

RECOMMENDATIONS

**Exhibition**  
**February 20-March 2**  
 A sculpture exhibition by Ferdousy Priabhanshi titled Aronner Dinratri will be inaugurated today at 5:00 pm at the Shilpakala gallery. The display will remain open for all from 10 am to 9 pm.

**February 11-24**  
 A painting exhibition by Russian artist Natalia Brazhnikova is going on at the Russian Cultural Centre. The display will be open for all till February 24, 11:00 am to 7:30 pm.

**February 16-March 1**  
 The Bengal Gallery of Fine Arts holds a solo exhibition of Monsur ul Karim. Venue: 275/F Rd. 27, Dhanmondi, Dhaka

**February 18-28**  
 Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy holds a solo painting exhibition by Ryu, Kwang-il from the Republic of Korea at the National Art Gallery of the academy. The display will remain open for all from 11 am to 7 pm on weekdays and 3 pm to 7 pm on Friday.

**February 23-March 2**  
 Goethe Institut will hold a photographic exhibition titled A Mro Folk-belief: Utopia of a Pilgrim by Shameem Hasan at the institut's premises, beginning from February 23. The display will remain open from Sunday through Thursday, 2:00 pm -8:00 pm.

**February 18-24**  
 An art exhibition is on display at the Zainul Gallery, Institute of Fine Arts. The display will be open for all till February 24, 2:00 pm to 8:00 pm.

Classical programme

**February 23-25**  
 Classical musical evenings are being held in the Art Gallery, 2nd floor, Shilpakala Academy from 6:00 p.m. every evening, till February 25. Eminent cultural personalities are performing in the programme.

Event

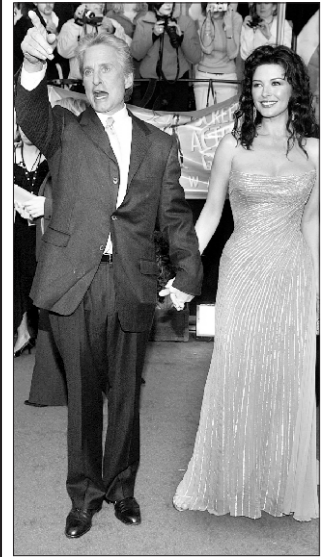


PHOTO: AFP  
 Actress Catherine Zeta-Jones (R) and actor Michael Douglas (L) attend the 10th Annual Screen Actors Guild Awards at the Shrine Auditorium 22 February in Los Angeles, California.

Exhibitio

Riots of constellations and galaxies  
 Korean artist's exhibition goes on at Shilpakala Academy

HARUN UR RASHID

THE most important aspect of the on-going exhibition of Korean artist Ryu, Kwang Il's art works is that all pieces are painted in Bangladesh. Ryu has been residing in the country for some five years. She is, however, leaving Bangladesh shortly. And before her departure she is holding her fifth solo exhibition—third in Bangladesh—titled *Limited Time* at the Shilpakala Academy.

Ryu's canvases about 70 in all, are replete with burning bright colours such as blue, yellow, red, green, white and their mixtures and shades. And the colours mainly occupy the background to the dreamlike images of her subjects. Often the subjects do also bear blazing colours.

Ryu's style of painting is the depiction of her subjects—mostly still life—surrounded by composition

of galaxies and constellations. These constellations mostly depict dandelion seeds carried away by the wind, often merged with the vast canvas of countless stars. It is obvious that Ryu has had her own fascination for the mysterious, destined-to-the-unknown journey of the dandelion seeds. In fact, she presents a series of works on this subject in the exhibition. There are some other series of works named *Meditation, House, A prayer, Reborn, Sundarban, The Rose of Sharon* and the titular *Limited Time*.

The *Rose of Sharon* series connotes a biblical association that depicts Ryu's Christian faith. For the title reminds one of the verses 'I am the rose of Sharon, and the Lily of the valley from the *Song of Solomon 2:1*'. Although according to religious historian Dr. William Smith, the Rose of Sharon is generally believed to be the sweet-scented



Ryu, Kwang IL poses in front of her art work

Narcissus, a flower native to Palestine, in Ryu's painting the flowers are hibiscus. Another painting named *Message* also depicts Jesus Christ.

The composition in Ryu's works is rather surrealistic, although her depiction of very ordinary objects like flowers, crop fields, flower vases, household objects is quite realistic. In some cases, she is even romantic too. And what is soothing to the viewers' eyes is her skilled balance of colours and space, her

objects and their background.

As long as medium is concerned, Ryu uses a powdery mixture of stone and colours, and she paints on paper. In a few works she has used typica paper. Often she paints on the ladies' hand-fans and then puts them on the main canvases. The style is surely unique of this Korean artist.

The exhibition is open till February 28 from 11 am to 7 pm daily except on Fridays which is from 3 pm to 7 pm.



Samarea Woman (Stone powder, colour powder, paper)

Festiva

BGTF street drama festival

AFSAR AHMED

IT seems that the sprouting and colourful spring prevails with the presence of festivities in the city life. A gorgeous environment on February 22 afternoon was created with the inauguration of the National Street Drama Festival 2004 at the Central Shaheed Minar premises. The Language Movement veteran Abdul Matin inaugurated the week-long festival organised jointly by the Bangladesh Group Theatre Federation (BGTF) and Bengal Founda-

tion. Paying respect to the language martyrs by laying wreath at the Shaheed Minar, the chief guest of the programme Abdul Matin said, "The *patha natak* [street drama] has a tremendous effect in every sphere of our life. Whenever the nation faced any crisis, these street plays gave us the moral

strength and thus we won over all those moments of tests and tribulations and it will also help us in the future."

Mamunur Rashid, the President of BGTF, presided over the programme. Renowned theatre personality Mamtazuddin Ahmed, artist Rafiqunnabi, Luva Nahid Choudhury, Director of Bengal Foundation, Keramat Maola, the convener of the festival, Ataur Rahman, Selim Al Deen, Asaduzzaman Noor, Liakat Ali Lucky and Golam Kuddus also spoke at the event.

Drama is an art form that could be used as a language of protests against the evil. The journey of the *patha natak* festival began in 1985, which 'has turned into revolutions whenever crises have threatened our social life', said the speakers. The drama activists also circulated their 14-point demand in the form of leaflets

among the audience at the festival scene.

As darkness spread over, the enthusiastic crowd gathered to enjoy the plays. Mahakal Natya Sampradaya marked the beginning with its allegorical but easily perceivable drama *Bhoyonkor Padoshabdo*. The piece was composed and directed by Shafiqul Islam. Then came the Universal Theatre with *Udbastu*, written by Babul Bhattacharya and directed by Ramiz Malik.

The Kolomer Shoink Natya Shangshad was the only group from outside Dhaka. The group from Magura presented *Shangram Cholbei* written by Salahuddin Ahmed and directed by Dilip Kumar Adhikari.

Under the direction of Akhtaruzzaman, Shomoy staged *Kabor*, a famous drama of Munier Choudhury. The last performance was *Natyamela's Shong*

*Shomachar* composed and directed by Al-Amin Selim.

Besides the Shaheed Minar, the festival is also being held at the Dhanmondi Lake amphitheatre. M Hamid presided over the programme while Tareq Anam, Mannan Hira, Nader Chowdhury and others addressed the crowd. At Dhanmondi, Kolomer Shoink Natya Shangshad from Magura and Mahakal Natya Sampradaya from Dhaka presented the same plays that they staged at the Shaheed Minar. Bidrohi Natya Goshthi from Mymensingh played *Bornomalar Chokhe Jol* written and directed by Azhar Hablu. Shangaap Group Theatre and Nagorik Natyangan came up with their gleaming performance of the plays *Mukti Mukti* and *Shokun Shomachar*.

Theatre festi



Prokrity O Puran  
 Desh Natok Festival

Tirthonkar

ERSHAD KAMOL

THEATRE lovers may enjoy *Tirthonkar* by Shubochon Natya Shongshod at the public library auditorium at 7 p.m. today as part of the drama festival arranged by Desh Natok.

Preview

Young but talented female stage playwright of the country, Samina Lutfa Nitra, who is an actress as well, in her play *Tirthonkar* has come up with the theme of an eternal problem and an inherent tendency of oppression in the society. This is the legendary Sohrab-Rustom story, set against the restless civilization marching today towards globalization. *Tirthonkar* is an adapted play from the Persian epic *Shahanama* having the flavour of the contemporary scenario of the world.

Faiz Zahir is the director, set designer and light designer of the play. Through the storyteller, who acts as the pilgrim, the director unfolds the play.



A scene from the play Tirthonkar

Renowned participants talk about the festival

IN the weeklong drama festival arranged by Desh Natok, big groups of the country such as Nagorik Natyasampradaya, Theatre and Dhaka Theatre are participating as well. In the festival entitled 'Nature and Myth' two plays are based on the epic Mahabharata *Kalshondhya* of Nagorik Natyasampradaya and *Madhobi* of Theatre. Dhaka Theatre will stage their earlier popular production *Hat Hadai*, which is a pen-picture of the

inhabitants of the south coast of the country.

Ataur Rahman, the General Secretary of Nagorik Natyasampradaya, and Nasiruddin Yousuff, the chief of Dhaka Theatre, say, 'Desh Natok is a group of young and talented theatre activists. We really appreciate their contribution in our theatre. They invited us to stage *Kalshondhya* as it goes well with the title of the festival. Moreover, I think, we should celebrate the

*Ekushey* through arranging various festivals. That is why we are taking part in the arrangement.'

Nasiruddin says, 'The theme of the festival 'Nature and Myth' has unveiled our culture very artistically. I think, in the month of *Ekushey* we the cultural activists should come up with these types of messages to create awareness among the people and we are also here to enrich the festival which bears a very good message.'

Awards

Hrithik, Preity take top honours at Filmfare awards



Preity Zinta and Hrithik Roshan, beaming in glory with the Manikchand Filmfare Awards

*Kal Ho Na Ho* walked away with eight awards, including those for the best actress and best supporting actor, at the 49th Filmfare awards held in Mumbai on Saturday.

While Preity Zinta received the best actress

award, Saif Ali Khan bagged the award for best supporting actor. Jaya Bachchan was chosen in the best supporting actress category, Shankar-Ehsan-Loy as the best music director, Javed Akhtar for lyrics and Sonu Nigam for the best playback singer.

Rakesh Roshan-directed *Koi Mil Gaya* bagged four awards, including those for best film, best direction and best actor (Hrithik Roshan).

Veteran film-maker BR Chopra, actresses Sulochana and Nirupa Roy received Lifetime Achievement awards. While Amitabh Bachchan gave away the award to Chopra, Yash Chopra presented the awards to the actresses.

Shreya Ghoshal bagged the award for best female playback for the *Jism* song *Jadoo Hai Nasha Hai*, while the RD Burman music award went to Vishal Shekhar for *Tu Aashiqui Hai of Jhankaar Beats*.

Best debutante female award was shared by Lara Dutta and Priyanka Chopra for their role in *Andaaz*. Best debut male award was bagged by Shahid Kapoor for *Ishq Vishq*.

Sanjay Dutt bagged the award for best comic role in *Munnabhai MBBS*. Urmila Matondkar has been awarded for her performance in *Bhoot*.

The awards were presented at a glittering function, which was attended among others by Amitabh Bachchan, Jaya Bachchan, Jeetendra, Karishma Kapoor, Rekha, Preity Zinta, Gulshan Grover, Jackie Shroff and Shekhar Suman.

John Abraham, Bipasha Basu, Isha Koppikar, Fardeen Khan, Urmila Matondkar also gave performances.

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 pm, 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, 9:00 am  
 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.  
**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**  
 News Headlines (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

**BTV**  
 07:35 *Suprabhat Bangladesh Selected Nazrul Songs*  
 08:25 *Anya Bhuban: Ocean Girl Sangbad Potrikar Pata Theke*  
 12:15 *Cartoon Show: Godzilla Live telecast of under 19 World Cup Super League*  
 07:00 *Share Market, Weather Forecast*  
 09:15 *Drama Serial: Jale Tahar Chhaya Magazine Programme: Katha Mala*  
**CHANNEL-i**  
 09:45 *Tritiyo Matra Grameen Phone Cricket Online (Live)*  
 12:00 *Chithi Pelam*  
 01:00 *Ebong Cinemar Gaan*  
 02:00 *Feature Film: Halchal Sa Re Ma Ga Ma*  
 5:10 *i-Sports Music Plus*  
 06:10 *Projukti Nijukity*  
 06:45 *Close up Juke Box*  
 08:25 *Drama Serial: Sharey Teen Tala*  
 09:35 *Drama Serial: Shada Megher Brishti*

**10:00 ntv**  
 10:02 *Hello Music Ekhane Amar Desh*  
 10:30 *Drama Serial: Chilekotha Priyo Mukh*  
 11:00 *Drama: Bhalobhashhi Cine Gaan*  
 11:30 *Teen Purush Labh Khoti Jhuki*  
 12:02 *Natoker Gaan*  
 02:30 *Drama Serial: Obosheshey Propat*  
 03:00 *Ke Korbe Bajimat*  
 04:00 *Apnar Jigyasha Shubho Shondhya CNN*  
 04:30 *Documentary Drama Serial: Ebong Ami Magazine: Taray Taray*  
 05:25 *Drama Serial: Shongshoy*  
 05:25 *Drama Serial: Obosheshey Propat*  
 05:25 *Ke Korbe Bajimat*  
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 09:10 *Drama Serial: Shongshoy*  
 09:50 *Drama Serial: Obosheshey Propat*  
 11:20 *Dindarpan*  
**ATN BANGLA**  
 10:15 *Talk Show: Annotristee Musical Prog: Uro Cola Saat Rang*  
 12:40 *Bengali feature film: Lal Banarosh*  
 4:20 *Talk show: Samosamoyek*  
 5:15 *Computer Based porg: Amar*

**TODAY'S HIGHLIGHTS**

**STAR MOVIES:** 10:15 pm. *Hellraiser III: Hell on Earth*. Genre: Horror. **Kevin Bernhardt, Monroe Lawrence Mortorff**. Pinhead is stuck in a block after the Big Confrontation in "Hellbound." The block containing Pinhead and the puzzle cube is bought by a young playboy as sculpture. Pinhead busies himself escaping by getting the playboy to lure victims to his presence so he can use their blood. Once free, he seeks to destroy the puzzle cube so he need never return to Hell, but a female reporter is investigating the grisly murders and stands in his way.

**HBO:** 7:00 pm. *Spider Man*. Genre: Action / Sci-Fi / Fantasy / Thriller. **Tobey Maguire, Willem Dafoe, Kirsten Dunst**. A rather odd thing has just occurred in the life of nerdy high school student Peter Parker; after being bitten by a radioactive spider, his body chemistry is mutagenically altered in that he can scale walls and ceilings, and he develops a

**PICK OF THE DAY**

**Erin Brockovich**  
 On HBO at 9:30 pm.  
 Genre: Drama  
 Julia Roberts, David Brisbin, Dawn Didawick  
 Erin Brockovich is an unemployed single mother, desperate to find a job, but is having no luck. This losing streak even extends to a failed lawsuit against a doctor in a car accident she was in. With no alternative, she successfully browbeats her lawyer to give her a job in compensation for the loss. While no one takes her seriously, with her trashy clothes and earthy man-

**6:25** Computer Talk show: Anyo Dristi  
**7:40** Drama serial: Neey Kunu Thikana  
**8:15** Drama serial: Protinayouk  
**8:50** Drama serial: Hanif Kha  
**10:35** Musical porg: Surer Madure  
**12:20** Bengali feature film: Sonali Akhas

**9:00** Any Given Sunday  
**12:00** Tequila Sunrise  
**2:15** Damaged Care  
**4:30** The Screaming Room: Spy Thrillers  
**5:00** Escape from New York  
**7:00** Spider-Man  
**9:30** Brockovich  
**12:15** Seven  
**STAR MOVIES**  
**3:30** Mad Love

**11:15** Driven To Succeed  
**12:45** Wall Street  
**2:45** Cocoon  
**5:50** The Rookie  
**7:00** The Fly  
**8:35** Fly II: The Insect Awakens  
**10:15** Hellraiser III: Hell On Earth  
**11:45** Big Spender  
**1:30** Nostradamus  
**STAR WORLD**  
**1:30** Mac Gyver  
**2:30** Oprah Winfrey  
**3:30** Bold And

**4:30** Beautiful Hollywood Squares  
**5:00** Whose Line Is It Anyway  
**5:30** Knight Rider  
**6:30** The Simpsons  
**7:00** Home Improvement  
**7:30** Friends  
**8:00** Just Shoot Me  
**8:30** American Idol  
**10:00** Monk  
**11:00** Whose Line Is It Anyway?  
**11:30** Baywatch

<b>STAR GOLD</b> 9:00 Meraa Dost 12:30 Mr. Natwarlal 4:30 Maya 8:00 Refugee <b>STAR PLUS</b> 3:30 Kyunki Saas Bhi Kabhi Bahu Thi 4:00 Kahaani Ghar Ghar Ki 4:30 Kahiin To Hoga Kaahin Kissii Roz 6:00 Hum Saath Aath Hain 6:30 Fox Kids 7:30 Kunkum - 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 Ghar Ki 11:00 Kyunki Saas Bhi Kabhi Bahu Thi 11:30 Kahiin To Hoga Kaahin Kissii Roz	<b>7:30</b> Animals Killing for a Living <b>8:30</b> The Killing Queen <b>10:30</b> Profiles of Nature Bear Necessities <b>11:30</b> Wild Encounters Giraffe Bands on the Run <b>12:00</b> Wild Encounters Hyenas Birds Behaving Badly	<b>2:00</b> Operation Hot Pursuit <b>2:30</b> Different Ball Game A <b>3:00</b> Revolutionary Rhythms <b>3:30</b> Rome: The Model Empire <b>4:30</b> Crittercam-Wildtech Adventures <b>5:00</b> Toyota World Of Wildlife <b>5:30</b> Return To The Wild <b>6:00</b> Animal Edens <b>6:30</b> Dogs With Jobs <b>7:00</b> Toyota World Of Wildlife <b>7:30</b> Cultures On The Verge <b>8:00</b> Wild Orphans <b>8:30</b> Two Way Tea Journey <b>9:00</b> Body Snatchers Of Bangkok <b>9:30</b> Different Ball Game A <b>10:00</b> Revolutionary Rhythms <b>10:30</b> Stonehenge Rediscovered <b>11:30</b> Crittercam-Wildtech Adventures <b>12:00</b> Toyota World Of Wildlife	<b>DISCOVERY CHANNEL</b> <b>1:30</b> Body Basics Spreading Menace <b>2:30</b> New Detectives Patterns of Guilt <b>3:30</b> Wild Discovery Bush Demon: The Secret Mongoose <b>4:30</b> I Love My Music <b>5:00</b> Buck Staghorn's Animal Bites <b>5:30</b> Travellers Haunted Hasppenings: Salem, Mass Speed Motorcycle Lightning <b>6:30</b> Wild Discovery Bears on the Russian Front <b>7:30</b> Science Frontiers <b>8:30</b> Magnetic Storm <b>9:30</b> Science Mysteries Between Life and Death <b>10:30</b> Junkyard Wars Climbing Car Mystery Night <b>11:30</b> Haunted London	<b>2:00</b> English Premier League Highlights (T) <b>10:00</b> Portsmouth Asia (R) <b>10:30</b> English Premier Football League 2003/04 <b>12:30</b> LiverpoolVs Portsmouth (T) <b>12:30</b> English Premier Football League
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