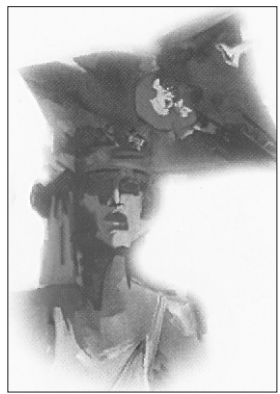


RECOMMENDATIONS



Celebration

March 20-21
Udichi, the well-known cultural organisation, arranges a two-day programme to celebrate the Independence Day 2004.

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 Qayyum Chowdhury is going on.

Events at Alliance Francaise

Exhibition
March 19-30
A painting exhibition of artist Awena Cozannet is being held at the gallery.

Film Show

March 21
Alliance Francaise has arranged the screening of African short films starting at 5:00 pm at the centre's auditorium.

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.

Music



US singer Pink performs on stage on March 17 at the Bercy Hall in Paris during her European tour.

Speculation

Will the film Ora Egarojon be erased from history?

KAUSAR ISLAM AYON

SEVERAL films have been made on the Liberation War. Ora Egarojon, produced by Masud Parvez, popularly known as Sohel Rana, stands apart from the rest.



The official poster of the film Ora Egarojon

War is now in danger of being lost forever, according to Sohel. As he says, 'It is possible that within a few years there will be no copy of Ora Egarojon.'

three or four years.' Although there is another copy in the National Film Archive, Sohel thinks that this is endangered by the Archive's obsolete preservation system.

When asked why he had not taken independent steps to preserve the film, such as transforming it in VHS, VCD or DVD formats, he says that these are not the appropriate formats for long-term preservation.



Masud Parvez, the producer of the first film on Liberation War in Bangladesh

government support to films based on the Liberation War. 'Let alone support, there isn't even any government appreciation of good films. I haven't yet got any recognition from the government for my work.'

Despite the government's reluctance to give credit to filmmakers, Sohel is still open to the idea of making new films on the theme of the War of Liberation.

The government would do well to save Ora Egarojon from slipping into oblivion through its careless preservation techniques.

Interview

Sohel Rahman: a dancer of promise

'We expect the trendsetters to be innovative'

NOVERA DEEPITA

SOHEL Rahman is a dancer to watch out for. Starting from a very young age, he has trained in the Odissi, Manipuri and Kathak dance forms under well-known gurus.

Turning to the trends in dance, he says, 'Some people are distorting dance intentionally while others are trying hard to standardise this form of art.'

Sohel believes that the stage is the best medium for any dancer as one gets instant audience feedback on one's performance and there is no scope for repetition.

Asked why he usually dances with Riya, he says smilingly, 'We have a good understanding, which is reflected in our performances.'

His dance talent emerged when he was a young boy. While he was in class five, he received his first formal training in dance at the Bulbul Lalitokala Academy.

His talent was recognised early on. 'After my fifth year at the Academy, I was appointed as a dance teacher in the junior section,' says Sohel.



Dancer Sohel Rahman

passed out from the Academy, he was chosen to play the role of hero in the dance dramas as there were very few male dancers in Bangladesh at that time.

Sohel is clear about his future path. In his words, 'I am seriously thinking of providing training to people from the rural areas who have a knack for this art but have limited opportunity.'

Around the world

Victoria Beckham may help English ballet

BBC ONLINE

Pop singer Victoria Beckham is in talks to promote the English National Ballet (ENB). Victoria has said the ENB is close to her heart and she is discussing various ways she may be able to help us.

The ballet company was forced to cancel a lavish production of Les Liaisons Dangereuses over financial concerns and falling ticket sales earlier this month.

'We are always thrilled when people in the public eye with a connection to dance, like our chairman Angela Rippon and Betty Boothroyd, step forward and voice their support for us,' he added.



The ballet recently had to cancel Les Liaisons Dangereuses.

dance troupe The Tiller Girls in her youth.

A shortfall in revenue from the Ballet's vital Christmas season was blamed for the cancellation of Les Liaisons Dangereuses, due to begin at Southampton's Mayflower theatre in October.

expected if the ballet had been performed at the company's home at the Coliseum. The Coliseum in London's West End was closed until recently to allow a refurbishment worth £41m to take place.

The English National Ballet said in a statement last month that it 'hopes the full version of Les Liaisons Dangereuses can be reinstated at some point in the future'.

Campus chronicle

Kawnine Shourov: portrait of an artist

JU CORRESPONDENT

Just let my water colours flow on the canvases of their own accord. As I watch the flow, it gives my paintings a life and drives away all my loneliness,' says Kawnine Shourov.

The central themes of Kawnine's work are tales of life, the characteristics of human beings, human

evolution and the close relationship between human beings and nature. The exhibition hosted 42 works of art. Using oils, acrylics, pencils, watercolours and pastels, he captures the inner thought processes of a mind that has experienced the feelings of sorrow and pain.

Among Kawnine's remarkable works on display were 'Restless' where we see a person coping with the struggles of everyday existence. He uses red, black, yellow, green and white water colours to depict this painful state of mind.

background depict human thought with a sense of hesitation. This work also reveals the close nexus between human beings and nature.

Remarkably, Kawnine is a self-taught artist whose talent has been widely praised. Among his giant-sized works which have won plaudits, are those on the language movement, human evolution, colour in life and life cycles. In another 32 feet long painting, based on the language movement, he has used red, white, yellow and other colours to depict Bangladesh's glorious history of 1952.

'Life Cycle', is split in three parts including childhood, youth and womanhood. This canvas is in 8 feet, 12 feet and 12 feet respectively and delineates the intimate workings of a mind from childhood to youth.

A 30 feet long canvas traces the evolution of man from the cave age onwards. The yellow, red and black colours present the struggle of life.

Clearly Kawnine is an artist with talent. Having made his mark, he hopes that education on art will be included in the curriculum of Jahangirnagar University.

TV GUIDE

TODAY'S HIGHLIGHTS



STAR MOVIES: 7:00 pm Signs. Genre: Drama / Horror / Sci-Fi / Thriller. Mel Gibson, Joaquin Phoenix, Rory Culkin.



MGM: 9:30 pm: Robinhood Prince of Thieves. Genre: Action / Adventure / Drama. Kevin Costner, Morgan Freeman, Mary Elizabeth Mastrantonio, Christian Slater.

PICK OF THE DAY



One Night At McCool's On HBO at 9:30 pm. Genre: Comedy / Crime. Matt Dillon, Mary Jo Smith, Liv Tyler.

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.

BTV 07:35 Suprabhat Bangladesh 08:25 Programme from BTV Archive 09:15 Barta Probaho 12:15 Shongbad Potrer Pata theke

04:30 Drama Serial: Aranyer Shukh Dukkho 06:20 Shubho Shondhya 06:50 Shoplaker Khabor 08:00 Drama Serial: Tin Purush

04:30 Trippli 7:15 The Hunted 9:30 One Night at McCool's 11:30 The 6th Day 2:00 Bulletproof

11:30 Autumn in New York STAR MOVIES 10:00 The Vanishing 12:00 Long Life Happiness & Prosperity

2:30 Monster Farm 3:00 X Men 3:30 The Kumars At No. 42 4:00 Cops

6:30 W E Running Wild 6:30 Croc Files Dingo Fence 4:30 Extreme Contact Into the Deep Blue

7:25 Jhalak 7:30 Jhoot Bole Kawwa Kaate 7:55 Ek Nazar 8:00 Antakshari 8:30 Saturday Night Specials

3:30 H W Mystery of Lake Topliz 4:30 H W Phantom of Diamond Mountain 5:30 H W To Space and Back

8:54 English Premier Football League 2003/04 Manchester United Vs Tottenham Hotspur (L)

11:00 Five / Six Nations Championships (A) ESPN 1:00 English Premier League Preview (R)