

CULTURAL FEAST

Painting Exhibition

Title: Paint and Pixel
Artist: Nazia Andaleeb Preema
Venue: La Gallery, Alliance Francaise
Date: March 03-14, From 9am to 12pm and 5pm to 8pm

Title: Faces
Artist: Arhamul Huq Chowdhury
Venue: Essentials, House 20, road 24, Block K, Bonani
Date: March 03-11, from 10am to 6pm

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 8pm

Photography Exhibition

Title: Craft & Art of Clay Exhibit
Photographer: Tayabuzzaman Topu
Venue: Art & Soul Gallery
Time: March 04-13, from 11pm to 8pm

Title: Chitrakabya
Photographer: Abdullah-Al-Masum
Venue: BPS Gallery, House 63/2, Science Laboratory Road
Time: February 11-March 11, from 10am to 8pm

Folk Festival

Title: Lokokarushilpa Mela O Lokojo Ushab 2005
Organiser: Ministry of Cultural Affairs
Venue: Sonargaon at Narayanganj
Date: February 25-March 17

Jazz Night

Group: JAAZ-the German Foreign Office's Jazz Band
Venue: Goethe Institut, House 10, Road 9, Dhanmondi
Time: March 06, at 7pm

Flute Evening

Artist: Captain Azizul Islam
Venue: National Museum Auditorium, Shahabag
Time: March 06, at 6:30pm

Film Screening

L Gaidai Retrospective
Organiser: Dhaka Film Society
Venue: Russian Centre of Science and Culture, House 510, Road 7, Dhanmondi

Schedule
March 06
04:00 pm Kidnapping Caucasian Style
06:00 pm Operation I And Other Adventures of Shurik
March 07
04:00 pm The Diamond Arm
06:00 pm Evan Vassilyevich Changes His Profession

French New Wave Film Festival

Organiser: Zahir Raihan Film Society
Venue: Alliance Francaise, 26, Mirpur Road, Dhanmondi
Time: March 06-16

Schedule
March 06
05:30pm In Praise of Love
07:00pm Cinema! Cinema!
March 07
05:00pm Betty
07:00pm Bed Is a Bed of Roses
March 08
05:00pm The Lady and the Duke
07:00pm Goodbye! Children
March 09
05:00pm The Aviator's Wife
07:00pm Day for Night
March 13
05:00pm The Incomrigible
07:00pm Confidentially Yours
March 14
05:00pm And Now, Ladies and Gentlemen
07:00pm Death in a French Garden
March 15
05:00pm The Beautiful Troublemaker!
March 16
05:00pm Heart Beat
07:00pm First Name: Carmen

1st International Music Festival 2005

Showcasing the universal language of music

CULTURAL CORRESPONDENT

BEFORE human civilisation developed, before the first human even walked on earth, there were sounds. Even before we are born, our heartbeat asserts our existence. Hence, when music evolved from the basic concepts of sounds, it became a universal language that delineates every human emotion such as love, woe and joy. This was theme of the 1st International Music Festival 2005, which took place at the Shaheed Ziaur Rahman Auditorium of the Bangladesh National Museum from March 02 to 04.

The Centre for Education, Creative and Performing Arts (CECPA), in association with Unesco Dhaka and Bangladesh National Commission for Unesco (BNCU), organised this gala. Renowned and emerging artistes from Japan, India, Pakistan, Sri Lanka and the host, Bangladesh performed in this festival.

Minister for Education, Dr M Osman Farruk was the chief guest of the inaugural function. The State Minister for Cultural Affairs Begum Selima Rahman and the Unesco Representative in Bangladesh, Wolfgang Vollmann were present at the occasion as special guests.

"Bangladesh has a rich culture that needs to be promoted. With sufficient endeavours, maybe one day we can rival the centre of prime cultural activities--Paris. This has been the sole purpose for arranging this international music festival," said Azad Rahman, chairman of the CECPA.



Ustad Shahadat Hossain rendered sarod on the second day of the music festival

On March 03, Kaveri Kar from India, Leo Barol, Nafisa Azad, Krishnapada Mondol, Shahadat Hossain, Afsana Khan, Roksana Khan, Shamir Das and Shaheen Samad of Bangladesh entertained the audience with classical khayal, thumri and instrumental music.

On the first day of the festival, the audience was regaled with khayal, thumri, kajari, ghazals and instrumental music. The performers were Ustad Yaseen Khan, Shamima Parveen, Dr Harunur Rashid, Captain Azizul Islam and Karim Shahabuddin of Bangladesh, Hajjal Rafi of Pakistan, Kiyoko and Resto Hagiwara of Japan.

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Chakrabarty, Mustafa Zaman Abbasi, Nuruzzaman Badshah of Bangladesh and Rufu Rahman, a Japanese student, performed Nazrul Sangeet, Rabindra Sangeet, folk songs, khayal and instrumental music. Guna Sekar of Sri Lanka played two Beethoven compositions on piano.

The audience seemed to enjoy this musical treat. The festival came to a close with the prospect of greater government and public support for future music festivals.

Bangla calligraphy exhibition

Aesthetic presentation of our alphabet

ERSHAD KAMOL

Calligraphy, practiced from the Far East to the West, has great artistic appeal. The calligraphy of some middle-eastern countries, in particular, ranks high because of the shape of the alphabets. The Muslim style was in evidence in a recent calligraphy exhibition at the Sculptor Novera Gallery of the National Museum. The exhibition was arranged jointly by the Dainik Amar Desh and Shahjalal Islami Bank.

Fourteen participants presented calligraphy in the exhibition, using different mediums--digital print, acrylic, collage and gauche. However, most of the calligraphy was done in digital print.



Mahbub Murshid's calligraphical work contains lines from poems of Jibanananda Das

Of the 50 calligraphy pieces, Mahbub Murshid, Masum Akhtar Mili and Mubashwir Majumdar's work drew the attention of the audience.

Both Mahbub Murshid and Masum Akhtar Mili incorporated natural motifs in their works, by using symbolic colour. On his acrylic calligraphy Mahbub said, "The shapes of Arabic, Persian or Urdu alphabets are very handy to decorate flowers or other elements of nature. However, it is difficult to do it with Bangla alphabets. That is why we are using background of acrylic painting for the artistic presentation of Bangla calligraphy. And the background is very

relevant to my theme--the nature of Bangladesh."

Mubashwir Majumdar made an interesting collage titled Shanjher Barnomala (alphabets at dusk) by depicting glimpses from the cultural heritage of rural Bangladesh. His decoration of Bangla alphabets presented scenes of kite flying, the intricate designs of Nakshikantha and such aspects of the rural Bangladesh.

Basir Mesbah decorated the Qalima with Bangla alphabets in gauche medium.

The Muslim style is also explicit in the other Bangla calligraphy works that are done in computerised digital print.



A work by Ha Mim Kefayatullah

First ever magic festival in Bangladesh

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The lure of magic is universal. The enchanting and awe-inspiring qualities of magic cut across age

and education barriers. The Magicians' Society of Bangladesh (MSB) brings good tidings to magic lovers: the first ever magic festival to be held between March 10-12.

The three-day grand event will take place at three venues--the Mirpur Indoor Stadium, Osmani Memorial Auditorium and Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy. Internationally acclaimed magicians from eight countries--India, China, Thailand, Singapore, Hong Kong, Spain, United States of America and Bangladesh--will perform shows in this festival, asserts magician Ali Raj, general secretary of MSB.

Showcasing performances by magicians such as PC Sarcar Jr from India, Juan Mayoral from Spain, Tuxedo from Thailand, Franz Harry and Dave Womach from USA, the festival also features Bangladeshi magicians Jewel Aich, Ali Raj, Ulfat Kabir, Mainul Khan, George the Cruise, Shafulah Sikder and others.

Besides the gala shows, the event will conduct workshops, lectures, demonstrations, magic bazaar and video shows for the magicians and general audience.

So, now it is time for the Bangladeshi audience to witness astonishing tricks such as the 'vanishing' of a truck or a helicopter from the stage! The tickets will range from Tk. 300 to Tk. 1000.



A world of magicians

Russian comedy master Gaidai's films in Dhaka



The Diamond Arm to be screened at the event

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The famous Russian filmmaker Leonid Gaidai's comedies of the 1960s owed their phenomenal success to his visual style of humour, which starkly contrasted with the verbal insinuations of official Soviet

ideology within narrative-driven Soviet cinema. Dhaka Film Society (DFS) is set to organise a two-day retrospective of Gaidai from March 6 at the Russian Centre of Science and Culture.

The retrospective will feature four of the most popular Russian films of Gaidai: Kidnapping Caucasian Style, Operation 'I' and Other Adventures of Shurik, The Diamond Arm and Ivan Vassilyevich Changes His Profession. The film The Diamond Arm gained a cult status in the erstwhile USSR after its release and after many years is still considered to be the number one comedy in Russia.

What makes Gaidai unique is his interest in visual, especially physical, humour. Gaidai incorporated key elements of physical comedy, such as the primacy of visual over verbal humour, an exhibitionistic enlargement of the human body as a comic attraction, the transition from a still image to a moving picture as a visual attraction, and, most important, a chain of loosely connected sight gags (which became his signature structure) over a coherent and cohesive narrative.

Saif steps towards non-mainstream movies

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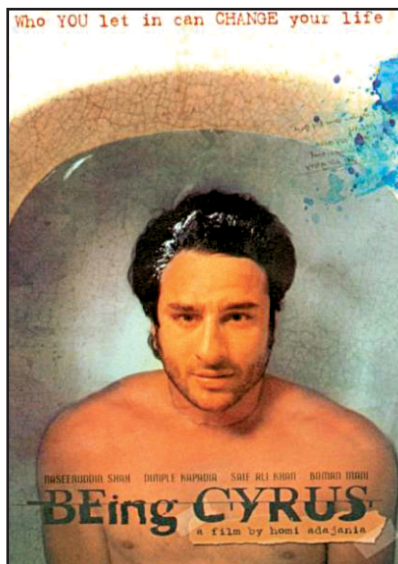
Saif Ali Khan has made his name in the domain of mainstream Hindi movies but now he wants to demonstrate his acting skills through non-commercial movies. Saif is confident that his upcoming movie Being Cyrus will affirm his versatility as an actor.

Earlier titled Akoori, Being Cyrus is the directorial debut of Homi Adajania and this is Saif's first film in English. Being Cyrus is a psychological drama with unusual characterisations.

The story revolves around a Parsi family, the Sethnas residing in the hills of Panchgani. A retired sculptor, Dinshaw (Naseeruddin Shah) heads the family. Other members of the joint family comprise Dinshaw's wife Katy (Dimple Kapadia), brother Farokh, sister-in-law Tina and the other brother Fardoonjee.

Then arrives Cyrus (Saif Ali Khan) at the Sethna house and stays on.

As the movie proceeds, it is possible to gain a psychological insight into the complex Sethna family. Not just that, even Cyrus comes across as a bizarre personality.



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, 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.
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.

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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.
Teletext 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

CHANNEL-i

09:45 Tritiyo Matra
10:30 Tele Prescription
11:30 Hridoye Mati O Manush
12:00 Chithi Pelam
12:30 Aj Dupurey O Citycell
12:30 Tarokakothon
01:00 Eboang Cinemar Gaan
01:25 Public Reaction
01:30 Shangbadpotrey Bangladesh
04:45 Sa Re Ga Ma
05:30 FTC Business Talk
06:00 Music Plus
06:30 Flop Show
07:50 Musical Program: Shonchita
08:25 Rupkatha
09:35 Drama Serial: 69
10:00 Drama Serial: Shakhi Kutum

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08:30 Aajker Shakal
09:05 Drama Serial: Jhut
11:00 Jhameela
09:20 Shanskriti Ei Shaptahoto
10:05 Alankar
11:00 Mon Amar Shandhan Kori
11:30 Ki Kotha Tahar Shathey
12:05 American Cinema
01:05 Potrikar Khabor
01:30 TVC
02:35 Drama Serial: Ei Borshae
03:15 Telefilm: Kobi
05:20 Anar Jigyasha
06:20 Shubho Shondhya
06:50 Ain O Jibon
08:15 Drama serial: Jhut
08:50 Right Click
09:40 Drama Serial: Akashy Anek Raat

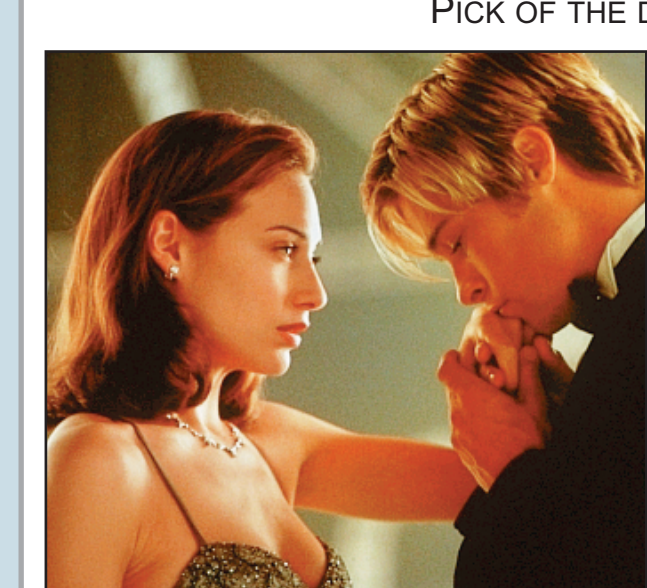
ATN BANGLA

11:25 Dindarpan
10:30 Annodishti
11:05 Drama Serial: Ek Janomey
11:35 Cine Aha
12:50 Smritir Monikothay
01:25 Shomali Shadakalo
02:30 Drama Serial: Ghunpoka
03:15 Drama Serial: O Amar Chhokhu Nai
03:50 Children's Programme
04:25 Drama: O, AA
05:00 Gram Ganer Khabor
05:45 Jibon Jigyasha
06:25 Three Stooges
08:00 Danish Pothey Pothey
08:30 Drama Serial: The New Shabuj Opera
09:00 Drama Serial: Biborton
09:30 Drama Serial: Mohona
10:35 Business This Week
12:20 Bangla Feature Film: Bishal Akromon

HBO

10:15 Red Planet
12:30 Who's Your Daddy?
2:30 Only You
4:45 Touching Evil
6:30 Tremors 3: Back to Perfection
8:30 Men in Black II
10:15 Evolution
12:15 Hard Target
2:15 My Little Eye
STAR MOVIES
8:30 Rocky
10:30 Kaena: The Prophecy
12:00 Phone Booth
1:15 Just A Kiss
2:45 Moonstruck
4:30 Air Force One
6:30 Opening Night
7:00 League Of Extraordinary Gentlemen

PICK OF THE DAY



Meet Joe Black

On STAR Movies at 8:50pm
Genre: Fantasy / Mystery / Romance / Drama
Cast: Brad Pitt, Anthony Hopkins, Claire Forlani
Direction: Martin Brest
Bill Parrish, media tycoon, loving father and still a human being, is about to celebrate his 65th birthday. One morning, he is contacted by the inevitable - by hallucination, as he thinks. Later, Death itself enters his home and his life, personified in a man's body: Joe Black has arrived. His intention was to take Bill with him, but accidentally, Joe's former host and Bill's beautiful daughter Susan have already met. Joe begins to develop certain interest in life on earth as well as in Susan, who has no clue who she's flirting with.

STAR GOLD

8:50 Meet Joe Black
11:45 Phone Booth
9:30 Prem Deewane
1:00 Dulhan Hum Le Jayenge
4:30 Maya
5:00 Takkar
8:30 Broken Arrow (Hindi)
11:00 Diljale

STAR WORLD

7:30 Sshhhhh...Koi Hai...
8:30 Whirlpool 2nd Gr!l!
12:05 Hit Filmlein Hit Sangeet- 20 M
2:30 The Apprentice
4:30 Manhunt
5:30 Fashion Tv
6:00 Travel Asia
6:30 Baywatch Hawaii
7:30 The Simpsons
8:00 Parkinson
9:00 The Virtual Magician
9:30 Britannia India's Child Genius
10:30 The Kumars At No.42

STAR PLUS

12:30 Chupa Rustom
1:00 Musafir Hoon Yaaron
1:00 Mirch Masala
2:00 Taaza Hits
3:30 Beqabu
6:30 Disney's Mickey Mouse Works
7:00 Marsupilami

NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC

12:00 Serious: Jungle Cheating Death
12:30 Built For Destruction
1:30 Tales Of The Living Dead
3:00 Mummy Road Show
3:30 Tales Of The Living Dead
4:00 Mummy Road Show
4:30 Frontlines Of Construction
5:30 The Volcano That Blew The World Away
6:30 Fat Planet
7:30 National Geographic Special

DISCOVERY

11:30 Terrorism Revealed Age of Terror in the Name of Revolution
12:30 Wild Discovery Ducks Eye View
1:30 Discover India Animal People II Nibha & The Elephants
2:30 Drama on Discovery Dying to Be Apart
3:30 History in Colour: Colour of War II: The British Story Slow to Anger
4:30 Terrorism Revealed Age of Terror In The Name of God
5:30 Mystery Hunters

6:00

Voodoo/Gettysburg
Ghosts
The Baby Whisperer Tia Ratnavira
6:30 Wild Asia Wild Asia
Creatures of the Great Rains
7:30 Wild Discovery In The Depths of The Forest
Discovery's Biggest Shows Unsolved history
8:30 Night Safari Double pack: Wild Dogs And Wolves
11:30 Coloured Lives
Mistresses, the Mistress And The Wife, the

ANIMAL PLANET

11:30 In The Wild Dolphins
Lions (Anthony Hopkins)
Growing up Wild, Growing Up Lynx
1:30 Shark Gordon
Hammerheads
2:00 On The Edge Ultimate Killers Pack Hunters
2:30 Girls Night in Elephant Trilogy -- Search For Virgo, The
Girls Night in Elephant Trilogy -- Namibia's Desert Giants
3:30 The Natural World Seals -- Invaders of the Sea
The Jeff Conwin Experience, Cambodia: Snakes on the Menu
5:30 Nick's Quest Cuba
6:00 Extreme Contact Into The Deep Blue
6:30 The Most Extreme, Most Extreme, (the Season 2) Defenders
7:30 Shark Gordon
Hammerheads
8:00 On The Edge Ultimate Killers Pack Hunters
8:30 Lyndal's Lifetime World's Busiest Wildlife Hospital

9:30

The Natural World Seals
Fatal Flower, the Animal Planet
Showcase Savage Paradise
11:30 TV With Teeth
Wildvision secret Life of the tiger

TRAVEL & LIVING

1:30 Heart & Soul shellfish
Amazing Vacation
Homes Nautical Dreams
Destinations! Millionaire's Mediterranean
Monster House Olde English House
Travelers Iowa State Fair
5:30 royal Persian Sanctuary
6:30 The Whiskey Trail
7:00 World's 20 best Hotels
8:30 Fiestas Patronales De Loiza: Puerto Rico
9:30 World Poker Tour Paris
11:30 Jet Set best of indulgent Vacations, the

TARA MUZIK

1:30 Gitanjali
2:00 Movie
4:30 Chokher Aloy
Dekhechilem
Masala News
5:30 Muzikal
6:00 Gaane Gappo
6:30 Cinemascope
7:00 Bole to Tollywood
7:30 Telefilm
9:00 Byomkesh
10:00 Cine Mascope
10:30 Jalsaghar
11:30 Telefilm

HALLMARK

3:30 Play With Me Sesame
4:00 Sesame Street
5:00 Bewitched
5:30 Family Law

6:30

Mysterious Ways
7:30 Returning Lily
10:45 Reuning Lily
12:30 Bewitched
1:00 The Princess Stallon

STAR SPORTS

11:30 Super Centuries (R)
12:00 Football Extra (S)
1:00 South Africa Vs Zimbabwe 1st Test Day 2 Highlights(R)
2:27 South Africa Vs Zimbabwe 1st Test Day 3 (L)
9:30 Hitz (T)
10:00 Race Day Melbourne
Australia Foster's Australian Grand Prix(R)
10:45 Formula One 2005

ESPN

7:00 English Premier Football League
Football Extra (L)
9:00 Final Score (R)
10:30 Harsha Closeup Dream Job
11:30 Asian 9-Ball Tour
1:00 English Premier Football League
4:30 Harsha Closeup Dream Job - Harsha Ki Khaj Semifinal #3 (Wild Card Round)(R)
5:30 Icc Cricket World (R)
English Premier Football League West B
Romwich Albion Vs Birmingham City (L)
8:00 Sportscenter Weekend (T)
8:05 Super Sunday (L)
8:30 Football Extra (R)
9:30 Super Sunday (L)
10:00 English Premier Football League Everton Vs Blackburn Rovers (L)