

Mettle of an art model

A long journey with art from Zainul to Shishir

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His long white hair and beard, his wrinkled skin tell the story of Momin Ali Mridha: experiences of the turn of the World War II as a war-field road labourer at Manipur, Meghalaya, Nagaland and many other places.

Mridha's eyes have a sense of grace through which one can feel his long journey of life. He has a face that delineates a character that spellbinds people.

Sitting on the footpath in front of the Institute with colourful bead-necklaces and earrings, he can attract anyone and everyone quite easily.

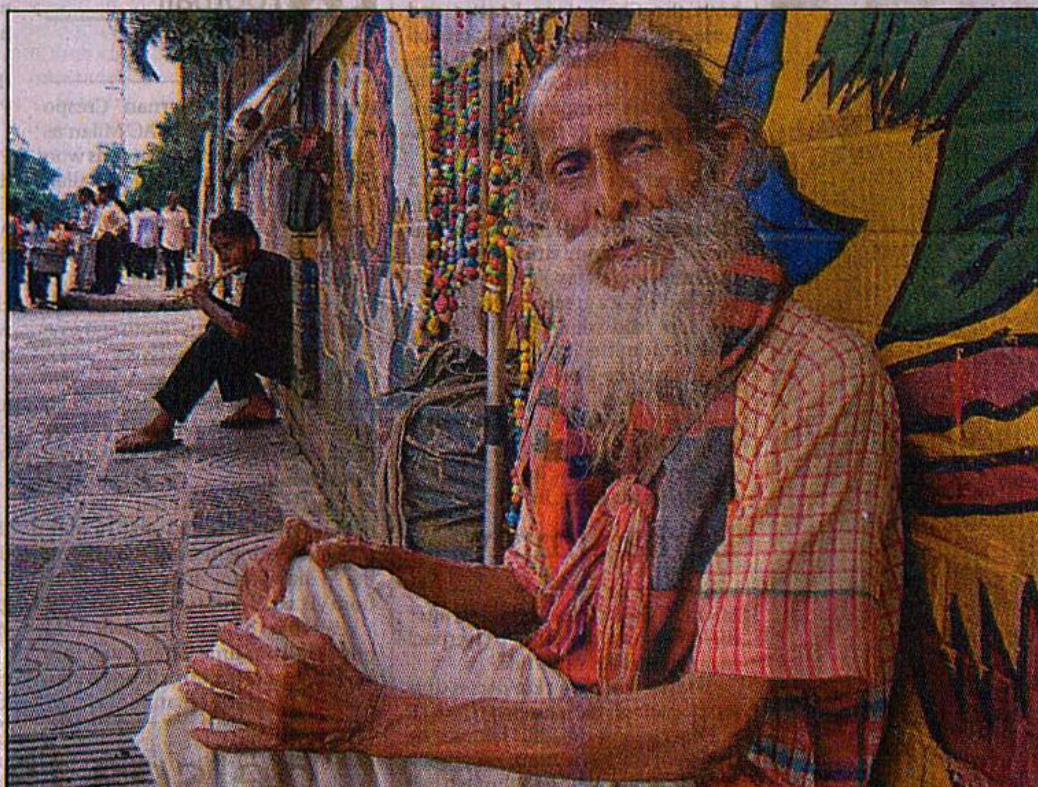
Modelling for artists as a profession rose sometime in the early 19th century, following the freedom ignited by the French Revolution of 1789.

dio. In our country too it is limited to the art institutions.

Momin Mridha's transformation from a gardener to an artist's model is quite interesting. Eminent artist Shilpacharya Zainul Abedin gave him the rare opportunity to be his model.

In his life, he has posed for many other famous artists including Quamrul Hasan, SM Sultan, Rashid Chowdhury, Hamiduzzaman Khan, Jamal Ahmed, Shishir Bhattacharya and others.

The most important thing in being an artist's model, Mridha has discovered, is the timing: two-minute poses, five-minute poses, ten-minute poses.



Momin Ali Mridha: The face long adored by artists

Modelling sessions usually last for about 3 to 4 hours including breaks. Some sessions often require the same pose. Artists also let you know if the position needs adjustment,

'I am a shy person, and we don't have the nude modelling culture here. I would love to call myself as a 'social model', says Dadu with

blushes on his cheeks.

Now Dadu has retired from modelling. He has become an artist himself now. He dazzles us with his unique cement-made colourful jewellery ranging from Tk. 20 and Tk. 250.

my becoming an artist of these fancy items,' says Dadu.

'I know I am supporting the arts and I think the arts are very important,' says Dadu. His sense of self-confidence is what makes artists want to capture him.

Getting to know Ananta

Forming a new group to work on his own

SABIRA MANIR

Ananta Hira is a well-known name in the TV and theatre media. After a long innings as actor, script-writer and director, Hira has launched a new theatre group named Prangane Mor.

Hira has an old association with the world of culture. He started his career as an actor with a theatre group in Barisal; later, he came to Dhaka and was attached with the theatre group Nagorik.

How did he get involved with Nagorik? Ananta Hira says, 'While I was working with the Barisal theatre group, Barisal Natak, I often frequented the plays in Dhaka.

Ananta Hira had been associated with Nagorik from 1989 to 2002. He has performed in most of the popular plays of Nagorik like Nuraldiner Sharajibon, Achalayotan, Dewan Gazir Kissa, Galileo, Rather Rashi and Darpan.

Hira is well-known as a scriptwriter and a director rather than an actor in TV. Initially, the authority rejected him as a scriptwriter on the grounds of his being too young.



for BTV and other channels. 'Having been inspired by TV producer and director Ahsan Habib, I started scriptwriting,' says Hira.

CULTURAL FEAST

CD Release Title: Shakol Kanta Dhonyo Korey Artist: Wahidul Haque Venue: Bengal Shilpalaya, 275/F, Road 27, Dhanmondi Time: November 25, at 6:00 pm

Japanese Drum Concert Title: Haguruma Performer: House of Haguruma Organiser: Embassy of Japan in Bangladesh & Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy Venue: Osmani Memorial Hall Time: November 23, at 6:30 pm

Theatre Festival Title: Angikay Boichitrey Organiser: Theatre Venue: Experimental Theatre Hall, Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy Time: November 27-December 03

Exhibition Title: Glamour Model Photography Exhibition Photographer: Waliuddin Ahmed Venue: Dik Gallery, House 58, Road 15/A, Dhanmondi Time: November 21, at 3:00 pm

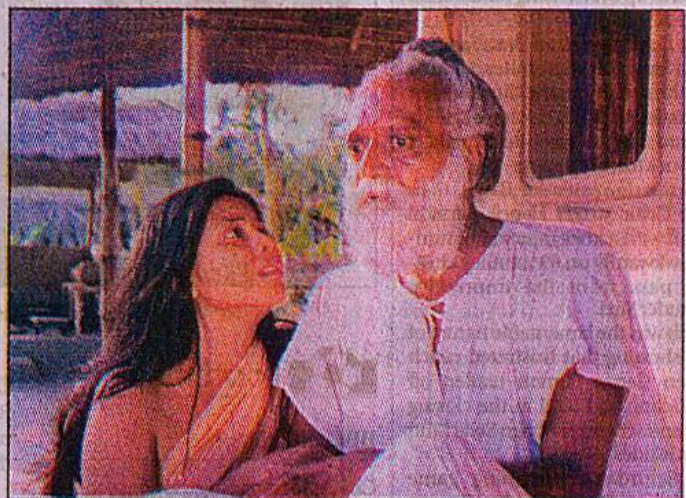
Lalon to be screened at Indian film festival

PALLAB BHATTACHARYA, New Delhi

The western Indian coastal state of Goa is all set to host the 35th edition of International Film Festival beginning on November 29 and setting off India's search for an answer to Cannes.

Eminent Bangladeshi director Tanvir Mokammel's latest work Lalon is one of the 15 films that have been entered in the Asian Competition section, the most significant part of the ten-day festival, where thespian Dilip Kumar will inaugurate the ceremony.

Leading Indian director Mani Ratnam, who has made films like Raja, Bombay and Yuva, will head a five-member jury which includes German film-maker Florian Gallenberge, Egyptian actor and UNICEF goodwill ambassador Mahmoud Kabil, Locarno Film Festival Director Irene Bignardi and Senegalese writer-director Moussa Sena.



Shomi Kaiser and Raisul Islam Asad in the film Lalon

the foreign language film category. Shwaas, directed by debutante Sandeep Sawant, won the national award for the best feature film for 2003.

The Asian section also has films Shanghai Story and Endless Way from China, Beautiful City from Iran, Israel's Walk on Water and Thailand's Beautiful Boxer which will vie for awards like the Golden Peacock and Silver Peacock.

Since this is the 50th year of maestro Satyajit Ray's epoch-making film Pather Panchali, the festival will pay a special tribute to him.

Among other major categories of the festival are Cinema of the World, which will have 60 films from 40 countries released in the last two years, Indian and foreign retrospectives, Indian Panorama and Indian mainstream.

The inaugural film of the festival is American director of Indian origin Mira Nair's Vanity Fair, based on English novelist William M Thackeray's classic novel set in early 19th century England.

A number of films will have their premieres at the coming festival including American Delight of Roger Christian, The Incredibles of Brad Pitt, The Forgotten of Joseph Ruben and Indian film-maker Manu Ravel's Chaa! Paani.

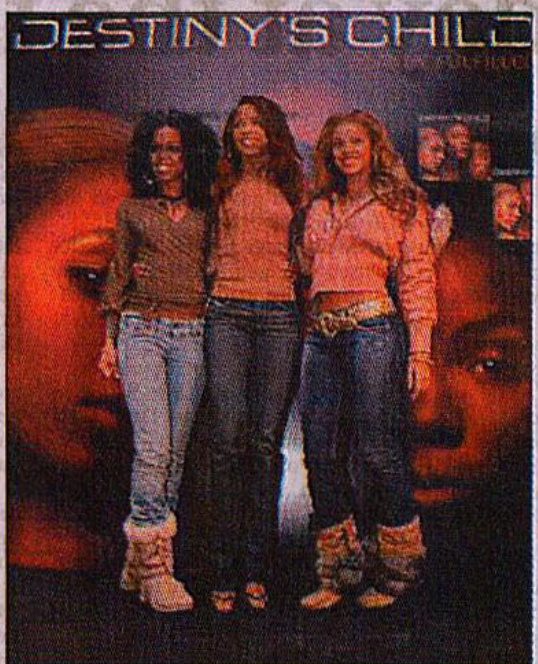
A retrospective of films by Burkina Faso's director Jean Marie Gaston Kabore, who is credited with bringing Africa on international cinema map in a big way, will also be held at the festival.

The grandeur of Indian music will be brought alive by AR Rahman accompanied by a full orchestra consisting of nearly 60 musicians at the inaugural ceremony.

Destiny's Child 'fulfilled' by new album

BILLBOARD, Los Angeles

After a three-year hiatus, Destiny's Child is picking up where it left off: at the top. Lose My Breath, the first single



Members of R&B group Destiny's Child (R-L) Beyonce Knowles, Kelly Rowland and Michelle Williams pose during a promotional programme of their latest album Destiny Fulfilled.

from the R&B trio's holy anticipated album Destiny Fulfilled, quickly marched its way to No. 3 on The Billboard Hot 100.

The Sony Urban Music/Columbia album debuted this week at No. 19 on the Billboard 200, based on only three days of sales in the week ended November 14. It officially went on sale November 15.

For Destiny's Child members Beyonce Knowles, Kelly Rowland and Michelle Williams, however, the issue is not about sales. It is about the group singing together again.

'Obviously, it would feel good to be No. 1,' Knowles says of the new album. 'But we're not thinking competitively. We did this record for ourselves, not to sell a million the first week out. That doesn't mean as much to us as just the fact that three friends got back together to do another record. That was our destiny.'

Destiny Fulfilled finds the threesome making the transition into womanhood. With a decidedly more R&B stance, the album is a mature segue to the act's 1999 album, The Writing's on the Wall. Each song introduces a new chapter in that journey—from love's exhilarating start (Lose My Breath) to its sometimes disappointing end (Through With Love).

The album's lyrical content was drawn in part from conversations the three women had upon reuniting in the studio. Given prior commitments on their busy solo schedules, the trio had only three weeks together to record.

TV GUIDE

PICK OF THE DAY



Chena Dukkha Achena Shukh Final episode on ntv at 9:40 pm Directed by Shotirtha Rahman Genre: Drama Serial Cast: Dolj Zahur, Khairul Alam Shobuj, Sirajul Islam, Azad Abul Kalam, Dipa Khondokar

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.

CHANNEL-i News (Bangla) at 7:15 am, 9:00am, 7:15 pm, 9:00pm, 10:30, 12:15 am. Teletext 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. Teletext of BTV News (Bangla and English) at 11:30 pm.

CHANNEL-i 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.

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

BTV 07:30 Bangladesh Hriday Hotey 09:00 Satellite Programme 12:15 Shongbad Potter Pota Thekey 12:30 Health Bulletin 01:05 Ananda Jhoma 01:30 Shopto Sur 02:05 Computer Round 02:30 Grantha Bhuvan 03:35 Shukhi Paribar 04:05 Lekha Pora 04:30 Open University 05:05 National Television Debate Competition 06:10 Dolan Chirpa 06:25 Nittor Tale Tale 07:05 El Dash El Samay 07:30 Drama Serial 08:25 Pralidin Bangladesh Drama Serial: Ajana Salkate 09:00 Drama Serial: Nurul Huda Ekada Bhalobashechhilo 10:30 Chayya Paoya 12:05 Satellite Programmes

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ATN BANGLA 09:45 Tritiyo Matra 11:30 Channel-i viewers forum 12:00 Chithi Pelam 12:30 Asj Dupurey 01:00 Ebonj Cinemar Gaan 01:30 Public Reaction 01:30 Bangla Feature Film: Dulari 03:50 Aemadar: Chhoto Nadi Sa Ro Ga Ma 04:50 Sa Ro Ga Ma 05:30 Hai Chal Hurre 06:00 Music Plus

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HBO 8:15 Fair Game 10:00 A Smile Like Yours The Mask 2:00 Holy Matrimony Friday the 13 Part VII: The New Blood 5:45 Stranger Inside 7:30 Tommy Boy 9:30 Clockstoppers 11:30 Carnivale: 8: Lonigan, Texas

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STAR MOVIES 10:30 Banger Sisters The White Gold 12:15 The Boyer 3:40 Dead Heat 5:05 South Kensington Evelyn 7:00 Evelyn 8:35 Child's Play 10:00 Banger Sisters The 11:45 CQ

STAR GOLD 9:55 Ikka Pe Ikka 1:30 Dhal Akshar Prem Ka 4:30 Salaakhan 6:30 Khladi 420 12:10 Jagit

STAR PLUS 1:00 Kasauti Zindagi Kay 8:30 Dekho Magar Pyaar Se 9:00 Kasauti Zindagi Kay 9:30 Des Mein Nikka Hog Chand 10:00 Kahaani Ghar Ghar Ki 11:00 Kyunki Saas Bhi Kabhi Bhu Thi 11:30 Kahaani To Hoga Kahaani To Hoga

7:00 Home Improvement 7:30 Friends 8:00 Just Shoot Me 8:30 Thai 70s Show 9:00 Everybody Loves Raymond 9:30 Yes Dear 10:00 Becker 10:30 Road To Fame 11:30 Baywatch

ANIMAL PLANET 1:30 Emergency Vets 2:30 O'Shea's Big Adventure II Snake Invasion 3:00 Snake Buster, Terror in the Outback 3:30 Mad Mike And Mark 2 Bushman's Holiday 6:30 The Protectors Miami Animal Police Labrador Life Savers 5:30 The Planet's Funniest Animals 6:00 Amazing Animal Videos 6:30 Wild Island Food for Thought 7:00 Monkey Business 7:30 The Private Life Of Plants 8:30 O'Shea's Big Adventure II Sea Serpents 9:00 Snake, Buster, the Curse of the Kane Toad 10:30 Animal Planet Showcase 11:30 The Private Life Of Plants

DISCOVERY 1:30 Who Killed Alexander the Great? 2:30 Sphinx VI: Vasco De Gamma

3:30 Nights Night in the Jungle 4:30 America's Secret 5:30 Warriors Brotherhood 6:30 Romantic Escapes Kauai, HI 6:00 Mega Movie Magic (II) 6:30 Extreme Machines III 7:30 Wild And Nature 25 Years of Survival 8:30 House to Home 9:00 Baby Whisperer 9:30 Fastest, Tallest, Biggest America's Most Haunted Places 11:30 FBI Files

NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC 1:30 Wild Life Adventures 2:30 Explorations 3:30 Storm Stories 4:00 Storm Stories 4:30 Storm Stories 5:00 Young Global Hot Shots 5:30 Monkey Business 6:00 Crittercam-Wildtech Adventures 6:30 \$100 Taxi Ride 7:00 Game For It 7:30 Blue Wonder 8:30 Mixed Strand 9:30 National Geographic Special 10:30 Riddles Of The Dead 11:30 Great White Deep Trouble

STAR WORLD 1:00 When Hidden Cameras Attack 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

2:30 The Golf Club 3:00 England Rugby 5:30 Cricket Gold 8:00 Sportline 8:30 Tennis Masters Series Sportline 11:30 English Premier League Highlights

8:30 Australia Vs New Zealand (I) 1:00 Great Outdoor Games 3:00 Final Score 3:30 English Premier Football League Chelsea Vs Bolton Wanderers

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TEN SPORTS 9:00 ICC Cricket World 9:30 Cricket Classics 11:30 ICC Cricket World 1:00 ICC Cricket World 2:30 Legends: Shane Warne 4:30 Portuguese League: FC Porto v Boavista 5:30 History of Football 7:00 WWE Raw 8:30 ICC Cricket World 8:30 Top Ten Batsmen 9:30 Gillette World Sport 9:30 Speed 10:00 Gamer TV