

CULTURAL FEAST

Shankranti Celebrations

Date: April 13 at 6:30 pm
Bangladesh Group Theatre
Federation arranges special programme at Mahila Samity Stage and Padatik Natya Sangsads arrange special programme at Rabindra Sarobar (near Dhamondi Lake)

Baishakhi Fair

Date: April 10-15
Time: 10:00am-8:00pm
Organiser: Jatiyo Mohila Shangstha
Venue: JMS Complex, 145, New Baily Road

Exhibition

Title: Otiijher Potochitra
Artist: Dukhu Shyam, Rabbanai and Rahim
Venue: DOTS, 191/A, Haque Tower, Tejgaon-Gulshan Klink Road
Date: April 6-21 from 11 am to 8 pm

Title: Envoy of Peace from China
Organiser: Embassy of the People's Republic of China
Venue: National Museum, Shahbagh
Date: April 3-15

Title: Kishorer Chokhey Muktijuddho
Artist: Rasha
Venue: Arka Art Gallery, 1st floor, Banani City Corporation Market
Date: March 24-April 1, 2006
Time: 10am to 8 pm

Title: Pata Chitra
Artist: Shamshab Acharya
Venue: Gallery Kaya, H#20, R#16, Sector 4, Uttara
Date: April 7-16 from 11 am to 8 pm

Title: "Empreintes-Traditional techniques revisited through contemporary art"
Organiser: Alliance Francaise
Venue: Alliance Francaise, 26 Mirpur Road, Dhamondi
Date: March 30-April 12

Title: Revelation of Myriad Selves
Artist: Kingshuk Das Chowdhury
Venue: Alliance Francaise, Chittagong
Date: April 8-13

Solo exhibition on Potteries (Shora)
Artist: Shukumar Paul
Venue: Art and Soul Gallery House 16, Road 36, Gulshan 2
Date: April 7-16
Time: 11am to 8 pm

Theatre

Title: Koinna
Troupe: Prachyanat
Venue: Mahila Samity Stage
Date: April 10 at 7 pm

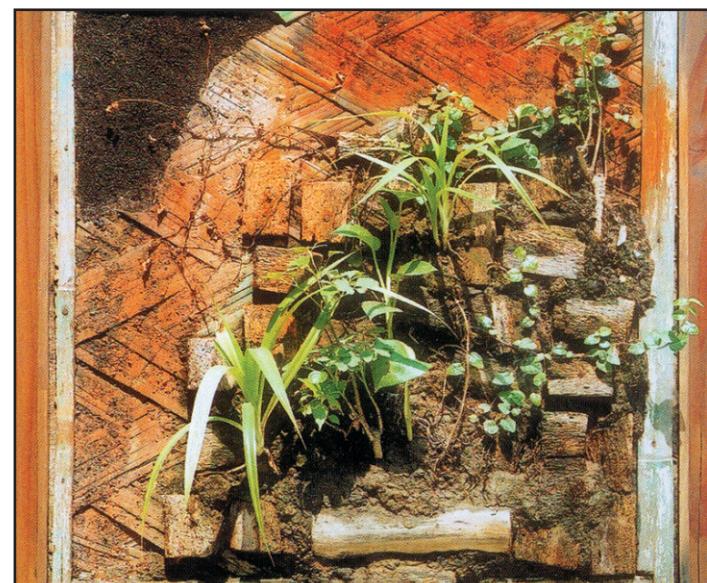
Film Screening

Title: Film shows to commemorate Satyajit Ray's death anniversary
Organiser: High Commission of India
Venue: Indian Cultural Centre, House No 25, Road No 96, Gulshan-2
Date: April 23-25

Movie: Pather Panchali (April 23)
Kanchan Jangha (April 24)
Parash Pathar (April 25)
Complimentary passes available at the Indian High Commission and the Indian Cultural Centre

Exhibition

Saying it all with driftwood



FAYZA HAQ

Commenting on Ferdousi Priyabhashini's recent exhibition 'Jhorapata' at Shilpangan, Shahriar Kabir said, "This is a unique exhibition with cast off roots and barks. The artist has now progressed to using wood grains and fungus, the arrangement of the items being the beauty of her work. Her role in the Liberation War is also remarkable."

Hashem Khan said, "This exhibition has incorporated many new ideas developed from driftwood. The most important thing is that she finds beauty in simple discarded items and makes the viewer appreciate this too. Her medium includes rejected and forgotten items of tree roots, branches and leaves. There are repetitions of themes but this is not objectionable."

To this Hasnat Abdul Hye added, "It is indeed an unusual fine arts medium that she uses. Her inspiration is often taken from nature around her."

Chanchal Mahmoud commented, "Her work is different from other sculpture work and adds a variety for viewers in search of something new."

One of the works depicts a crow with its young one at its feet. Both are resting on a branch. 'Motherhood' shows a bird flying away from its nest with satisfaction after it had laid an egg. Another large bird, with details of beak, tail and wings - seen larger than life - is included in the collection. Another creation is called 'Ujan haowa' and it features a number of travellers going some distance in a boat. The silhouette

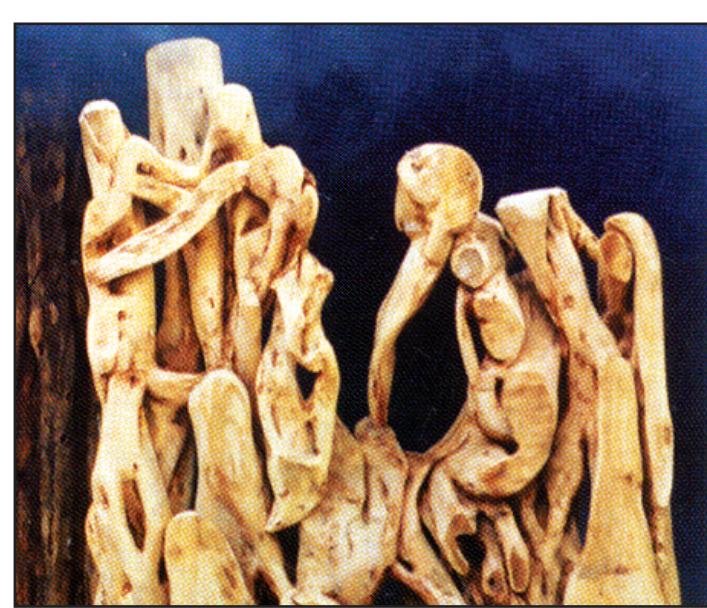


of the human beings appears to be sculpted out of the discarded roots and barks. There is then the figure of a meditating man, lost in deep thought. A Bharatnatyam dancer is seen in the next figure. This is developed from the remains of a parasite. There are some romantic figures of embracing couples, at times with trees at the back, and at others, with waves of the sea swirling about their feet.

Among the interesting entries is the 'Haunted house'. This brings in two windows which have actual old and rejected iron bars. The one on top is framed with bricks. Beyond the windows one sees black, dramatic twigs. The installation is painted over with dull red and green. Another creation has plants growing out of the earth and wood dust that has been pasted on. The effect is that of a living garden staring at one. An old straw matting and ground tea leaves have also been included in the composition. Large wild mushrooms that have grown on twigs of trees have been brought here and presented as items of decoration.

"I take my work as a game. I collect my pieces from the roadside, the bins and the houses of friends whom I visit," says Priyabhashini. "I clean them and disinfect them. Sometimes I keep them in the sun and at times in the shade." She has two helpers with her work.

Priyabhashini is greatly admired in the current art circle.



Ferdousi Priyabhashini (Top-right), artworks by the artist

ATN Bangla

Special attractions on Bangla New Year

CULTURAL CORRESPONDENT

On the occasion of *Pahela Baishakh*, first day of the Bangla New Year, ATN Bangla will broadcast special programmes, including TV plays, magazine shows and musical programmes among others. A glimpse of the special programmes:

A special episode of *Din Shuru Hoi ATN Diye* directed by Russell Mahmud will be telecast at 6:30am. A programme for chil-

(L-R) Lucky Enam, Momotajuddin Ahmed and Richi Solaiman in *Projapoti Projapoti* (Top), a scene from *Amra Korbo Joi*

8:00pm. A special dance show performed by Nadia, Likhon and their troupe, *Nachey Kal Baishakh* will be telecast at 10:40pm.

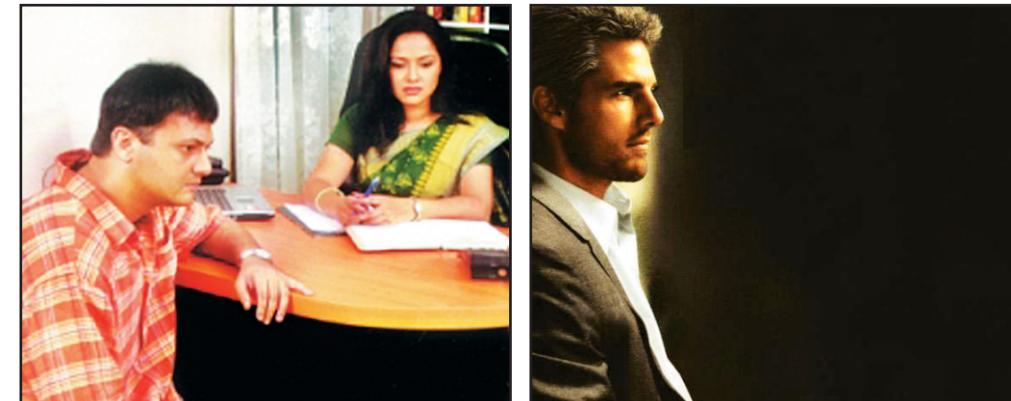
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TV GUIDE

PICK OF THE DAY

Shampurna Rangin
On CHANNEL-i at 9:35
Drama Serial
Cast: Zahid Hassan, Joya MasudCollateral
On HBO at 9:30 pm
Genre: Suspense/Thriller
Cast: Jamie Foxx, Tom Cruise

HBO

CHANNEL 1

STAR MOVIES

STAR PLUS

10:00	Kavyanjali	The Industrial World	11:00	Sportscenter Asia
10:30	Kahaani Ghar Ghar	(R) 11:30 Cricket		
11:30	FBI Files	Classics Caribbean		
11:00	Kyunki Saas Bhi	Kings England Vs		
11:30	Kabhi Bahu Thi	West Indies (R)		
11:30	Kahin To Hoga			
10:30	The Apprentice	NATIONAL		
11:30	Charmed	GEORGIC		
12:30	Lost	STAR WORLD		
01:30	Desperate Housewives	10:30	Interpol Investigates	
01:30	Backyard Science	11:30	Rough Trades	
01:45	Backyard Science	12:30	Last Chance Journeys	
02:30	Oprah Winfrey Show	01:30	\$100 Taxi Ride	
03:30	Bold And Beautiful	02:30	Backyard Science	
04:30	General Hospital	03:30	The Living Edens	
05:30	Angel	04:30	Backyard Science	
06:30	The Simpsons	05:00	Croc Chronicles	
07:00	The King Of Queens	05:30	Crittercam-Wildtech	
07:30	Friends	06:30	Adventures	
08:00	Seinfeld	06:30	Snake Wranglers The	
08:30	My Wife And Kids	07:30	Storm Stories	
09:00	Still Standing	07:30	Be The Creature	
09:30	King Of Queens	08:30	Hunter Hunted	
10:00	Frasier	09:30	Going To More	
10:30	Monk	10:30	Extremes	
11:30	Seinfeld	11:30	Seconds From Disaster	
10:30	Built For The Kill	12:00	12:00	
10:30	The Godfather Part II			
11:30	Annie Hall			
12:00	Marshall Brickman			
12:30	Sunset Boulevard			
01:00	Charles Brackett			
01:30	Billy Wilder			
02:00	Orson Welles			
02:30	All About Eve			
03:00	Joseph Mankiewicz			
03:30	Roman Polanski			
04:00	Barbra Streisand			
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