

WHAT'S ON THIS WEEK

Solo Painting Exhibition

Title: Memories and Desire
Artist: Najma Akhter
Venue: Alliance Francaise de Dacca, 26 Mirpur Rd, Dhanmondi
Date: October 17-29
Time: 9am-12pm, 5pm-8pm (Saturdays 5pm-8pm)



Photography Exhibition

Title: Heresies
Photographer: Pedro Meyer (Mexico)
Venue: Drik Gallery, H 58, Rd 15A (New), Dhanmondi
Date: October 9-20
Time: 3pm-8pm
Inauguration: October 8 at 5pm



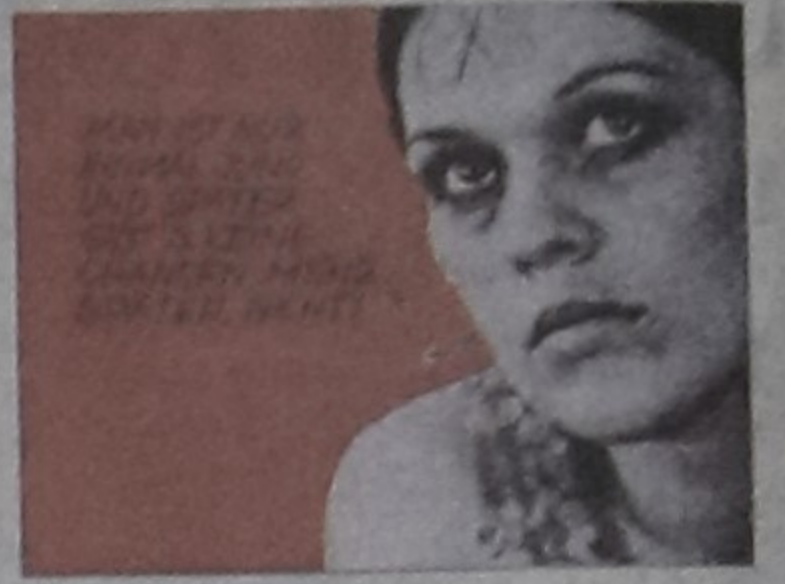
Film Screening

Film: Duratta
Director: Morshedul Islam
Organiser: Children's Film Society
Venue: Goethe-Institut Bangladesh, H 10, Rd 9, Dhanmondi
Date: October 30
Time: 6pm



Exhibition

An exhibition of a collection of posters of R. W. Fassbinder films
Venue: Exhibition Gallery, Auditorium, Alliance Francaise, 26 Mirpur Rd, Dhanmondi
Date: October 20-23
Opening: 5pm, October 20



Beauty comes in small packages

10th annual exhibition by Bangladesh Bonsai Society

NADIA SARWAT

Weathered looking trunks with numberless branches and twigs. The banyan tree stands straight on moss-covered earth. Next to it is a *tomal* tree, and then a *pakur*, *dumur*, *kamini*, *hijol*, *sheora* and what not. It seems that enigma and beauty of these trees have become more intense in their miniature versions. When it comes to bonsai, beauty does seem to come in small forms.

Bangladesh Bonsai Society has been organising annual bonsai exhibitions since 1999. Their 10th annual exhibition of the "living art form" started on October 16 at the WVA auditorium. Rasheda K. Choudhury, adviser to the Ministry of Cultural Affairs, inaugurated the event. Masayuki Inoue, the Japanese Ambassador, was the special guest.

The guests and visitors were delighted to see so many species of rare local trees like *ghurni bichi*, *jilapi* (as they are known in the northern parts of our country), *dhum* and others along with some flower trees like *rangan*, *gandhoraj*, *krishnochhura* and many others. Not all bonsais exhibited here are as old as they appear; some have been developed carefully from an old tree.

"From collecting to development to shaping, a bonsai demands a lot of patience, passion and care. Without an unbound love for this living art, no one can become a true bonsai artist," said S.M. Tawhid of Bangladesh Bonsai Society.

arranged to look like the Arabic word "Allah" generated much interest. Anisur Rahman is the creator of this bonsai. "The desired form can be achieved through wiring, grafting and cutting the twigs according to the shape -- a time consuming process," said Sarwar Murshed, general secretary of Rajshahi Bonsai Society and member of Bangladesh Bonsai Society.

An initiative by some enthusiastic bonsai lovers, Bangladesh Bonsai Society is now working tirelessly to promote the art in our country. The organisation regularly arranges training programme and workshops. At the exhibition, the prices of bonsais ranged from Tk 600 to 6,00,000.

Though Bonsai is increasingly becoming popular in our country, there is an accusation claiming that the process of "dwarfing" a tree is in essence, a torture. Denying the allegation, S.M. Tawhid said, "People tend to think that the trees are made to suffer from lack of nurture and nutrition, but if it were the case, the tree would definitely die. People don't think twice when involved in deforestation in the name of urbanisation. Our endeavour on the other hand, is to preserve the varieties of rare local trees, which are often on the verge of decline, in miniature forms."

Adviser Rasheda K. Choudhury assured every support to establish a permanent gallery for the regular activities and exhibitions by the society. The exhibition ended yesterday.



Bonsai versions of local trees were the highlight of the show.

PHOTO: MUMIT M.



"Shoot on Sight"

Naseeruddin Shah talks about his latest endeavour

PALLAB BHATTACHARYA, New Delhi

Actor Naseeruddin Shah is on a roll. Not that he has never been on a roll but the actor has three consecutive films in recent months to showcase the talent that one has always known him to have.

First, it was the Pakistani feature film "Khuda Ke Liye," in which Naseer plays the role of a progressive cleric in the aftermath of 9/11, then came Bollywood movie "A Wednesday" by debutant director Neeraj Pandey, in which the actor plays the role of a common man hit by terrorism and now he appears in "Shoot on Sight" as a Muslim officer with the Scotland Yard who probes the shooting of a suspected terrorist by the police in Britain.

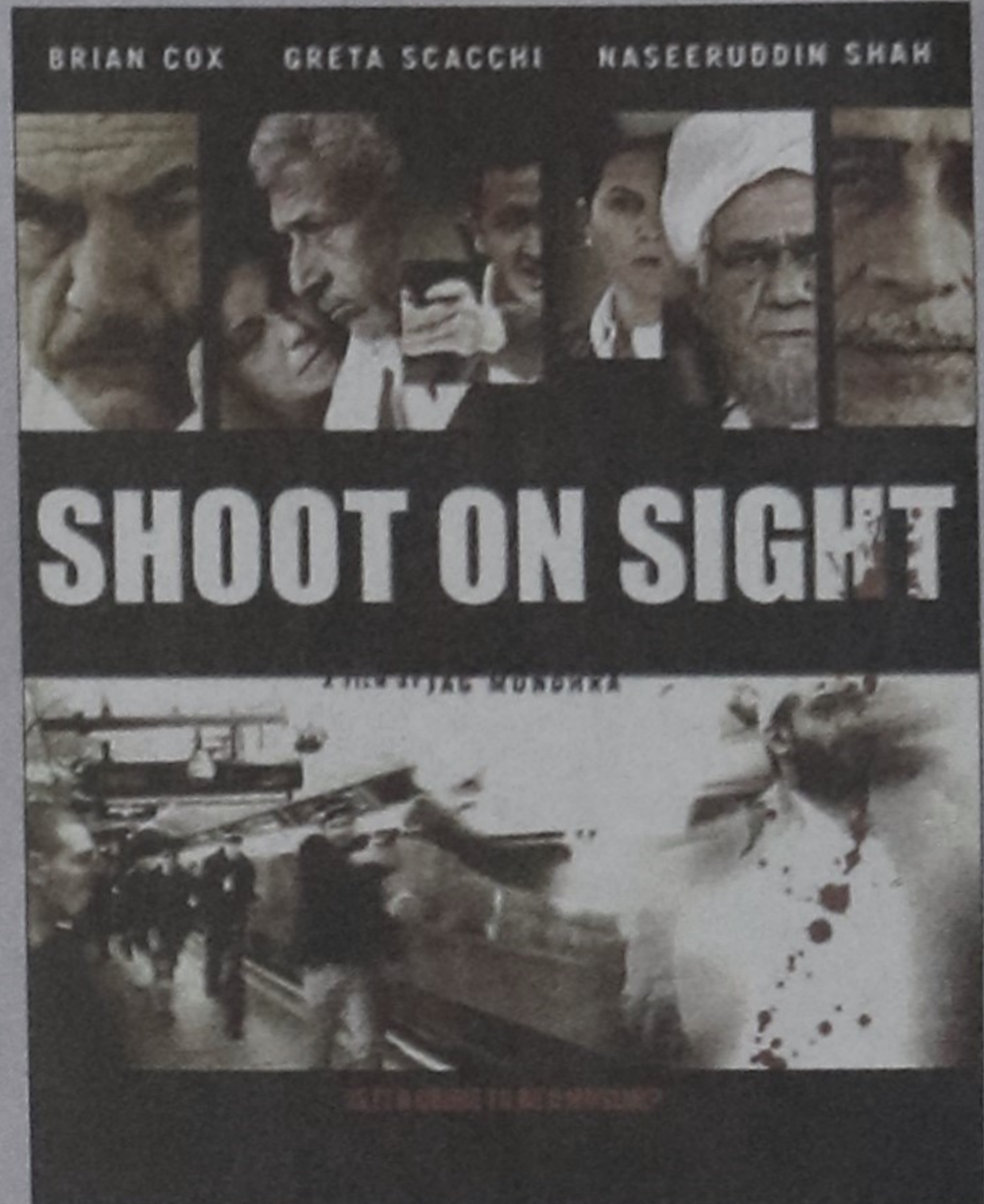
"Shoot on Sight", also featuring Om Puri (in the role of an educated cleric at a mosque), Gulshan Grover and Hollywood actors Brian Cox, Greta Scacchi and Sadie Frost, is director Jagmohan Mundra's third feature film after "Bawandar" and "Provoked" to be based on true incidents.

"Shoot on Sight", entirely shot in London, depicts the turmoil in the family and personal life of Tariq Ali (played by Naseeruddin) -- a police officer with an English wife and two teenaged children -- when he investigates the killing of a terror suspect of the London bombings of July 2005.

Naseer told the media that stereotyping Muslims as terrorists in films is unfortunate. Even in many Hollywood movies, the villains are Arab characters, he pointed out.

He said that films like "Khuda Ke Liye" and "Shoot on Sight" can help counter the tendency to stereotype any community.

"I would like to convey my



feelings through the choice of my roles and these two films are perfect way of countering the existing stereotypes," the actor said.

He said he took up the role because it conveyed the viewpoint of a moderate Muslim and the script had all the features of a thrilling movie.

Naseer said that the terrorist in "Shoot on Sight" is a Muslim but it does not depict him or Tariq Ali in black and white, rather tries to gauge the psyche of a fanatic and a liberal Muslim.

To feature in a terror-related movie is nothing new for the actor who essayed the role of a terrorist in "Sarfarosh" some years back in which Amir Khan acted as a police officer out to catch him.

Naseer is very happy with the audience's response to his performances in "Khuda Ke Liye", "A Wednesday" as well as another Bollywood film "Jaane Tu Ya Janne Naa", one of the hits of 2008.

Right now, the actor is shooting for producer Vishal Bhardwaj's "Ishkiya", directed by first-timer Abhishek Chaubey.

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

On Air

Channel	Time	Programme		
CHANNEL 1	08:30	Shokaal-er Gaan		
	09:30	Shanbadootrey Bangladesh		
	09:45	Public Reaction		
	09:50	Grameenphone Tritio Matra		
	11:05	Selected Programme		
	11:30	Hridoye Mati O Manush		
	12:05	Selected Programme		
	12:30	Talk Show: Citycell Taroka Kathan		
	01:05	Musical Programme: Ebong Cinemar Gaan		
	01:30	Musical Programme: Sa Re Ga Ma		
	02:30	Selected Programme		
	04:30	Bank Aamar Bondhu		
05:25	Talk Show: Muktiudhho			
BTB	09:05	Selected Programme		
	09:30	Smitimoy Geetimoy		
	10:05	Open University		
	10:30	Gaalgolpo		
	10:55	Selected Programme		
	11:20	Gaanguli Mor		
	12:10	Drama		
	01:30	Shobaar Jonyo Shikhya		
	02:15	Educational Programme		
	02:40	Cookery Show		
	03:05	Cartoon		
	03:30	Maa O Shishur Golpo		
04:05	Shilpa Prangaan			
04:30	Shur Lohori			
05:05	Debate			
06:15	Maianchyo			
07:00	Mati O Manush			
08:35	Drama Serial: Jochhna O Jononeer Golpo			
09:00	Golpo Theke Natok			
10:30	Haazar Taarer Bina			
ATN BANGLA	08:15	Ajker Shanbadootro		
	08:30	Drama Serial: Nupur		
	09:15	Drama Serial: Amader Nurul Huda		
	10:30	Onyodnshii		
	11:05	Shath Din		
	12:15	Selected Programme		
	01:25	Khelaar Jogot		
	02:30	Drama Serial: Chandar Gaye Chand		
	03:15	Tele-film: Biyer Phool		
	04:40	Swapno Dana		
	05:10	Kaal-er Jatar Dhoni		
	05:30	The Sword of Tipu Sultan		
06:20	Path-er Thikana			
08:00	Drama Serial: Showa Paanch Arai Lane			
08:40	Drama Serial: Syed Barir Bou			
09:20	Drama Serial: Bharabari Baraban			
11:30	Daily Soap: Doll's House			
12:00	Grameenphone Lead News			
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ETV	08:30	Ekush-er Shokal		
	09:35	Dhum Tana		
	10:30	Ekush-er Business		
	02:30	Drama Serial: Aziz Market Shahbag Dhaka 1000		
	05:30	Sports Plus		
	06:30	Desh Jurey		
	07:45	Bhalobasha Karey Koy		
	08:15	Amader Shishu		
	09:30	Drama Serial: Ghalak Ebong Amra		
	10:00	Golpo Sholpo Gaan		
	10:50	Financial Bulletin		
	11:40	Ei Shoptah-er Bishwa		
Protidin	07:50	Drama Serial: Ghar Kulum		
	08:25	Drama Serial: Shagotom Bhalobasha		
	09:35	Travel Show: Bangalink Banglar Pathay		
	10:00	Drama Serial: Shonshar		
	11:30	Lalon Utshob		
	Rtv	08:40	Zebra Crossing	
		09:00	Shomoyer Dorponoy	
		09:30	Musical Programme: R Music	
		11:00	Taroka Alep	
		11:30	Jagey Achchhho Ki	
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Pridorshini
On Rtv at 9:40 pm
Drama Serial
Cast: Shoeb, Chumki

Radio Foorti 88.0 FM
07:00am Hello Dhaka
11:00am Amar 88
03:00pm Dhaka Calling
07:00pm Seven Eleven
12:00am Back to Back Music

Radio Today 89.6 FM
07:15am Good Morning Dhaka
11:00am Mast Unlimited
01:00pm Today's Adda
04:00pm U-turn
08:00pm Tobe Tai Hok
11:00pm Raat Vor Gan
02:00am Back to Back



Desperate Housewives
On Star World at 10:30 pm
TV Series
Cast: Teri Hatcher, Eva Longoria Parker, Felicity Huffman

Channel	Time	Programme	
STAR WORLD	08:30	Friends	
	09:30	Koffee With Karan	
	11:30	Seinfeld	
	01:30	Friends	
	04:00	Life With Bonnie	
	04:30	According To Jim	
	05:00	My Name Is Earl	
	05:30	Stacked	
	06:00	How I Met Your Mother	
	06:30	That '70s Show	
	07:00	Hope And Faith	
	07:30	Ghost Whisperer	
08:30	Ugly Betty		
09:30	Private Practice		
10:30	Desperate Housewives		
11:30	Blood Ties		
12:30	The Moment Of Truth		
NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC CHANNEL	08:30	Street Monkeys	
	09:30	Buffalo Warrior	
	10:45	Telemall: Sauna Belt	
	11:30	Mega Factories	
	12:30	Incredible Human Machine	
	01:30	Buffalo Warrior	
	02:30	Food Lovers Guide To The Planet	
	03:30	Human Ape	
	04:30	Built for the Kill	
	05:30	Fight Science	
	07:30	ShowReal Asia	
	08:30	Lost Tribe Of Palau	
09:30	Human Ape		
10:30	Crossing The Himalaya		
11:30	Monkey Thieves		
12:30	Lost Tribe Of Palau		
THE HISTORY CHANNEL	08:30	Creative Vision	
	10:30	Ancient Greece	
	11:30	Howard Hughes	
	12:30	Biography	
	02:30	Human Weapon	
	03:30	Sex In The 20th Century	
	04:30	Tora, Tora, Tora	
	06:30	Cambridge Spies	
	11:30	Fight to the Death	
	12:30	Bataan Death Camp	
	ZEE STUDIO	10:45	Man Of The House
		01:00	The House Holder
03:15		Sliding Doors	
05:30		The Hollywood Reporter	
06:00		Meet The Robinsons	
08:00		Charlie Chaplin	
08:30		What did you do in the war, daddy?	
11:00		The Recruit	