

CULTURAL FEAS

Solo Art Exhibition

Title: Down Memory Lane
Artist: Rafiqun Nabi
Venue: Bengal Gallery of Fine Arts, Bengal Shilpalaya, House no-275/F, Road no-27 (Old), Dhanmondi
Date: November 20-December 3
Time: 12:00pm-8:00pm

Artist: Jalilur Rabbi Tamim
Venue: Alliance Française de Dacca, 26 Mirpur Road, Dhanmondi
Date: November 24-December 7
Time: Sunday to Friday 9:00am-12:00pm and 5:00pm-9:00pm, Saturday 5:00pm to 8:00pm

Artist: Samiran Chowdhury
Venue: Art & Soul Gallery, Rd No 36, House 16, Gulshan
Date: November 24-December 4
Time: 11:00am-08:00pm

Jazz Concert

Group: Norwegian Jazz group Kirsti Huke Quartet
Organisers: Sangskriti Kendra & Royal Norwegian Embassy
Venue: Bangladesh National Museum Auditorium
Date: November 26-27
Time: 6:30 pm

Michael Winterbottom Retrospective

A retrospective of seven films dealing with contemporary international issues by critically acclaimed British filmmaker Michael Winterbottom.
Organiser: Zahir Raihan Film Society
 November 26
 3:00pm I Want You
 5:00pm Jude the Obscure
 7:00pm Welcome to Sarajevo
 November 27
 3:00pm The 24 Hour Party People
 4:45pm Code 46
 6:30pm In This World
 8:15pm The Road to Guantanamo
Venue: Goethe Institut, Dhaka

65th Anniversary of Battle of Moscow

Organisers: Russian Centre for Science and Culture
Programmes: Photo exhibition, film show "Officers"
Venue: Russian Centre for Science and Culture, Dhaka
Date & Time: November 29 at 5:30 pm

Theatre

Play: Hirok Rajar Deshe
Troupe: BRAC University Drama and Theatre Forum
Venue: National Theatre Auditorium, Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy
Date & Time: November 27 at 6:30 pm

Photography Exhibition

Title: Keokradong Er Pothe Pothe
Organiser: Deepro
Venue: Zainul Gallery, Institute of Fine Arts, DU
Date: November 23-29
Time: 11:00am-7:00pm

20th anniversary of Bangladesh Theatre

Daylong cultural programme at Shilpakala

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ACTIVISTS of Bangladesh Theatre, one of the members of Bangladesh Group Theatre Federation, gathered at the National Theatre Stage premises on Friday morning (November 24) to observe its 20th anniversary. The daylong cultural programme provided entertainment with a medley of dance, music and theatre.

The programme began with a colourful procession, which was brought out after the inauguration by theatre personality Ataur Rahman. Rahija Khanom Jhunu, Golam Kuddus, Jhuna Chowdhury and others delivered speeches. After the procession, activists from different cultural organisations such as Bulbul Academy of Fine Arts (BAFA), Padatik Natya Sangsad and Bangladesh Theatre participated in an interesting event called *Manchamela*, which the troupe has been arranging for the last 15 years on the eve of its anniversary. The troupes staged dance, music and *natoker gaan* at the event.

Another attraction of the day was rendition of Baul songs, in which professional Baul singers such as Abed Baul performed.

The event ended up with the staging of the 170th show of *See-Morag*, the troupe's most remarkable production. Asadullah Farazi's play *See-Morag* does not deal with the legendary bird *See-Morag*, which helps a lover cross the oceans, as in Bangla fable, rather it deals with the structure of the rural society where the feudal



Baul Abed performs at the event

PHOTO STAR

lords act according to their whims.

The play *See-Morag* represents a village named Baghabari, where feudal lord Bazal Shikdar imposes his will on the villagers. Once he collects a rooster from Sylhet and claims that it is the legendary *See-Morag* of the fable. One day

his so-called *See-Morag* is lost and he accuses everyone of stealing his rooster. At last, he takes it as an opportunity to forcibly occupy the house of a Hindu family, making them a scapegoat for the loss of *See-Morag*.

The play is directed by Humayun Kabir.

Theatre festival 'Bhelua Shundari' and 'Resurrection' staged abroad

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Resurrection and *Bhelua Shundari*, two theatre productions of Centre for Asian Theatre (CAT), were staged recently in festivals abroad-- in Nepal and India respectively.

Two shows of *Resurrection*, an imaginary play that features biography as well as views of legendary Norwegian playwright-poet Henrik Ibsen, was staged in the Ibsen Festival-2006 in Kathmandu, Nepal. Arranged by Arohan Theatre, the 10-day festival was inaugu-

rated by Nepalese Prime Minister Girija Prasad Koirala.

Besides CAT's presentation of *Resurrection*, several theatre troupes from Nepal, India, Pakistan and Norway staged shows in the festival. Kamaluddin Nilu is the director and playwright of *Resurrection*.

Earlier in a theatre festival called Sunny Halli Theatre Festival in Karnataka, India, CAT staged its once hit production *Bhelua Shundari*. The troupe staged the play on November 2.

Based on a story from

Purbabanga Geetika, a compilation of folklores, *Bhelua Shundari* features the tragic love story of a girl. Though the storyline of the folk tale is simple, it deals with some universal issues like freedom, discrimination and others.

Director Saidur Rahman has followed traditional *pala* form for the play. And this play has been staged in several international theatre festivals such as in India and Sweden. The theatre group members asserted that CAT remade the production for the festival.



Scenes from *Bhelua Shundari* and *Resurrection*

Art exhibition outside the gallery circuit



Daily Life of Old Dhaka by Mohammad Zakir-Ul Salam (Rassel)

Dhaka University. The duo lately exhibited their works at Zainul Gallery along with three others artists of what is known the Dynamic Five--backed up by artists Mohammad Rashed Kalam, Urmi Basak and Abdus Sattar.

It is heartening to see that art lovers can easily promote such upcoming artists. As artist Kanak Champa Chakma, a guest at the recent exhibition, points out, "Such exhibitions give aspiring artists an opportunity to express themselves. In a relaxed and homely setting, they can display their works."

So far the response from art aficionados has been great, says the hostess of the exhibition. Already seven paintings have been sold. "Such displays make sound sense. We charge no commission and the artists can get the publicity that is their due," she says.

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It was an art exhibition with a difference. In the stead of the customary formal art exhibition in a gallery, an expat couple recently hosted a display of paintings in their well kept home in Dhaka. The milieu was casual and friendly as the guests-- all expats and many acquainted with each other-- mingled freely.

On display were the works of two upcoming artists: Mohammad Zakir-Ul-Salam (Rassel) and Mohammad Arifuzzaman (Arif). The former's work, titled *Daily Life of Old Dhaka*, in acrylic immediately caught the eye. In dark colours of black, blue, red, the painting captured a vignette of Old Dhaka: labourers, bullock

carts, rickshaws against a setting of Boro Katara (big gate). "Old Dhaka and its lifestyle continue to attract me," says Rassel, adding, "Light and shade are an important part of my painting." There were other paintings on the same theme and horses as well.

The second artist, Arif, has an impressive work, an oil on paper *Perfect Mismatch*. Here he uses colours such as red, blue, black and yellow and depicts three dancing figures with a mask in a corner. His aim? To show how the artist is not in harmony with people surrounding him. Other works in a series, titled *Jibon Jekhona Jamon*, revealed the angst of the painter.

Both Rassel and Arif are students of the Institute of Fine Arts,



Perfect Mismatch by Mohammad Arifuzzaman (Arif)

'Sisimpur' welcomes eight new writers to the family



Mostafa Monwar, Annie Evans, Sara Zaker and Aly Zaker seen with participants at the workshop

They are not furry or fuzzy, but they are fantastic and fun! They are the eight new *Sisimpur* script-writers and they are gearing up for an original third season of the beloved children's programme, says a press release. This month, non-profit educational organisation Sesame Workshop and Nanyantara, co-producers of *Sisimpur*, hosted a six-day writer's workshop at the BRAC Centre in Mohakhali for the writers who will create new adventures for Halum, Tukki, Iki Mikri and Shiku! The workshop was led by Annie Evans, an Emmy-award winning

writer for *Sesame Street* in the US. Evans presented the team with innovative techniques for writing that include thinking about the world from the children's perspective, and producing content that is engaging and funny, as well as educational and age-appropriate.

"*Sisimpur* is successful because of the incredible local team of writers and producers that stand behind the programme and maintain its integrity," said Evans. "I am confident that this fresh and imaginative new team will serve as the foundation for an out-

standing third season." Nanyantara's Executive Producer Ratan Paul, Sesame Workshop Associate Producer Akiko Yabuki, actor Aly Zaker and writer Mohammad Zafar Iqbal were also present during the six-day workshop.

The workshop concluded with a festive evening celebration, including Baul songs, and was attended by *Sisimpur*'s Muppeteers, live-action film producers, Chief Creative Advisor, Mostafa Monwar and Project Head Sara Zaker.

TV GUIDE

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 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. (To be telecast on all Bangla channels).

CHANNEL-I
 News (Bangla) at 7:15 am, 9:00am, 2:00pm, 7:00pm, 9:00pm, 10:30pm, 12:15am.

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
 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.

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.

CHANNEL 1
 News (Bangla) at 8:00am, 12:00pm, 2:30pm, 6:30pm, 7:30pm, 10:00pm, 12:30am

BANGLAVISION
 News (Bangla) at 8:00am, 2:00pm, 6:00pm, 7:15pm, 10:30pm.
 News Headlines (Bangla) at 9:00pm
 News Headlines (English) at 9:05pm

RTV
 News (Bangla) at 7:00am, 3:00pm, 7:15pm, 10:00pm.
 News Headlines (Bangla) at 10:30am

CHANNEL-I
 08:05 Tagore Song
 08:30 Shokaler Gaan
 09:50 Tritiomatra
 11:05 Tele Prescription
 11:30 Hridoye Mati O Manush
 12:30 Aj Dupure O Citycell Taroka Kathana
 01:05 Ebong Cinemar Gaan
 02:40 Selected Drama
 04:05 Amader Gaan
 04:25 Sa Re Ga Ma
 05:30 Chithi Pelam
 06:20 Talk Show: Samoyiki
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ATN BANGLA
 10:30 Onnodrishti
 11:05 Hortoner Bilbi
 11:35 Ek Jonomey
 12:15 Smitir Monikothay
 01:30 Shomali Shadkalo
 02:30 Tele Film: Bonus
 05:10 Musical Programme
 05:45 Islamic Programme
 06:25 Three Stooges
 08:00 Drama Serial: Khola Duar
 08:30 Mega Serial: The New Subuj Opera
 09:00 Drama Serial: Nire Tar Neel Dheu

09:30 Drama Serial: Pichutan
 10:40 Protidin
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 10:05 Animal Kingdom
 10:30 Natoker Gaan
 11:00 Mon Amar Shondhan Kori
 11:30 Talk Show: Ki Kotha Tahar Shathey
 12:05 World of Arts
 12:30 Hoi Hullor
 01:05 Muktangon
 02:35 Drama
 03:15 Single Episode Drama
 03:50 Drama Serial: Megh Bolechhe Jabo Jabo
 04:25 Apon Aloy
 05:10 Din Dorpon
 06:20 Shubho Shondha
 08:20 Ramizer Aaina
 09:00 Closeup1 Tomakei Khujchhey Bangladesh
 09:45 Shomoshomoy
 11:25 Din Dorpan
Rtv
 09:35 Adda: Borne Borne Rochito
 10:30 R Music
 12:00 Talk Show: Prasongik
 01:00 Aj Potrikay
 01:35 Shoto Proshno
 03:30 Drama Serial: Modhyoborti
 04:00 Gopshop
 05:10 Drishokolpo
 05:30 Gaan Ar Gaan

PICK OF THE DAY

Closeup 1 Tomakei Khujchhe Bangladesh
 On ntv at 9:00pm
Musical Talent Hunt
 Host: Debashish and Samia

Intersection
 On HBO at 8:30pm
Genre: Drama/Romance
 Cast: Richard Gere, Sharon Stone, Lolita Davidovich

06:00 Ajker Bangladesh	04:00 Shondhikhone	09:30 Drama Serial: Krishno Pokkho	SONY
06:35 Bishwa Jurey	04:30 Drama Serial: Godhuli Belay	10:00 Bangla Feature Film Shuker Kanta	09:30 Chart Busters Movie Based
08:00 Drama Serial: Black and White	05:15 Chokh Mele Dekhi	02:30 Shuker Kanta	10:00 Music Mantra Music
08:50 Wide Angle	06:10 Shaaj Bela	03:00 Amar Ami	10:30 Music Beats Music
09:20 Jugal Bondi	06:45 Ithasher Pothe	03:30 Ebong Classer Bairey	11:00 Cadbury's Bourmivita Quiz Contest Quiz
10:45 Rtv Exclusive	07:00 Padmoraag	04:00 Raat Birete	11:30 Kaboom
CHANNEL 1	07:00 Drama Serial: Dokhinayan	04:30 Drama Serial: Dokhinayan	11:30 Looney Tunes Back in Action
08:40 Shuprobhat Bangladesh	08:15 Drama Serial: Sunye Boshobash	05:00 Cartoon	12:30 The Perfect Man
09:30 Chokh Mele Dekhi	09:00 Drama Serial: Sultana Bibiana	05:40 Diner Sheshey	02:30 A Simple Wish
10:00 Cartoon	11:00 Music Music	06:30 Cinebit	04:15 Tales from the Crypt
10:30 Bangla Feature Film Bishwa Jurey Shath Din	BANGLAVISION	08:10 Drama Serial: Magno Chaitonney Shish	05:00 The Lord of the Rings: The Two Towers
02:00 Drama Serial: Din	08:35 Shubho Shokal	09:15 Apar Agami	08:30 Intersection
03:30 Rupali Pata	09:05 Cartoon	09:50 Drama Serial: Uro Chithi	

06:30 Music Beats Music
 07:00 Music Mantra Music
 07:30 Chartbusters Movie Based
 08:00 ITA Curtain Raiser Movie Based
 08:30 Sunday Blockbuster - 36 China Town Movie
 11:30 CID Thriller
STAR PLUS
 09:30 Krishna Kathaiyen
 10:30 Instant Khichdi
 11:30 Great Indian laughter challenge 2
 12:30 Ji Mantriji
 01:00 Aunty No 1
 04:00 V First Day First Show-Starplu
 04:30 Musafir Hoon Yaaron
 05:00 V Trailers - Star Plus
 05:30 Aladdin
 06:00 Timon And Pumbaa
 06:30 Viraasat
 08:00 Saibaba
 09:30 Prithviraj Chauhan
 10:00 Baa Bahoo Aur Baby
 11:00 Thodi Si Zameen Thoda Sa Aasma
 11:30 Kaboom
HBO
 10:30 Looney Tunes Back in Action
 12:30 The Perfect Man
 02:30 A Simple Wish
 04:15 Tales from the Crypt
 05:00 The Lord of the Rings: The Two Towers
 08:30 Intersection

10:30 New on the Big Screen in November
 11:00 The Corruptor
 01:15 Around the Bend
 03:00 Disturbing Behavior
STAR MOVIES
 10:00 For Your Eyes Only
 12:15 Octopussy
 02:30 View To A Kill, A
 04:50 Living Daylights, The
 07:00 Mr. And Mrs. Smith
 09:00 Cyborg 2
 10:45 Braveheart
STAR W ORLD
 09:30 Hogan's Heroes
 10:00 Get Smart
 10:30 The Bold And The Beautiful
 12:30 Criminal Minds
 01:30 Law & Order: S.V.U.
 02:30 One Tree Hill
 03:30 Ncis
 04:30 Grey's Anatomy
 05:30 Hollywood Shootouts
 06:00 Travel Asia
 06:30 Commander In Chief
 07:30 Malcolm In The Middle
 08:00 Desire: Table For Three
 09:00 Oprah Winfrey Show
 09:30 Rendezvous With Simi Garewal
 10:00 Criminal Minds
 11:30 Law & Order: S.V.U.
NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC
 09:30 Wild
 10:30 The Living Edens

11:30 Show Real Asia
 12:30 NG Investigates
 Terrorism
 01:30 NG Investigates
 Terrorism
 02:30 Wildlife Wars
 03:30 Air Crash Investigation
 04:30 Serious Amazon
 05:00 Dogs With Jobs
 05:30 Nat Geo Junior
 06:30 Port of Rotterdam
 07:30 Rated W
 08:30 Stalking Leopards
 09:30 Nights with Leopards
 10:00 Spell of the Tiger
 10:30 NG Investigates
 Terrorism
 11:30 Crime Night
DISCOVERY CHANNEL
 09:30 Discovery India
 10:30 Destination India
 11:30 Great Moghuls
 12:00 Discovery Week
 12:30 Life In The Undergrowth
 01:30 Wild Discovery
 02:30 Discovery Marquee
 04:30 Wild Discovery
 05:30 Feast India
 06:00 Discovery Week
 06:30 IDEA
 07:30 Wild Discovery
 08:30 Discovery's Biggest Shows
 10:30 Night Safari
 11:30 Life On The Edge