CULTURAL FEAST

Theatre Festival

Title: Angikey Boichltrey Organiser: Theatre Venue: Experimental theatre Hall. Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy Time: November 27-December 03, at 6:30pm everyday

December 02 Raktokarobi (Nagorik Sponsor: HSBC Tickets available at Shagar Publishers, Baily road and Pathak

Shamabesh, Shahbagh **Harvest Festival**

Title: Nabanno Utshab Organiser: The Institute of Fine

Venue: Bakul Tola of the Institute of Fine Arts at Dhaka University Time: December 03, at 7:00am

Book Launch

Title: Shera Shamsur Rahman Publisher: Shamay Prokashon Venue: Liberation War Museum, Time; December 02, at 4:00pm Mustafa Nurul Islam, Humayun Ahmed, Matiur Rahman, Nirmalendu Goon and Selina Hossain will be present as the discussants while ABM Musa will chair the programme. Kazi Arif, Progna Laboni and Llly Islam will perform at the programme.

Film Festival

Title: Krzysztof Kieslowski

Organiser: Dhaka Film Society Venue: Bishwa Shahitya Kendra, 14, Kazi Nazrul Islam Avenue Time: December 01-02



2ND INTERNATIONAL FILM FESTIVAL BANGLADESH



Creating ripples in the film industry

'Matir Moyna made me proud as a Bangalee'--Rituparno

HARUN UR RASHID

NDIAN filmmaker Rituparno Ghosh was in the city yesterday on the occasion of the screening of his much acclaimed film Chokher Bali at the opening ceremony of the 2nd International Film Festival. However, the film could not be shown due to some technical problems. The film would be shown later, informed the festival committee. At a Meet the Press programme prior to the opening ceremony Rituparno talked to journalists

Rituparno said he was very eager to learn people's reaction after watching the "director's cut" version of the film. 'Until now, you have mostly seen the pirated copy of an abridged version of the film that we prepared for different festivals. But this is the complete film,' he said.

Based on Nobel laureate poet Rabindranath Tagore's novel of the same name, Chokher Bali has already earned appreciation from film critics and audience. However, the making of the film was not an easy task for Ritu. 'When I wrote the script of the film, Rabindranath was still under the copyright of Viswabharati. So, I had to take Viswabharati's permission. It was during the middle of our shooting



Rituparno Ghosh

that the copyright was lifted,' said

Tagore portrayed the spirit of his time in his novel. For the film I have had to think of making it contextual with the present time. For example, Buddhadev Basu strongly criticised Rabindranath for drawing such an end to the novel. The writer himself later regretted the ending of the novel. So, I had to think of the ending of my film in particular,' he explained.

Rituparno recollected a few aspects of his experience during the shooting of the film. 'Firstly, I am full of praise for Aishwarya Rai.

native films of Bangladesh. He especially mentioned Tareq Masud's Matir Moyna. 'I was one of the juries at the Trivandram festival where Matir Moyna was competing. When I saw that the other juries liked the film too, I felt proud as a Regarding obscenity, especially

in commercial films, Rituparno's opinion is rather positive. 'Obscenity is a relative idea depending on many aspects of a societal system. I don't think any honest filmmaker wants to project obscenity in film, he said. He, however, believes that commercial films need to be made.

Could alternative films ever become the mainstream? Rituparno thinks that it will take a long process to reach that end. 'Film study should be included in the curriculum at the school level. Students will study films just as they study other subjects, not as an extracurricular activity. Only then, some day films of this trend may become the mainstream."

Lately, Rituparno made his first Hindi film Raincoat, featuring Aishwarya Rai and Ajay Devgan. At present he is busy making another Bangla movie titled Antarmahal, based on a story of Tarashankar Bandyopadhyay. The film features Jackie Shroff, Rupa Ganguli, Abhishek Bachchan and Soha Ali

Diversity in Design

Theatre's drama festival



'Indigenous story-based plays on the rise' -- Mosleuddin

troupe Uttoradhikar, is a theatre practitioner who has long contributed his talent for the development of drama in Chittagong. He has now come with his troupe to participate in the ongoing drama festival arranged by Theatre. Earlier, Uttoradhikar staged the same play in two other festivals in Dhaka-- International Theatre Institute (ITI) drama festival in December and Desh Natok drama festival in March. Moreover, on December 31, they are going to stage the play in the Ganga-Jamuna Theatre Festival in Kolkata.

Says Mosleuddin, 'Like Dhaka, in Chittagong, there are a few talented directors, designers and artistes who studied theatre at the National School of Drama (NSD) in India and Chittagong University. But their works are not well recognised as they are not well focused.

'Theatre practice in Chittagong is Shilpakala Academy Hall-based, like theatre practice in Dhaka is Baily Roadbased. The Theatre Institute of Chattogram (TIC) has added new hope for the theatre activists. Moreover, theatre is practiced in two other halls-- Muslim Institute Hall and Studio Theatre Hall. There is a huge turnout of people at the theatre halls to watch quality plays in Chittagong. But these events are not well focused. Moreover the Dhaka-based artistes have the option of working in the electronic media' he adds

Commenting on the limitations of theatre practice in Chittagong, Mosleuddin says, 'We have a crisis of quality playwrights in Chittagong. That is why we stage adaptations or translations of the foreign plays. But, the scenario is changing. A few of the theatrical groups are now staging indigenous story based drama. And our two productions--Shampan Naiya and Prem Puran belong to this genre. Moreover, we are confronted with a huge financial



Mosleuddin Sikdar

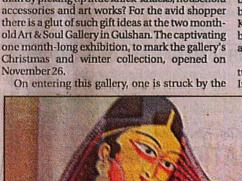
Studying theatre at the Department of Fine Arts at Chittagong University, Mosleuddin is now directing and designing lights for the stage plays. On his directorial approach, he says, 'I am basically narrative.' Mosleuddin considers Kamaluddin Nilu, Jamil Ahmed and Zia Hydar as his ideals as director. Besides directing in theatrical groups in Chittagong, Mosleuddin has also directed in many theatrical groups of Cox's Bazar, Sylhet, Faridpur and other districts. However, he is yet to receive proper recognition for his works, says Mosleuddin.

PRE-CHRISTMAS EXHIBITION

Attractive knick-knacks on display

KAVITA CHARANJI

So it's time once again for a Merry Christmas. And what better way to gear up for this festival than by picking up little knick-knacks, household there is a glut of such gift ideas at the two monthold Art & Soul Gallery in Gulshan. The captivating one month-long exhibition, to mark the gallery's Christmas and winter collection, opened on



brightly-lit Christmas tree with its colourful baubles. There are little fairy lights too near the exhibits, which add a touch of luminosity to the gallery. Adding to the Christmas spirit is a veritable feast for the eyes: an array of prints, paintings by Bangladeshi artists, Pashmina shawls, Kashmiri candlewick cushion covers, bags, bedspreads, exquisite handmade paper, canvas and beaded lamps, lanterns and scented candles. The exhibits are eye catching: exquisite minia-

ture prints from all over the world--Morocco, India, Italy and other European countries. Then there are the works of artists such as Mostafizul Hoque and

Abdul Moktadir. The former's piece is a figure in mixed media (charcoal, acrylic, oils and crayons). Moktadir's acrylic work in turquoise and yellow has hair like strokes which are For those in favour of good

bargains, there are the rural landscapes by students of art from Dhaka University. Then nere are the little knick-knacks such as candles, Ganesh diyas and incense. To add to the ambience of a home is a little display of candles, and potpourri (fragrant dried flower petals) placed on a colourful plate.

The environment is just right for the success of the exhibition, believes Nabila.'There is not a whole lot to do in Dhaka. What could be a better way of spending a lazy Friday than a visit to the gallery?' she questions optimistically.

Palakar Natya Utshab

Being a non-Bengali, she quickly

immersed herself in the spirit of her

A significant part of the film was

shot in Varanasi. 'It is the place

where shooting of Water, a story of

a love affair of a widow, was

stopped. Chokher Bali also depicts

the love affair of a widow. Naturally,

was a little worried about the

Varanasi part. But our Chief Minis-

ter Buddhadev Dasgupta gave full

Asked whether he has seen any

Bangladeshi films, Rituparno said

that he has seen a few mainstream

commercial films and a few alter-

support to us,' said Rituparno.



CULTURAL CORRESPONDENT

The month of December has its own significance as the month of victory and festivity. As cultural groups gear up to celebrate this momentous occasion, the Palakar Studio Theatre will also come forward to add more colour to this gleeful spree. A six-day long festival, organised by Palakar from December 3 to 8, will be held to observe its first anniversary of studio theatre. Eminent theatre exponent Sayeed Ahmed will inaugurate

Palakar aims to promote the concept of the high quality studio theatre in the country. The group always tries to present a unique feast of culture whether in the field of drama or music. Their current festival is arrayed with

kaleidoscopic programmes containing Lokogan (folk song), Baul song, Bangla film songs, songs of drama and a good number of plays. Apart from Palakar's three lab-acts, Dhaka University, Jahangirnagar University and Prachyanat will perform research-based

The programme will be held daily at 6:30pm at 32/A, Diluroad. Tickets for the programme will be available at the festival premises during the shows.

AIDS programme on ntv

Ntv telecasts a series of special programmes on AIDS titled AIDS Protirodher Bikalpo Nai. Directed by Monwar Shahadat Darpan and Ishtiak Ahmed, the programme is a joint effort by CARE and ntv to raise awareness about how this disease spreads, preventive measures and other important information regarding AIDS. The programme is telecast every Thursday at 6:50pm

Roktokorobi: A Nagorik play with a universal appeal



Khaled Khan, Shirin Bakul and co-artistes at the play

Raktokorobi, one of the greatest classics of world drama, will be staged today at 6:30 p.m. at the Experimental Theatre Stage. According to playwright Rabindranath Tagore, this play has a universal appeal.

The play centres around a materialistic world, called Jaggapuri (sacrificial ground) where there is only wealth and no touch of humanity. This symbolically represents the

tions of the characters of Raktokorobi. All the characters, except Nandini, represent different instincts of human beings. The Leviathan king of that place, according to the mythology, is Kuber, but Tagore calls him Makar-Raj, as the play is not based on the myth. One day the young maiden Nandini, symbolising love and emotion, comes to Jaggapuri in search of Ranjan, symbolising the

10:00

11:30

Chasing Time

\$100 Taxi Ride

Shark Quest

STAR SPORTS

Riddles Of The Dead

Japan Gt Champion-

Tokachi, Japan Round

ships Jgtc 2004

Critics have different interpreta- purity of life. She is in love with Ranjan, Every man desires her-even the king himself. But nobody can win her. As a result, the emptiness of every individual soul turns to cruelty.

Ataur Rahman directs Tagore's play. M Saiful Islam designs the set and Nasirul Haque Khokon designs the light.

Khaled Khan, Aupi Karim, Gazi Rakayet and others perform in

ESPN

7:30

9:30

ERSHAD KAMOL

Sportscenter Asia (S)

X Games Classix - Big Stars, Big Moments

Motorsport Asia (R)

2004/05 Newcastle, England Newcastle

United Vs Everton (T)

English Premier Football League

England Tour Of

Uefa Champions

Day Internationals

Bulawayo, Zimbabwe Zimbabwe Vs England

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League Extra Group Phase 1, Matchweek

Hitz (R)

Goals! (R)

TV GUIDE

PICK OF THE DAY

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

News Bulletin

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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.

News (Bangla) at 7:15 am. 9:00am.

Late Night News (Bangla and English) CHANNEL-i

7:15 pm, 9:00 pm, 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

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BBC WORLD

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Tara News (Bangla) at 8:30 pm. 11:30 Tara News Bangladesh (Bangla) at 9:30

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Shampuma Rangin Drama Serial: Bahley Je Ki Shukh ATN BANGLA Magazine show: Ek

Dui Tin 12:10 12:50 04:20 06:20 Stone 08:00

Drama Serial: Tana Drama Serial: Bhawal Drama Serial: Emon Jodi Hai Drama Serial: Mohona 10:35 Rock And Rhythm

ntv 08:00 Aajker Shokal Sprosher Bairey 08:30 Nari Gharey Balrey 09:20 10:05 ShaplaKuri 10:30 Dhakar Cinema 02:35 Drama Serial: Sporsher Bairey 03:15

04:25 Mahilangan 05:20 06:20 Shubho Shondhya AIDS Bak Pakkhi Drama: Gardali

11:25 Dindarpan **HBO** 9:15 Changing Lanes **HBO Sneak Peek** 12:00 Twice Upon a Christmas 1:45 **Jawbreaker**

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Islamic Programme Shomali Shadakalo Bangla Feature Film: Shundar Jiboner Jonyo Cinema Cinema Film Show: Thunder

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STAR MOVIES

Ali G Indahouse

Men in Black II

Terminator 2:

Judgement Day

Changing Lanes

Recruit The

Sorority Boys

Comic Book Villains

40 Days And 40

Lock Up

Heathers

Nights

Fly, The

Those Bedroom Eyes

Special Programme or Drama Serial: Urey Jay

Vertical Limit Not Another Teen

40 Days and 40 Nights On Star Movies at 9pm Genre: Comedy / Romance Cast: Josh Hartnett, Shannyn Sossamon, Paulo Costanzo Directed by Michael Lehmann

STAR GOLD Muthu Maharaja 9:50 1:30 Parvarish

5:00 Raja Hindustani Samsung [V] 9:30 Supersinger 10:30 Joshilaav STAR WORLD Hollywood Squares 8:30 Whose Line Is It The Drew Carey

10:30

11:30

Oprah Winfrey Show

Third Watch lii Magnum P.I. 2:28 Star Asia Travel Oprah Winfrey Show Bold And Beautiful 2:30 3:30 Hollywood Squares 4:30 5:00 Whose Line Is It Anyway Miami Vice 5:30

Urey Jay Bak Pakkhi

Cast: Shaon, Shwadhin Khasru, Masum Aziz, Faruq Ahmed, Riaz

Written and directed by Humayun Ahmed

On ntv at 8:20pm

The Simpsons 6:30 7:00 Home Improvemen 8:00 Just Shoot Me 8:30 9:30 The Simple Life Young Posh And 10:00 10:30 For Love Or Money 11:28 Star Asia Travel 11:30 Baywatch

STAR PLUS 9:30 Fox Kids 10:30 Simran Show 11:00 Meri Saheli Maal Hai To Taal Hai Kora Kagaz 1:00 Kasautii Zindagii Kay

1:30 Kumkum - Pyara Sa Bandhan Bhabhi 2:30 Kesar 3:00 Saarrthi 3:30 Kyunki Saas Bhi Kabhi Kahlin To Hoga 4:30 K.Street Pali Hill Maan 00:25:00 6:00 Shaadi Number One Fox Kids

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The World

Holy Cow

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Futbol Mundial (T)

Football League **English Premier** 2004/05 Mancheste **England Mancheste** City Vs Aston Villa (R) Football Crazy (L) 6:00 Goals! (R) Uefa Champions League Extra Group Phase 1, Matchweek 5(T) Sportscenter India (L) 9:00 Harsha Closeup Dream Job - Harsha Ki Mumbai & Chennai(T England Tour Of Zimbabwe Nissan One Day Internationals Bulawayo, Zimbabwe Zimbabwe Vs England

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Sportscenter India (R)

Sportscenter Asia (S)