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CULTURAL FEAST

Theatre Festival Title: Ibsen Commemoration '06.



Venue: National Theatre Stage

Date: May 13 Play: Ghost Troupe: Ibsen Performance Group

Date: May 14 Play: Uporwala Troupe: Aranyak Natya Dal

Date: May 15 Play: Dushman Troupe: Ajoka Theatre

All the shows at this venue at 7:15 pm

Venue: Experimental Theatre Stage Date: May 13

Play: The Lady from the Sea **Troupe**: Department of Theatre and

Play: Shokhi Bhalobasha Kare Koy Troupe: Department of Drama and

Play: John Gabriel Borkman Troupe: Theatre and Music

All shows at this venue at 5 pm

Art Exhibition Artist: Nazia Andaleeb Preema

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

Organisation and Delegation of the European Commission in Dhaka Venue: La Gallerie of Alliance de

Organiser: Bangladesh Artist Welfare

Date: May 7-16 Time: 9am-12pm and 5pm-7pm

Commemoration 2006 Organiser: Centre for Asian Theatre, Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy and Norwegian Embassy Venue: National Art Gallery, Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy Date: May 10-20

Title: Exhibition of Ibsen

Title: Get together Venue: Zainul Gallery. Institute of Fine

Date: May 10-15 Time: 10:00am-7:30pm

Time: 9am-12pm and 5pm-7pm

9th Calligraphy **Exhibition 2006**

Venue: National Museum gallery **Date:** May 6-22 Time: 10:00am-5:00pm (except Thursdays)

Ibsen commemoration '06

Festival begins with conference, theatre and film screening

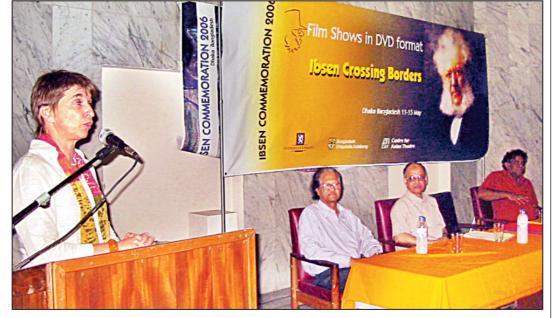
ERSHAD KAMOL

HE main events of Ibsen commemo-ration '06, Bangladesh, a festival to celebrate the centenary death anniversary of Henrik Ibsen, began on May 11 at the National Theatre Stage, Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy (BSA).

Norwegian Ambassador Aud Lise Norheim inaugurated International Ibsen Conference and theatre festival. The conference was chaired by Professor Zillur Rahman Siddiqui. ATM Ataur Rahman, secretary, Ministry of Cultural Affairs and Ahmed Nazir, director general, BSA were the special guests at the opening ceremony. Convenor of the festival Kamaluddin Nilu delivered the welcome speech

Two theatre personalities were honourd in the opening ceremony. The winners of Ibsen Awards are Ebrahim Alkazi, India, from Asia and Terje Merli, Norway, from Europe.

Ebrahim Alkazi, the former director of National School of Drama and Asian Theatre Institute, Delhi, has had a long and significant contribution in theatre, contemporary Indian art and preservation of India's cultural heritage. He received prestigious Padma Shri and Padma Bhushan award provided by the



Norwegian Ambassador Aud Lise Norheim speaking at the film screening (Top), a scene from the play Resurrection

Indian government in recognition of his contribution. On behalf of Ebrahim Alkazi, Utpal Banarjee received the laurel.

Acclaimed Norwegian director Terje Maeril has won goodwill in Europe as a specialist director on

Ibsen's plays. He has directed over 100 stage plays including 32 productions of Ibsen's 16 plays After the opening, Merete

Morken Andersen presented the keynote paper in the International Ibsen Conference titled 'Sociopolitical aspects of Ibsen's plays'. Professor Kabir Chowdhury chaired the conference while Professor Niaz Zaman was the discussant on Andersen's paper. Later, a film screening session

titled 'Ibsen Crossing Borders' was inaugurated at the plaza of National Art Gallery, BSA. The event started with screening of Faridur Rahman's documentary Ibsen in Bangladesh.

Faridur Rahman's documentary eatures the relevance of Henrik Ibsen's plays in Bangladesh. In course of doing that Rahman has drawn a brief history of including Ibsen's plays in the curriculum of different Departments of Universities in Bangladesh. Ibsen in Bangladesh also features contribution of the organisations such as

Bangla Academy, Bishwa Shahitya Kendra and Bangladesh Television for popularising Ibsen's plays in the country. Clips from Ibsen's plays staged in Bangladesh are included in the documentary.

Ibsen in Bangladesh ends with featuring the events of ongoing Ibsen Commemoration '06, Bangladesh.N The final event of the day was

staging of Resurrection, a Centre for Asian Theatre production at the National Theatre Stage.

Written by Kamaluddin Nilu, the play reconstructing different plays written by Henrik Ibsen, features his life, philosophy and approach to art. Kamaluddin Nilu directs Resurrection.

Centre for Asian Theatre in colleboration with BSA and supported by Royal Norwegian Embassy has arranged the Ibsen memoration Festival '06

Alakesh Ghosh A painter with a penchant for landscapes

FAYZA HAQ

Tracing his artistic career. Alakesh Ghosh says, "I embarked on this path at the then Art College of Arts and Crafts in 1967. From then on I've been concentrating on painting, drawing and sketching. Till 2005, my efforts have been mostly watercol our. I work at every possible time, available to me -- my routine has fluctuated with the passage of time. If I have to portray something old as in the 100 years of Dhaka exhibit at Shilpangan, this naturally requires some time and contemplation.

Alokesh had been working in mixed-media, having graduated from simple watercolour, using magic markers. He has been influenced by Mohammed Kibria and Mohammed Fida Hussain, in his projection of landscapes and portraits. So far he has presented landscapes of different scenes in Bangladesh, such as Khagrachari, Bandarban and Sundarban.

Furthermore, Alakesh had inspiration and guidance from Zainul Abedin and Janabul Islam, who

A Painting by Alakesh ghosh, the artist (Top)

encouraged him to do watercolours, Earlier, he had Safiuddin Ahmed to spark off his imagination and drive. n portraits, he had Quamrul Hassan, to egg him on. "Mainly, I try to bring in the poetry and beauty of nature," he says.

At 54, he repeatedly portrays the images most dear to his heart --Bangladeshi landscapes. Today, he presents an in-depth picture of Bangladesh, past and present. He is, in particular, desperately seeking to preserve the beauty of Dhaka's cultural heritage, particularly, as regards historic historical monuments, Panamnagar, Sonargaon (last exhibited at Saju Art Gallery, Shilpangan and Shilparag). He has done about 1,000 watercolours on the subject of Dhaka alone.

Asked to comment about the amalgamation of western influence. taught at the Department of Fine Arts, DU, from the outset, with that of the East, he says, "There's been the influence of Rabindranath Tagore during the last century. Zainul Abedin, SM Sultan, Quamrul Hassan, Safiuddin Ahmed and Mohammed



Kibria had always been forward looking, and inclined towards an nternational outlook. They all carry an impressionistic approach, from time to time. I too follow Manet and Gauguin, with different colours and varied techniques.

He mixes and blends, to the best of his knowledge. His works vary from water-colour to mixed media, in which he includes acrylic. He includes white acrylic when he left the paper white in his water-colours.

Touching on the manner in which he works, prodded to give more details about the progress of his paintings, Alakesh says, "When I wish to journey into painting or mixed-media in a very serious way. I envisage my theme in my mind and compose as I go along. I don't believe in making primary sketches or colour lay-outs. I approach the paper or canvas directly. Having begun, the composition steadily takes its own shape. As I play with my colours, brushes and surfaces the picture is completed. Sometimes, at mid-point, when

look at my work critically, I add more colours to the surface. I might put aside my work and make a further improvement in the work, in about a couple of months.

Cultural enthusiasts form human chain in Comilla

A CORRESPONDENT, Comilla

A human chain was formed recently at the Pubali Chattar in the town in demand of holding the national programme of Poet Kazi Nazrul Islam's 107th birth anniversary in

Members of Nazrul Parishad, Comilla, representatives from different socio-cultural organisations students and intellectuals attended the event with banners. Convener of the programme.

Professor Amir Ali Chowdhury; joint convener, Zahirul Haq Dulal; general secretary of Nazrul Parishad, Comilla Advocate Rostam Ali; general secretary, Cultural Complex, Professor Hasan Imam and others spoke at the occasion.



The human chain formed in Comilla

"Munnabhai" seguel to hit the silver screen

MBBS is ready for release The much-hyped film has a tentative title: Munnabhai Lage Raho. Apparently, producer Vidhu Vinod Chopra was keen on the name Munnabhai 2nd Innings. However he had to give way as a poll ferred Munnabhai Lage

"About 83 percent of people voted for Munna- A scene from Munnabhai MBBS

. bhai Lage Raho, compared to Munnabhai 2nd Innings," says a source. Earlier, the film was titled Munnabhai Meets The Mahatma but the producers wanted to steer clear of controversy, and changed the name. One of the most-awaited films of the year, the sequel has the original cast

- Sanjay Dutt, Arshad Warsi, Boman Irani. They are joined by Vidya Balan and Dia Mirza. Like the original, the sequel is directed by Raju Hirani. Hopefully the film will be greeted by laughter like its predecessor.

Blaine removed from water-bubble

Magician David Blaine was unconscious and having convulsions when he was rescued from his 8-foot aguarium during a breath-holding stunt, his trainer said last Tuesday.

"I wasn't focused on records; I was thinking of a rescue," said trainer Kirk Krack, a free-diving expert. Blaine was convulsing and to the surface. If we hadn't intervened, he would still be at the bottom of the sphere doing a breath-

The 33-year-old illusionist had been submerged in the aquarium with an oxygen mask for a week. Rescue divers jumped into the 2,000-gallon saltwater tank Monday night and hauled him up.

He was rescued as he struggled to break a breath-holding record of 8 minutes. 58 seconds. Blaine. who

had spent some 177 hours underwater, went without air for 7 minutes, 8 seconds as a finale to his endurance stunt at Lincoln Center, which was televised live on ABC.



from the water tank

Divers rescuing Blaine in chains

Nba Action

TV GUIDE

PICK OF THE DAY

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 .mq 00:8.mg News (English) at 3:00 pm. 10:00 pm.

11:30 pm. CHANNEL-i News (Bangla) at 7:15 am. 9:00am,

Late Night News (Bangla and English)

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.1:00pm.3:00 pm. 4:00pm.6:00 pm and 8:00 pm.

News Headlines (Bangla) at 10:00 am.

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12:00 am. 6:15 pm. 9:30 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

BBC WORLD

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On ATN Bangla at 08:00 pm **Drama Serial** Cast: Sweety, Shahed, Deepa Khondokar Sada Kalo Chhobi O

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Host: Shykh Seraj

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Human Nature

Hridoye Mati O Manush

Genre: Agricultural Programme

On Channel-i at 09:35pm

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01:30 The New Guy 05:15 Thought Crimes Gothika 07:00 HBO Sneak Peek: The 09:00 Da Vinci Code

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Bordello Of Blood

In Good Company

The Time Machine

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 Wild Discovery 02:30 On The Run 03:30 Days That Shook The World 04:30 Wild Discovery 05:30 **Beyond Tomorrow** 06:30 Adventure Crazv 07:00

Catch That Kid

STAR WORLD

Parkinson

Beautiful

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Yes Dear

North Shore

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Little Britain

Cops

Ghost Hunters

Absolute Power

Dr. Dolittle (Mega

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My Wife And Kids

Rendezvous With Simi

My Big Fat Obnoxious

Malcolm In The Middle

The Drew Carey Show

Desperate Housewives

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11:30 Nat Geo Junior 11:45 Nat Geo Junior 12:00 Nat Geo Junior 12:30 Wildlife Diary Wildlife Diary 01:00 When Nature Strikes 01:30 Back 02:30

Air Crash Investigation 03:30 Rough Trades 08:00 Rough Trades Hayden Turner's Wildlife 08:30 09:00 Hayden Turner's Wildlife 09:30 Lost Film of Dian Fossey

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08:30 Pride Fc Archives 09:30 Pride Fc Archives 10:30 Tna Impact 11:30 ICC Cricket World

12:00 Asian World Cup Qualifiers 02:00 Asian Tour Magazine 02:30 Locker Room 03:00 Atp Masters Series 04:30 Atp Masters Series 05:57 07:00

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Football Asia

Sbk Superbike

ICC Cricket World

Formula One Qualifying The Fa Cup - "Road To Glory" Fa Cup 10:00 The Fa Cup - "Final

08:00 Nba Playoffs 10:00 Here We Go

ESPN

Sportscenter 11:00 Week In Review Sri Lanka Tour Of 11:30 England 13:30 The Football Quiz The Football Quiz 14:00 14:30 Sri Lanka Tour Of England 15:28 Sri Lanka Tour Of England

17:30 Sportscenter Week In Review 18:00 Sri Lanka Tour Of England 22:30 Sportscenter 22:35 New Zealand Tour Of South Africa

TEN SPORTS 07:30 Gamer TV

WWE: Velocity 09:00 Rally World 09:30 Gillette World of Sports 12:30 Barca TV Trans World Sports 01:30 02:00 Indian Golf Show 02:30 The XYLYS Show: Ep 4 03:00 Chevrolet Cricket Show 05:00 West Indies v Zimababwe- 5th ODI. Highlights 06:00 WWE: Experience Rally World

06:30 07:00 The XYLYS Show

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Zimababwe- 6th ODI. Lunch