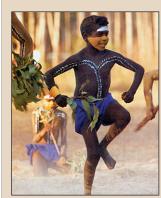
Exhibition



CULTURAL FEAST

Title: Kickin' Up Dust (featuring Australian contemporary indigenous cultural festivals on photographs) Venue: Bengal Gallery of Fine Arts Time: February 28-March 18, 12-08

Title: Children's Painting Exhibition Artists: Child artistes ranging 4 to 16

Organiser: Artiste Muhammad Abu Venue: Drik Gallery, House 58, Road

Date: February 25-March 01, from 3pm to 8pm

Title: Bangla Calligraphy Exhibition Organiser: Amar Desh and Islami

Artist: Arham ul Huq Chowdhury Venue: Essentials, House 20, road 24, Block K, Bonani Date: March 03-11, from 10am to

Title: Endangered Mind of five years



Artist: Uttam Kumar Roy Venue: Zainul Gallery, Institute of Fine Arts, University of Dhaka Date: March 01-07, From 11am to

Folk Festival

Title: Lokokarushilpa Mela O Lokojo

Organiser: Ministry of Cultural Affairs Venue: Sonargaon at Narayangani Date: February 25-March 17

Play

Title: Shubha Lagan Story: The Proposal by Anton Chekhov

Group: Chekhov Theatre Venue: Russian Centre of Science and Culture, House 510, Road 7, Dhanmondi Date: March 27, at 5:00pm

Benson & Hedges Ampfusion

Magical moments of music

FAIZUL KHAN TANIM

T was one of those rare events. where folk and contemporary. mainly rock musicians shared the stage under the banner of B&H Ampfusion in Hotel Sheraton's

The event comprised big names Shahjahan Munshi, Habib (Krishno and Maya), Black, LRB and Star Search winner Mitra Kabir.

The acoustics and amazing lights went a long way in creating a memorable ambience. As the crowd cheered, the concert got off the ground.

The intro was a drum jamming by Tony, drummer of the band Black. With hearty applause and drum beats, the hall came alive.

B & H star search winner Mitra Kabir was next with her sensuous lyrics and tasteful tune, but best of all, she had a crystal clear voice singing Heri mukho chande and Oki eshechey.

Next on stage was the eagerly awaited Habib: the man who is said to have given fusion music in our country a new standing. With his fantastic on-stage presentation of Maya lagaise, Mon mojaiya, Kuhu Shurey and the famous track Krishno, the environment went electric. He invited guest vocals Milon Mahmud, whose presentations were remarkable.

Kaniz Shuborna was next. Her showmanship with her usual dance and melody numbers went down well with the audience.



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Habib (c) presenting his popular numbers

Shahjahan Munshi was another great performer whose vocals drew applause. Using authentic folk instruments, the musician performed Jaat gelo, Eki prem er protidan, Jotoney pushbo pakhi, Shohoj manush and more. The instrumentation and his vocals

were magnetic--the crowd loved it. The final attraction, which rocked the hearts out of the crowd, was a joint performance by the bands Black and LRB. Occasional jamming where Ayub Bachhu with his bluesy guitar playing mingled with heavy alternative guitar riffs of Black's Jahan was extremely captivating.

Black performed the aweinspiring set of Blues and Roud, Obhiman, Porahoto and Amra. Tahsan the keyboardist of Black started playing the celebrated ballad Shei tumi, and was joined by Ayub Bachhu on stage. This sharing of different genres of songs through an amp gave rise to the Ampfusion.

LRB performed a few of their favourite numbers before the curtains came down for the night. As media relation manager of

British American Tobacco Bangladesh (BATB) Ahmad Munir Hossain said, international bands like Strings and Junoon are next on their roster and these fusion events are likely to provide great entertainment.

What was best about this event was this diverse lineup of different musicians on a single stage brought together by Benson & Hedges. These efforts have won wide appreciation.

77 Academy Awards

Baby knocks out its contenders





(From L-R) Best Supporting Actor Morgan Freeman, Best Supporting Actress Cate Blanchett, Best Actress Hilary Swank and Best Actor Jamie Foxx pose together. Clint Eastwood poses with the Best Director and Best Motion Picture Awards

Oscar voters chose to fight rather than switch allegiance when they gave their highest honours in ceremonies held Sunday night in Hollywood. Clint Eastwood's boxing drama Million Dollar Baby dealt a knockout blow to Martin Scorsese's lavish biopic *The* Aviator, snatching the coveted best picture and best

In a historic bout between two Hollywood heavyweights, the story of a female fighter mortally wounded the biography of Howard Hughes, which started out as the favourite to win top honours but ended up with five mostly minor Oscars.

Million Dollar Baby also won Hilary Swank the best actress Oscar for her role as the pugilist boxer Maggie Fitzgerald as well as best supporting actor Oscarfor veteran actor Morgan Freeman.

"I'm just lucky to be here, lucky to be still working," Eastwood, 74, said as he became the oldest recipient of the directing Oscar that should finally seal his

Scorsese, the man behind *The Aviator*, who lost the directing race for the fifth time. Scorsese matched the record of Oscar futility held by a handful of legendary filmmakers such as Alfred Hitchcock and Robert Altman, who also went 0-for-5 in the direct-

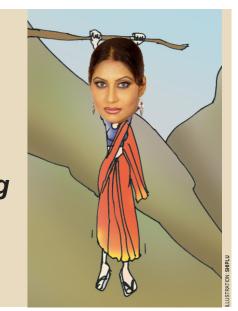
uncanny emulation of Ray Charles in Ray. Eternal

Sunshine of the Spotless Mind took the originalscreenplay award for Charlie Kaufman. Sideways won the adapted-screenplay prize for director Alexander Payne and his writing partner, Jim

In other categories, the Spanish film The Sea Inside, from director Alejandro Amenabar, won the prestigious best foreign language film Oscar for his movie about a tetraplegic, played by Javier

The superhero film The Incredibles was named best animated feature, beating out Polar Express and Spiderman 2 won the Oscar for best visual

" Once I was hanging midway between life and death" -- Farah



Farah Ruma is a promising model-turned-actress who has acted in a number of television plays, including serials and telefilms. Currently, she is acting in three drama serials Lodia, Shampurna Rangin and Sheola. Recently, she shared her thoughts and experiences with The Daily Star about her professional and personal life. Excerpts are given below:

What is your real self?

Acquaintances say that I am capricious. They have a point: sometimes I am very restless and extrovert, but at the next moment I may become serene. I think I am a very simple person who has faith in people. Sometimes people take advantage of my innocence.

If you could turn back time and change any incident of your life what that would be?

There are people who make mistakes and often want to change their failures into success. Sometimes I also felt that way. But I am a very optimistic person and believe that life has its ups and downs. I want to look ahead, and not look back and cry over spilt milk. Dream role

I want to play diversified characters, which are not very simple and predictable. For example, I am keen to play the role of a physically challenged person. I also have a long cherished dream to portray the character Nandini of Rabindranath Tagore's Raktokarobi. How important is glamour for an actor?

As television is an entertainment medium, glamour is

a must for performers. The actors should be presentable and impressive. But the true beauty of an actor lies in his/her acting skills.

If you are were granted a wish to select a co-actor who would that be?

Shahrukh Khan would obviously be my first choice. He has all the qualities of a good actor.

Memorable event Last vear I acted in a music video titled Ekla Pakhi

directed by Apon Ahsan. We went to the hilly area of Chittagong Hill Tracts to shoot the video. There was a shot where I was supposed to wave my scarf in the air looking up to the sky. It was about a 100-foot hill where I was standing. As the camera rolled on, I was looking at the sky, without the faintest idea of where I was stepping. Suddenly, I realised I was falling down. I screamed out of fear! After a fraction of a second, I found myself hanging from the branch of a tree. I could see the director and the crew of the unit helplessly looking at me. The shock of the incident had rendered them speechless. However, they soon came running to me and saved me from any further disaster. I can never forget the moment because I was literally hanging midway between life and

Future plans

My present is important to me, not the future. I don't even think much about the future. However, I want to carry on with my present acting career successfully. And I want to be an ideal daughter, an ideal wife and of course an ideal mother.

Kickin' up dust

Photographs of indigenous Australians

CULTURAL CORRESPONDENT

Lorraine Barker, the Australian High Commissioner speaking at the Bengal Foundation, said, " The festival documentation brings to life the culture of the Australian aborigines. One can see and understand the vibrancy of their lives. The spirit of living in the outback has been well delineated in the photographic exhibition Kickin' up dust." Ms Barker was speaking at a press conference at the gallery of the Bengal Foundation on February 27.

Noazesh Ahmed, a noted photographer, said that though the photographers were not famous, their work was a genuine documentation and they showed considerable fervour. The photographers include Peter Eve, Michael Hutchinson, Liberty Seekee, Jillian Mundy, Adam Thompson and Vernon Graham.

The photographs in the exhibition depict scenes from four cultural festivals that represent the diversity of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander life in Australia today. The festivals were held between August 2002 and February 2003. They include the Garma Festival (North-

ern Territory), Torres Strait Cultural throughout Australia by Aboriginal Festival (Queensland), Stompen and Torres Strait Island people. Ground (Western Australia) and Tasmania. The ancient traditions and rich ceremonial life seen in the

The festivals in the photographs are a reminder of the necessity to preserve indigenous culture through songs, dance and stories



Photographs portray the indigenous culture of Australia

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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

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

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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. News Headlines (Bangla) at 10:00 am.

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NewsHeadlines(Bangla) at 5:30 pm. 7:30

BBC WORLD

Every hour on the hour

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

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STAR MOVIES

Moonstruck 10:00 The Touch American Ninja 4 1:30 **Bull Durham** Rare Birds

tough guy.

The 77th Oscars were another heartbreak for

ing category.

However, Million Dollar Baby's strongest contender, Martin Scorsese's spectacular recreation of the world of eccentric billionaire Howard Hughes, The Aviator came away with the most Oscars - five awards including the supporting-actress prize for Cate Blanchett. Jamie Foxx took the Oscar for best actor for his

Compiled by Cultural Correspondent



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11:00

Zimbabwe Tour Of South

Africa Standard Bank One Day International Series Durban, Sout Africa South Africa Vs Zimbabwe 2nd Odi, Highlights(R)

ESPN 7:00 Sportscenter Sportscenter India (R)

7:30 Australia Tour Of New Zealand The National Bank Series Wellington, New Zealand New Zealand Vs Australia 4th Odi, 2nd Session(L) Pga Tour Golf Accenture Match Play Championship (Wgc) Carlsbad, Ca Usa First Round Matches(R) Champions Tour Golf Outback Steakhouse Pr0-Am Lutz, FI Usa First Round(T) Motorsport Asia (R) Australia Tour Of New Zealand The National

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Football Focus (L) Football Up Close Toyota Football Up Close (R) Uefa Champions League Magazine Shows (R) 8:30 Sportscenter Sportscente India (L) Nba Basketball Los

Angeles, Ca Usa Detroit Pistons Vs Los Angeles Lakers (R) Sportscenter Sportscenter India (R)

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