

RECOMMENDATIONS

Exhibitions

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.

February 8-20

A solo photography exhibition by renowned portrait photographer Nasir Ali Mamun is going on at the Goethe-Institut. The exhibition will remain open till February 20, from 2pm to 8pm. Venue: House 10, Road 9(new) Dhanmondi R/A.

March 1-31

A month long photo and book exhibition dedicated to the International Women's Day will be held at the library of the Russian Cultural Centre.

Painting and recitation competition

February 21

A painting and recitation competition for children dedicated to the International Mother Language Day will be held at the Russian Cultural Centre at 10 am.

Bertrand Blier Retrospective

Zahir Raihan Film Society will screen the film made by renowned French filmmaker Bertrand Blier at the Alliance Francaise auditorium at Road No. 3, Dhanmondi.
10 Feb., 5pm: Thank You, Life
7pm: My Man

Art appreciation course 2004

Bishwa Shahitya Kendra has arranged an art appreciation course, says a press release. Mostafa Monwar, Shamsul Wares, Shishir Bhattacharya, Nisar Hossain, A K M Shahnewaz, Mainuddin Khaled and others will instruct the participants. Interested persons are requested to contact the officials at the Bishwa Shahitya Kendra.



PHOTO: AFP
Frank Marshall (L) and Dr. Ronit Berdugo (2nd L), both of Key West, Florida, inspect artist Cecelia Lueza's creation entitled Human Situations II at the opening of "Art in the Park" featuring more than 50 artists.

Light and shade

In quest of capturing the legends

Nasir Ali Mamun's exhibition at Goethe Institut

FAYZA HAQ

NASIR Ali Mamun, who has his ongoing solo exhibit, "Meet the Legends" at the Goethe Institute, says, "As a teenager in the mid sixties I would cut and collect the pictures of famous people from the morning newspaper even before my father could read it for which I was often scolded and even beaten. Since then I've had an obsession for famous people. After liberation in '72 I got down to following my dream even though at first it was with borrowed cameras which I would have to return after a few hours. I noticed at the outset that our photographers tended to take pictures of birds, flowers, animals and beautiful scenes. With my love for portraits of famous people I began doing something that was different from the other lens focus. I noticed at that time that there were portraits of writers on the book



Mother Teresa

available in Bangladesh in the museum or academies, he says. He went around asking people to give their list of famous people and in this way got a list of 200 people. Today,

time and any place but someone like Shamsur Rahman can be obtained only in Bangladesh and Gunter Grass in Germany. Mamun had gone abroad to take pictures of people like Monica Ali and Shirin Ebadi, Norman Mailer, Octavio Paz, Joseph Brodsky, Saul Bellow, Allen Ginsberg and others.

Mamun says that compared to famous people in Bangladesh, it is much more difficult to get pictures of people like Yevtushenko, Gunter Grass or Norman Mailer in USA and Europe. It took him four years, he says, to contact Yevtushenko after which he gave an appointment for five minutes, which stretched to 45 minutes as the two discussed poetry. He explains that there are secretaries and agents in between the subject and the eager photographer. He was in New York alone for nine years as a taxi driver.

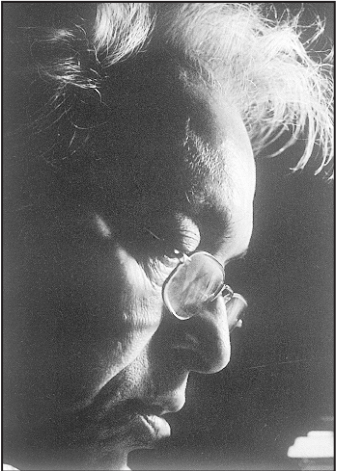
Explaining why he used an expanse of black in his work,

nately the work that I do with 'Prothom Alo' faces no conflict as the newspaper requires portraits only. They need the pictures in colour as it is easier for them and more attractive for the readers. I don't use any artificial light in my work."

Recounting the problems that he has faced in his work, Mamun says, "When I began, celebrities couldn't cooperate with me, but today I've good relations with them who realize the importance of my work. I've never really had a regular job and I'm at present being patronized by 'Prothom Alo' but I'm not a staff member of the paper. People are not willing to buy portraits in the country so far, in the way they go in for paintings of landscape and still life. My pictures are in black and white and deal with very serious subjects and don't attract the average buyer. I haven't ever gone in for regular work as I wanted to give all my time and energy to my passion of portraits. So far I've had 47 solo exhibits. I've exhibited in UK last June and before that I've exhibited in India in 1987 and in USA in 1991. In Bangladesh I've exhibited in 20 districts.

"I'm also making an 'image museum' in Faridpur. This has five sections of archives: one will be the Nasir Ali Mamun part, which will contain the portraits of famous people that I have taken. Then there will be a self portrait gallery, which will include portraits of Allen Ginsberg, Gunter Grass, SM Sultan and Quamrul Hassan. The others will contain manuscripts, a library and a collection of items on folklore specially the 'bauls' which will include their portraits, clothes and musical instruments which will contain hundred types of 'ek-tara'.

"Despite the hardship I have immeasurable joy in knowing and having been with famous people, like Mother Teresa, whose hands I've held and whom I've embraced. Fortunately, my wife, Najmunnessa, has been very understanding and cooperative."



Shamsur Rahman

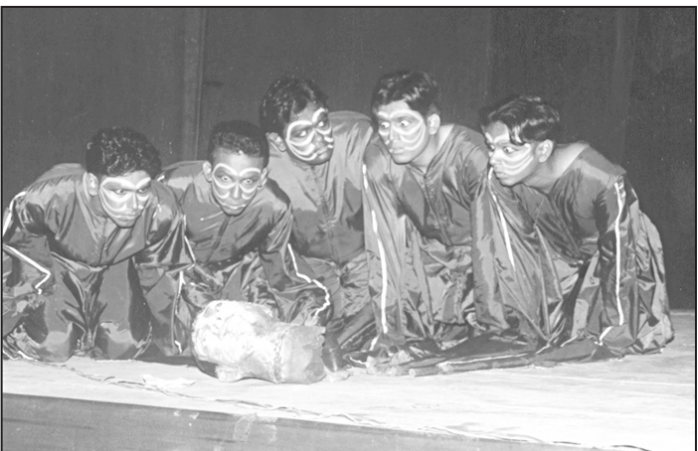
he has taken pictures of about 3000 famous people, of them 17 being Nobel laureates, and 350 having died in the recent past. Mamun believes that portraits is a prime subject: he thinks that birds and plants can be photographed any-



Bahadur Hossain Khan

Mamun says, "In a family of seven brothers and two sisters, my childhood and youth was shrouded in pain, misery and disappointments. The famous people too are often shrouded in agony with indifference from their wives and children and ignorance from the people in power. This has influenced my work where the faces are always serious and surrounded by despondency. Fortu-

Theatre



Today, Loko Natya Dal, a theatrical group, will stage their new production *Majh Rater Manushera* at the Mohila Shamity Mancha at 7.00 p.m. Abdus Selim has adapted Nobel winning Chinese playwright Gang Sing Xian's drama *Nocturnal Wanderer*. In the postmodern play, *Majh Rater Manushera*, the playwright has critically analysed our ego. Crime is our natural instinct says the theme of the play. Liakat Ali Lucky directs the play. Yasmin Ali is the music director while Thandu Rayhan is the light designer.

Celebratio

Cultural events commemorating Language martyrs in full swing

ERSHAD KAMOL

EVERY year, the nation celebrates February as the month of glory and pays homage to the martyrs of the Language movement of 1952. Due to Eid celebrations, this year the programme started a week after it's usual schedule on the first day of the month.

Bangla Academy inaugurated a month-long book fair, the most significant event of our national and cultural life, followed by a number of cultural events, at the premises of the Academy from 7th of this month. Each day, various cultural events are being organised from 4pm onwards. More over, Shammilito Shangkritik Jote, a leading cultural organisation, has started a 12-day long cultural programme keeping in mind the International Mother Language Day at the Central Shahid Minar premises from February 8.

Renowned cultural activists of the country Gazilul Haq, K.G. Mostafa, Ramendu Majumdar, Mamunur Rashid, Nasiruddin Yousuff, Asaduzzaman Noor, Golam Kuddus, Mannan Hira and others were present at the opening ceremony at the Shahid Minar premises. Gazilul Haq, language activist, inaugurated the programme organised by Shammilito Shangkritik Jote. Nasiruddin Yousuff, the president of the organisation, presided over the opening ceremony while K.G. Mostafa, an eminent journalist, was



Renowned cultural activists seen at the inaugural ceremony of Shammilito Shangkritik Jote

the special guest.

Ramendu Majumdar, the President of the ITI Bangladesh Branch, in his speech invited the politicians as well as the cultural activists of the country who are inspired by '71 and are against fundamentalism, to unite. He said that they should work together to overcome the crisis of the present time and the glorious 21st February can inspire them to achieve the goal.

In his speech Mamunur Rashid, the President of BGTF, said, 'The elite class of the country are creating a problem by sending their children to the English medium schools where they are not taught to speak Bangla properly. Even an influential minister in the current cabinet can speak English fluently but again having a disgraceful Bangla pronunciation. But if we look at Japan or China, we find that they have no regrets of not knowing

English properly and they love and honour their respective languages." And he also suggested that all the ministers and the parliamentarians should attend language workshops to improve their mother-tongue.

Asaduzzaman Noor, a cultural activist, pointed out the importance of the 21st February to enrich our national life.

Nasiruddin Yousuff gave the closing speech of the programme. He said that the glory of the 21st February always inspired us during '69 and '71 and it will do the same now to win over the fundamentalism and other evil.

After the speeches, Bulbul Islam and Fakir Alamgir presented patriotic songs, Shimul Mostafa and Golam Mostafa recited relevant poems. Finally, Universal Theatre displayed a *patha natak* (street drama) at the Shahid Minar premises.

Star studded

Beyonce captures record-tying five Grammys for solo debut

BEYONCE Knowles captured a record-tying five Grammys for her solo debut album "Dangerously in Love", while Justin Timberlake had two and apologised for his role in the Janet Jackson's racy performance at last week's Super Bowl. "I know it's been a rough week on everybody," said Timberlake, stifling a self-deprecating laugh while accepting the award for best male pop vocal performance for *Cry Me A River*. He brought his mother as his date. "What occurred was unintentional, completely regrettable, and I apologise if anyone was offended," he said, adding, "This is officially the greatest moment of my life."

The 46th annual awards show began with Prince performing *Purple Rain*, marking the 20th year of the groundbreaking song and movie. Beyonce, wearing a light dress with a feather skirt, joined Prince and then sang her own *Crazy in Love*, which won two trophies, best R&B song and best rap/sung collaboration. Her boyfriend, Jay-Z, also won two awards for collaborating on the hit. Beyonce also won best female R&B performance for *Dangerously in Love*, best contemporary R&B album and best R&B performance by a duo or group with vocals for *The Closer I Get To You*, a remake she did with Luther Vandross. Her five trophies tied a record set by Alicia Keys, Norah Jones and Lauryn Hill for the most Grammys won by a female artist. "This is unbelievable. Performing was enough for me," Beyonce said.

Vandross, who suffered a stroke last year, also won two other awards: best male R&B vocal performance for *Dance With My Father*, and best R&B album. Vandross is still recovering and was not well enough to attend.

OutKast, nominated for a leading six Grammys, had won two awards, best urban/alternative performance for *Hey Ya!* and best rap album for *Speakerboxxx-The Love Below*. Accepting the best rap album trophy, OutKast's Andre 3000 stepped to the microphone, said, "Thank you," and headed back to his seat.

Other winners included Jack White of *The White Stripes* and Eminem with two each, and bluegrass singer Alison Krauss, who had three. Pharrell Williams, who along with Jay-Z and OutKast also had six nominations, won his first Grammy.



Beyonce Knowles

The late country music legend Johnny Cash, and director Mark Romanek, won for best short form music video for the haunting song *Hurt*. Cash's wife, who died a few months before him in 2003, won best traditional folk album for the posthumous release *Wildwood Flower*.

Another posthumous winner was Warren Zevon, who died of lung cancer just days after the release of his disc *The Wind*, which won best contemporary folk album. It was his first Grammy.

Source: Hindustan Times

TV GUIDE

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

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 a.m.1pm. 2:00 pm.3:00 pm. 4:00pm.6:00 pm.and 8:00 pm.
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News Headlines(Bangla) at 5:02 pm. 6:30 pm. 9:45 pm.
News (Bangla) 7:30 pm.10:30 pm.
TARA BANGLA
NewsHeadlines(Bangla) at 5:30 pm. 7:30 pm.
Tara News(Bangla) at 8:30 pm. 11:30 pm.
Tara News Bangla-desh(Bangla) at 9:30 pm.
BBC World
Every hour on the hour

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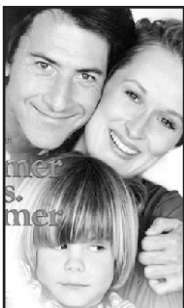
10:15 Talk Show: *Annodristee*
10:50 Talk Show: *Katha Mala*
12:40 Uro Cola Saat Rang
01:20 Bengali feature film: *Zumur*
04:20 Talk show: *Samosamoyek*
05:15 Computer Based porg: *Amar Computer*
05:50 *Islamee Sawal O jawab*
06:25 Talk show: *Annodristee*
07:40 Drama Serial: *Nei Kono Thikana*
08:15 *Protinayouk*
08:50 Drama Serial: *Nook*
09:25 Magazine Prog: *Ek Dui Tin*
10:35 Musical prog: *Surer Maduree*
12:20 Bengali feature film: *Bir Juddha*
CHANNEL-i
09:45 *Tritiyo Matra*
10:45 *Grameen Phone Cricket Online(Live)*
12:00 *Chithi Pelam*
01:00 *Ebong Cinemar Gaan*
02:00 Feature Film: *Desh Dushman* (Misela/Rubel)
05:45 i-Sports
06:10 Music Plus
06:45 *Nijuktr Projukti*
07:50 Close up Juke Box
08:25 Drama Serial: *Sharey Teen Tala*
09:35 Drama Serial: *Shada Megher*

Brishti Drama Serial:

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08:00 *Ajker Sakal Gombhira*
08:30 *El Shomoy*
09:30 Hello Music
10:02 *Ekhane Amar Desh*
10:30
11:00 Drama Serial: *Chilekotha*
11:30 *Priyo Mukh*
12:02 Drama: *Nabom Prohor*
02:30 *Cine Gaan*
03:00 Drama Serial: *Teen Purush*
03:30 *Labh Khoi Jhuki*
04:00 *Natoker Gaan*
04:30 Drama Serial: *Amader Golpo*
05:25 *Ke Korbe Bajimat*
06:00 *Apnar Jigyasha*
06:35 *Shudhya*
06:55 CNN Document-ary
08:00 Drama Serial: *Ebong Ami*
08:35 *Taray Taray*
09:10 Drama Serial: *Shongshoy*
09:50 Drama Serial: *Amader Golpo Dindarpan*
11:20
HBO
6:30 *Hitched*
8:30 *Cruel Intentions 2*
10:00 Sometimes They Come Back... Again
12:00 Risky Business
2:00 The Spitfire Grill
4:30 The Firm
7:30 Fire Down Below
9:30 Born on the Fourth of July
12:30 Daylight
2:30 Risky Business

TODAY'S HIGHLIGHTS



STAR MOVIES: 7:00 pm. *Kramer vs. Kramer*. Genre: Drama. *Dustin Hoffman, Meryl Streep, Jane Alexander*. Ted Kramer is a career man for whom his work comes before his family. His wife Joanna cannot take this anymore, so she decides to leave him. Ted is now faced with the tasks of house-keeping and taking care of himself and their young son Billy. When he has learned to adjust his life to these new responsibilities, Joanna resur-faces and wants Billy back.
HBO: 7:15 pm. *Fire Down Below*. *Steven Seagal, Kris Kristofferson*. A sleepy coal-mining community is only a front for a sinister toxic waste-dumping scheme that is poisoning local plant and animal life as well as area residents. The murder of an environmental protection agency investigator



MGM

9:00 Birthday Girl
11:30 A Texas Funeral
2:00 Ghost Writer
4:30 The Boys Next Door
7:00 Night Train
9:30 Tuesday Zee
MGM Select
ZMS2
11:30 Mimic 2 (Alix Koromzay, Will Estes)
STAR WORLD
7:00 Friends

7:30

Just Shoot Me
Hollywood Squares
Whose Line Is It Anyway
Cheers
Oprah Winfrey Show
That 70s Show
Grounded For Life
Thirid Watch
Everybody Loves Raymond
1:00 Becker
1:30 Mac Gyver
2:28 Star Asia Travel

PICK OF THE DAY



Hellraiser
On STAR Movies at 10:30 pm.
Genre: Horror/ Fantasy
Andrew Robinson, Clare Higgins, Ashley Laurence
A man finds he is given more than he bargains for when he solves the puzzle of the Lamont Configuration - a doorway to hell. But his ex-lover has found a way of bringing him back, and his niece, Kirsty Lawrence, finds herself bargaining

2:30

Oprah Winfrey Show
Bold And Beautiful
Hollywood Squares
Whose Line Is It Anyway
Knight Rider
The Simpsons
Home Improvement
Friends
Just Shoot Me
American Idol
Monk
Law & Order: S.V.U
Star Asia Travel
11:30 Baywatch

STAR MOVIES

7:30 Less Than Zer
9:00 The Touch
10:45 Army Of Darkness
12:30 Running Free
2:00 White Gold
3:30 Consenting Adults
5:15 Reign Of Fire
7:00 Kramer Vs Kramer
8:45 Happy Now
10:30 California Suite
STAR GOLD
9:00 Mere Sapno Ki

Rani

Devdas
Yodha
Maya
Pratikar
STAR PLUS
8:30 Shaka Laka Boom Boom
9:30 Fox Kids
10:30 Tvc Sky Shop
11:00 Meri Saheli
11:30 Hum Saath Aath Hain
1:00 Kasauti Zindagii Kay
1:30 Kumkum - Pyara Sa Bandhan
2:00 Bhabhi
2:30 Shagun
3:00 Kabhi Aaye Na Judai
3:30 Kyunki Saas Bhi Kabhi Bahu Thi
4:00 Kahaani Ghar GharKii
4:30 Kahiin To Hoga
5:00 Kaahin Kissii Roz
6:00 Hum Saath Aath Hain
6:30 Fox Kids
7:30 Kumkum - Pyara Sa Bandhan
8:00 Shaka Laka Boom Boom
8:30 Khichdi
9:00 Kasauti Zindagii Kay
9:30 Kehta Hai Dil
10:30 Kahaani Ghar GharKii
11:00 Kyunki Saas Bhi Kabhi Bahu Thi
11:30 Kahiin To Hoga
12:00 Kaahin Kissii Roz

12:30 Million Wildcats
4:30 Travellers Fiesta De Yamor : Otavalo, Ecuador
8:00 Science Frontiers
When Anaesthesia Fails
10:30 Science Mysteries
Extra-Sensory Perception
12:30 World's Best
World's Best Thrill Parks
1:30 Body Basics Crash
2:30 New Detectives
Written in Bone
3:30 Wild Discovery
Elephant's Empire : The Long Child-hood
4:30 I love my Music
5:00 Buck Staghorn's
Animal Bites Wet Bites
5:30 Travellers Festivals
Acadiens : Lafay-ette, Louisiana
6:30 Speed American
Chopper
7:30 Wild Discovery
Bush Demon : The Secret Mongoose
8:30 Science Frontiers
Parallel Universe : When Universe Collide
9:30 Science Mysteries
Physical Feats
10:30 Junkyard Wars Sky
Sniper
11:30 Mystery Night
Chasing giants : On the trail of the Giant Squid
ANIMAL PLANET
8:30 On the Edge
Cambodia: Snakes on the Menu
9:30 On the Edge

10:00 Wildlife Inferno
On the Edge
Ironbark Burning
10:30 Animal Planet
Showcase Baghdad Zoo
11:30 Predators
The Ultimate Predators
12:00 Supernatural,
Superstars
12:30 Fame
Animal Planet
Showcase Baghdad Zoo
3:30 Vets in Practice
Vets Have Pets Too
4:00 Wild Rescues
Emergency Vets A
Stone's Throw
5:00 Breed all about it
Weimaraner
5:30 Amazing Animal
Videos
6:30 Planet's Funniest
Animals
7:30 Killing for a Living
Rivers of Life,
Rivers of Death
8:30 Fame
Profiles of Nature
Profiles of Nature XI
: The Awesome
Opposum
11:30 Wild Encounters
Animals A-Z : Reefwise
12:00 Wild Encounters
Global Swarming
STAR SPORTS
8:00 Hitz (R)
11:30 Lg Action Sports
Championships
2003 Skate-board(R)
12:30 English Premier
Football League
2003/04Everton Vs
Manchester United
4:00 Cycling Tour Down
Under 2004
5:00 Entertainment