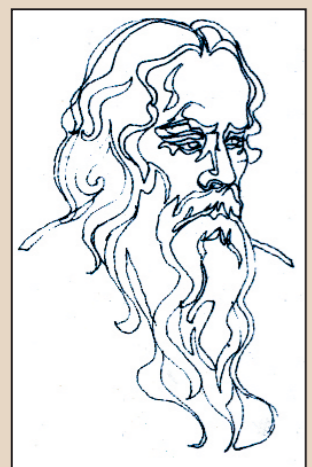


CULTURAL FEAST



Special programme on Tagore's 145th birth anniversary

Title: Rabindra Janmotsab
Organiser: Bangladesh Rabindra Sangeet Shilpi Shangstha
Venue: Shishu Academy Auditorium
Date: May 8
Time: 9:00am-12:30pm and 4:00pm-9:00pm

Musical Soiree

Organiser: Prangoney Mor
Venue: Mohila Samity Stage
Date: May 6 at 6:00pm



7th National Recitation Festival

Organiser: Bangladesh Abritti Shamonnay Parishad
Venue: Zilla Shilpakala Academy, Chittagong
Date: May 4-6 at 3:00pm

Photography Exhibition

Title: Borno O Biborno
Venue: Zainul Art Gallery
Date: May 2-8
Time: 12:00pm-6:00 pm

Art Exhibition

Title: Existence
Artist: H. Shahadat
Venue: Gallery Kaya
Date: April 28 - May 12
Time: 11am-8pm

Artist: Nazia Andaleeb Preema

Venue: Art & Soul Gallery
Date: May 5-18
Time: 11am-8pm

Artist: Shamiran Dutta

Venue: Gallery Chitrag, Rd #4, House # 21, Dhanmondi
Date: April 28 - May 7

A festival for theatre lovers

Ibsen commemoration '06 to begin

ERSHAD KAMOL

TO observe the centennial death anniversary of legendary Norwegian playwright Henrik Johan Ibsen (1828-1906), Ibsen devotees from all over the world will congregate in Dhaka.

The 11-day festival begins on May 10. The commemoration programme will run at four venues of Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy theatre festival at the National Theatre Stage and Experimental Theatre Stage, painting exhibition at National Art Gallery and movie screening at the Plaza of National Art Gallery.

The commemoration programme begins with an exhibition of works by 32 Bangladeshi painters titled 'Images of Ibsen's Life and Plays'. The exhibition will be inaugurated by Aud Lise Norheim, the Norwegian ambassador, at the National Art Gallery, where eminent artists Murtaja Baseer and Syed Jahangir will hold discussions.

On the following day, two legendary theatre activists -- Ebrahim Alkazi of India and Terje Maerli of Norway will be honoured at the National Theatre Stage for their outstanding contribution to theatre. The main event -- a theatre festival titled 'Staging Ibsen in Asia' will begin on May 11 through staging of *Resurrection*, a Centre for Asian Theatre (CAT) production. Besides CAT, two more Bangladeshi troupes -- Aranyak Natya Dal and Kanthoshilon -- will stage plays.



A portrait of Henrik Ibsen

Foreign troupes included in the festival are -- National School of Drama (NSD) Repertory, Ibsen Performance Group, Arohan Theatre, Ajoka Theatre, Workshop in Heaven, Anya Chetana and

Damama. Moreover, troupes from different institutions of Bangladesh such as Dhaka University, Jahangirnagar University, Rajshahi University, Khulna University and IDCCC, Chittagong will stage one play each.

Other attractions of the programme are movie screenings, seminars, street theatre, staging of plays at the district level and the launch of publications.

Besides the events, in the International Ibsen Conference titled 'Socio-political Aspects of Ibsen's Plays' scholars and theatre practitioners from Asia, Europe and Africa will attend. The keynote address will be presented by Merete Morken Andersen.

Convener of the festival Kamaluddin Nilu, who is also the general secretary of CAT, said, "Seventy three countries are celebrating Ibsen commemoration '06 to observe the death centennial of Henrik Ibsen. And 'Ibsen Commemoration '06 in Bangladesh' is the biggest of its kind in Asia. CAT in association with Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy and supported by Royal Norwegian Embassy is organising the festival.

"We have chalked out elaborate programmes covering Dhaka city, all the major public universities and important district towns."

TV personalities honoured by Nattashabha

CULTURAL CORRESPONDENT

Cultural organisation Nattashabha celebrated its 31st anniversary by honouring 40 TV personalities. The theme for the ceremony, held recently at the National Museum, was 'Celebrating 40 years of BTV'.

The recipients of the awards are Kalim Sharafee, Mustafa Monwar, Khaleda Fahmi, Atiqul Haque Chowdhury, Israrul Haque, Mustafizur Rahman, Nowazish Ali Khan, Mohammad Barkatullah, Kazi Abu Zafar Siddiqui, Sarkar Firoz Uddin, Tajul Islam, Serajul Majid Mamun, Zinat Barkatullah, Abdullah Abu Sayeed, Anisul Haque, Ali Imam, Muhammad Shah Nawaz, Faridur Reza Shagor, Shayekh Shiraz, KS Firoze, Asaduzzaman Noor, Humayun Faridee, Afroza Banu, Afzal Hossain, Subarna Mustafa, Shakila Zafar, Shamima Akhter Baby, Dr Nashid Kamal, Shireen Mahal Bandona, Shomi Kaiser, Tarin, Mehri, Hena Kabir, Rafiqul Bari Choudhury, Tele Samad and Sheuly Khan.

"BTU, the pioneering television



Atiqul Haque Chowdhury receiving his crest from the chief guest

channel has made significant contribution to the culture of our country. As many have contributed to the development of TV programmes in the country, their talents should be recognised", said Shahidul Haq Khan, chairperson of Nattashabha.

The chief guest of the event was Barrister Mainul Hossain, chairperson of the editorial board of the *Daily Ittefaq*.

The ceremony was presided over by Syed Margub Morshed, the president of the organisation.

Books Express: New treat for booklovers



Yasmeen Murshed (C) formally inaugurates Books Express

CULTURAL CORRESPONDENT

Books Express, a new trendy bookstore at Banani, was inaugurated on

May 4. Chairperson of Electra Bangladesh Pvt Ltd, Yasmeen Murshed inaugurated the outlet next to Coffee World. Swedish

Ambassador, Britt F Hagstrom, managing director of Electra Bangladesh Pvt Ltd, Syed Maher Murshed were also present at the event.

Talking about the activities and commitments of Books Express to the consumers, an attendant of the store said, "Our goal is to have every book a reader can possibly want. We'll cater to both institutions and individuals and act as an official distributor for prestigious publishers. We ensure prompt supply of books in print from US and UK publishers."

The bookstore boasts an impressive inventory of books on subjects ranging from history to current affairs to science, engineering, health, law and more. There is also a large collection of nonfiction, children's books and such.

BRAC University celebrates Shakespeare's birthday



Students of BRAC University performing at the event

Shakespeare's birth anniversary (April 23, 1564) was celebrated with gusto in many countries. Nearer home, BRAC University recently observed the occasion with a colourful programme, titled 'Celebrating Shakespeare', says a press release.

The programme was conducted at the University by lecturers of the Department of English and Humanities (ENH)--namely Naira Khan, Rukhsana R Chowdhury and Rakesh Saha.

In the first part of the show, students and teachers recited the most famous lines from Shakespeare's plays and sonnets. The three witches from *Macbeth* recited their lines in the form of a well received dramatic performance. The show was coordinated by Professor Firdous Azim, chairperson, ENH, BRAC University.

The second part was the presentation of a comedy, *When Shakespeare's Ladies Meet*, written by Charles George.

The programme came to a conclusion with remarks from chief guest vice chancellor BRAC University Jamilur Reza Choudhury, to the effect that the superb performance warranted a broader audience.

Veteran music composer Naushad passes away

Noted music composer Naushad Ali died of old age in Mumbai on Friday, family sources said. He was 86.

Naushad, a Dadasaheb Phalke award winner, had not been keeping well for quite some time in the recent past, sources said.

Born on December 25, 1919, Naushad studied music under Ustad Ghurbat Ali, Ustad Yusuf Ali and Ustad Babban Saheb. He came to Mumbai in the 1930s from Lucknow and became one of the most successful music directors of the Hindi film industry in the next two decades.

Prominent films for which he had composed music include *Bajju Bawra*, *Mother India* and *Mughal-e-Azam*, all of which had achieved phenomenal commercial success. His last composition was for Akbar Khan's *Taj Mahal*, which was recently released in Pakistan.

Naushad had been undergoing treatment at Nanavati Hospital in Mumbai, where he was admitted on April 20 after complaining of uneasiness.



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, 9:00am, 2:00pm, 7:00pm, 9:00pm, 10:30pm, 12:15 am.
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.
Latest News (Bangla) at 9:00 a.m, 10:00 am, 11:00 am, 1:00 pm, 3:00 pm, 4:00pm, 6:00 pm and 8:00 pm.
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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.
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
09:35 Open University
10:00 Satellite Broadcast
12:15 Shagbad Potrer Pata Thekey
12:30 Shwashtro Tatthya Nebedon
01:00 Cartoon
02:40 Bangla Feature Film
05:05 Nobo Aanondey Jago
07:00 Folk Musical Programme
07:30 Drama Serial: Ontorale Anurag
08:35 Selected Programme
09:00 Drama: Shakkhor
10:25 Teknal Thekey Tetulia
CHANNEL i
09:45 Public Reaction
09:50 Trilipi Matra
11:05 Na Bola Kotha Mukto Bazar
11:30 Aj Dupurey O Citycell Tarokakethon(Live)
01:05 Ebong Cinemar Gaan
01:30 Shagbadpotrey Bangladesh
01:45 Public Reaction
02:40 Shath Rong
04:05 Educational Programme
04:30 Citycell Medha Bikash
05:00 Syllabus
05:30 Sharif Melamine Cholochitra Sangeet
06:00 Music Plus
06:20 Drama Serial: Bhalobashar Manushera
07:50 Drama Serial: Shopno

08:20 Loker Kolpo Kotha Drama Serial: Ekush Er Por
09:35 Drama Serial: Ritoye Mati O Manush
10:00 Drama Serial: Korkot
12:00 Alikeer Shongbad Potro
ATN BANGLA
10:30 Onyodnshti
11:05 Drama Serial: Hortoner Bibi Char Dealer Kaboo
12:15 Musical Programme
12:50 Drama: See You
02:35 Telifilm: Bodnam Shurer Madhuri
03:50 Childrens Programme
04:20 Job Vacancy
05:45 Islami Sawal O Jobab
06:20 Purakirtir Bangladesh
08:00 Drama Serial: Jol Pore Pata Nore
08:30 Drama Serial: The New Shabuj Opera
09:00 Drama Serial: Lal Neel Bagune
09:30 Drama Serial: Ek Jonome
10:35 Citycell Shustho Thakun(Live)
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08:35 Alikeer Shokal Magic Magic O
10:05 Washington Barta
10:30 Bhakar Cinema Mukhtangan
02:35 Drama Serial: Kachher Manush
03:15 Tomader Pelo Bangladesh
03:30 Drama Serial: Kuhak
04:25 Horicks Genius Bangladesh
05:20 Alokat

PICK OF THE DAY



Romizer Aaina
On ntv at 08:25 pm
Drama Serial
Cast: Pran Roy, Tinni, Ahsanul Haque Minu

Catwoman
On HBO at 09:30pm
Genre: Action/Adventure
Cast: Hale Berry, Benjamin Bratt, Sharon Stone

06:20 Shubho Shondhya
06:50 Amra Ekon Unish Kuri
08:25 Drama Serial: Romizer Aaina
09:10 Drama: Tumi Chhara Ami Jeno Morubhumi
Dindarpan
CHANNEL 1
08:40 Shuprobhat Bangladesh
10:00 Cartoon
10:30 Taka Ana Pai
11:15 Bangla Film
12:00 Kal Kotha
03:30 Teli Film
05:00 Moncho Kotha
07:00 Bagan Bilash
08:15 Drama Serial: Society
09:00 Drama Serial: Dui
09:30 Dugune Panch Concert
11:00 Chokh Maley Dekhi
BANGLAVISIO N
08:30 Shuvo Shokal
09:00 Cartoon
09:30 Drama Serial: Sheidin Cholitro Mash
10:00 Talk Show: Amar Ami
10:30 Aj Potrekay
11:30 Sa Sa Dhin Tai
12:00 Media Bhupon
02:30 Saturday Cinema
05:00 Jibondhara
05:30 Ebong Classer
06:40 Bairey
Diner Sheshey
08:05 Drama Serial: Krishno Pokkho
08:40 Travel Show: Desher Pothey
09:15 Drama Serial: Tobuo Bhalobashi
09:50 Magazine Programme: Shaat Shotero
10:50 Drama Serial: High Tension
HBO
10:45 Murder in Greenwich
12:30 Rome 11: The Spoils
01:30 Switchback
03:45 HBO Sneak Peek: The Lord of the Rings: The Two Towers
04:45 The Last Boy Scout
6:45 The Core
09:30 Catwoman
11:45 The Lost Boys
1:45 Wimbledon
STAR MOVIES
10:25 Small Soldiers
12:35 Aliens
03:15 Tremors 3: Back To

05:20 Perfection
07:30 The Touch
07:30 Paid In Full
09:30 First Blood
11:25 A Killer Within
STAR WORLD
07:30 Kevin Hill
08:30 Smallville
09:30 Parkinon
10:30 The Bold And The Beautiful
12:30 Rendezvous With Simi Garewal
01:30 My Wife And Kids
02:00 King Of Queens
02:30 My Big Fat Obnoxious Fian
03:30 Malcolm In The Middle
04:00 The Drew Carey Show
04:30 Smallville
05:30 Desperate Housewives
06:30 North Shore
07:30 The Collector
08:30 Tna Xplosion
09:30 Ghost Hunters
10:30 Little Britain
11:00 Absolute Power
11:30 Cops
DISCOVERY
08:30 Wild Discovery
09:30 Discovery Spotlight
10:30 More Than A Game
11:30 Life On The Edge
12:30 Body Basics
01:30 Nigel Marven Week
02:30 On The Run
03:30 Days That Shook The World
04:30 Wild Discovery
05:30 Beyond Tomorrow
06:30 Adventure Crazy
07:00 Great Cars
07:30 Wild Discovery
08:30 Discovery India
09:30 Feast India

10:00 Yatra-Indian Travels
10:30 Discovery Wings
11:30 Lifestyle Showcase
NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC
08:00 Telebrands
08:30 Explorations
09:00 Africa From The Ground Up
09:30 Dogs With Jobs
12:30 Wildlife Diary
01:30 When Nature Strikes Back
02:30 Air Crash Investigation
03:30 MegaStructures
04:30 Frontline Of Construction
05:30 Sunday Night Specials
07:30 Rough Trades
08:30 Hayden Turner's Wildlife
09:30 Through the Lens
10:30 Pearl Harbour
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STAR SPORTS
08:00 English Premier League Preview
08:30 Pride Fc Archives
10:30 Tna Impact
11:30 Icc Cricket World
12:00 Fifa World Cup Programming
01:00 Fifa World Cup Preview
01:30 A1 Grand Prix Highlights
02:00 Fifa World Cup Preview
02:30 Asian Tour
03:30 Cricket Classics
04:00 Football Asia
04:30 Locker Room
05:00 Uefa Champions League Magazine S
05:30 Cricket Classics
05:57 Formula One Qualifying

07:00 Asian Tour Magazine Show
07:30 Moto Gp Highlights
08:30 Ecb International Cricket
10:00 Asian World Cup Qualifiers
ESPN
08:00 New Zealand Tour Of South Africa
09:30 Here We Go
10:30 Sportscenter Week In Review
11:00 The Football Quiz
12:00 New Zealand Tour Of South Africa
03:30 Sportscenter Week In Review
04:00 New Zealand Tour Of South Africa
08:30 Sportscenter
08:35 Hitz
09:00 Uefa Champions League Magazine S
09:30 Cricket Classics
11:30 Team India Programming
TEN SPORTS
08:00 Gamer TV
09:00 WWE: Velocity
09:30 Rally World
10:00 Gillette World of Sports
10:00 Barca TV
02:00 Beach Volleyball
02:30 Indian Golf Show
03:00 The XFLYS Show : Ep 3
03:30 Chevrolet Cricket Show
05:30 West Indies v Zimbabwe- 2nd ODI, Highlights
06:30 WWE: Experience
07:30 Rally World
07:30 Martini World Circuit
11:00 West Indies v Zimbabwe- 3rd ODI, 1st Session
11:45 West Indies v