## CULTURALFEAST

## Sculpture and Art

Exhibition Title: Brave World of Structure Artist: Ivy Zaman Venue: Shilpangan Gallery, House 26, road 3, Dhanmondi Date: January 19-February 2 Time: 12pm-8pm

## Solo Painting

Time: 12pm-8pm

Exhibition Title: In Search of light Artist: Rafique Siddiqui Venue: National Art Gallery, Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy Date: January 18-25

### Solo Art Exhibition

Title: Written Image Artist: Wakilur Rahman Venue: Gallari 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 Chitrak, Road 4, 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 Française 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

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

AMINUL ISLAM, Mymensingh

The two-century-old traditional

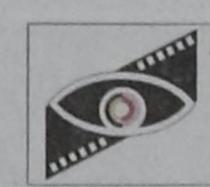
"Homeguti Khela" was recently held

at the Boroiata field in Laxmipur

village, Phulbaria Upazila, some 16

kilometer away from the district

marked with festivity



# 10th Dhaka International Film Festival

# R RAINBOW FILM SOCIETY

# The end of the event

## Award giving ceremony held



Recipients of the film awards

ERSHAD KAMOL

ENTH Dhaka International Film Festival, the biggest event of its kind in the country, ended yesterday at the National Museum Auditorium. Though initially the organiser Rainbow Film Society announced that the nine-day festival would continue at five venues, which began on January 10, was held at only two venues: Central Public Library Auditorium and National Museum Auditorium.

Only 33 movies had been screened of the expected over 100 full-length films, short films and documentaries from 40 countries.

"Homeguti Khela": A traditional game

town. Thousands of enthusiastic

people from near and far thronged

the venue and enjoyed the game.

According to the organisers, the

Smriti Sangsad, A.B. Siddique,

President of Homeguti Khela

sport is held annually.

Of the announced 11 sections of films -- Australasian Cinema, Retrospective, Tribute, Cinema of the World, Focus, African Films, Bangladesh Panorama, Independent Film, Women Filmmaker Section, Spiritual Film Session and International Cinema -- the organiser has failed to screen African Films, Retrospective, Tribute and Focus sections. Only one movie had been screened from two sec-

In response to the question related to the failure the organisers blamed the restriction created by Bangladesh Film Censor Board. Director of the Festival Committee, Ahmed Muztaba Zamal said, "We

wide cracknown on high-profile graft

inaugurated the game. Among

others, local Union Parishad Chair-

at the event.

man, Ashiqul Haque, was present

requires hiding the guti, a brass ball)

is played on the last day of the Ben-

gali month, Poush, every year. The

day is locally known as "Pahura" or

"Poush Sangkranti" and is cele-

Residents of several villages of

the upazila, form a group and

participate in the game. The guti

or brass ball, weighting around 30

kilograms, is hidden by a group,

which another group has to

locate. The winning team is

accorded a reception in Laxmipur

village. The game does not end

until the guti is found. Last year

the game continued for eight

hours straight and was eventually

found in the Vitibari village, close

to Muktagacha Upazila. Once the

game continued for ten days at a

brated by the local people.

"Homeguti Khela" (the game

have been arranging the festival regularly. In the previous nine occasions we had never faced such bureaucratic restrictions, never had we paid for censorship clearance to the board for arranging the festival. Like the previous years we also approached the Ministry of Information for special consideration, but we had not get any positive response."

"Moreover, we did not get censorship clearance in time. Which is why we could not give the schedule of the festival in press. That is the reason behind unsatisfactory turnout", said Zamal.

"In fact, the government should immediately form a guideline

related to film screening, especially in case of arranging international film festivals. Otherwise, it is not possible to organise an international standard festival in the country", added Zamal.

Zamal also said that keeping the experience of this year's festival Rainbow Film Society would be able to arrange a better festival next

The award giving ceremony was held on yesterday at the National Museum Auditorium.

Iranian movie Kargaran Mashghoule Karand (Men at Work), directed by Mani Haghighi won the International Jury Award at the Australasian Competition section, the main competition section of the festival. Bangladeshi movie Mad\_e in Bangladesh, directed by Mostafa Sarwar Farooki, won the Special Mention at the same sec-

Sri Lankan film Sankara, directed by Prasanna Jayakody won the International Critics Prize provided by International Film Critics Federation (FIPRESCI) Jury.

Bangladeshi movie Ghani, directed by Kazi Morshed Best Film Award awarded by SIGNIS, a Belgium based organisation. Malaysian movie Cinta, directed by Kabir Bhatia won the Special Mention at the same category.

Rupkothar Golpo, directed by

## Tauqir Ahmed won Audience Award, which was warded by the survey doney of the organiser. The festival was arranged by Rainbow Film Society in association with European Union, Embassy of the Kingdom of the Netherlands, Royal Norwegian Embassy, SIGNIS, Religion Today Film Festival and GMG Airlines.



Singer Zahid Hasan performs at a solo ghazal evening organised by 'Shudhaswar', a social organisation in Bogra. The programme was recently held at the Community Development Library (CDL) auditorium, Bogra

# Blue waves of Buriganga

## Arif's admirable endeavour in water-colour

CULTURAL CORRESPONDENT

Arif-Al Karim Bhuyian, who has his solo watercolour display at the Zoom Gallery, Alliance Française, was praised by the chief guest Rafigun Nabi and Moinuddin Khalid. Jacques Bounin, the deputy director of Alliance Française, also spoke of the artist in glowing terms at the recent opening.

Rafiqun Nabi said that he admired the young



Sample of art work by Arif-Al Karim Bhuyian

painter for making the large pieces with watercolour, when it is difficult to do so, unless one is an expert. Nabi said that in his youth the artist's late father and the rest of the group at the Art College, marvelled at the shades of blue found in his father's palette. The fact that Arif is continuing with the tradition, said, Nabi, by sticking to shades of ultramarine, cobalt and turquoise, especially in the painting that was labelled as homage to his father, was superb.

It is not only that Arif is continuing with the tradition of blue watercolours -- and offsetting them with contrasting reds, greens and browns, with the requisite black and white -- he also paints for the preservation of the Buriganga River scenario.

Arif, who lived in the vicinity of the Buriganga, and studied at the Bulbul Academy of Fine Arts, is seeped with the beauty of the sky, river, buildings, people, and the numerous vehicles that are found on the bank of Buriganga and on the waves of that important water expanse. Thus boats, steamers, lorries, tankers, cars, buses, temples and multistoreyed houses are all included in the focus. This is as if someone were looking at the river not only from a bird's eye view, but also from various angles, taking in the people and places with exact precision.

Moinuddin Khalid pointed out that the somewhat child-like perspective is on purpose. This is in order to maintain the freshness of the artist's vision. When one is confronted with the complexities of the styles and mediums of the artists, with computerised screen touches, development from photographs and what you will, the pristine vision and mode of art is indeed a welcome change. Not all the paintings appear naïve as some can pass for the sophisticated presentation of master painters from Bangladesh too.

Arif, who has widely travelled in Europe, with his father who was a draughtsman in Germany, compares Buriganga to the River Thames, and hopes that this waterway too will be rescued in time, with effort and imagination.

The exhibition ends on January 21.

# Oprah Winfrey and Discovery to create new cable network

Oprah Winfrey, the daytime talk show diva whose media empire also includes a television production company, radio show, magazine, popular website and other ventures, will soon be getting her own television network.

Winfrey and Discovery Communications said last Tuesday that they would jointly create OWN, the Oprah Winfrey Network, a cable television channel to make its debut in 2009 on what is now the Discovery Health Channel. Discovery Health is available in more than 70 million homes.

The new channel will not initially carry The Oprah Winfrey Show, the top-rated syndicated daytime talk show featuring Winfrey as host. But Winfrey said that she had the option to end that show in 2010 or 2011 and could move the talk show to the new channel then.

"Eventually that will happen, we hope," Winfrey said in a conference call with reporters last Tuesday.

The venture will be half owned by Discovery, of Silver Spring, Md, and half by Harpo Inc, Winfrey's production company, which is based in Chicago. Winfrey will serve as chairwoman of the network, will have full editorial control over the joint venture and will be responsible for its "programming, branding and creative vision," the companies said.

In addition to continuing her syndicated talk show, Winfrey said she would also continue to produce programming for other outlets. A new reality show, Oprah's Big Give, is scheduled to begin on ABC in March.

Discovery and Harpo said the new venture involved no additional cash investment, but that Winfrey would contribute her Oprah.com website to the company. This is not Winfrey's first foray into television programming. She was an initial investor in the Oxygen cable channel in 1998, but she soon cut many of her ties to that company.

Asked about the difference between Oxygen, which to accomplish with this network." was sold to NBC in October for \$925 million, and the latest venture, Winfrey said Oxygen "did not reflect my voice." That assertion is subject to interpretation, however; Winfrey was host of a 12-part series called for the Oprah Winfrey Network. Oprah Goes Online on Oxygen. The show was sort of a primer on the Internet. She also was frequently Source: Internet

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04:00 Hera Pheri

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Jai Maa Durga

Little Einsteins

V Trailers - Star Plus

The New Adventures of

V Trailers - Star Plus

V Trailers - Star Plus

Aek Chabhi Hai Padoss

Prithviraj Chauhan

Baa Bahoo Aur Baby

Kumkum - Pyara Sa

Bandhan

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Cops

Superhero?

STAR WORLD

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referred to as a co-founder of the channel in news reports at the time.

"I was not a participant in the development of the channel," she said. "That's why after a couple of board meetings I took myself off the board."

With the Oprah Winfrey Network, "I will have editorial control," she said. "I have a vision for what we want

David Zaslav, president and chief executive of Discovery Communications, said that he and Winfrey would immediately begin a search for a chief executive

PICK OF THE DAY

#### All programmes are in local time. The Dally Star will not be responsible for any change in the programme.

## News Bulletin

A scene from the game

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.

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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.

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5:00pm, 7:00pm, 9:00pm, 11:00pm

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07:25 Shei Din-er Katha

08:30 Documentary

09:00 Drama: Taka

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02:40 Bangla Feature Film

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Single Episode TV play Cast: Chanchal Chowdhury, Chhonda Phurer Deshey 11:00 Taroka Alap 11:30 Entertainment Show 02:30 Bangla Feature Film 06:00 Protidin 08:00 Drama: College Student

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On Rtv at 8:00 pm

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### NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC 08:30 Jean-Michel Cousteau

10:30 My Brillant Brain 11:30 Accidental Genius 12:30 NG's Amazing Moments 02:30 Excellent Adventure 03:30 Mad Labs 04:30 | Didn't Know That 05:00 Chimp Dianes

09:30 The White Elephant

05:30 Big Bang 06:00 Lions 06:30 Downed Pilot 07:30 The Dark Side of Hippos 08:30 Mumbal

09:30 Nat Geo Genius 10:00 Unwind 10:30 My Brillant Brain 11:30 Gang Wars 12:30 Palau

# HISTORY

09:30 Charles Dickens 10:30 Anne Frank 11:30 A Victory For Democracy 12:00 Joseph McCarthy 12:40 The Blue Carbunkle 01:30 The Universe 02:30 Sisters of the Titanic 03:30 Batteries 04:30 Man Who Predicted

9/11

05:30 Jules Verne

Radio Foorti 88.0 FM 07:00am Hello Dhaka (Apu) 11:00am Amar 88.0 (Nusrat) 03:00pm Dhaka Calling (Sakib)

07:00pm Fuad Live (Fuad) 11:30am Back to Back music Radio Today 89.6 FM 07:15am Good Morning Dhaka (Biplob) 07:45am Today's Happy

Moments

08:45am Shokaler Khabor 12:00pm Fatafati Adda (Nudrat & Sayfi) 01:45pm Dupurer Khabor 04:00pm U-turn (Tania) 06:45pm Shondher Khabor 08:00pm Tobe Tai Hok (Sayem) 09:45pm Raater Khabor 11:45pm Moddho Raater Khabor

12:00am Today's Happy Moments 12:10am Raat Vor Gan (Nirob) 06:30 The Dying of the Light 08:30 Albia the Hun

Salvador Dali 10:30 11:30 Arwar Sadat 12:30 The Dying of the Light ZEE STUDIO 09:50 Two Champions Of

Shaolin 12:10 Hollywood On Set + Epk 12:45 Casper Meets Wendy

02:45 The Man In The Iron Mask 05:30 The Village 07:45 The Hollywood Reporter

08:15 Batman & Robin 11:00 Eraser