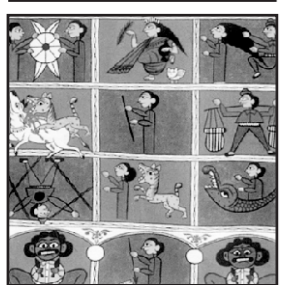


RECOMMENDATIONS



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.

Exhibition

April 25-May 01
On its tenth anniversary, Expressions Ltd., an advertisement company has organised six-day long art exhibition at Gallery Chitrak, R#4, house # 21, Dhanmondi R/A.

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.

Drama serial

Time for family affairs

New TV serial on Channel-i menu

HARUN-UR RASHID

WRITER Anisul Haque and director Mostofa Sarwar Faruqi have already established themselves as an enviable match in the small screen industry of the country.

Entitled Ekannabarti, the serial was premiered by its production house Greenfield Multivision at the Ballroom of Hotel Sheraton on April 25.

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.

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 Faruqi.

numbered 51 (which in Bangla is ekanna). The family-master is a retired person with an unfamiliar pastime of writing letters to newspapers.

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

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

natural with its familiar mixed colloquial 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.

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 episode shown at the premiere is that of Sheuly's bathing the little boy Kabya, Faisal's son, after his mother left the house.

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 Haque 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 Faruqi is expecting to start the shooting any day—maybe very soon.

The premiere episode throws light on some important aspects of the drama. The dialogues sound most



Mahfuz Ahmed and Aupi Karim play the typical middle class romantic couple in the drama Ekannabarti.



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 family.

Annual function

A joyful performance of the children

NOVERA DEEPIKA

THERE 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 audience.

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.

The stage show performed by the children was an excellent work of art. On the stage there were some caves built with sand and trees, made out of colourful clothes and bamboos.

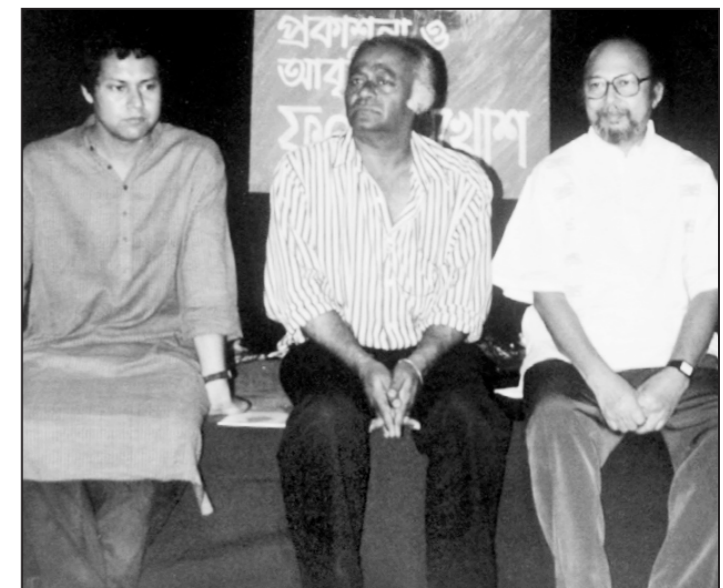
The children dancing and acting in different characters were a source of joy to the audience. In the item titled Dekhi Banglar Mukh the children sang and danced with the patriotic song 'O amar desh, O amar Bangladesh.'

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 story was performed by the

children with ease and skill and it was very entertaining. At the end of the programme the Chief Guest Education Minister Dr. Osman Faruque, the Chairperson Yasmeen Murshed and the Principal Wasima Parveen spoke on the occasion.



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



Chayon Shahitya Magazine, edited by poet Lili Haque, celebrated anniversary 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.

TV GUIDE

Table with columns for BTV, TARA BANGLA, and ATN BANGLA, listing programs and their start times.

Table with columns for STAR MOVIES and STAR PLUS, listing movies and their start times.

Table with columns for STAR GOLD and ADVENTURE ONE, listing programs and their start times.

TODAY'S HIGHLIGHTS section featuring a movie review for 'Zeus and Roxanne' and a 'PICK OF THE DAY' for 'Manik Chor'.

Table listing programs for PICK OF THE DAY, including Manik Chor, and other channels like ESPN.

Table listing programs for NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC, CHANNEL [V], and AXN, including various documentaries and entertainment shows.