00 Kaahin Kissii Roz	
9:30 Ocean Tribe	12:30 Parampara	6:00 Hum Saath Aath Hain	
11:30 Diabolique	4:00 Gaane Bhi Do Yaaron	6:30 Fox Kids	
	4:30 Watan Ke Rakhwale	7:30 Kunkum - Pyara Sa	
<b>STAR MOVIES</b>	8:30 Teen Dewerein	8:00 Shaka Laka Boom	
10:00 Predator	11:30 Operationgold	8:30 Boom	
11:45 Callas Forever	<b>STAR PLUS</b>	8:30 Sonpari	
Men In Black	2:00 Bhabhi	9:00 Kasautii Zindagii Kay	
3:15 How To Make An American Q	2:30 Shagun	9:30 Sanjivani - A Medical Bo	
	3:00 Kabhi Aaye Na Judai	10:30 Kahaani Ghar Ghar Kii	
	3:30 Kyunki Saas Bhi	11:00 Kyunki Saas Bhi Kabhi	

8:30 Special	8:30 Extreme Engineering	9:00 Rally Racing Mrf
10:30 Two Guys And A Girl	City in a Pyramid	National Motocross
11:00 Titus	Extreme Machines	Championship 2003
11:28 Star Asia Travel	Hovcrafts	Bangalore Kr India
11:30 Baywatch	Dinosaur Planet	Event Highlights(T)
	10:30 Martial Arts	Australian Open Night
		#10 Highl Ghts(S)
		10:30 Sportsline (R)
		11:00 Australian Open Men's/Ladies Singles
		Quarte Rfnals(R)
		<b>ESPN</b>
		2:00 Cricket Gold (R)
		5:00 West Indies Tour Of
		South Africa Standard
		Bank One Day
		International Series
		South Africa Vs West
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		Highlights(R)
		6:27 West Indies Tour Of
		South Africa Standard
		Bank One Day
		International Series
		South Africa Vs West
		Indies 2nd Odi 1st
		Session(L)
		10:00 Sportscenter India (L)
		<b>TEN SPORTS</b>
		12:30 ATP Tennis
		3:30 MUTV
		4:00 Indian Football Show
		Fitness Beach
		5:30 Extreme Sports : Ep 20
		6:30 Velocity 2: Ep 86
		7:30 Heat (1): Ep 284
		8:00 Chili Factor
		9:30 Gamer TV
		Cricket Classics
		Indian Football Show
		10:00 India -Pakistan
		Unforgettables
		11:00