

Dhali Al Mamoon's powerful visual art

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ARTIST Dhali Al Mamoon's assertion 'Water is Innocent!' may sound outrageous especially at this time when many parts of the country are still under water after the heavy down-pour of last week.



Water is Innocent!: Red water submerges the replica of the Chakma Rajbari

is a presentation of the loss of an ethnic heritage, the Chakma Rajbari (palace). The huge water body created by the dam has completely submerged most of the Chakma establishments.

sounds of a video documentary being screened there. The documentary shows the vast body of water in the Kaptai Lake, while the sounds of slightly obscured Tibetan chant create an awe-inspiring feeling in the mind of the spectators.

troughs while red water spills across the paintings in the troughs. Mamoon opines that converting the ethnic people into other religions have been another form of brutal colonialism, which is an aggression on the ethnicity of these people.

Mamoon's 'understanding and capability of working in different mediums of visual arts and cinematic forms are comprehensively evident here,' says Abul Mansur regarding this recent project.

The 'multi-disciplinary visual art project', as Mamoon calls his work, presents a metaphorical expression of the effect of the Kaptai barrage on the ethnic community of the Chittagong Hill Tracts. The installation depicts different connotations of the natural element, water, in the sociopolitical and religious levels of these ethnic people's life.

The central artwork at the display

Zeenat to Graduate soon

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She was the sizzler of the 1970s in Bollywood. But time has not withered her appeal and she is back in the news and remains close to the world of acting, be it the big screen or the theatre.

That is the story of actress Zeenat Aman who has dazzled the silver screen with films like Hare Rama Hare Krishna and Shalimar and lending her lips to hit songs like Dum Maro Dum, Aap Jaisa Koi Nahin and Laila O Laila.

Aman is now ready to take the stage with the first Indian adaptation of the super-hit Hollywood movie of 1967 The Graduate, starring Dustin Hoffman and Anne Bancroft.

The stage performance of The Graduate will see Aman in the role of Mrs Robinson, played in the film by Bancroft, a middle-aged woman who seduces young graduate Benjamin Braddock essayed by Hoffman in the movie.

The Graduate had also been successfully produced on the stage in the Broadway with Jerry Hall playing the role of Mrs Robinson.

In theatre, says the actress, there is no re-take and whatever you do right or wrong it is there. In cinema, the challenge is different. The actor has to sustain the emotion of the role he or she is playing till the shot is over to the satisfaction of the director, adds Aman.

When Zeenat Aman, after a long hibernation from cinema, staged a comeback to movie with Bhopal Express and Kaizad Gustad directed Boom recently, it



was another instance of Bollywood re-discovering the acting potential of an old-timer in line with Sharmila Tagore, Tanuja, Jaya Bachchan and Moushumi Chatterjee.

Away from films, Aman is enjoying the role of a single mother and her 18-year-old son is studying films in London.

Street-theatre with aplomb

Four young French performers in town

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Quatre symphonie pour valise, a delectable street theatre show by four young performers from Limoges and Toulouse (France), was held on September 17. The delightful and expert street-theatre performers were Gaëlle Chabrol, Anais Longieras, Elsa Coeffe and Caroline Guilout.

The stage was covered with a turquoise and white striped tarpaulin covering. One of the chopped trees in the sitting area had been draped with matching twisted layers of cloth. Idyllic floral motifs were found on the two sides of the setting. There were two spotlights. Necessary music was piped in. Despite the fact that three of the part-time performers were lost on the way—(before the performance) both the children and adults were laughing merrily and clapping with delight at each segment of the performance.

The four young ladies said that they performed in France in the same manner, going along the streets of France, not minding any bad weather or odd response as they had been trained to act at any cost. They acted both with adults and children in France, and here they had worked with 20 street children, at a boys' hostel in Dhaka.



Performers seen at an enchanting evening

dren in a workshop in future in Dhaka, to celebrate the week of Children's Rights, sometime in future. The steady rains in Dhaka had arrested final future planning. They had been requested by Pascal Janovjak, the Deputy Director, AF to give a performance for the audience that day.

Asked how the troupe had come together and if they faced any difficulties while performing they said, 'In France, ten years ago, the four of us had got together to create street-theatre for children, calling ourselves, Un treffe a quatre femmes. When we were much younger, as girls we practiced with Gaëlle, our leader. It didn't matter that three of us were lost along the way to Alliance Francaise as we are trained to perform with self-confidence under any circumstances.'

The street theatre show brightened one's spirits despite the dull weather and the humdrum of urban existence.

'Road movies' of Wim Wenders are screened

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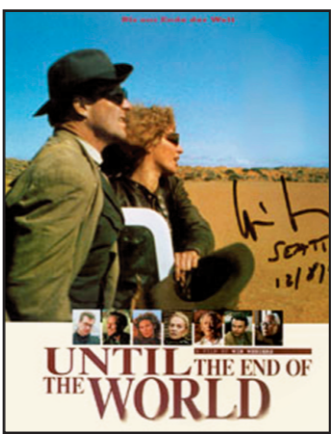
Wim Wenders is the well known contemporary German filmmaker. At the same time, he is the most 'American' of all the 'New German' filmmakers. He grew up in the late 1960s as a filmmaker, though he had previously studied medicine and painting.

He studied filmmaking at the newly founded Munich Film School. His early short and experimental films contain long takes with almost no camera movement. His graduation film Summer in the City was shot on 16mm black and white film.

produced films like The American Friend (1977), Nick's Film Lightening over Water (1980), The State of Things (1982, winner of 'Golden Bear' at Berlin), Hammett (1983), Paris, Texas (1984, winner of 'Golden Palm' at Cannes).



German film maestro Wim Wenders



Some of his critically acclaimed recent films are: Wings of Desire (1987), Until the End of the World (1991), Lisbon Story (1994), Beyond the Clouds (1996, made jointly with world renowned Italian filmmaker Michelangelo Antonioni), The End of Violence (1997), Buena Vista Social Club (1999) and The Million Dollar Hotel (2000). Wim Wenders is the honorary president of the European Film Academy.

TV GUIDE

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

CHANNEL-i

- 09:45 Tritiyo Matra
11:30 Kathamrito
12:00 Chithi Pelam
12:30 Aaj Dupurey
01:00 Ebong Cinemar Gaan
01:30 Public Reaction
01:30 Bangla Feature Film: Achena Manush
04:00 Banglar Gaan
05:00 Sa Re Ga Ma
05:35 Janapoder Khobor
05:45 Aalokito Bangladesh
06:10 Music Plus
06:45 Banijyo o Arthoniti
07:50 Drama Serial: Keboli Raat Hoyo Jay
08:25 Drama Serial: Bijli Boarding
09:35 Film Show: Beast Master
10:00 Drama Serial: Amader Chhoto Nodi
08:30 Gombhira
09:00 Khabor Deshey Deshey
09:30 Expedition to Animal Kingdom
10:05 Natoker Gaan
10:30 Dhakar Cinema
02:30 Drama Serial: Tin Purush
03:05 Right Click
03:40 Drama Serial: Chena Dukkha
04:25 Putul Naach
05:20 Aapnar Jigyasha

- 06:20 Shubho Shondhya
06:50 Crime Watch
08:15 Drama Serial: Sporsher Bairey
08:50 Sunsilok Opshora
09:40 Drama Serial: Chena Dukkha
11:20 Dindarpan
10:30 Annordrishti
11:15 Drama Serial: Baba
11:50 Law Based Programme
12:30 Bangla Feature Film: Love in Simla
03:45 Uro Cola Saat Rang
04:20 Flying House
05:10 Matir Subas
05:45 Islami sawaal o jawab
06:20 Shobar Jonya
08:00 Shongshar Jibon
08:30 Drama Serial: Nesantik
09:00 Sushtha thakun
10:35 Katha Mala
08:15 Striking Distance
10:15 The Incredible Shrinking Woman
12:00 Rock Star
2:00 Titanic Town
4:00 The Skulls II
6:00 Tales from the Crypt 11: Split Second
6:45 Proof of Life
9:30 Black Hawk Down
12:15 On Deadly Ground
2:15 Leap of Faith
4:15 Rock Star

PICK OF THE DAY
Keboli Raat Hoyo Jay
On Channel-i at 7:50 p.m.
Genre: Drama Serial
Cast: Doli Zahur, Mahfuz, Sweeti

- DISCOVERY
12:30 Perfect Man
1:00 What not to Wear
1:30 Baby Stories
2:00 Kitchen Chemistry
2:30 Detective Stories
3:30 Will Discovery
4:30 Mystery Hunters
5:00 Truth or Scare
5:30 Bazaar
6:00 Great Castles of Europe
6:30 Ushuaia Nature
7:30 Will Discovery
8:30 Amazing baby Videos
9:00 Amazing baby Videos
9:30 Monster House
10:00 Unsolved History

12 Monkeys
On Star Movies at 8:30 p.m.
Genre: Action/ Thriller/ Sci-fi
Cast: Brad Pitt, Bruce Willis

- STAR MOVIES
8:45 Black Knight
10:30 Reality Bites
12:10 Shark Attack
1:40 Man From Elysian Fields
3:25 Looking For Richard
5:15 Groundhog Day
7:00 Bollywood Queen
8:30 12 Monkeys
10:45 Reality Bites
12:30 Mister Johnson
STAR GOLD
9:50 Kuch Hit Kuch Superhit
9:55 Baazi

- STAR WORLD
2:30 Oprah Winfrey
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 That '70s Show
9:00 Still Standing
9:30 Yes Dear
10:00 Becker
10:30 Boston Public
11:30 Baywatch
AXN
10:30 The World's Scariest Explosions Caught On Tape 1
11:30 Rescue 911 71
12:00 Rescue 911 72
12:30 Alias (Season Iii) 20
1:30 Worst-Case Scenario 21
2:30 The World's Scariest Explosions Caught On Tape 1
3:30 7 Days (Season Iii) 12
5:30 Global Adventure 3
6:30 U.S. Seals II: The Ultimate Force 1
8:30 24 (Season 2) 19
9:30 Fear Factor (Season I) 23
10:30 3 Ninjas: High

- ANIMAL PLANET
12:30 On the Edge
1:30 Secret World of Gardens
2:30 Animal Planet Showcase
3:30 Animal Doctor
4:00 Emergency Vets
5:00 Breed All About It
5:30 Planet's Funniest Animals
6:30 Planet's Funniest Animals
7:00 Amazing Animal Videos
7:30 The Most Extreme
8:30 Crocodile Hunter Diaries The (Season 3) New Zoo, A
9:30 Mad Mike and Mark Year O Guad Bike
10:30 Animal Planet Showcase
11:30 TV with Teeth Mamba
NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC
1:30 Croc Chronicles
2:00 Wildlife Diary
2:30 Built For The Kill
3:30 Frontlines Of Construction
4:30 Sears Towers
5:30 Dogs With Jobs

- 6:00 Hayden Turner's Wildlife Chall
6:30 Planet Wild
7:00 Toyota World Of Wildlife
7:30 National Geographic Special
8:30 Croc Chronicles
9:00 Wildlife Diary
9:30 Built For The Kill
10:30 Frontlines Of Construction
11:30 Sears Towers
ESPN
12:30 Champions League Extra Uefa
2:30 Cricket Show
3:00 Final Score
3:30 English Premier Football League
5:30 English Premier Football League Liverpool Vs Middlesbrough (R)
7:30 English Premier League Highlights
8:30 Sportscenter
9:00 Uefa Champions League Magazine Shows
9:30 English Premier Football League Arsenal Vs Bolton Wanderers
11:30 Sportscenter India (R)
12:00 Sportscenter Asia (S)
STAR SPORTS