

RECOMMENDATIONS



Exhibition

March 06-26
To celebrate the 5th anniversary of the Bengal Gallery of Fine Arts, an exhibition featuring the recent works of the eminent artist Quayyum Chowdhury is going on. The show will be open for all till March 26 from 12:00 pm to 8:00 pm.

Events at Alliance Francaise

Exhibition
March 04-March 14
2nd solo exhibition of Ronni Ahmed is open at La Galerie from 5 to 9 pm.

March 19-30
The inauguration of a painting exhibition of artist Avena Cozzanet will take place at 6 pm at the gallery.

Recitation
March 09-10
To celebrate Spring, poets will recite Bangla and French poems accompanied by piano at 6 pm.

Jazz evening
March 11
A Jazz evening will take place at 9:30 pm at the cafeteria, which is free for the members of the institute.

Musical evening
March 25
A musical programme will be held at the cafeteria at 9:30 pm. The members of the institute can enjoy the show free of cost.

Light and shade

Rhythm of life

Salma Kaniz Ahmed's solo at the National Museum

FAYZA HAQ

SALMA Kaniz Ahmed, who recently held her solo at the National Museum, says, "I had my first solo here at Dhaka when I came here from USA. After that I held three more exhibitions at Ohio, Arizona and Maryland in USA. The new element that I have included in this exhibition is the use of barks and banana leaves to paint on with water-colour and acrylic. I feel that I can best use my colours in the water medium. As for my choice of colours, I like them all: I have no special preference. I have used solid colours, specially in the delineation of flowers. My paintings of the five senses or 'indrio' is also something not attempted earlier.



Salma Kaniz Ahmed

My attempt at painting women also has a fresh angle. Salma works in her studio in New York, putting in about three hours every day. She has music on as she works, specially piano music.

"Snaner aboshorey" had a woman drying her hair, with the sun-rays at the back. In this Salma had used brown for the skin tone, blue for the sari, and black for the hair. Linseed oil and "jesso" -- an item to create grainy texture -- had been used. "Premika" had the conventional romantic theme of love, with a woman standing, flower in hand, dressed in brown and blue. This

was offset by white while the flower had a central position and had a feeling of expectation of the arrival of a beloved one. "Prem-potro" had also a romantic theme, with the figure presented in a semi-abstract manner, where one had to pause to drink in the entire beauty and to figure out what the lines and colours were about. Brown, red and green had been used with subtlety, with flat strokes, using plenty of splashes and blobs. "I like the relief effect of using thick layers of paints as it lends depth to the work," Asma says.

"Thinker", similarly, brought in a young woman waiting for someone's arrival, lost in thoughts. The water colours on the banana leaves had acrylic and water-colour to present "Romoni", another semi abstract, that brought in a seated woman's figure, seen from the back. This was in copper, steel blue, gold and red "Romoni-11" was another alluring and intriguing back view of a seated woman, with the sari falling over her shoulders. This was although she had a conventional dusky complexion. The garment appeared gold, bronze and electric blue. "Aboyo" had two faces with strips of copper, electric blue, brown and black between them. In this portrait of a woman one had to look hard and concentrate to distinguish the limbs, body and flowing hair.

There were three paintings labelled "Boshonto" which brought in the scintillating flowers of spring. The petals and stamens had been enlarged, one of the paintings concentrating on orange, another on yellow while the third being purple. These were in water colour. The yellow had shades of green, the purple had splashes of pink and brown, while the orange flower had smears of black. "Nibriti" brought in solitude with the suggestion of sunshine in pink and orange falling through bending trunks of trees. Another painting, with the same title, had in branches of trees, and grass in the composition; the streaming sunlight was brought in variations of pink and orange.

Large yellow poppies were seen in the next painting with their thick fleshy leaves gliding around with centres of startling orange and black, presented with orange and mustard leaves. The painting was done on three separate parts, put together. The lily, on the other hand, was done on four pieces of canvas. Both gave the effect of a game of blocks.

"Mukho- Mukhosh" creations brought in



Prem Potro Oil on canvas

the delineation of evil characters around us in society and they were different from the other paintings which were out to please the eye while they provided food for thought. The ugly faces with snarling mouths displaying big teeth, monstrous eyes and curved eye-brows were partly covered with cloth. The white cloth on top of the images stood for purity while the rest of the painting for ugliness and bad traits.

"Indrio" brought in the five senses with focus on the eyes, next the nose, later the mouth followed by the ear. "Without the five senses," says Salma, it is not possible for me to paint."

Salma Kaniz Ahmed is a fine example of what women can achieve besides being excellent homemakers. The artists who have inspired her most are Monirul Islam and Mahmudul Haque.

The week gone by

Street Theatre: A need for patronage

ERSHAD KAMOL

MARCH 7, was the closing day of the weeklong *patha natok* (street theatre) festival held by the Bangladesh Patha Natok Parishad (BPNP). The organisation has been holding this festival regularly for the last three years.

On the closing day, BPNP leaders delivered speeches at the beginning and after the display of eight street plays. After the closing announcement given by Mafizur Rahman, Saiful Islam Mahmud, the chief of Mahakal Natyasampradaya (a cultural organisation) delivered the closing speech.

Saiful Islam Mahmud thanked the participants from outside who had lent their skills to make the festival a success. "The brutal attack on the eminent intellectual of the country, Dr. Humayun Azad, temporarily threw a damper on the festival at the Shaheed Minar premises. We are fortunate to have got a good response from our regular theatre lovers," Mahmud added. Outlining the future course of action, he said that the BPNP will organise seminars and workshops to improve the quality of street theatre.

After his speech, eight groups staged *patha natok*. The participant-groups were-- Aranyak Natya Dal, Shubochon Natya Shangshod, Samy Shankskritik Goshthi, Desh Theatre from Srimongal, Natyadeep, Natyakunjo,



Protichhobi Theatre presenting Bou, a Street play at the Shaheed Minar

Bornomala Group Theatre, Bibortan Shankskritik Kendra, Banolota Natya Shangshod from Jhainaidah.

The leitmotif of these plays was to build public awareness about the rise of fundamentalism and terrorism all over the world.

Mannan Hira the president of the organisation, delivered the concluding speech and thanked the theatre groups and the audience. Hira said, "Street theatre demands greater patronage by

politicians as well as the cultural leaders of the country." He condemned the attack on Dr. Humayun Azad and demanded the punishment of the criminals.

This year 63 troupes staged street plays at the Shaheed Minar premises. Because of some political crisis the festival could not run smoothly. However, each day, more than 200 viewers saw eight plays on an average till 10 p.m. However, there is a popular demand for greater participation by the big theatre groups in future.

Campus chronicles

IUB Literary Society marks one year

RUMANA KHAN

THE Independent University of Bangladesh (IUB) Literary Society has completed one year as the cultural hub of Dhaka. On March 4, this year, the organisation put up an elaborate programme to mark the day. Starting up with speeches by the Society's president and board members to chart the past activities of IUB, others on the dais were Dr Joyce Silva, Coordinator Language Centre and Professor Bazlul Mobin Chowdhury, Vice Chancellor.

A cultural programme was next on the agenda. The first item was a patriotic song titled 'Ami Banglar Gaan Gai.' Then followed other songs some romantic and others surreally rendered by Sharif, Shumon, Zulkar and Evan



in Bangla and English. The three-hour entertainment programme, which comprised songs, dances and stage shows, had intermittent recitations of poetry. The verse, some of it self-composed, was recited by Zulkar, Naime, Samim Elahi, Rajib and Saquib. The duet by Farha and Asif was well appreciated by the audience.

Creativity, versatility and variety were the features of the occasion. The high point was the staging of the well-known Shakespearean play 'Taming of the Shrew' and a

Bangla play which focused on the ills of the dowry system.

The past achievements and challenges that lay ahead of IUB were recounted by Professor BM Chowdhury, the chief guest. The next speech was by Dr Joyce Silva who, while recalling the past, charted out newer areas of activity for the students. He called on them to do their best for the motherland which has nurtured them so far. The other events of the IUB first anniversary were the presentation of the annual report by Azim Ahmed, the President of the Literary Society and the introduction of the newly elected members of the Society to the audience.

The author is the General Secretary IUB Literary Society

Music

Lecture demonstration

Renowned musician Kumarprosad Mukhopadhyay delivered a lecture cum demonstration on classical music recently, as part of the patronisation programme arranged by Bengal Foundation.

Kumarprosad Mukhopadhyay has a remarkable background in music. He is the author of *Kudroti Rongibirongi*, the Bangla book on classical music. Many eminent *Ustads* like Mushtak Hussain Khan and Lutafat Hussain Khan were his mentors in music. 'Gaan Kola Parishod' of Bangalore honoured him with the title of *Pondit* in 1972 for his impressive contribution to music.

Channel click

First serial of ntv exceeds 50 episodes

KAUSAR ISLAM AYON

THIS is the age of the mega serial on television. Witness the proliferation of programmes aired on the silver screen such as *Ronger Manush*, *Sharey Teen Tala* and *Ekannoborti*. All the TV channels are now in competition with each other to get a slice of the mega serial.

Ntv is also in the race to carve a niche in the market. March 7, was a significant milestone when *Teen Purush*, one of the mega serials of ntv, crossed the 50-episode mark. It is the first one on ntv to achieve this landmark. A representative of the channel described the event as a milestone in ntv's history.

The drama series *Teen Purush* is gaining popularity for its distinctive theme: the hardship of life in Dhaka that is gradually becoming mechanical losing all its humanitarian aspects.

Sohel Arman, director and scriptwriter of the serial expressed satisfaction with the increasing popularity of *Teen Purush* and the successful completion of the 50th episode. He plans to carry on the serial up to 104 episodes.



(L-R) Elora Gohar, Gazi Rakayet and Diti in Teen Purush

sodes. The cast of the mega serial includes Khalilullah Khan, Diti, Elora Gohar, Gazi Rakayet, Tony Dayes, Kussum Sikdar and others. *Teen Purush* goes on air on ntv every Saturday and Sunday at 8:10 pm.

TV GUIDE

TODAY'S HIGHLIGHTS



STAR MOVIES: 10:00 pm. The Return of Swamp Thing. Genre: Sci-Fi / Horror / Comedy / Action / Adventure. **Louis Jourdan, Heather Locklear, Sarah Douglas.** The Swamp Thing returns to battle the evil Dr. Arcane, who has a new science lab full of creatures transformed by genetic mutation, and chooses Heather Locklear as his new object of affection.



AXN: 7:00 pm Ignition. Genre: Drama / Action. **Bill Pullman and Lena Olin.** She is a federal judge, and he is the bodyguard assigned to protect her. When the chips start to fall, he discovers that his assignment has grown ominous. **Conor Gallagher** is a former Marine Corp helicopter pilot he is holding onto his job by the skin of his teeth. Their relationship takes a turn when they realize that the web of conspiracy, treason and murder unraveling around them means that they can trust no one but themselves.

PICK OF THE DAY



Human Nature
On STAR MOVIES at 8:30 pm.
Genre: Comedy
Patricia Arquette, Rhys Ifans, Tim Robbins
A philosophical burlesque, *Human Nature* follows the ups and downs of an obsessive scientist, a female naturalist, and the man they discover, born and raised in the wild. In the power struggle that ensues, an unusual love triangle emerges exposing the perversities of the human heart and the idiosyncrasies of the civilized mind.

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, 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 am, 10 am, 11 am, 11:00 am, 1:00 pm, 2:00 pm, 3:00 pm, 4:00 pm, 6:00 pm, and 8:00 pm.
ntv
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.
11:30 pm.
Tara News (Bangla) at 8:30 pm.
Tara News Bangladesh (Bangla) at 9:30 pm.
BBC World
Every hour on the hour

BTV
07:35 Suprabhat Bangladesh
08:25 Selected Nazrul Songs
09:15 Anya Bhuban: Ocean Girl
12:15 Sangbad Potikar Pata Theke
01:05 Cartoon Show: Godzilla
1:30 Sabar Janya Shikha
04:05 Sangeeta
07:00 Share Market, Weather Forecast
07:05 Quiz Quiz
07:30 Film Show: Three Stooges
09:00 Drama Serial: Jali
09:30 Drama Serial: Jale
10:30 Musical Magazine: Rimjim
CHANNEL-i
09:45 Triloyo Matra
10:45 Grameen Phone Cricket Online (Live)
12:00 Chitri Pelem
01:00 Ebon Cinema: Gan
02:00 Feature Film: Khalnayak
5:10 Sa Re Ma Ga Ma
05:45 i-Sports
06:10 Music Plus
06:45 Projukti Nijukity
07:50 Close up Juice Box
08:25 Drama Serial: Sharey Teen Tala
09:35 Drama Serial:
10:00 Drama Serial: Bhoi
ntv
08:00 Aikar Sakal
08:30 Gombhira
09:00 Gallery
09:30 Ei Shomoy
10:10 Hello Music
10:30 Ekhane amar desh
11:00 Drama: Chhilekotha
11:30 Priyo mukh
12:02 Ekok Natok:
Aundhekarer Mukh
Praramanya Chitra
Cine Gaan
03:00 Drama Serial: Teen

Purush
03:30 Labh Khoti Jhuki
04:00 Drama Songs
04:30 Drama Serial: Aboheshe propath
05:25 Ke korbe bajimath
06:00 Apnar Jigyasha
06:35 Shubho Shondhya
06:55 CNN Documentary
08:00 Drama Serial: Eboni Ami
08:35 Taray Taray
09:40 Drama Serial: Shangshoy
11:20 Dindarpan
ATN BANGLA
10:15 Annodristee
10:50 Mega serial: Lal Neel Beguni
11:25 Drama serial: Sapno Copoth
12:40 Bengali feature film: Gria Bodhu
3:45 Uro Cola Saat Rang Samsamoyit
05:15 Amar Computer
05:50 Islamee Sawal O jawab
06:25 Annyodristee
8:00 Drama serial: Neey Kuru Thikana
8:30 Drama serial: Protinyouk
9:00 Drama serial: Suk Samachar
09:30 Magazine Prog: Ek Du Teen
10:35 Musical prog: Ekte Phulke Bachabo Bole
12:20 Bengali feature film: Rocky
TARA BANGLA
4:30 Tarpor Chand Uthlo
5:00 Serial: Probaho
6:00 Nante Fonte
6:30 Taka Na Sona
7:00 Sree Ramkrishna
7:30 Antakshari
8:00 Serial-Jug
8:30 Serial: Tarpor Chand Uthlo
9:00 Serial: Swapner Rang Nil
10:30 Election Spl. Live

Doshai
11:30 Tara News
12:00 Hoi Hulod
HBO
10:15 The Myth of Fingerprints
12:00 Cinderella
2:45 Max Knight: Ultra Spy
3:30 Zeus and Roxanne
5:30 The Specialist
7:45 Taboo
9:30 Lucky Numbers
11:45 Play It Forward
2:15 Door To Door
STAR MOVIES
8:15 Shallow Hal
10:15 Joyride
12:00 For Hire
1:45 Rat
3:15 Radio Flyer
5:20 Kingdom Come
7:00 Long Life Happiness & Prosperity
8:30 Human Nature
10:00 Return Of The Swamp Thing
11:30 Chasing Cain I: Vow
1:15 Sunset Strip
MGM
9:00 Hellraiser Hellseeker
11:30 Matilda
2:00 Casualties
4:30 Silence of The Lambs

Heart of Justice
7:00 Zee MGM Select
11:30 Appetite
STAR WORLD
1:30 Mac Gyver
2:30 Oprah Winfrey Show
3:30 Bold And Beautiful
4:30 Hollywood Squares
5:00 Whose Line Is It Anyway
5:30 Miami Vice
6:30 The Simpsons
7:00 Home Improvement
7:30 Friends
8:00 Just Shoot Me
8:30 American Idol
9:00 The Drew Carey Show

Wild Card
9:30 Law & Order: S.V.U
10:300 Baywatch
ZEE CINEMA
10:30 Rudali (Dimple, Raj Babbar)
Hu Tu Tu (Sunil Shetty, Tabu, Nana Patekar)
Wajood (Nana Patekar, Madhuri Dixit, Mukul Dev)
Virasat (Anil Kapoor, Tabu, Pooja Batra)
1:30 Kitten Party
11:30 Manshaa/Lavanya Lipstick

Amazing Animal Videos
6:30 Planet's Funniest Animals
7:30 Killing for a Living Sharks, Sharks!
8:30 Caught In The Act
10:30 India Uncovered Danger in Tiger Paradise
11:30 W.E. Birds in Black
12:00 W.E. Pymmy Chimpanzee
DISCOVERY CHANNEL
12:30 World's Best World's Best Palaces
1:30 New Detectives Wasted Youth
3:30 Wild Discovery Bears on the Russian Front
4:30 I Love My Music
5:00 Buck Slaghorn's Animal Bites Waterfall Bites
5:30 Travelers Montreal
6:30 Speed The Limit
7:30 Wild Discovery The Death of a Bison Bull
8:30 Science Frontiers The Science of Sin
9:30 Science Mysteries Atlantis Found
10:30 Junkyard Wars Garbage Guzzler
11:30 Mystery Night Dracula
NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC
4:30 Crittercam-Wildtech Adventures
5:00 Toyota World Of Wildif
5:30 Monkey Business
6:30 Mission Wild
7:00 Dogs With Jobs
7:30 Toyota World Of Wildif
8:00 Wild Family Secrets
8:30 Wild Orphans
9:30 Different Ball Game S2
10:00 On Assignment
10:30 Chinese Toy Story
11:30 Crittercam-Wildtech Adventures
12:00 Toyota World Of Wildif
ESPN
11:00 World Cup Super Series Marathon (Int'l) 2003

Motorsport Asia (R)
12:30 Spanish Football League
2003/04 Racing
Santander Vs Real Madrid (T)
3:30 Cricket Gold (R)
6:30 Football Focus (L)
7:30 Cricket Show (R)
8:30 SportsCenter India (L)
9:00 Classic's Big Fights
Boxing Hour (R)
10:00 English Premier League Archive (R)
10:30 Harsha Online Dean Jones (T)
11:30 Sportscenter India (R)
12:00 Football Focus (L)
STAR SPORTS
11:30 Table Tennis 2003
12:00 Alp Tennis Classic
Scottsdale Az Usa Final (R)
1:30 The Golf Club 2004 (R)
2:00 720 Degrees Xtreme Sports (R)
3:30 Bathlon World Cup 2003/04 Event
Highlight (T)
4:30 The Golf Club 2004 (R)
5:00 Superkitts Group A - Total Control & Fine Line (R)
8:00 Sportsline (L)
8:30 Tennis Masters Cup Uncovered (R)
10:00 Hitz (R)
10:30 Sportsline (R)
11:00 South Africa Tour Of New Zealand 6th Odi Highlights (R)
TEN SPORTS
10:00 SL v Aus :1st Test, Day 2 (Live Preview)
10:30 SL v Aus :1st Test, Day 2 (live)
7:00 Mens Olympic Qualifier: Canada v India
9:00 Smackdown 2: Ep 236
11:00 SL v Aus :1st Test, Day 2 H/Ls