

Greater endeavour needed in preserving Nazrul's work

National Poet's 107th Birth Anniversary celebrated



Dancers performing at the event

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TO celebrate our National Poet Kazi Nazrul Islam's 107th birth anniversary, Nazrul Institute is holding a book fair, discussions, cultural programmes and more at the Institute premises. The celebrations began on May 26.

before that would agree that there have been significant changes in rendering Nazrul songs. The gayakee (style of rendition) of Nazrul songs has a distinction; back in the day Nazrul artists used to highlight those certain nuances.



Asadul Haque speaking at the discussion

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Asadul Haque said, "For Tagore enthusiasts and individuals interested in doing research on the poet, all the essential documents, scripts and more are available at Rabindra Sadan in Shantiniketan. Vishwabarati has been preserving Tagore's songs with utmost care and it has the copyrights to all the songs, thus restricting distortion.

Aruna Biswas Changing tracks

CULTURAL CORRESPONDENT

"Right from my childhood I wanted to be a director. I don't know what I understood of direction back then, but it was always my dream."

Bold and beautiful, charismatic yet down to earth is the picture one gets of this actress who has acted in over 80 movies and is fast gaining a reputation for being a versatile TV serial director.

Daughter of the legendary jatra artistes Amulendu Biswas and Jyotsna Biswas, Aruna is back with a new avatar after spending over six years in Canada. She came face to face with acting at the tender age of four when her father's colleagues prompted him to cast her in a small role in one of his plays.



Aruna Biswas

As both her parents were in the line of acting and direction, Aruna grew up hearing them speak about Gene Hackman, Julie Andrews, Uttam Kumar, Gone with the Wind, Ben Hur and plan their next jatrपाला. They needed to do intensive research on these subjects for their work. During those times the resources were limited. All of this inspired her to be a director herself.

determined self starter was confident that in time she would manage to touch the hearts of her audiences. In a span of one year she completed Dolonchampa by Kazi Nazrul Islam, Boner Papiya and Dristhidaan by Rabindranath Tagore which finally won her accolades from the audience and critics.

Aruna feels that directors in Bangladesh stress only on the big actors in the industry. According to her each person in a serial has an important role to play and the quality of each character should be dealt with equally. She also disagrees with the glamour doll role that is stressed upon in movies and serials.

Being a woman in the director's shoes is not an easy job says Aruna. It is very challenging and many obstacles need to be overcome. "Not that I have been discriminated against in this field, but in the social context of our country it is still a man's world where women have to work that extra bit to carve out a niche for themselves."

Aruna dreams of making an international movie someday which will win Bangladesh international recognition and fame.

CULTURAL FEAST

Dance Evening

Organiser: Nityanchal Venue: Shishu Academy Auditorium Date: May 28 Time: 7pm

Group Exhibition

Title: Clay With Curve Artists: Dr Farida Zaman, Mir Mustafa Ali, Maran Chand Paul, Dr Enamul Haque and Mustafa Sawkhat Kamal Venue: Zainul Gallery, Institute of Fine Arts, Dhaka University Date: May 25-31 from 11am to 7pm

Exhibition

Title: A Splendid Tradition: Exhibition of Dharmraj Metal Craft Organiser: Bengal Gallery of Fine Arts and American Centre Venue: Bengal Gallery of Fine Arts Date: May 24- June 2 Time: 12 noon-8pm

Film Screenings

Title: Raj Kapoor's Death Anniversary Organiser: High Commission of India, Dhaka Venue: Indian Cultural Centre, House#25, Road#96, Gulshan Date: June 2 Movie: Awara June 3 Movie: Shree 420 June 4 Movie: Barsaat

Krishi Budget Krishoker Budget on Channel i



A farmer raises a point in the programme

CULTURAL CORRESPONDENT

The 3rd episode of the pre-budget discussion titled Krishi Budget Krishoker Budget will be re-tecast today at 11:30am on Channel i. Popular show on agriculture, Hridoye Mati O Manush, which provides a showcase for all aspects of farming and rural life, organised this discussion. The agriculture sector of National Budget 2006-2007 is the central feature of the show. Hosted by Shaikh Siraj, the

No Fanaa in Gujarat

Fearing attacks on theatres in the state, the Multiplex Association of Gujarat has decided not to screen Amir Khan's forthcoming film Fanaa.

The decision comes after violent protests in cities including Ahmedabad and Vadodara, following Amir's remarks against the Gujarat government and Chief Minister Narendra Modi a few weeks ago.

According to the president of the Multiplex Association of Gujarat, some multiplexes had to stop screening

X-Men 3: A let down?

Brett Ratner's X-Men: The Last Stand is more like Godfather III, a major let down. Singer's replacement director has made the characters so cartoonish that they're barely recognisable. The grace and intelligence Singer brought to the project are missing.

Magneto is back in the new X-Men, violently opposed to the government's discovery of a cure for mutant behavior. He's been described as Malcolm X to the Martin Luther King of Professor Charles Xavier (Patrick Stewart), who opposes the cure but is reluctant to use force.

On his side are Wolverine, the weather-controlling Storm (Halle Berry) and the frustrated Rogue (Anna Paquin), who nearly kills with her touch.

Ratner has his hands full introducing several new characters, including the politically savvy blue-furred Beast (Kelsey Grammer), the psychic child Leech (Cameron Bright), the speedy Callisto (Dania Ramirez), the Hulk-like Juggernaut (Vinnie Jones) and the persecuted winged Angel (Ben Foster). Most of them are barely introduced before they're forgotten. Telekinetic Jean Grey (Famke Janssen), who was presumed dead at the end of X2, is resurrected by her lover, Cyclops (James Marsden). Appearing like the Lady of the



Amir Khan in a scene from Fanaa



A scene from X-Men: The Last Stand

Lake from the body of water that once seemed to be her permanent resting place, she isn't very nice to her ex-lover (to put it mildly). Her mild flirtation with Wolverine, which kept them tantalisingly apart in the first two films, has turned into full-blown lust. By film's end, she's more tornado than human being. The transformation is depressing.

The script by Simon Kinberg (Mr. & Mrs. Smith) and Zak Penn (Fantastic Four) tends to vulgarise the characters from the first films, while barely establishing the personalities and motivations of the new additions. (Singer took his X2 writers, Michael Dougherty and Dan Harris, to work with him on Superman Returns).

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 5:30pm, 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 09:05 Open University 10:00 Satellite Broadcast 12:15 Shongbadpotrer Pata Thekey 12:30 Shashtho Tathyo 01:30 Prottyasha Alo 03:05 Banshori 03:30 Tommy Miar Kitchen 04:00 Jhilimil 04:30 Anondadhara 05:05 National TV Debate Competition 06:10 Geetanjali 07:00 Mati O Manush 07:30 Special Programme on Artist Zainul Abedin 08:45 Drama Serial: Rangdhanu 09:25 Drama Serial: Swapno Shonar Gaon 10:25 Teknaf Theke Tetulia 10:30 Travel Show: Durey Kothao

Obelar Golpo 12:00 Aiker Shongbadpotro ATN BANGLA 10:30 Onyodrishti Drama Serial: Ek Jonome 11:05 Gandharaj Samsung Cine Aha 12:15 Adibashi Jonopod 12:50 Smritir Monikothalo 01:30 Shomali Shadakkalo 02:30 Drama Serial: Nirob Koshto 03:10 Drama Serial: O Amar Chokkhu Nai 03:45 Shapla Shaluk Music Box 04:20 Ispahani Pure Snax Quiz Time 05:10 ATN Music 05:45 Islami Sawal O Jobab (Live) 06:25 Three Stooges 08:00 Drama Serial: Khola Duar 08:30 Drama Serial: The New Shabuj Opera 09:00 Drama Serial: Nirey Taar Neel Dheu 09:30 Drama Serial: Ek Akasher Swapno Business This Week 10:40 ntv 10:45 Aiker Shokal Drama Serial: Romizer Aaina 09:05 Amra Ekhon Unish Kuri 10:05 Animal Kingdom 10:30 Natoker Gaan 11:00 Baul Gaan: Mon Amar Shondhan Kori 12:05 World Of Arts 12:30 Hoi Hullor 01:05 Mukttangan Drama Serial: 02:35 Kacher Manush

PICK OF THE DAY



Nirey Tar Nil Dheu On ATN Bangla at 09:00pm Drama Serial Cast: Dolly Zohur, Richi, Touquir Ahmed Aguntuk On Rtv at 08:00pm Drama Serial Cast: Tania, Zahid Hasan, Sharmili Ahmed

03:15 Musical Programme: Bhalo Besho Mor Gaan 05:20 Apanar Jigyasha 06:20 Shubho Shondhya 06:50 Apon Aloy 08:20 Drama Serial: Romizer Aaina 09:10 Lux Giamor World 09:50 Drama Serial: Bibano Bhalobasha Dindarpan 11:25 CHANNEL 1 09:30 Shuprobhat Bangladesh 09:30 Chokh Mele Dekhi 10:00 Aj Potrikay 10:30 Bangla Film: Shashon 01:30 Smritir Shurovi 03:00 Islamic Programme: Shoto Proshno 03:30 Air Combat 04:00 Music Music 05:05 Shoptahojurey 05:30 Bangla Cartoon: Rookatu 06:00 Aiker Bangladesh 06:30 Rtv Exclusive 06:35 Amar Desh 08:00 Drama Serial: Aguntuk 08:50 Drama: Biddhashram 10:50 Travel Show: Prithibir Pothey Pothey 04:00 Drama Serial: Dui Dugoney Paanch Concert 06:30 Smritir Shurobhi 07:00 Padmorag 09:00 Drama Serial: Tebhaga 08:30 Shubho Shokal 09:00 Cartoon 10:00 Desher Pothey 10:30 Drama Serial: Tobuo Bhalobashi 02:30 Drama Serial: Krishnopokkho 04:00 Shat Shotero 04:30 Cartoon 05:00 Cine Beat 05:30 Ashey Pashey 06:40 Diner Sheshey 08:05 Drama Serial: Album 08:40 Ki Jadu Bangla Ganey 09:15 Shesh Bari 09:50 Aprar Agami 08:30 The Salton Sea 10:30 Wild Things 2: The Glades 12:15 Universal Soldier: The Return 02:00 HBO Sneak Peek: The Da Vinci Code 2:30 Olsen Twins: Our Lips Are Sealed 04:30 Taking Lives 06:30 Men in Black 08:30 Rambo: First Blood Part Deadwood 08: Suffer

11:45 The Little Children 03:15 The Lord of The Rings: The Two Towers 05:30 Saints and Soldiers 05:00 The Late Shift STAR MOVIES 08:45 Grand Outdoors, The 10:40 The Grinch 12:45 Notting Hill 03:10 Catch That Kid 05:05 Charlie's Angels 07:05 First Blood 09:00 Sci-Fi Inside The Triangle 09:30 Enemy Of The State STAR WORLD 08:00 Arrested Development 08:30 Billboard Us Countdown 09:30 Hogan's Heroes 10:00 Get Smart 10:30 The Bold And The Beautiful 12:30 Desperate Housewives 01:30 Lost 02:30 The O.C. 03:30 The Apprentice 04:30 Grey's Anatomy 05:30 Hollywood Shootouts 06:00 Travel Asia 06:30 Baywatch Hawaii 07:30 Malcolm In The Middle 08:00 Luxury Unveiled 09:00 Oprah Winfrey Show 10:00 Rendezvous With Simi Garewal 10:30 Desperate Housewives 11:30 Lost DISCOVERY 08:30 Wild Discovery 09:30 Discover India 10:30 Feast India 11:00 Yatra-Indian Travels 11:30 More than A Game 12:30 Warrior Women 01:30 Wild Discovery 02:30 Psychic Witness 3:30 Seven Wonders of the Industrial World 04:30 Wild Discovery 05:30 Discovery Wings 06:30 Impossible Heists 07:30 Wild Discovery 08:30 Discovery's Biggest Shows 10:30 Night Safari 11:30 Mummy Autopsy NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC 08:00 5\*1 SOFA BED 3521 08:30 Planet Football 09:30 Dogs With Jobs 10:00 Dogs With Jobs 10:30 Nat Geo Junior 10:45 Nat Geo Junior 12:00 Nat Geo Junior 12:30 Wildlife Diary 01:00 Wildlife Diary 01:30 NG's Most Amazing Moments 03:30 Wild Indonesia 04:30 Planet Football 06:30 Nature Strikes Back 07:30 The Living Edens 08:30 Sunday Night Specials 09:30 World Cup Cities 10:30 Nat Geo Reveals 11:30 Wild Sex STAR SPORTS 11:30 West Indies Tour Of New Zealand 01:30 Football Asia 02:00 Icc Cricket World Cup Classics 02:30 Cricket Classics 03:00 Motocross Programming 03:30 Asian Tour 04:30 Asian Tour Magazine Show 05:00 Race Day 06:00 Formula One 07:30 Chiquela Flag 08:00 Fifa World Cup Programming 10:00 Hitz 10:30 Australia Tour Of South Africa ESPN 08:00 Nba Conference Finals 08:30 Cricket Classics 09:30 Australia Tour Of South Africa 10:30 Icc Cricket World Sri Lanka Tour Of England 11:00 Cricket Classics 12:30 Sportscenter Week In Review 01:00 Uefa Champions League Magazine S 02:00 Sri Lanka Tour Of England 03:28 Cricket Classics Sri Lanka Tour Of England 03:58 Sri Lanka Tour Of England 05:30 Sportscenter 05:35 Cricket Classics 06:00 Sportscenter 06:00 Cricket Classics Sri Lanka Tour Of England 10:30 Cricket Classics 10:00 World of Athletics 09:00 WWE: Experience 11:00 West Indies v India: 4th ODI Highlights 01:30 Sports Movies: He Got Game 02:00 The XFLYS Show: Ep 6 03:00 WWE:Heat 06:00 French Tennis Open: Day 1 07:30 West Indies v India: 5th ODI, 1st Session 11:00 West Indies v India: 5th ODI, Lunch 03:30 West Indies v India: 5th ODI, 2nd Session