

RECOMMENDATIONS

CD Launching
Bengal Foundation will hold ceremonies for launching of eight more CDs at the Bengal Shilpalaya. The schedule is as follows:
February 23 at 6:30 pm
Gonosangeet album Himalaya Thekey Sundarban.
Rabindrasangeet album Eshechhi Tomar E Darey by Iqbal Ahmed
February 24 at 6:30 pm
Rabindrasangeet album Aamarey Jodi Jagaley Aaji by Mita Haque
February 25 at 6:30 pm
Rabindrasangeet album Aamar E Path by Ifat Ara Dewan

Film
The Embassy of the Republic of Korea in Dhaka has planned to hold shows of Korean films on regular monthly basis from March. This show will provide opportunity to people to learn about Korean culture and language. The film show will be held at the auditorium of the Korean Embassy on the 1st Sunday of each month at 5 p.m. The schedule up to May has been declared as follows:
March 2
Nowhere to Hide
April 6
The Foul King
May 4
My Heart
All films are subtitled in English.

Theatre

Celebrating the freedom of expression

18th National Street Theatre Festival

JAHANARA NURI

OUR freedom of expression is often strangled by fear. Our pens are afraid of pouring ink to form words, should it turn into our own blood. Our paper fears to print our real emotions, should my machine be put under lock and key not to print at all. Our friends and colleagues fear to stand beside, should they need to turn the face aside pretending I am unknown to them.

The rays of rebellious sun never stops rising up and taking hold of its own empire - the sky. This was the theme, which ran through the plays performed at the 18th National Street Theatre festival organized by the Group Theatre federation in Bangladesh.

Many of us are efficient actors playing necessary roles, as the weathercock of dirty politics changes direction. Many great actors are out there on stage with tenacious shadows of endless poverty behind. The stains of misuse of people's resources are visible in their own lives.

When the world is at the door of another world war with the mockery of the latest drama titled as "new liberal Globalization of war against terrorism". One's dream is a nightmare for millions.

"My fortune is as are the locks of my beloved.

The more I seek to untangle them, the more tangled they become

There can be no life so distressed with interference

That neither can I gain peace by laughter, nor hasten tomorrow with tears."

This is what we grieve for today. Heroes are made villains when villains take the roles of heroes and now they represent us in the world. After struggling



A scene from the play Tasher Desh

for hundreds of years to eliminate the Black Act to control theatrical performances, passed by the British rulers during the colonial time, we persuaded the withdrawal the act. Still now the fight goes on.

The gradual disowning of the freedom fighters and women's roles during the liberation, the painful search of the souls of the martyrs of the language movement: all were there in the dialogues, designs and story lines at the 18th National Street Theatre festival. Almost all the plays were on social and political issues covering the recurring theme of people who want to speak out against all odds.

Most of the plays depict what goes on in the society. A mockery of farmers' development project is depicted in Aranyak Natyadal's play "Ponta

Akali". In the plays such as 'Tatal' by Udichi, 'Tasher Desh' by Lok Natya Dal, 'Mama E Sab' by Mukta Mancha theatre, 'Ei Piriti Sei Piriti Noy' by Theatre Workshop, Chittagong projects the reality where the double standard leaders and the social prejudices they preach, are the biggest obstacle of national progress in the third world.

But we also would argue that writers do more justice to the characters and particularly women characters. Less presence of women characters and women performers as usual was experienced in the festival this year. There were tremendous responses from the audience, particularly in the Rabindra Sarobar stage near the Dhanmondi Lake.

In the play 'Pangshu', which portrayed Simi's harassment by the local mastans and the police

officers, proves that women protagonists exude an extraordinary power to the theatre. But it could result in just the opposite when the story line and the analysis is relatively weak and prejudiced with melodramatic actions, as we have seen in 'Ekjon Biranganar Galpo' by the Kallol Natya Sangstha from Narsingdi.

It is hoped that more district-based street theatre festivals would fight the negative forces. We hope that the Bangladesh Theatre Federation would generate the necessary positive force. Appreciation goes to the Bengal Foundation for supporting such an affirmative effort.

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Music

The 7th 'Juke Box'

ELITA KARIM

F music be the food of love, play on

--William Shakespeare.
One is never sure of whether Shakespeare referred to music or to love, when he mentioned the above in his 'Twelfth Night'. Well today, both 'music' and 'love' happen to lug along a whole lot of exciting animation, affairs plugged with dancing and plain, simple fun.

Aldous Huxley had once pointed out that 'After silence that which comes nearest to expressing the inexpressible is music.' After the holidays of 'Eid-al-Azha', the 17th evening of February 2003 was just another bundle of music, dance and entertainment for the crowd of Dhaka city. Close up 'Juke Box' came up with its 7th concert at the BCIC Auditorium. The audience was packed with people from all ages to enjoy and 'roll' with 'Strangers', Kaniz Subarna and 'Bangla'. Ranging from a toddler to a granny, the spectators were actually tapping their feet to the rhythm and truly enjoying the leisure time taken out from their otherwise busy schedule. The Close up 'Juke Box' organisers also tried their very best in maintaining 'peace' and security

amongst the crowd and also the performers.

'Strangers' served the engaging appetizers to the crowd. Beginning with four of their own numbers, they went on to perform a few popular western numbers. 'Strangers' is one of the up coming bands in Dhaka. They experiment with hard rock, soft rock and blues. The band portrayed a lot of enthusiasm with their music, and while talking to them, they even mentioned that they plan to bring out a music album in the near future. Well, good luck to



Kaniz Subarna
look, Kaniz conquered time with her gripping voice and sensuality. She danced to her own tunes and had everyone doing the same. Kaniz sang many of her own numbers and also a few western ones and actually took the crowd through a maze of different feelings with her versatile, peppy as well as soulful numbers.

Next popped 'Bangla', probably the most long-awaited band, for which even elderly men and women sang out with passion and zeal. 'Bangla', very much known to all in the country today, did not only bring out the ardor but also a touch of culture as well with their music. With Anushay's tone grounding everyone to their seats, fans rocked along with the very popular *Kaala re* and many other popular numbers from their newly released album. Wonders from Buno, Karthik, Shantanu and Tipu left the audience gawking and asking for more. While speaking to Bangla, one may notice their friendly and open attitude while relating to their future concerts and future plans. Anushay, the vocal of Bangla feels that it is important to express what one feels and avoid all kinds of artificiality. Bangla was looking forward to their first ever performance at the Army Stadium on February 20.



Anushay

Next in line, Kaniz Subarna, the very popular solo singer rocked the hall along with the crowd. With her attractive new



Bangla

Movies

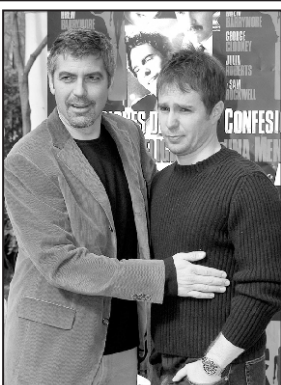


PHOTO: AP

US actors George Clooney and Sam Rockwell (R) pose for photographers during the presentation of their latest movie called 'Confessions of a Dangerous Mind' in Madrid on February 19.

TV GUIDE

CHANNEL-i

- 1.35 Hamd O Narh
- 2.00 Shutter Shandhane
- 3.00 Bengali Feature Film: Alor Michil
- 5.35 Jonopoder Khobor
- 5.45 Cartoon: Tom And Jerry
- 6.10 Music Plus
- 6.45 Kothay Kothay
- 7.15 Channel i News
- 7.45 Ispahani i Tele Quiz (Question)
- 7.55 Shajai Shopner Ghor
- 8.25 Drama Serial: Herek Rokomwer Jibon
- 9.00 Channel i News
- 9.31 Ispahani i Tele Quiz
- 10.00 Drama Serial: Shomrat O Sultan
- 10.30 Channel i News
- 11.15 Shangbadpotre Bangladesh
- 11.30 Live Telecast of BTV's Latre Night News
- 12.00 Telecast of BTV's 10 o'clock news in English
- 12.00 Channel i News
- 12.20 ATN BANGLA
- 6:00 Islamic Prog
- 8:00 ATN Bangla News
- 8:25 Film magazine: A Sapleher Chobi
- 9:00 Mage Serial: Kun Semanay Mukte
- 9:35 Film Magazine: Henolux Benudon Bichitra
- 10:10 Reporting prog: Prekkhapot
- 11:05 Islamic Prog:
- 12:00 ATN Bangla News
- 12:30 Islamic Prog:
- 2:30 ATN Bangla News
- Headlines
- 3:25 Bengali Feature Film : Nure
- 5:40 The Daily Newspaper
- Discussing Prog: Aiker Sangbadpotre
- 5:50 Islamic Prog: Islamee Sawal O Jawab
- 6:25 Children prog : Cholo Gan Gai
- 7:00 ATN Bangla Evening News
- 7:25 Viewers Opinion Prog: Motamat
- 8:00 Drama Serial: Nessobdo Sanget
- Special Prog: Banaja Mela
- 8:35 ATN Bangla News
- 9:15 Drama Serial: Manchetra
- 10:00 ATN Bangla News
- 10:35 Musical prog.: Seat Rang
- 11:30 ATN Bangla News
- 12:00 Bengali Feature Film: Preamer Samade.

HBO

- 6:30 Project Viper
- 8:15 Th e Phantom
- 10:15 Gercules and Xena The Animated Movie: The Battle form Mount Olympus
- 12:00 Bilko
- 2:00 Election
- 4:00 The Naked Gun from the Files of Police Squad!
- 5:45 Hell Swarm
- 7:30 Blade
- 10:00 The Hunted
- 12:15 Heaven's Prisoners
- 2:45 The Phantom
- 4:45 The Naked Gun from the Files of Police Squad!
- 6:30 Movie: Die Hard
- 9:30 Relic Hunter
- 10:30 Earth Final Conflict
- 11:30 Farscape
- 12:30 Now See This
- 1:30 Martial Law
- 2:30 Diamond Fever
- 3:30 Movie: Die Hard
- 5:30 Now See This
- 6:30 Farscape
- 7:30 Motorworld
- 8:30 Relic Hunter
- 9:30 Who Dares Wins
- 10:30 Movie: Blue Lagoon
- 12:30 Relic Hunter
- 6:00 Music Mantra
- 6:30 Just Mohabbat
- 7:00 Dil Ka Dwar Khol
- 7:30 Amrit Varsha
- 8:00 Sant Asaram Vani
- 8:30 Charbusters
- 9:00 Good Morning Disney
- 10:00 Music Mantra
- 10:30 Bourmivita Quiz Contest
- 11:00 Shree Ganesh
- 12:00 Hum Sab Ek Hain
- 12:30 CID
- 1:30 Kabhi Biwi Kabhi Jasoo
- 2:30 Boogie Woogie
- 3:00 Om Namay Shivay
- 4:00 Just Mohabbat
- 4:30 Chhoti Si Asha
- 5:00 CATS
- 5:30 Shri Krishna

SET MAX

- 4:00 New Zealand vs Keya M21 Live
- Vanue Kenya
- 8:30 Extra Innings+1
- 10:00 M13 Highlights
- 11:30 M19 Highlights
- 12:00 Kapil Dil Se
- 3:30 Zimbabwe vs Keya England M9
- 6:00 World Spiritals
- 6:30 Bhakti Bhav
- 7:00 Life In The Word-Good News
- 7:30 Jagran
- 8:00 Bhagwat Katha
- 8:30 Manav Dharam
- 9:00 Cartoon On Zee
- 10:30 Ghar Jamai
- 11:00 Mr Gayab
- 12:00 Khana Khazana
- 12:30 Girtfar
- 1:00 Jai Santoshi Ma
- 1:30 Rishtey The Love Stories
- 2:30 Piya Ka Ghar
- 3:00 Mehbooba
- 3:30 Cartoon On Zee
- 4:00 Countdown Show
- 5:00 Pop Re Pop New
- 5:30 Hit Mix
- 6:00 Tvc Skyshop
- 6:30 Zee Music Box
- 7:00 Pop Re Pop New
- 7:30 Hit Mix
- 8:00 Just Jammin
- 8:30 Sa re Ga Ma Pa
- 9:30 Annat
- 10:30 Simply Shekhar
- 12:00 Bollywood Tonight
- 7:00 Hindi Feature Film
- 7:30 Tvc Skyshop
- 10:15 Hindi Feature Film
- 10:30 Ek Ka Teen
- 11:30 Premier
- 5:15 Tvc Skyshop
- 5:30 Hindi Feature Film
- 9:00 Bollywood Tonight
- 9:30 Bollywood Quiz Buster
- 6:30 Zee Music Box
- 7:30 Taaza Maal
- 8:00 Purobi Bangla
- 8:30 Gaan Unltd.
- 9:10 Grihasajja
- 9:30 Bishesh Sangbad
- Data
- 10:00 Bhraman Kache Doore
- 10:30 Swapna Niye
- 11:00 Chokher Bali

TODAY'S HIGHLIGHTS

HBO: 10.00 p.m. The Hunted.
An FBI deep-woods tracker captures a trained assassin who has made a sport of hunting humans.

STAR MOVIES: 7.00 p.m. The Alamist. Young Tommy Hudler decides to become a security systems salesman, and is an instant success. Everything seems to be going great until he discovers there's more to this business and his boss Heinrich than he previously suspected.

PICK OF THE DAY

Men In Black
On Star Movies at 8.45 p.m.
Men in Black follows the exploits of agents Kay (Jones) and Jay (Smith), members of a top-secret organization established to monitor and police alien activity on Earth. The two men in Black find themselves in the middle of the deadly plot by an intergalactic terrorist (Vincent D'Onofrio) who has arrived on Earth to assassinate two ambassadors from opposing galaxies.

HALLMARK

- 01:00 AmThe Twilight Of The Golds
- 15:00 AmEarth Angel
- 05:00 AmCloser And Closer
- 07:00 AmScholastic Clifford - Clifford's Big Surprise/Ears Have It
- 07:30 Am Caillou Episode # 30
- 08:00 Am Sesame Street - Episode # 12
- 09:00 Am Summer Of Fear
- 12:00 Am The Burbs
- 01:00 Pm Brooklyn South - Episode # 15
- Fisticuffs
- 15:00 Pm The Guardian - Episode # 12
- Causality
- 04:00 Pm Scholastic Clifford - Clifford's Big Surprise/Ears Have It
- 04:30 Pm Caillou Episode # 30
- 04:00 Pm Flipper (66 Episodes X 1hr) - The Challenger
- 05:00 Pm Sesame Street - Episode # 12
- 06:00 Pm Star Trek: Voyager - Episode #
- 11:00 The Disease
- 07:00 Pm Little John
- 09:00 Pm Live Through This - Episode # 8
- 10:00 Pm Star Trek: Voyager - Episode # 114
- Think Tank
- 11:00 Pm Little John
- 12:00 ADVENTURE ONE (+ 30 Minutes)
- 06:00 Danger Diaries
- 07:00 Lifeboat
- 07:30 In Search Of The Dragon
- 08:30 Surfer's Journal
- 09:00 Explorer's Journal
- 10:30 Into The Teeth Of The Blizzard
- 11:00 Journey To Jerusalem
- 12:00 Danger Diaries
- 01:00 Lifeboat
- 13:30 In Search Of The Dragon
- 14:30 Surfer's Journal
- 15:00 Explorer's Journal
- 16:00 Ng Adventures
- 17:30 Surfer's Journal
- 17:30 Explorer's Journal
- 18:30 Riding The Rails
- 19:30 Desert Lake
- Venture
- 20:30 Danger Diaries
- 21:00 Lifeboat
- 22:00 Riding The Rails
- 23:00 Desert Lake

CHANEL [V]

- 07:30 [V] Hit Machine
- 08:00 [V] Back To Back
- 08:30 [V] Jumpstart
- 09:30 [V] Hit Machine
- 10:00 [V] Back To Back
- 10:30 [V] Hit Machine
- 11:00 [V] Back To Back
- 11:30 [V] Hit Machine
- 12:00 [V] Zabardast Hits
- 12:30 [V] Jungli Jukebox
- 01:00 [V] Fdfs
- 13:30 [V] Hit Machine
- 14:00 [V] Zabardast Hits
- 14:30 [V] Back To Back
- 15:00 [V] Zabardast Hits
- 15:30 [V] Back To Back
- 16:00 [V] Hit Machine
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- 18:15 [V] Hit Machine
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- 20:00 [V] Zabardast Hits
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- 21:30 [V] Jungli Jukebox
- 22:00 [V] Fdfs
- 22:30 Club [V]
- 24:00 [V] Zabardast Hits
- 24:30 [V] Back To Back
- 6:30 Josie And The Pussycats
- 7:00 The Ku Koo Du Koo Show
- 8:00 The Scooby Doo Show
- 8:30 Dexter's Laboratory
- 9:00 Jackie Chan Adventures
- 9:30 The Cartoon Cartoon Show
- 10:30 Tom & Jerry Kids Tiny Tv
- 2:00 The Powerpuff Girls
- 2:30 The Scooby Doo Show
- 3:00 Flintstones
- 3:30 The Mask Power Zone
- 4:00 Thundercats
- 4:30 Centurions
- 5:00 Dexter's Laboratory
- 5:30 Jackie Chan Adventures
- 6:00 All New Popeye
- 6:30 The Legend Of Snow White

NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC

- 07:00 The Powerpuff Girls
- 7:30 Scooby Doo Hour
- 8:00 Toon Talkies
- 8:30 Jackie Chan Adventures
- 9:00 The Mask
- 9:30 Flintstones
- 10:00 Johnny Bravo
- 10:30 Top Cat Power Zone - Late Night
- 11:00 Thundercats
- 11:30 Centurions
- 12:00 The New Scooby Doo Movies
- Courage The Cowardly Dog
- 1:30 Ed, Edd N Eddy
- 2:00 The Mask
- 2:30 Jetsons
- 3:00 The New Adventures Of Captain Planet
- 3:30 Addams Family
- 4:00 Top Cat
- 4:30 Flintstones
- 07:00 Keepers Of The Wild
- 08:00 Wildlife Warriors
- 09:00 Cheetahs
- 10:00 Truth Files
- 11:00 Dogs With Jobs
- 11:30 Earthpulse
- 12:00 Africa From The Ground Up
- 12:30 Wildlife Detectives
- 13:00 Science Of Sport
- 14:00 Tsunami: Killer Wave
- 15:00 Code Rush
- 16:00 Gene Hunters
- 16:30 Extreme Science
- 17:00 Sea Stories
- 17:30 Return To The Wild
- 18:00 Dogs With Jobs
- 18:30 Earthpulse
- 19:00 Africa From The Ground Up
- 19:30 Wildlife Detectives
- 20:00 Boomeragns To Ballistics
- 21:00 Fire And Thunder
- 21:30 Landslide
- 22:00 Last Flightof Bomber
- 23:00 Gene Hunters
- 23:30 Amazing Space
- 04:30 International Ironman Triathlon

Final Hawaii, Hi Usa

- 06:00 Sportscenter Hindi (R)
- 06:30 Motorsport Asia (R)
- 07:00 Goals! (R)
- 07:30 Follow Through Day 12(R)
- 08:00 Pool World Pool League 2002 (R)
- 09:00 Usa Vs Europe Bowling Championships Usa Vs Europe Tenpin Bowling 2002 (T)
- 10:00 Uefa Champions League 2002/03
- Uefa Champions League Manchester, England Manchester United Vs Juventus Fc Group Phase 2, Matchday 9(R)
- 12:00 Best Of Pga Golf Best Of The Pga Tour - Comebacks (T)
- 12:30 Taking Guard Day 13(L)
- 13:00 Taking Guard Day 13(R)
- 13:30 Pool World Pool League 2002 (R)
- 14:30 Ama Motocross Ama Motocross (250 Cc) Mt. Morris, Pa Usa (R)
- 15:30 America's Cup Finals America's Cup 2003 Race 4(R)
- 18:00 Women's Pro Billiards 2002 Wpba Classic Tour New York, Ny Usa
- 19:00 Goals! (R)
- 19:30 Spanish League Highlights 2002/03
- Spanish League Highlights (R)
- 20:00 Sportscenter Hindi (L)
- 20:30 Pool World Pool League 2002 (T)
- 21:30 Follow Through Day 13(L)
- 22:00 Western Union World Football (R)
- 22:30 Best Of Pga Golf 25 Years Of The Players Championship (R)
- 23:00 Sportscenter Hindi (T)
- 23:30 Follow Through Day 13(R)

ESPN

- 04:30 International Ironman Triathlon