

WHAT'S ON THIS WEEK

Khayal Recital
Artiste: Tapash Dutta
Venue: Indira Gandhi Cultural Centre, H 35, Rd 24, Gulshan 1
Date: June 18
Time: 7pm



Theatre
Play: Mahajoner Nao
Troupe: Subochan Natya Sangsad
Venue: Experimental theatre Hall, BSA
Date: June 18
Time: 7pm



Solo Art Exhibition
Artist: Nagarbasi Barman
Title: Spiral
Venue: Gallery Kaya, H-20, R-16, Sector-4, Uttara
Date: June 18-29
Time: 11am-8pm



Clay Exhibition
Title: Clay and Life by Harappa
Venue: Drik Gallery, H-58, R-15A, Dhanmondi
Date: June 9-21
Time: 3 pm-8 pm



Taking up Badal Rahman's unfinished projects

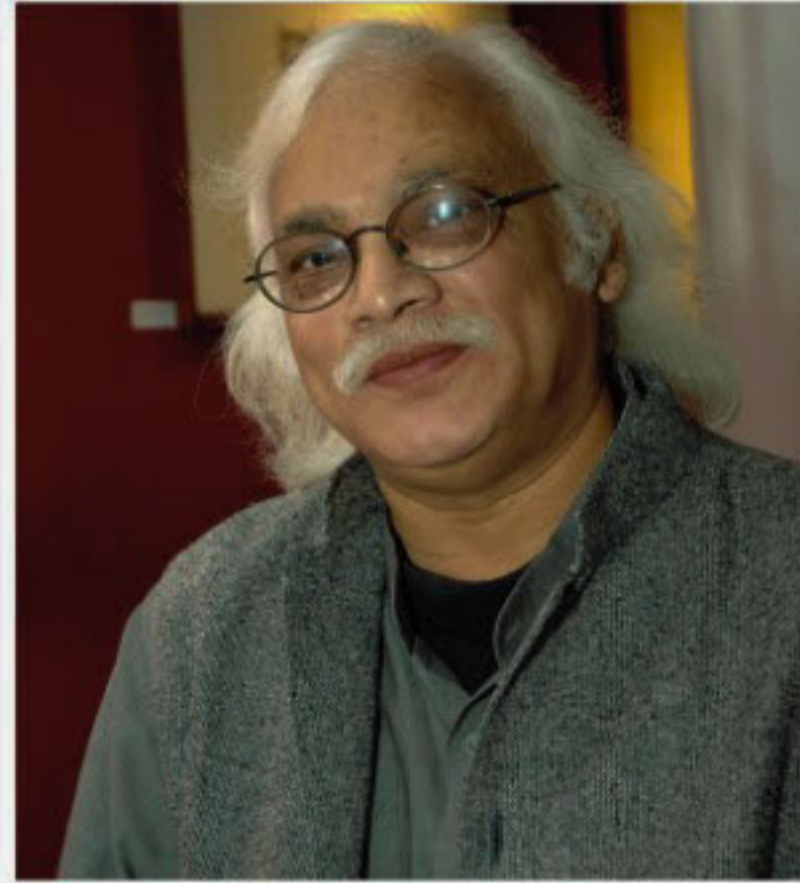
Manzare Hasin Murad selected as the new president of Federation of Film Societies of Bangladesh



Badal Rahman
STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Filmmaker, teacher and film activist Manzare Hasin Murad has been selected as the acting president of the Federation of Film Societies of Bangladesh (FFSB). Noted filmmaker Badal Rahman was the president of FFSB. Rahman passed away last Friday. Murad has vowed to carry on the unfinished tasks left by Rahman.

for a National Film Policy. Murad will emphasise on this issue. Rahman was also working on retract of the present Film Society Regulation Act, which he thought goes against film society activities. "Including these remaining tasks, I will work for a National Film Institute and a better positive role from the state-run cultural bodies such as Shilpakala Academy and National Film Archive," said Murad. Rahman was actively involved with the Dhaka International Film Festival, where he represented our country's film movement from a positive aspect, said Murad. "Badal bhai was involved with different projects, which he thought, would help encourage interest in quality cinema in the country. He wrote books on films that students could find beneficial," said Murad. Murad finds Rahman as an "innovator," considering his filmmaking attitude.



Manzare Hasin Murad

He said, "Many know 'Emiler Goenda Bahini' as the first film made in Bangladesh for children. But what many don't know is that through the film he started a modern film language that is unique. His later works convey that style."



A scene from "Emiler Goenda Bahini."

Rashid Khan "Bikeler Alo" on ATN Bangla tonight

concert postponed

Hindustani classical vocalist Ustad Rashid Khan's recital scheduled for today, June 17, 2010, has been cancelled due to unavoidable reasons, says a press release from the organisers, Web Entertainment. Tickets will be refunded at 'Shadhona': House 5, Road 27, Block J, Banani, Dhaka.

A CORRESPONDENT

On the occasion of Father's Day ATN Bangla will air the single episode TV play "Bikeler Alo" tonight at 11:00 pm. Written by Arun Chowdhury, the play has been directed by Choyonika Chowdhury. The plot: After finally getting a divorce from Probal, Mitu starts her life from scratch. She gets a new job and moves to a new place with Monju, her only child. At work Mitu meets Badol, with whom she falls in love and gets married. But her blissful married life is short lived. While giving birth to Badol's child, Mitu dies and the baby doesn't survive either. A devastated Badol decides to live the rest of his life alone, rais-



Tauquir Ahmed (left) and Apurbo in the play. Tauquir Ahmed, Richi Solaiman and Apurbo have donned the central roles in the play.

'Borsha Boron Utshab' at Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy

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Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy (BSA) organised a 'Borsha Boron Utshab' (welcoming monsoon) at the National Theatre Hall, BSA on June 15. The programme featured songs, dance performances and recitations on monsoon.

The musical programme started

with a sarod performance by Yusuf Khan. Artistes of Shurer Dhara performed group renditions of Tagore songs -- "Amborey Megh Mridong Bajey," and "Elo Borsha Je Shohosha." The artistes of Dhara performed a group dance. The troupe also performed chorus, a Tagore and a Nazrul song. Bhaswar Banerjee, Laila Afroz and Ahkamullah recited poems. Dancers of Nataraj also performed at the

celebration. Later, noted artistes presented solo performances. Ferdous Ara, Mita Haque, Suman Chowdhury, Aditi Mohsin, Partho Tanveer Noved, Azizur Rahman Tuhin, Biman Chandra Biswas and Jannat-e Ferdousi presented solo renditions on the occasion. Other choruses were performed by music troupes Jagoroni Shilpi Goshthi and Nityanandan.

Buzz

In China, an attempt at a Hollywood-style epic

The movie has ancient Greek warriors, pirates, underwater kingdoms, a villain called the Demon Mage and mermaids that kill men during lovemaking. There is a sultry Bond girl, too, playing the mermaid queen. Most of the actors are American, and the cameras use 3-D technology.

But the movie, "Empires of the Deep," is not another fantasy dreamed up by Hollywood. It is being conceived and shot on the world's largest studio set, north of Beijing.

This mash-up of "Avatar," "Gladiator" and "Pirates of the Caribbean," all thrown together in a Chinese hot pot, is the vision of a film-obsessed real estate magnate, Jon Jiang, who says his life mission now is to make movies, video games and theme parks. It is also the boldest effort yet by businessmen here to establish China as a global moviemaking powerhouse, one that can create big-budget English-language spectacles to rival those of Hollywood.

China has been able to dominate one manufacturing industry after another but so far has not made significant inroads into the world's most glamorous business. If Jiang, 40, has his way, that will soon change. "Empires of the Deep" could turn out to be a potent demonstration of China's rising cultural influence and draw international filmmakers here to shoot movies that look and feel like Hollywood projects but that are made with the lower costs of Chinese labour and materials.

The producers say the budget for "Empires" is \$100 million, less than Hollywood juggernauts but the biggest ever for a Chinese movie, surpassing John Woo's dynastic war epic, "Red Cliff." It is an ambitious departure from the formulaic historical or Communist propaganda movies usually churned out by the Chi-



Chinese actress Shi Yanfei filming "Empires of the Deep" on a large set in Huairou, China.

nese film industry. Its actors come from the United States, Brazil, France, Japan and elsewhere, its directors hail from Canada and the United States, and the script, written by Jiang, has gone through 40 drafts with the help of 10 Hollywood screenwriters. "My idea is to make movies on the biggest scale there is," said Jiang, who was listed by Forbes in 2002 as one of China's richest men. "I want to distribute movies to 160 countries. I want it to be epic." Jiang has no prior filmmaking experience but said he had watched 4,000 movies and wanted to make "a very serious love tragedy" that "is a combination of something mystical, something that satisfies your bloodlust and something sensual." He compares himself not to Chinese filmmakers like Zhang Yimou, but to George Lucas, James Cameron and Peter Jackson, the titans of Hollywood fantasia.

"I'm an international producer," he

said. "I don't want to make Chinese movies. I don't know the Chinese way of storytelling. I don't know how movies are made in China." To help open international markets, the producers are hiring foreign talent, including lots of relatively little-known American actors. The biggest star, as the mermaid queen, is Olga Kurylenko, the Ukrainian actress who appeared in the last James Bond movie. (Jiang had originally wanted Monica Bellucci or Sharon Stone, but they said no.) In Jiang's offices in Beijing, where dozens of young Chinese toil in cubicles on computer graphics for "Empires," a dry-erase board has an informal schedule for the project. There are three items that are telling of Jiang's ambitions: "Days until Monica Bellucci shows up on set. Days until the Cannes Film Festival. Days until the grand premiere."

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