

theatre

Eccentric But Charming

Peopolykus Theatre Company promises 80 minutes of total entertainment



Three performers of the Peopolykus Theatre Company - From Left John Nicholson, Javier Marzan and David Sant.

By Saima Islam

A little laughter can make a moment precious and that's what the Peopolykus Theatre Company promises to provide. The theatre company has come on a two weeks visit to Bangladesh.

They staged their first show on November 5. They will perform in Dhaka, Rajshahi and Sylhet.

programme is sponsored by The British Council Dhaka and co-sponsored by British Airways and Duncan Brothers.

The travelling theatre company members are -performer/devisor: John Nicholson, David Sant, Javier Marzan and production manager Alexander Page.

The current team got together in 1996. They are currently making Horses For Courses, their third

production following the hits Let The Donkey Go and I

to preview

Shankhachur on BTV

THE drama of the week to be aired on BTV tonight is titled *Shankhachur*. It has been written by Md Zafar Iqbal and is produced by Kamrunnesa Hasan. The drama stars Ali Hasan, Rubayat Sharmin Jhora, Abul Hayat Chitrakatha Guha among others.

Synopsis: The story revolves around a snake discovered lying on the chest of Abul Hayat one fine day. The whole house is alarmed by this astonishing and seemingly strange occurrence. A snake charmer is called in to help get rid of the snake. This man himself brings in a snake to attract the one in the house. The trouble multiplies when the charmer's snake disappears into the house.

Soon reporters who have heard about the incident come into the house for more details. As the hotch potch situation gets out of hand, a young boy comes looking for his toy snake that he claims he has left behind!

Music Horizon on Channel-i

Music Horizon is a programme based on local band music.

Participants in this week's episode include Miles, Arc, LRB and Souls. Miles will present *Polashir prantoray*, Souls *Hajar borsha ratay* and LRB will present *Ekhono onek raat*. The show also includes information about the different band



Shawon (L) and Shirajul Haq Manju (R) in a scene from Sangsar

CHANNEL-i

7:30 [V] Hit Machine 10:00 Virtual [V] (Back to Back Vids) 10:30 [V] Hit Machine 11:00 [V] On Campus 11:30 [V] Patli Gali 12:00 [V] Hit Machine 12:30 [V] Style Police 1:00 [V] Gone India 1:30 [V] Hit Machine 2:30 [V] Main Stage 3:30 [V] Hit Machine 4:00 [V] Job Shop 4:30 Woodstock 6:30 [V] Hit Machine 7:00 [V] Top of the Pops 7:30 [V] Hit Machine 8:30 Billboard US Countdown 9:30 The Ticket 10:00 [V] Hit Machine 10:30 [V] Whazzatnoise 11:00 [V] Hit Machine 11:30 [V] Saturday Special 12:30 Dearies One 3:30 [V] Hit Machine

STAR PLUS

6:30 Nainad 7:30 Good Morning India (News Ent) 9:30 Travel Asia #122 10:00 Kids Times: Eak the Cat 10:30 Story Teller 5:11:00 Potli Baba Ki 11:30 The Great Escape #14/22- 2:00 Series: CIS

STAR WORLD

7:00 Crystal Maze #10/13 8:00 Fox Kids Show-Biker Mice From Mars 5/6-A Mouse And His Motocycle 8:30 Fox Kids Show- Spiderman #5/13 Ep- Swarm 9:00 Fox Kids Show- X Men #5/26 Ep- Captive Hearts 9:30 Fox Kids Show- Goosebumps #4 Ep- parton of The Auditorium 10:00 TV Com 10:30 Travel Asia #116 R 11:00 Series: Ally McBeal #AM09-7/23 Ep-Boy To The World 12:00 Series: Murder One #12/23 Ep- 1:00 Series: The Big Easy #14/22- 2:00 Series: CIS

STAR MOVIES

7:30 Action: Bound By Honour (15) 10:30 E! Ths: The Selenia Murder Trial 12:30 Drama: Quest For Justice 2:30 Star Kids Club: Getting Even With Dad (12) 4:30 El Cep: Keenan Ivory Wayans 5:15 Adventure: Lochness 7:15 Great Movies: The Dark Wind 9:30 Us Top Ten 10:00 Thrillenium: Live Wire 12:00 Action: Bouendi By Honour (15) 3:00 Romance: Two Of A Kind (15)

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Carving Their Way to Light

National Wood Carving Contest '99 brings out skilled artists to the forefront

By Munera Parbeen

A fortnight long National Wood Carving Exhibition was inaugurated at the Alliance Francaise de Dhaka at Dhanmondi yesterday with a call to preserve and promote the heritage and traditional artcraft of the country.

Sponsored by Design Centre of BSCIC and Alliance Francaise de Dhaka, the exhibition was inaugurated by Abdur Razak, Minister for Water Resources.

The inauguration was followed by the prize-giving ceremony of the National Wood Carving Contest '99, Jean-Guy De Warring, Charge d'Affaires of the Embassy of France, and Md. Khorsheed Ansar Khan, Chairman of Bangladesh Small & Cottage Industries Corporation (BSCIC). Patrick Blanchard, Master carpenter and Michael Question, Master Carver from Ecole Boulle, French School of Art Carpentry, was present during the ceremony.

Wood-carving is an traditional art in Bangladesh. The Sundarbans, the Chittagong Hill Tracts and scattered forests in different parts of the country has always provided the people with different types of wood to work on. Wood has been used in a variety of purposes by all types of people, from simple peasants to the Zamindars, Nababs and Kings. This traditional form of art is however almost on the brink of extinction due lack of patronisation in our present society.

In order to encourage the art form and give it a lift to turn it into a valuable export item, and above all, to help and improve the carpentry skills of local carpenters, Alliance Francaise de Dhaka, the Design Centre of BSCIC and Ecole Boulle, French School of Art Carpentry have jointly organised the National Wood-carving contest '99', which is the first of its kind in the country, at a national level.

The entire programme is sponsored by the French Embassy in Dhaka. The primary work of this contest started on February 8 this year. The Design Centre, Alliance Francaise de Dhaka

and the Ecole Boulle visited different parts of the country in their search for talented carpenters and to see the level of work done in the different regions. They encountered the wood-carving artists, and encouraged them to participate in the contest. The event was also advertised through the different media.

A total of 65 wood craftsmen from 15 districts with 186 pieces of craft participated in the contest. They come from Narsingdi, Sirajganj, Kushtia, Narayanganj, Dhaka, Chittagong, Sherpur, Gopalganj, Comilla, Norail, Brahmanbaria, Magura, Rangpur, Satkhira, and Kishoreganj. The contest was divided into two main phases. In the first phase,

10 craftsmen were selected from among all the participants. These selected craftsmen were then each provided with two pieces of wood from Ecole Boulle in France, from which they produced sample crafts. In the second phase, one best wood craftsman and three skilled wood craftsmen were selected for prizes.

The winners of the contest are Sylvester Prashanta Bario (Dhaka) -- the best wood craftsman of Bangladesh and Ranjan Baroi (Dhaka, 2nd), Mohammed Awal Mollah (Narayanganj, 3rd), and Nagen-dra (Dhaka, 4th) -- skilled wood craftsmen. The winners were given a certificate, crest and Tk 20000 in cash for the best craftsman and Tk 10000 for

each skilled wood craftsman.

The jury which judged their work were Imdad Hossain, national award winner artist and previous Chief Designer of BSCIC, Mustafa Monwar, renowned artist, France Lasnier, Director of Alliance Francaise de Dhaka, Zinnat Mahrukh Banu, Acting Keeper of National Museum, Enamul Kabir Director, (Design & Sales), BSCIC, Alauddin Ahmed, Chief Designer of Design Centre, BSCIC and Christophe Steyer, Deputy Director of Alliance Francaise de Dhaka.

The different pieces of art exhibited at the show show the skills of the local craftsmen who can carve their way into the limelight if they are given

the proper support and chance to utilise their skills.

The exhibition of these craftsmen's work will remain open to the general public from 9 am to 12 noon and 4 pm to 8 pm everyday until November 18.

Meanwhile a workshop for the wood craftsmen of Bangladesh arranged by Ecole Boulle and Nasreen Zamir & Associates opened on October 31 and will continue upto November 9. A master class will also be held today for the best and skilled wood carvers of the country as identified by the 'national Wood-carving Contest 1999' by Michel Quentin, Master Carver of Ecole Boulle of France.



Visitors admiring the work of an artist at the Wood Carving Exhibition that opened at Alliance Francaise de Dhaka yesterday.

—Star photo

TV Guide

Saturday 6 November

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 6:30 Hard Talk 7:00 BBC News 7:30 Asia Today 8:00 BBC News 8:30 Asia Today 9:00 BBC World News 9:30 Asia Today 10:00 BBC News 10:30 Hard Talk 11:00 World News 11:30 World Living: Talking Movies 12:00 World Living: Question Time India Talk (Presenter: Dr. Prinoy Roy) 1:00 Earth Report 1:30 HARDTalk 2:00 BBC World News 2:30 USA Direct 3:00 World News Headlines 3:05 World Weekend: 20:20 Profiles of The Century#16/20: Martin Luther King 4:30 World Living: Gardens of The Mind 5:00 BBC News 5:30 This Week 6:00 World Headlines 6:10 Fall of The Wall: Stephen Hawking Univers: 1/6- Seeing Is Believing 7:00 BBC World News 7:10 World Weekend: How To Beat The Clock

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