

CULTURAL FEAST

Photography Exhibition on Shamsur Rahman

Title: Buk taar Bangladesh-er hridoy

Venue: Bengal Shilpalaya, 275/F, Rd 27 (old), Dhanmondi

Date: January 16-22

Documentary Screening

Title: Bostro Balikara

Director: Tanvir Mokammel

Venue: Shawkot Usman Auditorium, Central Public Library, Shahbag

Date: January 19

Time: 5:00pm

Art Work and Calligraphy Exhibition

Organiser: Bangladesh Shilpakala

Academy and Embassy of The Islamic Republic of Iran

Venue: National Art Gallery, Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy, Dhaka

Date: January 8-17

Time: 11:00pm-7:00pm

Film Screening

Title: Constantly in Motion

Organiser: Goethe-Institut Bangladesh and Dhaka University Film Society

January 17

Images of the World

Just In Time by Kirsten Winter

The Day Slows Down as it Progresses by Tomas Bartels

Elsewhere directed by Egbert Mittlestädt

Wanderlost directed by Timothee Ingen-Housz

In directed by Phillip Hirsch

Full Moon directed by Carsten Aschmann

As if directed by Christian Meyer

Dis Locations

The Maid Asleep directed by Corinna Schnitt

Crofton Road SE.5 directed by Bernd Gockell

Banlieue Du Vide directed by Thomas Köner

No Damage directed by Caspar Stracke

Beacon directed by Chrstoph Girardet & Matthias Müller

Arctic-Between Light and Darkness directed by Jürgen Reble

Film Screening

Organiser: Indian Cultural centre

Venue: House# 25, Road# 96, Gulshan 2

Date: January 19

Title: Lage Rago Munnabhai

Date: January 27

Title: Bialish-42 (Bangla)

Date: January 28

Title: Legend of Bhagat Singh

Date: January 29

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# Constantly In Motion

## A medley of German experimental films and videos



Scenes from *Blümchen* and *The Oral Thing*

ERSHAD KAMOL

SINCE the beginning of cinematography, the history of experimental films has evolved as a subdivision of the history of cinema. The works of experimental cinema have, however, made an important contribution to the development of cinema as a separate art form, to the language of the cinema and to film aesthetics. The motivation and intentions of experimental films, however, are not always clearly evident. An experimental film or an artistic video, comparable to a

painting or a piece of music, can convey meaning and reveal itself just through the impression it makes.

The decade 1994-2004 is remarkable in German filmdom in the sense that a lot of experimental films have been made in this period by talented young directors.

The Goethe Institut Bangladesh in co-operation with Dhaka University Film Society (DUFS) has arranged an experimental German film screening session titled 'Constantly in Motion' at Goethe Institut auditorium. Over 30 experimental films will be screened in the four-

day programme, which began on January 15.

The film series, 'Constantly in Motion', is one of a kind of short films and video works of the development in the last 10 years of experimental film works in Germany.

On the reason behind arranging the festival, the officials of Goethe Institut asserted that this session of films has traveled many countries of the world to introduce the experimental works. Moreover, the session will inspire a dialogue and strike a chord of the spirit of the times.

Imran Firdous of Dhaka University Film Society pointed out that the film screening session will enrich the independent filmmakers in Bangladesh and critics as well as introduce them to concepts such as avant garde, surrealism and dadaism. Added Firdous, "The duration of the movies in the session varies from 56 seconds to 48 minutes. So clearly it indicates that it's not the duration rather the cinematography which is the most important aspect of cinema."

The screening of films will be accompanied with a discussion by local independent film experts.

## Exhibition

# Works of Austrian painters at Chitrak

FAYZA HAQ

Manfred and Dagmar Chobot are here from Vienna, holding a joint exhibit of modern art at Chitrak. This includes mixed media: using paper, silk, oil, crayon and water-colour among others. The styles are semi-abstract. The lines and style of the four Austrian artists from Chobot gallery may not appear easy to comprehend at first glance, but they are thought-provoking and worth viewing.

Manfred, the poet of the husband and wife team sponsoring the show, is an important Austrian poet, while Dagmar is a curator and patron of artists, apart from being a gallery owner.

The four foreign artists include Helga Cmelka. One of her works has writings on the silk base of orange and gold on which are more large letterings in gold thread. Most of the writings contain lines from poems and novels. She uses silk gauze mounted on canvas to form the backdrop on which are large, startling motifs of needlework. This flamboyant and dazzling work is "experimental work, and brings in different techniques and colours,"

as Manfred Chobot puts it.

Robert Svoboda has an enormous representation of a burnt cigar as the main subject. The is a

Shakespeare's popular play, *Romeo and Juliet*. He plays with reduction of the book, the cover of which frames the art work in sepia,

in patterns of dots, dashes, circles, ovals, lines and prototype Elizabethan floral motifs. Robert smoked the cigar as he scanned the play on the computer. This work was not easy to create as the cigar cinders are also clearly represented. Thus the artist plays with a new way of projecting the Avon bard, as Manfred explains.

The Expressionistic and figurative work by Franz Schwarzingner is more obvious for the average gallery goer. Franz projects an image of a startled man dressed in formal western clothes, with a bush of greenish-gray hair, buttoned coat and kerchief in the breast pocket. Thus in this modern portrait, one can view only parts of the human body, with interlacing gray and blue texture work in the background. This compelling image is in acrylic and water-colour.

More abstract and presenting a landscape in geometrical forms is Ernst Zdrahal's work in baby-blue, gentle pink, midnight blue, black grey and white. Ernst uses colours normally used in silk-screens, using print colours on paper, as Manfred concludes.



Clockwise (from top-left): Paintings by Franz Schwarzingner, Ernst Zdrahal, Robert Svoboda and Helga Cmelka

project in which the artist has played with quotations from

brown and white in the form of repeated images of the book cover

Manfred concludes.

## Channel Click

# 'Kagojer Manush': TV series focusing on news media

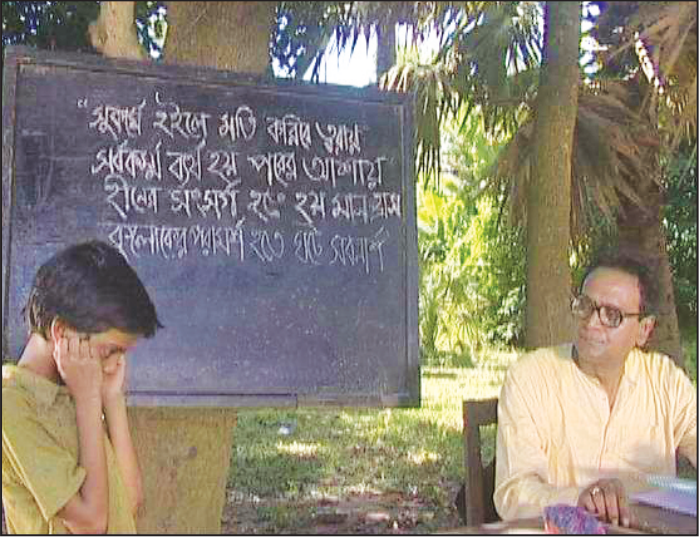
CULTURAL CORRESPONDENT

Everyday newspapers bring to light stories of people around the country. Some of these stories send shivers down the spine, while some generate awareness and encourage masses to take a stance against social injustice.

Based on news and opinions published in readers' columns and editorials, TV series *Kagojer Manush* will be aired tonight at 8:50.

Each episode of the serial narrates a different story. Some of the stories highlight the life and times of noted journalists as well. Tonight's episode is called *Tonk Protha*.

*Kagojer Manush* is written by Ashrafi Mithu and Mahbub Hasan Jyoti. Ashrafi Mithu is director of the serial.



Raisul Islam Asad (L) and a child artiste in an episode of *Kagojer Manush*

## 64th Golden Globe Awards

# 'Babel' and 'Dreamgirls' win top honours



As the 64th annual Golden Globes unfolded last Monday (early Tuesday morning, local time) *Babel* won the award for best dramatic movie. And Martin Scorsese won for directing *The Departed*, while *Dreamgirls* scooped up awards for best comedy/musical and for a pair of its actors – keeping the films in tight competition for top honours in the Hollywood awards race.

In a rather remarkable feat, Helen Mirren won best actress awards for playing two Queen Elizabeths: one for the television mini-series *Elizabeth I* and the second for portraying Elizabeth II in the film *The Queen*.

Still, the evening's real significance lay in the ritual: Hollywood's first big awards party of the year was underway.

No film truly dominated the affair. Jennifer Hudson, a newcomer, won for best supporting actress in a motion picture for playing a determined but less-than-svelte singer in *Dreamgirls*, while the long-time Hollywood star Eddie Murphy – himself a newcomer to awards glory – won best supporting actor as a singer on the decline.

Bursting into tears, Hudson, who first gained notice on *American Idol* and had her first screen role in this film, told the audience packed with Hollywood's top movie and television stars: "You don't know how much this does for my confidence...it makes me feel like I'm part of a community, it makes me feel like an actress." Hudson dedicated her award to Florence Ballard, one of the original Supremes, "a lady who never got a fair chance."

Forest Whitaker was named best actor in a dramatic movie for his portrayal of Idi Amin in *The Last King of Scotland*.

And as she won best actress in a comedy or musical for *The Devil Wears Prada*, screen diva Meryl Streep rocked the gathering when she donned a pair of reading glasses and declared, "I think I've worked with everybody in the room." She paused. "Yes, I have."

The best foreign language film prize went to *Letters From Iwo Jima*, an unusual twist, in that the movie, with dialogue in Japanese, was directed by Clint Eastwood. Eastwood, positively ebullient, told the press that he might make a Hungarian or Lithuanian movie next.

The Globes are voted on by the 80 or so members of the Hollywood Foreign Press Association. By contrast, the Oscars are voted on by the nearly 6,000 members of the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences.

Sacha Baron Cohen was named best actor in a musical or comedy for his performance in *Borat: Cultural Learnings of America for Make Benefit Glorious Nation of Kazakhstan*.

The honorary Cecil B DeMille Award went to the actor and filmmaker Warren Beatty for what the association called his "outstanding contribution to the entertainment field." Beatty, 69, has made his mark as a political thinker and industry statesman, while directing five films and appearing in nearly two dozen since his 1961 performance in *Splendor in the Grass*.

Source: International Herald Tribune



Meryl Streep (top) and Helen Mirren with their Golden Globes

## TV GUIDE

### PICK OF THE DAY



Aloye Bhuvan Bhora  
On Channel i at 9:35pm  
Talk show hosted by Aly Zaker  
Today's guest Farida Parveen



Noyontara  
On ATN Bangla at 8:00pm  
Drama Serial  
Cast: Tanvir, Deepa Kondokar, Fazlur Rahman Babu

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. (To be telecast on all Bangla channels).

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

**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  
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.

**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.

**CHANNEL 1**  
News (Bangla) at 8:00am, 12:00pm, 2:30pm, 6:30pm, 7:30pm, 10:00pm, 12:30am

**BANGLAVISION**  
News (Bangla) at 8:00am, 2:00pm, 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

### BTV

08:30 Open University  
09:05 Shomapti  
12:05 Maa O Shishur Kotha  
12:05 Shukhi Ponbar  
01:30 Selected Programme  
02:15 Sisimpur  
02:40 Alor Shotodol  
03:05 Cartoon  
03:30 Cricket Shekha  
04:00 Hijo Tomar  
04:30 Oi Notuner Keton Urey  
05:30 Cartoon  
07:00 Mati O Manush  
07:30 Musical Programme  
09:00 Drama  
09:30 Musical Programme  
10:30 Ei Prithibi

### ATN

#### BANGLA

10:30 Anyodrishti  
11:05 Talk Show: Meet the Press  
12:15 Cinema Cinema  
01:30 Gaane Surey Tarunne  
02:30 Musical Programme  
03:10 Drama Serial: Bhalo Bashar Rang  
04:20 Islamic Programme  
05:10 Nijey Jano Shafolyo Ano  
05:45 Islamic Programme  
06:20 Aktel Protidin  
08:00 Drama Serial: Noyontara  
08:40 Drama Serial: Bohemiyen  
09:30 Shongbad Potrey Bangladesh  
09:45 Public Reaction  
09:50 Tittiyomatra

### Rtv

11:05 Sports Time (Live)  
12:30 Citycell Tarokakothon  
01:05 Ebong Cinemar Gaan  
01:30 Shanghabd Potrey Bangladesh  
01:45 Public Reaction  
02:40 Selected Drama  
04:05 Amader Gaan  
04:25 Sa Re Ga Ma  
05:30 Alokit Bangladesh  
06:00 Music Club  
06:20 Drama Serial: Shompadho Upopadho  
07:50 Hello Minister  
09:35 Talk Show: Aloye Bhuvan Bhora  
10:00 Mega Serial: Jog Biog  
12:00 Gramephone Aiker Shangbadpotro

### CHANNEL 1

09:10 Ei Mon  
10:00 Char Deyal  
10:40 Tagore Song  
12:00 Amar Desh  
01:00 Aj Potrikay  
01:35 Shoto Proshno  
03:45 Shomochon  
06:00 Aiker Bangladesh  
06:35 Drishwa Kalpo  
08:00 Griho Shaily  
08:50 Drama Serial: Kagojer Manush  
10:45 Rtv Exclusive  
10:50 Prithibir Pothey Pothey  
08:40 Shuprobhat Bangladesh  
09:30 Chokh Mele Dekhi  
10:00 Expression  
10:30 Bangla Feature Film  
10:45 Nongor  
02:00 Drama Serial: Daar Kaak

### 04:00

Rupantoror Golpo  
Fusion Biz  
Shomoyer Shonlap  
Saaj Bela  
Top News  
Iltashar Path Dorey  
Baker Pathhey  
Drama Serial: Ghughur Basha  
Drama Serial: Dash Diner Ghotona Show Case  
09:30 BANGLAVISION  
08:35 Shubho Shokal  
09:05 Ki Jadu Bangla  
09:30 Gaaney  
09:30 Bangla Feature Film  
02:30 Drama Serial: Shonar Phool

### 03:00

Raat Biraatey  
Drama: Shourobh  
Get Sit Fit  
Diner Sheshey  
Shurer Bhuvan  
Drama Serial: Joba Kushum  
09:15 Drama: Shomudrey Shontirash  
9:30 Batman  
12:00 Body Snatchers  
01:45 Criminal  
03:30 Disturbing Behavior  
05:15 Exorcist II the Heretic  
07:30 Resident Evil:  
Apocalypse  
09:30 King's Ransom  
11:30 Beverly Hills Cop II

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