

CULTURAL FEAST

Group Exhibition

Title: Winter Art Exhibit
Organiser: Shako
Venue: Art & Soul Gallery, Road# 36, House 16, Gulshan Avenue
Time: December 16-26 from 11 am to 8 pm

Solo Art Exhibition

Title: Devotion
Artist: Aadi Hoque
Date: December 18-24, from 12-8pm



Venue: Bengal Gallery Of Fine Arts

Australian Painting Exhibition

Title: Desert Voices
Venue: Shilpangan Gallery
Time: December 17-26

Exhibition

Title: Indigenous Textiles, Handicrafts and Food Exhibition
Venue: Design and technology Centre, Road # 10, House # 53, Block # E, Banani
Time: December 16-18 from 10 am to 8 pm

Art Exhibition

Title: 10th Berger Young Painters' Art Exhibition 2005
Organiser: Berger Paints (BD) Ltd
Venue: Zainul Gallery, Institute of Fine Arts
Date: December 18-22
Time: 11:00am to 7:30pm

Title: The Tarantula
Organiser: Hyacinth Garden Gallery
Venue: Zainul Gallery, Institute of Fine Arts
Date: December 17-23
Time: 3:00 am to 8:00pm

Film Festival

Organiser: Dhaka Chalochchitra Shobha
Title: Asian Film Festival 2005
Venue: Alamgir Kabir Film Centre, 62 Science Laboratory
Date: December 18
Film: Abaro Aranya 3:30pm, Uttara 6:00pm
Date: December 19
Film: Red Cherry 3:30pm, East Palace West Palace 6:00pm
Date: December 20
Film: The wind will carry us 3:30pm, Laila 6:00pm
Date: December 21
Film: Baichumo 3:30pm

Discussion

Liberation War in Bangladeshi cinema

ERSHAD KAMOL

MORE films should be made on the spirit of Liberation War so that the nation is not sidetracked from the golden past, said the participants at a discussion session at Bishwa Shahitya Kendra.

Bishwa Shahitya Kendra Chalochchitra Chakra (BSKCC) arranged a discussion programme titled 'Liberation War in Bangladeshi cinema' at its auditorium yesterday.

Mahbub Jamil was the chief guest while Manzare Hassin Murad and Morshedul Islam were the special guests at the programme.

Emphasising on the limitations of making films on Liberation War, Morshedul Islam said, 'The main problem is the politicisation of the Liberation War, as a result censor board becomes an obstacle for making cinema on Liberation War.'

Another major block is the lack of authentic and elaborate documents on the war.

'Liberation War can be depicted in several ways in cinema -- either portraying war scenes or through narratives of the struggles of our people. Making movies that feature enactments of war scenes can be very challenging. Not much war equipments or the uniforms of the



Mithu and Pijush Bandyopadhyay in Agami, one of the films screened at the event

Pakistani Army of that period are available at this moment," he added.

Educationist Abdullah Abu Sayeed said, "One of the problems in depicting the Liberation War accurately is that within years after a

major event occurs, people become very emotional; as a result it becomes difficult to critically analyse the event. However, the third generation after a reasonable time span can analyse it properly.

We hope the third generation of our Liberation War will make quality movies on the subject."

Mahbub Jamil said, "Neither any quality movie nor any elaborate literature is available on our Liberation War. Those that we get are fragmented stories, and in most cases with the same storyline -- Pakistani Army goes in villages and tortures our people. But, we don't get any movie on the determination of the freedom fighters or the psyche as well as tension of the city dwellers in 1971."

Chairperson of the discussion, Shah Muhammad Nazmul Alam said, "We should collect the footage of the international TV channels that worked in this region during our Liberation War."

"With the available resources a fitting environment can be created", added Alam.

After the discussion Zahir Raihan's documentary Stop Genocide, Tareque Masud's film Matir Moyna, Morshedul Islam's film Agami were screened. The attraction of the arrangement was George Harrison's Concert for Bangladesh.

Victory Day celebrations



To celebrate our Victory Day, Shammilito Shangskritik Jote (SSJ) organised a three-day programme starting from December 14. (Top) Beautiful street-art at TSC, (Bottom-left) eminent personalities gathered at the cultural programme by SSJ and (Bottom-right) artistes of Udichi performing at the Shaheed Minar on inaugural day.

Naeem's quest of a "brave new world"

The mind-whirling saga of US migrants

FAYZA HAQ

Naeem Mahiemen's is in the process of putting together a video and art project, Disappeared in America which was recently displayed in USA, Europe and Bangladesh.

On December 13, Naeem gave a one-hour lecture on the project, with relevant slides and clips from the film at the Bengal Gallery.

Naeem, based in New York, is a media and political activist, who uses media in the process of making films. The most recent one was on the subject of globalisation in India (Rumble in Mumbai). The other one is based on the persecution of Ahmediyas, recently shown at various venues such as the British Council and Alliance Francaise.

Naeem takes pains to point out that his film has been made with the cooperation of other participants, comprising of six men and four women from overseas. This includes in particular, he takes pains to add, Aziz Huq, a lawyer based in Washington, since the theme of his latest endeavour is civil rights of US migrants. The project has been organised by Naeem's group, Visible Collective.

The installation pieces in USA, part of Disappeared in America, have been done collectively by a sculptor, musician, author, lighting expert and



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other members -- all with enlightened backgrounds -- who consider themselves citizens of the world. The images included are picturesque and sometimes idyllic, such as those seen of the exposition, which travelled to major cities in USA and Europe.

At present in Dhaka, Naeem will

conduct more interviews and images of the third part of the saga. The theme is the inadequate existence of US migrants originating from the less developed. The project, he says, is not just a film, which travelled to major cities in USA and Europe. It is three films and three series of museum installations.

Says Naeem. "The focus is on the situation of migrants in post 9/11 in western nations, in US, Europe and the Middle East. One of the things that we look at is how migrants are living, and how they are 'invisible' to the population that they serve. In a place like New York they may drive taxis, sell newspapers, fruits, bagels, clean your tables, and might cook your food in the restaurant kitchens, but they are completely invisible to people. They are, in our 'space', and part of our project to use film and installation to make these things visible, against this invisibility."

Naeem adds that there are three short films, each about 10 minutes, with a whole set of physical installation that goes with it. The films are never shown by themselves: they are with the installation. The installation, he explains, is a museum project. The slide show at Bengal Gallery, show the physical installations. Light boxes, projection, sculptural elements made out of glass, wood and various other objects, which always go into the museum space.

The films have been shown in numerous venues such as New York, Los Angeles, and other venues in Europe, like London and Stuttgart.

Seminar

Women in Tri-Continental Cinema: War, religion and social strife

CULTURAL CORRESPONDENT

As part of the eight-day film festival titled Tri-Continental Film Festival Dhaka, a seminar was held recently at Begum Sufia Kamal Auditorium, National Museum. The title of the seminar was Women in Tri-Continental Cinema: War, religion and social strife.

Presided over by social activist Khushi Kabir, the main discussants in the seminar were theatre activist Sara Zaker and filmmaker

Shameem Akhtar.

Discussants in the seminar over-viewed the films of the festival. According to them, the films in the festival bring to light the complexity of war and social strife, not taking sides, rather showing conflicts through the personal stories of the characters. They further added that roles of women in the society, their strength and survival, are recurring themes in the movies.

Gaelle Le-Goff, the cultural attache, French Embassy, Dr

Hameeda Hossain, and actor Rokeya Rafiq Baby also participated in the discussion. Munira Morshed Munni moderated the seminar.

On future plans, Catherine Masud, the co-ordinator of the Tri-Continental Film Festival committee, said, "We will screen these movies outside Dhaka in DVD format. So that the viewers can watch the quality movies of the third world countries, which are usually not available in the country."



(L-R) Sara Zaker, Khushi Kabir, Gaelle Le-Goff and Shameem Akhtar at the seminar

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, 2:00pm, 7:00pm, 9:00pm, 10:30pm, 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, 11pm. News (English) 8:20am, 7:00pm. 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. ntv 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 08:15 Shubhechhchha Nin 09:35 Satellite Programme 02:15 Sisimpur 02:40 Bangla Feature Film 05:05 Nobo Anondey Jago 06:10 Wrestling 06:55 News Headlines, Share Market, Weather Forecast 07:00 Laukik Bangla 07:30 Antoralej Anurag 08:40 Special Programme: Shapholyo Gantha 08:50 Drama: Gyadon 10:25 Teknaf Theke Tetulia 10:35 Talk Show: Kothar Pithey Kotla ATN BANGLA 08:10 Musical Programme on Nazrul: Bulbul 08:45 Drama Serial: Ferari Siren 09:25 Drama Serial: Britto 11:05 Drama Serial: Hortoner Bibi 12:15 Bangla Film: Prothingsha 11:35 Char Deyaler Kabyo 12:15 Bangla Feature Film: Danga 03:45 Shurer Madhuri 04:20 Children's Programme: Cholo Gaan Gai 05:00 Gram Ganjer Khabor 05:10 Ishkul Bela 05:45 Islami Sawal O Jobab (live) 06:20 Travel Show: Amar Danish Amar Bangladesh 08:00 Drama Serial: Jol Porey Pata Norey 08:30 Drama Serial: The

New Shabuj Opera 09:00 Drama Serial: Lal Neel Beguni 09:30 Drama Serial: Ek Jonomey Citycell Shusthya Thakun (live) ntv 08:35 Aajker Shokal 09:00 Drama Serial: Kachher Manush 09:30 Guerrilla Raater Chokh 10:05 Glamour World 10:30 Dhakar Cinema: Megher Onek Rong 12:30 Alor Michhil 2005 03:15 Closeup 1 Tomakei Khunjichhey Bangladesh 04:25 Tepantorer Mathey 05:15 Din Darpan 05:20 Alokat 06:20 Shubho Shondha 06:50 Right Click 08:25 Drama serial: Romizer Ayna 09:10 Drama: Shwet Kopot 09:15 Aar kabyo 11:25 Dindarpan CHANNEL i 09:30 Shongbad Potrey Bangladesh and Public Reaction 09:45 Tritiyo Matra 10:45 Na Bola Kotla (Live) 12:00 TVC Sky Shop 12:30 Aj Dupurey 01:00 Ebong Cinemar Gaan 01:25 Public Reaction 02:30 Special Programme 04:00 Bashundhara Amader Gaan 05:15 Janapader Khabor 06:00 Music Plus 06:30 Din Bodoler Gaan

PICK OF THE DAY Megher Onek Rong On ntv at 10:30am Bangla Feature Film Cast: Omar Elahi, Mathin, Adnan Laal Neel Beguni On ATN Bangla at 9:00pm Drama Serial Cast: Zahid Hasan, Purnima, Tisa, Intekhab Dinar STAR PLUS 8:05 Hit Filmlein Hit Sangeet Entertainment 8:30 Mirch Masala Cooking 9:00 Taaza Hits 9:05 Hit Filmlein Hit Sangeet Entertainment 9:30 Shararat Drama 10:00 Hit Filmlein Hit Sangeet Entertainment 10:30 Dharam Aur Hum 11:25 Film Toppers 11:30 Jai Ganga Maiya 12:30 Hit Filmlein Hit Sangeet HBO 10:00 Joe Versus the Volcano 12:00 Bad Boys (1995) 2:15 Primal Fear 4:45 Psycho II 7:00 In the Line of fire 9:30 Thunderbirds 11:30 A Warrior's Tragedy 1:30 Pet Semetary 3:30 Tales From the Crypt 4:45 Staired In Horror In the Line of fire

Entertainment 8:00 Pardey Ke Peechey 8:30 Kaboom 9:30 Kaun Banega Crorepati 2 10:30 Baa Bahoo Aur Baby 11:00 Shanno Ki Shaadi 11:30 Tu Tu Main Main Comedy 12:00 Tu Tu Main Main Comedy STAR WORLD 8:30 Smallville 9:30 Parkinson 12:30 Hollywood Shootouts 1:30 Travel Asia Travel 2:00 Married To The Kellys The King Of Queens The Office Coupling 2:55 Taaza Hits 3:00 Kora Kagaz 4:00 Kora Kagaz 4:30 Kora Kagaz 5:00 Hit Filmlein Hit Sangeet Entertainment 5:25 Taaza Hits 5:30 Ssshhh...Koi Hai Drama 6:30 Disney Time 7:25 Film Toppers 7:30 Meri Mrs Chanchala 8:00 Pardey Ke Peechey 8:30 Kaboom 9:30 Kaun Banega Crorepati 2 10:30 Baa Bahoo Aur Baby 11:00 Shanno Ki Shaadi 11:30 Tu Tu Main Main Comedy 12:00 Tu Tu Main Main Comedy

4:00 Arrested Development Others 4:30 Desperate Housewives 5:30 Life As We Know It 6:30 TRU Calling 7:30 The Collector Others 8:30 TNA Explosion Documentary 9:30 What were You Thinking? 10:30 THE ROBINSONS 11:00 HUMAN REMAINS 11:30 Cops Reality 12:00 Totally Outrageous Behavior 5:30 Fun Zone 6:00 Fun Zone 6:30 Crocodile Hunter Diaries 7:30 Attenborough Presents 8:30 Lords of the Animals 9:00 Wild Island 9:30 Fun Zone 10:00 Fun Zone 10:30 One Planet 11:30 One Planet DISCOVERY 8:30 Extreme Engineering 9:30 Unsolved History 10:30 Wild Discovery 11:30 2005 Retrospective 12:30 Unsolved History 1:30 Extreme Engineering 2:30 Timeblazers 3:00 In Therapy 3:30 Baby Whisperer 4:00 Celebrity Doubles 4:30 Wild Discovery 5:30 Guilty or Innocent 6:30 Great Ideas 7:30 Wild Discovery 8:30 2005 Retrospective 9:30 Urban Explorers 10:30 Discovery Wings 11:30 Extreme Evidence 12:00 Conspiracies on Trial STAR SPORTS 8:28 Cricket Star Sports India South Africa 1st Test; Day 2; 2nd & 3rd Session(L) 3:30 Wrestling Star Sports India Tna Impact(R) 4:30 Soccer/Futbol Star Sports India Football Asia(T) 5:00 Soccer/Futbol Star Sports India Locker Room(R) 5:30 Auto Racing Star Sports India A1 Grand Prix Highlights Uae; Uae(T) 6:30 Golf Star Sports India Asian Tour Magazine Show Asian Tour Weekly 2005(T) 7:00 International Sports News Star Sports India Gillette World Sports 2005(T) 7:26 Cricket Star Sports India South Africa Tour Of Australia 3 Mobile Test Series Perth; Australia Australia Vs South Africa 1st Test; Day 2; Highlights(S) 8:48 Soccer/Futbol Star Sports India English Premier Football League English Premier Football League 2005/06 London; England West Ham United Vs Newcastle United(L) 11:00 Soccer/Futbol Star Sports India English Premier Football League English Premier Football League 2005/06 Portsmouth;