

CULTURAL FEAST



Film show

Title: Wim Wenders Retrospective
Organiser: Zahir Raihan Film Society
Venue: Goethe-Institut Dhaka
Date: 19-21 September

September 19
3.00pm: The American Friend
5.15pm: False Movement
7.00pm: Kings of the Road

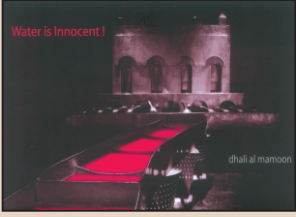
September 20
3.00pm: Lisbon Story
5.00pm: Nick's Film
7.00pm: Paris, Texas

September 21
3.00pm: Until the End of the World
5.40pm: The End of Violence
7.45pm: The Million Dollar Hotel

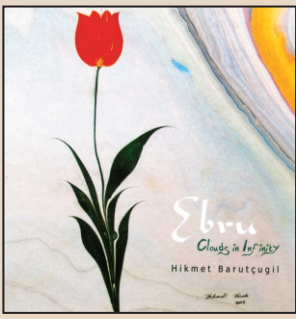
The retrospective features films made by 'New German' filmmaker Wim Wenders (Born, Dusseldorf, Germany, in 1945).

Exhibition

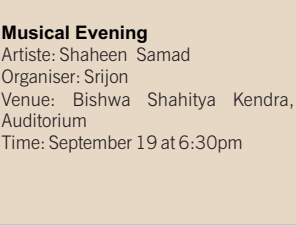
Visual Art



Title: Water is Innocent!
Artist: Dhali Al Mamun
Venue: NK Bhattashali Gallery, National Museum
Time: September 18-24 from 03pm to 08pm



Title: Shamaman-Shahajan
Venue: Charupath, Munshi Meherullah Road, Jessore
Time: September 10-19, From 10 am to 8 pm



Title: Clouds in Infinity
Artist: Hikmet Barutcuoglu (Turkey)
Venue: Bengal Gallery of Fine Arts, 275/F, Road 27 (Old), Dhanmondi
Time: September 23-29 from 12pm to 08pm
The display features Ebru (marbling) work of the Turkish artist

Musical Evening

Artist: Shaheen Samad
Organiser: Srijon
Venue: Bishwa Shahitya Kendra, Auditorium
Time: September 19 at 6:30pm

Mukhosh: A puppet show with a message

FAYZA HAQ

A high point of the cultural week was *Mukhosh*, a puppet show for slum children, held at the Goethe Institut. Along with slum children, were children from the upper echelons of Dhaka society. The programme was presented in such a subtle and sophisticated manner that one longed to stay on for the workshop which followed, if only one had the time and inclination in the steady downpour. The storyline, costumes, stage props, lighting, songs and accompanying music were par excellence. Kamaluddin Nilu of CAT, (who is now back from the Middle East) has groomed a new generation of theatre enthusiasts, who can now present various forms of theatre even in his absence.

Talking to Raihan Akhter, who directed *Mukhosh*, one comprehended that the story was a diatribe against male domination which prevails in the backward areas of our society. The slum children, Raihan said, were being deprived from the right to education and other equal rights for the girl child. The purpose of the show was to raise the awareness of the viewers on important social issues. Raihan's attempt at direction was his first venture. In his four years stint with CAT, he has acted and made masks and puppets necessary for the shows. He learnt the art of mask and puppet making from the various overseas books in the CAT library.

CAT is backed by NORAD (a Norwegian aid organisation).

Marionettes entertain a young audience

dialogue from beforehand. I wouldn't care to be associated with them. With exception, I repeat, our TV drama productions, even when experienced actors and actresses take part, tend to be insipid and hackneyed. This tends to be so unless the story line is based on serious literature such as the writings of Rabindranath Tagore, Nazrul Islam or Bankimchandra. Theatre, as seen onstage, the world over, is a far more serious matter.'

Munir Ahmed Shakil, the stage manager of the CAT puppet show, added that there is a paucity of organisations where theatre personalities can be trained. 'I hope that by our next generation such a place will be established,' asserted Shakil. Asked to talk about any problems that they faced, Shakil said that they were so motivated that they did not mind any sacrifice that they had to face.

The young cast members of *Mukhosh* did ample justice to their parts. Puppet shows such as this clearly can go a long way in transforming society and the lives of the less privileged.

SHORT FILM Interview: An appointment with destiny

SADYA AFREEN MALLICK

Sumon, an only child, has just finished his Masters and is on the lookout for a job. His father, a retired professor, helps him in his endeavours. Meanwhile, Sumon's mother is away visiting her relatives at the village. Sumon seeks to bring her back. With this end in mind, he makes a long overdue visit to the village. As a boy reared in the city, Sumon is in a dilemma when he comes face to face with the problems of rural life. Here he learns that there is only a small divide between life in the city and the village.

The contemporary problems of society are brought into focus by Obaidullah Al Zakir in his short film *Interview*.

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Here he sets certain questions before the audience in his debut film, such as why even after three decades of our independence people still live in misery and wants.

The story centres on the dreams, aspiration, frustrations and sentiments of a middle class family. Abdullah Al Mamun, plays the role of a retired professor. Joyonto Chottopadhaya, takes on the character of a dedicated village school teacher. Fazlur Rahman Babu, Sumon's uncle, who resides in a village plays a humorous character. Keramat Meola, a veteran actor, plays a villain with ease and maturity. Shirin Bokul, a helpless village lass falls prey to the lust of a village contractor. Sumaiya Shimu a new comer, fares well in her role as the fiancé of Sumon.

A sizeable audience gathered at the BRAC centre to watch the premier show of the 67-minute *Interview*. The producer of the film Emdadul Islam, artistes and crew of the short film were also present at the show.

Professor Momtazuddin Ahmed, special guest of the show, said that films with a definite message were welcome. This is true particularly at a time when we are passing through a critical juncture of our lives. Margub Murshed, chairman, Bangladesh Telecommunication Regulatory

Top (L-R) Shirin Bakul and Rezaul Ekram Raju; Bottom Fazlur Rahman Babu and Towkir Ahmed seen in the film

Commission, the chief guest of the programme, also appreciated Zakir's artistic efforts. Noted director, actor Abdullah Al Mamun, pointed out a few negative aspects about the film. He however, complimented the debutant who happens to be his nephew as well, and said 'It is time for newcomers to step into the shoes of directors.' Zakir is an enlisted actor on BTV and Radio. He won the Agrani Bank Children's Literature Award in 1983 for his lyrical drama *Chandan Boyatir Gaan*.

The entry of fresh talents into the film industry, is indeed a welcome development. With greater encouragement, the industry may be able to emerge out of its slump. There is an intense and long overdue need for a film institute to promote this medium.

CAMPUS CHRONICLES

Music that stirs a chord

EMRAN HOSSAIN EMON, JU Correspondent

A group of music lovers from Jahangirnagar University (JU) recently held an unplugged concert on the campus. The musical get together was held to pay homage to the victims of the ghastly bomb attacks across the country and the death of Zakia Sultana Sumi, a JU student who was killed in a tragic road accident on September 6.

Braving inclement weather and a heavy downpour, hundreds of general students thronged the Social Science premises. The students joined hands to express their solidarity with the victims of the bomb blast.

Mohammad Salahuddin Shiplu received huge appreciation from the audience when he presented *Hawker*, a song composed by prominent singer Ayub Bachchu, and dedicated to Sumi. Then he sang a few popular numbers of different prominent bands including some from Kolkata.

The enthusiastic audience applauded when Arko appeared on stage and sang *Jakhon Dhoa Meghe*. He also sang *Keno jani*, *Prithibita naki*, *Tarai tarai* and others.

Syrus sang *Shesh thikana* and *Hridoy Joore*, Tamal sang *Neela* and *Wind of change* and *You took my heart*. Achinto sang *Kanchan Jangha* and *Jeremir Behala*, while Rumi sang *Ami tomakei bole debo* and *Joler dame*.

The same group had also arranged another unplugged concert on April 17 last—the first of its kind on the campus. The current concert showed the student at their musical best and went a long way in paying respects to the victims of the bomb attacks.

Screening of East European Films

CULTURAL CORRESPONDENT

Andrei Tarkovsky (USSR), Jan Hrebekj (Czech Republic), Ivanka Grabcheva (Bulgaria), Goran Paskaljevic (Croatia), Miklos Juncso (Hungary) and Andrei Konchalovski (Russia)—these big names are not new to the film lovers of our country. They are the famous East European film directors.

Dhaka Film Society (DFS), the film wing of Centre for Asian Arts and Cultures (CAAC), is to shortly organise a special film session titled 'East European Films'. The six films from different countries of East Europe will be screened from September 19 to 21. *Ivan's Childhood* of Andrei Tarkovsky at 4 pm and *Divided We Fall* of Jan Hrebekj at 6pm will be screened on the first day of the session on September 19, Sunday. On September 20, *One Calorie of Tenderness* of Ivanka Grabcheva at 4:00 pm and *Cabaret Balkan* of Goran Paskaljevic at 6:00 pm and September 21, *Electra My Love* of Miklos Juncso at 3:00 pm and *The Odyssey* of Andrei Konchalovski at 5:00 pm will be screened at the auditorium of Russian Centre of Science & Culture (House-510, Road-7, Dhanmondi), Dhaka.

The film screening is open to all. This film session is a part of a three day- long workshop of DFS







Celebrating 30 years of UN membership

CULTURAL CORRESPONDENT

The Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy (BSA) arranged a cultural programme at the Academy premises on September 17. The function was held to observe 30 years of Bangladesh's membership in the United Nations.

In his opening speech, Ahmed Nazir, the Director General of BSA, focussed on the formation and activities of the UN.

Next in line after the speech, was a cultural programme presented by four dance groups. Zinnat Barkatullah, Director, Department of Production of BSA said, 'The young artistes have been given priority in the programme.' The title of the first dance was *Swapner Banshi*, composed by Shafikur Rahman. The titles of the other dance events were *Matir Gandha*, composed by SM Talut, *Hasan Raja*, composed by Sultana Haider and *Pahari Nritya*, composed by MR Wasek. Besides the dance events, Fatemi, Nirjhor, Badrunnesa Dalia and Manir



A dance sequence from Swapner Banshi

Khan presented songs. Moreover, regular instrumentalists of BSA presented a musical piece.

TV GUIDE

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

News Bulletin

BTV
News Headlines (Bangla) at 8:55 am. 12:10 pm. 2:00 pm. 3:00 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
News (Bangla) at 7:15 am. 9:00am. 7:15 pm, 9:00pm, 10:30, 12:15 am.
Telecast of BTV news (Bangla and English) at 11:30 pm.

ATN BANGLA
News (Bangla) at 7:00 am. 10:00am. 2:00 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 9:00 a.m., 10:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m., 1:00 p.m., 3:00 p.m., 4:00pm. 6:00 pm and 8:00 pm.

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News Headlines (Bangla) at 10:00 am. 12:00 am. 6:15 pm. 9:30 pm.
News (Bangla) 7:30 am. 2:00 pm. 5:00 pm. 7:30 am. 10:30 pm.
Telecast of BTV News (Bangla and English) at 11:30 pm.

TARA BANGLA
News-Headlines (Bangla) at 5:30 pm. 7:30pm.
Tara News (Bangla) at 8:30 pm.

CHANNEL-i
09:45 Tritiyo Matra
10:30 Tele Prescription
11:30 Hridoye mati o manush
12:00 Chithi Pelam
12:30 Aj Dupurey O Citycell
01:00 Tarokakothon
Ebong Cinemar Gaan
01:25 Public Reaction
01:30 Bangla Feature Film: Chacha Bhatija (Rani, Wasim)
04:00 Banglar Gaan
04:30 Toyota Wild Life
05:00 Sa Re Ga Ma
05:35 Janapoder Khobor
05:45 FCT Business Talk
06:10 Music Plus
06:45 Flop Show
07:50 Special Programme
08:25 Rupkatha
09:35 Drama Serial: Kothamrito
10:00 Drama Serial: Idanang Tini Deshpremik
11:25 ATN BANGLA
10:30 Annodrishti
11:15 Drama Serial: Baba Bangla Feature Film: Bhulona Amay
03:45 Musical Programme
04:20 Drama: Dujonar Duti Path
05:00 Gram gonjer khobor
05:45 Jibon jiggesha
06:20 The Three Stooges
08:00 Danish Pathe Pathe
08:30 Drama Serial: Kalo phor O annano
09:00 The Adventure of Sindbad
09:30 Mohona
10:30 Khola Chokhe
12:30 Choloman Desh
12:30 HBO
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Shubho Shondhya
Khabor Deshey Deshey
Drama serial: Teen Purush
Right Click
Drama Serial: Chena Dukkha
Chena Shukh Dindarpan
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PICK OF THE DAY

Charlotte Gray
On HBO at 8:30 pm
Genre: Drama/War/Romance
Cast: Cate Blanchett, Billy Crudup
Charlotte, a young Scottish woman, who has studied in France, is living in London during World War II. Within weeks she both falls in love with a young pilot and is recruited by the Secret Service to act as a courier for the French Resistance. However her mission behind enemy lines becomes a personal mission to find her lover who has been shot down. Assigned to a Communist Resistance group she encounters acts of betrayal from sometimes unexpected

1:00 Millennium Man
9:15 To Kill A King
11:00 Kung Pow: Enter The Fist
12:20 Spider
2:00 Stone Cold
3:30 Holy Man
5:25 Black Knight
7:00 Barbershop
8:40 Predator 2
11:30 Kung Pow: Enter The Fist
12:00 All The Queensi/S Men
1:00 Hum Hai Bemisaal
1:00 Soldier
4:30 Maya
5:00 Suhaagan
8:30 Mercury Rising-

Hindi Dubbed
Coolie No 1
STAR PLUS
2:05 Hit Filmeln Hit Sangeet
Mail Milap
2:25 Doodh Ka Karz
3:30 Hit Filmeln Hit Sangeet
6:30 Fox Kids
7:30 Vikraal Aur Gabraal
8:30 Paaasa - Tripple Aar
11:30 Pardey Ke Peechey
12:05 Hit Filmeln Hit Sangeet
STAR GOLD
9:00 John Doe
2:30 The Apprentice
4:30 Ed
5:30 Journeys In Asian Cuisine
6:00 Travel Asia
6:30 Baywatch Hawaii
7:30 Stark Raving Mad
8:00 Fashion Tv
8:30 The Kumars At No. 42
9:00 Rendezvous With Simi Garewal
9:30 Britannia India's Child Genius
10:30 Cover Story
11:00 Top Drive Getaway
11:30 Stark Raving Mad
12:00 The X Files
CARTOON NETWORK
2:00 Archie's Weird Mysteries
2:30 Teen Titans
3:00 The Popeye Show
3:30 Dexter's Laboratory
4:00 Courage the Cowardly Dog
4:30 Spiderman
5:00 Men in Black
5:30 Universal Titles
7:00 Tom and Jerry Show
7:30 Whatever Happened to Robot Jones?
8:00 .Com Pick
8:30 Spiderman
9:00 Men in Black
9:30 Tom and Jerry Show
10:00 The Popeye Show
10:30 The Mask
11:00 Sylvester and Tweety Mysteries
11:30 The New Scooby-Doo Movies
12:30 Godzilla

3:30 Anaconda
5:30 Now See This
6:00 Wrc 2004 Rally Xs
6:30 The Amazing Race
7:30 Ripley's Believe It Or Not!
8:30 Cast Away
11:30 Mile High (Season I)
DISCOVERY
12:00 Popular Mechanics or Kids : Behind the Scenes at Big Events
12:30 Amazing Baby Videos
1:30 Discovery Sunday: Sextuplets
2:30 Discovery Sunday: 21st Century Brothers
3:30 History Weekend: Metropolis Rome
4:30 History Weekend: Mistresses, The Mistress and The Wife
5:30 History Weekends: Terra X American Riddle
6:30 History Weekends: Mystries of the British Museum
7:30 Wings: Elite Choppers Birds of Prey
8:30 Discover Sunday: Secrets of the South Pacific : Islands of War
9:30 Discovery Sunday: Story of Us
10:30 Night Safari: Ancient Tides
11:30 Understanding Gizmos & Widgits
ANIMAL
12:30 Godzilla

PLANET
12:30 The Natural World: Man Eaters of Tsavo
1:30 The Life of Birds:
2:30 The Mastery of Flight
Animal Planet
Showcase: In Search of the Giant Anaconda
3:30 On The Edge: Crocodile Hunter Diaries, The Days of Disaster
4:30 On The Edge: Mad Mike and Mark Year Lion Feeding
5:30 In The Wild Ewan McGregor : Polar Bears
6:30 The Zoo
7:00 Wild Island: More Than 2 Zoo
7:30 Aussie Animal Rescue: Roo Release
8:00 The Crocodile Hunter Diaries: Flood Waters Rising
8:30 The Natural World: Dangerous Australians
9:30 The Natural World: Deadly Viper
10:30 Eye of the Tiger
10:30 Wildvision Secret Life of the Tiger
11:30 Secret World of Gardens
12:00 Secret World of Gardens 2: Creepy Crawlies
NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC
12:00 Hayden Turner's

12:30 Wildlife Chall Explorations
1:30 Sea Hunters
2:30 Beyond The Movie
3:30 Wildlife Detectives
4:00 Hayden Turner's Wildlife Chall
4:30 On Assignment
5:30 Tomorrow's World
6:00 Storm Stories
6:30 Storm Stories
7:30 Sea Hunters
8:30 Explorations
9:30 Air Crash Investigation
10:30 National Geographic Special
11:30 Battle Of The Hood & Bismarck
STAR SPORTS
9:00 Firm World
Motorcycle Championship On The Grid Japan (L)
9:30 Firm World
Motorcycle Championship Japan
250cc(L); 500cc(L); 125cc(S)(L)
12:00 Asian Tour Weekly
2004 (R)
12:30 Tennis Championships Delray Beach
Fl Usa Semifinal #1(R)
2:00 Wta Tour Wismilak International
Indonesia Ladies Singles Final(L)
4:00 Uefa Champions League Magazine Shows (T)