### **CULTURAL FEAST**



#### Lalon Utshob

Venue: Plaza of National Art Gallery, Shilpakala Academy Date: June 14-17 Time: 7:00pm

### Bengal Bikash Pratibha Baran

Organiser: Bengal Foundation and Bibartan Shomai-Shangskriti Charcha Kendra, Chittagong

Venue: Chittagong Theatre Institute Date: June 17

### 26th anniversary of Benuka Institute of Fine Arts

Venue: Bangladesh Shishu Academy Date: June 19 Time: 5:45pm

#### **Film Screening**

Title: Festival of films co-produced by the South Funds of France Organiser. Zahlr Raihan Film Society in association with All ance Francaise

Venue: Alliance Française of Dhaka, Rd# 3, Dhanmondi

Date: June 18 Film: Tropical Malady (Thailand) Director. Apichatpong

Film: Luna Papa (Tajikistan) Director, Bakhtyar Khudojnazarov

Time: 7:00pm Date: June 19 Film: Shanghai Triad (China) Director: Zhang Yimou

# Time: 5:00pm

Cinema

Time: 5:00pm

Organiser: Alliance Francaise of Venue: Alliance Francaise of Dhaka,

Rd# 3, Dhanmondi Film: Jeanne d'Arc Date: June 23

Time: 10:30am and 6:00pm

# Lalon songs reverberated at Shilpakala Academy

Over 80 artistes perform at Lalon Festival '06

CULTURAL CORRESPONDENT

EPARTMENT of Music and Dance of Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy (BSA) arranged a four-day Lalon festival at the Plaza of the National Art Gallery of BSA. More than 80 promising and prominent Lalon singers from different corners of the country are participating in the festival.

Fisheries and Livestock minister Abdullah al Noman inaugurated the festival recently. Ahmed Nazir, director general of BSA, presided over the opening programme, while Shafi Kamal, director of Department of Music and Dance, delivered the welcome

Discussants in the programme praised the initiative taken by BSA to patronise the promising Lolon singers. In his speech DG of BSA Ahmed Nazir said, "Because of faulty documentation, there are several controversies regarding Lalon, the legendary mystic bard of the country. There is also the dilemma in case of preserving authentic lyric and tune of Lalon songs. Proper initiatives should be taken by scholars to avoid all these controversies regarding Lalon, whose works are assets to

15 singers rendered Lalon songs in the opening day. The



Lalon singers performing on the first day of the festival

programme began with rendition of Balo swarup by Umme Jahan Arju. However, presentations by the singers, except Pagla Bablu and

Sameer Baul, were not up to the mark. In most cases, high-pitched vocals of the singers did not incor-

Shumona Rahman in adhunik

songs category; Raja Miah and

Pijush Kanti Sen in folk songs;

Dhrubo Biswas in Nazrul sangeet;

Dibakar Biswas in Tagore songs

and Debolina Sur, Tawhidul Islam,

Haridas Burman in 'songs of three

poets' (Atul Prasad, DL Roy and

A musical programme where the finalists from Khulna division

performed was recently held at

Jessore Zila School auditorium.

Local music institutions --

Surbitan, Surteertha, Surdhuni and

Udichi Shilpi Goshthi -- associated

Bengal foundation in organising

The objective of the event was

exposure of the talented young

artistes to the people of Khulna.

The event became a memorable

one with the artistes rendering songs, varying from classics to folk

to contemporary. Veteran singers

of the region attended the event

and expressed their contentment

at the progress of the talent hunt

in showcasing the aspiring art-

Bengal Foundation is holding a

similar programme featuring the

finalists from Chittagong division.

The programme will be held today

at Chittagong Theatre Institute.

Rajnikant Sen)

the programme.

Stentorian presentations by Pagla Bablu and Sameer Baul were a relief at the musical soiree.

# Laila Afroz Searching for the essence of poetry

Laila Afroz, who has been reciting poems at cultural prorgrammes for two decades, says that every person should have a world apart from the workplace where he/she can pursue dreams and express the innermost feelings. Apart from her professional life as a banker, she wanted another social identity. She was attracted to both singing and recitation. She spent 16 years in singing and then turned to abritti (recitation). Around 1980 she used to visit the Bishwa Shahitya Kendra and was in touch with noted educationist Professor Abdullah Abu Syed who influenced her.

Laila says, "I chose recitation as a medium of self-expression. Sometimes, after reading an entire anthology, I picked a couple of poems that could be communicated with an audience. For two years I read and selected poems that left lasting impression on me." In 1983 Laila began performing with Quamrul Hassan Manju, Geeti Ara Nasreen, Anisuzzaman, Khristina de Rozario and Hassan Arif. The group was called 'Sharito Abritti Chakra'. The group performed at a programme called *Proshuner Jonyo Prarthona*. This was staged at the Central Public Library, Shahbagh. Next they arranged a show at Guide House calling their performance Amra Dravid dealing with the

Bengali identity.

After that her world of recitation expanded. At that time Laila worked



Two cats are better than

one in Garfield: A Tale of

Two Kitties, which brings

Jim Davis' fat cat back to

the big screen in a reason-

able riff on The Prince and

The prince here is a ginger-colored, overweight

tabby named, appropri-

ately enough, Prince, who's

actually king of England's

ancient Carlyle Castle,

thanks to its recently

Garfield is the look

alike "pauper". His owner

Jon's house is not exactly a

castle in England, but for a

cat that loves mischief,

lasagna and tormenting

The Pauper.

in a radio programme titled *Upoma* after which she performed in TV programmes on occasions like lagore anniversary and Victory Day. She and her group also took part in Prochchad, Asad Chowdhury's recitation programme on TV.

Eventually, Laila wanted to go beyond group performances and prepared to go into solo act. Her first solo performance titled Tametey Ek Dravid Griot, was held at the British Council. Laila has been invited to Kolkata several times, to perform at cultural events, along with her husband Hassan Arif, bringing together the

literature of Bangladesh and West Bengal. In 2001 she was invited by Dr Sruti Bandyopadhyay from Rabindra Bharati.

Apart from these she performed in different parts of Bangladesh such as Chittagong and Khulna. It was in 2001 that she last had her solo recitation at the Central Public Library. The programme titled Diner Sheshey also featured songs rendered by Shimul Yousuff and another artiste. The combined performance was highly appreciated

Laila, through her recitation, hopes to highlight the essence of Banglapoetry.

# "Bengal Bikash" contestants perform in Jessore

**CULTURAL CORRESPONDENT** 

The talent hunt by Bengal Foundation, Bengal Bikash, has completed its pre-finals. One

hundred aspiring singers have been selected to participate in the finals and among them, 10 are from the Khulna division. They are: Arifuzzaman, Nahid Sultana and



A contestant performing at the programme

A Tale of Two Kitties

# Garfield returns to big screen



A scene from the movie

his dimwitted dog com-But when Garfield (voiced again by a droll, hilarious Bill Murray) discovers his owner, Jon (Breckin Meyer in a reprise), is proposing to veterinarian Liz (Jennifer Love Hewitt, also back again), he has a jealous fit. So he and Odie stow away on the London-bound light Jon is taking to propose overseas

Meanwhile, Prince (voiced by Tim Curry) is blissfully unaware of danger. He sleeps in a canopied double bed, uses a silver kitty litter box and is always preceded by the trumpeting of geese. One day he is packed into a wicker basket and thrown into the Thames by the greedy, ignored nephew Lord Dargis (Billy Connolly), who cannot wait for the cat's natural death to assume control of the ancient castle and turn it into a high-rise develop-

The barnyard animals are in a dither without their ruler. When Garfield arrives from London, mistaken by the castle's loyal retainer for Prince, they immediately recognise the impostor -- "He's not even The Cat Formerly Known as Prince," as one goose puts it. However, they realise a living Prince is vital if they are to continue on the estate. Fortunately, the elaborate charade is a backdrop for sight gags and puns. The opening

credits for example, a pop-up fairy tale book like Shrek, set the make-believe tone.

## Lady in the Water

# Shayamalan's latest set for release

Lady in the Water, director M Night Shyamalan's latest, is all set to release next month. Written by Shyamalan, the film is distributed by Warner Brothers. The film follows the tale of a modest building manager

named Cleveland Heep (Paul Giamatti) rescuing a mysterious young woman named Story (Bryce Dallas Howard) from danger. Cleveland discovers that Story is actually a 'narf', a character from a bedtime story who is trying to make the treacherous journey from our world back to hers.

Cleveland and his fellow tenants start to realise that they are also characters in this bedtime story. As Cleveland falls deeper and deeper in love with Story, he works together with the tenants to protect his new fragile friend from the deadly deceased animal-loving creatures that reside in this fable and are determined to



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(Portugal Vs Iran)

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Lady in the Water

# 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 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)

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