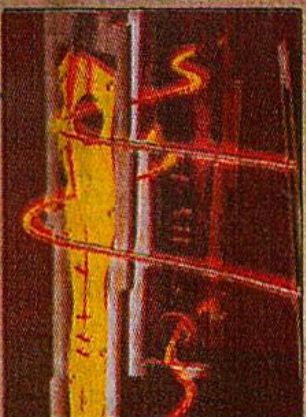


CULTURAL FEAST

Digital Lithography & Mixed Media

Title: Alluvial Faces-1
Artist: Kalidas Karmakar
Venue: Gallery Kaya, House 20, Road 16, Sector 04, Uttara
Time: December 09-20, from 11am to 8pm

Digital Painting Exhibition



Title: Expression in Digital
Artist: AS Mahamud Hasan, Tahir Rahman Tahir
Venue: Zairul Gallery, Institute of Fine Arts, Dhaka University
Time: December 03-10

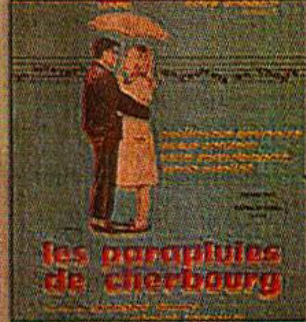
Exhibition

Title: Solo Exhibition
Artist: Iftakhar Uddin Ahmed
Venue: Shaju Art Gallery, Gulshan
Time: December 04-20, from 10am to 8:30pm

Film Screening

Title: French New Wave Film Festival
Organiser: Zahid Raihan Film Society
Venue: Alliance Française, 26, Mirpur Road, Dhanmondi
Time: December 05-14

Schedule
December 08
03:00pm Shoot the Pianist (1997)
06:00pm Cleo from 5 to 7 (1962)
07:30pm The Little Soldier (1963)



December 09
04:30pm Paris Belongs to us (1960)
06:45pm The Nun (1966)

Title: Asian Film Week
Organiser: Dhaka Film Society
Venue: Bishwa Shahitya Kendra, 14, Kaz Nazrul Islam Avenue
Time: December 04-08

Schedule
December 08
03:00pm The Colour of Paradise (1997)
04:45pm Taste of Cherry (1997)
06:30pm The Wind will Carry Us (1999)

Seminar

Title: Women and Poetry
Organiser: Women for Women
Venue: Centre for Advanced Research in the Humanities, Lecture Theatre, Dhaka University
Time: December 08, at 2:00pm

CHOBI MELA III

Pioneers of photography in the country honoured

HARUN UR RASHID

THE much awaited photography festival Chobi Mela III began on December 06 with a total of 14 exhibitions at seven venues in the city. Internationally acclaimed Mexican photographer Pedro Meyer inaugurated the festival at a ceremony held at Alliance Française. Photographer Morten Krogvold of Norway, Tarek Al-Ghoussein of UAE and Geerte Wachter of the Prince Claus Fund of the Netherlands were on the dais. Besides, all participating photographers from across the world also attended the opening ceremony presided over by Festival Director Shahidul Alam.

Organised by Drik Picture Library Ltd. and patronised by the Prince Claus Fund for Culture and Development of the Netherlands, Chobi Mela is a biennial event. Always showcasing photographs on a theme, the third edition of the event depicts 'resistance' through the colossal photographic works of about 90 photographers of 17 countries.

This year's Chobi Mela has introduced an award for lifetime achievement in photography. Four legendary pioneers of photography in Bangladesh—Golam Kashem, Amanul Haque, Shamsul Alam Beg, and Shamsul Islam—were announced as the recipients of the award at the opening ceremony.



Golam Kashem



Amanul Haque



Shamsul Alam Beg



Shamsul Islam

Schedules of Chobi Mela III

Venue: Alliance Française		
December 06-23		<i>Women Care</i> by Morten Krogvold (Norway)
December 06-13		<i>Returning the Gaze</i> by Shadi Ghadrian (Iran)
December 07-13		<i>Kwato Culture</i> by Neo Ntsoma (South Africa)
December 14-23		<i>World of Little Heroes</i> by Michel Szulc-Krzyzanowski (The Netherlands)
		<i>Living with AIDS</i> by Srinivas Kuruganti (USA)
Venue: British Council		
December 06-10		<i>The 4th Generation</i> by Peter Fryer (UK)
		<i>The World's Largest Machine Gun Shoot</i> by Hilary Knox (UK)
		<i>Will Tradition Survive</i> by Thien Chih Wey (Singapore)
Venue: Drik Gallery		
December 06-11		<i>Writing with Light</i> by Pedro Meyer (Mexico)
		<i>Bridging East & West Saudi Aramco World, 1949-1999</i>
		<i>Present</i> by Photographers of USA
December 06-14		<i>Massoud</i> by Reza Dehghani (Iran)
December 06-23		<i>Stories of a Class Struggle: Bangladeshi Nazal Women</i> by Shahidul Alam (Bangladesh)
December 12-23		<i>Faces of the Bangla Resistance</i> by Darren Soh (Singapore)
		<i>Eye on Southeast Asia</i> by Zhuang Wubin (Singapore)
		<i>Small Spaces, Big Dreams</i> by Chris Yap (Singapore)
December 15-23		<i>Exposure: Portrait of a Corporate Crime</i> by Raghu Rai (India)
Venue: Goethe Institut		
December 06-11		<i>Protest</i> by Mani Sriwanichpoorn (Thailand)
December 20-23		<i>Brickfields</i> by John Lambrechts (The Netherlands)
Venue: Russian Cultural Centre		
December 06-11		<i>War Room</i> by Tarek Al-Ghoussein and Chris Kenke (UAE/USA)
		<i>Self Portrait</i> by Tarek Al-Ghoussein (Palestine)
		<i>Freedom from Tyranny</i> by Richard Glickstein (USA)
December 12-20		<i>Amador Kontho</i> by SARFV (Bangladesh)
		<i>Triumph in the Face of Disabilities</i> by Victor Chin (Malaysia)
Venue: Muldhara International Centre		
December 06-12		<i>Manipur</i> by Suvendu Chatterjee (India)
Venue: Abahani Ground		
December 06-15		<i>Little Asia</i> by photographers from India, Iran, Malaysia, Nepal, Pakistan, Sri Lanka, Thailand, Singapore, Japan and Bangladesh



(L-R) Tarek Al-Ghoussein, Morten Krogvold, Pedro Meyer, Geerte Wachter and Shahidul Alam at the opening ceremony

mony. These internationally acclaimed photographers have largely remained unrecognised in our own country.

Golam Kashem is considered the first semi-professional photographer of the country, having started taking photographs in the early 1900s. He set up the Tropical Institute of Photography, one of the first such institutes in the region, in 1951. In 1961 he started the Camera Recreation Club which ran until his death. Manzoor Alam Beg endearingly gave him the name 'Daddy'.

Manzoor Alam Beg was the first to give photography a professional form. He established Beg Art Institute of Photography in 1960, which

produced a huge number of today's renowned photographers. Manzoor Alam Beg was honoured with the title 'Alokchitracharya' in 1998.

Amanul Haque is one of those few living photographers who documented the historic Language Movement in 1952. His photo album *Amar Desh Chitromala* is a classic collection of images of rural Bangladesh. Considered to be the pioneer of romanticism in photography in Bangladesh, he spent a considerable time with legendary filmmaker Satyajit Ray making many portraits of him. Unfortunately, most of these photos and negatives were lost during the Liberation War.

Shamsul Islam Almazi is the first Bangladeshi photographer to win an international gold medal for photography. Besides photojournalism, he was equally at ease in fashion photography. He contributed a great deal in creating the visual style of the once most popular magazine *Bichitra*. His photographs of the famine of 1974 remain one of the most important documents of the time.

Paribar O Ekti Company--A new mega serial on Channel-i



Mir Shabbir, Intekhab Dinar and Sharmin Shila appear in the mega serial

Paribar O Ekti Company, another mega-serial, starts from December 13, on Channel-i. The mega-serial depicts the story of a joint-family, where three unemployed brothers live on the savings of their late father, Ali Haidar. As usual, as the bank balance is exhausted they face hardship. However, on perusal of her late husband's will their mother comes to know that they have several

other properties which Ali Haidar wanted to keep a secret, until it was necessary. It is then, that their mother takes on the responsibility of the joint family.

Aktaruzzaman is the playwright while Gazi Rakayat is the director of the serial. Ataur Rahman, Aly Zaker, Jayanto Chattopadhyay, Aupi Karim, Intekhab Dinar and others perform in the mega-serial.

Palakar Natya Utshab: Popularising an experimental drama form

ERSHAD KAMOL

Palakar has established a theatre studio with 40 seating arrangements at New Eskaton. In their theatre studio they regularly stage Lab-act, an experimental drama form, on every Friday evening. To make it a popular art form a six-day long festival was arranged, which coincided with the first anniversary of studio theatre, which started on December 3 at their theatre studio.

Commenting on the Lab-act concept, Aminur Rahman, the chief organiser of Palakar, said, 'Most members of our group are from the Department of Fine Arts of Chittagong University. Like other universities, we used to practice improvisation based experimental drama in the theatre studio. After forming our own group—Palakar—we have decided to practice studio theatre or Lab act,



A scene from *The Dumb Waiter*

Theatre Festival in Narayanganj and Chittagong begins

A welcome change from Dhaka-centric theatre

Usually, theatre practice in Bangladesh is Dhaka-based. It is, therefore encouraging that a good number of theatre festivals are also being arranged at the different parts of Bangladesh.

Bangladesh Group Theatre Federation's (BGTF) Dhaka division drama conference followed by an eight-day long drama festival was inaugurated by Mamunur Rashid, the President of BGTF at Chumka, Narayanganj on December 3. General Secretary of BGTF, Liaquat Ali Lucky was the special guest of the programme. The festival is a joint venture of BGTF and Bengal Foun-

dation.

The drama conference started with a colourful rally. Later, the BGTF leaders analysed the problems and activities of the theatre activists of Dhaka division. Three groups from Narayanganj and one group from Munshiganj, Jamalpur, Narsingdi, Mymensingh and Tangail are staging plays in the eight-day long drama festival.

M Faruk Koraisi, SM Pazar Ali, Ganesh Guha, Younis Mia, Jayanta Shanyal and Kutubuddin Ahmed were awarded at the conference for their contribution to the development of theatre in the district level.

Another fortnight long drama festival titled 'Group Theatre Mela-2004', arranged by Chattogram Group Theatre Forum, has started at Shilpakala Academy, Chittagong from December 3, which ends on December 17. The aim of the festival is to strengthen theatre practice in Chittagong.

Besides Loko Natyadal Dal from Dhaka, 14 other local theatre groups will stage 15 plays in the drama festival. Moreover, open air drama, group songs, drama songs, dance and pantomime are included in the fortnight long festival.

Amitabh Bachchan : Taking up the cause of AIDS

PALLAB BHATTACHARYA, New Delhi

Epousing a noble cause is nothing new for Bollywood superstar Amitabh Bachchan. He has starred in the national campaign against eradication of polio, cancer and communalism. And now he has become the first Asian brand ambassador for the Nelson Mandela AIDS Foundation.

The 62-year-old actor chose the venue of the ongoing 35th International Film Festival of India in Goa to announce that he is joining the select league of such superstars like Hollywood actor Brad Pitt, Will Smith, singer Beyonce Knowles and Irish rock band U2's local vocalist Bono in the campaign against AIDS.

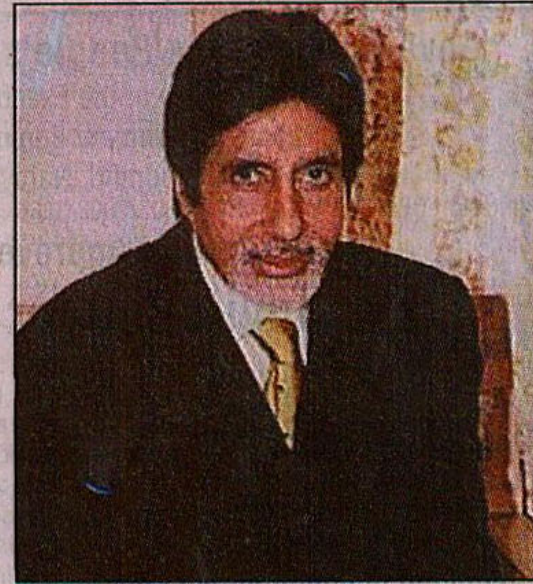
Amitabh accepted the Foundation's offer to don a black tee shirt with 46664 printed on it in white, the number South African anti-apartheid movement icon Nelson Mandela wore during his 25 years of imprisonment in the Robben Island.

On the occasion, the actor watched the film *Yesterday*, the South African entry for this year's Oscar award in foreign film category, which tells the story of an HIV-affected woman deserted by her husband.

Amitabh announced that his son Abhishek would donate his entire fee for appearing in a lead role in India's first feature film on AIDS, *Phir Milenge*, which also stars Salman Khan and Shilpa Shetty. The beneficiary is a

school with AIDS-affected children.

'If there is any noble cause I can lend my name to, I will not hesitate,' Amitabh said.

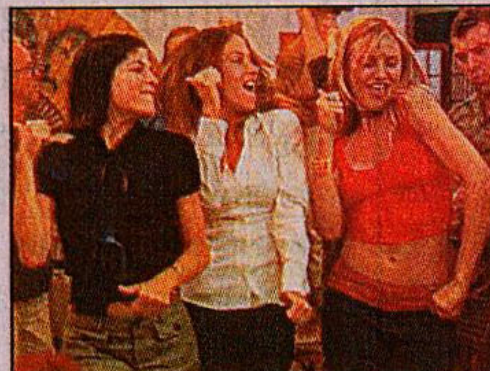


TV GUIDE

PICK OF THE DAY



Din Choley Jay
On Channel i at 9:35pm
Drama Serial
Cast: Azizul Hakim, Srabonti, Bonya Mirza, Dipa
Writer: Zinat Hakim, Director: Shahidul Islam



The Sweetest Thing
On HBO at 11:45pm
Genre: Comedy/Romance
Cast: Cameron Diaz, Christina Applegate, Selma Blair
Director: Roger Kumble

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-1

News (Bangla) at 7:15 am, 9:00am, 7:15pm, 9:00pm, 10:30, 12:15am.
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 am, 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

BTV

07:30 Bangladesh Hridoy Hotey
09:00 Satellite Programme
12:15 Shongbad Potrer-Pala Trekey
12:30 Shasthya Totiya
01:05 Jibon Bangladesh
02:05 Maron Bangladesh
02:05 Khetla Khetla Computer
02:30 Hija Tolal
03:05 Shukhi Panbar
03:35 Musical Programme
04:05 Open University
04:30 Science Programme
05:05 Mali O Manush
05:30 Prescription
06:10 Musical Programme
06:35 Documentary
07:05 Shusthya Thakun
07:30 Bhalo Thakun
07:30 The World's Greatest
08:30 Drama Serial
09:00 Drama Serial: Abhimaner Rakam
10:25 Toknal Thako Talatia
10:35 Talk Show
11:00 Shilpo O Shahitya

CHANNEL-1

09:30 Shongbad Potrer
09:30 Bangladesh and Public Reaction
10:45 Trilopy Mastra
10:45 Sports Time
12:00 Chitri Pelam
12:30 Aaj Dupurey and City Cell Tarika
01:00 Ebong Chinar Gaan
01:30 Public Reaction
01:35 Bangla Film: Shashon (Alamgir, Shabana)
03:45 Shomoyor Kotha
04:10 Sa Re Ga Me

05:30

Bangladesh Shano Sharkar
06:00 Music Plus
06:30 Gillette World Sports
07:55 RC Travel On
08:25 Drama Serial: Kichhu Megh Kichhu Roudar
09:35 Drama Serial: Din Choley Jay
10:00 Drama Serial: Banchoy Je Ki Shukh
10:30 Talk Show: Anmoddini
11:15 Drama Serial: Adol Badol
11:50 Drama Serial: Shimahin Shimany
12:30 Bangla Feature Film: Ashami Badhu
03:15 Drama Serial: Bou Chal
03:50 Uro Cola Shat Rang
04:30 Shapla Shaluk
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06:20 Manoshi
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08:00 Aajker Shakal
09:20 Frankly Speaking
10:02 Zoo Adventure
10:30 Aarshinagar
11:00 Transworld Sports
12:02 Circus Lights
02:35 Sportsheer Baire
03:05 Selected Programme
03:45 Drama Serial: Shyaoala
04:25 Fardi
05:20 Apnar Jigyasha

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08:50 Kichhu Katha Kichhu Gaan
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12:00 Summer Catch
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STAR MOVIES

8:00 Dragon: The Bruce
9:10 Lee Story
10:00 Predator
11:45 Murder In The First
1:45 Hangman's Curse
3:30 Roommates
5:25 Marines
7:00 Die Hard
9:10 Shark Zone
10:45 Predator
12:30 Last Samurai
9:40 Naakbandi
1:30 Dulhan Hum Le Jayenge
4:45 Joshilaay
8:30 Ithaas
12:00 Police Officer

STAR WORLD

7:00 Friends
7:30 Just Shoot Me
8:00 Hollywood Squares
8:30 Whose Line Is It Anyway
9:00 The Drew Carey Show
9:30 Oprah Winfrey Show
10:30 Michael Jackson 30th Anniversary Celebration
1:30 The Kumars At No. 42
2:28 Star Asia Travel
2:30 Oprah Winfrey Show
3:30 Bold And Beautiful
4:30 Hollywood Squares
5:00 Whose Line Is It Anyway
5:30 Miami Vice
6:30 The Simpsons

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8:30 Hello Dollie
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STAR SPORTS

8:00 New Zealand Tour Of
8:30 Australia Chappell-
8:45 Haddlee Trophy
9:00 Melbourne Australia 1st
9:15 Odi Highlights(R)
9:30 New Zealand Tour Of
9:45 Australia Chappell-
10:00 Haddlee Trophy Sydney
10:15 Australia 2nd Odi (L)
10:30 Tiger Cup 2004 Ho Chi
10:45 Minh City Vietnam
11:00 Vietnam Vs Singapore
11:15 Group A(S)
11:30 Japan GI Championships
11:45 2004 Mid-Season Review(T)
12:00 Australian Open
12:15 Road To The Australian
12:30 Open (T)
12:45 Sportsline (L)
1:00 Uefa Champions
1:15 League 2004/05
1:30 Valencia Cf Vs Sv
1:45 Werder Bremen N Group
1:55 Phase 1 Matchweek
2:00 6(R)
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7:00 Sportscenter Asia (R)
7:30 Asian X-Games
7:45 Qualifiers Latin X
8:00 Games (R)
8:30 English Premier Football
8:45 League 2004/05
9:00 Manchester England
9:15 Auditions - Mumbai &
9:30 Chennai(R)

TEN SPORTS

8:00 Samsung Hockey
8:15 Champions Trophy H/Ls
8:30 WWE: Smackdown
8:45 MAI Indian National
9:00 Rally Championship 04
9:15 Top Ten Barmen
9:30 Samsung Hockey
9:45 Champions Trophy: PAK
10:00 v IND
10:15 WWE: After Burn
10:30 Samsung Champions
10:45 Trophy H/Ls Day 4
11:00 Portuguese League H/Ls
11:15 Manchester City (T)
11:30 WWE: After Burn