RECOMMENDATIONS



Exhibition

March 06 - 26

To celebrate the 5th anniversary of the Bengal Gallery of Fine Arts, an exhibition will be held, featuring the recent works of the eminent artist Qayyum Chowdhury. The display will be inaugurated on March 6 at 7:00 pm at the Bengal Gallery of Fine Arts (House- 275/F, Road 27 old, Dhanmondi). The show will be open for all till March 26 from 12:00 pm to 8:00 pm.

February 27-March 06

Divine Art Gallery at the Pan Pacific Sonargaon Hotel is holding 8th solo painting exhibition of artist Samiran Chowdhury. The exhibition is open from 9 am to 8 pm.

March 04- March 14

Alliance Française holds the 2nd solo exhibition of Ronni Ahmmed from 5 to 9 pm Venue: La Galerie, Alliance Francaise De Dacca. 26, Mirpur Road, Dhanmondi.

Heritage



building in Asmara on March 03. The building was designed by the Italian architect A. Bldolotti in 1944. In the modern style, it was meant to be used as retail. stores space and it is still serving for the same purpose nowadays. The Eritrean capital Asmara was almost entirely built by Italians in the 30's: it was the largest concentration of modern architecture, with more than four hundred build-

Publications

Tona Tuni's latest venture with children

new edition of children's fresh ray of sunlight for the tiny book lovers adding fresh joy their innocent dreams tumbling by. Tona Tuni came up with two editions for little children, namely Esho Gunte Shikhi and Choray Bornomala at the Ekushey Book Fair this year.

Each of these books, accompanied with a VCD, is filled with colours and also substances from our culture to make a child capable of relating to what he/she learns. *Chhoray Bornomala* is a descriptive illustration of all the letters in the Bangla language. Each of these letters has been done in different colours with a chhora (a rhyme) to make the learning more simple and fun for the child.

Esho Gunte Shikhi is a number book, where children can learn



The cover jacket of the book Esho Gunte Shikhi

guage. They are also taught how to

Both the books come with video CDs, which upon watching and listening to, a child will be able to develop not only number and writing skills but also sense of recognition of the surroundings, names of birds, fruits, animals and many other elements of the Bangladeshi culture.

CULTURE

Some of the rhymes, where animals and fishes have been made to talk, are good effort to expand the imaginative intuition of a child. Funny quips like a fussy old woman and a new bride dressed in red carrying water have also been used to depict the village

Tona Tuni has been educating children for generations now. Many households in the country have made Tona Tuni a part of their family not only as bedtime stories but also as effective means to educate their children.

Short stories project political history of the nation

NOVERA DEEPITA

TA Sarkar's stories have a distinctive character in the form of a hesitation as to what to write and what not to. This hesitation, however, works as a blessing for writers--it has blessed Ata too', Al Mahmud, one of the most celebrated poets of the country, said at the launching ceremony of a story-book by Ata Sarkar at the National Press Club last Thursday. Centre for Bangla-desh Culture launched the book Nirbachito Golpo O Annyano (Selected Stories and Others) in presence of a number of celebrated literary personalities.

Born in 1952, Ata Sarkar has practised journalism for eleven years in many dailies and weeklies of the country including the Daily Azad, Daily Desh, the weeklies Chashi, Deshbani and Shanghati. Besides he has written several books among which Titur Lethel,

Music



Ata Sarkar

Apan Larai, Ekoda Ananga Bou and Chardik Brishti are notable ones.

In the keynote paper on Ata's stories presented at the programme, Aminur Rahman ultan analyses the characteristics

A.R. Rahman plucks the

Birmingham Symphony

Orchestra on March 04.

Rahman is to conduct the

orchestra in two concert

The concerts will feature

blockbusters including his

own themes from Bombav.

Lagaan, Dil Se, Wariors of

Heaven and Earth, as well

Rahman has sold over 40

million recordings world-

wide and is one of the

Indian music industry.

TODAY'S HIGHLIGHTS

foster father.

For the love of Benu

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Under Siege 2 Action

Lost And Found

HBO: 9:30 pm: Big Daddy. Comedy.

Adam Sandler, Joev Lauren Adams

Jon Stewart. Sonny Koufax is 32 years

a nice apartment in Manhattan. There's

old. He's a law school graduate. He's got

just one problem. He does nothing, except

sit on his butt and live off an investment

that was the result of a meager lawsuit

he won a year ago. But after his fed

up girlfriend leaves him, he comes up

with the ingenious idea to adopt a five

year old boy to showcase his newfound

maturity. But things don't go as planned

and Sonny finds himself the unlikely

MGM: 7:00 pm: Hellraiser Inferno

Genre: Drama / Horror / Crime /

Mystery. Craig Sheffer, Nicholas

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drug-using, neglectful detective

(Craig Sheffer), with an affinity for

solving puzzles, chases a killer who

leaves the finger of a child, who is

But every murder and every clue

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MGM

still alive, at the scene of every crime.

Pussycats

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The Rock

Glory Daze

Child's Play 2

Full Frontal

Ruby Cairo

Hellraiser Inferno

My Left Foot Daniel

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An Ode To The Oscars.

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and elaborately discusses the content of the stories. According to Sultan, 'The author has sketched the reality of the contemporary life of human beings in his stories. He has elaborated the time of the mass upsurge against the military rulers of Pakistan in1969. The stories like Bakultolay Bhor, Agun-Jwala-Desh-Gaon, Kotipoy Bipojjanak Khela Shomporke Report, Corneler Stri. Aloukik Mundu and Juddha Jibon illustrate these characteris-

esting and will attract readers.

Popular writer Imdadul Haque Milon said, 'Ata Sarkar has been able to foresee the future of Bangladesh in his stories, although he lives very much amongst us. This foresight is not something very

Discussant Jharna Rahman said, 'The language of these stories is very precise and faultless. Small sentences have a tortuous style that is very appreciable.

Among others Ahmed Musa, Shushanto Majumdar, Dr Mahbub Hassan, Masud Majumdar, poets Belal Chowdhury, Al Mujahiɗi and Tridib Dostidar, Gausur Rahman, Zubaida Gulshan Ara, and the author Ata Sarkar spoke on the

All the speakers expressed thin deep regret at the brutal attack on Professor Humayun Azad.

Mousumi Bhumik visits Bangladesh



CULTURAL CORRESPONDENT

The popular singer of Kolkata is coming to Bangladesh to take part in two concerts, on March 9 and 10. organised by Save

people of the country. The shows will take place at the National Museum audito-

Theatre

Another feather in the cap for Dhaka stage

An acute observation of modern existence



Paul Ackroyd, director of Dhaka Stage, which recently produced "Chorus of Disapproval" at the Inter-national School Dhaka, Boshundhara, talks to Fayza Haq of

The Daily Star: What is your play "Chorus of Disapproval" by Alan Avckbourn about?

Paul Ackroyd: It is about an English amateur operatic society producing a production of "The Beggar's Opera" by John Gay.

DS: Does it have a sub plot?

PA: Yes. The arrival of a newcomer, Guy Jones, who unintentionally gets mixed up in the corrupt efforts of various members of the cast to make money by getting him to find out the intentions of the company for which he works. In the short term, he benefits, but in the longer run he loses out.

DS: Why was this play been selected?

PA: It is an extremely cleverly written play which interleaves parts and music of the original "The Beggar's Opera" with some wonderful characters and very funny lines.

DS: Can you say something about the author and his work?

PA: Sir Alan Ayckbourn is Britain's most prolific contemporary playwright with almost sixty plays to his name, and still writing. His theme is relationships between friends, within families and most of all between men and women. He is renowned as a writer of comedies; although most of his plays are extremely funny they are far from trivial: he is an acute observer of modern life and not far under the surface there are darker themes lurking; it is not unusual for the audience to emerge from an Ayckbourn play having had a thoroughly enjoyable evening but with a slight feeling of unease at having been a voyeur at others' discomfort.

There will be few who do not recognise some of the realties of the scenes played out on the stage and as Peter Hall said, "If in a hundred years, anyone wants to know what is was like to live in the second half of the 20th century. I am quite sure they will turn to the plays of Alan Ayckbourn before they look at historians or sociologists.' Ayckbourn is also a superb dra-

matic craftsman and manipulates the form as well as the substance of his plays. In the well-known "Norman Conquest" trilogy he wrote three plays, with the same cast, taking place in different rooms in the same house over the same weekend.

lighter pieces but as ever under the mirth are some very human emotions. Anyone who has been involved in amateur theatre will recognise (at least some of) the real life dramas which are a part of every production. It was made into film starring Jeremy Irons and Anthony Hopkins which was set in Ayckbourn's home base of Scarborough where most of his plays are first performed.

DS: What were the production challenges?

PA: It is a demanding play to produce: having to mix dialogue and music and create many short scenes in different locations on a single stage. The lighting is particularly



In "House and Garden" he took this idea one step further and had two plays playing simultaneously in two adjacent auditoria as the cast entered and exited between the stages. In "How the Other Half Loves" the set is two living rooms intermingled on the stage and in "Bedroom Farce": Three bedrooms. Some of his plays have alternative endings and some, such as "Time of My Life", a previous Dhaka Stage production, move backwards and rwards in time

DS: Can you elaborate on the

PA: "Chorus of Disapproval" is one of Ayckbourn's musical plays where he demonstrates his skill by interweaving parts of "The Beggar's Opera." It is perhaps one of his demanding.

DS: Will you say something about how you got involved with Dhaka PA: I have been resident in Dhaka

for four years. I have been involved in Dhaka Stage since arriving and have had some involvement in most Dhaka Stage productions. I have directed "Twelfth Night" and "Time and Time Again," also by Alan Ayckbourn. I have been extensively involved in amateur dramatics for many years in his home country of England and also in other postings in Africa. I leave Bangladesh this July for a new post in Ethiopia and there are many things I will miss about Dhaka including, of course Dhaka Stage.

Hollywood news

Costner eyes berths for Modoc epic

Kevin Costner is in negotiations to direct and possibly star in Modoc: The True Story of the Greatest Elephant That Ever Lived, based on the novel by Ralph Helfer. *Modoc* is described as a *Black Stallion*-type love story between a man and an animal with elements reminiscent of Forrest Gump.

It tells the joint biography of a man, Bram, and his elephant, Modoc, both born in a small German circus town on the same day in 1896. Bram was the son of an elephant trainer, and Modoc was the daughter of the trainer's prize performer. The boy and the elephant grew up side by side, but when the Wunderzircus and its

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animals were sold to America, Bram stowed away on the ship to avoid parting ways with the elephant.

The film's producer, Scott Steindorff (The Human Stain), and his Stone Village Pictures banner purchased the rights to the nove from literary agent Joel Gotler last month for a low-six-figure advance. Steindorff and Costner, who will also produce, will now look for a writer to adapt the novel. It is known that they are looking to shoot next year in Europe, India, the United States and possibly Africa.

Costner, last in theaters with the Disney Western Open Range, recently committed to another Disney Western, Horizon, and New Line's Taming Ben Taylor.

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Archive Programming

League 2003/04

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Cayton Boxing Films

Boxing' Best:Muhammed

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Return To Athens (R)

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TV GUIDE

mmes are in local time. The Daily Star will not be responsible for any change in the program

News Bulletin

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.

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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. News Headlines(Bangla) at 5:02 pm. 6:30 pm. 9:45 pm.

7:30 pm. Tara News(Bangla) at 8:30 pm. 11:30 pm.

BBC World

Every hour on the hour

News (Bangla) 7:30 pm.10:30 pm TARA BANGLA NewsHeadlines(Bangla) at 5:30 pm Tara News Bangladesh(Bangla) at 9:30 pm.

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tics and themes of the struggling Sultan's analysis points out that the guiding principles of a character are revealed by Ata when he portrays his characters. 'These ideals are sometimes positive,

sometimes negative. It depends on the character how it has been developed or projected in the story,' mentions Sultan. He also adds that Ata's style of story-telling is very spontaneous, not monoto-nous at all. The style is also inter-



The name of Moushumi Bhowmik from West Bengal is quite familiar to the Bangladeshi audience thanks to her hit number Swapno dekhbo heard from the music shops in the city.

Arsenic Victims Initiative (SAVI). The proceedings from the shows will be donated for the treatment of the arsenic affected

rium and the Engineers' Institute auditorium.



Saturday Night Fever On HBO at 7:15 pm

Dayn Lewis

Miami Vice

The X Files

Mutant X

Tna Wrestling

Adventure Inc

Baywatch Hawaii

Genre: Drama / Romance / Music John Travolta, Karen Lynn Gorney, Barry Miller Tony is an uneducated Brooklyn teenager. The highlight of his week is going to the local disco, where he is the king of the dancefloor. Tony meets Stephanie at the disco and they agree to dance together in a competition. Stephanie resists Tony's attempts to romance her, as she aspires to greater things

History is Made at Night 11:30 Dayavan (Vinod Khanna 10:30 **STAR WORLD** 1:30 X - Men 3:30 The Kumars At No. 42 4:00 9:30 World's Wildest Police

Xena:Warrior Princess 11:30 1:00 1:25 1:30

ZEE CINEMA

Madhuri Dixit) Action International Khiladi AAtish Aaghaz Ek Ka Teen Platinum Beti No. 1 Govinda Rambha Mela (Aamir Khan. Twinkle Khanna, Faisa

ZEE TV

Kabhie Kabhie Sanshui Antakshari Thief Of Baghdad

10:30 Truth Files 11:30 Hot Science ANIMAL PLANET

GEOGRAPHIC Cheating Death (Aka Dangerous Mission Wild Return To The Wild National Geographic On Assignment

The Magic Make-up Box

Jhoot Bole Kawya Kaate

Movie: Adaz(Ani IKapoor,

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Jhoot Bole Kawva Kaate

Movie Specials: Mohabbat

Juhi Chawla, Karisma

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Whirlpool Gr8! Women

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English Premier League Programming Ten Seasons - A Decade Of **Great Matches** Highlights(r) 01:20

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Zimbabwe Vs Bangladesh

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ICC Cricket World

TEN SPORTS

Mens Olympic Qualifier Malaysia v India FA Cup 04: FA Cup 04: Arsenal v Chelsea Indian Horse Racing: Gillette World Sports Mens Olympic Qualifier Canada v Malaysia Mens Olympic Qualifier Pakistan v India

11:30 FA Cup 04: Portsmouth v