

CULTURAL FEAST

Bengal Bikash Finals

Organiser: Bengal Foundation
September 6: Announcement of winners at 6pm
Venue: Bangladesh National Museum

Musical Soiree

Title: Hogaku - Japanese Traditional Music
Organiser: Embassy of Japan and Japan Foundation
Venue: National Theatre Stage, Bangladesh Shikpala Academy
Date: September 06
Time: 6:30pm

Solo Art Exhibition

Title: Excavating Time
Artist: Dilara Begum Jolly
Venue: Bengal Gallery of Fine Arts, Bengal Shikpalaya
Date: September 04-17
Time: 12:00 pm-8:00 pm

Harold Pinter Week

Organisers: Theatre and Music Department, Dhaka University and British Council
Venue: British Council Auditorium
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

Films Screening

Title: Leonid Gaidai (1923-1993)
Retrospective
Organisers: Zahir Raihan Film Society & Russian Cultural Centre
September 6: 4:30 pm. Operation 'Y' and Shurik's Other Adventures
6:30 pm Kidnapping
Caucasian Style
September 7: 4:30 pm The Diamond Arm
6:30 pm Ivan Vasilievich: Back to the Future
Venue: Russian Cultural Centre, Road 7, Dhanmondi

Bengal Bikash Finals
The allure of folk songs



Contestants Biman Chandra Biswas (top) and Tulika Ghosh Chowdhury perform at the final

KARIM WAHED

Bengal Bikash contestants in the folk song category took part in the finals on September 4 at the National Museum. The event began with a choral rendition of the familiar song Nao chhariya de by all 20 participants.

Though Bangladesh is geographically small, the heritage of our folk songs runs deep. Each region of Bangladesh has its distinct tradition of folk songs. Bhatiali, bhawaia, gambhira, jaari, shari, majbandari, murshidee, marfati and songs of the bards Lalon, Hason Raja, Radha Raman, Ramesh Sheel and others resonate in every nook and corner of the country. These songs, with simple words and relatable metaphors,

denote everyday joys and woes, passion and spirituality.

The first contestant to take the stage was Sheikh Naser Jamal from Barisal. Jamal started with a bhatiali song O mon majhrey lagao tori, followed by Dakar moto daktey parley (judges' choice). Mohammad Mozammel Haq from Rajshahi, a rickshaw puller by profession, sang Mon-er dukkho mon-e ailo and Aar kotokaal bhashho ami, an Abdul Alim classic. Mozammel has been committed to folk and Nazrul songs since he was 18.

Tapan Kumar Mandol, a carpenter who lives in Dhaka, sang Amar jonon gelo bipholey and Ami jedin choley jabo. The participant has a powerful voice but he needs more practice with the microphone and

control over vocals. Alif Laila Moushumi who also took part in the final of Nazrul songs category, rendered Pakhi amar gelo kon bono and Tomar lagirey.

Syed Ashiqur Rahman performed a Radha Raman song Amarey bondhuar mon-e nai and a number popularised by Bari Siddiqui, Shoachan pakhi. Mahfuza Khatun Tania, an enlisted artiste of Rajshahi Betar, rendered Shey ki abar and Kalarey koirogo mana.

Khaleda Yasmin from Chittagong performed Amar shonar moina pakhi and Babui chengra rey. The contestant's steady control over the pace of two songs which are nothing alike and ability to emotive were impressive. Another participant who stood out is Halima Parveen. An enlisted artiste of BTV and Betar in classical music category, Halima's impeccable rendition of Mon-er dukkho was moving.

Mohammad Rabiul Islam, a music teacher at Shafiqur Ansar Academy, sang a Lalon song Kobey shadhur chorondhuli and Goleymaley pireet koira na. Tulika Ghosh Chowdhury from Sunamganj sang Rai elo na Jamunatey and a Hason Raja song Hason Rajar mon-e.

Biman Chandra Biswas, a teacher at Chhayana, rendered Ami jarey bashi bhala and a Lalon song Jaat gelo jaat gelo boley. The performance by Sheela Das from Feni was a treat. The aspiring crooner who sang two Lalon songs -- Dekhna mon jhank mari ei duniadari and Parey ke jabi Nabir noukatey aai -- sounded like a Farida Parveen in the making. The unmistakable lilt, the zeal -- Sheela had everything down to the last note.

The event wrapped up with Maruf Hasan's rendition of Por-er bedon ki porey janey.



Theatre
Harold Pinter week begins



ERSHAD KAMOL

Though contemporary British playwright Harold Pinter has achieved international success as one of the most complex post-World War II dramatists, he is not a popular name amongst the theatre lovers in Bangladesh. To introduce the Nobel Prize winning dramatist to Bangladeshi audience, a theatre festival and book exhibition began on September 4 and runs until September 8.

British Council, Bangladesh in collaboration with the Department of Theatre and Music of University of Dhaka (DU) has arranged the programme at the British Council Auditorium. Besides exhibiting books by the writer, arranging a seminar, eight theatre performances -- The Caretaker, Betrayal, Old Times, Night, The Lover, The Dumb Waiter, Monologue and The Dwarfs -- will be staged by the students of Department of Theatre and Music.

Students of the department study plays by Pinter and stage the plays as part of the academic course titled 'Theatre of Absurd'. Dr Israfil Shaheen, chairperson of the department, who is also the coordinator of the theatre performances, asserted, 'Students study Samuel Beckett, Eugene Ionesco and Harold Pinter as part of the Theatre of Absurd course. Translations of Harold Pinter's plays are not available in Bangla that's why students have to translate and direct the plays on their own. They do it collectively. Teachers of the department only guide them to reach the goal.'

The festival began with the staging of Pinter's play The Caretaker. The play is about two neurotic brothers whose fragile relationship is upset by a vagrant who comes into their lives. Written in the 1960s, it is a postmodernist play in which reality and reliability are in and out of focus.

His plays are noted for their use

of silence to increase tension, understatement, and cryptic small talk. In The Caretaker, Pinter has created a world where the audience shares the characters' confusion and suspense about what is going to happen next.

The play is translated and directed by Mainul Hassan and Syam Khan respectively, who are the students of the department. Shahman Moishan, Rajib Chandra Das and Shantanu Haldar performed the three characters of the play.

Earlier in a discussion programme, Professor SMA Faiz, Vice Chancellor of DU, Dr AFM Youssuf Haider, the pro-Vice Chancellor of DU, Richard Sunderland, the acting director of British Council, Bangladesh, William Arnall-Culliford, head of press and public affairs of British High Commission, Dhaka, theatre personality Ramendu Majumder and Dr Israfil Shaheen delivered speeches.

fan mail!

In our monthly fan mail section this month we turn the spotlight on veteran film actor Razzak. Readers are invited to send in questions by September 21 latest, with their full name, address/email at:

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Please note that The Daily Star holds the right to select questions sent by the readers.

Hollywood dips into Bollywood



Denzel Washington and Jodie Foster in Inside Man

Hollywood paparazzi should try getting used to curries and masala chai. For they could be following such A-listers like Brad Pitt, Adrien Brody and Owen Wilson to India in the next 12 months.

The unprecedented number of films to be shot in India by well-known directors like Francis Ford Coppola and Wes Anderson led the influential trade publication Variety declare recently with a head-

line: "Hollywood Dips into Bollywood".

The combined budget of India-bound films, including the one based on Yann Martel's Booker Prize-winning novel Life of Pi, exceeds US\$500 million.

It is not just the shoots in India that have grabbed the attention of the American media including The New York Times. The newspaper ran a lead story recently in its busi-

ness section about a deal Hollywood star Will Smith has struck with India's UTV company to produce mainstream films.

Involved in Bollywood-Hollywood co-productions are studios like Sony and 20th Century Fox. The UTV films and the ones Adlabs company is producing with Ashok Amritraj in Hollywood will have nothing to do with India, and that makes the growing bond between Hollywood and Bollywood even more interesting.

Hollywood is also actively engaged in producing Hindi language films in India, with Sony expected to be a significant partner in Devidas director Sanjay Leela Bhansali's upcoming project Saawariya.

Adding to the excitement is the deal Disney and other Hollywood studios have struck with Indian movie animation companies. In case you wanted more proof of how Hollywood and the West are embracing Bollywood: Inside Man -- the Spike Lee-directed, multi-starrer thriller and a worldwide hit -- starts and ends with A R Rahman's Chaiyya Chaiyya from Mani Ratnam's Shah Rukh Khan starrer Dil Se.

Source: Internet

Bengal Bikash competition advertisement. Includes logo, text '100 contestants in 5 music categories', 'Prize giving ceremony TODAY 6 September 2006 Wednesday, 6 pm', and venue 'Shaheed Zia Auditorium National Museum, Shahbag, Dhaka'.

TV GUIDE

PICK OF THE DAY



Siddiqua Kabir's Recipe
On ntv at 8:25 pm
Cookery Show
Host: Sharmin Lucky



Rockstar: Supernova
On Star World at 8:30pm
Search for the lead vocalist of the band Supernova continues

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 6:55 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. ATH 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 5:30 pm, 7:30 pm. Tara News (Bangla) at 6:30 pm, 11:30 pm. Tara News Bangladesh (Bangla) at 9:30 pm. BBC WORLD Every hour on the hour.

BTV 09:15 Satellite Broadcast
12:05 Shagbapotr Patra
12:30 Maa O Shikhar Kotha
01:00 Shukhi Poribar
01:30 Hital Tomal
02:15 Sompur
02:40 Childrens Programme
03:05 Cartoon
03:30 Cricket Shikha
04:00 Esho Computer Shikhi
04:30 Quiz Quiz
05:05 Ei Dhaka Shei Orieka
05:30 Sonidha Maloti
06:40 Shustho Thakun
07:30 Proidin Bangladesh
08:35 Drama Serial: Dorodi
09:25 Drama Serial: Kramtikal
10:25 Teknal Thekey Tetula
CHANNEL-i 09:30 Shagbapotr Patra
09:45 Public Reaction
09:50 Tritymatra
11:05 Sports Time (Live)
12:30 Aj Dupurey O Caycell
01:45 Public Reaction
02:40 Selected Drama
04:05 Amader Gaan
04:25 Sa Re Ga Me
05:30 Gaaner Oparyo
06:00 Music Plus
06:20 Portar Amrey Golpo
07:50 Hello Minister
09:35 Talk Show: Aiky
Bhuban Bhora
10:00 Drama Serial: Bela
Obelar Golpo
12:00 Gramephone Aiky
Shangebapotr
ATN BANGLA 10:30 Anyodishi

12:15 Bangla Feature Film
01:30 Band Show
03:10 Drama Serial: Bhala
Bashar Rang
03:50 Children's Programme
04:20 Islamic Programme
05:10 Musical Programme
06:20 The Sword of Tipu Sultan
08:00 Drama Serial: Sherebela Pothochola
08:30 Quiz Quiz
09:00 Drama Serial: Bohemian
09:30 Drama Serial: Tushar Robosya
10:40 Musical Programme
ntv 08:35 Aiker Shokal
10:05 Colours
10:30 Gaiety
11:00 Circus Lights
12:05 Shure Jostha
01:00 Muktagang
02:35 Drama Serial: Labonye Prokha
03:15 Drama Serial: Ronger Manush
03:50 Drama Serial: Amader Anondo Bari
04:25 Tepantor Er Matthey
05:10 Ithasbat Ei Dine / Din Dorpon
05:20 Anar Jigashya
06:20 Shubho Shordhya
06:50 Talk Show: Ki Kotha
07:50 Siddiqua Kabir's Recipe
08:25 Kichhu Kotha Kichhu Gaan
09:50 Drama Serial: Amader Anondoban
11:25 Din Dorpon
CHANNEL 1 08:40 Shuprovat Bangladesh
10:00 Cartoon

10:30 Bangla Feature Film
02:00 Nongor
03:30 Drama Serial: Deor
Kak
04:00 Ruptantor Golpo
04:30 Eki Tara Duti Tara
05:15 Small Ville
06:00 Saaj Bela
06:30 Top News
06:45 Jonotar Ishthar
07:00 Baker Pathay
08:15 Drama
09:00 Drama Serial: Kanone
Kusum Koll
09:30 Expression
11:00 Sports Star
Rtv 09:30 Talk Show: Ei mon
10:30 Char Deyal
12:05 Amar Desh

02:30 Shoto Proshno
03:40 Drama Serial: Rajje
Bhawal Shanyashi
04:20 Prachir Ghera Ghana
05:05 Praner Manush
06:00 Aiker Bangladesh
06:30 Cinema Ar Cinema
08:00 Drama Serial: Raja
Bhawal Shanyashi
08:50 Gno Shoti
09:20 Drama Serial: Nawab
Faizunnesa
10:45 Rtv Exclusive
10:50 Prithibir Pathay
Banglavision 10:00 Bangla Feature Film
10:30 Rashiro Bonam Eka
03:00 Music Rhythm

03:30 Drama Serial: Joba
Kushum
04:00 Amader Alithi
04:30 Desher Pathay
05:00 Cartoon
05:30 Game Show
06:25 Diner Sheshe
08:10 Drama Serial: Gauri
Chondrika
09:20 Media Bhuban
09:50 Hashui Begumer
Upokotha
SONY 08:30 Shree Ganeshe Spiritual
09:00 Telebrands Tele Shopping
09:30 Charbusters Music
10:00 Music Mantra Music
10:30 Music Beats Music
11:00 Crime Patrol Others

12:00 Kaisa Ye Pyar Hai Drama
12:30 Ek Ladki Anjaani Si Drama
13:00 Thodi Khushi Thode Gham Drama
13:30 Kaahle To Nazar Milao Drama
14:00 Rishiton Ki Dor Drama
14:30 Aisa Des Hai Mera Drama
15:00 Murti Aur Hum Drama
15:30 Brandy And Mr. Whiskers
16:00 Buzz Light Year Of Starcommand
16:30 Pyar Ke Do Naam. Ekdradhaakhyam
17:00 Kasauti Zindagi Kay
17:30 Thodi Khushi Thode Gham Drama
18:00 Pyar Ke Do Naam. Ekdradhaakhyam
18:30 Kasauti Zindagi Kay
19:00 Thodi Khushi Thode Gham Drama
19:30 Karm Apna Apna
20:00 Kaahari Ghar Ghar Ki
20:30 Kyunki Saas Bhi Kabhi

09:00 Ek Ladki Anjaani Si Drama
09:30 Aisa Des Hai Mera Drama
10:00 Thodi Khushi Thode Gham Drama
10:30 Kaahle To Nazar Milao Drama
11:00 Rishiton Ki Dor Drama
11:30 Aisa Des Hai Mera Drama
12:00 Des Mein Nidhi Hoga Chan
12:30 V Trailers - Star Plus
13:00 V Trailers - Star Plus
13:30 Shaika Laka Boom Boom
14:00 Shaika Laka Boom Boom
14:30 Des Mein Nidhi Hoga Chan
15:00 V Trailers - Star Plus
15:30 Shaika Laka Boom Boom
16:00 Shaika Laka Boom Boom
16:30 Des Mein Nidhi Hoga Chan
17:00 V Trailers - Star Plus
17:30 Kasauti Zindagi Kay
18:00 Kumkum - Pyara Sa Bandhan
18:30 Kesar
19:00 Soanrhi
19:30 Kyunki Saas Bhi Kabhi Bahu Thi
20:00 Bahu Thi Hoga K Street Pall Hill
20:30 Real Women Have Curves
21:05 Thought Crimes
21:30 American Ninja 3 Blood Hunt
21:45 Molyves
22:00 L.A. County 187
22:30 Something's Gotta Give
23:00 Mortal Kombat
23:30 Carnival '13: Los Moscos
24:00 Carnival '14: Alamogordo, NM
24:30 Matilda
25:00 Robocop
25:30 Home Alone 2: Lost In New York
26:00 America's Sweethearts
26:30 Sweet Away
27:00 Flubber
27:30 The Triangle - Ep. 01
28:00 The Devil's Own
28:30 Soul Assassin
STAR WORLD 08:30 Cheers
09:30 The Drew Carey Show
10:00 The Oprah Winfrey Show
10:30 Rockstar: Supernova
11:00 Criss Angel Mindfreak
11:30 One Tree Hill
12:00 Ghost Whisperer
12:30 Knight Rider
13:00 Oprah Winfrey Show
13:30 The Bold And The Beautiful
14:00 General Hospital
14:30 Monk
15:00 The Simpsons
15:30 Cheers
16:00 Friends
16:30 Seinfeld

08:30 Rockstar: Supernova
09:30 Boston Legal
10:30 J.A.G.
11:30 Seinfeld
12:00 Friends
DISCOVERY CHANNEL 08:30 Wild Discovery
09:30 Sci Zone
10:30 Mybustlers
11:30 Risk Takers
12:30 Yummy Mummy
01:00 Runway Moms
01:30 Wild Discovery
02:30 Detective Stories
03:30 Endurance
04:00 Real Kids, Real Adventures
04:30 Wild Discovery
05:30 Mega Builders
06:30 Junkyard Wars
07:30 Wild Discovery
08:30 Need For Speed
09:30 Terror Strikes
10:30 Building The Biggest
11:30 Scary Night
NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC 08:30 Nat Geo Junior
09:00 Snakes
09:30 Nat Geo Junior
10:00 Croc Chronicles
10:30 Golden Baboons
11:30 Nat Geo Encores
12:30 From The Heart
01:00 5 Weddings & A Funeral
01:30 Free To Roam With Hutch
02:30 Totally Wild
03:00 Totally Wild
03:30 Bull For Destruction
04:30 Nat Geo Junior
05:00 Snakes
05:30 Nat Geo Junior
06:30 Bull For Destruction
07:30 Honey Badger
08:30 Hitler's Scientists
09:30 Hitler's Sunken Secret
10:30 Ultimate Disaster