

CULTURAL FEAST

Solo Art Exhibition

Title: Down Memory Lane
Artist: Rafiq Nabi
Venue: Bengal Gallery of Fine Arts, Bengal Shilpalya, House no-275/F, Road no-27 (Old), Dhamondi
Date: November 20-December 3
Time: 12:00pm-8:00pm

Artist: Jalilur Rabbi Tamim
Venue: Alliance Française de Dacca, 26 Mirpur Road, Dhamondi
Date: November 24-December 7
Time: Sunday to Friday 9:00am-12:00pm and 5:00pm-9:00pm, Saturday 5:00pm to



8:00pm
Artist: Hasibur Rahman Kiron
Organiser: Alliance Française de Dacca
Venue: La Galerie, 26 Mirpur Road, Dhamondi Dhaka
Date: December 7-13
Time: 9:00am to 12:00pm and 5:00pm-8:00pm
 Except Saturday 5:00pm-8:00pm

Artist: Samiran Chowdhury
Venue: Art & Soul Gallery, Rd No 36, House 16, Gulshan
Date: November 24-December 4
Time: 11:00am-8:00pm

Movie Watch

'Nativity Story': Not a miraculous conception

The *Nativity Story* comes across more like a tedious morning in Sunday school than a compelling biblical account.

Far from a magical version of the story of Christ's birth, it is unlikely to inspire the ardent following among Christians that *The Passion of the Christ* did. And while there is unquestionably an audience for this film, *Nativity* is not bound to become a holiday classic.

While focusing on Mary (Keisha Castle-Hughes of *Whale Rider* fame) and Joseph (Oscar Isaac) is an intriguing idea, this retelling doesn't offer much insight into her character.

The angel Gabriel (Syriana's Alexander Siddig) informs Mary that she is to be the mother of Jesus, but Castle-Hughes plays Mary as one-dimensionally as a student in a school Christmas pageant might. It can't be easy for a teenage actress to take on such a lofty role, but Castle-Hughes seems to have lacked critical input from director Catherine Hardwicke.

Hardwicke has taken a fascinating topic and presented it at a glacial pace and without much of the insight she showed in previous films. The movie just feels dreary.

However, this version seems fairly faithful to the biblical narrative, with two striking exceptions: the wrongheaded decision to turn



Oscar Isaac and Keisha Castle-Hughes in *The Nativity Story*

the Magi into comic foils and having Mary react as a contemporary young woman to the notion of an arranged marriage.

She is depicted as being about 13 and initially resistant to marrying Joseph, as she barely knows him. Though her behaviour may seem understandable to modern audiences, it seems out of step with the rest of the film's adherence to the traditional story. Weren't arranged marriages common in those times?

Castle-Hughes has some of her best scenes with Shohreh Aghdashloo (*House of Sand and Fog*), who plays her cousin Elizabeth, the mother of John the Baptist.

Their respective pregnancies are miraculous — Mary's because it is the immaculate conception and Elizabeth's because she is beyond child-bearing age.

The multi-ethnic casting is a nice touch: Castle-Hughes is from New Zealand, Isaac is Guatemalan, Aghdashloo is Iranian and Siddig is Sudanese.

It's not exactly the dullest story ever told, but it's certainly not the greatest.

Source: Internet

TV GUIDE

All programmes are in local time.
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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. (To be telecast on all Bangla channels).

CHANNEL-i
 News (Bangla) at 7:15 am; 9:00 am, 2:00pm, 7:00pm, 9:00pm, 10:30pm, 12:15am.

ATN BANGLA
 News (Bangla) at 7:00 am; 10:00am; 2:00 pm; 2:30 pm; 6:30 pm; 7:30pm; 10:00pm; 12:30pm.

BANGLAVISION
 News (Bangla) at 8:00am; 6:00pm; 7:15pm; 10:30pm; News Headlines (Bangla) at 9:00pm; News Headlines (English) at 9:05pm.

RTV
 News (Bangla) at 7:00am; 3:00pm; 7:15pm; 10:00pm; News Headlines (Bangla) at 10:30am.

ATN BANGLA
 10:30 Onnodiishi
 11:05 Horton Blibi
 11:35 Ek Jonomey

Rtv
 10:00 Gaan Ar Gaan

BTV

08:30 Open University

12:30 Maa O Shishur

01:00 Bansori

01:30 One Day Cricket

Match Bangladesh

Vs Zimbabwe

10:25 Teknaf Thake

11:30 Tetulia

10:30 Musical Programme

CHANNEL-i

08:05 Tagore Song

08:30 Shokaler Gaan

09:50 Tritiomatica

11:05 Tele Prescription

11:30 Hridoye Mati O

12:30 Mon Amar

Aj Dupure O Citycell

Taroka Kathan

01:05 Ebong Cinemar

01:30 Shangbadpotre

Bangladesh

02:40 Selected Drama

04:05 Amader Gaan

04:25 Sa Re Ga Ma

05:30 Fct Business

06:20 Anondhara

Chayer Ashor

07:50 Mega Serial:

Bhober Haat

09:35 Ekhon E Shomoy

10:00 Mega Serial: Jog

Biog

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09:45 Shomoshomoy

11:25 Din Dorpan

Rtv

10:00 Gaan Ar Gaan

12:15

Shath Din

01:30 Shornali Shadakalo

02:30 Telefilm

05:10 Britter Bairy

05:45 Islamic Programme

06:25 Three Stooges

08:00 Drama Serial: Khola

Duar

08:30 Mega Serial: The

New Shobuj Opera

09:00 Drama Serial: Nire

Tar Neel Dheu

09:30 Drama Serial:

Pichhutan

10:40 Protidin

11:30 Talk Show: Ki Kotha

Tahar Shathey

Gaan

12:05 World of Arts

12:30 Hoi Hullor

01:05 Muktagon

02:35 Drama

03:15 Single Episode

01:00 Aj Potrikay

01:35 Shotro Proshno

03:45 Drama Serial:

Bolechhe Jabo Jabo

04:20 Gopshop

03:30 Shunney Bosobash

04:00 Shondhikone

04:30 Drama Serial:

Ajker Bangladesh

06:00 Bishwa Jurey Shath

02:00 Bishwa Jurey Shath

03:45 Modhyoborti

04:20 Gopshop

03:30 Shunney Bosobash

04:00 Shondhikone

04:30 Drama Serial:

Khulji Belay

06:35 Bishwa Jurey

05:15 Chokh Mele Dekhi

06:10 Shaaj Bela

06:45 Ithasher Pothe

07:00 Padmoraag

08:15 Drama Serial:

12:00

Talk Show:

09:30 Chokh Mele Dekhi

10:00 Cartoon

01:00 Aj Potrikay

10:30 Bangla Feature Film

02:00 Bishwa Jurey Shath

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03:45 Modhyoborti

04:20 Gopshop

03:30 Shunney Bosobash

04:00 Shondhikone

04:30 Drama Serial:

Ajker Bangladesh

06:00 Bishwa Jurey

08:00 Drama Serial: Black

and White

08:50 Jugal Bondi

Pothe

07:00 Padmoraag

08:15 Drama Serial:

08:40

Shuprobhat

Bangladesh

09:00 Sunye Boshobash

Kichhu Chai El

jiboney

10:00 Bangla Feature Film

11:00 Music Music

Din

04:30

Drama Serial:

Dokhinenay

05:00