

CULTURAL FEAST

Group Exhibition

Title: International Group Exhibition
Artist: Artists from Bangladesh, Japan and Poland
Venue: Art & Soul Gallery, Gulshan
Date: November 11 to November 16, from 11 am to 8 pm.

Musical Soiree

Title: Solo recital
Artist: Anisur Rahman
Venue: National Theatre Stage, Shilpakala Academy
Date: November 13, at 6pm

Film Screening

Title: Hybrid Forms, New Trends in the Documentary Film
Organiser: Goethe-Institut with cooperation with Zahir Raihan Film Society
Venue: Goethe-Institut, House 10, Road 9, Dhanmondi
Date: November 08-10

Schedule

November 10
4:30pm The Housewife's Flower
6:00pm Vacancy
6:20pm Vagabonding Images

Title: Films by Andrei Tarkovsky
Organiser: Russian Cultural Centre in cooperation with Federation of Film Societies of Bangladesh
Venue: Russian Centre of Science and Culture, House 510, Road 7, Dhanmondi
Date: November 13-15

Korean Cultural Festival

Programme: 2005 Korean Taekwondo Tournament
Venue: Mirpur Sports Stadium
Date: November 18

Classical Music

Organiser: Goethe-Institut with cooperation with Panchaswar
Venue: National Museum Auditorium
Date: November 20, at 6pm

Photography Exhibition

Occasion: 100th anniversary of the capital of the Republic of Tatarstan the city of Kazan
Venue: Library, Russian Cultural Centre House 510, Road 7, Dhanmondi
Date: November 17

Book Exhibition

Occasion: 90th birth anniversary of Russian writer Konstantin M Simonov
Venue: Library, Russian Cultural Centre House 510, Road 7, Dhanmondi
Date: November 15-30

Occasion: 70th birth anniversary of Russian poet and writer Larisa N Vasileva

Venue: Library, Russian Cultural Centre House 510, Road 7, Dhanmondi
Date: November 06-14

Theatre

Play: Bibishab
Troupe: Nagorik Natyangan Ensemble
Venue: Mahila Samity Stage
Date: November 11, at 7 pm

Play: Shonai Bibir Pala

Troupe: Centre for Asian Theatre
Venue: National Theatre Stage
Date: November 10, at 7 pm

Exhibition

Title: Fragile
Artist: Juneer Kibria
Venue: Bengal Gallery of Fine Arts, Dhanmondi
Date: November 10-16, from 12pm to 8pm

Cultural programmes for the Saarc summit

ERSHAD KAMOL

BAKULANDH Shilpakala Academy (BSA) is organising cultural programmes to entertain the dignitaries of the 13th Saarc summit taking place in Dhaka. The cultural events which began from November 9 will continue till November 13. The events will include a musical soiree, dance and an instrumental performance, according to Ahmed Nazir, the director general of BSA.

On November 9, at Hotel Lake Shore, Shahadat Hossain Khan presented a sarod recital in honour of the dignitaries from Saarc countries.



Shakila Zafar

"Renowned singers Runa Laila and Shakila Zafar will present songs at Hotel Sonargaon Pan Pacific on November 10. Moreover, Manipuri dance choreographed by Sharmila Bandyopadhyay is also included in the evening," continues Zinnat Barkatullah, the director, Department of Production. "The major attractions are on November 12 and 13," she adds.

The cultural programme on November 12 at Bangladesh-China Friendship Centre will begin with a presentation of the Saarc theme song, rendered by



Sabina Yasmin

renowned singer Sabina Yasmin. M Rafiqzaman is the lyricist, while Ali Akbar Rupa is the composer of the Saarc theme song. Performers with National flags and flowers of the Saarc countries will dance with the theme song.

Other highlights, says Zinnat, are, "Two dance pieces, one composed by Sharmila Bandyopadhyaya and another by Kabirul Islam Ratan. Moreover, Shakila Zafar, Sabina Yasmin and Mahmuduzzaman Babu will render songs at the event. On November 13, folk dances and songs

will be presented. Four dance pieces to be performed are choreographed by Sharmila Bandyopadhyaya, Deepa Khandokar, Minu Haque and Shafiqur Rahman. Singer Baby Nazreen will render songs as well. Moreover, an orchestra will be presented by the instrumentalists of BSA."

Among other attractions of the Saarc cultural programmes are colourful presentations of the indigenous heritage, said Ahmed Nazir.

Channel click ntv specials for Saarc

CULTURAL CORRESPONDENT

The South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation (Saarc) was established when its Charter was formally adopted on December 8, 1985 by the Heads of State or Governments of Bangladesh, Bhutan, India, Maldives, Nepal, Pakistan and Sri Lanka. The Association provides a platform for the people of South Asia to work together in a spirit of friendship, trust and understanding. It aims to promote the mass welfare of South Asia and to improve the quality of life through accelerated economic growth, social progress and cultural development in the region.

ntv is set to telecast a five-day-long special programme that started from yesterday, on the occasion of the Saarc summit, including special documentaries, a musical programme and a feature film.

A special documentary on Maldives will be telecast at 04:25pm on November 10, while a documentary on Nepal will be aired at 04:25pm on November 11. Likewise Pakistan will be in the spotlight at 04:25pm on November 12, Sri Lanka at 04:25pm and Bangladesh



Runa Laila in Geeti Modhumoy

at 06:50pm on November 13.

As part of the Saarc special programmes, ntv will air a two-episode special, *Road To Dhaka* at 08:20pm on November 12 and 13. A solo musical programme by Runa Laila, *Geeti Modhumoy* will be aired at

12:10am on November 13. A Bangla feature film, *Jibon Shanghar* will be aired at 10:00pm on November 10.

ntv will telecast the live inaugural and closing ceremony of Saarc on November 12 and 13 at 09:45am and 02:45pm respectively.

Familiar issues, unusual expressions

Hyder Husyn's Phaisya Gechhi

KARIM WAHEED

Mon kijey chai bolo is still fondly remembered by the generation growing up in the '90s. Originally performed by the band, Different Touch, the song about a "neighbourhood lothario" had a happy-go-lucky feel and a catchy tune. That's just one of the several songs written and composed by Hyder Husyn.

Of late Husyn has delved into singing and *Phaisya Gechhi* is his most recent album produced by Ektaar Music. The album has 11 tracks, all penned and composed by Husyn. The subjects of the songs are not alien; we've all been there, done that or at least thought of it at some point. The views and the lyrical presentation, however, are certainly out of the ordinary. Some of the songs can be potentially controversial. But that's the beauty of art; art should always make one think.

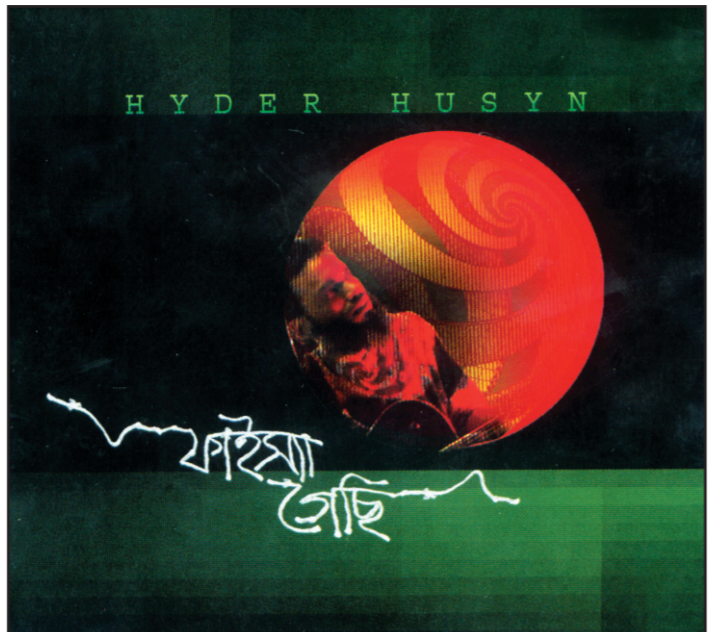
About his songs in the album, Husyn's statement is, "This album is dedicated to the masses of Bangladesh, because I believe this is not only my voice, but also the voice of the silent majority of my beloved country."

The first and title song of the album, *Phaisya Gechhi* grabs one's attention immediately, the *Qawwali* style *alap* builds up a certain *mizaa* (mood) but right away that mood is changed as the

singer starts rendering *Ami phaisya gechhi mainka chipoye* in the Dhakaiaiy accent. The song about the dilemmas of a Dhakaiaiy businessman is humorous and Husyn proves right away, he is a skilled vocal artist.

Sharee is a song that illustrates the

sensuous side of the attire. The narration does not demonstrate the chaste romanticism present in classic Bangla poems or songs but it's real and contemporary. The next song *Keno kichhu bolley na*, is a typical soft romantic number.



Cover jacket of the album



Hyder Husyn

30 bochor porey is a song that stands out for its striking references. Husyn questions, *Swadhinata ki hotel-e-hotel-e grand fashion show? Swadhinata ki aunner khonjey kishori promadala? Swadhinata ki hartal dekey jibon kora stobdho?...*

Other songs that may spur heated debates or enthruse the audience are *Shorkari officer*, *Procharona*, *Bolo bolo rey hai hai* and *Shobdartho*. These songs, often comical, mention corruption, double standards, brash display of political power and the not so positive changes in trends. *Shobi michhey* speaks of the phenomenon that affects most urban individuals: premature aging due to stress and complexities of the routine life. The album also includes a rendition of *Mon kijey chai bolo*. Ashiquazzaman Tulu has done a commendable job with the musical arrangements.

Overall, the album is a collection of songs that music enthusiasts may find thought provoking. Hyder Husyn deserves applause for his candid views on the issues a common man is confronted with everyday.

Cultural programme by child artistes

OUR CORRESPONDENT, B'baria

A cultural programme and painting exhibition was organised by the Brahmanbaria Shishu Nattyam recently. The venue: the playground of Brahmanbaria Industrial School.

The cultural programme incorporated Rabindra Sangeet, Nazrul songs, patriotic and folk songs, along with dance, poetry recitation and mini plays.

Children from different school and clubs and some from Shishu Nattyam attended the cultural function. Among the actors in the play were Anik, Toma, Arpita, Shahin, Manik, Juell, Sushmita and Nadim. A cross section of local people and the guardians of the children were present at the function.

Niaz Muhammad Khan Bito, founder secretary of Brahmanbaria Shishu Nattyam and organiser of this function, asserted that they hold such cultural functions



Children performing at the event

every year. To generate awareness of culture among the younger genera-

tion is a major objective of Brahmanbaria Shishu Nattyam, he added.



Dr Inamul Haque, Tauquir Ahmed, Richi Solaiman, Hridy Haq and others perform in the TV play *Harkate Badan*, directed by Abu Sufian. *Harkate Badan* will be aired tonight at 7:50pm as part of the Eid special programmes arranged by Channel-I.

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, 9:00 am, 2:00 pm, 7:00 pm, 9:00 pm, 10:30 pm, 12:15 am.
Telecast of BTV news (Bangla and English) at 11:30 pm.

ATN BANGLA
News (Bangla) at 7:00 am, 10:00 am, 2:00 pm, 7:00 pm, 10:00 pm, 11 pm.
News (English) 8:20 am, 7:00 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

CHANNEL i

09:30 Shongbad Potrey
Bangladesh and Public Reaction
09:45 Trityo Matra
12:00 TVC sky shop
12:30 Aaj Dupurey O Citicell
Tarokakothon (live)
01:00 Ebon Cinemar Gaan
01:25 Public Reaction
02:40 Special Programme
04:00 Bashudhara Amader Gaan
04:15 Agora Shopping Guide
04:30 Special Programme
04:45 Sa Re Ga Ma
05:15 Janopader Khorob
05:30 X Music
06:30 Amar Chhobi
07:50 Step 2 Dubai
08:25 Drama Serial: Albatross
09:35 Drama Serial: Shampurno Rangin
10:00 Drama Serial: Pothey Jetey Jetey

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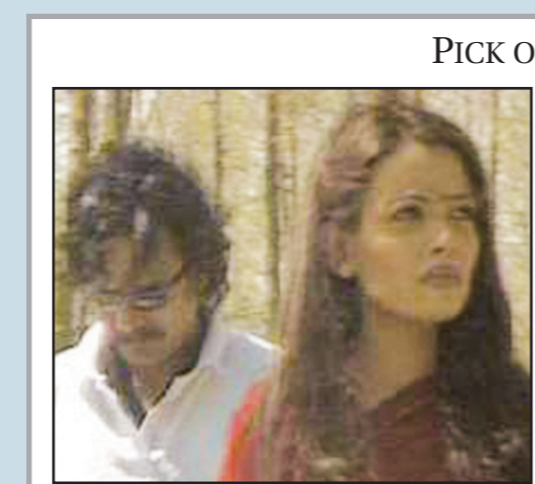
10:30 Annodishiti
11:05 Drama
12:15 Bangla Feature Film
02:27 Mukti Juddher Ei Dinay
03:45 ATN Rannaghor
04:45 Ispahani Pure Snax Quiz Time
06:20 Mortal Combat Conquest
08:00 Drama Serial: Char Deyaler Chand
08:30 Drama Serial: Ferrari Cyren
09:00 Drama Serial: Britto
10:35 Feather Touch Char Deyaler Kabhyo

ntv

08:35 Aajker Shokal
Saarc Special
Documentary on India
09:30 Saarc Special
Documentary on Bhutan
11:30 Bangla Cinema: Jibon Shangshar
01:05 Mukhtangan
02:35 Kolpokothar Natok: Motiuddiner Prem
03:15 Kichhu Kotha Kichhu Gaan
03:50 Drama Serial: Rangchhut
04:25 Saarc Special
Documentary on Maldives
05:20 Mohila Shonghi
06:20 Shubho Sandhya
06:50 Biz Week
08:25 Drama Serial: Kachher Manush
09:20 Music Express
10:00 Drama Serial: Chithi Dindarpan
11:25 Showtime
12:10 Cultural Show: Japan

HBO

10:00 Spawn
12:00 Showtime
02:00 Mangolia
05:30 Apromise Kept
07:30 Tango & Cash
09:30 SWAT
11:45 Sahara
STAR MOVIES
11:40 Buffy The Vampire Slayer
1:25 Bicentennial Man
4:00 Charlie's Angels



Albatross
On Channel i at 8:25pm
Drama Serial
Cast: Raisul Islam Asad, Salahuddin Lavlu, Tomalika

PICK OF THE DAY



S.W.A.T.
On HBO at 09:30pm
Genre: Action/Thriller
Cast: Samuel L. Jackson, Colin Farrell, Michelle Rodriguez

6:00 Sms A Flick
8:40 Hope Floats
10:55 One Fine Day
STAR PLUS
11:30 Shanti
12:25 Film Topper
12:30 Hit Filmeln Hit Sangeet
12:55 Taaza Hits
2:00 Bhabhi
2:30 Kesar
3:00 Saarthi
5:00 Piya Bina
6:00 Zindagi Milke Bitayenge
7:30 Talesp
9:00 Kim Possible
7:30 Kumkum - Pyara Sa Bandhan
8:00 Akkad Bakkad Bambeay Bo
8:30 Mum Tum Aur Hum
9:00 Kasauti Zindagi Kay Milie
9:30 Kavayanjali
10:00 Kahaani Ghar Ghar Kii
10:30 Kyunki Saas Bhi Kabhi Bahu Thi
STAR WORLD
10:30 Smallville
11:30 Medical Investigations
12:30 Life As We Know It
1:30 The A Team
2:30 Oprah Winfrey Show
4:30 Hollywood Squares
5:00 Whose Line Is It

5:30 Anyway
6:30 Buffy The Vampire Slayer
7:00 The Simpsons
7:30 The King Of Queens
8:00 Friends
8:30 Seinfeld
9:00 8 Simple Rules
9:30 Less Than Perfect
10:00 Arrested Development
10:30 Angel
NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC
10:30 Interpol Investigates
11:30 Storm Stories
12:30 Built For Destruction
1:30 Different Ball Game
2:30 Interpol Investigates
3:30 National Geographic Special
4:30 Backyard Science
4:45 Doc Eureka
5:00 Serious: Jungle
5:30 Croc Chronicles
6:00 Crittercam-Wildtech Adventures
6:30 Ng Explorer
7:30 Tropic Gothic
8:30 Frontlines Of Construction
9:30 Megastructures
10:30 Interpol Investigates
11:30 Dragons Of The Namib
ANIMAL PLANET
10:30 Austin Stevens : Most Dangerous
11:30 Miami Animal Police
12:30 Predator's Prey
01:00 Young And Wild
02:30 Jeff Corwin Experience
03:30 Lynda's Lifeline
04:30 In the Wild
06:30 O'shea's Big Adventure
07:30 Wild Rescues
08:30 Natural World
09:30 Fun Zone
10:30 Mad Mike and Mark
11:30 Animal Precinct
DISCOVERY CHANNEL
09:30 Great Palaces of the World
10:00 Africa's Great Rivers
10:30 Wild Discovery
11:30 Ultimate Cars
12:00 Building the Ultimate
01:00 Africa's Great Rivers
01:30 Anatomical Travelogues
02:30 Real Kids Real Adventures
03:00 Healthy Living
03:30 Baby Story
04:00 Great Romances of the 20th Century
04:30 Wild Discovery
05:30 Spy Stories
06:30 Discovery Wings
07:30 Wild Tech
08:30 Journey of Life
09:30 Days that Shook the World
10:30 100 Greatest Discoveries
STAR SPORTS
09:30 MotoGP World Championship 2005
Valencia Spain Highlights(R)
11:00 Inside The Pga Tour (R)
11:30 Motorcycle Programming
12:30 Fin World Endurance Championship 2005
Season Review(T)
03:30 English Premier Football League 2005/06
Manchester United Vs Chelsea (R)
02:30 Tennis Atp Thailand Open Highlights(T)
03:30 Extreme Programming Sports Mania (T)
04:30 Sportscenter Update (L)
05:30 Uefa Champions League 2005/06
Rosenborg Bk Vs Real Madrid
07:30 Super Centuries (R)
09:00 Sportscenter Update (L)
09:02 Cricket Classics Great
Indian Partnerships (R)
09:30 Cricket Classics Indian Legends (T)
10:30 Sportscenter Update (L)
10:32 Tna Xploision (R)
ESPN
09:00 English Premier Football League 2005/06
Blackburn Rovers Vs Charlton Athletic (T)
11:00 Nfl's Greatest Moments
Beating The Odds
12:00 Espn Great Outdoor Games (R)
01:30 Cricket Classics Indian Legends (R)
02:30 In The Driver's Seat
Super Stock Hemi Challenge (R)
05:00 Nokia Football Crazy (L)
06:00 Goals! (R)
06:30 English Premier Football League
2005/06 Arsenal Vs Sunderland (R)
08:30 Sportscenter India (L)
09:00 Super Spells With Wasim Akram (R)
09:30 New Zealand Tour Of South Africa Standard Bank One Day International Series
South Africa Vs New Zealand 2nd Odi Highlights(R)
11:00 Sportscenter Asia (S)
11:30 Sportscenter India (R)
12:00 Pga Tour Golf World Cup Preview (Wgc) (T)
TEN SPORTS
09:00 WWE After Burn
10:00 Golf Highlights
10:30 World Rally
11:00 European Tour Weekly
12:00 Italian Highlights
01:00 World Cup Classics:(1999-group match Ind v SL)
02:00 Legends
02:30 Portugese League H/Ls : Ep 10
03:00 Gillette World Sport: Ep 44
03:30 ATP Tennis
05:30 India in Pakistan
06:30 WWE: The Bottom Line
07:30 Transworld Sports: Ep 45
08:00 European Tour Weekly
10:00 Carribean Classics
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