

RECOMMENDATIONS



Exhibitions

February 13

Asma Sultana's solo art exhibition titled 'Trapik' will start on February 13 at 6:00pm at the Zainul Art Gallery, Institute of Fine Arts, DU.

February 8-20

A solo photography exhibition by renowned portrait photographer Nasir Ali Mamun is going on at the Goethe-Institut.

February 11-24

A painting exhibition by Russian artist Natalia Brazhnikova will be held at the Russian Cultural Centre.

February 16-March 1

The Bengal Gallery of Fine Arts holds a solo exhibition of Monsur ul Kabir on February 16, at 6:30pm.



Musical soiree

February 14

Rabirag presents 'Bhalobashar Gaan' at the WVA auditorium on February 14, at 6:30pm.

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.

Campus Chroni

NSU enclosed acoustic session: Taar Chhera Bhalobasha

FAIZUL A TANIM

THE place leisurely but ultimately filled up just in time for the acoustic session. Everyone turned up! A house full with great vibe delivered a well-done and entertaining set of few great originals and a lot of covers by the local bands of North South University.

It was one of their campus gigs on February 11 at the BTA Tower organised by North South University Sanskrit Songoton (NSUSS). The title of the show Taar Chhera Bhalobasha, although very cheesy, reflected the passion of the upcoming Valentine's Day.

Band X took to the stage first amidst huge applause of a very amenable audience and they started with Bangla numbers.

Enthusiasm doubled during the first song Boshey Achhi -- cover of the famous Warfaze track. Band X played some more cover songs which got a good reaction. The audience enjoyed covers of Adhbhut Shei Chheleyti of Aurthohin, Alo of Warfaze, and LRB's Shei Tumi -- with a sweet harmonica intro and more.

Next came a band comprised of all guest members coupled to amuse the crowd. They covered local hit Tara Jola Ratri of Legend, and Heaven of the famous Bryan Adams.

Adding impressive sets of tune, the band Burn performed songs for the crowd including their cover of Adams' Summer of '69. Their own tracks Smitir Akash, Upolobdhi with good guitaring were nonetheless applauded.

Artei was another band from the



Triloy performing at the NSU concert

continuing line up. Their tuneful compositions in fact made the very enthusiastic NSU audience perform their rolling dance, with hands in swirling motions. One of the tracks featured the guest appearance by Elita on vocals and Sanjana on the violin. They worked really well together: some great tunes and melodies and the violin added that little bit of a twist and the crowd -- squeezed in by then to over capacity -- loved it too.

The very popular Emil took the stage after that, wowing the audiences with his straight-down-the-line magnetic songs and fruity, tasteful voice. The crowd were longing for more after this talented boy along with his band Triloy performed the first two songs. Annie's Song of John Denver, Hotel California of Eagles and some delightful tracks, including love songs of their

own, were on the menu of the band. Anmoney, Kobita and Durey were few of their well-commended self-composed tracks. The performance was very compact ending as one of the best groups for the evening.

The last band was Ashor, performing a set comprised of You're a God of Vertical Horizon, Plush of Stone Temple Pilots, Shopno-Chuto--their own song and more. They concluded with a jamming of Habib's Krishna that got the audiences on their toes.

As these club actions continue to take place, apart from the fact of 'extra curricular activities', these musical events are actually providing a greater sense of satisfaction which is perceptible clearly from the students' response on that winter evening.



Band Artei rendering a popular track at the concert

Celebration



Bangladeshi dancers perform traditional dance during a ceremony to observe Basanta Utsab (Spring Festival) in Dhaka yesterday. The cultural ceremony welcomed the first day of Basanta/Spring Season, known as the symbol of life and begins with the first day of Bengali month Phalgun.

Artwork



Greek artist Eleni Lyra becomes a part of her own artwork, at Madrid's international contemporary art fair ARCO on February 12. The fair features participation of 277 galleries from a round the world. Greece is this year's invited country. The fair will run until February 16.

Heart to hear

Shoma Mumtaz: Committed to her own style of Bharatnatyam

NOVERA DEEPIA

I believe, I started dancing in my mother's womb because she used to dance while she was carrying me,' started dancer Shoma Mumtaz amusingly. 'An environment for dance was there in our house from my very childhood. I watched my aunt Rawshan Jamil dance to the beat of the tabla of my uncle Gawhar Jamil. My mother Alpona Mumtaz was the owner of the Kothakali Music School. My first dance lessons was under my mother's guidance when I was four.'

Shoma has very faint memories of her first performance on TV because it was a long time back. She performed the Jhumur dance at the former television station at DIT building and the programme was telecast live from the studio. She continued to learn dancing under her mother for quite some time but after completing her Higher Secondary education she got admitted to the Law Department of Dhaka University. But her craving to go abroad and continue lessons in dance never left her, she felt that she could do without studying law but not without dancing. She recollects, 'When my mother took me to different places in Kolkata to watch dance performances, I dreamt of going there as a student.'

Eventually Shoma got a scholarship from the Indian Government and was admitted to the MS University of Baroda. There she learnt Bharatnatyam for five years under the gurus C V Chandrashekhar, Nargis Katpita, Pradip Kumar Barua and Dr. Parul Shah. She completed her Bachelor's and Master's in Performing Arts (dance). Then she completed the PhD programme in Folk Dance of Bangladesh at the Rabindra Bharoti University in the early 90s.

She thinks there is more pleasure in practice than in performance itself. According to her, guru is always there to make the necessary corrections during practice but during the performance there is no such chance. Aguru is very important for a student because s/he teaches the basics of dance until the mudras are perfect.

One of the very interesting experiences during her Master's exams took place when they had to play a piece called Palagai with a stick known as Tattakali and this whole thing is called Nattuangam. She was asked to play Alaripu in Ushi by her guru C V Chandrashekhar, which had not been practiced in the class. Shoma felt



Shoma Mumtaz performing Bharatnatyam

nervous but did not lose confidence. She gathered courage and said to her guru, 'I can do it only if you perform with me.' Her guru was very impressed at this and he performed accordingly.

Shoma feels that Taal (rhythm) is the most important thing in dance. If one wants to be an expert, s/he must understand Taal. Shoma says, 'Taal is everywhere in the universe, even the heartbeat of human beings is very rhythmic. Everything has a system of its own, disorder only brings disaster.'

According to Shoma if anybody wants to be a dancer s/he must be an educated artiste. One must learn dancing with the view of learning an art and also be open to criticism. To attain perfection only one style of dancing should be followed. A Bharatnatyam dancer can never perform a Manipuri dance perfectly. Each dance has its own beauty and characteristic.

Shoma does not quite agree with the idea that the audience is limited in our country. She feels that if the audi-

ence is not interested in dance then it is the dancer's discredit. 'A successful dancer must have the ability to hold the interest of the audience. The audience should never be underestimated.'

On her return from India, Shoma Mumtaz got involved with choreography. Her first direction was Bhanusingher Padavali. She later directed the dance drama Shesh Ragini where many of the top-most dancers totalling 50 artistes, performed at the Shilpakala Academy.

She is now a teacher of the Drama and Dramatics Department at the Jahangirnagar University. She is an active member of an organisation, Nriya Shilpi Sangshtha, and wants dance to be included in the SSC and HSC syllabus. She says, 'It will help us promote dances of all kinds in our country.'

Channel clip

Drama celebrating Valentine's Day

CULTURAL CORRESPONDENT

Ntv will air a comedy drama Morichika by Kamrul Hasan on the occasion of the Valentine's Day at 9:10pm today.

The drama shows two university students, Arup and Nodi, who are looking for their beloveds. But they have huge expectations in this regard. All of a sudden, they meet each other. Nodi finds nothing interesting in Arup. And they begin to hate each other. Finally, however, they fall in love. Kamrul Hasan has directed the play.

Morichika features Jitu Ahsan, Nadia Ahmed and others.



Jitu Ahsan and co-performers in a scene from the Valentine's Day special play Morichika

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 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 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

ATN BANGLA 10:50 Drama: Swapney Dekha Chand Uro Cola Saat Rang 12:40 Bengali Feature Film : Uddhar 04:20 Shapla Shaluk 05:10 Sustha Thakun 05:50 Islamee Sawal O Jawab 06:20 Annodristee 07:40 English Serial: Thunder Stone Drama: Mon Kandey Pupsha parey 08:15 Mega serial : Lal Neel Bagune 09:25 Baba Mega serial : 10:30 Law based prog : Mile Falok Rai Bengali Feature Film : Dolopati ntv 08:00 Ajker Sakal Monihaar 08:30 Ei Shomoy 09:30 Cinema: Nirmam Ke korbey Bajimaath 03:00 Drama Serial: Rongor manush 03:30 Music Express 04:00 Kichu Katha Kichu Gaan 04:30 Drama Serial: Aranyar Shukh Dukho 06:00 Alopath 06:35 Shubho Shondhya 08:00 Drama Serial: Teen Purush 08:35 Duet Musical Programme: 07:50 Rhidoyer Kachhakahchi(Va lentine's Day Special) 09:50 Valentines Day Special Drama: Morichika 11:20 Dindarpan 12:30 Ek Nazorey Shirsha Khabor CHANNEL-i 08:00 Bhalobashar Gaan 09:30 Shangbad Potre Bangladesh Trityo Matra 09:45 Talk Show: Na Bola Kotha(LIVE) 10:45 Chithi Pelam 12:00 Ebong Cinema-y BhaloBashar Gaan 01:30 Shangbad Potre Bangladesh Valentine Mela (Special programme) 02:00 Miss world 03:00 Sa Re Ga Ma (Valentine's Day Special Musical Programme) 05:35 Janapad Er Khabar 05:45 Cholochitre Prem Er Gaan (Valentine's Day Special ) 06:10 Music Plus (Valentine's Day Special ) 06:45 Ak Guchoh Hridoy Gatha (Valentine's Day Special ) 07:45 Ispahani I Tele Quiz 07:50 Off Beat (Valen-

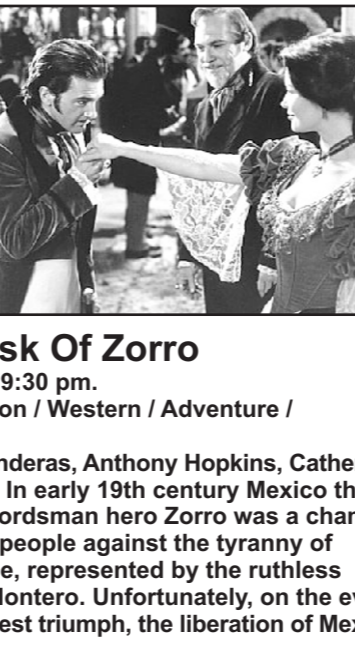
tines Day Special) Lux AnondoDhara 09:35 HBO 12:30 Sweet November 3:30 Three To Tango 5:00 Mannequin on the Move 7:00 Natting Hill 9:30 Valentine 11:30 Tequila Sunrise Born on the Fourth of July 11:30 History is Made at Night 2:00 Getting Personal 4:30 Sleepless in Seattle 7:00 Robinhood Prince of Thieves 9:30 Hollywood Hotshots Serendipity (John Cusack, Kate Beckinsale) 11:30 Autumn in New York (Richard Gere, Winona Ryder) STAR MOVIES 11:15 The Ticket 11:45 The Touch 1:30 Music From Another Room 3:15 Captain Corelli's Mandolin 5:25 Crossroads 7:00 My Big Fat Greek Wedding 8:40 Mad Dog And Glory 10:15 Night Of The Living Dead Leprechaun 4 STAR PLUS 6:30 Kya Baat Hai Yatra 7:00 Khichdi 7:30 Jaaduu 8:30 Vikraal Aur Gabraal 9:30 Gharwali Uparwali 10:30 Khullja Sim Sim 11:30 Mamilia Gadbad Hai 12:00 Kahani Jurm Ki

TODAY'S HIGHLIGHTS



MGM 9:30pm. Serendipity. Genre: Comedy / Romance. John Cusack, Kate Beckinsale, Jonathan Trager and Sara Thomas met while shopping for gloves in New York. Though buying for their respective lovers, the magic was right and a night of Christmas shopping turned into romance. Jon wanted to explore things further but Sara wasn't sure their love was meant to be. They decided to test fate by splitting up and seeing if destiny brought them back together... STAR MOVIES: 8:40 pm.Mad Dog and Glory. Genre: Comedy / Drama. Robert De Niro, Uma Thurman, Bill Murray, David Caruso.Wayne Dobie is a shy police photographer who saves the life of crime boss Frank Milo. Greatful, Milo insists on being Wayne's friend, offering him the companionship of "Glory", one of his employees. Wayne is thus

PICK OF THE DAY



The Mask Of Zorro On AXN at 9:30 pm. Genre: Action / Western / Adventure / Romance Antonio Banderas, Anthony Hopkins, Catherine Zeta-Jones. In early 19th century Mexico the masked swordsman hero Zorro was a champion of the people against the tyranny of Spanish rule, represented by the ruthless Governor Montero. Unfortunately, on the eve of his greatest triumph, the liberation of Mexico,

STAR WORLD 2:30 Robocop 3:00 X - Men 3:30 The Kumars At No. 42 4:00 Cops 4:30 World's Wildest Police Videos 5:30 Knight Rider 6:30 The X Files 7:30 Xena: Warrior Princess 8:30 Tna Wrestling 9:30 Mutant X 10:30 Adventure Inc 11:30 Baywatch Hawaii STAR GOLD 12:30 Refugee 4:00 Gaane Bhi Do Yaar 4:30 Arjun 8:00 Startoons Countdown 8:30 Titanic 11:00 Raju Chacha DISCOVERY CHANNEL 1:30 Rebuilding Ground Zero 3:30 Alexandria : The City of the Dead 4:30 The Tower of Babylon 5:30 Frontiers of Flight : Rocket Power 6:30 Legends of the Isles : The Loch Ness Monster 7:00 History Weekends Field of Armour : War of Nerves 7:30 A World Without Fathers or Husbands 8:30 Ultimate Guide Mastodon in your Backyard

9:30 Discover India 10:30 Survivor Science 11:30 Fashion Street A Cocco Chanel : Private Life ANIMAL PLANET 1:30 First Steps 2:00 The Dating Game 2:30 Wild Encounters Ape Hunters 3:30 Croc Files Gators 4:00 Croc Files It's a Jungle in here 4:30 Extreme Contact Freediving Animals 5:00 Shark Gordon Thresher Sharks 5:30 Profiles of Nature Profiles of Nature XI : The Awesome Opossum 6:30 Crocodile Hunter Operation : Bunya Rescue 7:30 O'Shea's Big Adventure Flesh Eaters 8:00 O'Shea's Big Adventure Return of the Reptiles 8:30 Giraffe : The Impossible Animal Hyenas : Heroes or Villains? Full Circle 9:30 First Breath 10:00 Basic Instinct The Magic of Baby Animals 11:30 Wildlife Specials Tiger Hunted Majesty NATIONAL ESPN 2:30 Living With Lions 3:30 Mission Wild 4:00 Return To The Wild 4:30 National Geographic Special 5:30 Gila Monster 6:00 Tomorrow's World 6:30 Dogs With Jobs S3 7:00 Toyota World Of Wildlife 7:30 Earth Report 8:00 Earthpulse 8:30 Science Of Love 9:30 5 Weddings Couple Of Funeral 10:30 My Backyard Serengeti Truth Files STAR SPORTS 11:00 Way Of The Exploding Fist 12:00 Boxing Wrestling Fighting(R) 12:00 Nba Inside Stuff (R) 12:30 New Zealand Vs South A Frica 1st Odi 7:30 Five / Six Nations Championships Rugby Hq Asia (L) 8:00 Six Nations 2004 Saint-Denis France Franc E Vs Ireland (L) 10:00 Six Nations 2004 Cardiff Wales U.K. Wale S Vs Scotland (L) 12:00 Gillette World Sports Special Gillette World Sport 2004 (T)