

Seventh Children's Theatre Festival begins

Eighty troupes to participate in the 17-day programme

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HUNDREDS of colourfully clad children brought out a grand procession from the Bangladesh Shishu Academy premises yesterday. The occasion was the inauguration ceremony of Seventh Children's Theatre Festival arranged by People's Theatre Association (PTA). Eighty troupes from different corners of the country are participating in the 17-day festival.

Eminent cultural personality Mostafa Monwar, the chief guest, inaugurated the ceremony while Ramendu Majumdar, Nasiruddin Yousuff, M Hamid and SM Mohsin took part in a discussion. The opening ceremony was presided over by Secretary General of People's Theatre Association, Liaquat Ali Lucky.



A colourful procession brought out by Peoples Theatre Association (Top), young participants at the festival



Mostafa Monwar said, "Children are staging varied forms of theatre in Bangladesh. There should be more colourful occasions like the present one."

Discussions in the programme highly appreciated the initiative taken by PTA. They further added that while the state cannot extend patronage for children's cultural activities, the initiative taken by PTA is commendable. In their view, the promotion of culture will help create good human beings -- a badly needed segment in the current unstable socio-political milieu. Moreover, they were hopeful that the festival would provide an impetus in

the creation of new theatre activists.

Liaquat Ali Lucky said, "We hope to hold the festival in an international forum within a few years."

Five troupes-- People's Repertory Theatre, Panchagarh Government BP High School Children Theatre, Diamond Club from Jessore, Bidrohi Shishu Theatre from Panchagarh and Miti Natya Shangho from Faridpur-- staged plays on the opening day.

The organisers however added that due to unavoidable circumstances, the schedule might change.

Battle of Bangladesh

Dance drama by Bangladesh Ballet Troupe

KHALID-BIN-HABIB

A dance drama is a dramatic form in which the elements of dance, music and dramatic pieces are fused together. It is a mirror held against the artistic and social ethos of the region and the times.

The Bangladesh Ballet Troupe performed a dance drama titled *Battle of Bangladesh* at Central Kochi Kancha auditorium, Sheshgachha on June 10. The dance troupe sought to project the true essence of the historic Liberation War of Bangladesh. Amanul Haque, the writer, musician and choreographer of the dance drama, portrayed various aspects of the war: the genocide, atrocities perpetrated by the Pakistani Army on the common people and the emergence of Bangladesh. Dulal, Rubel, Nitu, Bannya, Elma, Nupur played the lead roles. Among others were Shukhen, Linda, Juliet, Ava, Shumon, Arif, Pran and others. Ahmed Nazir, director general of Shipakala Academy was the chief guest while Dr Sultana Nigar Chowdhury, chairperson of the history department of Titumir College was also present.



A scene from the dance drama

Maqsood's new talk show Bishwocup Protidin



Musician and vocalist Maqsoodul Haque, launched a football-centric show, *Bishwocup Protidin* from June 9 on Banglavisión, says a press release. The programme will keep viewers abreast with World Cup matches, venues, weather and socio-economic status of the host city.

The participants in the programme are the celebrities from different sectors. They will share their experiences related to the World Cup.

Other attractions are profiles of coaches, players and other attributes of the sport. The programme is aired daily at 6:30 pm.

Bullock & Reeves together again



Keanu Reeves and Sandra Bullock in a scene from *The Lake House*

It's been 12 years since Sandra Bullock and Keanu Reeves were on the big screen together. The pair was first teamed up for *Speed*, which made Bullock a household name and Reeves an even bigger superstar.

The duo is back in Alejandro Agresti's romantic drama *The Lake House*, a remake of the South Korean film *Il Mare*, which is rather different from the action-packed thriller they starred in before.

A lonely doctor (Bullock's character) who once occupied an unusual lakeside home begins exchanging love letters with its newest resident, a frustrated architect (Reeves). When they discover that they're actually living two years apart, they must try to unravel the mystery behind their extraordinary romance before it's too late.

Even after more than a decade has passed, the two still have what it takes to light up the screen. "Well, it helped that we had worked together before and I guess we filmed about two weeks together. I think it helped that we've kept in contact over the years and we like each other, so it was kind of instant rapport," according to Reeves.

"It's like Nescafe. You just add a little hot water and there you have us. It was easy in the good parts and a little nervousness was there. We've grown up in some areas and not in some other areas. It's never what you think it's going to be. It was better than what I thought. I imagined but I didn't expect and it was a lot different and more fulfilling in a lot of ways than I'd ever expected," Bullock added.

CULTURAL FEAST

Sculpture Exhibition

Artists: Jhunu Akter
Venue: Alliance Francaise Gallery
Date: June 1-14

Football Movie

Organiser: Goethe Institut Dhaka, German Club and German Embassy
Venue: Goethe Institut Dhaka Auditorium
Film: One Day in Europe
Date: June 14
Time: 5:00pm

Film: Soccer Rules
Date: June 16
Time: 5:00pm

Venue: German Club
Film: The Eleven Davis
Date: June 14
Time: 11:00pm

Film: Boletos
Date: June 16
Time: 5:00pm

TV watch

Gala round of ATN Taroka - acting



(L-R) Judges Sara Zaker, Morshedul Islam and Dilara Zaman at the talent hunt

The third episode of the gala round (western classical acting) of *ATN Taroka Tarokader Taroka* will be aired tonight at 8:40pm on ATN Bangla, says a press release. Four finalists, Laila Ferdous Himel (Rajshahi), Subarna Sarkar (Rajshahi), Queen Rahman (Bogra) and Subarna Debnath Tumpa (Khulna) will take part in this talent hunt. Well known Bangladeshi actors will perform along with the finalists as co-artists.

Noted cultural activists Abdullah Al Mamun (actor and director), Morshedul Islam (director) and Dilara Zaman (actress) are the judges of the event. Eminent actress Sara Zaker will attend as a celebrity guest. Dhruvo and Trisha will host the programme.



The spotlight was on popular musicians Hyder and Shahed at a recent musical evening at Double Decker in Gulshan, says a press release. Hyder is a talented guitarist and lyricist, whose vocal number, *Tirish Bochor* attracted attention. Likewise, Shahed regaled the audience with his song, *Ruksana*.

TV GUIDE

PICK OF THE DAY



Nupur
On ntv at 09:10 pm
Dance Show
Host: Shamim Ara Nipa and Shibli Mohammad



FIFA World Cup 2006
On BTv at 10:00pm
Group G: France Vs Switzerland
Live from Stuttgart

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, 1:30 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-1	News (Bangla) at 7:15 am, 9:00am, 2:00pm, 7:00pm, 9:00pm, 10:30pm, 12:15am. 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.
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 12:15 Shongbad Potrer Patir Thekey
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