

## workshop

## Good Grooming for the Stage

## Children's Theatre Workshop Held

by Fayza Haq

LAQUAT Ali Lucky, Secretary General of People's Theatre Association, while discussing the Children's Theatre Workshop, held at the Curzon Hall Cafeteria yesterday, says, "For 10 years we are working in different fields of theatre having produced 27 plays with Loko Natyadali. This includes 'Kanjush' (which has had 344 performances — the highest record in Bangladesh, earning Tk 16 lakhs through sale of tickets), 'Sonar Madhav', based on *My mensingh Geetika* which is a form of *jatra* combined with *Padabali kirtan*, a milestone in Bangladeshi theatre productions, and 'Padma Nadir Majhee' written by Manik Bondonaddha and dramatised by me, and 'Toposh Taronginee' written by Buddhaboje Bose and directed by me."

The purpose of the workshop is that there was no Children's Theatre tradition earlier, even though the National Group Theatre (adult theatre) existed and flourished after the Liberation War", Laiquat Ali Lucky adds. "In 1990 the Children's Theatre movement began in Bangladesh, with the purpose of establishing regular Children's Theatre activities in the country. They organised four Children's Theatre workshops so far, the first being in '94, next in '96, later in '97, while the fourth is still in progress". The director continues, "On an average, over 200 children all over the country participated in this so far. They have also organised regional children's workshops at the district levels at Bogra, Meherpur, Jessore, Faridpur, Rangpur, Sylhet, Tongi, Nawabganj, Chittagong and Feni."

The People's Theatre Association organised three national children's theatre festivals jointly with Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy in '95, with 21 groups, again, in '97 with 25 groups, and lately in '99 with 47 groups. Now there are 70 children's theatre groups in Bangladesh. "Another accomplishment of the Children's Theatre is that it has participated in the third and fifth international Children's Theatre



Children's theatre workshop in progress.

Festival, held in Lingen, Germany in '94 and '98. Each time 10 Bangladeshi children went for these festivals — and each time their play was reckoned as one of the best plays of the offerings at the drama festival. Twenty-five countries had joined in these theatre efforts," he adds. "The PTA's children's group has also participated twice in international festivals held at New Delhi, in '96 and '97. This year too a group is being sent to New Delhi in November," he continues.

The workshop is being held to train the children aged 7 to 14. They are being trained how to act successfully on stage. PTA has kept 15 teachers from their own organisation including me, Sajedul Alam, Kristee Hefaz, Yasmine Ali, Ziaul Hoque, Kamrun Noor Chowdhury, Zeenat Jahan Anita, Fazle Ilahi, Avijit Chowdhury, Alpana Sultana, Sabina Bari Lucky and Uzene Gomes." Laiquat Ali Lucky says furthermore.

Some outside teachers have also been roped in this workshop which includes well-known personalities like Abul Hayat, Sara Zaker, Afroza Banu

Abul Kalam, Mannan Hira, S M Mohsin, Fazlur Rahaman Babu, Munira Yousuf Memi, Tropa Majumdar," the director adds. "PTA had organised a workshop in '97 by the British expert Miss Penny of the 'Neti Neti Theatre,' and this had proved to be a tremendous help," he continues to inform me.

He says, "It is like a game; I do not teach them as such, but when they learn to dance, to do elocution, sing, perform mime and participate in serious acting. The present workshops last for 12 hours and continue for three weeks. A certificate will be awarded on 22nd August to the successful candidates. We call the workshop 'Drama for Capability' the purpose of which is to train up the child so that he/she is adequately prepared for the stage in future." He also comments, "As the main organiser of the Children's Theatre movement in Bangladesh I'm very satisfied and optimistic that the CT activities will be successfully established and will later flourish.

Asked if well-known actors taking more active interest in Children's Theatre would im-

prove it, Laiquat Ali Lucky says, "No, being an actor is one thing and being a teacher of acting is another."

Speaking about the problems he faces, the director laments, "The National Group Theatre is at present facing a major problem of losing its audience sharply. Again, it is not getting a steady supply of devoted new enthusiasts. Whatever number are available are like transitory birds, their main target being package TV productions." Under the circumstances the Children's Theatre will hopefully bring at least ten per cent of trained actors to the stage.

Thus the gap of good actors might be diminished and so there will be a solution to the present shortage of dedicated and successful actors some day in the near future, I believe that at least 50 per cent of these children then as adults will prove to be eager and appreciative stage audience." Laiquat Ali Lucky concludes.

While PTA activities are becoming popular as numerous events have been successfully staged, Laiquat Ali Lucky is the brain behind the workshop.

## exhibition

## 'Hiroshima-Nagasaki' —A Harrowing Past Solo Photography Exhibition of Kikujiro Fukushima

By Mishu M Chowdhury

ONO Unnayan Proksta (OUP) and IKI IKI — Asia jointly organized a two-day exhibition of the Japanese photographer Kikujiro Fukushima featuring his photographic works on the 'Effect of the Atomic Bomb Blast in Japan' and 'Pollution in Japan — The Shadows of Economic Growth' at the Drik Gallery on Thursday, August 05, 1999.

By the end of July 1945 almost half of Tokyo had been destroyed, and strategic bombing had leveled scores of Japanese cities. Preparations were being made for an allied invasion. On July 16, 1945 however, the work of the U.S. Manhattan Project came to yielding of results when an atomic bomb was successfully tested at Alamogordo, New Mexico. President Truman decided in favor of using the weapon to end the war quickly unless Japan surrendered. From Potsdam on July 26, 1945 Truman, Churchill, and Chiang Kai-Shek issued an ultimatum demanding the unconditional surrender of Japan. It did not mention the bomb. Japan decided to continue the war.

Exactly fifty-five years ago, the allied forces under the direct command of Truman, the president of the United States of America, ordered the carrying out of an atomic bomb blast with an explosive force greater than 20,000 U.S. tons of TNT on the Japanese city of Hiroshima, with a population of about 300,000. At least 78,000 people were killed outright, 10,000 were never found, and more than 70,000 were injured. Almost two-thirds of the city was destroyed. On August 9, the day after the USSR declared war on Japan, an atomic bomb was dropped on Nagasaki, aiming at the Mitsubishi shipyards. The bomb missed its target but destroyed about half of the city and killed approximately 75,000 people.

Featuring his early works on Hiroshima and Nagasaki, and the effects of the atomic bomb blast on the two cities, and the environmental pollution on Japan the Drik Gallery highlights around one hundred and



Visitors appreciate Kikujiro Fukushima's photograph on the 'effects of the Atomic Bomb Blast' and 'Pollution in Japan — The Shadows of Economic Growth' at the Drik Gallery.

Japanese Professor present at the exhibition.

The photographs exhibited at the gallery conveys the sufferings of the people of Japan after the atomic bomb blast including the pictures of the reports of the effected which were sealed in an container, shipped to U.S.A. without the concern of the Japanese physicians.

Among the pictures exhibited there, a group of pictures holds the story of a pitiful mother losing her child as she was five months pregnant at the time of the bombing, and giving birth to a dead child, some of the parts of the child's body missing and rotten. The photographer Kikujiro Fukushima in many of his photographs tried to express what the victims had to undergo. The brusque torment of the victims captured through Kikujiro camera gives

out even such incidents like a 25 years old male victim, unable to bear the pain caused by radiation, cuts his hands and feet, and at the zenith of agony takes his own life. Beside every photograph displayed are few short notes on the victims giving a precise idea about the photograher's intentions.

Kikujiro Fukushima was born in 1921 and started his professional career as a photographer in 1960. Since then Kikujiro Fukushima had spent a considerable amount of time in the Middle East and the former Soviet Union working as a photographer. Displaying some of the heartbreak and anguished photographs, Kikujiro Fukushima rightfully manifested the horrors of war and the disastrous future causing due to environmental pollution.

## TV Guide

Saturday 7th August  
(All programmes are in local time. The Daily Star will not be responsible for any change in the programme)

## BBC

6:00 BBC World News  
6:05 USA Direct 6:30  
World Living: The Big Trip #9/16- Thailand & Malaysia 7:00 BBC News Headlines 7:30 Asia Today 8:00 BBC News 8:30 World Focus: USA Direct/Asia Today 9:00 BBC World News 9:30 Hard Talk: 10:00 BBC News 10:30 World Focus: The Sky at Night #4/10 11:00 World News 11:30 Europe Direct 12:00 World News 12:30 World Living: Face To Face India Talk (Presenter: Karan Thapar) 1:00 BBC News 1:30 HARDtalk 2:00 BBC World News 2:30 World Focus: Correspondent 3:00 World News Headlines 3:05 World Weekend: 20/20 Profiles of Century-Elvis Presley 4:00 BBC World News 4:30 World Living: Holiday Guide 5:00 BBC News 5:30 This Week 6:00 World Headlines 6:10 World Weekend: The Road To War, Germany 7:00 BBC World News 7:30 Wild World: The Living Planet 14/24 8:00 BBC World News Headlines 8:05 World Weekend: Watergate #5/5- Impeachment 9:05 World Weekend: 20/20 Profiles of Century-Elvis Presley 10:00 World News 10:30 Style! 11:00 BBC World News 11:30 World Living: This Week 12:00 World News 12:30 World Focus: Correspondent 1:00 World News Headlines 1:10 World Weekend: The Road To War, Germany 2:00 BBC World News 2:30 World Focus: Top Gear- The Air Show #8 3:00 BBC World News 3:00 World Weekend: Watergate #5/5- Impeachment 4:00 BBC News 4:30 HARDtalk

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## STAR PLUS

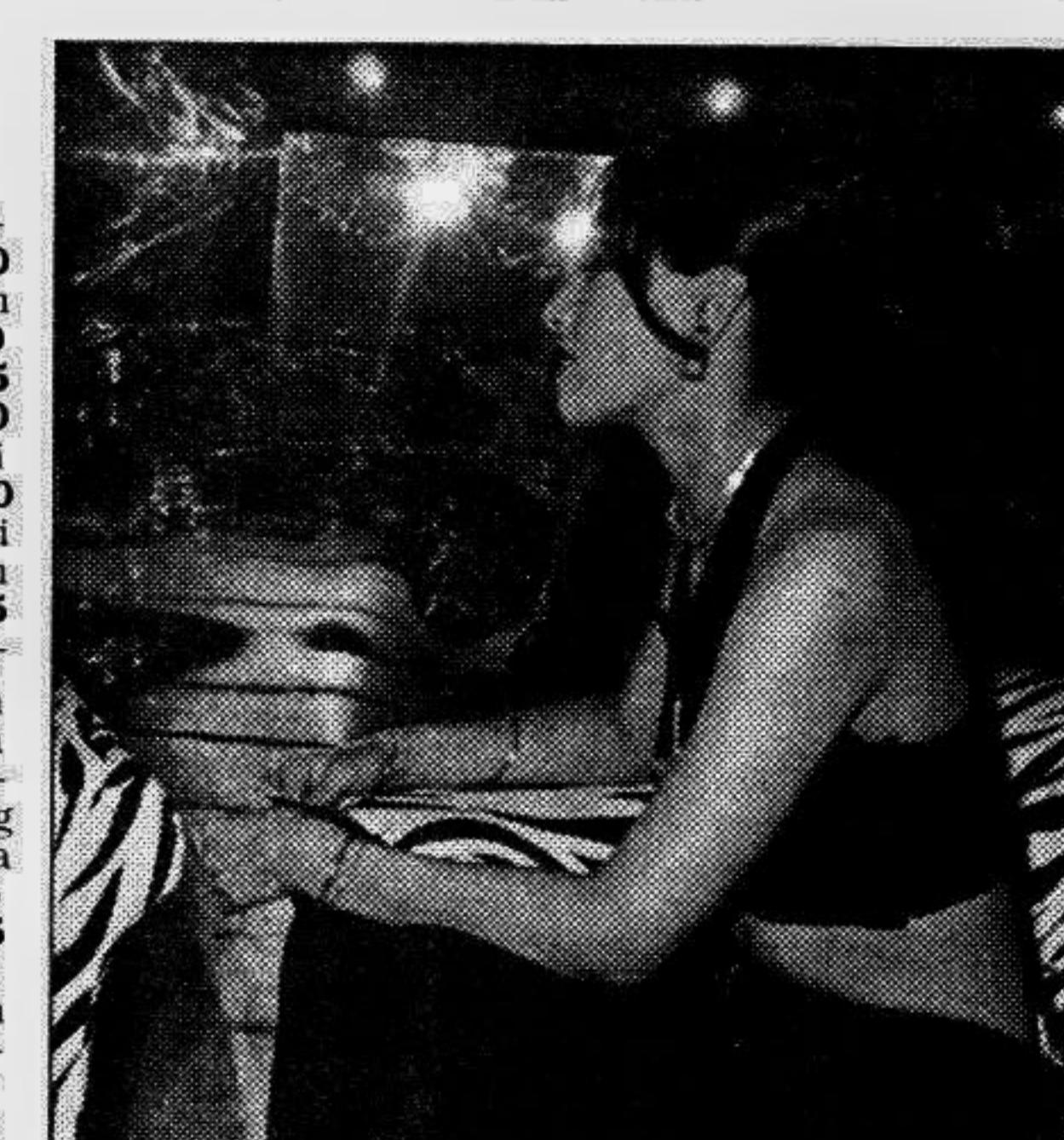
6:30 Nainad 7:30 Good Morning India 9:30 Travel Asia 10:00 Eak the Cat 10:30 Story Teller 11:00 Poti Baba Ki 11:30 The Great Escape 12:00 Living on the Edge 12:30 TVC 1:00 Hit Ya Fit 1:30 Tanha 2:30 Bakemans Ooh La La 3:30 Tea Time Cinema: "Milap" B/W (Dev Anand, Gita, Ball) 6:30 Kinetic Mega Show 7:00 Hit Ya Fit 7:30 Sapta Ki Baat 8:30 Living on the Edge 9:00 Ek Mu- laquat 9:30 Star News 10:00 Star Bestsellers 11:00 Century 12:00 Shrimati Sharma Na Kehi Thi 12:30 Heart of the Matter 1:00 Brittas Em-

## PTV-2

9:00 The Good Life 9:30 Chef 10:00 TV Com 10:30 Travel Asia 11:00 Ally McBeal 12:00 Mystery Movies: Inspector Morse "The Wench is Dead" 2:00 Cats 4:00 3rd Rock From the Sun 5:00 WWF Shotgun Challenge 6:00 Xena 7:00 Baywatch 8:00 Lovejoy 9:00 Soldier Soldier 10:00 Baywatch 11:00 Xena 12:00 Hercules 1:00 Tropical Heat 2:00 Baywatch Nights 3:00 The Key Of David 3:30 Small Wonder 4:00 Aerobics Oz Style 4:30 World News 5:00 Lassie 5:30 Eek! The Cat

## STAR MOVIES

7:30 Action : The Star Chair 9:30 Comedy: Life With Mikey 11:30 E! CP: Kevin Bacon 12:30 Drama: Queens Logic 15 2:30 Star Kids Club: Dad-



Kinetic Mega Show on Star Plus at 6:30 pm

## ZEE NEWS INDIA TV

7:00 Jagran 7:30 AM to 11:30 PM Every Half Hour- Zee News: Hindi 12:00 India's Most Wanted 12:30 News in Hindi 12:57 News Headlines 1:00 Insight 1:30 The Diplomacy Show 2:00 Beech Shasar 2:30 Ru Bu Ru 03:00 Jaanch Ya Aanch 3:30 The Tech Show 4:00 Teer Kaman 4:30 India Debates

## MTV INDIA

7:00 MTV Asia Hit List VJ Mike/Sarah 9:00 MTV Fresh VJ Sarah 9:30 MTV-U 10:30 Non-Stop Hits 12:30 MTV Hit Film Music 1:00 MTV Housefull V Nafisa 1:30 MTV-U VJ Cyrus 2:30 MTV in Control 3:30 Thums-Up Non-Stop Hits 4:00 MTV Unplugged 5:00 Essential 5:30 MTV Recycled 6:30 Non-Stop Hits 7:30 MTV Fresh VJ Rahul 8:00 MTV & Smirnoff Mega Mix VJ Nafisa 8:30 Non-Stop Hits 9:30 MTV Hit Film Music 10:00 Housefull VJ Nafisa 10:30 Non-Stop Hits 11:30 The Grind 12:00 Club MTV VJ Malaka 12:30 Non-Stop Hits Continue ...

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DD CHANNEL-1

5:55 Vande Mataram 6:00 Serial: Aradhana 6:30 UGC Programmes 7:30 Samachar 7:45 Suba Sabera 8:15 Khoi Khabar 8:45 The News 9:00 Suba Sabera 9:30 Series- Khob Khabar 10:00 UGC Programmes 10:30 Serial: Naye Subha 11:00 Serial: Lakin Woh Sachha Tha 12:00 Shaktiman (Animated Series) 1:00 Regional Film Show 3:30 Sports World 4:30 Sunhera Pal 6:00 Heads & Tales 6:30 Series: Turning Point 7:00 Yeh Delhi Hai 7:30 Samachar 8:00 Show Them 8:30 Belaiti Babu 9:00 Samachar & The News 9:20 Current Affairs 9:50 Sanskruti Bharati 10:00 Serial-Jai Hanuman 11:02 Mile Sur Mera Tumhara 12:02 Spl

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Famili No.1 #41 3:30 The Good Home Show 4:00 Anchehri-Hindi Feature Film: Jaise Ko Taisa 3:30 The Unforgettable - Raj Kapoor's Film Songs 8:00 Raj Kapoor's Film Songs 9:00 Geeton Ki Bahar

Cine Prime Hindi Film: The Showman Raj Kapoor's Shree 420 (Raj Kapoor, Nargis) 12:30 CID #Ep- Killer Call Pt-1 1:00 Missing #7 1:30 Aahat 2:00 Bhanwar 2:30 Chartbusters (Trailer Show) 3:00 The Poppadum Show 3:30 Cine Nite-World: Subraj K. Satyanarayana 2:00 ZEE Arabia : India's Most Wanted 3:00 Hindi Feature Film(B/W):

12:00 CLOSE-UP Antakshari (Anchore-Pallavi Joshi) 12:30 Serials X -Zone #Ep- Dafat Pt-1 1:30 Profesoor Peerael #1 (\*Ashok Shroff, Rakhi Tandon) 2:00 Zee News 2:30 ZEE Arabia : India's Most Wanted 3:00 Hindi Feature Film(B/W):

Film Show 10:00 Hindi Film Show (Rpt.)

## CARTOON NETWORK

5:30 World Famous Toons 6:30 Flintstones 7:30 The Popeye Show 8:00 Scooby & Scrappy D 8:30 Scooby All Star Lafla-lympics 9:00 Yougill's Treasure Hunt 10:30 The Detective Squad 11:30 Dymonut 12:00 Tom & Jerry Show 12:30 Bugs & Daffy 1:30 Ad-dams Family 2:00 Dumb & Dumber 2:30 The Real Adventure of Jhony 3:00 Gooyer & The Ghost Chasers 3:30 Casper and the Angles 4:00 Goldie Gold and Action Jack 4:30 The Detective Squad 6:00 Tom & Jerry Kids 6:30 Bugs & Daffy Show 7:30 Johnny Bravo 8:00 Two Stupid Dog 8:30 Scooby Doo Where Are You 9:00 The Popeye Show

## DISCOVERY CHANNEL

12:30 Ultimate Guide 1:30 Seatek 2:00 Without Warning 2:30 Lost Civilizations 3:30 The New Explorers 4:30 Next Step Episode 9:30 5:00 Ultra-science 5:30 Beyond 2000 6:00 Splat! Episode 8 6:30 Ushuaia Episode 108 7:30 Outer Bounds 8:00 High Adventure 8:30 Travelers 9:30 Superclites 10:00 Intimate Escapes 10:30 Lost Civilizations 11:30 The New Explorers 12:30 Oceans of Mystery 1:00 Eyewitness 2:00 Two Worlds 2:30 Ultimate Guide 3:30 Untamed Africa 4:30 Beyond 2000 5:00 Discovery News 5:30 Assignment Discovery 6:30 Born Among Wild Animals 7:00 Jaws & Claws 7:30 Extreme Machines 8:30 Challenge 9:00 Outer Bounds 10:00 High Adventure 11:30 Travelers 12:30 Superclites 10:00 Intimate Escapes 11:30 Lost Civilizations 12:30 The New Explorers 13:30 Oceans of Mystery 1:00 Eyewitness 2:00 Two Worlds 2:30 Ultimate Guide 3:30 Untamed Africa 4:30 Beyond 2000 5:00 Discovery News 5:30 Assignment Discovery 6:30 Born Among Wild Animals 7:00 Jaws & Claws 7:30 Extreme Machines 8:30 Challenge 9:00 Outer Bounds 10:00 High Adventure 11:30 Travelers 12:30 Superclites 10:00 Intimate Escapes 11:30 Lost Civilizations 12:30 The New Explorers 13:30 Oceans of Mystery 1:00 Eyewitness 2:00 Two Worlds 2:30 Ultimate Guide 3:30 Untamed Africa 4:30 Beyond 2000 5:00 Discovery News 5:30 Assignment Discovery 6:30 Born Among Wild Animals 7:00 Jaws & Claws 7:30 Extreme Machines 8:30 Challenge 9:00 Outer Bounds 10:00 High Adventure 11:30 Travelers 12:30 Superclites 10:00 Intimate Escapes 11:30 Lost Civilizations 12:30 The New Explorers 13:30 Oceans of Mystery 1:00 Eyewitness 2:00 Two Worlds 2:30 Ultimate Guide 3:30 Untamed Africa 4:30 Beyond 2000 5:00 Discovery News 5:30 Assignment Discovery 6:30 Born Among Wild Animals 7:00 Jaws & Claws 7:30 Extreme Machines 8:30 Challenge 9:00 Outer Bounds 10:00 High Adventure 11:30 Travelers 12:30 Superclites 10:00 Intimate Escapes 11:30 Lost Civilizations 12:30 The New Explorers 13:30 Oceans of Mystery 1:00 Eyewitness 2:00 Two Worlds 2:30 Ultimate Guide 3:3