## RECOMMENDATIONS

## **Exhibition**

Russian Cultural Centre has arranged a photo and stamp exhibition on aviation and cosmonautics to celebrate the International Day of Cosmonautics and Aviation at the center's

### April 02-13

Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy has arranged a photography exhibition by Japanese photographer Hiroko Kobayashi title 'I wish to go to Bangladesh once again' at the art gallery of the Academy. The display will remain open for all from 11 am to 7 pm everyday and 3 pm to 7 pm on Fridays.

April 04-24 On the occasion of it's fifth anniversary, the Bengal Foundation, is organising a solo exhibition artist Jean Dometti, starting from April 4. The show will remain open for all from 12 pm to 8 pm everyday.

Saiu art Gallery has arranged a ten day retrospective exhibition of painting by Shamsul Islam Nizami, starting from April  $09\ at\ 6\ pm$  at the gallery. The display will remain open for all from 10 am to 8:30 pm, Saturday through Thursday (Friday

A photography exhibition on the fire in the Karail slum is going on at the Goethe Institut (House-10, Road-9, Dhanmondi R/A). The show will remain open for all from 2 pm to 8 pm daily.

## **Theatre**

April 08 to April 11

Shilpakala Academy has organised a weeklong experimental theatre programme starting from April 08 at the National Theatre Complex. Eight theatre groups will participate in the event from all over the country. The schedule is as follows:

Bibaho Caricature by Md. Aminul Islam, Graam Chitra, Chapainbabgani

Surjasen by Shobhanmay Bhattacharya, Kathak Theatre, Chittagong

Modhuchandrima by Taslima Shobha Lipi, Bongoj Natyam, Gazipur

April 10 Kajal Latar Pala by M Nurul Islam, Sundaram Natyamoncho, Potuakhali

Shesh Prohor by Ferari Amit, Natya Bangla, Lakshmipur

## Art competition

April 09 An art competition for children will be organised by the Serov Academy of Fine Arts on the occasion of the International Day of Cosmonautics and Aviation at Russian Cultural Centre at 10:00 am

## Film show

Son of the World-Yuri Gagarin and Tragic Death of Yuri Gagarin will be Cultural Centre at 12:00 pm

## April 05-26

The Indian High Commission will screen 7 films as part of its regular biweekly film show programme. Venue: Indian Cultural Centre, Gulshan-2. The schedules are given below:

April 8 Baghban, April 12 Khoobsurat, April 15 Bhoot, April 19 Bobby, April 22 Hungama, April 26

# Jean Dometti, a major painter Women power to the fore from France

The artist and his lyrical mixed-media at the Bengal Foundation

AVING met Jean Dometti -- a superb painter, based in Paris -- four times in Dhaka, one offers yet another slice of French 'sweetness and light'. This was done at Ambrosia Guest House recently, arranged by Andre Raynouard, the French Counsellor for Cooperation and Cultural Affairs. What has been possible and probable to deduct in ten minutes flat, with the help of Marie Crevecouer, a visiting French critique, is offered as below:

The Daily Star (TDS): Where do you think is the seat of fine arts now people say it is in New York or London. What is your conjecture?

Jean Dometti (JD): I believe, at this moment, it is London and nowhere else.

TDS: Have you had the opportunity to meet and examine some of the works of the artists of the Indian Subcontinent?

JD: When I go to various galleries, whether it be in Rio or anywhere else in the world, or even when reading magazines (that contain reproductions) about the works of Indian Subcontinent artists, I have always tried to examine their paintings, wherever I have been. In this manner I have gathered as much knowledge from their art, as I could possibly have done at this juncture of my life. Last time. I was here I had the opportunity to meet some of the Bangladeshi artists. I have spoken to some of the well-known artists that I came across at the Bengal Foundation press conference, and I find them adequately informed about what is going on in the parallel fine arts world in the West. Incidentally, I was born in Tunisia, once a French colony; today I'm 54 and what I have gleaned from the east too. I shall keep in my mind, as I go about my work. Even coloured saris, put out to wash, which I saw in my earlier visit, fascinated me and gave me food for thought.

**TDS**: You had the occasion to meet important artists of Bangladesh, ranging from Mohammed Kibria, to Rokeya Sultana and Ranjit Das during your last visit to Dhaka

JD: Yes, I found that a superb evening with pleasant conversations. I hope to meet some more Bangladeshi artists during this visit, and I will be even visiting a tea garden, hopefully.

in Paris? Is it a "bowl of cherries" do you have a studio, house, car, contented family life, and other requisites of harmonious existence? JD: (who had blushed deep on an earlier

occasion at The Bengal Foundation Gallery, when asked about his vie d'amour) I am absolutely contented: I could not have asked for more.

TDS: How do you manage to concentrate and manage to fling unnecessary matters in life out of the window, as you go about your work?



CULTURE

'I want to evoke timelessness in my paintings' - Jean Dometti

**JD**: When I am in my studio I concentrate on my work, make a lot of sketches, preparing materials for my mixed media works, such as colours, canvas etc, and go about creating my large-sized paintings. This takes time, and bit by bit I get my work done.

Since I work on canvas, to put everything in place to give a 3-D effect, eventually, takes time. First of all, I have to prepare myself by drawing, which I must explain is very important in my work. I feel I'm like some archaeologist, I create an archaeological survey of places, which have disappeared. I do not represent the human figure but man is always present in my work through the tracks, signs and symbols, which are registered in each of his living spaces.

In my paintings I want to evoke timelessness, unchanging forces like the primal elements. I create the statements of these places, from them draw: the essential, unchanging and timeless a fundamental technique which banishes the short-lived for the benefit of the essential. Meanwhile, as I go about my work, I do listen to music, which ranges from Mozart to Jazz: I read Louis F Celine and other French classical writers.

TDS: What did you think of the questions that the artists gathered at the press conference, held at The Bengal Foundation yesterday?

JD: I was not ruffled by the questions about the manner of creation of my paintings. They were there to gather information and I hope I provided them suitably. They asked about my vision and we had adequate rapport. What more could one

TDS: What were you carrying on about the "east" and the "west" during the press conference:

JD: I had said that Mohammed Kibria, one of the senior-most artists of Bangladesh, deserves more exposure in the West which will naturally take time. He deserves international artistic recognition. Kibria is definitely an artist whose works are definitely interesting I must add that there are a lot of informed and talented artists in Bangladesh. You understand that your country and its artists remain isolated, viewing the matter from an international angle

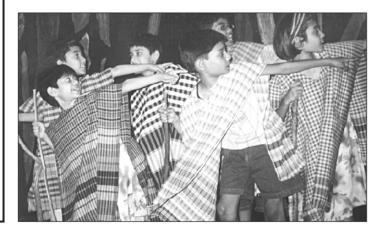
Jean Dometti, born in 1950, has been living and working in Paris since 1960. He won the Young Engraver Prize in 1988. He has held over group exhibitions in France include five displays: his overseas expositions (between 1985 and 1986) include ones at Seoul; Mexico City; Beirut; Zamosz; Venice; Lunberg; Venice; California; Montreal and Quebec; Barcelona; Groningen; and in Dublin.

### forces. My plastic approach is articulated around TDS: What is life like for a senior artist like you 15 exhibitions in Paris, Dublin and Quebec. His

Jean Dometti's paintings in private and public collections in France and abroad include ones in France and Beirut.

# **Creative learning**

# Palakar kids building future theatre activists



CULTURAL CORRESPONDENT

Palakar. a theatre group in Bangla-

appreciation course for children. The first batch of 'Palakar Kids' has successfully completed their course. To certify the successful students of the course, the group arranged a colourful programme at its Dilu Road office compound. Liakat Ali Lucky, General Secretary of Bangladesh Group Theatre Federation, was present to share the joy of the success with the little theatre activists. All the students of the first batch

named Sakal Belar Pakhi, were in a

gay mood, wearing colourful costumes of the drama Obak Jalpan they staged on the day. The students appeared on the stage dressed as the popular characters like Ramgorurer Chhana, Kumro Potash. Baburam Sapurev from the fascinating writings of Sukumar Ray.

The chief auest highly praised the initiative taken by Palakar. He also appreciated the performance by the students. After the drama, the chief guest handed over the certificate to the successful students. Tapu, one of the senior members of the group, wished to continue such course and announced that they are going to start the second such course from May.

Top Ten Award 2003 by Fortnightly Annanya

HE fortnightly magazine, Anannya, has an annual award for the Top 10 women personalities. Recently, at the National Museum, a function was held to mark the Top Ten Award 2003 for women's extraor dinary contribution in their respective fields.

The awardees of this year are Hamida Hossain (human rights), Selina Bahar Zaman (publishing commemorative books), Kumudini Hajong (movement) Taslima Mansoor (education), Shimoul Yousuff (acting), Aditi Mohsin (music), Yasmine Kabir (film), Rehana Kashem (business), Roksana Salam (fashion designing) and Captain Shahana (aviation).

Eminent educationist Professor Anisuzzaman handed out the awards as the chief guest of the programme Among others Professor Sirajul Islam Chwodhury Anannya Editor Tasmima Hossain, Quazi Madina and woman activist Sultana Kamal were also present at the

Although Selina Bahar Zaman is a talented reciter and presenter, she is better known for editing and publishing commemorative books on eminent personalities. Her dedication, hardship and sincerely for this task is remarkable. Among the personalities she has profiled in her books are Zahur Hossain Chowdhury, Anwara Bahar Chowdhury, Shamsuddin Abul Kalam, Abdul Wahab Mahmud, Begum Shamsun Nahar Mahmud and Begum Rokeva Shakhawat Hossain.

Dr Hamida Hossain was one of the founders of the human rights organisation Ain O Shalish Kendra in 1986. Although she has no academic background in law, she works for human rights and has made tremendous contributions at national and international level. She has also worked to organise the women labourers and small industry workers so that they can get their rights. Among her important publications are No better Options? Industrial Women Workers in Bangladesh and From Crisis to Development.

Women leader Kumudini Hajong struggled to establish the rights of Hajong tribe in the 1940s. The active leader of Tonk Movement, Kumudini Hajong has worked to revive the ideals and memory of Hajong tribe all her life. At the age of 80, she still struggles to achieve her goal.

Dr Taslima Mansoor is the first ever woman Dean of

any faculty in the local university of the country. She has taken several initiatives to revise the syllabus of the law department and producing researchers on law. Many of her write-ups on law and human rights have been published in national and international academic journals.

Business woman Rehana Kashem started out with only Taka 6.000 as her capital in 1983. Now she has established herself as a very successful businesswomen of the country. Her company Shatranj's yearly turnover is Taka 80 lakhs and she provides employment to about 700 women. She feels that women can be socially free only if they get economic freedom.

Captain Shahana has been in the news as being the first all-women-flight commander in the whole of South Asia. She has been flying planes since 1993. Captain of F-28 plane. Shahana thinks that it is not important whether a man or a woman is flying the plane, it is important to take the passengers to their destinations safe and sound. Shimoul Yousuff has been performing on stage since

1963. She is a versatile talent in the field of music and theatre. Music direction and costume designing for plays are her interests as well. She has acted in 600 Shows of different plays like Hat Hodai, Kittonkhola, keramat mangal. Shakuntala. Muntasir Fantasy and many more. Yasmin Kabir has been a celebrated name on the silver

screen recently. Her selection of subjects and originality in

documentary films have made her a prominent name both nationally and internationally. Her well-acclaimed directorial ventures are Sheema Chowdhury, Parabashi Mon Amarand Swadhinota. Aditi Mohsin is a talented Tagore Singer of recent years. She has been acclaimed by both the Indian and

Bangladeshi music lovers as she performed in many programmes at home and abroad. Now a music teacher of Chhayanaut, Aditi performed Tagore songs in the muchdiscussed film Chhinnopathra by Dr Nawajish Ahmed. Aditi Mohsin rendered songs while Shimoul Yousuff

performed a piece of acting at the programme. The 38minute documentary Swadionta by Yasmin Kabir was also screened at the end of the programme.

The awardees expressed their happiness and gratitude to the organisers. They said that the award, an outstanding honour and recognition for their contribution, would inspire future generations to better

# Travelogue

# A travel show offering rewards

**AFSAR AHMED** 

MAGINE, waking up in the high-tech city Kuala Lumpur and looking out of the window to see the world's tallest beauty Petronas Towers gleaming in the morning sun. Or relish the coastline of Penang beach and have fun and frolic on Genting Highlands. This dream of relishing true Asian culture can be real for anyone who regularly watches RC Travel On. The first ever Bangladeshi travel show programme, shot in locations abroad is regularly telecast on Channel-i every Wednesday at 7:55pm. Under the banner of Alpha-i Media Productions Ltd, Shahriar Shakil an enthusiastic youth directed and anchored the show while Dr Aunul Islam worked as an executive producer of the show

The first segments of the programme focus on the spectacular sites of Malaysia and is divided into several episodes, seven of which have already been shown. Malaysia's famous cinematographer Kip Mahfudz worked behind the camera with his unit to shoot the episodes in Malaysia. From their seventh episode they have introduced RC Travel On Special Quiz, where the viewers were asked a question related to the episode. The viewers have to answer all the three questions from the three episodes within a week

A package of 3-days and 2-nights accommodation in a five-star hotel in Malaysia, including the air tickets sponsored by Malaysian Airlines, will be awarded to the first prize winner while the Dhaka-Cox's Bazar tour package will be given to the second position holder. A special gift hamper sponsored by RC Travel On will be given as a third prize. The names of the winners will be declared on its 11th episode.

'To mark our first ever production, we have decided on something unique and the making of an overseas travel show came to our mind, said Shakil, While talking to him one learnt that he was a student of Dhaka University and also a member of the cultural group Shwanan. The vision behind such a programme is to gather knowledge of

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Kyunki Saas Bhi Kabhi

Kasautii Zindagii Kay

Bandhan

Sonpari

Bahu Thi

Kahiin To Hoga

Kaahin Kissi Roz

**DISCOVERY CHANNEL** 

Living Pulse

Celebrity Slimming

New Detectives: Texas

Wild Discovery: African

Splat : Oddworld, Whirl

Mystery Hunters

Orelans

the Jungle

Lockness/Whooper

Globe Trekker: New

Jeremy Clarkson's

Motorwaorld Vietnam

Building the Ultimate

Seven Wonders of the

tinental Railway

Industrial World Transco

America's Great Theme

Speed: Pedal Power



Shahriar Shakil: The man behind the show

different cultures, lifestyles and customs through travel-This information can then be presented to our viewers. We can also promote our culture to the foreigners.

The question may arise that for a country like ours where poverty is the main obstacle, is it viable to do such expensive programmes? 'Though it seems that the programme is only for the upper spectrum of the society. I believe it will help all sections of people who really have a keen interest in different cultures.' said Shakil.

With more such programmes, there is likely to be an improvement in the quality and technology of the electronic media, he said. 'Imagine a travel show where the anchor narrates in

Bangla standing in front of the Great Pyramid. One day I'll make that possible, remarked the enthusiastic director.

# TV GUIDE

## All programmes are in local time. The Daily Star will not be responsible for any change in the programme

## 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.

CHANNEL-i Breakfast News 07:15 am. 9:00am News(Bangla) at 7:15 pm. 9:00.

11:30 pm.

Late Night News(Bangla and English)

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 am.1pm. 2:00 pm.3:00 pm. 4:00pm.6:00 pm.and 8:00 pm.

6:30 pm. 9:45 pm. News (Bangla) 7:30 pm.10:30 pm TARA BANGLA NewsHeadlines(Bangla) at 5:30 pm

News Headlines(Bangla) at 5:02 pm.

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

Tara News Bangladesh(Bangla) at 9:30 pm. **BBC World** Every hour on the hour

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04:05 Open University Quiz Show: Desh O 04:30 Mati O Manush 05:05 05:30 Prescription Shamokalin Aurthoneet 05:55 06:00 Desh Janopod 06:10 Abohoman Bangla Programmes from 06:35 Chittagong Centre 07:00 Weather Forecast

Bhalo Thakun Shustho 07:30 Film Show: Mortal Kombat Conquest 08:30 Drama Serial: Adho Alo Adho Chhaya Drama Serial: Shamudra Shimanay

Drama Serial: Jvotsnai

Kalo Chhaya

Teknaf Theke Tetulia 10:25 10:35 Music Show: Shei 11:00 Classical Instrumental

CHANNEL-i Tritiyo Matra 02:00 Feature Film: Ruposhi Nagini (Champa/Manna) 05:00 Sa Re Ga Ma 05:45 Gaaner Oparey Music Plus 06:10 06:45 **Documentary Show** Shomoyer Kotha Travel On Drama Serial: Kichhu Meah Kichhu Roddur

Drama Serial:

Drama Serial:

Rangdhonur Rang

Nijoshsho Repon

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03:00 Drama Serial: Champa Dangar Bou 03:40 Natoker Gaar 04:15 Drama Serial: Shangshoy 05:05 Itihasher Ei Diney 05:10 Game Show: Ke Korbe Baiimat

05:40 Apnar Jigyasha Shubho Shondhya 06:20 06:50 08:10 Sports World Siddiga Kabir's Recipe 08:50 Kichhu Kotha Kichhu 09:40 Drama Serial: Daria

### Itihasher Ei Diney 11:15 11:20 Dindarpan **TARA BANGLA**

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Serial Swapner Rang

Election Spl. Live

Hoi Hullod

The Frighteners

Baby's Day Out

Three Amigos

Invincible

**STAR MOVIES** 

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# Behind Enemy Lines Going All The Way The Saint Of Fort

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**HBO** 9:45 Bleacher Bums 12:00 Frequency 2:30 Vampire: The Vampire Chronicles Se7en 7:30 One Night at mcCool's 9:30 11:45 The Maiestic

Storyelling

TODAY'S HIGHLIGHTS



STAR MOVIES: 7:00 pm: Behind Enemy lines. Action / War / Drama / Thriller. Owen Wilson, Gene Hackman, Gabriel Macht. Fighter navigator Chris Burnett wants out: he was looking for something more than the boring recon missions he's been flying. He finds himself flying the lone Christmas day mission over war-torn Bosnia. But when he talks pilot Stackhouse into flying slightly off-course to check out an interesting target, the two get shot down. Burnett is soon alone, trying to outrun a pursuing army. HBO: 9:30 pm: Deep Blue Sea. Action

/ Horror / Thriller. Thomas Jane, Saffron Burrows, LL Cool J. Samual L Jackson plays a businessman who sinks \$200 million into a special project to help fight brain cancer. As part of this project, medical biologist Susan McAlester rather naughtily figures out a way to genetically embiggen shark brains, so that cancer-battling enzymes can be harvested. One Night at McCool's 4:30

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Jane Eyre

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Totally Blonde

Detective

Mac Gyver

**STAR WORLD** 

Ace Ventura Pet

Wednesday: Its Raining



PICK OF THE DAY

## Se7en. On HBO at 5:00 pm

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Genre: Thriller / Drama / Mystery / Crime Morgan Freeman, Brad Pitt, Gwyneth Paltrow

Oprah Winfrey Show

Miami Vice

Friends

Charmed

Baywatch

Monk

STAR GOLD

Just Shoot Me

Karen Sisco

Deewana Muihsa Nahin

A film about two homicide detectives' desperate hunt for a serial killer who justifies his crimes as absolution for the world's ignorance of the Seven Deadly Sins. The movie takes us from the tortured remains of one victim to the next as the sociopathic "John Doe" sermonizes to Detectives Sommerset and Mills -- one sin at a time

### Bold And Beautiful 4:30 Muthu Maharaja Hollywood Squares 8:00 Whose Line Is It Anyway 8:30

The Simpsons **STAR PLUS** Home Improven 2:30 3:00 Shagun 3:30 Bahu Thi 4:00

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# Lahoo Ke Do Rang

Kabhi Aaye Na Judai Kvunki Saas Bhi Kabhi Kahaani Ghar Ghar Kii 4:30 Kahiin To Hoga 5:00 Kaahin Kissi Roz

Fox Kids

Hum Saath Aath Hain

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1:30 2:30 4:30 The Crusher 5:00

# 3:00 Wings : Reno air Races 8:30 9:00 9:30 Wild Discovery: Night in

**ANIMAL PLANET** Animal Planet Reveals Elephant Rescue Wild Encounters : A Mountain Goat's Story Jobs for the Boys Klondike & Snow. Keira's Collies, Batworld Greater Swiss Mountain Dogs

Wildlife Specials: Croco Espn School Quiz 2004 Animal Planet Reveals: **STAR SPORTS Grizzly Connection** Animal Planet Reveals: Gillette World Sport 2004 Crowing up Grizzly

English Premier Football

League 2003/04 Newcas-

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The Masters Official Films

Uefa Champions League

2003/04 Monaco Vs Real

Uefa Champions League

The Masters Official Films

2003/04 Arsenal Vs

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**TEN SPORTS** 

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Sportsline (R)

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Straight Drive (L)

Straight Drive (L)

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Madrid Cf Quarte Rfinal

2002 (R)

Sportsline (L)

Hitz (R)

### The Protectors Wildlife Specials Eagle-11:30 Master of the Sky **ESPN**

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English Premier League Archive Programming 11:03 Espn School Quiz 2004 Pool/ Snooker Mosconi 12:00 Cup 2003 (T) Uefa Champions League 2003/04 Monaco Vs Real Madrid Cf Quarte Rfina **English Premier Football** League 2003/04 Liverpoo

England Liverpool Vs Blackburn Rovers (R) Uefa Champions League 2003/04 Arsenal Vs Chelsea Quarterfinal Hitz (T) Sportscenter India (L) Goals! (T)

Uefa Champions League 2003/04 Monaco Vs Real Madrid Cf Quarte Rfinal 11:30 Sportscenter India (R)



ntv: 8:40 pm. Darwazar Opashey. Genre: Drama Serial. Jaya Ahsan, Joy, Tamalika Karmokar, Shams Shumon.