

CULTURAL FEAST

National Film Conference

Organiser: Bangladesh Federation of Film Societies
Inauguration and screening of Swapna Niye Shilpalokey
Date: January 5
Venue: German Cultural Centre Auditorium
Time: 5 pm

Painting Exhibition

Title: A Dew Drop
Artist: Nasima Khanam Queenie
Venue: Shilpangan Gallery
Date: January 03-10

Photography Exhibition

Title: A look through the crow's eyes
Organiser: Bengal Foundation
Venue: Gallery of Ward's n Pages, Cafe Insomnia, 125, Gulshan: The Fine Arts Institute, Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy, Bangladesh National Museum and Bengal Foundation
Venue Avenue, Gulshan-2
Date: December 25, 2005- January 27, 2006

Title: Photographs of Zainul Abedin
Organiser: Zainul Gallery
Date: December 29, 2005- January 18, 2006
Time: 12-06pm

Title: Right to Fly
Organiser: Anondo Alo
Venue: Bangladesh Photo Journalist Association
Time: December 27-31



Group Photography Exhibition

Title: Nature's Fury
Participating Country: Bangladesh, India, Sri Lanka, Iran, Pakistan
Venue: Drik Gallery
Time: December 26- January 8

Theatre

Play: Behular Bhashan
Troupe: Theatre and Music Department, Dhaka University
Venue: Natmonal Auditorium, DU
Date: January 1-4 at 6:30 pm
Play: Chhayant
Troupe: Nagorik Natya Shapradaya
Venue: Experimental Hall, Shilpakala Academy
Date: January 5 at 6:30 pm

Exhibition

Of nature and life

FAYZA HAQ

NASIMA Khanum Queenie, educated at Dhaka and New York, began her second solo exhibit at Shilpangan on January 3.

Now completing her final three semesters at the University of Alternative Development (UDA), her teachers are younger than her, as she counts her beginning from the Institute of Fine Arts, Dhaka University.

Queenie's training overseas was a compact course of three months at the School of Visual Art at New York. Her subject there was "Basic drawing for the media".



Bird on Fossil

whelming socio-political and economic situations. "The grammar was the same, so I was able to pick it up quickly." However, the teachers were different, she says. John Foot, her

teacher, once the designer of Vogue, gave so much of himself -- without wasting a single minute -- that she learnt more than what she had gleaned by the available teacher-student rapport she had had before, at Dhaka.

Queenie says that she took themes such as bogs, underwater life, the flying weary bird and the stagnant natural life after the rains. She wants her viewers to see beauty in the simple things of life, in nature and mankind.

Voila! Another woman painter has proved her worth.



"I actually find solutions in my dreams" -- Farida Parveen



Farida Parveen has established herself as the "numero uno" factor when it comes to Lalon Geeti. Lalon's entrancing message of Sufism comes alive through Farida's soulful rendition and conviction.

Any moving experiences?

I was performing once in Sylhet, when it began to pour. I remember the audience had traveled from afar, and rather than let the rain deter them, everyone had their umbrellas, handkerchiefs and plastic sheets up and stayed throughout the performance.

Two things your fans don't know about you?

Well, my entry into the performing world was through drama! I played the role of "Amulyo" in "Bindur Cheley" where I had to cry bucketloads on stage. I actually won a gold medal for that role!

So how did you first start thinking about singing rather than acting?

I have to thank my neighbour for that! On day I heard my neighbour practicing music lessons and I was so drawn to her voice and melody I knew it was a sign from above!

Why did you opt for Lalon?

That's an interesting story. It wasn't love at first go! I somehow had the wrong impression that Lalon songs were for the bearded fakirs in their dreadlocks.

2nd National Film Conference 2005 from January 5-7

CULTURAL CORRESPONDENT

Bangladesh Federation of Film Societies (BFFS) is all set to hold the National Film Conference 2005 from January 5-7 at the German Cultural Center, Dhanmondi, says a press release.

Eminent educationist Professor Anisuzzaman will inaugurate the National Film Conference today. The 3-day long conference will feature seven keynote papers focusing on different aspects of films and filmmaking.

NSD theatre festival

Sonai Bibir Pala staged

ERSHAD KAMOL, from New Delhi

The focus in the selection of plays in the ongoing 8th National School of Drama (NSD) Theatre Festival, of NSD, has been given to productions featuring, myths and tradition as well as dealing with vital issues such as gender, power, ethnic conflict and violence.

Her comment mirrored the productions staged on the second day (January 3) of the festival. Sonai Bibir Pala was staged by the Bangladeshi troupe, Centre for Asian Theatre (CAT). The play an adaptation of Beemarayan Pala, a popular narrative of Purba Banga Geetika, is not just a love story.

Director Kamaluddin Nilu has not only used the narrative technique (the traditional form of pala gaan), he has blended several other theatrical forms as well. Particularly in the 'post-marriage scene', Sanskrit theatre forms like

Parikrama (circular movement) and Patti (using of curtain) have been used. And in the composition of the 'Zamindar's court scene', the artistes have followed the typical rhythmic high-pitched voice modulation used in jatra.

Several renowned Indian theatre personalities attended the play at Sri Ram Centre Auditorium. Kirti Jain, a professor of NSD, said, "I thoroughly enjoyed the show. I was amused by the aesthetic presentation of the indigenous performing art forms in the play."

Veteran Indian actor-director Usha Ganguli said, "The show was really enjoyable." Rekha Jain, an actor said, "Dance and music presented by the artistes, especially the actor who performed in the role of Sonai Bibi (Shamima Akhtar) was outstanding."

However, S Viren, of Manipuri theatre academy had a critical comment on the play. He said, "The costume design is influenced by Manipuri tradition, which is not acceptable in case of a production which features Bangalee culture. I liked the visual images that have been created."

The rest of the plays staged on the second day were Indian productions. The audience with



A glimpse of the play Sonai Bibir Pala

high hope went to watch Katha Collage 2, directed by eminent actor Nasiruddin Shah. It is a production of Motley, a theatre troupe from Mumbai.

However, the way eminent director Anuradha Kapur presented Shakespeare's popular romantic play Romeo and Juliet

was a spectacular production. Kapur has presented the love story with a postmodern connotation. It was a production of Theatre Department, Punjab University.

The other two plays staged on the second day were Dark Horse and Midnight's Children.

Seventh Bangladesh Film Festival to be held in London

To celebrate 50 years of our cinema, Rainbow Film Society is organising the seventh Bangladesh Film Festival in London, beginning from June 4, 2006, says a press release.

Rainbow Film Society has been holding film festivals overseas for the last few years as a part of an effort to popularise Bangladeshi cinema in the outer world as well as keeping the Bangladeshi expatriates updated with our films.

TV GUIDE

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

News Bulletin

BTV News Headlines (Bangla) at 8:55 am, 12:10 pm, 2:00 pm, 3:00 pm, 4:00 pm, 7:00 pm. News (Bangla) at 8:00 am 1:00 pm, 5:00 pm, 8:00 pm. News (English) at 3:00 pm, 10:00 pm. Late Night News (Bangla and English) 11:30 pm. CHANNEL-i News (Bangla) at 7:15 am, 9:00am, 2:00pm, 7:00pm, 9:00pm, 10:30pm, 12:15 am. ATN BANGLA News (Bangla) at 7:00 am, 10:00am, 2:00 pm, 7:00 pm, 10:00 pm, 11pm. News (English) 8:20am, 7:00pm. Telecast of BTV News (Bangla and English) at 11:30 pm. ATN BANGLA News (Bangla) at 7:00 am, 10:00am, 2:00 pm, 7:00 pm, 10:00 pm, 11pm. News (English) 8:20am, 7:00pm. Telecast of BTV News (Bangla and English) at 11:30 pm. TARA BANGLA News Headlines (Bangla) at 5:30pm, 7:30pm, Tara News (Bangla) at 8:30 pm, 11:30 pm, Tara News Bangladesh (Bangla) at 9:30 pm. BBC WORLD Every hour on the hour

BTV 09:25 Shashwato Jibon 10:00 Satellite broadcast 12:30 Shashtho Tathya 01:00 Laukik Bangla 02:15 Tathya Prajukti 02:40 Selected Programme 03:05 TV play 04:00 Moner Katha 04:30 Darpam 05:30 Ityadi 06:35 Jiboner Alo 07:30 Egiye Cholar Pothey 08:35 Protidin Bangladesh 08:45 Weekly Drama: Kash Boney Agun 10:25 Teknaf Theke Tetulia 10:30 Shei Sur Shei Gaan ATN BANGLA 09:25 Drama Serial: Andharer Jatri 10:30 Onnodrishti 11:05 ATN Taroka 12:15 Cinema Cinema 12:25 Bangla Feature Film: Bibad 02:27 Muktidhder Ei Diney 03:45 ATN Rannaghar 04:20 Shundor Jiboner Jonjo 04:45 Ispahani Pure Snax Quiz Time 05:10 Bangla Naamer Desh 05:45 Islami Sawaal O Jobab (Live) 06:20 Mile Folok Rai 08:00 Drama Serial: Char Deyaler Chand 08:30 Drama Serial: Ferari Siren 09:00 Drama Serial: Hortoner Bibi 09:30 Drama Serial: Britto 10:35 Char Deyaler Kaboyi CHANNEL i 09:30 Shongbadpotrey Bangladesh and

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PICK OF THE DAY

Advertisement for 'Chithi' on ntv at 10:00pm and 'The Haunting of Summerwind' on Discovery at 11:00pm.

HBO 09:30 About Schmidt 12:00 The Guru 02:00 Only You 04:15 Fugitive's Run 06:00 Batman: mystery of the Batwoman 07:30 I Love You to Death 09:30 Blade 12:00 Final Destination 2 01:45 The Door In the Floor STAR MOVIES 09:30 Nutty Professor II: The Klumps 11:20 Spanish Apartment 01:15 Eulogy 02:45 Born On The Fourth Of July 05:05 Trapped In Paradise 07:00 Underworld 09:00 Good Morning Vietnam 11:00 Storm Catcher 12:45 Trapped In Paradise STAR PLUS 11:30 Shanti 12:00 Maan 12:30 Hit Filmeen Hit Sangeet 12:55 Taaza Hits 02:00 Bhabhi 02:30 Kesar 03:00 Saarthi 05:00 Shagan 05:25 Film Topper 06:00 Maan 06:30 House Of Mouse 07:00 Hercules 07:30 Kumkum - Pyara Sa Bandhan 07:55 Film Topper 08:00 Akkad Bakkad Bambey Bo 08:30 Mum Tum Aur Hum 09:00 Kasauti Zindagi Kay Milee 10:00 Kavyanjali 10:30 Kahaani Ghar Ghar Kil Bahu Thi 11:30 Kahlini To Hoga STAR WORLD 10:30 Smallville 11:30 Medical Investigations 12:30 Life As We Know It 01:30 The A Team 02:30 Oprah Winfrey Show 03:30 Bold And Beautiful 04:30 Hollywood Squares 05:00 Whose Line Is It Anyway 05:30 Angel 06:30 The Simpsons 07:00 The King Of Queens 07:30 Friends 08:00 Seinfeld 08:30 Scrubs 09:00 8 Simple Rules 09:30 Less Than Perfect 10:00 Arrested Development 10:30 Angel ANIMAL PLANET 09:30 Equator 12:30 Predators 10:00 Nick's Quest 10:30 Ultimate Killers, Deep

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06:00 Football Crazy Goals! (R) 06:30 Cricket Classics Phil First Division Brisbane Australia India Vs New Zealand World Series Cup (2nd Match) (R) 07:00 Indian Premier Hockey League Phil Premier Division Chandigarh Pu India Maratha Warriors Vs Hyderabad D Sultans Tier (L) 09:30 Sportscenter Sportscenter India (L) 10:00 Cricket Classics Indian Legends (R) 11:00 Sportscenter Sportscenter Asia (S) 11:30 Sportscenter Sportscenter India (R) 12:00 Cricket Classics India Down Under Brisbane Australia India Vs New Zealand World Series Cup (2nd M Atch) (R) TEN SPORTS 09:00 WWE After Burn 10:30 Chevrolet Cricket Show 10:30 Speed 10:30 Champions Trophy Review 12:30 Pakistan v England: 1st ODI H/Ls (10/12/05) 01:00 India in the West Indies 02:00 The Unforgettables 02:30 Volvo Race 03:00 Chevrolet Cricket Show 05:30 ATP Tennis 06:30 Cricket Classics 07:30 WWE: The Bottom Line 08:30 Trans World Sports 08:30 Speed 2005 : Speed 10:00 Pakistan v England: 2nd ODI H/Ls (12/11/05) 10:30 India in the West Indies 11:00 NFL Gameday