CULTURAL FEAST



Classical Music and **Dance Programme**

Organiser: Production Department of Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy Venue: National Theatre Stage, Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy Date: June 18-20

Fundraiser

Painting exhibition Organiser: Gallery Chitrak and Try

Foundation Venue: Gallery Chitrak House # 21. Road#4 Dhanmondi RA Dhaka Date: June20-23 Time: 10am-8pm

Exhibition

Title: Tales of Pseudo Myth Artist: Ronni Ahmmed Venue: Bengal Gallery of Fine Arts Date: June 21-30 Time: 12am-8pm

Book Fair

Title: Barshar Boi Mela Venue: Bashundhara City Shopping Date: June 15-30

Cinema

Organiser: Alliance Française of

Venue: Alliance Française of Dhaka, Rd# 3, Dhanmondi Film: Jeanne d'Arc Date: June 23 Time: 10:30am and 6:00pm

Children Theatre

Festival '06

Organiser. People's Theatre Venue: Central Konchikancha

Date: June 20 from 4:30-8:30

Shrishti Theater

Troupes Play Amra Notun Maa O Madokchakro Nakshi Kanthar Theatre Circle Little Unite Maath Kishore Theater Haan

Classical dance and music come together

ERSHAD KAMOL

MINENT classical dancers Minu Haque, Shubhra Tamanna Rahman, Belayet Hossain Khan, Mun Mun Ahmed along with their students staged different genres of classical dance on June 18.

The programme was a part of the annual activities of the Department of Production of Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy (BSA). A two-day classical dance and one-day instrumental music soiree was arranged at the National Theatre Stage of BSA.

The classical dance display began with the presentation of Odissi dance by the students of Minu Haq. Their first presentation was Gurubandana. Later, the troupe presented several fusion choreographies based on raga jayjayanti and a Tagore song.

Shubhra Sengupta and her students from Chittagong dis-played compositions-- shabdam, tillana -- of Bharatnatyam. But, the choreographies lacked the ramondal, the basic stance of the



Performers present an array of dances at the function

classical dance genre. Later, Kochi Rahman and his

The aspiring artistes rendered

songs, varying from Tagore to

Nazrul, Atulprasad, DL Rai and

Rajanikanta. Veteran singers of the

region expressed their content-



perform in Chittagong

students presented three choreographies based on authentic Kathak -- barsamongal, nrityankur and thumri. Their display of classical dance was quite impressive.

Tamanna Rahman and her colourfully attired troupe staged four Manipuri dance compositions. The titles were basantaras, gother rakhal, instrument display and ras. Of these, gother rakhal was based on a Nazrul song. How-ever, a few dance sequences were notwell synchronised. Belayet Hossain Khan and his

students staged four compositions of Bharatnatyam genre-bandana, saberi jotishram, naborasa and tillana. The group presentation of the authentic classical dance impressed the audience. Belayet performed a solo titled naborasa

The main attraction of the evening was the spectacular pre-sentation of Kathak dance by Mun Mun Ahmed and her students. In her solo performance she demonstrated different styles of the genre. Later, her students accompanied her and displayed different tukras of Kathak. The most interesting part of the presentation was a composition by Mun Mun, in which she improvised the Kathak and presented a 'football match' for the audience who missed the World Cup match in the evening.

Earlier, the programme was inaugurated by acclaimed dancer Rahiza Khanom Jhunu, principal of BAFA. Zinnat Barkatullah, director of the Department of Production delivered the welcome speech. Shafi Kamal, director of the Department of Dance and Music, chaired the opening cere-

Bengal Bikash contestants Rahman, Dilruba Maria, Purobi Barua, Reepa Dutta, Anamika De, Shila Das and Khaleda Yasmeen.



Participants in the talent show

Open University

Sastho Tatto

Band Show

Children's

Sangita

Programme

Highlights

Quiz Quiz

Ludu

CHANNEL-i

Drama Serial:

Oronne Onador

Shongbad Potrey

Bangladesh

Tritiyomatra

Cricket Online

Amar Chhobi

Aaj Dupurey O

Ebong Cinemat

Public Reaction

Selected Drama

Sa Re Ga Ma

Bosundhora Amder

Gaan

Gaan

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Citycell Tarokakotho

Public Reaction

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World Cup 2006

Shondha Malot

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Songbad Potrer Pata

Sobar Jonno Sikha

Selected Programme

Computer Show

BTV

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CULTURAL CORRESPONDENT

The talent hunt by Bengal Founda-

tion, titled Bengal Bikash, has

completed its pre-finals. A

programme featuring 10 finalists

from Chittagong division was held

on June 17 at the Chittagong Thea-

tre Institute. The artistes were

Mona Lisa Barua, Farzana Akhtar,

Sukanta Chakravarti, Fahmida



To celebrate the 107th birth anniversary of our National Poet Kazi Nazrul Islam, Bulbul Academy of Fine Arts (BAFA) organised a discussion and cultural evening at the Shishu Academy auditorium on June 18. Asadul Hague, Nazrul researcher; Rashedul Hasan, secretary general of Kabi Kazi Nazrul Islam University Trust; Nasir Ahmed, joint secretary BAFA and members of executive body of BAFA spoke on the occasion. Amanullah Chowdhury, secretary BAFA presided over the programme. The discussion was followed by a cultural programme featuring performances by students from all three branches of BAFA.

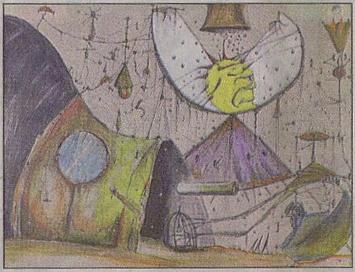
Exhibition

Of myths and fancies

FAYZA HAQ

Ronni Ahmmed, one of the leading surrealist painters in town, will have his solo exhibit at Bengal Gallery from June 21. He undoubtedly established himself after doing his 100 feet scroll on Noah's Ark which combined other elements from world literature such as Kafka's cockroach taken from his Metamorphosis, fairytales like Rapunzel and our local Thakurmar jhuli, Greek mythology, the Mahabharata, depiction of Hitler holding the book War and Peace, the culture of rickshaw painting. The entire piece was dominated by the Noah's Ark theme, the fact that we are facing a critical time, and that we need a saviour.

In Ronni's paintings we find absurdity and melancholia, woven into stories with significantly different characters. Ronni writes short stories and this affects his paintings. The personalities appear to be doing pointless things at times and this is to drive home the absurd elements in our society. The paintings also criticise different elements in our existence such as imbalance of wealth. Discrimination and social crimes are also included in the focus of the artist's canvas. In his creation is a parallel society which reflects our society with the norms of the artist's newly created world of creatures that appear like rats and potatoes at times. This new civilisation appears to be as if some people found a new existence in a far away island where



there are new scientific discoveries. On the canvas we see a society which is sometimes different and at times parallel to our society.

There is no direct relationship with our real life but there definitely is a metaphysical co-relationship. Poetic elements are present. There is an inclusion of a new written script. The script is connected with the society that I paint," says Ronni. The writing appears like a combination o languages like Roman and Arabic. The present exhibition is called Tales of Pseudo Myth and the characters in the paintings are all mythical. In some of the paintings we get political criticism such as in Meeting of the multinationals and First supper in the garden of mush-

rooms, Night before the next world war. The latter has a dinner party in which a monstrous cooked snake is served.

This exhibition has some installation items too which includes a boti (cutting instrument) which is shaped like a man. This is called Birds of paradise. There is also the Chariots of rickshaw pullers which questions the power structure of our society. This has three wheels and a strong spiral wire base on top of which is a figure of a man cut from steel. There are prints too like the one titled, You need a rope to hang a person, which is also meant to be a historical criticism.

Ronni writes on art and literature, apart from painting and has a



Art works by Ronni Ahmmed

Fizzy drink imbroglio in India

One of Bollywood's upcoming actors, John Abraham has refused to kowtow to pressure from India's Health Minister Anbumani Ramadoss and quit promoting

Earlier this week, Ramadoss named prominent stars of Indian sport and the movie industry. He called on them to stop endorsing soft drinks because of concerns over childhood obesity and diabetes.

Some of the biggest names of the Indian screen--Shah Rukh Khan, Aamir Khan, Aishwarya Rai, Kareena Kapoor and Preity Zinta, among others--have been used by soft drinks giants for major ad campaigns.

Abraham, a former model and star, promotes Diet Pepsi said "This is like asking the minister whether he would quit politics. I respect his concern if it is genuine but I feel there is no harm in drinking Diet Pepsi," he

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Raider: The Cradle

The Pelican Brief

Lethal Weapon 4

The Bone Collector

Dance of the Drunk

Grind

Mantis

STAR WORLD

The Specialist

Anyway?

Show

Yes Dear

Whose Line Is It

The Oprah Winfrey

My Wife And Kids

Action Adventure of life

Source: AFP



John Abraham

Nat Geo Junior

Croc Chronicles

Night On The Wild

Animals Behaving

Sunday Night Special

Nat Geo Wild

Nat Geo Junior

Nat Geo Junior

Croc Chronicles

Storm Stories

Wild! Life Adventure

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TV GUIDE

All programmes are in local time. The Daily Star will not be responsible for any change in the programme.

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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)

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

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 (Bangia) 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. 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 Headines (Bengla) 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 Every hour on the hour

Bishwa Cup Special Shera Radhuni 1412 Chalti Haowa Drama Serial: Jhora Patar Kabyo Drama Serial: Jononi

Chhayajhongkar

09:05 Drama Serial-Labonno Probha 09:30 Khoborer Shondhaney Music Express 11:00 Cine Gaan 11:30 Gambhira Single Episode Drama

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Amader Anondobari Din Dorpon ATN Bangla 10:30 Anyodrishti 11:05 Atn Taroka 12:15 Amar Computer

Aajker Shokal

Jibon Charcha On Rtv at 8:50 pm Magazine programme Host: Afsana Mimi

Jobab

08:20 Aynar Samney

PICK OF THE DAY

The Bone Collector On HBO at 09:30 pm Genre: Suspense/Thriller Cast: Angelina Jolie, Denzel Washington

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Bangla Feature Film

Shuktarar

Human Nature

02:30 Islamic Programme

08:00 Drama Serial: Ferari 12:50 Drama: Ek Akasher Swapno Syren ATN Taroka Cine Gaan 08:40 Drama Serial: Teen 10:40 Mukto Shonglap Tekka Rtv Drama Serial: O 09:00 Just Band Amar Chokkhu Nai 09:30 Tagore Song Children's Asj Potrikay Programme 10:30 Drama Serial: Talk Show: Shurey Aka Chhobi Somosamovii Drama Serial: Rater Daily World Golpo Talk Show: Nan Drama Serial: 05:45 Islami Sawal O Aguntok

Technology Today 02:00 Bishwa Jurey Tomar Bina Tarer Geet 03:00 Goalmele Germany 05:05 Concert 03:30 Drama: Nakol Poshal Football Carnival 04:00 Drama: Rode Jabo Alker Bangladesh 04:30 Bioscope Rtv Exclusive 05:15 Small Ville Children's Programme 06:00 Saaj Bela Drama Serial: Shimul 06:45 Jonotar Ishtibar Tolir Ghat 07:00 Nonggor Jibon Charcha 08:15 Drama Serial: Nakol 10:50 Concert Poshak Drama Serial: Rode CHANNEL 1 Jabo Shuprobhat Bangla-09:30 Expression desh 11:00 Goalmele Germany Cartoon

HBO

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12:30 Still Standing 01:00 Frasier 01:30 The A Team Oprah Winfrey Show 02:30 03:25 Sports Update The Bold And The 03:30 Beautiful 04:30 General Hospital 05:30 Ed 06:25 Sports Update The Simpsons 06:30 King Of Queens 07:00 07:30 Friends 08:00 Dance Feve 09:30 The O.C. 10:30 North Shore 11:30 Seinfeld NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC 08:30 Nat Geo Junior

08:00 Storm Stories The Drew Carey Show Adventure Challenge 09:30 Naked Science 10:30 Nat Geo Investigates 11:30 Bug Attack **ESPN** For Better Or Worse News Special 08:40 Cricket Classics FIFA World Cup Programming Cricket Classics 11:20 News Special 11:30 Malaysian Field Hockey Motorsport Asia Malaysian Field 03:00 Hockey 04:30 Hitz 05:00 FIFA World Cup Programming News Specia 07:00 Germany 2006 07:50 FIFA World Cup 10:00 Germany 2006

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Sportscenter

08:30 Extreme Programming 09:30 Tennis 11:00 Tennis 12:30 Cricket Classics 01:00 Tna Wrestling Programming 02:00 Hitz 02:30 Sri Lanka Tour Of England 03:43 Sri Lanka Tour Of England

11:00 Cricket Classics

STAR SPORTS

FIFA World Cup Sri Lanka Tour Of 08:00 England, 11:30 Sportscenter India Tna Wrestling 11:31 Programming TEN SPORTS

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WWE: Raw 09:30 10:30 Trans World Sports 11:30 NFL Cheerleaders Team India Program Gamer TV 12:00 01:00 Legends 01:30 Inside Grand Prix: Canadian 04:00

World Strongman Cup West Indies v India: 4th ODI Highlights NFL Cheerleaders WWE Smackdown 07:00 07:30 Gamer TV West Indies v India: 5th ODI Highlights

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World Strongman Cup

Indian Golf Show