

CULTURAL FEAST

Book Fair

Title: Amar Ekushey Book Fair
Organiser: Bangla Academy
Venue: Bangla Academy
Date: February 1

Film

Organiser: Zahir Raihan Film Society
Schedule: January 31 King Lear
Time: 5:30pm
Venue: Russian Cultural Centre,
Road#07, Dhanmondi

Solo Painting Exhibition

Artist: Marina Goltzyeva
Date: January 30-February 5
Venue: Exhibition Hall of the Russian
Centre of Science and Culture

National Music Festival
Bangladesh

Organiser: Centre for Education,
Creative and Performing Arts, Unesco
Dhaka and Bangladesh National
Commission for Unesco
Venue: Bangladesh National Museum
Schedule:
Classical, semi-classical and instrumen-
tal music on January 30 at 6:00 pm
Teporo songs, Nazrul songs, songs by
Atulprasad, DL Roy, Rajanikanta Sen
and modern Bangla songs on January
31 at 6:00 pm

Kathak Dance

Troupe: Shovana Narayan and her
troupe
Organiser: High Commission on India
Venue: Osmani Memorial Hall
Date: January 31 at 7:00 pm

Theatre Festival

Venue: National Theatre Stage,
Shilpakala Academy
Schedule:
Play Troupe Date
Binodini Dhaka Theatre Feb 1
Nityapurani Desh Natok Feb 2
Chhay Theatre Feb 3
Beharar
Palak
Korjush Loko Natyadal Feb 4
Stryamaprem Prangone Mor Feb 5
Samsayer Theatre Art Feb 6
Proyona Unit
Roaring Aranyak Feb 7
Natyadal
Proyopati Natyakendra Feb 8
Circus Circus Prachyarak Feb 9
Chhayenaut Nagonik Feb 10

Group Photo Exhibition

Title: Life Route
Organiser: Department of Film and
Media
Venue: Gallery Stamford,
Shiddheswan Campus
Date: January 28-31

National Music Festival '06

A gamut of rhythms

KHALID BIN-HABIB

DHAKA dwellers usually have very few outlets for entertainment. That explains the success of the ongoing National Music Festival '06, which offers a gamut of rhythms to satisfy the palate of every music lover, from traditional to modern.

The United Nation Education and Cultural Organisation (UNESCO), together with the Centre for Education, Creative and Performing Arts (CECPA) are sponsoring this year's National Music Festival from January 29 to 31, to promote the traditional music of Bangladesh. The festival is being held at the Shaheed Zia Auditorium, in the National Museum.

Dr M Osman Faruk, Minister for Education, inaugurated the programme on January 29. State

minister Begum Selima Rahman, Ministry of Cultural Affairs and Wolfgang Vollman, representative of UNESCO, were present as special guests.

In his welcoming speech Azad Rahman, eminent music director and president of CECPA said, "The Music Festival offers a veritable bonanza for music lovers. Classical, light classical, Tagore song, Nazrul song, folk, modern Bangla song - it's all there at The National Music Festival, a three-day musical feast that brings some of the best practitioners of these genres to Dhaka."

Dr Osman Faruk said, "Western culture has made inroads into Bangladesh. Though this phenomenon was initially welcomed, it is now slowly but surely becoming a threat to the survival of the Bangladeshi culture. The store of



A Baul performs at the event

PHOTO: STAR

folk song abounds in spiritual lyrics of Lalou Shah, Hasan Raja, Romesh Shill and many anonymous lyricists. Bangla music arena is enriched with Jari, Shari, Bhatiali, Murshidi and other types of folk songs. Rabindra Sangeet and Nazrul Sangeet are Bangladesh's precious heritage. Modern music is also practiced widely.

Vollmann asserted that music has some meditative and therapeutic properties—it may regulate some body functions, stimulate the mind—even make us smarter. It is an art of arranging sounds in time so as to produce a continuous, unified, and evocative composition, as through melody, harmony, rhythm, and timbre. The traditional music in Bangladesh shares the perspectives of that of the Indian subcontinent. UNESCO, he said, will continue to preserve and develop cultural heritage such as

music, art and theatre.

The cultural programme began with a Baul song, *Arey O Rangeela Manush Ekono Keno Holona Hush* by Ali Akbar Udash. Next, Sufia Monowar gave a rendition of *Loko Sangeet, Ei Pritibi Jemni Achey Temni Thiki Robey*. The audience thoroughly enjoyed the programme which also featured Farida Parveen, Nashid Kamal, Rozana Ashraf, Mustafa Zaman Abbasi, Abu Bakar Siddique, Chumki Huq, Mridul Kanti Chakrobarti and Abdul Karim Khan.

Yesterday featured classical, light classical songs and instrumental music. This evening will see singers render Tagore's songs, Nazrul's songs and songs of Atulprasad, Dijendralal Roy, Rajanikanta Sen and modern Bangla songs.



Abu Bakar Siddique (L) and Gazi Abdul Hakim present a folk number

Sisimpur on the road

Recently, the children from Sunbeams School, Sunny Dale School and Apparajeyo Bangla School were a pleased lot. Their elation stemmed from a visit by their beloved Halum and Tuktuki, inhabitants of Sisimpur, a mofussil town recreated in the well loved serial titled *Sisimpur*. The town is also home to other friends such as Ikri, Shiku, Sumona, Nanu, Guni Moira and Polash.

The brief visit, says a press release, was organised by Nayantra Communications Ltd, the co-producer of *Sisimpur* in Bangladesh, where the live size muppets from *Sisimpur* visited the schools. The show was conducted for the kindergarten students and featured Halum and Tuktuki.

Halum and Tuktuki are now poised to visit other schools in Dhaka and several cities where they will win new friends. For children, this prospect is an answer to their dreams.



Children with Sisimpur characters



The game show *Citycell Let's Move* telecast on channel i, celebrates its first year on January 31. Twenty popular artistes including S I Tutul, Shams Sumon, Sweety, Bijori, Pallav and TV reporters Munni Shaha, J I Mamun among others will participate in the show, in which Fatema Tuz Zohra will be the judge. The programme, telecast on the last day of every month and open to all, includes the prize of a car. The game show, aired at 7:50 pm, is anchored by Farzana Brownia and directed by Shahidul Alam Sachchu.

Joglu, the interpreter of sound, on a journey of silence

ALY ZAKER

I saw him first at the foyer of Mohila Samity, a quiet and dreamy looking young man with a scruffy beard. He would not talk much. The look said it all. It was like he could speak dozens without uttering a word. Before or after a show or otherwise, in the excitement at the foyer, you get to meet many new people but how many of them make an impression on you? Joglu did. With his large poetic eyes he would attract your attention even if you had nothing to do with him.

I came to know of him much later as a "theatre person". Well that is the expression by which most of us are known. The chronology of not so long a career would reflect his being in Padatik, Theatre Art, Theatre group et al. He also acted and directed some of our successful stage productions. But that was not his mainstay. He loved music and sound. He would love to use the most deserving piece of music or sound for a piece of deserving text. And what is more, he loved to create music.

I met him on some occasions in some of the leading production houses, quietly sitting and playing with the key board. One would think that; that was his way of relaxing. Yes it was but it was more than just meaningless travesty with fingers. What would come out at the end is a remarkable piece. I was taken aback when a lead singer of an up and coming youth band came up to me asking about the condition of Joglu. He was visibly distressed. Quietly Joglu contributed to the work and passion of many that we know and many that we don't.

It is very painful to speak of him in the past tense when we know that he is still very much there. But then he is languishing in a healing home with a terminal illness. His treatment is expensive. He needs support. Therefore we are putting together a fund raising theatre festival from the February 1 to 10. I am sure that all sensitive people of the country would be drawn towards this festival automatically and/or contribute as much as they could for Joglu.



Joglu Alam

Signing this off I can only feel that if Joglu knew about what we are trying to do for him he would protest silently through his expressive eyes. Because his searching fingers and his constantly ideating mind are not capable of protesting at the moment. Come back to our world as soon as possible Joglu! We are all waiting for you!

The author is a renowned theatre personality

Commemorating the month of Language Movement

To commemorate February, the month of the Language Movement, Dhonichitra Limited has arranged a 15-day film and TV drama festival, says a press release.

The festival will begin on February 1 at Dhonichitra Limited Auditorium. Both renowned and upcoming directors will showcase their films and TV plays in the festival. The films are *Chaka*, *No Man's Land*, *Hawa Ghar*, *Ghor Sawarer Swapno*, *Seku Sekandar*, *Kufa*, *Paap Punya*, *Joy Jatra*, *Lal Shalu*, *Nishi Prante*, *Choturtha Matra*, *Ghure Daranor Swapno*, *Dui Chkra Jan*, *Iitash Konya* and *Matir Moira*.

The shows will begin at 7 pm. After the shows, the filmmakers will open the floor to questions from the audience.



Raisul Islam Asad and Chandni in Lalshalu

Adams is the apple of Karachi's eye



Bryan Adams

Three little girls, Tania, Neha and Ayesha, are hanging around outside the room where Bryan Adams Canadian singer/songwriter and guitarist is giving interviews after his press conference with Shahbaz Roy at the Marriott on Sunday afternoon. They grip their small pink notepads and pirated CDs as their father waits with them, patiently shifting his weight from one foot to the other.

"No! Sorry. He's not giving any autographs," one of the organisers says to the crestfallen group.

Bryan Adams was in Karachi to play at a charity concert for the Shahbaz Roy Zindagi Trust, which aims to build schools for children in the earthquake-hit areas.

One of the questions fired at Adams at a press conference was "What is your perception of Pakistan; how do you like being here?" "I've just got off the plane and I feel alright. Pakistan is much like the places I've been to over the past 20 years...I've been in India and I suspect that the response will be similar."

A newspaper correspondent drew a laugh from the crowd when she asked if Adams planned to visit Pakistan in the future "even if there is no calamity." She also asked if he had plans to make a fusion of eastern and western fashion as a photographer to which he replied, "Not tonight" with a laugh.

Source: Internet

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, 8:00 am, 2:00 pm, 7:00 pm, 9:30 pm, 10:30 pm, 12:15 am.
Telecast of BTV news (Bangla and English) at 11:30 pm.

ATN BANGLA
News (Bangla) at 7:00 am, 10:00 am, 2:00 pm, 7:00 pm, 10:00 pm, 11:30 pm.
News (English) at 8:20 am, 7:00 pm.
Telecast of BTV News (Bangla and English) at 11:30 pm.

CHANNEL-i
Latest News (Bangla) at 9:00 am, 10:00 am, 11:00 am, 1:00 pm, 3:00 pm, 4:00 pm, 6:00 pm and 8:00 pm.

ntv
News Headlines (Bangla) at 10:00 am, 12:00 am, 6:15 pm, 8:30 pm.
News (Bangla) 7:30 am, 2:00 pm, 5:00 pm, 7:30 pm, 10:30 pm.
Telecast of BTV News (Bangla and English) at 11:30 pm.

TARA BANGLA
News Headlines (Bangla) at 5:30 pm, 7:30 pm.
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
09:35 Open University programme
10:00 Satellite programme
12:15 Shongbad porter pata theke
12:30 Shasthya Tatvya
01:00 Cartoon film
01:30 Shobar Joniya Shikha
02:15 Selected programme
04:00 Shongbad
04:30 Pratikhar Alo
05:05 Selected programme
06:00 Janopoder Khobor
06:10 Shondyamaloi
06:35 Live telecast from Chittagong
06:55 Weather forecast
07:00 Quiz Quiz
07:30 Gaan Shudhu gaan
08:35 Pridin Bangladesh
08:45 Kaccher Manush
09:25 Drama Serial: Aronyo Aronyo Dur
10:30 World Drama: Lesson

ntv
06:20 Selected programme
07:50 Shara Radhuni-1412
08:20 Drama Serial: Ek Akasher Tara
09:35 Drama Serial: Chalkithe Chalbe
10:00 Drama Serial: Shel Tumi Ei Tumi
08:35 Ajiker Shokal
09:30 Labonya Probia
10:30 Bari Ghar Thik Thik
11:00 Cine gaan
11:30 Garbhira
12:02 Single Episode Drama
02:30 Drama Serial: Ramizer Ayna
03:15 Tifner Fakay
03:50 Akash Chhonya Gallery
04:25 Apnar Jiggasha
05:20 Shubho Shondhya
06:20 Gaanor Samsay
06:25 Drama Serial: Labonya Provia
09:10 Nupur
09:50 Drama Serial: Amader Anondo Bari
11:25 Dandapan

ATN BANGLA
10:30 Talk Show: Anondishil
11:05 Ek Akasher Swapno
11:35 Business This Week
12:15 Amar Computer
12:45 Musical Programme
01:30 Cine Gaan
02:30 Drama Serial: Ghrupko
03:15 Drama Serial: O Amar Chokkhu Nai
04:20 Chhokher Pritibi
04:45 Quiz Show
05:10 Nari
05:45 Islam Swal Jawab
06:20 Amar Shamney
06:00 Drama Serial: Shukhsagar Apartment

8:30 Foran Siren
09:00 ATN Taroka
10:40 Mukta Shonglap

Rtv
07:45 Shukhey Thakun Deho Money
09:00 Baul Gaan
09:30 Islam O Bigyan
09:45 Making History
10:00 Ajiker Bangladesh
10:30 Sawpno Diner Gaan
07:45 Drama Serial: Baral Parar Shitali Gaan
08:15 Jibon Charcha
10:50 Drama Serial: Biraj Bou
12:00 Special Musical Programme

HBO
06:30 The Trumpet of the Swan
08:00 Texas Chainsaw Massacre: The Next Generation
09:45 Chasing Liberty
12:00 Apollo 13
02:45 Two Weeks Notice
04:45 Philadelphia
07:15 Top Gun
08:00 Beyond Borders
9:30 Blade II
02:15 Chasing Liberty

STAR WORLD
09:30 Oprah Winfrey Show
10:30 My Wife And Kids
11:00 King Of Queens
11:30 Absolutely Fabulous

PICK OF THE DAY

The Lesson
On BTV at 10:10 pm
Stage play
Cast: Rokeya Rafiq, Kamaluddin Nilu, Sabina Sultana

Beyond Borders
On HBO at 09:30 pm
Genre: Drama
Cast: Angelina Jolie, Clive Owen

10:30	Outrageous Firts The Snake Buster Facing My Fears	04:30	Wild Discovery The Lions Lot	09:30	Sportscenter India (L)
11:00	Dangerman Adventures	05:30	War Zone Waterloo	09:00	Hitz (R)
11:30	Animal Miracles Fire Bird	06:30	Dangerman Adventures With Geoff Mackley The Perfect Storm	09:30	Gillette World Sports Special Gillette World Sports 2006 (R)
12:30	Fun Zone	07:30	Wild Discovery Going West	10:00	Fa Cup Fa Cup 2005/06 Round 4 (T)
01:30	The Horsemen The Nez Perce	08:30	Junkyard Wars Beach Rescue Racers	12:00	Road Racing Great South Run 2005 (T)
02:00	ESPCA: Have you Got What It Takes Crocodile Hunter Journey to the Red Center	09:30	Fastest, Tallest, Biggest Boeving 747-400	12:30	World's Strongest Man Qualifier (T)
03:30	Fun Zone	10:30	Science Frontiers The Boy who Gave Birth to his twin	01:00	A1 Grand Prix A1 Grand Prix Sprint Race South Africa 2006 (R)
04:30	Most Extreme Outrageous Firts Chimpanzee Diary Animal Miracles Fire Bird	11:30	Crime Night Murder	02:00	A1 Grand Prix South Africa South Africa (R)
05:30	The Horsemen The Nez Perce	09:30	Mystery Of The Dakar Second From Disaster	04:00	Gillette World Sports Special Gillette World Sports 2006 (R)
06:30	RSPCA: Have you Got What It Takes The Plane's Funniest Animals Equator Challenge of Change	11:30	The Malfa Extraterrestrial Hidden Genders Mogadiscs National Geographic Special	04:30	Tna Wrestling Programming Tna Wrestling (T)
07:30	Conwin's Quest The Sardines Run Pel Powers Animals That Comfort and Heal Supernatural Nightmares of Nature Close Encounters	03:30	Backyard Science Doc Eureka Serious: Arctic Snake Wranglers Crittercam-Wildschib Storm Stories The Soul Of Spain Megacities	05:30	Extreme Programming (T)
08:30	War Zone Alexander Wild Europe Genesis FBI Files No Place To Hide	04:45	Doc Eureka	06:00	The Rugby Show 13(T)
09:30	Wild Discovery The Lions Lot	05:00	Serious: Arctic	08:00	Sportscenter India (L)
10:30	War Zone Alexander Wild Europe Genesis FBI Files No Place To Hide	05:30	Snake Wranglers	08:00	Sportscenter India (L) New Zealand Vs Sri Lanka A 1st Odi Highlights (T)
11:30	Wild Discovery The Lions Lot	06:00	Crittercam-Wildschib Storm Stories The Soul Of Spain Megacities	08:02	Sri Lanka Tour Of New Zealand Sri Lanka A 1st Odi Highlights (T)
12:00	Zero Hour The King Of Cocaine War Zone Alexander Wild Europe Genesis FBI Files No Place To Hide	06:30	Storm Stories The Soul Of Spain Megacities	08:30	Extreme Programming (T)
12:30	Wild Discovery The Lions Lot	06:30	Backyard Science Doc Eureka Serious: Arctic Snake Wranglers Crittercam-Wildschib Storm Stories The Soul Of Spain Megacities	09:00	Sportscenter India (L) New Zealand Vs Sri Lanka A 1st Odi Highlights (T)
01:30	War Zone Alexander Wild Europe Genesis FBI Files No Place To Hide	07:00	Indian Premier Hockey League (L)	09:02	Sri Lanka Tour Of New Zealand Sri Lanka A 1st Odi Highlights (T)
02:30	Wild Discovery The Lions Lot	07:00	Indian Premier Hockey League (L)	09:30	Extreme Programming (T)
03:30	War Zone Alexander Wild Europe Genesis FBI Files No Place To Hide	07:30	Indian Premier Hockey League (L)	10:00	Tna Wrestling (R)
04:30	Wild Discovery The Lions Lot	07:30	Indian Premier Hockey League (L)	10:00	Sportscenter India (L) New Zealand Vs Sri Lanka A 1st Odi Highlights (T)
05:30	War Zone Alexander Wild Europe Genesis FBI Files No Place To Hide	07:30	Indian Premier Hockey League (L)	10:30	WWE: Raw Pakistan v India 06 (3 test, 5 ODIs) - Straight Drive
06:30	Wild Discovery The Lions Lot	07:30	Indian Premier Hockey League (L)	12:45	Pakistan v India: 3rd Test, Day 3
07:30	War Zone Alexander Wild Europe Genesis FBI Files No Place To Hide	07:30	Indian Premier Hockey League (L)	08:30	WWE: Smackdown Pakistan v India: 3rd Test, Day 3 H/Ls
08:30	Wild Discovery The Lions Lot	07:30	Indian Premier Hockey League (L)	12:00	Pakistan v India: 3rd Test, Day 3 H/Ls