

CULTURAL FEAS

Bengal Bikash Finals
Organiser: Bengal Foundation
September 3 10:00 am Songs of Rajanikanta, DL Roy and Atul Prasad
September 3 5:00 pm Nazrul Songs
September 4 5:00 pm Folk Songs
September 5 5:00 pm Modern Songs
September 6 6:00 pm Prize distribution
Venue: Bangladesh National Museum

Solo Art Exhibition
Title: Excavating Time
Artist: Dilara Begum Jolly
Venue: Bengal Gallery of Fine Arts, Bengal Shipalaya
Date: August 04-17
Time: 12:00 pm- 8:00 pm
Artist: Syed Mohammad Shamim
Venue: Art & Soul Gallery, Road-36, House-16, Gulshan
Date: September 01-14
Time: 11:00 am- 8:00 pm

Musical Soiree
Title: Songs of Kanai Lal Sheel, Montaj Ali Khan and Abdul Alim
Organiser: Bangladesh Loko Sangeet Parishad
Date: September 04
Venue: Bishwa Sahitya Kendro Auditorium
Time: 5:00 pm

Theatre
Play: Mandar
Troupe: Prachyanat
Venue: Indian Cultural Centre Auditorium, House 25, Road 96, Gulshan
Date: September 9
Time: 7:00 pm

Harold Pinter Week
Organisers: Theatre and Music Department, Dhaka University and British Council
Venue: British Council Auditorium
Play: The Caretaker
Date: September 4
Starts: 6:30pm

Play: Betrayal
Date: September 5
Starts: 7:00pm
Plays: Old Times & Night
Date: September 6
Starts: 6:00pm

Plays: The Lover & The Dumb Waiter
Date: September 7
Starts: 6:00pm
Plays: Monologue & The Dwarfs
Date: September 7
Starts: 6:00pm

Film Festival
Organiser: Bangladesh Short Film Forum
September 3 5:00 pm Autumn Afternoon (directed by Yasujiro Ozu) 7:00 pm Sankhondad (directed by Abu Sayeed)
September 4 5:00 pm Pick-pocket (directed by Robert Bresson) 7:00 pm In the Mood for Love (directed by Wong Kar-wai)
September 5 5:00 pm What Time is it There (directed by Tsai Ming-Liang) 7:00 pm Fast Runner (directed by Zacharias Kunuk)
September 6 5:00 pm Claire's Knee (directed by Eric Rohmer) 7:00 pm Wind Will Carry Us (directed by Abbas Kiarostami)
September 7 5:00 pm Broken Flower (directed by Jim Jarmusch) 7:00 pm Ontorjatra (directed by Tarek Masud)
Venue: Bangladesh Film Centre Auditorium, 110-112 Aziz Super Market, Shahbagh

Dance recital Gracing the stage with Odissi at National Museum



Chandana Raul strikes a graceful stance PHOTO: STAR

KHALID-BIN-HABIB

CLASSICAL dance in India originated as a spiritual expression of devotion to the higher being. Odissi, the classical dance style which traces its origins to the 2nd century BCE, for instance, was nurtured in the famous shrines situated at Puri, Konark and Bhubaneswar.

Odissi plays a major role in the subcontinental dance. The genre entices a wide section of classical dance devotees and owes its popularity to feature films, dance dramas and theatre. A recent treat for dance aficionados in Dhaka was an evening of Odissi, organised on September 1 by the Indian Council for Cultural Relations and The High Commission of India. The venue: National Museum auditorium.

The evening featured a performance by Indian Odissi dancer Chandana Raul and her troupe. Her solo presentation captured the full magnificence of Lord Shiva. The dance synchronisation was accompanied by the flute, *tabla*, *dhol* and violin. Classical music plays a significant role in Odissi.

The quintessence of Odissi as a dance form lies in its sculptural quality. It has two broad divisions; *Nritta* -- the pure dance without literary elements and *Nritya* -- the dance of expressions in which poetry and body movement fuse to create visual motifs through symbolic hand gestures and facial expressions. The concept of Hindu iconography is fully exploited in this dance form.

Chandana Raul was initiated into dance at the tender age of nine by Guru Bira Kishore Nayak. Her devotion, perseverance and commitment has made her one of the finest Odissi dancers of her generation. Moulded by the sculptured manifestations of this form of dance, she uses graceful movements and beautiful postures, captivating expression and scintillating style, which creates a visual phenomenon. Apart from her technical virtuosity, she displays a unique skill and stunning versatility while depicting varied emotions and excels in the *Abhinaya* aspect of dance.

Chandana Raul received Junior Fellowship from the Ministry of Human Resources Development, Government of India and various other awards. She is currently pursuing her Doctorate in Odissi dance from Utkal University, Bhubaneswar.

Fakir Durlav Shah talks on 'maner manush'

ERSHAD KAMOL, back from Kusthia

Ami kothay pabo tare Amar maner manush je re

--Verses by Fakir Lal Shah

Where will I find my *maner manush* (ideal being)? Fakir Lal Shah has raised this question several times in his verses. In fact, *maner manush* is an oft used term in Lalon songs as in other Baul schools.

Who is this ideal being? "Neither God nor an angel but a man whom we call *shain* (lord) or *guru* (mentor). *Maner manush* guides one to become a perfect human being," says Lalon devotee Fakir Durlav Shah, adding "The human form is insufficient to be the 'ideal being'. This state can be attained only with the guidance of a *maner manush*. That's why Fakir Lal Shah in his *Kalams* (verses) has suggested that a follower search for the *maner manush* and thereby become a *shahoj manush* (simple man)."

Fakir Durlav Shah, an 104-year old blind fakir, lives in a small bamboo-shack at Chhewria village, Kusthia. The other inhabitant of the shed is his *manushi* (mate) Fakirani Atarjan, who has been suffering from old age complications. The couple gained 'Khalafat' (the highest state of knowledge and sacredness, according to the belief of the cult at this stage one is prepared to absorb Lord in the soul) 60 years back.

Fakir Durlav Shah claims that in the early stage of his life he wandered from place to place in



Fakir Durlav Shah PHOTO: STAR

search for peace. However, he reached his goal ultimately when he found his *maner manush*. And his *maner manush* is his spiritual mentor Fakir Kokil Shah, from whom Durlav Shah and his wife Fakirani Atarjan took *Khalafat*. Thereafter, devotional rites of the cult as well as Lalon's verses became the guiding light of Fakir Durlav Shah and Fakirani Atarjan. Fakir Durlav Shah said, "In fact *fakiri* life is very controlled. I always got enormous support from my *manushi* to abide by all devotional rites."

In his long life he has seen many ups and downs at Lalon's shrine. To quote him, "I don't understand why Lalon Academy always promotes pseudo Bauls who are not fakirs, rather corrupt people. These individuals give notoriety to Lalon followers among people who have a vague idea of the cult. Sometimes they are seen openly taking drugs near the shrine."

Fakir Durlav Shah gets a yearly allowance from government as part of the project to aid the fakirs.

Stories of world literature dramatised on Channel 1



Scenes from *Bibhranti* (L) and *Neelrokt*

Based on stories by the greatest writers of world literature, a series of TV plays titled *Bishwasahitya Shambhar* begins today on Channel 1, says a press release.

Directed by eminent filmmaker Abu Sayeed, the series adapts a range of diverse stories by Nikolai Gogol, Leo Tolstoy, Anton Chekhov, Guy de Maupassant, O'Henry, Mark Twain, Jean Paul Sartre, among others. The stories are presented in the context of Bangladesh with the titles *Sheshpata*, *Neelrokt*, *Danpotro*, *Adhopoton*, *Coatbrittanto*, *Kanta*, *Jonoiko Keran*, *Ghrina*, *Jibon-Jemon*, *Bibhranti* and others.

Several upcoming writers have scripted the plays. In fact Kamrul Ahsan, Rahad Abir and Mila Mahfuz embarked on their career as scriptwriters through this series.

The cast of the play includes Jayanta Chattopadhyay, Dr Enamul Haque, Abul Kashem, Dilara Zaman, Ahmed Rubel, Zahid Hossain Shovon, Shamsul Alam Bokul, Ahsan Habib Nasim, Deepa Khondoker, Kusum Sikder, Sharmin Shila and Dihan.

Bishwasahitya Shambhar will be aired every Sunday at 8:15 pm



Mamunur Rashid and Keramat Moula honoured

CULTURAL CORRESPONDENT

Eminent theatre personalities Mamunur Rashid and Keramat Moula were honoured in Kolkata at a three-day theatre festival jointly arranged by Utpal Dutt Foundation



Mamunur Rashid and Keramat Moula at the festival

and cultural organisation Samalay. Mamunur Rashid was honoured as a playwright, director and a close associate of Utpal Dutt, while actor Keramat Moula was honoured for his career spanning over 50 years.

Cultural event and discussion in Tangail



Artistes perform at the programme

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Tangail

The Satodal Sangskritik Sangstha, a well-known cultural organisation in Tangail, held a cultural programme and discussion on music at the Central Shaheed Minar premises in the town recently.

Abdus Salam Miah, president of Satodal Sangskritik Sangstha, presided over the function. Tangail Poursabha chairman Jamilur Rahman Miron attended the function as chief guest while local cultural personality Alamgir Khan Menu and advocate Ataur Rahman Khan Azad, general secretary of Manobadhikar Bastobayan Sangstha in the district, attended as special guests.

Among others, noted local artistes Shamsuzzaman Daru, Tilanjan Roy Chowdhury, Salma Salam Urmey, Onna, Keya, and Chhoa performed at the function.

The programme was directed and presented by Badsha Miah, Ikbal Hossain, and Shaheen Mostofa.

TV GUIDE

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

News Bulletin

BTB
 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 BTB 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 BTB 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 BTB 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

CHANNEL i
 08:30 *Shokaler Gaan*
 09:45 Public Reaction
 09:50 *Grameenphone Tritiyo Matra*
 11:05 Tele Prescription
 11:30 *Hridoye Mati O Manush*
 12:30 *Citycell Tarokakothon (Live)*
 01:05 *Ebong Cinemar Gaan*
 01:30 *Shanghabadpore Bangladesh*
 01:45 Public Reaction
 02:40 Selected Drama
 04:05 *Amader Gaan*
 04:25 *Sa Re Ga Ma*
 05:30 FCT Business Talk
 06:00 Music Plus
 06:20 *Shamoi*
 07:50 *Bhober Haat*
 10:00 *Bela Obelar Golpo*
 12:00 *Grameenphone Ajker Shongbad Potro*

ATN BANGLA
 10:30 Talk Show
 11:05 Drama Serial: *Hortoner Bibi*
 12:15 *Smitir Monikothay*
 01:30 *Shornaly Shadako*
 02:30 Tele Film
 05:10 ATN Music
 05:45 Islamic Programme
 06:20 Three Stooges
 08:00 Drama Serial: *Khola Duar*
 08:30 Drama Serial: *The New Shabuj Opera*

09:00 Drama Serial: *Nire Tar Nil Dheu*
 09:30 Drama Serial: *Olot Palot*
 10:40 Business This Week

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 08:35 *Ajker Shokal*
 10:05 Animal Kingdom
 10:30 *Natoker Gaan*
 01:05 *Muktangan*
 02:35 Drama Serial: *Kachher Manush Gaan*
 03:15 *Duranto Egaro*
 04:25 *Apon Aloy*
 05:10 *Din Darpan/ Ithasher Ei Diney*
 05:20 *Apnar Jigyasha*
 06:20 *Shubho Shondhya*
 06:50 *Agroj*
 08:25 Drama Serial: *Ramizer Ayna*
 09:00 Closeup1
 11:25 *Dindarpan*

CHANNEL 1
 08:40 *Shuprobhat Bangladesh*
 09:30 *Chokh Maley Dekhi*
 10:00 Cartoon
 10:30 Bangla Feature Film
 02:00 *Biswa Jurey Shath Din*
 03:30 *Shurela Laagan*
 04:00 Drama Serial: *Dui Duguna Panch*
 04:30 *Shondhi Khoney*
 05:15 *Small Ville*
 06:00 *Saaj Bela*
 06:30 Top News
 06:45 *Jonatar Ishthihar*
 07:00 *Padmo Raag*

PICK OF THE DAY

Olot Palot
 On ATN Bangla at 9:30pm
 Drama Serial
 Cast: Tania, Srabonti, Ishita

Godsend
 On Star Movies at 7:00pm
 Genre: Drama/Thriller/Horror
 Cast: Robert De Niro, Greg Kinnear, Rebecca Ramijn

Rtv
 09:30 *Shaptahik Adda*
 10:00 *Aj Potrikay*
 10:30 R Music
 02:30 Islamic Programme
 03:30 *Modhyo Barti*
 04:00 *Apon Shimanay*
 06:00 *Ajker Bangladesh*
 06:35 *Amar Desh*
 06:40 Childrens Programme
 08:00 Drama Serial: *Agantuk*
 08:50 Wide Angle

BANGLAVISION
 08:35 *Shuvo Shokal*
 09:00 Cartoon
 09:30 Drama Serial: *Krishno Phokho*
 10:00 Bangla Feature Film
 02:30 Drama Serial: *Tarik Ali Hadari*
 03:00 *Amar Ami*
 03:30 Drama Serial: *Shukher Kanta*
 04:00 *Shomoy Ashomoy*
 04:30 *Projapoti Din*
 05:00 *Shamney Nirbachon*
 05:30 *Cinebit Shada Kalo*

08:15 Drama
11:00 Expression

09:20 Concert
10:45 Rtv Exclusive

08:05 *Apnar Agami*
09:20 Drama Serial: *Shohorer Shesh Bari Ki Jado Bangla Gaaney*

09:50 *Ki Jado Bangla Gaaney*

SONY
08:30 Shree Ganesh
09:00 Telebrands
09:30 Teleshopping
10:00 Chart Busters Movie Based
10:30 Music Mantra Music
11:00 Man Mein Hai
11:30 Man Mein Hai

12:00 Visshwas Spiritual
12:30 CID Thriller/ Horror
01:00 Fear Factor Reality Based
02:00 Vaidehi Drama
02:30 Vaidehi Drama
03:00 Maitnee - Devdas Movie
06:00 Contd. Contd.
06:30 Music Beats Music
07:00 Music Mantra Others
07:30 Chart Busters Movie Based
08:00 Current Bollywood Movie Based
08:30 Badhaai ho Badhaai

STAR PLUS
08:30 Shararat - Thoda Jadu Todi Naz
9:00 Yatra
09:30 Krishna Kathaiyen
10:30 Instant Khichdi
11:00 Instant Khichdi
11:30 The great Indian laughter champion
12:30 Aksar
02:30 V First Day First Show-Starplu
03:00 Ssshhhh...Koi Hai...
04:00 Mirch Masala
04:30 Musafir Hoon Yaaron
05:00 V Trailers - Star Plus
05:30 Brandy And Mr. Whiskers
06:00 Buzz Light Year Of Starcommand
06:30 Virasaat
08:30 Saibaba
09:30 Prithviraj Chauhan
10:00 Baa Bahoo Aur Baby
10:30 Shanno Ki Shaadi
11:00 Thoda Sa Aasma Kaboom

HBO
08:45 ED
10:45 Barb Wire
12:45 The Spongebob Squarepants Movie
02:30 Congo
04:45 Cabin Fever
06:30 Code Name: Wolverine
08:30 Rambo II
10:30 A Cinderella Story

12:30 Matchstick Men
02:45 The Specialist
STAR MOVIES
08:30 When Zachary Beaver Came To Town
10:00 Planet Genies
11:45 The Triangle - Ep. 01
01:15 Out Of Time
03:00 Starsky & Hutch
04:40 The Alamo
07:00 Godsend
08:45 Object Of My Affection
STAR WORLD
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 Law & Order: S.V.U
02:30 One Tree Hill
03:30 Ncis
04:30 Boston Legal
05:30 Hollywood Shootout - Ep. 39
06:00 Travel Asia
06:30 Baywatch Hawaii
07:30 The Simpsons
08:00 Wonderfalls
09:00 Oprah Winfrey Show
10:00 Rendezvous With Simi Garewal
11:00 Criminal Minds
12:00 Law & Order: S.V.U.

NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC
08:30 The Living Edens
09:30 Swamp Tigers
10:30 Dogs With Jobs

11:00 Wildlife Diary
12:30 Expeditions to the Edge
01:30 Ultimate Adventures
02:30 Wild Safari
03:00 Planet Wild
03:30 The Living Edens
04:30 Nat Geo Reveals
05:30 Nat Geo Reveals
06:30 Wild Safari
07:30 Ultimate Enemies
08:30 True Face of Hurricanes
09:30 Nat Geo Encores
10:30 No Borders
12:00 Young Global Hot Shots
DISCOVERY CHANNEL
08:30 Wild Discovery
09:30 Discover India
10:30 Himalaya With Michael Palin
11:30 Stunt Junkies
12:00 Great Cars
12:30 Runway Moms
01:00 Yummy Mummy
01:30 Wild Discovery
02:30 Building The Biggest
03:30 Days That Shook The World
04:30 Wild Discovery
05:30 How Do They Do It?
06:30 Airtel Voyager
07:30 Wild Discovery
08:30 Discovery's Biggest Shows
9:30 Terror Strikes
10:30 Night Safari
11:30 Blueprint For Disaster