Anniversary

April 30 Ustad Ayet Ali Khan Sangeet Niketan will observe the 7th death anniversary of Ustad Abed Hossain Khan at 7.30 p.m. at the Goethe Institut of German Cultural Centre. Instrumental classical music will be rendered after a discussion on the great musician.

Exhibition

April 25-May 01 On its tenth anniversary Expressions Ltd., an advertisement company has organised six-day long art exhibition at Gallery Chitrak, Rd# 4, house # 21, Dhanmondi R/A The exhibit features work by the lone Pata artist of the country Shombhu Acharva. The show continues through May 1 everyday from 10 am to 8 pm.

May 9-19 A painting exhibiton on the Sundarbans will start at the Gallery Chitrak from May 9. The exhibit features paintings by 17 eminent artists of the country including Abdur Razzague. Rafigun Nabi, Jamal Ahmed Sheikh Afzal and others. The High Commissioner of Australia to Bangladesh Lorraine Barker will inaugurate the exhibtion at 5.30 p.m. The exhibiton will remain open for visitors from 10 am to 6

Music festival

April 30-May 02 Bangladesh Rabindra Sangeet Shilpi Shangstha holds a 3-day festival of Rabindra Sangeet at the Shishu Academy auditorium.

Recitation

April 30 There will be a publication ceremony of the third collection of poems by Brother Jarlath D' Souza Various poems on the Iraq war will be recited at the Green Herald International School Mohammedpur. The recitations will be held from 5:00 pm on the 30th of

Time for family affairs

New TV serial on Channel-i menu

HARUN-UR RASHID

RITER Anisul Haque and director Mostofa Sarwar Faruqi have already estabmatch in the small screen industry of the country. Dramas, serials and telefilms made by the creative duo for the television have shown a steady record of success. And shortly they are coming up with yet another production, a drama serial, to be aired from May 2 onwards on Channel-i.

Entitled Ekannabarti, the serial was premièred by its production house Greenfield Multivision at the Ballroom of Hotel Sheraton on April 25. In presence of the dramatist, director and a nortion of the cast, cultural personalities, journalists and a few guests, one of the 26 episodes completed till now was screened at the première.

Despite the fact that the episode was chosen from the middle of the series and, therefore, did not reveal any predictable story line, one thing seemed quite clear: that Ekannabarti has the potential to become another popular soap as Bandhan was. For, the subject of the serial is a family and the everyday incidents in it. And there's no denying that people rather love to see 'themselves' on the TV. Moreover, the story of the serial has good resources of humour too.

The central character of Ekannabarti is actually a house in which lives (as the title suggests) a joint family. There is also a second suggestion however. The house, situated in the Dhanmondi residential area, is



Srabonti plays the youngest daughter in the family in drama Ekannabarti written by Anisul Haque and directed by Mostofa Sarwar Faruqui.

numbered 51 (which in Bangla is ekanna). The family-master is a retired person with an unfamiliar pastime of writing letters to newspapers. The mother therefore has to supervise all family affairs. They have three sons and two daughters. The eldest son, Faisal, is a businessman getting rich gradually, with a wife from the upper stratum of society and a very mischievous but intelligent son of 8. His wife, Bushra, loves to indulge in laziness before the TV set and order others.

The second son, Farhad, is a college teacher with an air of romantic fancy about him and a beautiful wife from

the uptown. The girl, Sheuly, is the icon of a typical middle class housewife and a favourite of most of her in-laws.

The other son and the voungest daughter are both students. The eldest daughter lives with her husband abroad, leaving their daughter with this family to be brought up.

In an extended part of the house lives a bachelor tenant named Jainal whose vocation is palmistry and therefore cheating people

The premièred episode throws light on some important aspects of the drama. The dialogues sound mos

quial accent of the Dhakaites Generally our TV plays show an inexplicable tendency of using the bookish language, especially if the drama has a story about the middle class. Ekannabarti's use of words like korbakorteso, boltesi, ki hoisery etc instead of koro-korchho, bolchhi, kihoyechhey etc. will tend the audienceear with familiarity. Uses of commonplace incidents of

family, which are often left out in our

TV dramas, have marked the making of

the serial. One such sequence in the

enisode shown at the première is that

natural with its familiar mixed collo

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of Sheuly's bathing the little boy Kabya, Faisal's son, after his mother left the house. The scene has brilliant naturalness in it. In different roles of the serial have acted Masud Ali Khan, Dilara Zaman, Shahiduzzaman Selim, Farhana Mithu, Mahfuz Ahmed, Aupi Karim, Shahed, Srabonti, Moutushi, Murad, Naila, Fazlur Rahman Babu, Kabya, Muna and Ratan. The serial will be

aired on Channel-i twice a week--on

Fridays and Sundays at 9:30 p.m.

Writer Anisul Hque expects that the audience will receive the serial for its natural plot and characterisation, and its humour. Only 26 episodes have been shot until now, but director Farqui is expecting to start the shooting any day--maybe very soon. Both are hopeful that the production will turn out in the end to be a 'mega serial exceeding 100 episodes. Certainly, so



The father and the mother, played by Masud Ali Khan and Dilara Zaman, cherish to keep their children together under the homely shelter of joint

Annual function

A joyful performance of the children

NOVERA DEEPITA

HERE was song, dance, joy and enjoyment. The little children made the cultural programme so lively and attractive that each of their steps of dances along with songs were highly applauded by

The annual programme of Scholastica middle section was held at the STM Hall, school campus at sector 1 in Uttara. The students of classes I to IV presented delightful dance, drama and musical programmes in both Bangla and English. These programmes included Bangla dance drama Bir Purush by Rabindranath Tagore, a play based on the poem Kajer Lok by Navakrish Bhatacharya and Bangla musical Amar Kaj Koratey Ananda and Dekhi Banglar Mukh. The programmes in English performed by the children were the drama King Arthur, Russian folk tale Ivan and the Beech Tree and a skit Four Good Friends of the Seeds.

The stage show performed by the children was an excellent work of $art. On \, the \, stage \, there \, were \, some \, caves$ huilt with sand and trees, made out of colourful clothes and bamboos. The colours red, blue, green and yellow created a lively atmosphere. The children singing like cute melodious birds were sitting on the sandy caves and in front of the cloudy blue sky.

The children dancing and acting in different characters were a source of joy to the audience. In the item titled Dekhi Banglar Mukh the children sang and danced with the patriotic song 'O amar desh, O amar Bangladesh.

In the Bangla drama Bir Purush the main character Khoka wore a pagri and rode a horse. The horse was played by another child.

The story of the drama was like this: A young boy was riding on a horse and going a long way with his mother who was in a palki. They were going along with some guards. But suddenly some dacoits attacked them and then Khoka fought the dacoits bravely. The dacoits were killed by Khoka.

The story was performed by the

very entertaining.

At the end of the programme the Chief Gues,t Education Minister Dr.

Osman Faruque, the Chairperson Yasmeen Murshed and the Principal Wasima Parveen spoke on the occa-



Sahidul Tuku, a poet of the group Shanan, brought out his book of poems entitled Phonar Mukhosh at a ceremony at the Nat Mondol of Dhaka University. Poet Rabiul Hussain and artist Hashem Khan formally launched the book. The launching was followed by a discussion session on the book.



sary of eventful twelve years recently. On this occasion Lili Haque's literary club, also named Chayon, attributed gold medal and honorarium to poet Nirmal Basak for poetry and MRA Taha for literature. Noted Nazrul researcher and poet Abdul Mannan Syed gave away the awards.

21:30 Mummy Road Show

22:00 Tales Of The Living

22:30 A Chance To Grow

23:30 Don't Say Goodbye

Fresh Air Crew

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Explorer's Journal

The Hunt For Amazing

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TODAY'S HIGHLIGHTS STAR MOVIES: 8.35 p.m. Bridget



Jones's Diary. Bridget Jones is an average woman struggling against her age, her weight, her job, her lack imperfections. As a New Year's Resolution, Bridget decides to take control of her life, starting by keeping a diary in which she will always tell the complete truth. The fireworks disreputable boss takes an interest in the quirky Miss Jones.



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HBO: 10.00 p.m. Zeus and marine biologist, Mary Beth, who is a single parent and leads a hectic life with her two impossible daughters Judith and Nora. She, along with her and save a beautiful dolphin named Roxanne. Unfortunately, Mary Beth's greedy partner, Claude Carver, tries to capture the dolphin and sell her

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