

CULTURAL FEAS

Group Art Exhibition
Artists: Sohag, Sagor, Sadek, Rakib, Rana, Pulak, Muna, Metul, Keya, Kazi, Xecon
Venue: Zainul Gallery-1, Institute of Fine Arts, University of Dhaka
Date: September 11-15
Time: 11:00 am to 7:00 pm

Creative Crafts Exhibition
Title: Rag Picked Colours
Artist: Shamim Reza
Venue: Bengal Gallery of Fine Arts, Bengal Shilpalaya, House 275/F, Road 27, Dhanmendi
Date: September 11-16
Time: 12:00 pm to 8:00 pm

British Film Festival 2006
Organiser: British Council
September 13: 4:00 pm Sisters in Law
6:30 pm Shooting
September 14: 4:00 pm Touching the Void
6:30 pm After Life
Venue: British Council Auditorium, 5 Fuller Road, Dhaka

Theatre
Play: Chardewal
Troupe: Palakar
Venue: Theatre Studio, 133 Natok Shoroni, New Bailey Road
Date: September 14 & 15
Time: 7:00 pm

Film screening
Title: Uttam-Suchitra Sen Special
Organiser: High Commission of India, Dhaka
September 13: Chawa Pawa
September 15: Harano Sur
September 16: Saptapadi
Venue: Indian Cultural Centre, House 25, Road 96, Gulshan II
Complimentary passes can be collected from the High Commission of India & Indian Cultural Centre

Films to inspire children

Fun and frolic on the screen

CULTURAL CORRESPONDENT

CHILDREN'S Film Society, Bangladesh had a programme of films at the Goethe Institut on 10th September. Films for children were also shown at the same premises on the 11th and the 12th.

Monira Morshed, the Secretary of the society, speaking at the function said that despite drawbacks they hope to make a success of the programme. She said that children ranging from 6 to 16 were invited to send in their films and that there would be four awards for the films. She mentioned that Arjo Shrestho had made three films, many of which won awards in Europe.

Professor Anisuzaman, the chief guest, said that he believes that the

film society's project would be a success.

Mustafa Manwar said that it is admirable that children from our country can express themselves so well though films. He felt that children should enjoy themselves and do more creative work than just cramming school books. With cameras and paint brushes in their hands the children can now dream freely.

Noted writer Zafar Iqbal said that the occasion was a great one as it brought together films for and by children. Children seeing the films will develop curious minds and learn to question and find new elements in life.

Arjo Shrestro, mentioned that Mustafa Manwar had guided him, as did his parents, and that he wanted to go beyond his three



Clippings from *Children of Heaven* (above) and *The Kid* (below) screened in the festival

films, and win more awards overseas.

Morshedul Islam said that the film was a powerful media and can guide children well, if the films are selected carefully.

The films shown that evening included a five minute film from Brazil directed by Cao Hamburger. It was called *The boy from the slum and the pan lid*. The second one was a 15 minutes film, *Ek Akash*, directed by Sudhkar Reddy from India This dealt with two striving boys, flying kites, who eventually end up being friends. The last one, which went down very well with the child viewers was *The Kid* of 68 minutes, directed by and starring

Charles Chaplin from USA. Chaplin's film was about a beautiful actress who abandons her baby which is rescued by a vagabond, Chaplin. Eventually, after quite a few adventures, the baby, who is now five, is claimed by the mother.

The other films shown the following evenings were *Children of Heaven* directed by Majid Majidi of Iran, *Not one less* directed by Zhang Yimou of China, Badal Rahman's *Emiler goenda bahini* and Morshedul Islam's *Dipu number 2*.

Exhibition

Artifacts from brick kiln

FAYZA HAQ

Bashir is a self-taught artist, who is having his solo at the Zoom Gallery of Alliance Francaise. Searching for a new medium he went on to collect remnants of bricks that have the shape of faces of animals and humans. It took him seven years to collect them from a nearby brick kiln. Mounting them and framing them in a sophisticated way, he has created images that are mind whirling. Moreover, the prices are not high, and this adds to the allure of the artifacts, which are conventional and at the same time modern.

He has exhibited 17 pieces out of 500 pieces. To make a living, Bashir works in a 'khaddar' shop in Comilla where he designs *shalwar-kameez* and *fatua* for young women.

One the pieces presents the eyes, ears and jaws of a tiger. *Expression* brings in a human face in which the mouth is open and you can easily make out the rest of the features such as the nose and ears. *Roar* again brings in the ferocity of a tiger with incredible details of the face as if it had been sculpted with precision. *Face* again brings in the features of a living being. The features have been included accurately although all this is the work of nature. The face of a tiger cub is also there to be found, with its soft rounded cheeks, perky ears and bright eyes.

Kiss brings in an embracing couple where the face of one is seen whole and the other partially. *Expression* shows an old weary man. The seated camel is there in all its grandeur with its hump and folded legs, waiting to be ridden out to the desert in the distance. In *Sharatbabu* one sees the great poet as if some sculptor had studied his portrait and worked over the details of the facial features with care and precision. *Rabindranath* is similarly

an uncanny depiction of the world famous poet, seen as a profile. The flowing hair and beard, the sharp features have all been registered. *Lalon Shah* brings in another remarkable portraiture complete with the *ek-tara*. The dinosaur with wings is also remarkable.

Bashir says that the task of collecting the unusually shaped brick pieces is not easy. The old brick kiln from where he has collected most of the pieces is four kilometers away from his house. It is with the guidance of people like Bipul Shah, a cartoonist and Ferdousy Priobhashini, the artist in driftwood, that he managed to have this exhibition.

Commenting on his work Ferdousy Pryobhashini says, "When Bashir came to me a year back, I encouraged him. I believe that in another 15 years his artifacts will be regarded as truly modern." Shishir Bahattacharya adds, "From brick fragments Bashir has created something new in the form of animal and human faces. The support of his friends in the Institute of Fine Arts DU have helped him enormously. He has come a long way from spray painting for garments to doing something more creative."



Expressions

fan mail!

In our monthly *fan mail* section this month we turn the spotlight on veteran film actor **Razzak**. Readers are invited to send in questions by September 21 latest, with their full name, address/email at:

fan mail
Culture Page
19 Karwan Bazar
The Daily Star
Dhaka 1215
or
culture@thedailystar.net and culture_dailystar@yahoo.com

Please note that The Daily Star holds the right to select questions sent by the readers.

Oitijhya book festival in eight district towns

A fifteen-day book festival organised by Oitijhya is on simultaneously at 8 different locations -- Chittagong, Sylhet, Rajshahi, Khulna, Sunamganj, Habiganj, Narayanganj and Cox's Bazaar between September 1 to September 15.

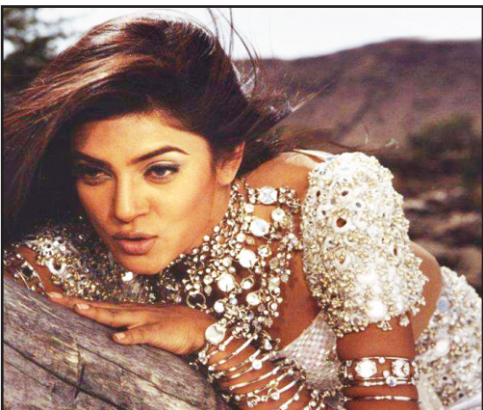
Books of different genres; from Classics, to popular fiction, to poetry to collections of essays will be available at the festival, says a press release. Complete works of Rabindranath Tagore, Sarat Chandra Chatyopadhyay, Manik Bandopadhyay, Bibhutibhusan Bandopadhyay and Jibonanando Das and books by poet Shamsur Rahman, Al Mahmud, Sirajul Islam Chowdhury, Badruddin Umar, Kabir Chowdhury, Shoukat Ali, Hasan Azizul Haque, Selina Hossain and Humayun Ahmed will be available there. The festival will showcase books by young and promising writers as well.

Sushmita Sen turns snake charmer

AP, Mumbai

Beauty queen turned Bollywood actress, Sushmita Sen, doesn't just dazzle audiences, she charms snakes too.

When a snake slithered onto a movie set scaring crew members, Sen didn't flinch -- instead she bowed before it and chanted Hindu hymns to calm the reptile.



eyes," said Chandra. "She bowed before the snake and chanted some mantras."

Chandra said the unit members were surprised when "the snake didn't move from that place for a few hours. Later it left quietly."

Sen, who plays a rock star in the movie *Zindagi Rocks*," said she wasn't afraid.

Filmmaker Tanuja Chandra told the *Mumbai Mirror* newspaper in an interview that as they spotted the snake, which lay coiled at the edge of a dance floor of a pub they were using as a set, Sen told everyone not to disturb it and it would leave.

"As she went closer, the snake hissed. We all moved back, but Sushmita went down on her knees and closed her

Michael Moore takes on US health care

AP, Toronto

First, General Motors, then gun control, followed by George W Bush. Now rabble-rousing filmmaker Michael Moore has turned his irreverent camera on health care in America.

Sicko, Moore's dissection of the health care system, promises to be another hilarious documentary

romp, based on excerpts he showed Friday night at the Toronto International Film Festival.

During a two-hour appearance, Moore discussed his career as a counterculture journalist, provocative filmmaker and liberal standard-bearer, and he played three clips from *Sicko*, which he said would be in theatres next June.

The segments presented stories

of personal health care nightmares, including that of a woman denied payment for an ambulance ride after a head-on collision because it was not pre-approved.

"They try to find every way they can to deny it to you or not sell it to you," he told a packed theatre. "Or they try to find anyway they can not to pay the bill."

The *Sicko* excerpts also included a segment from Moore's TV show *The Awful Truth*, in which he staged a mock funeral outside a health-maintenance organisation that had declined a pancreas transplant for a diabetic man. The HMO later relented.

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Ken Johnson, senior vice president of the trade group Pharmaceutical Researchers and Manufacturers of America, said industry officials were "freaking out and pulling their hair out" when they first got word of Moore's documentary.



Michael Moore

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.

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News Headlines (Bangla) at 10:00 am, 12:00 am, 6:15 pm, 9:30 pm.
News (Bangla) at 8:30 pm, 11:30 pm, 7:30 pm, 10:30 pm.
Telecast of BTV News (Bangla and English) at 11:30 pm.

TARA BANGLA
News Headlines (Bangla) at 5:30pm, 7:30pm.
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
09:45 Public Reaction
09:50 Trilijomatra
11:05 Sports Time (Live)
12:30 Aj Dupurey O Citycell Tarokakothon
01:05 Ebong Cinemar Gaan
01:30 Shongbad Potrey Bangladesh
01:45 Public Reaction
02:40 Selected Drama
04:05 Amader Gaan
04:25 Sa Re Ga Ma
05:30 Talk Show: Ganotantro
06:00 Music Plus
06:20 Music Club
07:50 Hallo Minister
09:35 Talk Show: Aloy
10:00 Drama Serial: Bela Obelar Golpo
12:00 Grameenphone Ajker Shangbadpotro

ATN BANGLA
10:30 Anyodrishti
12:15 Cinema Based Programme: Cinema Cinema
01:30 Band Show
03:10 Drama Serial: Bhalo Bashhar Rang
03:50 Children's Programme
04:20 Islamic Programme
05:10 Magazine
06:20 The Sword of Tipu Sultan
08:00 Drama Serial:

Sharabela Pothochola
Drama Serial: Shukher Lagiya
Drama Serial: Bohemian
Drama Serial: Tushar Rohosyo
Musical Programme
08:35 Aijker Shokal
10:05 Colours
10:30 Galary
11:00 Circus Lights
12:05 Shurer Jolsha
01:00 Muktagon
02:35 Drama Serial: Labonya Probha
Drama Serial: Ronger Manush
Drama Serial: Amader Anondo Bari
04:25 Tepantor Er Matthey
05:10 Itihashe Ei Dine / Din Dorpon
05:20 Apnar Jiggasha
06:20 Shubho Shondhya
06:50 Talk Show: Ki Kotha Tahar Shathey
08:25 Siddiqua Kabir's Recipe
09:10 Kichhu Kotha Kichhu Gaan
Drama Serial: Amader Anondobari
Din Dorpon
11:25 Din Dorpon
08:40 Shuprovat Bangladesh
10:00 Cartoon
10:30 Bangla Feature Film
02:00 Nongor

PICK OF THE DAY

Sharabela Pothochola
On ATN Bangla at 8:00pm
Drama Serial
Cast: Mahmud Sajjat, Lina Ahmed

Dawn of the Dead
On HBO at 9:30 pm
Genre: Horror
Cast: Ving Rhames, Sarah Polley

03:30 Drama Serial: Daar Kaak 04:00 Rupantorer Golpo 04:30 Ekti Tara Duiti Tara 05:15 Small Ville 06:00 Saaj Bela 06:30 Top News 06:45 Jonotar Ishtihar 07:00 Baker Pathay 08:15 Drama 09:00 Drama Serial: Kanone Kushum Koli 09:30 Expression 11:00 Sports Star Rtv 09:30 Talk Show: Ei mon 10:30 Char Deyal 12:05 Amar Desh	02:30 Shoto Proshno 03:40 Drama Serial: Raja Bhawal Shanyashi 04:20 Prachir Ghera China 05:05 Praner Manush 05:45 Achhey Praney 06:00 Aijker Bangladesh 06:35 Cinema Ar Cinema 08:00 Drama Serial: Raja Bhawal Shanyashi 08:50 Griho Sholli 09:20 Drama Serial: Nawab Faizunnesa 10:45 Rtv Exclusive 10:50 Prithibir Pathay Pathay Banglavisyon 10:00 Bangla Feature Film	02:30 Rashtro Bonam Eka 03:00 Music Rhythm 03:30 Drama Serial: Joba Kushum 04:00 Amader Alitthi 04:30 Desher Pathay 05:00 Cartoon 05:30 Cinebit 06:25 Diner Sheshe 08:10 Drama Serial: Gouro Chondrika 09:50 Hashuli Begumer Upokotha SONY 09:30 Chartbusters Music 10:00 Music Mantra Music 10:30 Music Beats Music 11:00 Crime Patrol Others	11:30 Contd. Contd. 12:00 Kaisa Ye Pyar Hai Drama 12:30 Ek Ladki Anjaani Si Drama 12:30 Ek Ladki Anjaani Si Drama 01:00 Mum Tum Aur Hum 01:30 Karm Apna Apna 02:00 V Trailers - Star Plus 02:30 Resham Dankh 03:00 Kaskauti Zindagii Kay 03:30 Karm Apna Apna 04:00 Kaskauti Zindagii Kay 04:30 Karm Apna Apna 05:00 Prithviraj Chauhan 05:30 V Trailers - Star Plus 06:00 Mum Tum Aur Hum 06:30 Brandy and Mr. Whiskers 07:00 Buzz Light Year of Star Command 07:30 Hatim 08:30 Pyar Ke Do Naam 09:00 Kaskauti Zindagii Kay 09:30 Viraasat 10:00 Karm Apna Apna 10:30 Kahaani Ghar Ghar Kii 11:00 Kyunki Saas Bhi Kabhi Bahu Thi 11:30 Kahiin To Hoga
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09:30 Aisa Des Hai Mera Drama
10:00 Thodi Khushi Thode Gham Drama
10:30 Jhalak Dikhla Jaa - Result 1 Dance
11:30 CID Thriller/ Horror

STAR PLUS
11:00 Shaka Laka Boom Boom
11:30 Karm Apna Apna
12:00 V Trailers - Star Plus
12:30 Resham Dankh
01:00 Kaskauti Zindagii Kay
01:30 Kumkum - Pyara Sa Bandhan
02:00 Bhabhi
02:30 Kesar
03:00 Saarthi
03:30 Kyunki Saas Bhi Kabhi Bahu Thi
04:00 Kahiin To Hoga
04:30 Karm Apna Apna
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HBO
10:15 Judas
12:00 The Notebook
02:30 Bridget Jones: The Edge of Reason
04:45 HBO Making of Carnival the Final Chapter
05:00 Silver
07:00 the Chronicles of Riddick
09:30 Dawn of the Dead
11:30 Carnival 15: Ingram, TX
12:45 Carnival 16: Old Cherry Blossom Road

STAR MOVIES
09:00 Robocop 3
10:45 Happy Gilmore
12:15 Out Of Time
02:00 The Ballad Of Jack And Rose
04:00 The Dead Will Tell
05:30 The Triangle - Ep. 02
07:00 Meltdown: Days Of Destruction
08:35 6th Day, The

STAR WORLD
10:30 Rockstar: Supernova
11:00 Criss Angel Mindfreak
11:30 One Tree Hill
12:30 Ghost Whisperer
01:30 Knight Rider
02:30 Oprah Winfrey Show
03:30 The Bold And The Beautiful
04:30 General Hospital
05:30 Monk
06:30 The Simpsons
07:30 Friends
08:00 Seinfeld
08:30 Rockstar: Supernova
09:30 Boston Legal

10:30 J.A.G.
11:30 Seinfeld

NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC
10:30 Deep Jungle
11:30 Is It Real?
12:30 Earth Pulse
01:30 Free To Roam With Hutch
02:30 Totally Wild
03:30 Inside 911
04:30 Nat Geo Junior
05:00 Snakes
05:30 Nat Geo Junior
06:30 Inside 911
07:30 Nat Geo Wild
08:30 Scrolls of Herculaneum
09:30 Stonehenge Rediscovered
10:30 Inside 911
11:30 Blue Realm: Tentacles

DISCOVERY CHANNEL
08:30 Wild Discovery
09:30 Sci Zone
10:30 Terror Strikes
11:00 African Adventures
11:30 Risk Takers
12:30 Yummy Mummy
01:00 Runway Moms
02:30 Detective Stories
03:30 Endurance
04:00 Real Kids, Real Adventures
05:30 Mega Builders
06:30 Junkyard wars
07:30 Wild Discovery
08:30 Need for speed
09:30 Stunt Junkies
10:00 African Adventures
10:30 Building the Biggest