CULTURE

CULTURAL FEAST

Rabindra Sangeet Soiree

Title: Rabindranather Gaane Mrityu Artistes: Rezwana Chowdhury Banya, Laisa Ahmed Lisa and Muniruzzaman

Organizer: Unesco, Dhaka Venue: Alliance Française de Dhaka Date: August 02, at 7 pm

Sculptures and **Drawing Exhibition**

Title: Wound Artist: Towfiqur Rahman Venue: Gallery KAYA, House-20, Road-16. Sector-4. Uttara Date: August 04-18 Time: 11:00am to 8:00pm

Photography Exhibition

Title: Nagar Sishu Venue: National Institute of Mass-Communication, 125/A, Darus Salam Date: August 01-03

Painting Exhibition

Title: Noriko Naito Exhibition Organiser: GS Kabir Venue: Zainul Gallery, Institute of Fine Arts, University of Dhaka Date: August 1-7 Time: 2:00 pm-8:00 pm

Classical Music and Palagaan Performance

Organiser: Bengal Foundation Venue: Bengal Shilpalaya, 175/F Road no-27, Dhanmondi Date: Palagaan Ramayana--August 2 Time: 7:00pm

Theatre

Title: Jolhalika Troupe: Padatik Natva Sangsad Venue: Experimental Theatre Hall. Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy Date: August 2 Time: 7:25 pm

Title: Somoyer Proyojone Troupe: Theater Art Unit Venue: Mahila Samiti Auditorium Date: August 2

Documentary Film 'The Pulsating Hills'

Joys and sorrows of indigenous people



A procession of young Buddhist monks

Health and education remain

major concerns for the indigenous

people. In the film, Kolpona Tripura

points out that she gave birth to her

child Gitain at the hands of a mid-

wife. Doctors and hospitals are in far

flung areas -- some could be as

much as six hours away. Many

people rely on the medical camps

set up by NGOs but these are few

and far between. "There are a few

upazila health complexes but they

don't have regular doctors. The

doctors don't want to stay in those

The lack of hygiene and safe

areas," asserts filmmaker Zhantu.

KAVITA CHARANII

NDULATING hills, verdant forests, swift running rivers, joyous people lighting candles to pay obeisance to Buddha. All these elements go to comprise the rich culture of the Chittagong Hill Tracts, (CHT), But behind the curtain is the story of deprivation and marginalisation, deftly captured on film recently by Zhantu Chakma, editor and director of The Pulsating Hills. The focus in the documentary film is on children.

Here are a few voices from the film, which recently won the Meena Children's Media Award instituted

"I went to the hospital for my child's treatment. But I had no money and had to return without treatment. The doctor diagnosed malaria and typhoid.'

-- Pari Pangkhowa, villager "In the rainy season, it is very difficult to get to school. However we are keen to continue our studies and

--Donroe Mro, a student

nication facilities are another Education is also top of the mind

drinking water lay these people low

as many become victims of conta-

gious diseases. Deplorable commu-

of these people. For one, there are few schools to cater to the needs of the hardcore poor. In the rainy season it becomes even more difficult for the children to negotiate the hazardous journey to their schools. "In CHT the education situation is not at all satisfactory,' says Jyotirindra Bodhipriya Larma, chairperson of the CHT Regional Council. There are few teachers for the populace.

As Zhantu Chakma points out, in some remote areas the teachers come once a month to schools. True it would be easier to deploy teachers from the communities, he says, but the Mro and Kheyang communities don't have such teachers, while the Chakma, Tripura and Marma score higher on this front. The rural areas are particularly hard hit as many teachers can't communicate with their students and shun the alien lifestyle.

Lack of cultural activity such as music, art competitions, and dance in the rural areas is also a bane for the indigenous children. While cultural organisations such as Shishu Academy have districtbased programmes, there are no similar programmes at the upazila

Despite this story of dire deprivation, The Pulsating Hills captures the scenic beauty and lifestyle of the resilient CHT people who remain iovous even in the face of adversity.

In Focus

Barisal Natok's commitment to theatre

CULTURAL CORRESPONDENT,

"Marching towards progress with values of Liberation War" is the motto of Barisal Natok, founded in 1972 by a small group of enthusiastic youngsters wanting to make a difference in society. Beginning in a small classroom in BM School with a few members, today the strength of the group is over 300 with an office of their own in Kalibari, Barisal. It is also a member of the Bangladesh Group Theatre Federation.

As one can deduce from the motto of the organisation, the group emphasises on plays based on the Liberation War. The group believes that theatre is an ideal way to educate the masses and youngsters on their heritage. They also focus on social issues and responsibilities. Some of their more prominent plays include Jamidar Darpan, Nurul Deen-er Shara Jibon, Juddho Ebong Juddho and Judhdho Swadhinota.

Most of the people who work

with Barisal Natok are volunteers. While they earn a living through other means, they come together in their passion for acting. Hence they can only practice after regular office hours.

Barisal Natok stages free plays on momentous occasions such as February 21, December 16, March 26 and May 1. The group established the Barisal Natok Abritti Proshikkhon Kendra way back in 1983 to help children fine-tune their grooming and pronunciation. According to Palash Bala Manik, general secretary, Barisal Natok "Clear and pure pronunciation is a must for a good thea-

While their work is mainly within Barisal, the Barisal Natok group has performed throughout Bangladesh. "In a year we have two or three shows and over 30 short plays. We have had over 42 original productions since the group's inception." asserts Manik

Even though there's a funds crunch and the government is lackadaisical about extending support to such groups. Barisal Natok is going from strength to strength with its team of dedicated



A scene from Padmabotir Panchali, inspired from Monosha Mangol

'Brick Lane' film riddled with protests



A view of Brick Lane (top), Monica Ali



A protest against the film version of Monica Ali's book Brick Lane has culminated with Bangladeshi residents of east London calling for the overall cancellation of the movie, saying that the story line is "full of lies," AP sources reported.

The book is about a Bangladeshi woman living in a predominantly Bangladeshi immigrant neighborhood in east London

Last week, many residents opposed the on-location shooting of the movie. The studio making the movie then scrapped those plans because of what it described as security concerns.

Film Four, which is co-financing the movie, has said onting was almost complete and would be filmed elsewhere. The movie stars Bollywood actor-director Satish Kaushik But now protesters say they want the film canceled

altogether. A group of Bengali traders leading the protests say they are unhappy over how the book portrays people in the neighborhood. Community leaders had attacked the book when it was published in 2003, describing its portrayal of

Bangladeshis as insulting Book critics had hailed Brick Lane as opening a window into the Bangladeshi immigrant experience but it raised hackles in a tightly knit community sensitive to allegations of religious extremism



Written by actress Bipasha Hayat, single episode TV play Chatushkon, will be aired on ntv on August 5 at 9:15pm. Chatushkon revolves around two young couples. Apurbo, Srabonti, Sweety and Hillol don the lead roles in the play. Chayanika Chowdhury directs the play

Mel Gibson in firestorm of bad publicity

Getting drunk and mouthing off is nothing new in Hollywood, but Mel Gibson's weekend arrest has plunged him into a crisis that few could have imagined two years ago

Back then he described himself as a filmmaker guided by the Holy Spirit on his surprise blockbuster The Passion of the Christ. saying he hoped the film had "the power to evangelise." But that image has been shattered by news of his drunken-driving arrest Friday and the anti-Semitic and sexually insulting Associated Press reports that an official police report substantiates claims that Gibson made the remarks and threatened a deputy.

Many say Gibson will have to explain his comments beyond his publicist-released statement, which implied that his rant was iust the booze talking. And some in the entertainment industry are calling for a boycott.

Veteran media personality

and The View host Barbara Walters told viewers she would not see another Gibson

Producer Peter Guber, host of AMC's Sunday Morning Shootout and chairman of Mandalay Entertainment, says: "The audience forgets more than they forgive." He says Gibson will have little trouble attracting ticket-buyers to action films, thrillers or comedies, but could face difficulty drawing people to more thoughtful projects, particularly those dealing with religious or political themes that previously have earned him respect. Gibson has remained quiet

and out of sight since his arrest. 'He is in an ongoing programme of recovery," says publicist Alan Nierob, who added that Gibson had no public appearances planned but may soon issue another statement.

Meanwhile, the arrest has been forwarded to the Los Angeles County District Attor-

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Ek Ladki Anjani Si

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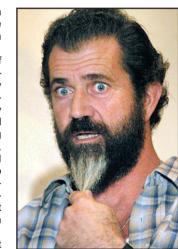
Chartbusters Music

Kaisa Ye Pvar Hai

Kabhi To Nazar Milao

Champion Movie

Drama



nev's Office, which said Monday that it would decide this week whether to file charges. Penalties for a case like this could include a fine, jail time and a suspended license.

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TV GUIDE

PICK OF THE DAY

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

* News Bulletin

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 a.m.10:00 am, 11:00 am.1:00pm.3:00 pm. 4:00pm.6:00 pm and 8:00 pm.

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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

BBC WORLD

Every hour on the hour

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

10:00 Satellite Broadcast 12:15

BTV

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05:30 Cartoon Malanchya 07:00 Shushtho Thakun Bhalo Thakun 08:35 Protidin Bangladesh 08:45 Drama Serial: Shap Ludu

Drama: Krantikal 09:25 Teknaf Thekey Tetulia ATN BANGLA

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08:00 Drama Serial: Sharahela Pothchola 08:30 Drama Serial: Shukhe Lagiya

09:00 Drama Serial: Hoi Hoi Roi Roi 09:30 Drama Serial: Tushar Rohoshyo Citycell Face to Face (live)

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04:05 Bashundhara Amadei Sa Re Ga Ma 05:30 Gaaner Opare 06:00 Music Plus 06:20 Music Club RC Travel On Talk Show: Alov 09:35

Bhuban Bhora 10:00 Obelar Golpo ntv 08:35 Aiker Shokal 10:05 Colours 10:30 Galary Circus Lights Shurer Jolsha Muktangon 01:00 02:35

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Talk Show: Ki kotha

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Recipe

Siddiqua Kabir's

Sports Time (Live) Aj Dupurey O Citycell Ebong Cinemar Gaan 01:45 Public Reaction 02:40 Selected Drama

Drama Serial: Klanto

Drama Serial: Bela

03:30 04:00 Music Music 04:30 Ekti Tara Duiti Tara 05:15 Small Ville 06:00 Saai Bela 06:30 Top News 06:45 Jonotar Ishtihar 07:00 Baker Pathey Drama Serial: 09:00 Khanone Kushum Kol 09:30 Expression



Kanone Kushum Koli On Channel 1 at 09:00pm Drama Serial Cast: ATM Shamsuzzaman, Mahfuz Ahmed, Tisha

Siddiqua Kabir's Recipe On ntv at 08:25pm

Anondobari 11:25 Din Dorpon **CHANNEL 1** 08:40

Shuprovat Bangladesi 10:00 Cartoon 10:30 Bangla Feature Film 02:00 Nongor Drama Serial: Daar

10:00 Bangla Feature Film 02:30 Rashtro Bonam Eka 04:00 Desher Pother 04:30 Drama Serial: Meah Rong Meye 05:00 Cartoon 05:30 Game Show

Sports Star

BANGLAVISION

06:25 Diner Sheshe Drama Serial: Gouro Chondrika 09:20 Media Bhuban 09:50 Hashuli Bagume Upokotha **STAR MOVIES** 08:00 Great Expectations

Shark Attack

Absolute Zero

01:45 Little Voice 03:35 05:35 Flubber 07:30 09:30

Cookery Show

Host: Sharmin Lucky

Lemony Snicket's A Series Of Unf Merchant Of Death STAR PLUS V Trailers - Star Plus 11:00 Shaka Laka Boom 11:30 Shaka Laka Boom

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02:30 Bhabhi Someone Like You 03:00 Kesar Saarrthi 04:00 04:30 05:00

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Bolly V - Star Plus

08:00 Bolly V - Star Plus Pyar Ke Do Naam Ekradhaekshvam 09:30 Kasautii Zindagii Kay

STAR WORLD 08:00 Hollywood Squares 08:30 09:00 The Drew Carey Show 09:30 The Oprah Winfrey 10:30 Rockstar: Supernova

11:00 Criss Angel Mindfreak 11:30 One Tree Hill 12:30 Sports Illustrated 01:30 Knight Rider 02:30 Oprah Winfrey Show 03:30 The Bold And The Beautiful 04:30 General Hospita 05:30 06:30 The Simpsons Cheers 07:00

07:30 Friends 08:00 08:30 Rockstar: Supernova 09:30 Boston Legal 10:30 J.A.G. 11:30 Seinfeld

SONY 08:30 Shree Ganesh Spiritual 09:00 Telebrands Tele Shopping Chartbusters Music 09:30 Music Mantra Music 10:00 10:30 Music Beats Music

11:00 Yeh Meri Life Hai Drama 11:30 Kkussum Drama 12:00 Jassi Jaissi Koi Nahin 12:30 Kaisa Yeh Pyar Hai Thodi Khushi Thode 01:00 Gham Drama

Kabhie To Nazar Milao

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Mtv Non Stop Hits 12:00 **NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC**

Mtv 123

Mtv Housefull

Mtv Ishq Deewane

08:00 **WWS** Nat Geo Junior 08:30

10:30 Cliffhangers Is It Real? 11:30 12:30 From The Heart 5 Weddings & A Funeral 01:00 01:30 Going to More Extremes 02:30 Chimp Diaries 03:00 Wild Orphans 03:30 MegaStructures 04:30 Nat Geo Junior

06:30 MegaStructures Ek Ladki Aniaani Si 07:30 Drama Battle of Hood & Aisa Des Hai Mera Bismarck Drama 09:30 Sunset Bollywood Thodi Khushi Thode 10:30 MegaStructures Gham Drama Last of The Dragons 11:30 Khuafnaak

11:00 Khaufnaak Thriller/Drama 11:30 Kaisa Ye Pvar Hai Music Beats Music

Thriller/Drama

12:00 MTV Mtv Housefull 11:30 12:00 Mtv Bakra

Piddhu The Great Mtv Non Stop Hits Mtv Cut 2 Cut Mtv Brand New Mtv Merit List Mtv Non Stop Hits Mtv Non Stop Hits Piddhu The Great 08:00 Style Check

Mtv Non Stop Hits

Mtv Greatest Hits

08:30 Africa Week Sci Zone 09:30 10:30 Mythbusters 11:30 Risk Takers 12:30 Yummy Mummy Runway Moms 01:00 01:30 Wild discovery 02:30 Detective Storie 03:30 Endurance 04:00 Real Kids, Real

DISCOVERY

Adventures 04:30 Africa Week 05:30 Mega Builders 06:30 Junkyard Wars 07:30 Wild Discovery 08:30 09:30 10:00 10:30

Deadliest Catch Stunt Junkies African Adventures **Engineering Wonders** 11:30 Scary Night