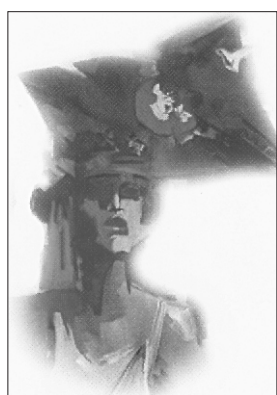


RECOMMENDATIONS



Photography exhibition

March 13-19 North South University Photography Club (NSUPC) is holding its week-long International Inter University Photography Exhibition at the Shilpakala Academy with more than 300 photographs from 14 different universities of Bangladesh and other countries being displayed at the event.

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 19-30 The inauguration of a painting exhibition of artist Awena Cozannet will take place at 6 pm at the gallery.

Musical evening

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

François Ozon Retrospective

February 14-16, 2004 Zahir Raihan Film Society, in association with the Alliance Française of Dhaka, is screening five films in retrospective to the young French filmmaker François Ozon at the Alliance Française auditorium at Dhanmondi.

Tuesday, 16th March 2004: 5:00 PM: 8 Women (2002) by François Ozon. 7:00 PM: Swimming Pool (2003) by François Ozon.

Venue: The Alliance Française of Dhaka, Road No. 3, Dhanmondi.

Exhibition

Women's endeavour

Shako's exhibition at Chittrak

FAYZA HAQ

To mark International Women's Day, Shako, a women artists' association, is currently holding a group art exhibition at Chittrak, Dhanmondi. The group had held a workshop last winter at the Mirpur wing of Centre for Rehabilitation for the Paralyzed (CRP).

The display is a follow up on the workshop. Describing the works of art, the guest of honour Ericka Smith-Thomas said, 'Canvas after canvas revealed to me stories of the women of Bangladesh. These were stories of childhood pleasures and village life. These were stories of national identity, of relationship to nature, and relationships with men. These were stories of women claiming the right to live freely without the threat of violence.'

The display is bold, experimental and informative. Two survivors of accidents and many well-known Bangladeshi women painters displayed their works. Farida Zaman, in her acrylic on canvas, 'Sufia with her lovely bird' depicts a blind girl playing with a heron. The happy images that surround her on the canvas -- of flowers, full moon, a boat and fish -- are drawn from her childhood memories of the countryside. The moonlight has been captured in spots of pulsating silver dots.

Farida says, 'I feel that our handicapped women aspire for a happy life despite their limitations.' Farida uses mixed media in her work with acrylic, pen and water colour. Her human figures are mostly that of young women while other forms often use folk elements. 'This is because our women are often neglected,' she says. Naima Haque's 'Luna' has the image of a moon with a splash of black. The paper surface is scattered with paintings of burnt out matches, cigarette butts and stars.

The artist wishes to capture a woman's existence: the cigarettes are symbols of women and the match sticks are men. 'Women,' says Naima, 'are used and thrown away like the cigarette butts. The moon figure is the victim who has been attacked as she refused to respond to the male advances. In our society there is no stability for women.'

'View from CRP', by Nasreen Begum, brings in a country scene

with huts, hedges, indigo and black trees, with reflection in the water in front in blue. Nasreen's technique is oriental art while her medium is water colour. Her works remain picturesque. She hopes to guide and help young artists, like Lovely, the mouth-painter and Rubina, an acid victim, who were present at the CRP workshop.

Kuhu, in 'Embracing pain', depicts Rubina, an acid survivor, who was one of the participants of the CRP workshop. The artist brings herself into focus as a sister figure embracing her. The part of Rubina's face that is burnt is covered with hair and one of her eyes is smaller than the other, showing disfigurement. 'This is how she looks now after plastic surgery,' said Kuhu. Around the central figures are impressionistic forms of faces of acid survivors in shades of gray and purple. The work is in pencil and charcoal. For about 15 years Kuhu has focused on sex workers in 'burqa' because, she says, 'There is a definite beauty in these women, judging by the parts of their figures and faces that are revealed. We try to shut them out while I try to bring them out for viewers to admire. Kuhu's art work consists of drawings in black which are realistic as she is not fond of distortion found in modern art.

In 'Untitled-1' Fareha Zeba reflects the pain of a survivor of an acid attack. The masks used on the canvas bring in the tormented face as compared to the normal unmarred face before the mishap. She made the faces out of clay, paper and thread. The normal untouched face and the marred one are linked together by splashes of black. This expressionist work is admirable indeed for its ability to express women's insecurity in society.

'Responsibility', by Kanak Champa Chakma, uses paper collage on the canvas and brings in a traditional theme in an impressionistic way. The collages include a vertical yellow band to the right, and a horizontal one in the forefront, which forms the woman's sarong. 'The woman's load of the basket of sticks represents her responsibilities and her fears. She appears ashen and indifferent to the natural beauty that surrounds her as she is preoccupied with her task of gathering firewood for a living.' Kanak points out that the tribal women from the Chittagong Hill Tracts are much more hard-working than their male counterparts. The painting was specially done to mark International Women's Day.

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Peace by Rebecka Sultana Moly

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Film

Premiere of Megher Porey Megh on Channel-i

KAUSAR ISLAM AYON

SEVERAL films have been made on the Liberation War. The latest in the genre is Megher Porey Megh, directed by Chashi Nazrul Islam. As with its two previous productions, Impress Telefilms Ltd will premiere the movie on television first. Slated to be aired on Channel-i on the Independence Day of Bangladesh, March 26, the script depicts the humanitarian aspects of our Liberation War and is based on litterateur Rabeya Khatun's novel of the same name.

The shooting of Megher Porey Megh began on December 1, last year at its outdoor locations in Srinagar, Munshiganj and Comilla. The film's music director is Imron Saha.

Describing the film, Chashi Nazrul Islam says, 'I liked the story line of Megher Porey Megh. The sacrifice and the battle of a brave nation against the oppression of the Pakistan army have been well presented in this film. There is also a social message for the younger generation: that they should not lose the spirit of the independence movement and should be aware of



Riaz and Purnima in a scene from Megher Porey Megh

their duty towards the country.'

The cast of the film includes Riaz, Purnima, Mahfuz, Shahidul Alam Sachchu, Khaleda Akter Kalpana and many more. Chashi regrets that many of us regard people who follow the Islamic code of life as either fundamentalists or Razakars (collaborators) in relation to the Liberation War. 'The truth is that they were not all fundamentalists; even if they were fundamentalists, all of them were not Razakars. Many

pious people took active part in the war in favour of Bangladesh or at least helped the freedom fighters in many ways,' he says.

Megher Porey Megh presents this aspect of the Liberation War through the character of Nishat Ali, performed by Mahfuz Ahmed. In the film Nishat studies Arabic at Dhaka University and takes part in the Liberation War. The director hopes that the viewers will enjoy his treatment of the film and the subject which has spawned many works of art.

Off the track

A new direction for Bollywood and cricket celebrities?

PALLAB BHATTACHARYA, New Delhi

BOLLYWOOD and cricket celebrities seem busy exploring new horizons. And we, therefore, see superstar Preity Zinta, actor Manoj Bajpai and cricketer Rahul Dravid donning new roles as journalists and tourism ambassador respectively. We also see former big screen mega star Sridevi opt for acting on television serials and actor Rahul Bose doing for the first time a music video album.

Preity, basking in the box-office success of three films featuring her in lead roles in Dil Chahta Hai with Aamir Khan, Kal Ho Na Ho with Shahrukh Khan and Koi Mil Gaya with Hrithik Roshan, has been roped in by the BBC website for writing columns. 'I feel great being a journalist now for it is something I have never done before,' says Preity, who is on top of her all-time popularity chart after the three mega hit films.

The actress finds it challenging to pen her column as also take time off her packed shooting schedule. She has taken two months to write her first column. And she also tells you that she is not going to write only about films but almost on anything she feels strongly about.

Bajpai, who stormed the cinema world with a memorable performance in Satya, some years ago and wowed film critics recently with a fine performance in crossover film Pinjar, (which is a cross-border love story), too will be writing for BBC Hindi service. While Preity and Bajpai try a new role away from reel life, Rahul Dravid, vice captain of Indian cricket team, adds to his real life



Preity Zinta

handy for Dravid's promo effort in Pakistan was the hype that had been generated in India last year over a minor Pakistani girl who had undergone a successful heart surgery in a hospital in Bangalore, says he.

Rahul Bose, who has carved a niche for himself by acting in films like Aparna Sen-directed, Mr and Mrs Iyer, which won national and international awards, Jhankar Beats, Chameli, Everybody Says I'm Fine, Mumbai Matinee and Ek Din 24 Ghanta, has appeared in recently-released musical video album, a moving story on communal harmony, also featuring actor Anupam Kher.

This is the first video for Bose, a rugby player who has represented India in different competitions. Interestingly, Bose has been invited to the United States and Britain to give lectures on the issues of communalism, women and children.



Manoj Bajpai

assignment, that of a tourist ambassador for his home state of Karnataka and its capital Bangalore, called the Silicon Valley of India.

The cricketer says, he will utilize his first visit abroad, the historic tour of Indian cricket team to Pakistan, to promote Karnataka tourism.



Rahul Dravid

And what is going to come

Channel click

Psycho: a hair-raising tale

CULTURAL CORRESPONDENT

BASED on uncanny occurrences, Psycho, a tele drama, will be telecast on ntv soon. Under the banner of Creative Promotions, Rumana Afroze writes Psycho, a 50-minute tale that is expected to create a new trend through its adoption of innovative camera technology and plot. Rakibul Hasan directs the drama while having Ali Junaid Piali in camera and Partho Protim Bappi in music.

The plot centres on a two-storied house where a family of three, the husband, wife and their only child come to live. The other



Khaled Khan and Shampa Reza in Psycho

members of the house are the caretaker and the guard. Then the tale unfolds while the members of the house receive a mysterious call from a dead person, a strange email, blood dripping out from a tap, and the sudden fall of a chandelier. These make the wife so depressed that her husband contacts a psychiatrist immediately. But the twist comes when the psychiatrist also experiences the same inexplicable things, and that makes the doctor curious about the family members. So he starts to observe the members secretly and at last he discovers that a mentally sick person has done those freakish things. Who is that psycho anyway?

TV GUIDE

TODAY'S HIGHLIGHTS



MGM: 11:30 pm. Tuff Turf. Genre: Action / Drama. James Spader, Kim Richards, Paul Moses. At the start of his senior year in high school, Morgan's father has lost his company, so the family moves from Connecticut. Morgan has grown up in the shadow of his high-achieving older brother, and he seems to have a knack for getting into trouble. He also has a stubborn streak, so when he finds himself attracted to Frankie, the girlfriend of the leader of a local gang of youthful thugs, he can't stop himself from pushing her for a relationship.



HBO: 12:00 Midnight. Big Daddy. Comedy. Adam Sandler, Joey Lauren Adams, Jon Stewart. Sonny Koufax is 32 years old. There's just one problem with him. 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 foster father that will change his perspective on just looking out for himself.

PICK OF THE DAY



Ed TV On HBO at 9:30 pm. Genre: Comedy. Matthew McConaughey, Jenna Elfman, Ellen Degeneres, Cynthia, TV producer, has an idea about how to save the station: A normal person's life should be broadcasted 24 hours a day. 'Ed TV' is born the second her eye falls on Ed Pekurny, a sympathetic Joe Sixpack. After the first week on air Eds fame grows and grows, but conflicts break open: His brother Ray publishes a very negative book about Ed.

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) at 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. CHANNEL-i News (Bangla) at 11:30 pm. ATN BANGLA News (Bangla) at 8:00 am. 12:00 pm. 7:00 pm. 10:00 pm, 11:00 pm. Telesat 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. 4:00 pm. 6:00 pm and 8:00 pm. ntv 08:00 Aker Sakal 09:30 Gallery 09:30 Et Showy 10:02 Guitar-er Taley Taley 10:30 Ekhane Amaar desh 11:00 Drama Serial: Kichu Chhoto Boro Dirghassah Priyo mukh 11:30 12:02 Ekok Natok: Cranty 01:30 Documentary Programme Tiffiner Fackey 02:30 Drama Serial: Teen Purush 03:40 Labh Kholi Jhuki 04:15 Drama Serial: Abosheshey propath Ke korbe bajimath 05:10

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(Naseeruddin Shah, Pankaj Kapoor) 1:30 Khalnaika (Jeetendra, Anu Agarwal, Jaya Prada) 5:30 Ek Hi Raasta (Ajay Devgan, Raveena Tandon) 9:30 Maseeha (Sunil Shetty, Namrata Shirodkar) 6:00 Nonte Fonte 7:00 Sree Ramkrishna Antakshari 8:00 Serial Jug 8:30 Serial Tarpor Chand Uthlo 9:00 Serial Swapner Rang Nil Election Spl. Live Doshai Hoi Hullool 9:30 Ghar Jamai 10:00 Banegi Apni Baat 10:30 Ashinwad Hasratn 11:00 Kittle Party 11:30 Manshaa/Lavanya Lipstick 12:30

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Boat 11:30 Mystery Night Dr. Jekyll & Mr. Hyde ESPN 10:00 Tennis Masters Series 3rd Round(L) 1:00 Cricket Show (R) 1:30 Motorsport Asia (R) 3:30 English Premier League Highlights (R) 4:30 English Premier Football League 2003/04 Blackburn Rovers Vs Arsenal Fc 6:30 Football Focus (L) 7:30 Uefa Champions League Magazine Shows (R) 8:00 ESPN Cricket Show (L) 8:30 Sportscenter India (L) 10:30 Harsha Online Health Stream(T) 11:30 Sportscenter India (R) 12:00 Football Focus (R) STAR SPORTS 12:30 English Premier Football League 2003/04 Tottenham Hotspur Vs Newcastle United (R) 3:00 International Motorsports News 2004 (R) 4:00 Bathalon World Cup 2003/04 Antholz Italy 4:30 Event Highlight(T) Samsung Super Skills Tournament 5:00 Sportsline (L) 8:00 English Premier League Highlights (T) 9:30 Uefa Champions League Magazine Show (T) 10:00 Hitz (R) 10:30 Sportsline (R) 11:00 Bangladesh Tour Of Zimbabwe 5th Odi Highlights(T) TEN SPORTS 10:00 SL v Aus :2nd Test, Day 1 (Live) 2:00 Straight Drive (Live) 3:00 Indias Tour of Pak: 2nd ODI (Live)