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# Six Days of Festivity

Natya Parban 2000 ends at Jahangirnagar University

By Shamim Ashraf

A six-day Natya Parban, was organised by Jahangirnagar Theatre at the amphitheater of Jahangirnagar University, as the annual activities of the organisation, recently, which seen staging of a total of six dramas.

The slogan of the festival this year was Natyanandan Aalokita Hok Antarlok meaning let the art of drama enlighten your heart.

Socratiser Jabanbandy, a play based on the tragic end of Socrates, was the first drama to be staged at the festival. Written by Girish Karnad, It was adapted into Bangla by Shishir Kumar Das, and directed by Raju Ahmed.

Set in 400 BC Athens when the city suffered a defeated in Peloponnesian War. Democracy which is the glorious possession of Athenians is no more existing. The despots decide to rewrite the law of the land. Accordingly, a new constitution is formed and the task of maintaining law and order is entrusted upon a posse of 11 people, who act almost like today's secret police. Saturos, chief of the chosen eleven, is mean and brutal who lead the eleven to oppress and persecute the supporters of democracy. Many people are killed without any trial. Autocracy reigned Athens only eight months — from September 404 to May 403 BC.

The despots are looking for intellectuals' support to the injustice they are inflicting on the people and order Socrates to arrest an innocent man. Though they can do it by themselves, they planned it on Socrates for if they are successful they could easily show the countrymen that they have Socrates at their side supporting all their needs. But, Socrates does not pay heed to their order.

Socrates was seventy while



A scene from the drama Ekhono Kritodas

he is arrested. He is charged with taking the youths to dogs and for his blasphemy. Five hundred and one judges are engaged for his trial who have pronounced his death sentence.

Socrates has been proposed to seek a lighter punishment, but he does not agree. He also refuses to flee from the Athenian jail. At last, the man of democracy dies of drinking Hemlock.

All Mahmud, Neel Ahmed, Pukh Bakshi portray the roles of Socrates, chief judge and Plato respectively quite brilliantly.

Written by Abdullah-Al-Mamun and directed by Atikur Rahman Habib, "Ekhono Kritodas" was staged on the second day of the festival. Centering on a disabled freedom fighter, the drama tells the painful story of muktijuddha who is the victim

of social hypocrisy, deceit and debauchery.

"Loha" presents a story of a simple amiable boy 'Manik' turning into an activist of a secret political party and dying untreated and unattended.

Written by Masum Reza, "Loha" and directed by Ishrat Nishat, Loha was a production of Desh Natak.

The members of Ratbahini becomes active in the dark of the night. Badal, the party suprino, meets an innocent village boy, Manik and compels him to work for their party. He tells Manik that none who has ever joined their party can leave it alive. Badal make Manik dream of a country where all the people live in peace dream of a prosperous future. He hands Manik a pistol, 'Loha' and tells him that the Loha will save the ideals of the party as

well as Manik from dangers. Manik feels that he is much more powerful than any other who does not possess the Loha. When Badal has been killed by the rival group, Mota, one of senior most activists of the party, step into his shoes. Gradually the Loha that was a symbol of power and protection turned into mere pistol. The Loha which could have been an element to come in the aid of the oppressed and the weak, has become a killing machine.

One night when Ratbahini was fighting with one rival terrorist group, Manik receives bullet in his leg. The injury seemed fatal and they call for a Kabiraj. Manik's mother requests them to take him to doctor, but they do not agree because that might make their identity public. The drama ends with the wailing of a hopeless

and helpless mother.

Zahid Parvez Kanchan, Najma Anwar and Nazneen Hasan played the central characters of the play.

Theatre centre's 25th production "Mon Tar Shangkhini" was staged on the fourth day of the festival. Mon Tar Shangkhini is an adaptation of a story written by Hasan Azizul Haq directed by Aminur Rahman Mukul.

The story of the drama is of a very ordinary village girl Hamida. All the other characters in the drama centres around Hamida.

The drama begins after the wedding of Hamida. The marriage changes her to a great extent. She returns back to her village after her marriage to fulfill her desire to do the sacrifice which she could not do before her marriage. But to her wonders, people of the society refuses to allow her to have sacrifice. Hamida changes her decision, she plans to give the so-

ciet a lesson.

Lok Natya Dal added a different blend to the drama festival with staging their "Sonai Madhab." It is a production mixed of Padabali Kirtan and Jatra.

In Padabali Kirtan, the story develops through songs sung by the actors and actresses. In fact, this kind of Pala is staged at a place surrounded by audience. It needs no stage, the audience too used to sit on the ground, more like in our conventional Jatra, there are passages for entry and exit and a square-shaped stage is built middle of it. Here, the story develops not by songs like Padabali Kirtan, rather by loud dialogues of the performers. Sonai Madhab has been staged as an admixture of the two. Though the story develops here through songs, there are dances in it. Here, male performers played the roles of female ones.

The story of Sonai Madhab has been taken from Mymensingh Gitika. Liyakat Ali Lucky translated and directed

the drama.

Natya Parban-2000 was rounded off by staging Mayur Singhasan by Arannak Natyadal. Written by Mannan Heera, Mayur Singhasan is directed by Shah Alam Dula.

The drama is the story of the people who left their families, everyday happiness to establish democracy and secularism, and to thwart the attempts to destroy the arts and cultures of the country.

On the very first day of the Natya Parban, April 15, Jahangirnagar Theatre brought out a colorful rally on the campus after a short inaugural ceremony in front of the central cafeteria. President of the organisation Prof Sharif Enamul Kabir inaugurated the six-day festival which also accorded a reception to fresher students of 28th batch, to noted physicist and researcher Prof Mohammad Salimullah on and drama personae Mamunur Rashid.

**RECOMMENDATIONS**  
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**চলচ্চিত্র**  
টাস্টেইন, ২০০০

**3rd National Short Film Festival, Tangail 2000**

Organised by Bangladesh Short Film Forum and Tangail Film Society the inaugural ceremony of the 3rd National Short Film Festival, Tangail 2000 will be held at the Bhashani Hall on May 5 at 4.00pm.

Known theatre personality Sayed Nurul Huda will inaugurate the festival as chief guest. Dr Debipriya Bhattacharya, chairman National Advisor Board and Jamilur Rahman Miron, chairman National Festival Board will be present as invited guests, while the ceremony will be presided over by Aminul Islam of Bangladesh Short Film Forum.



Kazi Ghiyasuddin

Kazi Ghiyasuddin is an artist who figures among the few Bangladeshis who have carved their own niche in the international art scene. Bengal Gallery of Fine Arts has organised the first ever solo in Bangladesh by Kazi Ghiyasuddin on May 5.

The inauguration of the exhibition will be held at 6.00pm. Eminent artist Mohammed Kibria will inaugurate the exhibition as chief guest.

The exhibition will remain open for viewing from 3.00pm to 9.00pm everyday and 11.00am to 8.00pm on holidays till May 20.



**Bangladesh Heritage**  
The opening ceremony of the solo painting exhibition titled, *Bangladesh Heritage* by Mohammad Ali was held on April 28 at the Alliance Francaise de Dhaka.

Muzaffar Hossain Paltu, joint secretary Bangladesh Awami League inaugurated the exhibition as chief guest.

The exhibition will remain open every day from 9.00am till 8.00pm till May 11.

**Chandra Shekhar Dey**  
A ten daylong exhibition by Chandra Shekhar Dey started at the Gallery 21 on April 21. Artist Mostafa Monwar inaugurated the exhibition as chief guest while artist Rafiqun Nabi, Monirul Islam and Syed Abdullah Khalid was also present as special guests.

The exhibition will remain open to all from 10.00am till 8.00 pm till May 9.

**2nd Solo**  
The 2nd solo painting exhibition by Pintu Islam will starts at the Alliance Francaise de Dhaka on May 5. The inaugural ceremony of the exhibition will be held at the same day at 5.30pm.

Professor Mahmudul Huque, director, Institute of Fine Arts, University of Dhaka will inaugurate the exhibition as chief guest, while sculptor Akhtar Jahan Ily will also be present as special guest.

The exhibition will remain open from 9.00am - 12.00pm and 5.00pm - 8.00pm, everyday till May 18.

## TV Guide

Thursday 4th May  
(All programmes are in local time. The Daily Star will not be responsible for any change in the programme)



Walker Texas Ranger on Star World at 9.30pm

**Samachar** 10:00 Star Business News 10:20 Sports Update 10:30 Star News Hour 11:30 Star News (Eng.) 12:00 Star News (Hindi) 12:10 Star Business News (R) 1:00 Star News (Hindi) 6:30 Breakfast News (Eng.)

World Business Report 3:00 BBC World News 3:30 Hate on The Net 4:30 World Business Report 5:00 BBC News inc. World Business Report USA Direct/Asia Today

### SONY TV

7:30 Aatma 8:00 Sant Asaram Wani 8:30 Chartbusters (Trailer Show) 9:00 Aurat 9:30 Ek Mahal Ho Sapna Ka (Daly Sope) 10:00 Music Mantra (Trailer Show) 10:30 Ithais 11:00 Nazdeekian 11:30 Hagar Ek Mandir 12:00 Charbusters (Trailer Show) 12:30 Movers & Shakers 1:30 Music Mantra (Trailer Show) 2:00 Boogi Woogi 2:30 Ek Mahal Ho Sapna Ka (Daily Sope) 3:00 Aurat (Daily Soap) 3:30 Daily Soap- Ghark Ek Mandir 4:00 Daily Soap- Ithais 4:30 Daily Soap- Nazdeekian 5:00 Junoon 5:30 Rang Birangee 6:00 Jaane Bhi Do Paro 6:30 I Love You #22 Ep- (Anup Soni, Shruti Ulfat) 7:00 Missing #44 Ep- 7:30 Music Mantra (Trailer Show) 8:00 Chartbusters (Trailer Show) 8:25 Boogie Woogie 8:55 Dil Vil Pyar Vyar #44 (Rushali, Pooya Ghai, Sonali, Karina, Rakash, Bishal, Ali Asgar) 9:35 Sparsh #43 (Dibya Sheth, Mohash Tagore, Mrinal Mukherjee)

### CARTOON NETWORK

6:30 Tom & Jerry Kids 7:00 Flintstones 7:30 The Popeye Show 8:00 Dexter's Laboratory 8:30 Courage The Cowardly Dog 9:00 The Powerpuff Girls 9:30 Batman The Animated Series 10:00 Sylvester & Tweety Mysteries 10:30 Garfield & Friends 11:00 Channel Umpteens-3 11:30 New Adventures of Captain Planet 12:00 Tiny Toon Adventures 12:30 The New Scooby Doo Movies 1:30 The Road Runner Show 2:00 Tom & Jerry Kids 2:30 Garfield & Friends 3:30 Flintstones 4:00 The Mask 4:30 Swat Kats 5:00 Scooby & Scrappy Doo 5:30 Dexters Laboratory 6:00 Johnny Bravo 6:30 The Powerpuff Girls 7:00 The Popeye Show 7:30 Sylvester & Tweety Mysteries 8:30 Garfield & Friends 9:00 Extreme Ghostbusters

### DD METRO

7:00 Anhad 7:15 Bhakti Sagar 7:45 Subaha Aaj Tak 8:30 Centrestage 9:00 The First Edition 9:30 Telefon 10:30 Tele Shopping 11:00 Nyay 11:30 Music Station 12:00 Tele Shopping 12:30 Geet Gata Chal 1:00 Serial: Baaje Payal 1:30 Serial: Khalii Haath 2:00 Daawat: Cookery Show 2:30 Daily Sope- Bandhan 2:55 News In Urdu 3:05 United Tele Shopping 3:30 Hindi Feature Film 6:00 Mumtaz Alive 6:30 Duck Tales 7:00 Mamre Gaurav 7:30 Series 7:55 Navarang 8:00 IBP Ustad 8:30 Serial: Nay 9:00 Flop Show 9:30 Serial: Satya 10:00 Rang Birange Phool 10:30 Ajay Taak (News) 10:50 Manzil 11:00 Serial: Ehsaas 11:30 Business Midweek 12:00 Series- Investigator 1:00 Hindi Films

### DISCOVERY CHANNEL

6:30 Ushuaia 7:30 Travelers 8:30 Lonely Planet 9:30 Eyewitness 10:30 Danger Zone- 11:00 Outer Bounds 11:30 Shark Files 12:30 Wild Discovery 1:30 Medical Detectives 2:30 Discover Magazine 3:30 Travelers 4:30 Ushuaia 5:30 Lonely Planet 6:30 Pop Sci 7:00 Splat 7:30 Untamed Africa 8:30 Wild Discovery 9:30 Beyond 2000 10:00 Discover News 10:30 Portraits 11:30 Discovery Profile Series 12:30 Wild Discovery 1:30 Beyond 2000

### ZEE TV

6:00 Yedeon Ki Pal 6:30 Zee News & Business 7:00 Bhakti Songs 7:30 Jagran 8:00 Guldasta 8:30 Zara Has Ke- Hai- Hal Zindagi 9:00 Zara Has Ke- Film Chakkar 9:30 Disney Hour Cartoons 10:30 Ek Nazar 11:00 Arianichaka 11:30 Alvida Darling 12:00 Basera 12:30 Naye Nazarane 1:00 Tata Salt Khanha Khazana 1:30 Mityadu 2:00 Hum Paanch 2:30 Chingaree#52 3:00 Kartavya 3:30 Cinema Hits HF Film: Dushman (Dev Anand, Usha Kiran) 6:30 Ek Nazar 7:00 Disney Hour Cartoons 8:00 Bajaj Super 7:50 Mugabla 8:30 Professor Pearlal 40 9:00 Amanat 9:30 X-Zone 10:30 Thriller at 10 Ep- The Stepmother 11:00 Aangan (Neena Gupta, Farah, Sumaiya Kalikar, Rani) 11:30 Kartavya 11:55 Jhalak-Trailer 12:00 Action Movie- 2:30 Naye Nazarane 3:00 Hindi Feature Film (B/W) Dastaan (Raj Kapoor, Suraiya)

### MUSIC ASIA

7:30 Aalaap 8:00 Ta Ra Rum 9:00 Brake Fall 10:00 Music Mag 10:30 Hit Mix 11:00 Brake Fall 11:30 Ponda All Time Romantic Hits 12:00 Bajaj Music Box 12:30 Saare Ga Ma Classic 1:00 Himani Gold T Jharokha 2:00 Saare Ga Ma Classic 2:30 Saare Ga Ma 3:00 Saare Ga Ma 4:00 Brake Fall 4:30 Bajaj Music Box 5:00 Just Jammin 5:30 Hit Mix 6:00 Saare Ga Ma Classic 7:00 Brake Fall 8:00 India Pop Ka Baap Kaun 8:30 Artist of The Fortnight 9:00 Music Quiz 9:30 Bajaj Music Box 10:00 Sizzlers 10:30 Himani Gold T Jharokha 11:00 Stars Day Out 11:30 Shabab 12:00 Music Zone 1:00 Brake Fall 1:30 Himani Gold T Jharokha 2:00 Bajaj Music Box 2:30 Stars Day Out 3:00 Ta Ra Rum 4:00 Music Zone 4:30 Brake Fall 6:00 Sizzlers

### DD 7

8:40 Khas Khabar 10:30 Jamnadin (Birthday Greetings) 10:35 Daily Soap: Shree Ram Krishna 11:00 Daily Soap: Dropadi (Rupa Ganguli, Suneeta, Kushal, Sankar) 11:15 Classical/Folk Songs- 11:30 Parlance Hour/Musical 12:30 Bengali Movie 3:00 Daily Soap: Maha Probu 3:30 Daily Soap: Mohini 3:55 Daily Soap: Bhul Thikanay 4:20 Nepali Programme/Rabindra Sangeet 5:05 Shilpa Jagat 5:30 News



The Oprah Winfrey Show on Star World at 1:30pm