CULTURAL FEAST

Tripura & Rajasthani Evening

Organiser: High Commission of India Rajasthan and Tripura Venue: Indian Cultural Centre Auditorium, Road 96, House 25, Time: October 12 at 6:30pm

Exhibition

Title: Portrait Artists: Abdul Manan, Abdus Sattar Taufique, Alakesh Ghosh, Ali Imam, Jamal Ahmed, Hamiduzzaman Khan, Hashem Khan, Monirul Islam, Nasim Ahmed Nadvi, Nisar Hossain, Qayyum Chowdhury, Rafiqun Nabi, Samarjit Roy Ahmed Bikash, Shaikh atzal, Shishir Bhattacharjee, SM Saiful Islam Venue: Gallery Shilparag, House 15, Road 16, Dhanmondi Time: October 01-15, from 11 am to 8 pm

Title: Matter Realism Artist: Farida Yesmin Venue: Zainul Gallery-1, Institute of Fine Arts, Dhaka University
Time: October 08-15, from 3pm to

Title: Exhibition of 12 Contemporary Organiser: Nadim's Cultural Education Development Organization Venue: Russian Cultural Centre, House 510, Road 7, Dhanmondi Time: October 10-20, from 11am to

Photography Exhibition Title: Rajathan: Where History Lives Organiser: North South University Venue: BTA Tower, Room no. 100, North South University
Time: October 10-14, from 11am to

Film show Title: Contemporary Belgian Film

Organisers: Zahir Raihan Film Society and Alliance Française of Date: 11-13 October Venue: Alliance Francaise,

12 October: 5.00pm: Farinelli (1994) 7.00pm: The Promise (1996) This special film session features some of the critically acclaimed and award-winning recent Francophone-Belgian films.

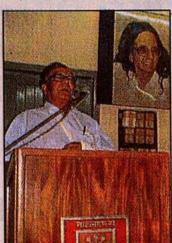
A TRIBUTE

SM Sultan's works transcend national boundaries

AFSAR AHMED

M Sultan's works transcend national boundaries. Today his works are exhibited in London's Leicester Gallery along with paintings of Picasso, Matisse and Salvador Dali and in many famous galleries around the world. Likewise, his paintings won acclaim in American, British, French and other foreign magazines and journals. However, there are still several untold anecdotes on this enigmatic artist.

Enam Ahmed Chowdhury, the lone speaker, dwelt on some interesting facets of the legendary Sultan, on the occasion of his 10th death anniversary on October 10, at the Shilpakala Academy. The programme was presided over by Ahmed Nazir, DG Shilpakala Acad-



Enam Ahmed Chowdhury in all praise of SM Sultan

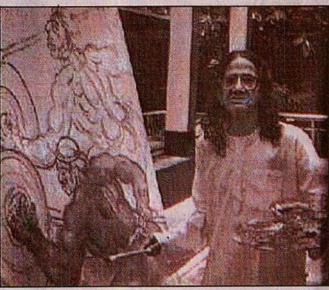
Enam Ahmed Chowdhury recalled that he first met SM Sultan in 1954. Enam said, 'Sultan was a magnificent conversationalist. He could speak fluent English and his remarkable Urdu accent, in particular, attracted many people.' However, Enam was quite surprised by Sultan's rich intellectual capability despite his lack of formal education. The late artist had a quick reply: 'Who said that I don't have any formal education? Rather, I've had the privilege to learn in the subcontinent's most famous institution that is the Suhrawardy house in Karachi.'

Enam stated that, Sultan had a great kinship with the Suhrawardy family, especially with Shahed Suhrawardy which apparently opened new vistas in learning. However, his formal education began at Collegiate School, which heleftin 1933.

On leaving the portals of the Calcutta Art School, Sultan embarked on his journey as a promising painter under the patronage of Maharaja of Kapurthala at Simla, Malik Feroze Khan Noon at Lahore and Miss Fatima Jinnah at Karachi. Going to Lahore in 1948, he enjoyed the close friendship of leading artists like Shaker Ali, Chughtai, Nagi and Sheikh Ahmad.

Apart from being a painter, Sultan played the flute with expertise. For many he was a Baul, a mystical artist or a very simple man with affection for all living beings.

'His yearning for truth and beauty crossed the narrow divides and thus his love for mankind as



Sultan deeply engrossed in art works

man, 'said Enam.

The artist remained single, but was always intrigued by women. As he once said to Enam, 'If I can't discover the beauty of women, how can I be inspired?'

Sultan lived an individualistic life. He cared little for the trappings of money, status or security. He kept no track of his paintings, sometimes leaving them unattended. He never attached price tags to his work, or organised exhibitions except when others persuaded him

He painted his land and his people from a unique perspective. In large canvases he depicted the villagers of Bengal as farmers and boatmen with bulging knotting muscles, since they had to survive well as animals made him a great centuries of poverty, oppression

and natural calamities.

'He also drew many famous landscapes of Kashmir and rural Bengal in his early life. However, the mid-1950s are treated as the pinnacle of the artist's life,' Enam added.

Sultan established the Fine Art Institute at Narail in 1969 and another institute Charupeet at Jessore in 1973. But he never preserved his art works or the words of praise that he received from the different artists and critics around the world. 'The voice of Asia as the British art magazine described Sultan; the artworks and the facts of his life should be immediately preserved,' said Enam. 'If the restoration of his art-works is not possible; at least we can dwell on his words-- Spread your love', concluded Enam.

Acting was a dream-come -true to me -- Tazin

Tazin Ahmed a talented TV and stage actress, spoke to our cultural correspondent recently. Here we share a glimpse of the conversation with the glamorous Tazin:

What are your latest ventures?

I am the executive producer of the drama serial Ek akasher Tara which is directed by Ejaz Munna, my husband. A bunch of talented newcomers have acted in the drama. I am acting in another drama serial, also by Munna, where I play the role of a war child with psychological problems arising from her social status. Why are you rarely seen on television?

I started out on my career as an actress in 1996. But to be honest, I don't feel comfortable working with just anybody. I am very choosy and selective. And again, because of the politicisation in the media, I get less opportunity. Very recently I have started to write plays.

What if you were asked to act in Bangla commercial

I would definitely not accept any proposal right away. I am afraid that I won't be able to follow the style of our typical commercial films. But if I get an offer from a filmmaker of the alternative genre, I would grab it! What is your dream role?

I am interested in working with the physically challenged children. I had a chance to act in the role of a mentally challenged girl in the drama Ansha. The drama was written and directed by Munna. It was a dream role for me. Besides, I would love to act in any role based on a character of Tagore.

What if you were given an option to perform with your favourite actor, who would that be?

I truly admire Nasiruddin Shah's personality and his superb acting prowess. His performance in the Hindi film Sparsh was outstanding. So I guess it would be a dream come true to act with the great Shah!

What qualities should an actress have? Sincerity and honesty towards work are the prerequisites for a performer. Secondly, it is necessary to put in hard

Howold were you when you first had a crush?

That's one thing I had kept a secret. It was in 1996. I would rather not disclose his identity. I am not sure if it was love or infatuation. And yes, I was really upset when the charming and popular actor Salman Shah died in

Who are your role models?

Mother Teresa is my role model. She was truly great. As powerful actors I admire Subarna Mustafa and Gulam Mustafa. I have come to this media because of Subarna. Deepti Naval is also one of my favourites. What is your ambition?

I have always wanted to be an actress. This was a dreamcome-true to me. And I really enjoy the honest and inspiring reactions of the children who watch my performances on screen. I consider it a big achievement, Doyou have any secret to share with the readers?

Temperamentally I am cheerful and never express my I cry only when I am hurt. Only my mother, my husband

and my best friend have seen mecry. Who inspires you?

My grandmother was a great inspiration for me. My mother, Dilara Jolly, has always guided me. My husband · Munna and my best friend Bonya Mirza are also my

'Superman' star Christopher Reeve no more

Ritwik Ghatak

to be screened

films

by BFFS

The Bangladesh Federation of Film Societies (BFFS) will today screen two famous films made by Ritwik Ghatak, the renowned Bengali filmmaker. The screening will be followed-up by a discussion on the films of Ritwik **Ghatakattheauditorium of BFFS** at 62 Science Laboratory Road, Dhanmondi, Ghatak's films have a new global interest as they put forward questions and themes to be considered seriously concerning the history and culture of

our region.
The filmshows are open to all. The films to be screened are: Titas Ekti Nadir Nam (A River Called Titas) at 3.00pm and Jukti, Takko ar Gappo (The Arguments and a Story) at 6.00pm.

Christopher Reeve, the star of the Superman movies whose near-fatal riding accident nine years ago turned him into a worldwide advocate for spinal cord research, died Sunday of heart failure, his publicist said. He was 52.

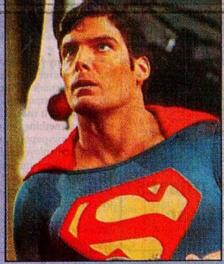
Reeve fell into a coma Saturday after going into cardiac arrest while at his New York home, his publicist, Wesley Combs told The Associated Press by phone from Washington, D.C., on Sunday night. His family was at his side at Reeve was being treated at Northern

Westchester Hospital for a pressure wound, a common complication for people living with paralysis. In the past week, the wound had become severely infected, resulting in a serious systemic infection. Reeve broke his neck in May 1995 when he

was thrown from his horse during an equestrian competition in Culpeper, Va.

Enduring months of therapy to allow him to breathe for longer and longer periods without

a respirator, Reeve emerged to lobby Congress for better insurance protection against cata-strophic injury and to move an Academy Award audience to tears with a call for more films about social issues.



'Hollywood needs to do more,' he said in the March 1996 Oscar awards appearance. 'Let's continue to take risks. Let's tackle the issues. In many ways our film community can do it better than anyone else. There is no challenge, artistic or otherwise, that we can't

He returned to directing, and even returned to acting in a 1998 production of Rear Window, a modern update of the Hitchcock thriller about a man in a wheelchair who becomes convinced that a neighbour has been murdered. Reeve won a Screen Actors Guild award

His athletic frame and love of adventure made him a natural, if largely unknown, choice for the title role in the first Superman movie in 1978. He insisted on performing his own stunts. Although he reprised the role three times, Reeve often worried about being typecast as an action nero.

Though he owed his fame to it, Reeve made a concerted effort to, as he often put it, 'escape the cape'. He played an embittered, crippled Vietnam veteran in the 1980 Broadway play Fifth of July, a lovestruck time-traveler in the 1980 movie Somewhere in Time, and an aspiring playwright in the 1982 suspense thriller

More recent films included John Carpenter's Village of the Damned, and the HBO movies Above Suspicion and In the Gloaming. which he directed. Among his other film credits are The Remains of the Day, The Aviator, and Morning Glory.

B&H STAR SEARCH 2004

Regional auditions end at Sylhet

CULTURAL CORRESPONDENT

Finally, the last of the Benson & Hedges One & Only Star search 2004's regional audition came to an end in Sylhet, after successive auditions in Dhaka, Chittagong, Khulna and Rajshahi. Held in Moulovibazar for the first time, the Sylhet auditions generated considerable excitement among the music lovers, says a press release. Moulovibazar was dazzled by the 12 talented solo performers and three bands.

The brilliantly lit auditorium was decorated with banners and portraits of previous years' Star Search winners. Each of the talents gave prompt answers to the judges' questions after an exciting and enthusiastic perfor-mance of two of their songs. They added more to the fanfare by performing in their individual styles. Kumar Biswajit and Partha Barua were the designated judges. The judges praised these musical talents and declared

7:30

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A presentation by ETC Musical Band

ETC Musical Band as the best band.

The best 15 of the solo performers and bands nationally selected through the auditions will perform in the final, to be

TV GUIDE

PICK OF THE DAY

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

News Bulletin

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)

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BBC WORLD Every hour on the hour

CHANNEL-i 10:45 Grameen Phone

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