

CULTURAL FEAST

Film Festival

Title: Wong Kar Wai Retrospective  
Organiser: Zahir Raihan Film Society  
Venue: Goethe Institut (German Cultural Centre), Road 9 House 10, Dhanmondi  
Time: November 24-25  
Schedule

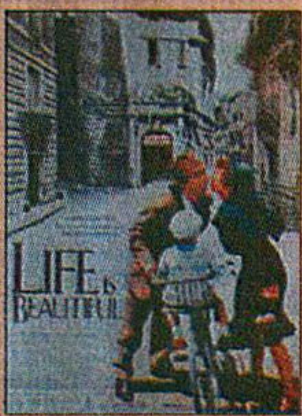
November 24  
3:00 pm Tempress Moon  
5:15 pm Days of Being Wild  
7:00 pm Chungking Express

November 25  
3:00 pm The Emperor And The Assassin  
5:45 pm Happy Together  
7:30 pm In The Mood for Love  
The retrospective features four films made by Hong Kong based filmmaker Wong Kar Wai.

Film Screening

Title: Films of World War II  
Organisers: Dhaka Chalachchitra Shobha and Russian Cultural Centre, Dhaka  
Venue: Russian Science and Cultural Centre, House 510, Road 7, Dhanmondi  
Schedule:  
November 24  
04:00 pm Cranes are Flying

06:00 pm Life is Beautiful  
November 25  
03:30 pm Father of a Soldier  
05:00 pm Schindler's List



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CD Release

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

Theatre Festival



Title: Angiker Boichitrey  
Organiser: Theatre  
Venue: Experimental Theatre Hall, Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy  
Time: November 27-December 03  
Literary personality Sardar Fazlul Karim will inaugurate the show at 6:00pm and will hand over the Munier Choudhury Honorary Award and Muhammad Zakaria Memorial Award. Theatre's new play Mukti will be staged in the second part of the programme.

A MUSICAL EVENING

Building cultural links

AFSAR AHMED

EMINENT singers and dancers of Bangladesh and India came together for an enjoyable evening at the Indian Cultural Centre on November 22. The occasion: the celebration of the founding anniversary of the Indian Council for Cultural Relations and commemoration of the birth anniversary of Maulana Abul Kalam Azad, the great scholar, architect of freedom and India's first Minister of Education.

Veena Sikri, High Commissioner of India and eminent litterateur Dr Anisuzzaman inaugurated the programme by lighting the lamps. Dr Rajib Humayun, president of Association of Bangladeshis Who Studied in India (ABSI) and Dr Neem Bhoumik also addressed in

the programme. The speakers focused on Maulana Azad's significant political career, secularism and dedication to achieve freedom from the then British rulers. The speakers also stated that the educational ties between India and Bangladesh were rooted in promoting academic excellence as well as strengthening the bilateral friendly relations.

A colourful cultural programme, divided into two parts, followed next. The first part was performed by the ABSI members. Mumun Ahmed and Tabassum Ahmed—the dancing sisters duo—performed a Kathak composition, titled 'Borshai Mayoor', depicting the movements of a peacock. Rezwana Chowdhury Bannya, who has earned a reputation in Rabindra Sangeet, delighted the audience with Tagore's com-



Rezwana Chowdhury Bannya rendering songs of Rabindranath Tagore

positions from Bhanusingher Padabali.

Sujit Mustafa's rendition of 'Mor priya hobby esho rani—a popular Nazrul song and Barey Gholam Ali's thumri 'Barsan lagi saavan bundia' captivated the audience.

Next was Lily Islam's presentation of Tagore's songs. 'Sajani sajani radhika' and especially 'Jodi tor daak shuney keu naa ashey had the audience in a nostalgic mood. Saadi Muhammad, as usual with his deep baritone voice, delighted the audience with 'Ami chingoi chini tomarey ogo bideshini and yesteryear's Bangla song 'Ei raat tomaramar'.

After the rendition of songs, the audience saw the graceful movements of Manipuri dancers from India and Bangladesh. Kalavati



Kalavati Devi (M) performing the Mridanga badan

Panchoshor: A touch of the mystic

NOVERA DEEPIA

Cultural organisation Panchoshor has acquired acclaim for regularly organising musical programmes. In continuation of this trend, the group staged yet another successful performance titled 'Influence of Mysticism in Bangla Poetry and Songs'. In collaboration with the Goethe Institut, the programme took place at the institute's auditorium Sunday last.

Unlike other previous occasions, Panchoshor's endeavour was marked by an informative discussion on the topic. Veteran journalist KG Mustafa presented the keynote paper elaborating on the history of mysticism that has strongly influenced Bangla literature. The root of the word 'mysticism' lies in the word 'mycin', which means 'to close eyes'. The Bangla word of mysticism is 'moromibad' which means transcendentalism. 'Transcendentalism is an esoteric knowledge (Truth) that means the perceptible knowledge and realisation of the creator. The ultimate question of this metaphysical discipline is 'who am I? and why am I?' said Mustafa in his paper. Asking 'who am I?' the devotees of all religions of the world have gone deep into the matter only to find that only the Creator is All, while 'I' is the pleasant manifestation of 'Him'.

The earliest specimen of Bangla literature of olden days is

Charyapada, a thousand-year-old 'Buddha gan and doha' (Buddhist songs and couplets). Esoteric practice and mystic philosophy of Buddhism have found expression in them with the help of metaphors

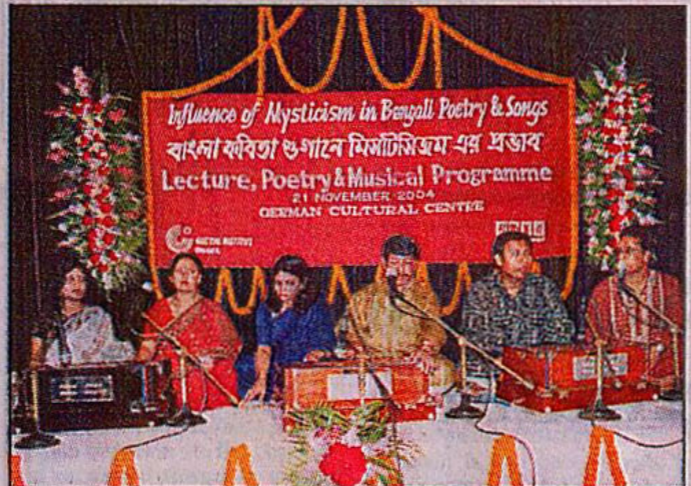
Bangla musical genres like Aul, Baul, Marfati and Murshidi are heavily influenced by the mystic philosophy found in the Charyapada. Besides, Vaishnava Padabali—songs and verses prais-

ing Lord Vishnu—have also influenced Bangla music. Michael Madhusudan Dutta, Rabindranath Tagore, Kazi Nazrul Islam and Jasimuddin were immensely influenced by mysticism, Sufism and Baul doctrines.

The second part of the programme was an enchanting musical recital by the artistes of Panchoshor. The rendition of songs and poems was chronological with the history of the different philosophical theories. Having started with the earliest specimens of Bangla literature, Charyapada, the recital carried through the creations of Jasimuddin. Shimul Mustafa recited a small piece from Charyapada—'Ali and Kali a But Rundela'. Although the language was complex, the rendition was appealing.

Shumon Chowdhury rendered spiritual songs of Chandidas, Ramprasad, Rabindranath Tagore and Kazi Nazrul Islam. His mature presentation enthralled the audience. Nurshida Pathan presented different poems of Bidyapati, Tagore and Jibanananda Das. Musical accompaniments, dominated by flute in the background, were melodious and appropriate with the recitation.

The entire programme was well organised. The chronology of songs was carefully maintained with a blend of different genres representing the same universal message: a call for humanity and the expression of human feelings. Talented singer Shumon Majumdar offered some popular and widely rendered songs like 'Khanchar bhitor achin pakhi and je chhilo amar shaponcharini'. Promising singers like Mamun Zahid Khan, Farhana Akhter, Nasmia Shahin and Jannat-e-Ferdousy also delighted the audience.



Artistes of Panchoshor performing at the programme

National film awards for 2002 and 2003 declared

CULTURAL CORRESPONDENT

The National Film Awards for the years 2002 and 2003 have been declared recently. A 12-member jury board headed by Sadeq Khan, Chairman of Board of Directors, Press Institute of Bangladesh, suggested 17 names for awards of 2002 and 15 names for awards of 2003.

Helal Khan's much talked about historical film 'Hason Raja' has been named the best film of 2002. Kazi Maruf was adjudged the best actor of 2002 for 'Itihas', while Manna (Bir Shoinik) and Poppy (Karagar) were named as the best actor and actress of 2003. No prize was declared for the best actress for 2002.

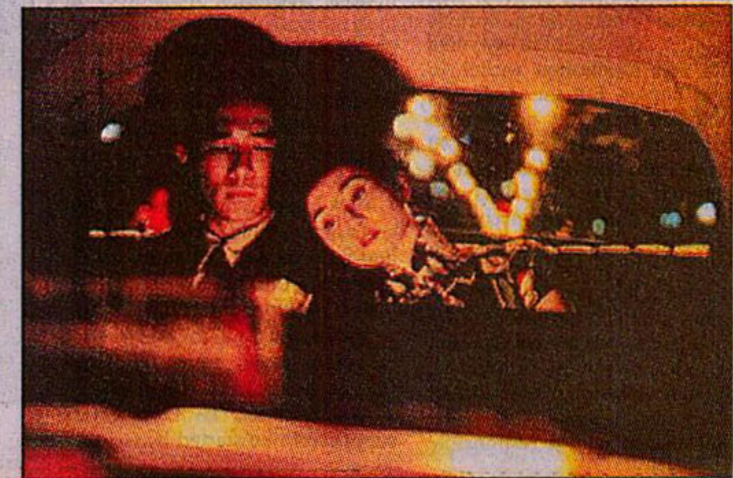
Kazi Hayat has become the best director of 2002 for his film 'Itihas'. The other winners of the year are: Babita for supporting role in 'Hason Raja', Sujeyo Shyam for best music ('Hason Raja'), Helal Khan for villainous role in 'Juari', Tareq Masud for best script ('Mair Moyna'), Alauddin Ali for best tunes ('Lal Doria'). Recently deceased Wasimul Bari



Helal Khan and Shomi Kaiser in Hason Raja, winner of the National Film Award as the best film of 2002

Rajib was named winner of the best supporting actor (2003) along with Sohel Rana for the film 'Shahoshi Manush Chai'. Giasuddin Selim won the award for best story of 2003 for 'Adhhar'. Bashir Ahmed (Kokhono Megh Kokhono Brishiti) and Baby Naznin (Shahoshi Manush Chai) were named best vocals of 2003. Veteran lyricist Gazi Mazharul Anwar won the title of best lyricist of both the years for films 'Lal Doria' (2002) and 'Kokhono Megh Kokhono Brishiti' (2003).

Wong Kar Wai retrospective  
Zahir Raihan Film Society screens films of master Hong Kong filmmaker



A scene from the film A Mood for Love

CULTURAL CORRESPONDENT

The cinema in Hong Kong is famously known for its so-called 'Martial Arts' genre. The films in this genre are characterised by their use of Boxing, Kick-Boxing and the likes. The great names in this genre include internationally renowned film directors like John Woo, Stanley Kwan and Tsui Hark. But Wong Kar Wai is an exception. Without indulging in this genre, he makes films that are serious in their intent, and more often, they deal with the sentimental and emotional aspects of their characters. His international fame rests largely on the latter. To name some of his international favourites, one must mention 'Days of Being Wild' (1991), 'Chungking Express' (1994), 'Fallen Angels' (1995), 'Happy Together' (1997),

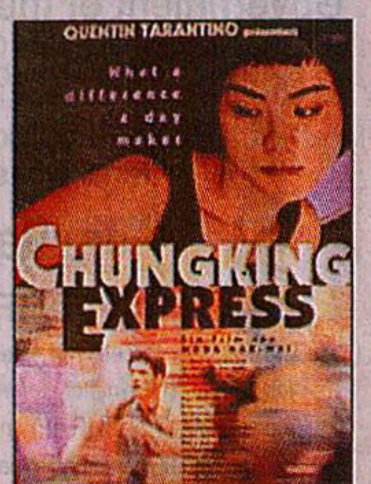
'In the Mood for Love' (2000), and 2004 'A Futurist sequel to In the Mood for Love'.

'In the Mood for Love' has become a huge international hit largely because of its theme of unrequited love. Both the 'silent' lovers in the film are unable to express their feelings for each other. The isolation and longing of Chow Mo-wan (Tony Leung Chiu-wai) and Su Li-zhen (Maggie Cheung Man-yuk) are transformed into a melange of intersecting paths and poignantly shared moments. The film gives its audience a melancholic experience that haunts them for a long time. The music is exquisitely lovely and touching. One can spend a long time listening to its sound track alone.

Born in 1958 in Shanghai, China, Wong has studied graphic design from the Hong Kong Polytechnic

School in 1980. Then he joined the television as a production assistant. He worked with director Patrick Tam and collaborated with him in his films. His first feature 'As Tears Go By' was made in 1988. Wong belongs to the Second Wave of Hong Kong filmmakers who started making films in the mid-1980s and which includes Eddie Fong, Stanley Kwan and Clara Law.

Zahir Raihan Film Society will screen four films made by Wong Kar Wai ('Days of Being Wild', 'Chungking Express', 'Happy Together' and 'In the Mood for Love') and two films made by Chinese filmmaker Chen Kaige ('Tempress Moon' and 'The Emperor and the Assassin') at the German Cultural Centre at Road No. 9, Dhanmondi on 24th and 25th November 2004. The screening will beat 3:00 pm.



The poster of Chungking Express

TV GUIDE

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) 11:30 pm.

CHANNEL-i  
News (Bangla) at 7:15 am, 9:00am, 12:30 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.

ntv  
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

BTV  
07:30 Bangladesh Hriday Hotey  
09:00 Satellite Programme  
12:15 Shongbad Potrer Pata Thekey  
12:30 Shasthya Totiya  
01:05 Chawa Pawa  
02:05 Khelle Khelle Computer  
02:30 Hijal Tomal  
03:05 Shukhi Poribar  
03:35 Gilo Bitan  
04:05 Open University  
04:30 Ongkar  
05:05 Mali O Manush  
05:30 Apon Bhumii  
06:10 Malancha  
06:35 Special News for the Hearing Impaired  
07:05 Baria Probaho  
07:30 Film Show: The World's Greatest Show

ATN BANGLA  
10:30 Talk Show: Annapadishi  
11:05 Drama Serial: Shangshar Jibon  
11:50 Drama Serial: Shimahin Shimanay  
12:15 Bangla Feature Film  
12:30 Drama Serial: Ganaktuli Sheba Shingha  
03:45 Musical Programme  
04:20 Islami Sawal O Jawab  
06:20 Manashi  
08:00 The Sword of Tipu Sultan  
08:30 Drama Serial: Khowab  
09:00 Drama Serial: Shu Patror Shandhane  
09:30 Drama Serial: New Files  
11:25 Dindarpan  
11:25 H2O  
8:30 Desert Hawk  
10:15 The Wild Thornberrys Movie  
12:00 I am Sam  
2:45 Money Train  
5:00 Twister  
7:15 The Grinch  
9:30 Soldier  
11:30 The Glass House  
1:45 I am Sam

CHANNEL-i  
09:30 Shongbad Potrey Bangladesh and Public Reaction  
10:02 Tritya Malra  
10:45 Sports Time  
12:00 Chithi Pelam  
12:30 Aaj Dupurey and CityCell Taroka kathon  
01:00 Ebonng Cinemar Gaan  
01:30 Public Reaction  
01:35 Bangla Film: Rupban (Azim, Sujata)  
03:40 Shubho Shonshya  
04:10 Nari Gharey Bairey  
04:50 Sa Ra Ga Ma  
05:30 Bangladesh Shastha ShaKar

ntv  
08:00 Ajiker Shakal  
09:20 Frankly Speaking  
10:02 Zoo Adventure  
10:30 Aarshinagar  
11:00 Transworld Sports  
12:02 Circus Lights  
02:35 Sporsher Baire  
03:05 Panchakonya  
03:45 Drama Serial: Shyaola Fardi  
05:20 Aonar Jigyasha  
06:20 The Simpsons  
06:55 Nari Gharey Bairey  
08:15 Siddika Kabir's Recipe  
08:50 Kichhu Katha Kichhu Gaan

STAR MOVIES  
8:15 Tooth  
9:45 Joy Luck Club  
12:00 Long Life Happiness & Prosperity  
1:30 Colors

06:00 Music Plus  
06:30 Gillette World Sports  
07:55 RC Travel On  
08:25 Drama Serial: Kichhu Megh Kichhu Raddur  
09:35 Drama Serial: Din Choley Jay  
10:10 Drama Serial: Gunai Bibi

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STAR WORLD  
12:30 Law & Order  
1:30 Koffee With Karan  
2:28 Star Asia Travel  
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 Ed

STAR GOLD  
2:00 Bhabhi  
2:30 Kesar  
3:00 Saarhi  
3:30 Kyunki Saas Bhi Kabhi Bhu Thi  
4:00 Kahin To Hoga  
4:30 K.Street Pail Hill  
5:00 Maan  
6:00 Maal Hai To Taal Hai  
6:30 Fox Kids  
7:30 Kumkum - Pyara Sa Bandhan  
8:00 Hello Dollie  
8:30 Dekho Magar Pyaar Se  
9:00 Kasauti Zindagi Kay Sanjvani - A Mamool

STAR PLUS  
9:30 Philly  
10:30 Third Watch III  
11:30 Baywatch  
10:30 Boon  
10:30 Kahaani Ghar Ghar Ki  
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PICK OF THE DAY



Din Choley Jay  
On Channel i at 9:35pm  
Genre: Comedy/Romance  
Cast: Azizul hakim, Srabonti, Bonnya Mirza, Deepa  
Writer: Zinat Hakim, Director: SA Haque Alik



Friends  
On Star World at 7:30pm  
Genre: Comedy/Romance  
Cast: Jennifer Aniston, Courteney Cox, Lisa Kudrow, Matt LeBlanc, Matthew Perry, David Schwimmer

12:30 Trials of the 20th Century Hitler & The Nuremberg Trials  
5:30 Trekking in Egypt  
6:00 Mystery Hunters  
6:30 Ballistic Missiles  
7:30 Aliigators with Nigel Marven  
8:30 Unsolved History  
9:30 In Therapy  
10:00 Building the Ultimate Fighter Jet  
10:30 Dangerous, Warrior Women  
11:30 The Case Studies in Forensic Science

ANIMAL PLANET  
12:30 Breed All About It  
1:30 Emergency Vets Look Before You Leap  
2:30 Lord of the Eagles  
3:00 Monkey Player  
3:30 Eye of the Tiger  
4:30 The Protectors Animal  
5:30 The Planet's Funniest Animals  
6:00 Amazing Animal Videos  
6:30 Zookeepers  
7:00 Monkey Business  
7:30 Savage Paradise  
8:30 In the Wild Horsemen of Mongolia (Luia Roberts) Bhu Thi  
9:30 In Search of Maneaters  
10:30 Predators Special  
11:00 Agents  
11:30 Supernatural Time Warp  
Profiles of Nature: Beach Wars

STAR GOLD  
9:55 Bandish  
1:30 Ram Balram  
4:30 Dhivale  
8:30 Nigahen  
11:45 Naam O Nishan  
12:30 Wild and Nature Air  
1:30 Parallel Universe  
2:30 When Universe Collide  
3:00 Seven Wonders of the Industrial World  
4:00 Betrayal Kart Koehcher

DISCOVERY  
12:30 Riddles Of The Dead  
1:30 Monkey Business  
2:00 Crittercam-Wildtech Adventures  
2:30 \$100 Taxi Ride  
3:00 Game For It  
3:30 In The Pacific  
4:00 Cheating Death  
5:00 Sea Hunters  
6:00 Riddles Of The Dead  
6:30 Different Ball Game  
7:00 On Assignment  
7:30 Watersports Programming  
8:00 Hot Water (T)  
8:30 English Premier Football League 2004/05  
9:00 Liverpool Vs Middlesbrough Vs Liverpool (T)  
9:30 Hitz (R)  
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TEN SPORTS  
8:00 Garter TV  
9:00 WWE: Experience  
9:30 Winning Post  
10:00 12th Womens  
11:00 Champions Trophy: Finals  
12:00 Trans World Sports  
12:30 Winning Post  
1:30 Legends: Shane Warne  
2:00 ICC Cricket World  
2:30 12th Womens  
3:00 Champions Trophy: Finals  
4:00 World Strongman Cup  
04: Germany  
5:30 Legends: Shane Warne  
6:30 WWE: Heat  
7:30 BILT Skins Invitational  
8:00 12th Womens  
9:00 Champions Trophy: Finals  
11:30 Portuguese League: FC Porto v Boavista

ESPN  
8:00 Cricket Gold (R)  
10:30 English Premier Football League 2004/05  
Aston Villa Vs Tottenham