

CULTURAL FEAST

Book Fair

Title: Amor Ekushey Book Fair
Organiser: Bangla Academy
Venue: Bangla Academy
Date: February 1-28

Photography Exhibition

Title: Satyajit Ray, Script to Screen
Organisers: National gallery of Modern Art in New Delhi, Indian Council for Cultural Relations and the High Commission of India in Bangladesh
Date: February 8-14
Venue: Bengal Shilpalaya

Title: My World, My Future
Organisers: British Council, Dhaka and Map Photo Agency
Venue: British Council, Dhaka
Date: February 2-28
Time: 10:00 am to 6:00 pm

Title: Southern Glances
Organiser: North South University Photography Club
Venue: Drik Gallery
Date: February 4-10
Time: 3:00 pm to 8:00 pm

Theatre Festival
Venue: National Theatre Stage, Shilpakala Academy
Schedule:

Table with columns: Play, Troupe, Date. Includes Rearing, Naryak, Feb 7; Projapati, Nalyakendri, Feb 8; Circus Circus, Prachyanaut, Feb 9; Shyamaprem, Prangoni, Mar, Feb 10.

Book Launch

Title: Money Porey
Author: Ferdousi Majumdar
Date: February 8 at 4:30 pm
Venue: Liberation War Museum

Theatre

Title: Mangula
Troupe: Palakar
Date: February 12 at 6:30 pm
Venue: Experimental Theatre Stage
Title: Ubraabachan
Troupe: Vision Theatre
Date: February 14 at 6:30 pm
Venue: Mahila Samity Stage

Solo Painting Exhibition

Title: Breakfast News
Artist: Yasmin Jahon Nupur
Date: February 3-13
Venue: Alliance Francaise Dhaka

Movie and TV play screening

Table with columns: Film, Director, Date. Includes Joystra, Tauqir Ahmed, Feb 8; Lal Shalu, Tanvir Mokammel, Feb 9; Ibbah, Konnya, Sharmim Akhter, Feb 14.

Theatre

Chhayanaut: A satire on stardom

ERSHAD KAMOL

We have seen the dramatic rise and fall of many 'heroes' in the star world: An 'extra' becomes the heartthrob and then vanishes from public view.

As part of the on going theatre festival to give a hand to theatre activist Jaglul Alam, Nagorik Natyasampradaya staged Chhayanaut at the National Theatre Stage, Shilpakala on February 5.

Actor Rajib De successfully presented the emotions of Manoj Kumar. His transformation from being an ordinary actor to popular hero was remarkable.

As sub-plot, Utpal Dutt's play satires the scandals of the star world, as well as the lip service of the press to the stars.



Aly Zaker (R) and co-actors in a scene from the play

the role of a Shuchorita, a popular actor who has an extra marital affair with Manoj Kumar, was noteworthy.

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there was no smooth transition between the acts. Moreover, typical Kolkata dialect has been used.

A platform at the middle of the stage is used as the set. But, it was not clear as to why a red curtain was used at the backstage.

All that jazz

Rhythmic Prophecies with their stirring music

FAYZA HAQ

The bright-faced, unpretentious group of young jazz players, from USA, Rhythmic Prophecies is like a breath of fresh air in the city.

At the age of 10, he began playing the congo, and graduated from La Escuela Libre de Musica in Puerto Rico.

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Reinaldo de Jesus, the leader of the group, is on the percussion instrument, tumbadora (which has a cow hide on the top, with bells attached), and drums.

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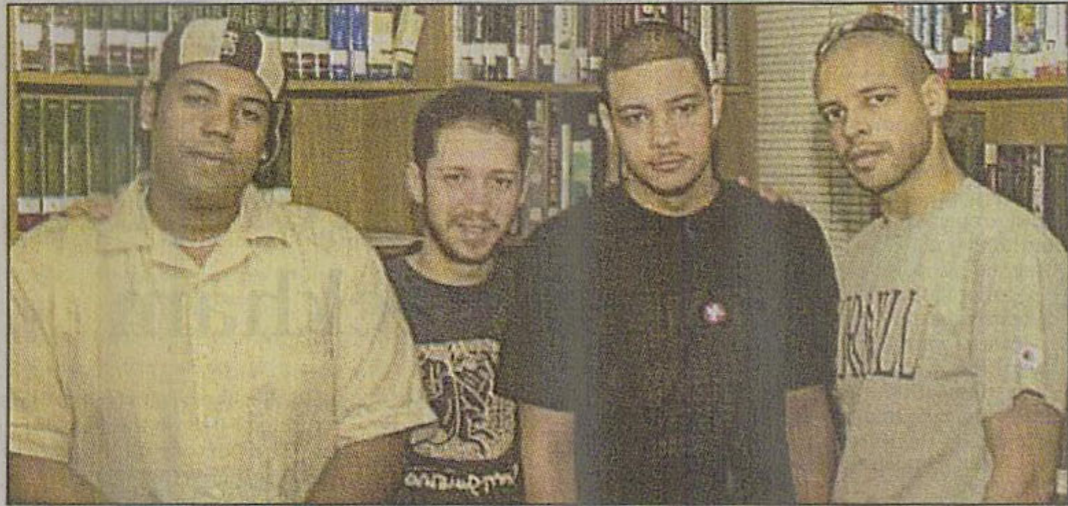
feelings to experiment and explore with American, Caribbean, African and music from other parts of the world.

"Zaccari and I had a band called Insight and out of that band emerged the new band Rhythmic Prophecies, all of us having a musical academic background."

the rest of us do not. But we've had the encouragement from our homes, whether it be in Puerto Rico or in Connecticut.

Dwelling on the origin of jazz, Reinaldo said, "It comes originally from the African people, who came to USA, mainly in New Orleans. There is a difference between the Latin jazz and American jazz, as the rhythms are a little different, the former combining Caribbean rhythms."

"We've played in Europe -- where most of American jazz musicians perform -- as parts of different bands. Together this is the first time we're performing overseas."



Members of the jazz band

Bangladeshi documentaries in Mumbai Int'l Festival

CULTURAL CORRESPONDENT

Four documentary films by Bangladeshi directors have been invited to the Mumbai International Documentary Festival that began on February 3.

Karnophulir Kanna and Bonojatri by Tanvir Mokammel, Rokeya by Manzar-e Haseen Murad and Shei Raater Kotha Boltey Eshechhi by Kawsar Chowdhury.

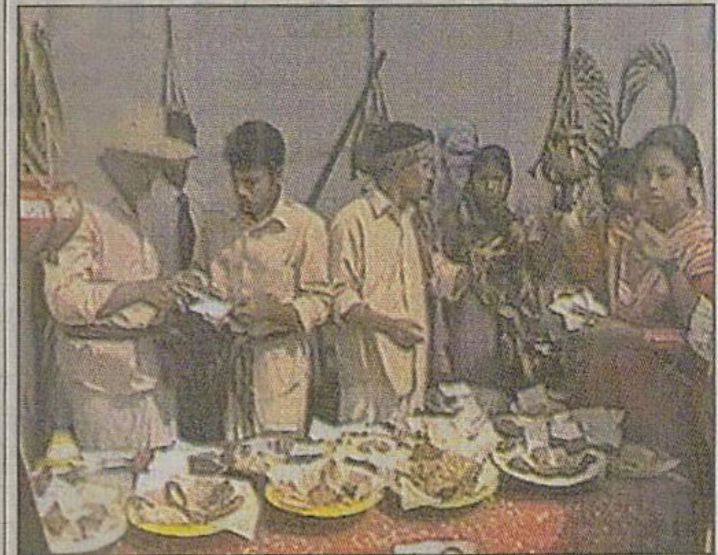


A scene from the documentary Shei Raater Kotha Boltey Eshechhi

stani army in Dhaka on the fateful night of March 25, 1971. The festival, known as the biggest

film festival for documentaries in the subcontinent will end on February 10.

Rice cakes galore at Satkhira



Participants display an array of winter cakes

PHOTO: STAR

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Satkhira

A day-long pitha festival was held at the Shaheed Abdur

Razzak Park in Satkhira town day before yesterday. With the theme, 'Hold on to our cultural tradition through delicious

winter cakes,' the fair was jointly organised by the Women Entrepreneurs Academy and Juba Karma Sangstan Society.

Altogether 25 stalls with an array of around 95 varieties of cakes were set up at the fair.

A discussion followed with Begum Mantaz as chairperson and Salma Elias as the chief guest.

Three organisations emerged as the winners. Tona Tuni Pithaghar, Asmani Shishu Niketan and Satkhira Mahila Samittee were adjudged as first, second and third stalls in the competition.

Barisal honours its cultural talents

CULTURAL CORRESPONDENT

On the occasion of the third anniversary of the Barisal Bibhag Shangkritik Shongstha, a cultural programme was held at National Theatre Stage, Shilpakala Academy recently.

Eminent personalities originating from the Barisal district who have made significant contributions to our cultural arena were awarded on the occasion.

Shera Radhuni a cookery show on Channel i

CULTURAL CORRESPONDENT

Popular TV cookery show, Shera Radhuni 1412 is currently running on Channel-i. The recipe contest allows amateur or professional chefs to submit their original recipes.

Small screen actress Tania Ahmed hosts the show. The programme has generated interest in our culture, good housekeeping and nutritious eating habits.



TV GUIDE

PICK OF THE DAY



Labonya Probha
On ntv at 08:25
Drama Serial
Cast: Tanvin Sweetey, Fazlur Rahman Babu

Die Hard 2
On Star Movies at 8:35 pm
Genre: Action / Adventure / Thriller (more)
Cast: Bruce Willis Bonnie, Bonnie Bedelia

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

News Bulletin

BTW 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, 9:30pm, 10:30pm, 12:15am. 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. Latest News (Bangla) at 9:00 am, 10:00 am, 11:00 am, 1:00pm, 3:00 pm, 4:00pm, 6:00 pm and 8:00 pm. ntv News Headlines (Bangla) at 10:00 am, 12:00 am, 6:15 pm, 9:30 pm. News (Bangla) 7:30 am, 2:00 pm, 5:00 pm, 7:30 pm, 10:30 pm. Channel-i News (Bangla and English) at 11:30 pm. TARA BANGLA News Headlines (Bangla) at 5:30 am, 7:30 pm, 11:30 pm. News (Bangla) at 8:30 pm, 11:30 pm. Tara News Bangladesh (Bangla) at 9:30 pm. BBC WORLD Every hour on the hour

Table with columns: Time, Program Name, Details. Includes Smritimoy Archives, Shashwato Jibon, Shashtho Talyha, Smipur, Inauguration of Amor Ekushey, Granthamala '06 (live), Selected Programme, Bangla Cartoon, Malancho, Shushtho Thakun, Bheho Thakun, Selected Programme, Ekush Amar, Ahongkar, Protidin Bangladesh, Drama Serial: Neel Koshito, Drama Serial: Sublet, Teknaf Thekey Tutulia, Inauguration of Man of Angels, Shongbad Potrey Bangladesh, Public Reaction, Thiyomatra, Sports Time (Live), Ash Dupurey, Ebong Cinema Gan, Public Reaction, Medha Bikash, Bashundhara Amader Gaan, Boimela Protidin (live), Sa Re Ga Ma Gaan Oporey, Music Plus, Anoralar Kotha, Shera Radhuni, Drama Serial: EK, Akasher Tara, Drama Serial: Jhoripatar Kabayo, Drama Serial: Bela Otar Golpo.

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