

CULTURAL FEAST

Art Exhibition



Title: Dynamic 5
Venue: Zainul Gallery, Institute of Fine Art
Date: May 17-23
Time: 11am-6pm

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

Title: Moves by Matthias Gebert
Venue: Goethe-Institut Dhaka
Date: May 21-June 1
Time: 10am-8pm

Theatre
Play: Lady From The Sea
Organiser: Space and Acting Research Center and Advancing Public Interest Trust
Venue: Rabinindra Sarobar, Dharmondi
Date: May 20-23
Time: 7:00pm

9th Calligraphy Exhibition 2006

Venue: National Museum gallery
Date: May 6-22
Time: 10:00am-5:00pm

Canadian Film Festival

Organiser: Zahir Raihan
Film Society
Venue: German Cultural Centre
Date: May 22
Movie: Water
Time: 2:00pm
Movie: Exotica
Time: 4:00pm
Movie: Ararat
Time: 5:45pm
Movie: Where the Truth Lies
Time: 7:45pm

Date: May 24
Movie: Dead Ringers
Time: 2:30pm
Movie: Crash
Time: 4:30pm
Movie: Spider
Time: 6:15pm
Movie: A History of Violence
Time: 8:00pm

Terje Mærli Winner of the Ibsen Award '06

ERSHAD KAMOL

NORWEGIAN director-playwright Terje Mærli is one of the two winners of the Ibsen Award provided in the Ibsen Commemoration Festival '06, Bangladesh. He has received the honour for his outstanding career in theatre in Norway and abroad. The other winner of Ibsen Award is seasoned Indian theatre personality Ebrahim Alkazi. Mærli is particularly renowned as a director of Henrik Ibsen's plays. He has so far directed around 100 theatre performances including 32 productions of 16 plays by Ibsen.

Mærli has participated in the seminars and international conference in the Ibsen Commemoration '06 Bangladesh, besides observing the plays.

What is his impression of the festival? "Productions are very interesting, which has enriched my views. I've got new ideas to develop. And Ibsen Commemoration '06, Bangladesh is a well-organised theatre festival," says Mærli.

To compare and contrast the presentation of Ibsen's plays in the orient and the west, Mærli says, "Directors in Asia basically emphasise on the political issues in the presentation of Ibsen's plays, where as the directors from Northern Europe have different interpretation of the same plays. As we find huge gap between the socio-political scenario of Ibsen's days and contemporary Europe, the Northern European directors emphasise on the psychological and mythological aspects of the characters in Ibsen's plays.

"In the Scandinavian countries there is less political turmoil, social injustice and environmental pollu-



Terje Mærli PHOTO: STAR

tion: the major aspects of Ibsen's plays, compared to the rest part of the world. So, Ibsen's plays need different interpretations in these days in the region. That is why we try to unveil the conflict between the inner and outer self of a person, crises of existence and mental pollution (pollution within) of human beings through Ibsen's plays."

To analyse his own style, director Terje Mærli says, "I don't believe in 'realism' in my directorial compositions. First of all I take away all the 'living room' sequences of Ibsen's plays, in which most of the actions of the text take place. Through the actions and body language of the actors I create required compositions on an empty stage. In case of

sets, simple but quality light is used to create the ambience. Instead of the realistic costumes, I prefer 'masks', to portray duality in Ibsen's characters, as these characters can be interpreted in different ways. In case of characterisation, I like to avoid doing any overview of the multidimensional characters of the plays. And I dictate my actors at the initial stage to 'get in the frame' of the play, and then allow little freedom during choreography."

Besides Norway, he has directed Ibsen's plays in Denmark, Germany, Japan and Sweden. And he asserts that the people from the Scandinavian countries get advantage during the staging of Ibsen's play more than the people from rest part of the world.

Terje Mærli is also a playwright. In his plays he basically deals with 'existentialism philosophy' or crises of existence. And he thinks as a playwright he is influenced by French philosopher-playwright Camus and Sartre. He has also directed TV drama based on Ibsen's plays.

On the current theatre scenario of Norway Terje Mærli says, "All the theatre groups in Norway are professional. At least 20 troupes are government subsidised. And there are many troupes, which do not get subsidy, but are doing quality theatre. And rich theatre curriculum is included in all the public universities.

Prior to receiving the Ibsen Award in Dhaka, Terje Mærli has been honoured with prestigious awards including the Amanda Award, Theatre Critics' Award and Scandinavian National Theatre Award.

Ibsen Commemoration '06, Bangladesh Bhattiprostor: An Anya Chetana production



A scene from Bhattiprostor PHOTO: STAR

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A realistic 'living room' ambience was created on the stage, and when the action began the audience saw Krishnadas Halder (Shankar Bhattacharya), an MLA of West Bengal, busy with his political, business oriented and social activities in the role of a true 'pillar of the society'.

This is how the play *Bhattiprostor*, an adaptation of Henrik Ibsen's *Pillars of the Society*, an Anya Chetana, Kolkata production began on May 18. The play was staged at the National Theatre Stage as part of the ongoing theatre festival titled 'Staging Ibsen in Asia', which is a part of the Ibsen Commemoration '06, Bangladesh programme.

The central character of *Bhattiprostor*, Krishnadas Halder is a god-like figure in his locality for his honesty. However, he has a dark past. To achieve the heights where he is today, he had often made his close relatives scapegoats of his own crimes. Debabrata Dasgupta's adaptation adequately represents the structure, story and messages -- selfishness and existence crisis -- of Ibsen's original play.

Though all the actions take place in the living room, Debabrata Dasgupta's directorial composition is balanced. He has successfully created the conflicts: between inner and outer self of Krishnadas; between Krishnadas and Sitesh, his brother-in-law whom he had framed for cheating; Krishnadas and Lila,

Celebrating memorable Bangla songs of last 100 years

Album launch of Shotoborsher Bangla Gaan

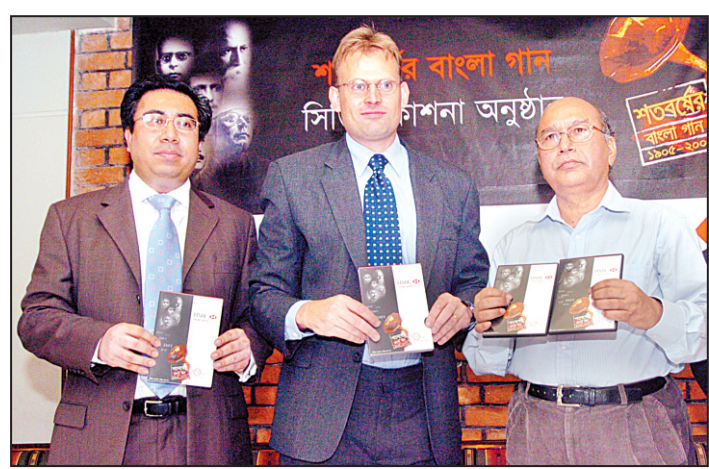
KARIM WAHEED

The Hong Kong and Shanghai Banking Corporation Ltd (HSBC) celebrated the excellence in Bangla music through a musical soiree in February this year.

The colossal event included several A-listed artists performing Bangla songs, composed over the last 100 years, back to back.

Due to popular requests and to preserve the songs presented at that event, HSBC took an initiative to record the performances in three CDs. The collection of these albums titled *Shotoborsher Bangla Gaan* was launched at a restaurant on May 18. Including 38 songs, the collection also contains a brochure with commentary on some of the songs from selected eras.

Noted researcher and music expert Dr Karunamoy Goswami; Md Mahub-Ur-Rahman, corporate banking head of HSBC; Steve Banner, CEO of HSBC Bangladesh and Mustafizur R Khan, manager marketing and public, spoke at the event. Shujeeo Shyam, music direc-



(L-R) Md Mahub-Ur-Rahman, Steve Banner and Dr Karunamoy Goswami at the album launch

tor of the *Shotoborsher Bangla Gaan* concert and artists who had performed at the concert Shaheen Samad, Khayrul Anam Shakil, Chandona Majumdar and Mahiuzzaman Chowdhury also attended the event.

Md Mahubur Rahman said in his

upholding the local culture and heritage.

"Since the songs have been recorded live at the concert, quality of sound effects may not be that great in certain songs but I'm sure music aficionados will overlook that."

Dr Karunamoy Goswami said, "Music is the richest and yet most vulnerable point of the Bangalee culture. HSBC's initiatives to promote Bangla music are certainly commendable. I hope, their endeavours continue and Bangla music lovers can enjoy more such treats like these albums."

Added attraction of the album launch was performances by artists attending the event.

The collection of albums is a limited edition and not available for purchase. However, HSBC Bangladesh has launched an online promotion for non-resident Bangladeshis (NRB). First 500 qualifying NRBs, who apply via HSBC Bangladesh's website will receive these albums.

Documentary on Ferdousi Majumdar to be aired today

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National Award winning documentary *Jibon O Abhinoy: Ferdousi Majumdar* will be aired today at 1:05pm on ATN Bangla.

The documentary, planned and directed by Abdullah Al Mamun, highlights the accomplishments and life of noted theatre and TV actress Ferdousi Majumdar. In the Bangladeshi acting scenario Ferdousi has attained an iconic status for her immense contribution to theatre.

During her decades-spanning career she has been involved with radio, theatre, television and the silver screen. This multifaceted actress has impressed the audience with her diverse roles in several TV plays and serials.

In the documentary Ferdousi talks about the interesting incidents in her life. From the vast array of TV serials she has done, clips from her ten best serials have been included in the documentary. The documentary also features noted actors Ramendu



Ferdousi Majumdar in a scene from the documentary

Majumdar, Subarna Mustafa, Abdul Kader, Tropa Majumdar and several others.

Poet Shamsur Rahman, Professor Kabir Choudhury, Syed Shamsul Haque, Mamunur Rashid, and Aly Zaker have talked about Ferdousi in the documentary as well.

Anwar Hossain has done filming of the 80-minute long documentary. In the prelude of the documentary Munni Shaha talks to Ferdousi.

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) at 11:30 pm.

CHANNEL-i
 News (Bangla) at 7:15 am, 9:00am, 2:00pm, 7:00pm, 9:00pm, 10:30pm, 12:15 am.

CHANNEL 1
 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) at 8:20am, 7:00pm
 Telecast of BTV News (Bangla and English) at 11:30 pm.

ntv
 News Headlines (Bangla) at 10:00 am, 12:00 am, 6:15 pm, 9:30 pm.
 News (Bangla) at 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 Open University
 10:00 Satellite Broadcast
 12:15 *Shangbad Potrer Pata Thekey*
 12:30 *Shawastho Tatthya Nebedon*
 01:00 Cartoon
 02:40 *Bangla Feature Film Nobo Anondey Jago*
 05:05 Wrestling
 06:10 *Laulik Bangla*
 07:00 *Shafoyo Gatha*
 08:35 Drama: *Shundar Ar Koto Shundar*
 09:00 *Teknaf Thekey Tetulia*

CHANNEL i
 09:45 *Public Reaction Tritiyo Matra*
 09:50 *Na Bola Kotha Mukto Bazar*
 11:30 *Aj Dupurey O Citycell Tarokakothon(Live)*
 12:30 *Ebong Cinemar Gaan*
 01:05 *Shangbadpotrey Bangladesh*
 01:30 *Public Reaction Tritiyo Matra*
 02:40 *Shath Rong*
 04:05 Educational Programme
 04:30 *Sa Re Ga Ma Sharif Melamine*
 05:30 *Cholochitra Sangeet Mala*
 06:00 Music Plus
 06:20 Drama Serial: *Bhalobasha Manusher*
 07:50 Drama Serial: *Bishudho Onuprobesh*
 08:20 Drama Serial: *Ar Halo Na Jaoa*
 09:35 *Hridoye Mati O*

Manush
 Drama Serial: *Korkot Ajker Shongbad Potro*

ATN BANGLA
 10:30 *Onyodrishti*
 11:05 Drama Serial: *Hortoner Bibi Propok*
 11:35 Musical Programme
 03:45 *Shurer Madhuri*
 04:20 Childrens Programme
 05:10 Job Vacancy
 05:45 *Islami Sawal O Jobab*
 06:20 *Danish 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 *Ajker Shokal Magic Magic O Washington Barta*
 08:40 Dhakar Cinema
 01:05 *Muktangan*
 02:35 Drama Serial: *Kachher Manush Tomader Pelo*
 03:15 Drama Serial: *Bhalobasha*
 03:50 Drama Serial: *Kuhak*
 04:25 Horlicks Genius
 05:20 Drama Serial: *Alokat*
 06:20 *Shubho Shondhya Amra Ekon Unish Kuri*
 08:25 Drama Serial:

PICK OF THE DAY



Jol Pore Pata Nore
 On ATN Bangla at 08:00 pm
 Drama Serial
 Cast: Sweety, Shahed, Deepa Khondokar



Hridoye Mati O Manush
 On Channel-i at 09:35pm
 Genre: Agricultural Programme
 Host: Shykh Seraj

Romizer Aaina
 Single Episode
 Drama: *Shei Tumi*

Dindapan
 11:25

CHANNEL 1
 08:40 *Shuprobhat Bangladesh*
 10:00 Cartoon
 10:30 *Taka Ana Pai*
 03:00 *Kaal Kolha*
 03:30 *Chhobial*
 07:00 *Bagan Bilash*
 08:15 Drama Serial: *Society*
 09:00 Drama Serial: *Dui Shubho Panch*
 09:30 Concert
 11:00 *Chokh Maley Dekhi*

Rtv
 09:00 *Human Nature*
 09:30 *Japito Jibon*
 10:00 *Aj Potrekey*
 10:30 *Sa Sa Dhin Tai*
 02:30 *Alok Dhara*
 03:30 *Bangla Film*
 06:30 *Rtv Exclusive*
 06:35 *Just Band*
 08:00 *Gopshod*
 08:50 *R Music*
 10:50 Drama Serial: *High Tension*

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 08:30 *Shuvo Shokal*
 09:00 Cartoon

09:30 Drama Serial: *Sheidin Choltra Mash*
 10:00 *Talk Show: Amar Ami*
 10:30 Drama Serial: *Projapati Din*
 12:00 *Media Bhubon*
 02:30 *Saturday Cinema*
 05:00 *Jibondhara*
 05:30 *Ebong Classer Bairey*
 06:40 *Diner Sheshey*
 08:05 Drama Serial: *Krishno Pokkho*
 08:40 *Travel Show: Desher Pothey*
 09:15 Drama Serial: *Tobuo Bhalobashi*
 09:50 Magazine Programme: *Shaht Shotero*

HBO
 10:15 *Phantom Force*
 12:00 *The Game*
 02:30 *Invasion USA*
 04:45 *Darkman II: The Return of Durant*
 06:45 *Godzilla*
 09:30 *Scooby Doo 2: Monsters Unleashed*
 11:30 *Outbreak*
 02:00 *Donnie Darko*

STAR MOVIES
 09:00 *Hoosiers*
 11:15 *Borrowers, The*
 01:05 *King Arthur*
 03:30 *Tales From The Crypt: Demon Knight*

05:20 *Twins Effect*
 07:25 *Out Of Time*
 09:30 *National Treasure*

STAR WORLD
 08:30 *Smallville*
 09:30 *Parkinson*
 10:30 *The Bold And The Beautiful*
 12:30 *Rendezvous With Simi Garewal*
 01:00 *Travel Asia*
 01:30 *My Wife And Kids*
 02:00 *Yes Dear*
 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 *Philly*
 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 *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 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 *Wild Family Secrets*
 09:30 *Dogs With Jobs*
 10:00 *Dogs With Jobs*
 10:30 *The Gospel of Judas*
 12:30 *Nat Geo Reveals*
 01:30 *Nat Geo Reveals*
 02:30 *Sunset Bollywood*
 03:30 *Sunday Night Specials*
 05:30 *Nat Geo Reveals*
 06:30 *Nat Geo Reveals*
 07:30 *Rough Trades*
 08:00 *Rough Trades*
 08:30 *Inside Mecca*
 09:30 *Inside NFL Films*
 10:30 *Ultimate Survivor*
 08:30 *Pride Fc Archives*
 09:30 *Pride Fc Archives*
 10:30 *Tra Impact*
 11:30 *Atp Masters Series*
 01:00 *Atp Masters Series*
 03:00 *Football Asia*
 03:30 *Icc Cricket World*
 04:00 *Formula One Highlights*
 05:00 *Skb Superbike*
 05:30 *Moto Gp Highlights*
 06:30 *Asian Tour Magazine Show*
 07:00 *Epl Celebration*
 09:00 *Asian World Cup Qualifiers*
 11:00 *Super Spells*
 11:30 *Asian Tour*

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10:00 *Sportscenter Week In Review*
 10:30 *Cricket Classics*
 11:00 *Hitz*
 11:30 *Team India Programming*
 01:00 *Cricket Classics*
 02:00 *Cricket Classics*
 03:00 *Sportscenter Week In Review*
 03:30 *Fifa World Cup Programming*
 05:30 *Fifa World Cup Programming*
 07:30 *Fifa World Cup Preview*
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 11:30 *Fifa World Cup Programming*

TEN SPORTS
 08:00 *Gamer TV*
 09:00 *WWE: Velocity*
 09:30 *Rally World*
 10:00 *Gillette World of Sports*
 12:00 *West Indies v India: 1st ODI Highlights*
 01:00 *Golf Highlights*
 02:00 *Trans World Sports*
 02:30 *Indian Golf Show*
 03:00 *The XFLYS Show : Ep 5*
 03:30 *French Tennis Preview*
 05:30 *West Indies v India: 1st ODI Highlights*
 06:30 *WWE: Experience*
 07:00 *Chevrolet Cricket Show*
 08:30 *West Indies v India : Straight Drive*
 09:00 *West Indies v India: 2nd*

ESPN
 07:30 *Nba Playoffs*