

CULTURAL FEAST

Exhibition

Artists: 44 artists including eminent and promising painters like Rafiqunnabi, Hashem Khan and S Kabir.

Venue: Art and Soul, House 16, Road 36, Gulshan 1

Time: October 01-15, from 11am to 9pm

Title: Portrait

Artists: Abdul Manan, Abdus Sattar Taufique, Alakesh Ghosh, Al Imam, Jamal Ahmed, Hamiduzzaman Khan, Hashem Khan, Monirul Islam, Nasim Ahmed Nadevi, Nisar Hossain, Qayyum Chowdhury, Rafiqun Nabi, Samirji Roy Chowdhury, Shafiq Omar, Shahjahan Ahmed Bikash, Shaikh Afzal, Shishir Bhattacharjee, SM Saiful Islam

Venue: Gallery Shilparag, House 15, Road 16, Dhanmondi

Time: October 01-15, from 11am to 8pm

Title: Matter Realism

Artist: Farida Yesmin

Venue: Zainul Gallery-1, Institute of Fine Arts, Dhaka University

Time: October 08-15, from 3pm to 8pm

Title: My Camera Friend

Artist: Roufrouf Shalib Karim

Venue: Shilpanag Gallery, House 25, Road 5, Dhanmondi

Time: October 07-10 from 10am to 08:30pm

Title: Rop Labonye Bangladesh

Artists: Alakesh Ghosh, Jamal Ahmed, Nasreen Begum, Rezaun Nabi, Nisar Hossain, Lala, Sheikh Afzal, Shishir Bhattacharjee, Muniruzzaman and Ahmed Nazir

Venue: Gallery Chitrag, House 21, Road 4, Dhanmondi

Time: October 03-12, from 10am to 08pm

Title: Exhibition of 12 Contemporary Young Artists

Organiser: Nadim's Cultural Education Development Organization

Venue: Russian Cultural Centre, House 510, Road 7, Dhanmondi

Time: October 10-20, from 11am to 8pm

Photography Exhibition

Title: Rajathan: Where History Lives

Organiser: North South University Photography Club

Venue: BTA Tower, Room no. 100, North South University

Time: October 10-14, from 11am to 6pm

Musical Soiree

Title: Solo recital

Artist: Khaled Husain

Venue: Nazrul Institute, Kebabhaban, 330-B, Road 28, Dhanmondi

Time: October 11, at 4:00 pm

World Children and Women Cultural Programme

Venue: Bishwa Shahitya Kendra

Time: October 10, at 4pm

Programmes: Celebrating 60th birth anniversary of Nirmalendu Goon, Publication ceremony of Surjer Antarey Jete by Golam Faruq, Children's cultural competition, Poetry recitation, Observing the 50th death anniversary of Poet Jibanananda Das, Dance and music recitals, Prize distribution

Sixteen rock groups come to the aid of ailing Boyati

CULTURAL CORRESPONDENT

It was one of the biggest and most emotional concerts in recent times at Shilpakala Academy on October 8. Titled Shotto Kaaj-e Keu Noy Raji, the presentation of 16 bands was an amalgamation of both the underground and the mainstream bands.

A crowd-turnout of almost 700 filled the auditorium, chanting for their favourites as they appeared on stage. Metal Maze, Nagorik, Celcius, Echoes, Birodh, Kronik, Stentorian, Pentagon, Warfaze, dNA, Aurhohin, Artcell, Maqsood O Dhaka featuring Fakir Alamgir, Arbovirus, Aashor and finally Black catered to a whole lot of audiences to save a musician's life.

The music ranged from rock, alternative and heavy metal, to pop and disco element songs, to suit every taste, and thus keeping the crowd energetic and jumping to their favourite tunes. Iron Maiden and Metallica numbers were covered at large at the event, along with the bands' own popular numbers.

The presence of Abdur Rahman Boyati, in the arena for quite a long duration, made it a rather emotional gathering for both the audience and the performers. As Boyati said, 'Neither the Government nor any other institution came to my aid. The musicians and the musical community and the organisers mean a lot to me. I want to sing again and prove that I value them.'

As the convener of this event, Shipul said,



An emotional Abdur Rahman Boyati speaks before the crowd

'Such a huge participation from the musicians and amadergan.com is overwhelming. Abdur Rahman Boyati does mean a lot to the musical community of Bangladesh. He has made folk music immensely popular and the fusion of his song Mon amar deha ghor with our band culture was actually the first step towards folk music promotion amongst our generation. Working together to help such an artiste is an honour.'

Indeed, this was one of those rare moments when the young musical community came together for a worthy cause. The venue, sound system and lights along with the bands, performed free of cost to host such an event.

Despite the poor sound quality, the concert was indeed a crowd puller, especially for those who have followed Rahman Boyati throughout his musical career.

The first ever multiplex cinema theatre now in Dhaka

Grand show opens with the masked marvel

AFSAR AHMED

FINALLY, the breathtaking waiting of the movie freaks ended as the Show Motion Limited along with Bashundhara Group kicked off the journey of the country's first international standard state-of-the-art multiplex cinema theatre, Star Cineplex, at the Bashundhara City Project by releasing Spiderman 2.

October 9 was the official media

launch as well as the public opening of the multiplex theatre complex. A costume-performance of 'spidey' acrobatics captivated the jovial audience at the opening ceremony.

Mirka Rahman, Managing Director of Show Motion Ltd., Mostafizur Rahman, Executive Director of Bashundhara Group, Fazlul Karim, Managing Director of Discovery Ltd. Panasonic, Gitanko Datta of Standard Char-

tered, and Rabeth Khan, Executive Director of Show Motion Ltd. spoke on the occasion.

This venture seeks to bring back the movie lovers of the country to the fold. Because of the dismal condition of the cinema halls, many of them had unfortunately drifted away, said Mirka. 'Moreover, by showing latest international blockbusters, we can change the piracy scenario of the country. Also, we hope to boost up the ailing film industry by promoting promising Bangla films at this multiplex,' she added.

So what is exactly in this 25,000sq ft multiplex? An excited Rabeth claims, 'The three theatres have the latest equipment to maximise the audio and visual entertainment.' Each hall has sitting arrangements for 262 viewers. 'The digital Christie Projection System brought directly from California makes the technical qualities of our multiplex one of the best in the continent,' Rabeth added.

For brilliant soundproofing and good acoustics, the ceilings of the halls have glass wool layers. The Klipsch Speakers, world leaders in theatre sound systems, will ensure a more realistic audio experience. A huge lobby with a 175-foot long service stall outside the theatre can easily capture one's attraction. How long will the city dwellers

have to wait for a new movie? 'We have secured rights to all films released by FOX, UIP, Columbia and Warner Brothers. Initially, within a month of a movie's release in India, we will have it on our screens. Later, however, we will be having premiere of films on the same day they are released in India,' said Rabeth.

But the bad news for the Hindi movie lovers is that Hindi films have not got permission for screening. However, to promote the country's own film industry, 'we'll definitely show good Bangla movies like Duratta, Bachelor, Padma Nodir Majhi and others,' he said.

Although the ticket price is quite high as for English movies--it varies from Tk 150 to Tk 225 and for Bangla movies from Tk 90 to Tk 125--Rabeth does not consider it a high price for the young movie geeks. 'A survey conducted by Show Motion reveals that most of the participants wish to watch two films a week,' informed Rabeth. 'In four weeks' time there will be three different films in the three theatres.' Titles like 50 First Dates, Welcome to the Jungle, Collateral, Bride and Prejudice, Fahrenheit 9/11 and many others are on the list following Spiderman 2. The show times are 12.30pm, 5.30pm and 8pm.



R-L: Mostafizur Rahman, Mirka Rahman, Rabeth Khan, Fazlul Karim and Gitanko Datta at the inaugural ceremony

Theatre Institute Chattagram

Cultural fiesta at the Theatre Institute of Chattagram

ERSHAD KAMOL from Chittagong

During the middle stage of the popular Nazrul song Tepantarer mathe, Amar khuoya poaray nai ruchi, Shimul Yousuff's voice modulation struck a responsive chord in the audience present at the Theatre Institute of Chattagram (TIC) Auditorium on October 8. Equally impressive were her renderings of songs of Rajanikanta, Tagore and Lalou. The occasion was the second day of the ongoing three-day cultural celebration of the new venue in Chittagong.

The second singer of the evening was Shefali Ghosh, otherwise known as the 'queen of regional song'. She was greeted warmly by the audience who were regaled with a verse from a ritual song, followed by Aamar Jasimuddin koi, Jodi shundar ekta mukh paitam, O Manurey, O Shama Rengune na jajo and Ore natri. Her wonderful stage performance with several indigenous instruments was



Shefali Ghosh rendering her popular numbers

impressive. Later, folksinger Abdur Rahim presented some songs. His wonderful voice modulation in Krishnallila, Tomaro lagiare bondhu, touched the hearts of the audience. He then presented some other folk songs like Guru upay balo na and others. Folk

artist Kalpana Lala, the last performer, was equally impressive.

Earlier in the programme, Mayor of Chittagong City Corporation ABM Mahiuddin Chowdhury presented credits to the artistes. Poet Tridib Dostidar recited his poem in the opening session.

SEMINAR

Crises and Potential of Our Theatre

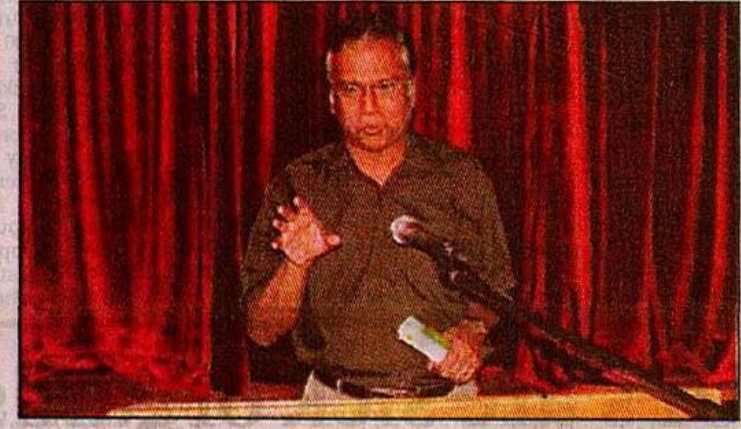
As part of the ongoing cultural event in Chittagong, a seminar was held at the TIC Auditorium on October 8. The topic of the keynote paper of the seminar was Crises and Potential of Our Theatre presented by drama personality Nasiruddin Yousuff, the president of Shamilito Shankskrit Jote (SSJ). The seminar was presided over by Dr. Anupam Sen. Ahmed Iqbal Haider, the director of TIC was the moderator.

Nasiruddin Yousuff in his presentation focuses on the political, social and artistic crises of theatre in Bangladesh. According to him, cultural activities of our country have often faced political threats. Yousuff cited examples of the bomb blasts at the programmes of Chhayanaut, Udichi and others. Moreover, sometimes the cultural practitioners get bogged down by the conservative society, he

noted. But, according to Yousuff, the most important element confronting theatre is the artistic crisis. So many years after the British Raj ended, we are still very much influenced by the European trend particularly in theatre. Though we have a rich tradition in Bangladesh, we do not have a unique theatre form based on our tradition, pointed out Yousuff. After his speech several theatrical activists like Lucky Inam, MSA Chowdhury, Shishir Datta, Mahub Hasan and Professor Chowdhury Zahurul Haque discussed on Yousuff's paper.

The most interesting aspect of the seminar was the reaction to Yousuff's presentation by Chowdhury Zahurul Haque, a professor in the Department of Fine Arts, Chittagong University. Haque claimed that Yousuff's presentation, while full of ideas, had limited application. He thinks, while a few experimental productions can be staged according to his view, no trend can however be created.

Despite the active participation of all, the discussants failed to uphold another vital theme of the topic--that of the potential or future of our theatre.



Nasiruddin Yousuff presenting the keynote paper

Malaika: Charlie's new angel

Indian model-turned-actress Malaika Arora Khan is acting in a Hindi version of Charlie's Angels and she plays one of the angels.

Known as the original 'item girl' (actresses who appear in just one, usually sizzling, dance sequences in a Bollywood film), Khan is trying to break new grounds by doing full-length roles.

A take off on the original Hollywood flicks on three crime-fighting women, the film will go on the floors in February. 'I play this really dashing character, and it's great fun,' said Arora. 'I am at a stage in my career where roles are being offered to me right, left and centre. They are really dime a dozen. But I'm selecting only the ones that are really interesting to me.'

Once an extremely successful MTV VJ, she is now concentrating completely on her acting career. 'Being shot next year,' said Arora, 'it's a typical Bollywood film full of fight, emotion, song and dance.' She has one more untitled film in her kitty. 'I play myself in a film that is also being shot next year,' said Arora.



TV GUIDE

PICK OF THE DAY



Adekha Bhuban On ntv at 8:20 pm Drama Serial Cast: Shamima Naznin, Amirul Haq Chowdhury



To Kill A King On Star Movies at 8:50 pm Genre: Drama Cast: Tim Roth, Dougray Scott, Olivia Williams

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 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) at 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 am, 11:00 am, 1:00pm, 3:00 pm, 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 pm, 10:30 pm. Telecast of BTV News (Bangla and English) at 11:30 pm.

TARA BANGLA

News-Headlines (Bangla) at 5:30 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

CHANNEL-i

09:45 Tritiya Matra 10:30 Tele Prescription 11:30 Hindoye mai o manush 12:00 Chithi Pelam 12:30 A J Dupprey O Citycell 01:00 Tarakalokion 01:25 Eboing Cinemar Gaan Public Reaction 01:30 Bangla Feature Film Banglar Gaan 04:00 Banglar Gaan 04:30 Toyota Wild Life Sa Ra Ga Ma 05:00 Sa Ra Ga Ma 05:35 Janapoker Khorob Jaria 06:10 Music Plus 07:50 Shanchila 08:25 Rupkatha 09:35 Shampurna Rangpen 10:00 Drama Serial: Idening Tini Deshprenik

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06:00 Ajker Shakal 08:30 Rangar Manush 09:20 Shanshikri Ei Shoptaho 10:02 Alakar 10:30 Gallery 11:00 Tumi Ar Ami 11:30 Ki Kolha Tahar Shaihey 12:02 American Cinema 02:35 Drama Serial: Rangar Manush 03:05 Tele Film 04:25 Japan Video Topics 05:20 Aprar Jigyasha 06:20 Shubho Shondhya Khorob Deshey Deshey 08:15 Drama serial: Adekha Bhuban 08:50 Right Click 09:40 Drama Serial: Chena Dukha Achena Shukh 11:25 Dindapan

ATN BANGLA

10:30 Annodishil

11:15 Drama Serial: Baba Cine Aha

11:50 Cine Aha 12:30 Bangla Feature Film: Nazma 03:45 Musical Programme Gram gon'er khorob 05:00 Gram gon'er khorob 05:45 Jibon jiggasha 06:20 The Three Stooges 08:00 Danish Patho Patho 08:30 Drama Serial: Kalo phor O armano 09:00 The Adventure of Sindbad 09:30 Mohona 12:20 Chokman Desh

HBO

9:30 Random Hearts 12:15 Ball 2:30 The Little Rascals 4:15 Lost And Found 6:15 The Quick And The Dead 8:30 Batman Forever 11:00 Patriot Games 1:15 Body Shots

STAR MOVIES

9:15 Bringing Down The House 11:00 Sleepless In Seattle 1:00 Frailty 2:45 Commandments 4:10 Star Wars: Episode 2 - Attack Of The Clones 6:30 Opening Night 7:00 It Runs In The Family 8:50 To Kill A King 10:45 Sleepless In Seattle 12:45 First Blood

AXN

12:30 Fear Factor 2:00 The Untouchables 4:30 World's Most Shocking Moments Caught On Tape 5:30 Fear Factor 6:30 Next Action Star 7:30 Guinness World Records: Primetime

8:30 Pitch Black

11:00 Rated X 11:30 101 Juiciest Hollywood Hookups

HALLMARK

12:30 Adoption Series 1:30 The King And Queen of Moonlight Bay 3:30 Gunpowder, Treason & Plot 7:30 Napoleon 9:05 Defending Our Kids 10:45 Napoleon 12:45 The Pathfinder

8:00 Zee Cinema

1:00 Commando 4:30 Billee Aur Toofan 6:30 Yeh Raaste Hai Pyar Ke 1:00 Main Prem Ki Deewani Hoon 5:30 Challe Challe 9:00 Ek Ka Teen Platinum-Jaago

ZEE TV

1:00 Kahye To 1:30 Tum Bin Jaaron Kahaa 2:00 Tum Bin Jaaron Kahaa 3:30 Andha Kanoon 7:00 Cartoon Network On

6:00 Zee

8:00 Frame Three 8:30 Qayamat Se Qayamat Tak 1:00 Main Prem Ki Deewani Hoon 5:30 Challe Challe 9:00 Ek Ka Teen Platinum-Jaago

CARTOON NETWORK

12:00 A Pup Named Scooby-Doo 2:00 Archie's Weird Mysteries 2:30 Teen Titans 3:30 Dexter's Laboratory 4:00 Time Squad

5:30 Tom & Jerry

7:30 Megaz XLR 8:00 Corn Pick Power Zone 8:30 X-Men 9:00 Men In Black 9:30 Tom and Jerry Show 10:00 The Popeye Show

STAR GOLD

9:00 Mehndi 1:00 Di Ka Rishta 4:30 Maya 5:00 Jonu Ka Ghulam 8:30 The Next Karate Kid 11:00 Himmal

NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC

1:30 Raiders Of The Lost Gold 3:30 Revolutionary Rhythms 4:00 On Assignment 4:30 Innovation 5:30 Wildlife Detectives 6:00 Wild Orphans 6:30 Storm Stories 7:30 Seven Deadly Arts 9:00 Seismic Seconds 9:30 Air Crash Investigation 10:30 Innovation 11:30 Revolutionary Rhythms 12:00 On Assignment

DISCOVERY

12:30 Wild and Nature Top Ten Amazon Animals 1:30 Top Ten Places to See Rare Animals 2:30 Transatlantic Tunnel Reel Race Altered Statesmen Churchill 4:30 The Pride and Joy 5:30 Birth of the V-Rod 6:30 Shackleton's Legendary Antarctic E 7:30 Mountains of the Wolf 8:30 Nefertiti Revealed 10:30 Night Safari Termites Attack 11:30 Master of Deception

ANIMAL PLANET

2:30 Girls Night In Chimpanzee Diary 3:30 Riddle of the Right Whale 4:30 Land of Giants 5:30 The Disguise 6:30 Animals With Predicting Powers 7:00 Always Faithful 7:30 The Island of Giants 8:30 Girls Night In Chimpanzee Diary

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9:30 Paracas And The Billion Dollar Birds 10:30 State of the Great Ape 11:30 Killing For A Living Dining Alone

STAR SPORTS

10:00 Asian Tour Weekly 2004 (R) 10:30 Fuji Television Japanese Grand Prix(L) 11:15 Formula One World Championships Fuji Television Japanese Grand Pri X(L) 1:30 Chequered Flag: Formula One Fuji Television Japanese Grand Prix(L) 2:00 Irb World Of Rugby (T) 2:30 Fin World Motorcycle Championship On The Grid Sepang Malaysia (L) 3:00 Fin World Motorcycle Championship 2004 Sepang Malaysia 250cc(L), 500cc (L), 125cc(S)(L) 5:30 Uefa Champions League Magazine Shows (T) 6:00 Ila Shield - Final(L) 9:00 Hitz (T) 9:30 Ag Japan Open Tennis Championships 2004 Finals(S) 11:00 Fuji Television Japanese Grand Prix(R) 11:45 Formula One World Championships Fuji Television Japanese Grand Pri X(R)

Cricket Show (R)

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TEN SPORTS

12:00 Sri Lanka v Zimbabwe (H)(S) 1:00 Winning Post 3:00 South American WC Qualifiers: Venezuela v Brazil 3:30 Gillette World Sport Trans World Sports Legend 04: Kumar Sangakkara 5:30 WWE:Heat 6:30 MOTO GP - Malaysia GP (Sepang) 9:30 South American WC Qualifiers: Argentina v Uruguay