

CULTURAL FEAST

10th Dhaka International Film Festival

Organiser: Rainbow Film Society
Venues: Central Public Library auditorium, National Museum auditorium, Russian Centre for Science and Culture and Indian High Commission
Date: January 10-18
Time: 10:00 am onwards

Solo Art Exhibition

Title: Written Image
Artist: Wakilur Rahman
Venue: Gallian Kaya, House 20, Road 16, Sector 4, Uttara
Date: January 18-29
Time: 11am-8pm

Title: The Making of Kuhu Art
Artist: Kuhu
Venue: Gallery Chitrag, Road4, House 21, Dhanmondi R/A
Date: January 18-February 15
Time: 10am-8pm

Title: Art in Mind
Artist: Arif Al Karim Bhuiyan
Venue: Galerie Zoom, Alliance Francaise de Dacca, 26, Mirpur Road, Dhanmondi
Date: January 10-21
Time: 9am-12pm & 5pm-8pm (everyday), 5pm-8pm (Sunday)

Sculpture Exhibition

Title: Ecology of Mind-2
Sculptor: Alak Roy
Venue: Bengal Gallery of Fine Arts, Bengal Shilpalaya, H 275/F, Road 27 (old), Dhanmondi and British Council, 5 Fuller Road, Dhaka University
Date: January 5-19
Time: 12pm-8pm

Solo Recitation

Artist: Belayet Hossain
Organiser: Bangladesh Udichi Shilpigosthi
Venue: National Theatre Stage, Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy
Date: January 19
Time: 6:30 pm



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"It's the duty of a state to support the film industry" -- Peter Van Bueren

In conversation with the Dutch film critic

ERSHAD KAMOL

DUTCH film critic Peter Van Bueren is in Dhaka to participate at the 10th Dhaka International Film Festival. The seasoned film critic is one of the five jury members of the Australasian Competition section of the festival. Moreover, he read the keynote paper at the seminar titled Aesthetics of Cinema: Critic and reviewer held yesterday at Central Public Library.

After his graduation in Political and Social Science, Peter Van Bueren began journalism while he was a student in the 1960s. His fascination with movies made him a renowned film critic in Europe. For the last four



Peter Van Bueren

'Cinema of the World' and 'Bangladesh Panorama' begins

'Cinema of the World' and 'Bangladesh Panorama' sections of the 10th Dhaka International Film Festival began simultaneously at two venues -- The National Museum Auditorium and Central Public Library -- on January 12. Over 20 movies from 12 countries are being screened in the 'Cinema of the World' category. On January 12 Absent Father directed by Douglas Chang was screened at the National Museum Auditorium.

'Bangladesh Panorama' section began with the screening of Ontorjatra, directed by Tareque Masud, at the Central Public Library Auditorium. Other movies included in the section are: Rani Kuthir Baki Itihash directed by Samia Zaman, Ek Khandu Jami directed by Shahjahan Chowdhury and Shyamal Chhaya directed by Humayun Ahmed.

Around the world in 40 photos

Abeer's angles on everyday life and living

FAYZA HAQ

Abeer Hoque, who is here from the US, writing her book and having published many short stories in the English dailies, is currently having her solo photographic display at the Alliance Francaise Cafe Veranda. The pictures are a sort of reflection of images, which Abeer has come across in the subcontinent, Bhutan, and European countries. Her novel weaves the lives of many characters who are spread out all over the world; and the pictures are representations of the lifestyles in these different exotic places.

Abeer has had a successful display earlier at Drik Gallery, even though she is still an amateur. However, clicking shutters has been more than a hobby for her in the last two years. The present venture is also interesting and eye-

catching, especially when one reads the attached titles and gathers her running commentary pertaining to each image. She searches for unusual angles of places and things. These she drapes in a dramatic play of light and shade. She also takes close-up micro-shots of objects so that they appear more fascinating when the details are studied with finesse. "The objects then become something else," says Abeer.

The path that leads up to the Tak Sang Monastery in Bhutan, outside Paro is washed in shades of emerald, bringing in the overhanging Spanish moss, with a touch of vermilion here and there to relieve the monotony. The inclusion of the straying horse thus presents both flora and fauna and takes us to Abeer's sleepy "magic kingdom of some sort".



Photographs by Abeer Hoque

reddish apple on dark twigs was taken in the Czech Republic. "This was the first snowfall of the season. I'd gone for a walk the following morning," says Abeer. This too is a picture that speaks of harmony and tranquillity.

The running, laughing and dreaming girl from Bombay is seen as a part of a colourful scenario, has a ruined boat behind her. The frontal image is blurred on purpose and goes well with the realistic background.

The Durga Puja image from Kolkata, where Abeer was walking around a splendid pandal with the goddess of carved wood. There were two elderly ladies who were merrily whispering to each other, as Abeer puts it.

The Mekong River's "Golden Triangle", where Thailand and Laos meet, has a boat-market of drinks,

which people can help themselves to at leisure. The jet-black and gold image, which includes the over-head sky, surrounding trees and water, appears like some Dutch print from Rembrandt's times from a distance.

The focus on Bangladeshi rickshaws whizzing through the streets at night, appearing like some contemporary psychedelic flying chariot is surely unique. So is the street musician with the multicoloured 32-d blobs on the wall that serves as the backdrop.

Even geometrical and floral designs taken from architecture, with details of light and shadow on the walls appear mysterious and thought-provoking.

Abeer's exhibit has drawn crowds, and her interesting vision of an admirer should continue to do so in future.



Theatre festival in aid of Sidr victims

RAFIQUE SARKER, Rangpur

An eight-day group theatre festival began at the Rangpur Town Hall on January 9. Sammilito Sangskritik Jote's Rangpur unit has organised the festival to raise funds for the Sidr victims.

A total of eight theatre groups of Rangpur are participating at the festival. The groups include Shikha Sangsad, Rangpur Podatik, Sarathi Natya Goshthi, Sarothi Academy, Bicon Natya Kendra, Rangpur Natya Chakra, Rangpur Natya Kendra, and Rangpur Theatre.

The play Abhinoy was staged by Shikha Sangsad on the inaugural day. Kante Mana by Bicon Natya Kendra was staged on January 10, Ekhono Kritadas by Rangpur Theatre on January 11, Kanjush by Sarathi Natya Goshthi on January 12 and Muktir Kontho by Rangpur Podatik yesterday. Daibodho will be staged by Rangpur Natya Chakra today, and Meraj Fakir Ma by Rangpur Natya Kendra on January 16.

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Silver Jubilee of "Banaphul Lok Lokaloy" celebrated

JASIM MAUMDER, Khagrachhari

Silver Jubilee of the BTV programme, Banaphul Lok Lokaloy, highlighting the culture and traditions of the ethnic groups, was celebrated in Khagrachhari recently with a call for upholding rights and culture of these communities.

The colourful programmes also drew local Bengalis in large numbers. Different government organisations including Khagrachhari Hill District Council (KHDC) and some indigenous forums chalked out a two-day programme on the occasion.

Traditionally attired indigenous girls and children bedecked with flowers and men carrying drums, bows and arrows performed their dances and rendered songs on the roads of the hill town. People in large numbers lined up to enjoy the cultural programmes.

The programme began with a big procession that comprised around 1,000 people including members of the local ethnic communities. Noted personality and KHDC chairman, Monindra Lal Tripura inaugurated the procession.

Representatives of the Chakma, Marma, Tripura, Pangkhu communities as well as local Bengalis took part in the procession. They carried placards and banners highlighting the demand of the ethnic communities in the country.

A discussion was held at the District Shilpakala Auditorium with KHDC member Animesh Dewan Nandith in the chair.

Speakers said that Banaphul Lok Lokaloy an artist from the indigenous community begun on January 6, 1983 with an aim to promote and project the cultural heritage of the indigenous people of the country. They also demanded that more such programmes should be aired on the TV channels.

In Khagrachhari, the Tribal Cultural Institute organised a programme on the occasion.



An artist from the indigenous community sings at the programme

Noted playwright Selim Al Deen critically ill

CULTURAL CORRESPONDENT

A trendsetter in Bangladeshi theatre, renowned playwright Selim Al Deen, is critically ill. He was admitted at the CCU of Labaid Cardiac Hospital on January 11. He has been suffering from heart disease, high blood pressure, kidney and



diabetic problem. Selim Al Deen's plays have been staged by several leading theatre groups in Bangladesh and India. Some of his plays have been translated in several European countries.

He began writing plays while he was a student of Dhaka University. Al Deen successfully introduced indigenous narrative technique in modern drama. His plays such as Kittonkhola, Keramatmangal, Hat Hada, Chaka, Joiboti Konnar Mon, Bonopangshul, Nimojon and others have left an indelible impression on the audience.

He is a founder member of Dhaka Theatre. Some of his TV serials like Granthikgan Kahey, Chhaya Shikari and others have won plaudits from the TV audience.

Selim Al Deen is the founder Chairman of Department of Drama and Dramatics at Jahangirnagar University.



Dr. A. T. M. Shamsul Huda, Chief Election Commissioner handing over a crest at the prize giving ceremony of "Ananda Mela 2008" arranged by Kendriya Kochi-Kanchar Mela held at Kochi-Kancha auditorium recently. According to the press release, the three daylong Ananda Mela included painting, recitation and essay writing by the children of the organisation

ON AIR

PICK OF THE DAY



Tarana
On BTV at 10:30 pm
Dance Programme
Host: Shamim Ara Neepa, Shibli Mohammed



Malcolm in the Middle
On Star World at 6:00 pm
TV Series
Cast: Frankie Muniz, Justin Berfield

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, 12:15am.

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 am, 10:00 am, 11:00 am, 1:00pm, 3:00 pm, 4:00pm, 6:00 pm and 8:00 pm.

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

BANGLAVISION
News (Bangla) at 7:30am, 1:30pm, 5:00pm, 7:15pm, 10:30pm.
News Headlines (Bangla) at 10:00am, 12:00am, 4:00pm.
News (English) at 6:00pm.

Rtv
News (Bangla) at 10:15pm, and 12:15am.

ntv
News (Bangla) 7:30am, 12:02pm, 2:00pm, 7:30pm, 10:30pm, 1:00am.

ETV
News (Bangla) 1:00pm, 3:00pm, 5:00pm, 7:00pm, 9:00pm, 11:00pm.

ATN BANGLA
08:15 Aiker Shangbadpoto
08:30 Drama Serial: Mowchakey Dhi
09:15 Drama Serial: Alok Hogor
10:30 Talk Show: Onyodrishti
11:05 Shushtho Thakun
11:35 Musical Programme: Notun Chhobir Gaan
12:15 Motamot
01:25 Cocola Chocholitrer Golpo
02:30 Daily Soap: Dolls House
03:10 Drama Serial: O Amar Chokhu Nai
03:45 Children's Programme: Chitoloder Pritibibi
04:20 Agricultural Programme: Matir Shubutash
05:00 Grain Gorjer Khabor
05:10 Shushtho Thakun
05:45 Business Week
06:20 Documentary Programme: Ashey Pasher Manush
08:00 Drama Serial: Swapno Mangal
08:45 Musical Programme: Chokkai Chiridin
11:30 Talk Show: Projonna Bangladesh
12:00 Gramephone Lead News

CHANNEL-i
08:05 Tagore Song
09:30 Shingbadpotey Bangladesh
09:45 Public Reaction
09:50 Gramephone Trilo Matra
11:05 Educational Programme
12:30 Citycell Taroka Kathan

01:05 Ebong Cinemar Gaan
01:30 Mega Serial: Pro Bash
02:40 Sa Re Ga Ma
03:05 Banijo O Orthonit
03:30 Hindoyer Gaan
04:30 Entertainment Show: Arshinnogor
05:30 Rupanitor
06:00 Talk Show: Ek Dui Tin
06:40 Star Gate SG One
07:50 BBC Bangladesh Shinglap
09:35 Drama Serial: Neel Tepantore
10:00 RC Travel On
11:30 Drama Serial: 69
12:00 Gramephone Aiker Shangbadpoto

ntv
08:30 Aiker Shokair
08:55 Shantoktir
09:30 Crime Watch
10:05 Drama Serial: 111 A Nelson Number
10:30 Saaj Gar
11:00 Shangkriti Ei Shoglaho
11:30 Teen Bon-er Kashinda
12:10 Ei Shomoy
01:05 Japan Video Topic
02:30 Shantoktir
03:15 Glamour World
04:25 Kichhu Katha Kichhu Gaan
05:25 Ithash-er Ei Dine
05:30 Apnar Jigyasha
06:20 Shubho Shondhya
06:45 Kichhu Katha Kichhu Katha
08:15 Drama Serial: To-Let
09:00 Music Express
09:45 Nabila Chorit
11:30 Ei Shomoy

ETV
08:00 Ekush-er Shokal
12:00 Ekush-er Dupur
12:30 Ekush-er Business;

01:30 Special Focus
02:30 Ekushey Business: Shophol Jata
03:30 Spondon
03:30 Katha Ar Gaan
04:00 Magic Show
04:30 Drama Serial: Chana Manusher Pachhal
05:15 Ei Shoptaher Bishwa
05:45 Ekushey Shondhya
06:15 Sris Mania
06:30 Dosh Jury
07:30 Drama: Pir Bodol
08:30 Drama Serial: Hiltu
09:30 Ekushey Shomoy
10:30 Drama Serial: Protona Nan

09:05 Borney Borney
09:35 Jago Bangladesh
10:00 Drama Serial: Porshpor
11:00 Taroka Alap
11:30 Drama Serial: Modhyobarti
12:15 Special Programme
12:30 Gaanchi Ei Din
01:30 Dhailywood Beats
02:30 Bangla Feature Film
06:00 Protodin
06:35 Sports Carnival
08:00 Drama Serial: Modhyo Barfi
08:35 Shorakar Ek
08:35 Bochor Bichar
09:20 Drama Serial: Bibhag Prithokoron

01:30 Paroshpor
08:35 Heart Beat
11:30 Public Opinion
12:00 Rtv Exclusive

CHANNEL 1
08:40 Shuprobhat Bangladesh
09:30 Cartoon
10:30 Bangla Feature Film
12:00 Daily Soap: Mohanogor
03:30 Drama Serial: Ochena Apon
04:00 Concert
04:30 Cinehub
05:15 Krishi O Krishok
06:00 Saajbela
07:00 Shamprotik
08:15 Drama Serial: Danguli
09:00 Nongor
09:30 Bioscope

BANGLAVISION
08:35 Ebong Classer Bairy
09:00 Agami Korito
10:10 Drama Serial: Tanik Ali Hadari
10:40 Franer Gaan
11:05 Sports Vision
11:35 Cinebit Shadakalo
12:00 Daily Soap: Mohanogor
02:40 Talk Show: Amar Ami
03:05 X Crime
04:20 Bangiyomela Protidin
05:30 Apnar Agami
08:05 Din-er Sheshey
06:50 Cinebit
08:25 Daily Soap: Mohanogor
09:05 Cookery Show: Amader Rannaghar
09:45 Drama Serial:

01:20 Swapnochura
12:00 Talk Show: Top Story
Shongbad Protidin

STAR MOVIES
07:45 Crazy/Beautiful
12:30 Braveheart
03:25 Papparazzi
04:50 The Lost World: Jurassic Park
07:00 Croc
08:30 Grandma's Boy
10:00 Raw Deal
11:45 Body Of Evidence

STAR PLUS
10:00 V Trailers - Star Plus
10:30 The New Adventures of Winnie P
11:00 Little Einsteins
11:30 V Trailers - Star Plus
12:00 Sanlaan
12:30 Bidaai
01:00 Kasauti Zindagi Kay
01:30 Kumkum - Pyara Sa Bandhan
02:00 Bhabhi
02:30 Karam Apnaa Apnaa
03:00 Saarthi
03:30 Kyunki Saas Bhi Kabhi Bahu Thi
04:00 Kayamath
04:30 Sangam
05:00 Sanlaan
05:30 V Trailers - Star Plus
06:00 Bidaai
07:00 Baa Bahoo Aur Baby
07:30 Sangam
08:30 Santaan
08:30 Man awaz ko mil gayi roshni
09:00 Kasauti Zindagi Kay
09:30 Bidaai
10:30 Kahaani Gar Gar Ki
11:00 Kyunki Saas Bhi Kabhi Bahu Thi
11:30 Kayamath
12:00 Karam Apnaa Apnaa

STAR WORLD
08:30 The Ellen Degeneres Show
09:30 Friends
10:30 American Inventor
11:30 My Wife And Kids
12:00 The Simpsons
12:30 Seinfeld
01:00 Friends
01:30 Desme. Table For Three
02:30 The Ellen Degeneres Show
03:30 The Bold And The Beautiful
04:00 General Hospital
05:00 Enterprise
06:00 Malcolm In The Middle
06:30 The Simpsons
07:00 My Wife And Kids
07:30 Friends
08:00 Sanlaan
08:30 American Music Awards 2007
11:30 Cops
12:30 Seinfeld

NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC
09:30 Head On!
10:30 Saung Bell
11:15 Wonder Armour
11:30 My Brilliant Brain
12:30 Accidental Genius
01:30 Sao Paulo
02:30 Underwater Treasures #2
03:30 Head On!
04:30 I Didn't Know That
05:30 The Boas Of Belize
06:30 Big Bang
07:30 The Reluctant Warrior
08:30 Head On!
09:30 Bite Force
09:30 Air Crash Investigation
10:30 Downed Pilot
10:30 Inside: North Korea
11:30 Desperate Dive
12:30 Power Of Play

Radio Foorti 88.0 FM
07:00am Hello Dhaka (Apu)
11:00am Amar 88.0 (Nusrat)
03:00pm Dhaka Calling (Sakib)
07:00pm Seven Eleven (Sadia)
11:00pm Late Night Show (Shuvo)
Radio Today 89.6 FM
07:15am Good Morning Dhaka (Biplot)
07:45 am Today's Happy Moments
08:45am Shokaler Khabor
12:00pm Today's Adda (Nudrat)
01:45pm Dupurer Khabor
04:00pm U-tum (Kibria & Tania)
06:45pm Shongher Khabor
08:00pm Tobe Tai Hok (Sayem)
09:45pm Raatter Khabor
11:45pm Moother Raatter Khabor

HISTORY CHANNEL
09:30 Che Guevara
10:30 A Crooked Man
11:30 Salma Beit
12:30 Doodmsday 2012
01:30 Mayan Doomsday Prophecy
02:30 Casanova
03:30 Leo Tolstoy
04:30 Charles Dickens
05:30 Anne Frank
06:30 A Crooked Man
07:30 Carlos the Jackal
08:30 Liberation of Paris
09:30 Jane Eyre
11:30 The Kansas City Massacre