

Cinema

Aaina: Women's issues take centre stage

ERSHAD KAMOL

ACCLAIMED actress Kabori Sarwar has emerged as a screen playwright and director through the film Aaina.

Kushum (Sabah), like many poor girls in rural Bangladesh, is a victim of dowry, lechery and other social ills.

The craftsmanship of Kabori Sarwar's screenplay deserves plaudits. The film features the lifestyle of slum-dwellers and garment workers.

At the end of the movie Kushum becomes

the victim of acid violence.

However, Kabori's screenplay is a trifle abrupt at the beginning of the movie while featuring the plight of rural women.

Sabah performed spontaneously in the sequences of love, laughter and others. However, the promising actress failed to do justice to scenes displaying her wrath, anger, and emotion.

The premiere show of Aaina was screened on May 7 at Bashundhara Cineplex.

Earlier, clippings of the other two movies Jiboner Galpo and Rakkhushi, were screened.

Information Minister M Shamsul Islam and Information Secretary



Sabah and Ferdous in a romantic scene in the movie Aaina

Barrister M Haider Ali were the chief and special guest respectively in the programme.

the managing director of Impress Tele-film welcomed the guests and

Shama Rahman Looking back at Tagore

KAVITA CHARANJI

For Tagore singer Shama Rahman, it's not just Tagore's birth anniversary that matters; every day is a celebration of the great bard's life and work.

Explaining what Rabindra Sangeet means to her, she says eloquently, "Tagore songs enrich me greatly. When I am happy, sad or in trouble, I take shelter in Rabindranath. And I like to share the experience with people."

In addition to her singing, Shama is busy shooting for TARA Muzik's weekly programme, titled, Gitobitan. This programme is dedicated to Rabindra Sangeet and features the poet's songs, discussions about his philosophy and his effect on listeners.

"The response I get from my audience, is my greatest reward," says Shama. She recounts an anecdote from one of her memorable performances. Memory takes her back four years to a programme organised in Dhanmondi by her late friend Nasreen Haque, the well-known social activist.



Shama Rahman renders a song

faces," says Shama.

For Shama, nature is a perennial source of inspiration. She is particularly drawn by dusk when she can get a glimpse of the glorious sunset and the vast expanse of the darkening sky.

Shama has trod a long road with Rabindra Sangeet. She began training in this genre from an early

age. Her initial training was at home under the supervision of late Ustad Fazlul Huq with classical music. Later, she studied music at Chhayanat for two years. Finally she was a student at the Bulbul Academy of Fine Arts (BAFA) under late Atiqul Islam for five years.

Shama is now looking at new directions. She says that her interest lies in teaching, where she believes she could "contribute to society and also promote Tagore's music." Meanwhile as an avid Rabindra Sangeet lover, she strives to imbibe his philosophy and songs in her day to day life.

CULTURAL FEAST

Art Exhibition

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

Title: Harmony
Organiser: Bangladesh Artist Welfare Organisation and Delegation of the European Commission in Dhaka
Venue: La Gallerie of Alliance de Dacca
Date: May 7-16
Time: 9am-12pm and 5pm-7pm

Title: Exhibition of Ibsen Commemoration 2006
Organiser: Centre for Asian Theatre, Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy and Norwegian Embassy
Venue: National Art Gallery, Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy
Date: May 10-20
Time: 9am-12pm and 5pm-7pm

Theatre

Play: The Lady from The Sea
Organiser: Department of Theatre and Music, Dhaka University
Venue: Natmondol Auditorium
Date: May 9, 10 and 11

Anniversary celebration of Prangone Mor

Discussions, seminar and musical programme held

CULTURAL CORRESPONDENT

To observe the third anniversary of theatre troupe Prangone Mor, a three-day programme featuring discussions, a seminar and music, ended on May 7.

The songs of Mukunda Das were presented each day of the anniversary celebration. Moreover, the topic of the workshops, seminar and discussions was also on Charan Kabi (bard)

Mukunda Das. Based on Das, the troupe put up its new production titled Loko Nayak. Seasoned theatre activist Nikhil Sen conducted the workshops and presented a keynote paper at the seminar.

The main event of the three-day celebration was held on May 6 at Mahila Samity Stage. On the day, renowned cultural activists of the country such as Asad Chowdhury, Asaduzzaman Noor, MP and others

carried out a discussion on the seminar paper read by Nikhil Sen.

The title of the seminar was 'Social commitment of artist: Bard Mukunda Das and Artists of the day'. Renowned poet-playwright-novelist Syed Shamsul Haq was the chief guest while acclaimed jatra artiste Jyotsna Biswas was the special guest of the programme.

Mukunda Das (1878-1934) began writing nationalist songs and folk plays based on the anti-British swadeshi movement. In his songs, Das called for the boycott of foreign goods and described the oppression by the British in simple, vivid language. Enraged by his songs such as Chhilo dhan gola bhora/ shet indure karo sara (Granaries filled with rice/ destroyed by white mice), Bhoy ki morone rakhite shontane/ matongi metechhe aaj shomor rong, the British government arrested him. However, Das remained undaunted. During the non-cooperation movement in 1922 and the Civil Disobedience Movement in 1930, he continued to inspire people with his songs and plays.

Discussants in the programme urged contemporary artistes to display similar social commitment.



(L-R) Asaduzzaman Noor MP, Ananta Hira, Asad Chowdhury and Nikhil Sen are seen at the discussion programme

Nazrul's plays for children to be staged

Cultural organisation Genesis is set to stage two plays for children by National Poet, Kazi Nazrul Islam. The plays -- Lichu Chor and Khuko



O Kathberali -- will be staged at the Experimental Theatre Hall, Shilpakala Academy starting from 6 pm on May 11, according to a press release.

The plays have been dramatised by Begum Momtaz Hossain and Noor Hossain Rana is the director. Sets have been designed by Shahidul Hassan and Shafiqul Islam. Light designing has been done by Swapan Ahmed and Meraj Ahmed is the music director of the play. Sauro, Dileep, Saquib, Priyanka, Nadi, Liya and play the main roles.

War-films honored at NY's Tribeca fest

REUTERS, New York

Three war-themed films took top prizes at the Tribeca Film Festival during the weekend, as Robert De Niro's fifth annual celebration of New York honored a decidedly political and international selection.

Tristan Bauer's Argentine/Spanish Blessed by Fire (Illuminados por el fuego), the tale of a Falklands War soldier, won the Founders Award for best narrative feature, and Deborah Scranton's The War Tapes, featuring footage from US soldiers in Iraq that presenter Ken Burns hailed for its "spellbinding brutality," took home

the best documentary feature prize.

The audience award went to Linda Hattendorf's The Cats of Mirikitani, the documentary tale of a homeless Japanese-American who lost family members in the nuclear devastation of Hiroshima.

The awards were handed out last Saturday. De Niro and event co-founder Jane Rosenthal, actors Josh Lucas and Lucy Liu and New York film boosters Pat Kaufman and Katherine Oliver found the winners' names wrapped in giant fortune cookies, in synch with the event's Chinatown banquet hall locale, the Golden Bridge.

Egyptian director Marwan

Hamed was named best new narrative filmmaker for The Yacobian Building (Omaret Yacobian), and Turkish helmer Pelin Esmer nabbed best new documentary filmmaker honors for The Play (Oyun).

German actor Jurgen Vogel took home the best actor in a narrative film award for The Free Will (Der Freie Wille), in a performance Lucas hailed as "one of the best I've seen in my life." Czech Republic actress Eva Holubova was named best actress in a narrative film for Holiday Makers (Ucastnici zajezdu).



A scene from Blessed by Fire

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 am, 10:00 am, 11:00 am, 1:00 pm, 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. 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

09:05 Musical Show
09:25 Shashwato Jibon
09:35 Open University
12:15 Sangbad Potrer Pata Theke
12:30 Sastho Tathya
01:30 Sobar Jonno Sikkhra
02:15 Computer Round
02:40 Selected Programme
03:30 Childrens Programme
04:00 Sangeeta
04:30 Prottashar Alo
05:05 Probash Mela
05:30 Talk Show
06:10 Shondha Maloti Programmes
06:35 Broadcast From Chittagong Center
07:00 Quiz Quiz
07:30 Musical Programme
08:45 Drama Serial: Shap Ludu
09:25 Drama Serial: Oronne Onador
10:30 Shonali Shokal

CHANNEL-i
09:30 Shongbad Potrey Bangladesh
10:00 Trityomatra
11:05 Cricket Online
11:30 Amar Chhobi
12:30 Aaj Dupurey O Citycell Tarokathon
01:05 Ebong Cinemar Gaan
01:45 Public Reaction
02:40 Selected Drama
03:30 CITYCELL Medha Bikash
04:20 Syllabus 2006
04:45 Sa Re Ga Ma i-Sports
05:30 i-Speed
06:35 Antoralar Kotha Shera Radhuni 1412
07:50 Chalti Haawa Drama Serial: Shei Tumi Ei Tumi
10:00

ATN BANGLA

10:30 Anyodrishti
11:05 Drama: Ek Akasher Sopno
11:35 Three Stujece
12:15 Amar Computer
12:50 Musical Programme
01:30 Cine Gaan
02:30 Drama Serial: Teen Tekka
03:15 Drama Serial: O Amar Chokkhu Nai
03:45 Dehghori
04:20 Talk Show: Somosamoyik
04:45 Ispahani Pure Snax Quiz Time
05:10 Talk Show: Nari
05:45 Islami Sawal O Jobab
06:20 Aynar Samney
08:00 Drama Serial: Shukhnagor Apartment
08:30 Drama Serial: Ferari Syren
09:00 Atn Taroka
09:40 Mukto Shonglap

Rtv
09:00 Human Nature
10:00 Aaj Potrikay
10:30 Teli Film: Drishti Daan
01:00 Dance Drama: Kaal Mrigoya
02:30 Islamic Programme
03:30 Air Combat
04:00 Tomar Bina Tarer Geeti
05:30 Childrens Programme
06:00 Aker Bangladesh
06:30 Rtv Exclusive
07:30 Sonali Rupali
08:00 Drama Serial: Shimul Toli Ghat
08:50 Jibon Charcha
10:50 Concert

CHANNEL 1
08:40 Shuprobhat Bangladesh

PICK OF THE DAY



Ferari Syren On ATN Bangla at 08:30 pm Drama Serial Cast: Diti, Ahmed Reza Rubel, Sweetsy

10:00 Cartoon
10:30 Bangla Feature Film
01:30 Shesh Belar Gaan
02:00 Robir Gaan
03:00 Drama: Nishad
03:30 Drama: Ki Gaabo Ami Ki Shonabo
12:00 Padma Pare Rabindranath
01:00 Paye Chola Path
02:40 Drama: Nishad
03:50 Hridoy Pane Hridoy Tane
04:20 Ki Gaabo Ami Ki Sonabo
05:15 Cholochitrey Rabindranather Gaan
06:40 Diner Sheshey
08:05 Nirghor

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06:40 Diner Sheshey
08:05 Nirghor

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Chalti Hawa On Channel-i at 8:20 pm Talk Show Host: Samia Zaman

08:35 Shapnobhongo
09:30 Modhur Dhontle Bajey
09:15 Chhino Patar Sajai
09:55 Chitrokalay Rabindranather Gaan
09:30 Out of Sight
12:00 The Salton Sea
02:00 Thought Crimes
03:45 A Match Made In Heaven
05:45 Wild Things 2: The Glades
07:30 Taking Lives
09:30 Lethal Weapon 3
12:00 Two Fists Against the Law
01:45 Out of Sight
04:15 Tupac: Resurrection

STAR MOVIES
08:05 Picture Perfect
10:10 Boiling Point
12:05 Erin Brockovich
04:35 Father Of The Bride Part II
07:05 King Arthur
09:30 2 Fast 2 Furious
11:45 Full Monty, The
08:00 Hollywood Squares
08:30 Whose Line Is It Anyway?
09:00 The Drew Carey Show
09:30 The Oprah Winfrey Show
10:30 My Wife And Kids

11:00 Yes Dear
11:30 My Big Fat Obnoxious Fian
12:30 Still Standing
01:00 Frasier
01:30 The A Team
02:30 Oprah Winfrey Show
03:30 The Bold And The Beautiful
04:30 General Hospital
05:30 Angel
06:25 Sports Update
06:30 The Simpsons
07:00 The King Of Queens
07:30 Friends Sr 8
08:00 Seinfeld
08:30 Dance Fever
09:30 The O.C.
10:30 North Shore
11:25 Sports Update
11:30 Seinfeld

NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC
08:00 Telebrands
08:30 Nat Geo Junior
08:45 Nat Geo Junior
09:00 Nat Geo Junior
09:30 Wildlife Diary
10:00 Nat Geo Junior
10:30 Air Crash Investigation
11:30 Sunday Night Specials
12:30 Sunday Night Specials
01:30 Chasing Time With Hutch
02:00 Chasing Time
03:30 Nat Geo Wild
04:00 NG WILD
04:30 Nat Geo Junior
04:45 Nat Geo Junior
05:00 Nat Geo Junior
05:30 Wildlife Diary
06:00 Nat Geo Junior
06:30 Wild! Life Adventures
07:30 Storm Stories
09:00 Storm Stories
08:30 Adventure Challenge

09:30 Adventure Challenge
10:30 Monday Mystery
11:30 Built for the Kill
DISCOVERY
08:30 Nigel Marven Week
09:30 Days that Shook the World
10:30 Seven Wonders of the Industrial World
11:30 Extreme Machines
12:30 For Women Only
01:00 In Therapy
01:30 Wild Discovery
02:30 Discovery Stories
03:30 Truth or Scare
04:00 Popular Mechanics for Kids
04:30 Nigel Marven Week
05:30 Greatest Ever Challenge
06:30 Wild Discovery
08:30 Science Frontiers
9:30 Mythbusters
10:30 Building the Biggest
11:30 True Crime Scene

STAR SPORTS
08:30 Extreme Programming
09:30 A1 Grand Prix Highlights
10:30 The Rugby Show
12:30 English Premier Football League
02:30 Brazilian Football
04:30 Tna Wrestling Programming
05:30 International Motorsports News
06:30 Tna Wrestling Programming
07:30 Football Extra
08:00 Cricket Classics
08:30 Australia Tour Of South Africa
10:00 Fifa World Cup Preview
10:02 Fifa World Cup Preview
10:30 Sportscenter India
10:32 Tna Wrestling

Programming
Sportscenter India
11:32 Indian Premier Hockey League
ESPN
08:00 Kardio Knockout
08:30 Asian X-Games Qualifiers
09:00 New Zealand Tour Of South Africa
10:30 Icc Cricket World English Premier League Highlight
12:00 New Zealand Tour Of South Africa
01:28 New Zealand Tour Of South Africa
03:30 The Football Quiz
04:00 New Zealand Tour Of South Africa
08:30 Sportscenter
09:00 Sportscenter
09:30 Uefa Champions League Magazine S
10:00 Inside The Game
10:30 Sportscenter
11:30 Fifa World Cup Programming

TEN SPORTS
08:00 Gamer TV
10:00 WWE: Raw
11:00 Italian League Highlights
12:00 Trans World Sports
02:00 Barca TV
3:00 Legends
03:30 Gamer TV
05:30 Portuguese League:Boavista v Porto (Final Round)
07:30 WWE: Smackdown Inside Grand Prix: Spanish West Indies v Zimbabwe- 4th ODI, Highlights