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CULTURAL FEAST

Film Festival

Title: International Short and Independent Film Festival 2005

Participating Countries: Germany, Netherlands, France, USA, England, Russia, India, Iran, Pakistan, Hungary, Australia, Canada, Argentina, Sri Lanka, Slovakia, Sweden, Estonia, Azerbaijan, Italy, Malaysia, Indonesia, Norway, Poland, Lithunia, Austria and

Date: December 22-30

Venue: National Museum Auditorium, Shishu Academy Auditorium and Goethe Institut Auditorium

Film Screening

Title: Audrey Tautou Resrospective Organiser: The Alliance Francaise, Dhaka and Zahir Raihan Film Society

Date: December 29 A Very Long Engagement Time: 5:00pm **Dirty Pretty Things** Time: 7:15pm

Venue: The Alliance Française, of Dhaka, Road No: 3, Dhanmondi

Theatre

Play: Padmo Gokkhra Troupe: Swapno Dal Venue: Experimental Theatre Stage Date: December 30 at 6:30 pm

Play: Behular Bhashan Troupe: Theatre and Music Department, Dhaka University Venu: Natmondal Auditorium, DU Date: January 1-4, 2006 at 6:30 pm

Group Photography Exhibition

Title: Nature's Fury Organiser: Drik Gallery Library Venue: Drik Gallery Time: December 26- January 8, from 3:00 pm to 8:00 pm

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Programme

Title: Mukti Juddho O Nari Organiser: Anondo Alo Venue: Liberation Museum Time: December 27-31

Photography **Exhibition**

Title: Photographs on Shilpacharja 7ainul Abedin Organiser: The Fine Arts institute,

Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy, Bangladesh National Museum and Bengal Foundation Venue: Zainul Gallery

Date: December 29, 2005- January 18,

Time: 12-06pm

Discussion

Title: Nazrul Sangeet and Abbas Uddin Organiser: Nazrul Institute Venue: Nazrul Institute

12 year anniversary of Gronthik Natyagoshthi

Organiser: Gronthik Natyagoshthir Venue: Mohila Samity Auditorium Date: December 29 Time: 5.30pm

Photography

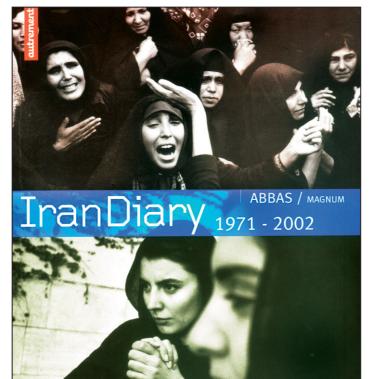
Mind-whirling images from the land of Omar Khayyam

FAYZA HAQ

NTERNATIONALLY acclaimed photographer, Abbas, presented a talk on his country, along with slides, recently at the Bengal Gallery. The slides were based on his most recent book, Iran Diary. About 100 photo enthusiasts saw dramatic black-and-white slides dating before, during and after the rule of Shah Pehlevi, in Iran, especially in Tehran, The photos were not as mind whirling as those that one has seen on war fronts, but these too were effective as they were accompanied by lucid and moving comments which had a solid pitch of their own. Questions of different natures were answered with wit, humour and patience.

Abbas, who has written various books, is born in Iran and works from Paris. Abbas is in self-exile since 1979, and has published world magazines. These include revolutions in the Biafra. Bangladesh, Ulster, Vietnam, the Middle East, Chile, Cuba and South Africa. He has also published several books based on his photos. At present he is working on the Clash of Religions, defined as culture rather than ideologies. replacing political beliefs in the struggles of the near future. He is a member of Magnum Photos since

In his talk, Abbas said, "My work in Iran, begun in 1971, is an ongoing project. This is my Iran, 'Ispahan is half the world', as the saying goes. The sequencing in editing is in three



The cover jacket of the book

parts." At first, in the slide show, one saw women clad in black with children at a tomb; the Shah with his court, in full regalia, was replaced by the burning image of his effigy. Next

mammoth meeting at a university. A woman being trained in shooting replaced the image. The notion of avenging the martyrs' blood was then seen in the picture of a section crying, "Why did you kill your own brother?" (This was in rhyme). This was followed by the image of burning of a sex-worker's corpse in a red light area. Then came the image of a pro-Shah woman being

At this juncture, Abbas said, "My duty as a photo-journalist has to be seen as someone concerned about what he saw in front of him and one who tried to remedy the situation in every possible and probable manner." In one of the slides, a woman who had fainted on the streets was seen being surrounded by photographers. Khomeini's arrival in France by a helicopter was then projected. This was accompanied by a scene of a large group of women welcoming Khomeini in a school, where he was later residing.

What one saw next was the US Embassy where diplomats were kept hostage after 1979. Corpses of the Shah and his courtiers were seen in the storage and the photo was taken three days after the revolution. Abbas commented here, "Every Iranian fled the SAVAK and the Shah regime. From being involved I became concerned. again." The photograph that followed was of an area that later became an ugly war ground. There was then the meeting of the Mujahedeen during Friday prayers in the streets of Iran. Images of Ashura and a funeral with wailing women were also focused on.

The slide show was indeed powerful one.

Binodini impresses Kolkata crowd

CULTURAL CORRESPONDENT

As part of the Nandikar Theatre Festival in Kolkata, Shimul Yousuff recently performed Binodini, a Dhaka Theatre production, based on the autobiography of 19th century pioneer theatre activist Binodini Dasi

Shubodh Ghosh, a local theatre activist of Kolkata, was one of the viewers of the show. According to Shubodh, Binodini had a wonderful impact on the audience. In a message sent to The Daily Star, Shubodh comments, "Renowned Bangladeshi stage actor Shimul has presented the autobiography of Binodini Dasi superbly on the stage. We find a quality juxtaposition of Nasiruddin Yousuff's directorial lines and Shimul's performance."

Shubodh added that renowned Indian cultural activists such as Habib Tanvir, Rudra Prasad



Shimul Yousuff in and as Binodini

Sengupta, Arun Mukherjee, Usha Ganguli, Bibhash Chakrobarty and others were present at the show and

they praised Shimul's performance

Small Screen

Telefilm Bhelki ready to be aired



Humayun Faridee in a scene from the film

CULTURAL CORRESPONDENT

The tele-film Bhelki zeroes in on the darker side of life in Dhaka: the rise of crime, terrorism, rural migration to the city. With time Dhaka is becoming more prone to crimes of multi dimensional nature like homicide, terrorism, robbery etc. The over crowded population includes both drifters and influx of people from rural villages coming to the city with the hope to find and explore new ways of living. This has led to more crimes as unemployment and frustrations are taking over.

Apu and Topu are twins living in the city. They got married on the same day. The film follows their story as well as a few other char-

Actors Humayun Faridee, Fazlur Rahman Babu, Intekhab Dinar, Tinni, Joy, Chumki, Shahed, Rumpa and Sadia play the central characters in the play. Javed M Khan Rumi is the playwright and director of the play. Toufique Ahmed is the music director.

Bhelki will be aired on ATN Bangla as part of the Eid-special programmes.

Seminar on short films

Focus on 'Networks Within'



international seminar on short film.

FRSHAD KAMOL

The International Short and Independent Film Festival is held biennially. A key event in the festival is the Alamgir Kabir Memorial Lecture, an

Discussants at the seminar

The latest lecture programme was held at Begum Sufia Kamal Auditorium, National Museum, on December 27. The topic this year was 'Networks Within', presented by renowned Indian short filmmaker Amar Kanwar. Kanwar, in his paper, basically focused on the

need for cohesion among the short filmmakers of the subcontinent. According to him, the short filmmakers of the subcontinent face common hurdles, such as political instability, obstacles created by the government and media aggression (mainstream cinema, television). "Short filmmakers should regularly exchange views and share the available facilities," said Kanwar.

Screening a few clippings from movies made by him, Kanwar in the seminar expressed the opinion that reality can be presented aesthetically in short films. He said that different combinations of time and space create a unique reality in a short film. Consequently the filmmakers must have a clear view of the nature of reality they are trying to create according to and of contemporary times

After his presentation, Professor Ferdaus Azim, Mahmudul Hossain and Italian short filmmaker Fabrizio Ferrari made their comments on the topic. They also focused on the collaborative works of the short and independent filmmakers in the subcontinent

The Alamgir Kabir Memorial Lecture was presided over by Hasnat Abdul Hai, the chairperson of the festival committee.

A photography exhibition, titled "To See the City" opened on December 27 at Goethe-Institut Dhaka. Sarfuddin Ahmed, Head of the Language Department of Goethe-Institut, inaugurated the exhibition. Photographer Sanjida Shaheed travelled to Berlin and photographed the city in an attempt to record how the memory of her hometown shaped her gaze in Berlin. The photographs in this exhibition displays how she was (dis)located.

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2005 Telefonica Dakar

Cricket Classics Indian

Rally Weekly

Highlights(R)

Legends (T)

Tna Xplosion (R)

Sportscenter India

South Africa Tour Of

Series Melbourne

Australia Australia Vs

South Africa 2nd Test

Day 4 Highlights(S)

Inside The Pga Tour

Sachin Tendulkar

Sportscenter India

TV GUIDE

PICK OF THE DAY

All programmes are in local time. The Daily Star will not be responsible for any change in the programme

News Bulletin

News Headlines (Bangla) at 8:55

11:30 pm.

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 .mq 00:8.mg News (English) at 3:00 pm. 10:00 pm. Late Night News (Bangla and English)

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12:15 am. Telecast of BTV news (Bangla and English) at 11:30 pm.

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

ATN BANGLA

Telecast 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.

News Headlines (Bangla) at 10:00 am.

News (Bangla) 7:30 am. 2:00 pm. 5:00

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Every hour on the hour

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

BBC WORLD

BTV 09:25 10:00

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Muktangan

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02:35 Drama Serial: Labonyaprobha Kichhu Kotha Kichu 03:50 Drama Serial: Amade Anondo Bari 04:25 Shapla Kuri contest

2005 05:20 Smritir Janalae 06:20 Shubho Shondhya 06:50 Biz Week 08:25 Drama Serial Kachher Manush 09:10 Music Express

Drama Serial: Chithi

11:20 Ntv Dekhe Bolun Oottor 11:25 Dindarpan 12:10 Shangskriti Ei Shaptaho

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Rtv 08:30 Aj Potrikay (CNN) Bangla Feature Film 03:30 06:00 Ajker BangladeshNitol 06:30 Rtv Exclusive 06:35 Cholochchitrer Gaan 07:45 Rtv Songs 07:50 Drama- Epith Opith 08:50 Dance Drama Chitrangoda

10:40 Rtv Exclusive **HBO** Threshold

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China Moon

07:00 09:05 The Long Kiss 10:45 01:30 STAR WORLD **HBO Sneak Peek** Bad Boys II 10:30 Juwanna Mann 11:30 Collateral Damage 12:30 01:30

Life As We Know It The A Team 02:30 Oprah Winfrey Show **HBO** Coming 03:30 Bold And Beautiful Attractions 2006 04:30 Hollywood Squares Deep Blue Sea 05:00 Whose Line Is It STAR MOVIES Anyway Bruce Almighty

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Curse Of The Komodo

Challenge: The Last

Medical Investigations

Catch That Kid

Bruce Almighty

Stepmom

Disciple

Entrusted

Smallville

The Simpsons

Lux Channel-i Performance Award '04 On Channel i at 7:50pm The awards are given in 19 categories including

direction, acting, cinematography, music and others. Ravenous 07:00 The King Of

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ISpy

On HBO at 9:30pm Genre: Action/comedy Cast: Eddie Murphy, Owen Wilson, Malcolm McDowell

Less Than Perfect 10:00 Arrested Development 10:30 Angel Meri Saheli 11:00 Shagun

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Bhabhi

Friends

Seinfeld

Scrubs

8 Simple Rules

STAR PLUS 10:30 Shanti 11:30 12:00 Maan 12:25 Film Topper Hit Filmein Hit 12:30 Sangeet

03:00 Saarrthi 05:00 05:25 Film Toppe 07:00 Film Topper 07:30 Bandhan 08:00

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Akkad Bakkad Bambey 08:30 Mum Tum Aur Hum Kasautii Zindagii Kay 09:30 10:00 Kavyanjali 10:30 Kahaani Ghar Ghar Kii Kyunki Saas Bhi Kabhi 11:00 Bahu Thi 11:30 Kahiin To Hoga

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ANIMAL **PLANET** 10:00

10:30 Nick's Quest Timon And Pumbaa 11:00 Into The Wild0 11:30 Kumkum - Pyara Sa 01:30 Movies 02:00 02:30 03:30 Fun Zone 05:00

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STAR SPORTS South Africa Tour Of 08:00 Australia 3 Mobile Test Series Melbourne Day 4 2nd & 3rd Session(L)

Movies

Fun Zone

Animal X 2

I Survived

DISCOVERY

Twisted Tales

Natural World

Monkey Business

Bugging With Rudd

Life On The Edge

Dead Tenants

I Survived

Raw Nature

Chris Barrie

A Haunting

Wild Discovery

Celebrity Doubles

Life On the Edge

Urban Explorers

21st Century Medicine

Zach's Ultimate Guide

Past Is Wild. Future Is

Massive Engines With

Extreme Evidence

Battlefield Detectives

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Programming (Hindi) Sachin The Legend -His Story (Hindi) (T) 11:30 Tna Xplosion (R) **ESPN** 08:30 Hitz(R) **Enalish Premier** 09:00 Football League English Premier Football League 2005/06 London; England Tottenham Hotspur Vs Birmingham City(T) New Zealand Cricket Pakistan Tour Of New Zealand Wellington; New Zealand New Zealand Vs Pakistan 3rd Odi; Highlights(R)

Cricket Gold(R) **English Premie** Football League English Premier Football League 2005/06 Liverpool; England Everton Vs Liverpool(S) Football Crazy Nokia Football Crazy(L)

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Goals!(R)

Australia Tour Of New

Zealand The National

Cricket Classics India Down Under Melbourne Australia India Vs Sportscenter Update (L) Pakistan World C'shin Of Cricket (Final)(R) Sportscenter Australia 3 Mobile Test Sportscenter India(L) Sachin Tendulkar Programming Sachin The Legend - His Story(T) Football Crazy Nokia Sportscenter Update (L) Football Crazy(R) Cricket Classics Dravid: The Wall(R) 11:00 Sportscente Sportscenter Asia(S) 11:30 Sportscenter Sportscenter India(R) Cricket Classics India Down Under Melbourne Australia India Vs Pakistan World C'ship Of Cricket (Final)(R) **TEN SPORTS** 08:00

Bank Series Auckland:

New Zealand New

Zealand Vs Australia

3rd Odi; Highlights(R)

Transworld Sports

09:00 WWE After Burn Golf Highlights 12:00 :19/03/04 (3rd ODI H/Ls) 12:30 Indian Golf Show 02:30 Pakistan v England: 5th ODI H/Ls 03:00 Chevrolet Cricket Show ATP Tennis 03:30 Cricket Classics WWE: The Bottom Line Transworld Sports: Ep 08:00 Speed 2005: Speed 10:00 India in Pakistan

10:30

:19/03/04 (3rd ODI H/Ls) India in the West Indies 11:00 NFL Gameday