Valentine's Day

Celebrations around the city

CULTURAL CORRESPONDENT

ASHONTO (spring) is celebrated as the season of love, passion and devotion. More over, people around the globe celebrate their love for a special someone, friends or family on February 14, otherwise known as Valentine's Day, Dhakaiites did not lose this opportunity to rejoice and indulge in merriment amidst several cultural programmes held around the city.

Many poets have written verses glorifying the season. In their ranks are Rabindranath Tagore's love songs on Bashonto. From the collection of Tagore's love songs on Basanto, Rabiraag arranged a musical soiree titled Bhalobashar Gaan at the Women's Voluntary Association (WVA) Auditorium on February 14.

Most of the songs performed at the soirce such as O keno churi kore chaye, Amar moner majhe shudha achhey, Jani jani tumi and others denote the longing of lovers. The beauty of Bashonto is also evident in these songs. The mellifluous

CULTURAL FEAST

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Bangladeshi Cinema

50 years of

celebration

Date: February 16

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Venue: TSC Auditorium

songs were well appreciated by the

Promising singers Shondhya Bhattacharjee, Ronjit Roy, Makhon Hawladar, Enakkhi Saha Roy, Mostafa Kamal, Amina Ahmed, Shafikur Rahman Khan, Shyama Ali Swapan Datta and Golam Hyder

rendered solo songs.

Renowned Tagore singer Saadi
Mohammad rendered Aha aji e Bashontey, Tui re Bashonto shameeron and Amar praner porey. Besides Tagore songs Saadi also performed DL Roy's popular piece Aay re Bashonto o tor kiron makha pakha mele and a beautiful piece by Jyotirindranath Tagore -- Aha ki chandni raat hero lo shokhi.

Arshee held a musical programme at Rabindra Sarobar, Dhanmondi where popular artistes Bappa Majumdar and Fahmida Nabi performed romantic duets from their latest album, titled Ekmutho Gaan. The album containing 11 romantic numbers composed by Bappa Majumdar, was released on the occasion of valentine's Day.

Nibir Kothon, a compilation of



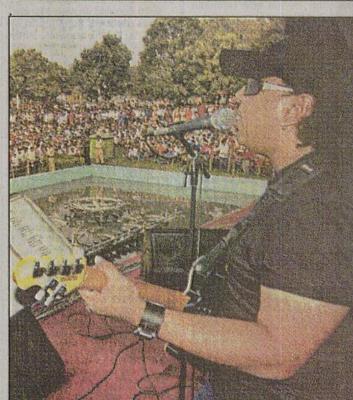


Clockwise (From Right): Bappa Majumdar and Fahmida Nabi rendering songs at the Rabindra Sarobar, Ayub Bachchu performing at Nandan, Artistes of Rabiraag presenting a Tagore song at the programme.

22 romantic poems by Rabindranath Tagore, Kazi Nazrul Islam, Abul Hossain, Jibonanando Das, Syed Shamsul Haque, Nirmolendu Goon and other eminent poets, was also released on the occasion. The poems are recited by Evan Chowdhury and Shemonti

At the Gulshan Shishu Park field, a concert was held where bands like The Watson Brothers and Arbovirus performed to an energetic crowd. Added attractions were photo booth, chocolate, flower and gift corner.

Prothom Alo organised a concert at the theme park Nandan, to generate awareness against narcotics. Popular musicians Mahmuduzzaman Babu, Asif Akbar, bands LRB and Souls per formed at the teeming venue.



CULTURE

ITI Theatre Festival coming up

ERSHAD KAMOL

The International Theatre Institute Bangladesh Centre (ITIBC) has organised its eighth biennial theatre festival from February 21. Twentytwo theatre performances will be staged at three venues National Theatre Stage, Experimental Theatre Stage and Mahila Samity Stage. The theatre festival will be inaugurated at the National Theatre Stage, Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy.

In the ranks of the 25-member ITI central committee which will participate in the gala event are Menfred Beilharz, the president of ITI central committee, Jennifer Walpole, the executive secretary of ITI central committee, Stephanie Regnar, Nevill Shulman, Tobais Biacone, Zeljka Turcinovic and Fuad Al Shatti.

Included in the festival are Ahorkandal, a Janmosutra production, Sonai Bibir Pala, a Centre for Asian Theatre production, Samayer Proyojone, a Theatre Art Unit production, Ei Ghar Ei Bashoti, to be staged by Ganayan from Chittagong, Majh Rater Manushera, a Loko Natya Dal production, Binodini, a Dhaka Theatre production, Natya Troce, a Nagorik Natyasampradaya production, Dwarruddha, to be staged by Tirjak from Chittagong, Raarang, an Aranyak production, Shikhon dikatha, a Mahakal production, dance drama Chandalika by Nrittanandan, jatra pala Sirajudd aullah by Desh Opera, Balad, a

Theatre (Natak Sarani) production, Meemangchina, a Department of Drama and Dramatics of Jahangir nagar University production, Mangula, a Palakar production, Mrichchakatik, a Nagorik Natyangan Ensamble production, Koibarta Bidroho, a Bagura Theatre production, Behular Bhashan, a Department of Theatre and Music production, Janmodin, a Theatre (Baily Road) production, Khudhito Pashan, a Subochan production, Katha '71, a Dhaka Padatik production and Projapati, a Natyakendra produc-

The other attraction of the festival is a seminar titled 'Theatre: Creating

Impress Telefilm Festival '06 to begin

Impress Telefilm Ltd has established itself as a patron of movies with a certain standard amidst the current trend of vulgar movies churned our only for commercial purposes. Certain films made under the banner of Impress Telefilm Ltd such as Bachelor, Shyamol Chhaya and Jaijatra have attained popularity among the

A week-long festival showcasing films made under the banner of Impress Telefilm Ltd will begin from February 17 at Madhumita movie theatre, says a press release.

On the inaugural day, Bachelor will be screened. Wrong Number will be screened on February 18. Duratto, Shasti, Meher Negar and Shubha will be screened on February 19, 20, 22 and 23 respectively.

Incidentally, at the Golden Jubilee celebration of Bangladeshi Cinema



Shabnoor and Ferdous in a scene from the film Bachelor

at TSC (Teachers-Students Centre), Megher Porey Megh, Jaijatra, Shankhonaad, Duratto, Shyamol

Chhaya and Kittankhola -- films produced by Impress Telefilm Ltd are being screened.



The weekly magazine programme on films, titled Amar Chhobi will telecast its 285th and 286th episode on February 16 and 23 respectively at 6:30 pm. The episodes will focus on popular actress Purnima and include clips of her films as well. Purnima will talk about her introduction to Bangladeshi cinema and her journey to the top. The programme hosted by Shafiuzzaman Khan Lodi, has been directed by

Newsflash

The caped crusader going after Osama?

Bored with pitting his wits against the Joker and the Riddler, Batman is setting his sights on a more

Holy Terror, Batman! is an upcoming graphic novel from famed Batman writer Frank Miller and sees the caped crusader facing off against al-Qaeda operatives who attack Gotham City.

Miller, who has already inked his way through 120 pages of the 200-page opus, told a recent comic book convention that the novel was an unashamed "piece of propaganda" in which Batman takes on al-Qaeda

The driving force behind the work, Miller said, was "an explosion from my gut reaction of what's happening now"

Source: Internet



Title: In Search of Affinity

Artist: Kazi Sayed Ahmed Venue: Alliance Française Dhaka Date: February 18-25 Time: 5-9pm Title: SPAGAT: In two Worlds

Title: Recent Sculptures & Other

Artist: Professor Hamiduzzaman

Venue: Gallery Kaya, Uttora

Date: February17-28

Tme: 11am-8pm

Artist: Murshida Arzu Alpana Venue: Bengal Shilpalaya Date: February16-28 Time: 12-8pm

Artists' camp at Shantiniketan

FAYZA HAQ

Art club, in cooperation with Suresh-Amiyo Trust of West Bengal (India) organised a Bangladesh Festival with leading Bangladeshi artists last month. Also included in the programme were singers, and craftspeople. This was held at the Gitanjali Complex, Shantiniketan. Some of the artists who participated in the festival were Hashern Khan, Mohammed Eunus, Nasreen Begum, Shamajit Roy, Shakoor Shah, Jamal Ahmed and Rafi Haque. Singers like Rezwana Chowdhury Bonya and Iffat Ara also joined in. Together they celebrated the Nabanno festival.

The paintings were given to the Suresh-Amiyo Trust and will be exhibited in Delhi and Kolkata in April. The purpose of the camp was to donate 30 percent of the sale proceeds of the paintings to the gallery, that was to be constructed. Indian artists like Jayasree Chakrabarti, Dipali Bhattacharya, Ashok Ghoshal and Jogen Chowdhury also came to paint. Thus there was a conjunction of artists from two coun-

Nasreen Begum said, "We went from Chuti, Birbhum to Gitanajli Complex, designed by Shanta Ghosh,



(L-R) Shanta Ghosh, Samarjit Rai Chowdhury, Nasreen Begum, Hashem Khan and Md Eunus at the art camp seen with Somnath Chaterjee (Speaker of Lok Sabha, 3-L)

who was one of the organisers along with Nahid Osman. They had many halls including a restaurant, which provided us sumptuous food. We attended a seminar on micro-credit and began painting in the field, under awning. Within two days each of us had come up with three paintings. There were many viewers like Ganesh Payne, Jogen Chowdhury, and students of Shantiniketan. I did a painting with my favourite theme 'cactus woman', a

house in the middle of the sea and one with floating leaves on canvas with

Hashem Khan said, "There were five artists from Bangladesh. There were such camps before but this, in particular, celebrated harvesting. This showed a connection between basic crafts and modern paintings. Music and feasting were also part of the festi-

"We were free to express what we

wanted on the canvas. There might have been little visual connection with harvesting and our paintings, but there was in our feelings and emotions. I painted with acrylic to finish in time. Weexpected the Indian artists to join us but they were late. It is remarkable how quickly our Bangladeshi artists can quickly our Bangladeshi artists can finish their paintings within a given period of time. This courage to work on within a fixed period of time is some-thing that belongs to our country alone. This cateriniation among our painters, came, I believe, after the

Mohammed Eunus said, "This completed my dream of coming together with nature in Shantiniketan Working in a camp, and the ensuing interaction always give a special type of impetus to painting. I had brought in the theme of micro-credit in my work inasymbolicway.' Samajit Roy Chowdhury said

"I've been to Kolkata many times but this trip to Shantiniketan was unique for me. Working with others gave a special feeling of pleasure. The atmosphere was invigorating. I worked in my own style in acrylic.

The Shantiniketan experience was both energising and challenging for Bangladeshi artists.

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STAR WORLD

The Drew Carey Show

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

News Bulletin

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. Telecast of BTV news (Bangla and English) at 11:30 pm.

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Telecast of BTV News (Bangla and English) at 11:30 pm. Latest News (Bangla) at 9:00 a.m,10:00 am, 41:00 am.1:00pm.3:00 pm. 4:00pm.6:00 pm and 8:00 pm.

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Trapped In Paradise

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The Three Musketeers

Chithi On ntv at 09:50pm Drama Serial Cast: Tariq Anam Khan, Enamul Haque 06:50 Biz Week Curves

Day After Tomorrow On Star Movies at 4:55 pm Genre: Action/Adventure Cast: Denis Quaid, Jake Gyllenhal

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