

Endeavour

Institutionalising dance forms in the country

Shibli Mohammad and Shamim Ara Nipa's Nrityanchal Performing Arts Academy inaugurated formally

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DANCE significantly constitutes an essential part of any culture. In Bangladeshi culture likewise, dance occupies a large profile with a great diversity of them and style. Classical, folk, tribal and modern dances are the notable branches that make-up this field of art in this country. Dance, now-a-days even in Bangladesh, is no longer a means of providing the audience with mere recreational pleasure but simultaneously it is a media that conveys various messages including those of a serious kind. As such, dance is sometimes used to protest against social evil or injustice arousing the fine instincts inherent in humans.

Unfortunately, there are very few such institutions in Bangladesh that can claim to provide effective and meaningful aid to groom would-be dancers under an academic arrangement. Keeping this very fact in view, country's two front-ranking dance artists Shibli Mohammad and Shamim Ara Nipa have ventured to form a dance academy under the dynamic co-ordination of journalist Mohammad Jahangir himself inspired by Mohammad Yunus, a renowned economist at home and abroad. "We went abroad as a cultural entourage on the occasion of an award-giving ceremony accorded to Professor Yunus. He talked of a possibility of founding a formal academic institution which could impart professional learning on dance," Shibli gave an account of how they initiated the academy. "Nipa and I have been working as co-directors while Jahangir Bhai

acts as co-ordinator," he added. Shibli and Nipa, with the help of Md. Jahangir and some of their enthusiastic students, launched an organisation named *Nrityanchal* in May, 2000. The journey of *Nrityanchal* Performing Arts Academy has formally been inaugurated on March 15 at the premises of Rajdhani Uchya Bidyalyo (Capital High School).

The auspicious moment of inauguration was performed in a simple but pleasant ceremony.

The country's eminent cultural personality Kalim Sharafi formally announced the academy as officially inaugurated.

It was followed by a dance sequence by the senior and junior members of the academy. While marching past the premises they showered flower petals and flew colourful ribbons to greet the audience.

In a pre-inaugural briefing Shibli and Nipa spoke highlighting the objectives of the academy. "Our aim is to create professional and real dance artists; not the stars. Professionalism is what will make the artists of this academy different. Nipa said, "It's an outcome of a long cherished dream and commitment." Md. Jahangir, in his turn, talked about other activities that the academy intends to conduct. It has so far brought out two issues of a bulletin on art of dance. Besides it has plans to produce a video cassette on dances on commercial basis and to establish a residential dance academy. Formal academic programme of the academy commences on March 16 this year at its rented venue at Rajdhani Uchya Bidyalyo, Sher-e-Bangla Nagar (opposite to the parliament building).

Although there are schools offering dance lessons, there is no association that looks out for the professional dance artists' interests. Unlike the theatre and music

Bangladesh and resolve problems. *Nrityanchal* was born with definite goals. The institute's main aim is to establish dance as a feasible career option for promising

talented performers of different institutes and regions. *Nrityanchal* wants to offer extensive courses and workshops to its members. It would like to offer specialised

Since dance has already fallen behind, artistes need to take measures to popularise it. *Nrityanchal* will act as a platform for dance artistes from all over the country. The institute will be open

countries to conduct workshops. Developing professionalism is the ultimate aim of the institute. The organisers think there is need to promote all kinds of dance forms ranging from classical to folk dance, which is why the institute hopes to offer varied training courses. According to them, so far dance has not been a conscious career choice for many but initiative must be taken to create a market for it.

Nrityanchal promises to have a holistic approach to teaching by providing three necessary subjects: dance, song, music. Apart from the main subject, a student will have to take subsidiary subjects such as acting or learning a particular instrument.

The courses *Nrityanchal* offers are as follows: Five year long Junior Certificate course, five year long Senior Certificate Course and three year long Diploma. It will further offer a specialisation course for those who pass the diploma course from this institution.

At this academy Shibli Mohammad and Likhon Roy will conduct Kathak dance programme while Shamim Ara Nipa, Sabir Ahmed Biju, Irin Parveen and Sayed Md. Talut will take care of folk dance. Baby Rozario will conduct classes on Bharat Natyam, while a host of senior students - Shumon, Sunita, Jhuma, Sarwar - of the academy will be assisting the academic programme.

Classes will be held two days a week. On Thursday classes will run from 3:30 to 6:00 p.m. and on Friday classes will be held in the morning from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon.



Eminent cultural personality Kalim Sharafi is seen inaugurating Nrityanchal Performing Arts Academy while Md. Jahangir, dance artistes Shibli and Nipa (standing from left) look on.

people, dance artistes never had a place where they discuss ways to strengthen dance movement in

young dancers in the industry. Dance hasn't made significant progress since Independence.

for all. *Nrityanchal* does not only intend to present its own students, rather it would like to showcase

training in different types of dance. There are plans to invite dance exponents from India or other

RECOMMENDATIONS

8 Young Artists

A group art exhibition by 8 young artists started at the ARIAL Center on March 16. Artist Animul Islam inaugurated the exhibition as chief guest. The exhibition will continue everyday from 2p.m. 8p.m. till March 22.

Print Exhibition of India

Bangladesh Shipakala Academy in collaboration with the Indian Council for Cultural Relations has organised a ten-day-long exhibition titled 'Contemporary Print Exhibition of India' on March 20 at 5p.m. at the Poet Sufia Kamal Auditorium of Bangladesh National Museum. Professor Abdul Mannan, Chairman, Parliamentary Standing Committee on Ministry of Cultural Affairs will be present as chief guest and inaugurate the exhibition. The exhibition will remain open daily from 11a.m. to 7p.m. (Friday 3p.m. to 7p.m.) till March 31 (closed on March 22, 26 and 29).

43rd Grand Group Art Exhibition

The month-long 43rd Grand Group Art Exhibition by reputed Bangladeshi and foreign artists was inaugurated on March 10 at Saju Art Gallery (DCC North Super Market, 2nd Circle, Gulshan). A total of 220 artworks by 139 artists are being displayed at the exhibition. The exhibition will remain open everyday from 10:00a.m. to 8:30p.m. (Friday closed) till April 9.

Solo Exhibition

1st solo print and watercolour exhibition by young Japanese female printmaker Aki Kawamura will be inaugurated on March 13 at at Zainul Gallery, Institute of Fine Arts, University of Dhaka. Kiyokazu Ota, Minister, the Embassy of Japan inaugurated the exhibition as chief guest, while Professor Mahmudul Haque, director - Institute of Fine Arts, University of Dhaka presided over the inaugural ceremony. The show runs until March 19.

Photography Show

Glimpses of New York, the 11th solo Photography show by M.A. Taher opens on March 16 at Bangladesh Photographic Society Gallery, 63/2 Laboratory Road. Prof. Kabir Chowdhury is to inaugurate the show which will remain open to public till March 30 from 12:30 noon to 8:00 p.m. everyday.

BTV

8:15 Opening Announcement 8:30 Live telecast of the Prime Minister Gold



Team Knight Rider on BTV at 9:30p.m.

Cup 2001 hockey tournament's classification match (A3 vs B4) from the Maulana Bhashani National Stadium 11:00 Live telecast of the Prime Minister Gold Cup 2001 hockey tournament's classification match (A4 vs B3) from the Maulana Bhashani National Stadium 1:30 Live telecast of the Prime Minister Gold Cup 2001 hockey tournament's 1st semi-final from the Maulana Bhashani National Stadium 3:55 Khabar 4:00 Live telecast of the Prime Minister Gold Cup 2001 hockey tournament's 2nd semi-final from the Maulana Bhashani National Stadium 6:00 Khabar 6:10 Special

programme in the memory of Abul Mansur Ahmad 6:35 Programme from Chittagong station 7:00

Serial: 3:30 Pother Pachali 4:00 Chironotee 4:30 Expedition to the Animal Kingdom 5:00 Circus Circus 5:30 Drishti 5:50 Aker Potrikay 6:00 Ekushey Headlines 6:05 Classic Cartoons 6:30 Charidike 7:00 White Plus Jana Ojana 7:30 Ekushey News 8:00 Prottibedon 8:30 Noorjahan 9:30 E Ki Khela 10:00 Shrashori 10:30 News 11:00 Ekushey Late Night News 11:30 Prottibedon 11:45 ETV Headlines

CHANNEL-1

6:15 Drama : Sai Se Gaier Khoka 6:50 Akattorer Dinguli 7:00 Janmodiner Sardhanjoli 7:40 Tumi Amadher Jatir Pitta 8:00 Din Protdin 8:25 Kas Theke Dhekha 9:00 Deser Gane 9:50 I Focus 10:40 Muktingudho Amar Ahongker 11:15 Drama : Sai Se Gaier Khoka 12:00 Janmodiner Sardhanjoli 12:40 Tumi Amadher Jatir Pitta 1:15 Kas Theke Dhekha 2:00 Deser Gane 2:50 I Focus 3:00 Bangla Cinema 6:00 Reciting from Holy Quran 6:10 Suvo Sandha 6:40 Muktingudho Amar Ahongker 7:15 Bhalo Bhasi Bhalo Bhasi 7:50 Akattorer Dinguli 8:00 Sports Time 8:40 Sai Sur Sai Gane 9:15 Job Line 10:00 Amar Chobi 10:50 I Focus 11:00 Bangla Cinema:

DISCOVERY CHANNEL

6:30 Animal Survivors 7:00 In Care Of Nature 7:30 Outer Bounds I & II 8:00 Without Warning I 8:30 Wings 9:30 Let's Dance/There's No Food Like My Food 10:00 Crocodile Hunter's Croc Files II 10:30 Popular Mechanics for Kids III 11:00 So You Want To Be? 11:30 Real Kids, Real Adventures 12:00 Splat II & III 12:30 Lonely Planet III 1:30 Discovery Profile Series 7:30 Vital Breakthroughs 8:30 Land of the Mammoth 10:30 Discovery Showcase 11:30 Discovery Profile Series 12:30 Vital Breakthroughs 1:30 Land of the Mam-

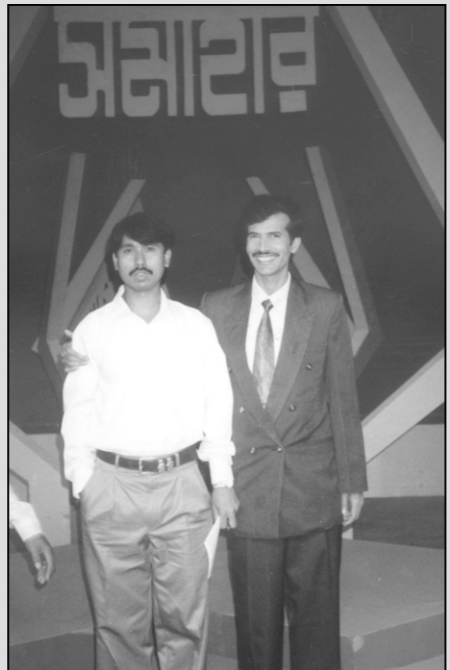
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BBC WORLD

6:00 BBC News 6:30 This Week 7:00 BBC News 7:30 Holiday 8:00 BBC News 8:30 SCI 9:00 BBC News 9:30 Correspondent 10:00 BBC News 10:30 IT: India Tomorrow 11:00 BBC News 11:30 India Business Report 12:00 BBC News 12:30 Hospital 1:00 BBC News 1:30 Face To

CNN

4:00 World News 4:30 World Sport 5:00 CNN World View 5:30 Inside Asia 6:00 World News 6:30 The Artclub 7:00 CNN World View 7:30 World Beat 8:00 Larry King Weekend 9:00 CNN World View 9:30 Style with Elsa Klensch 10:00 World Report 11:00 World News 11:30 Inside Asia 12:00 World News 12:30 Your Health 1:00 World News 1:30 World Sport 2:00 World News 2:30 Diplo-



Magazine Show: Shomahar on BTV at 10p.m.

Face 2:00 BBC News 2:30 This Week 3:00 BBC News 3:30 Future War 4:00 BBC News 4:30 Click Online 5:00 BBC News 5:30 SCI 6:00 BBC News 6:30 QED 7:00 BBC News 7:30 Dateline London 8:00 BBC News 8:30 Top Gear 9:00 BBC News 9:30 Dancing in the Street 10:00 BBC News 10:30 India Business Report 11:00 BBC News 11:30 Holiday 12:00 BBC News 12:30 Future War 1:00 BBC News 1:30 SCI 2:00 BBC News 2:30 QED 3:00 BBC News 3:30 Top Gear 4:00 BBC News 4:30 Asia Business Report/Reporters 5:00 BBC News 5:30 Asia Business Report/Asia Today

omatic License 3:00 Larry King Weekend 4:00 World News 4:30 Ebizasia 5:00 World News 5:30 World Sport 6:00 World News 6:30 CNN Hotspots 7:00 World News 7:30 Business Unusual 8:00 World News 8:30 CNNdotCOM 9:00 World News 9:30 World Beat 10:00 World News 10:30 CNN IndiadotCOM 11:00 Style South Asia 11:30 Ebizasia 12:00 World News 12:30 Style with Elsa Klensch 1:00 CNN IndiadotCOM 1:30 CNNdotCOM 2:00 World News 2:30 The Artclub 3:00 World News 3:30 Diplomatic License

HBO

7:45 Look Who's Talking Too 9:30 Dangerous

TV GUIDE

PICK OF THE DAY



Dangerous Liaisons on HBO at 9:30p.m. This movie follows the scheming plays of exquisite Marquise de Merteuil (Close), who enlists a former lover-Valmont (Malkovich) to deflower the intended bride of a recent lover. But Valmont has his own plans, he wants to seduce a married woman who strongly believes in sanctity of marriage. Starring: Glenn Close, John Malkovich, Michelle Pfeiffer, Uma Thurman and many more.

Liaisons 12:00 The Killing Fields 3:00 The Advocate's Devil 4:45 Lethal Weapon 2 7:00 Atomic Dog 8:45 Demolition Man 11:00 The Freshman 1:00 The Fury Within 3:00 The Shawshank Redemption 6:00 Forget Paris

STAR WORLD

6:00 JAG 7:00 Nash Bridges 8:00 The Pretender 9:00 Britney in Hawaii 10:00 Ally McBeal 11:00 The Practice 12:00 Martial Law 1:00 World Championship Wrestling Thunder 3:00 Crown and Country 3:30 Travel Asia 4:00 Baywatch 5:00 The



Lili Islam in Bhalobashi Bhalobashi on Channel 1 at 7:15p.m.

Simpsons 5:30 3rd Rock From the Sun 6:00 Star News Focus Asia 7:00 The X Files 8:00 Star Trek The Next Generation 9:00 TV Com 9:30 Star News

STAR PLUS

6:30 Star Geetmala 7:30 Good Morning India 8:30 The Sword of Tipu Sultan 9:30 Fox Kids Sunday 10:30 Janata Ki Adalat 11:00 Chupa Rustom 11:30 Chalti Ka Naam

Antakshri 12:30 Family Fortunes 1:00 Musaffir Hoon Yaron 1:30 Mirch Masala 2:00 Ek Main Aur Ek Tu 2:30 Mail Milap 2:40 Star Sunday Matinee: Do

Dushman (Dara Singh, Mumtaz) 6:00 Shrimati Sharma Na Kehli Thi 6:30 Jubilee Plus 7:00 Star Bestsellers 8:00 Star Film Utsav: Aarzo (Rajendra Kumar) 11:30 Jubilee Plus 12:00 Janata Ki Adalat 12:30 Kalash 1:00 Sonpari 1:30 Star Movie Show: Hum Intezar Kareng (Mithun, Padmini Kolhapure) 4:30 I Love My India 5:00 Saans 5:30 Hir Ya Fit

STAR MOVIE

6:30 Comedy: Man of The house 8:30 Action. Space Fury 10:00 Action The Last Riders 11:30 Thriller Dream Lover 1:15 Thriller Ravenous 3:30 Star Kid's Club, Willow 5:45 Family: The Secret Of NIMH2 7:00 Sunday Magamovie: Runaway Bride 9:00 Drama How Stella Got Her Groove Back 11:00 Action: Space Fury 12:30 Action : Killer's Edge 2:15 Thriller The Rainmaker 4:30 Comedy, Man of the House 6:15 Celebrity Profile-Andy Garcia

STAR GOLD

8:30 Jubilee Plus 9:00 Woh Kaun Thi ("Manoj Kumar, Sadhana) 12:00 Geet Bahar 12:30 Sunday Noon Show Diksha ("Nana Patekar, Manohar Singh) 3:30 Geet Bahar 4:00 Chor Machaye Shor ("Shashi Kapoor, Mumtaz) 7:00 Geet Bahar 7:30 Sunday Blockbusters Geet ("Rajendra Kumar, Mala Sinha) 10:30 Beete Hue Din 11:00 Hare Kanch Ki Chooryan ("Biswajit, Naina Sahu) 12:30 Hare Kanch Ki Chooryan (Contd...) 2:00 Geet Bahar 2:30 Chor Machaye Shor ("Shashi Kapoor, Mumtaz) 5:30 Hare Kanch Ki Chooryan ("Biswajit, Naina Sahu)

ZEE MGM

8:30 Original Sound Track 9:00 Alienator 11:00 Hollywood Remembers 11:30 Bay Boy 2:00 Dairy Of A Hit Man 4:00 Total Recall 4:30 Article-99 6:30 Hollywood Remembers 7:00 The Couch Trip 9:00 Hollywood Remembers 9:30 New York, New York 11:30 Salvatore 1:30

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Star Trek The Next Generation on Star World at 11:30p.m.

Black Kobra

ZEE ENGLISH

6:30 Kate & Allie 7:00 Cheek It Out 7:30 Music Zone 8:00 Late Show With David Letterman 9:00 Emma 10:00 Dave's World 10:30 Police Academy 11:30 For Your Love 12:00 Jesse 12:30 Movie Stars 1:00 Suddenly Susan 1:30 La Femme Nikita 2:30 Veronica's Closet 3:00 Here's Lucy 3:30 Emma 4:30 The West Wing 5:30 Touched By An Angel 6:30 Homicide-Life on the Street 7:30 Heartbreak High 8:30 Here's Lucy 9:00 Royal Canadian Air Force 9:30 Kennedy 10:30 The West Wing 11:30 Late Show With David

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4:00 Heartbreak High 5:00 Original Sound Track 5:30 Music Zone

ZEE CINEMA

6:30 Usne Kha Tha-Feature Film 9:30 Kuch Lamhe Kuch Nagme 10:00 Bollywood Top 5 10:15 Movie Fare 10:30 Do Raaste-Feature Film 1:30 Weekend Cinema 2:00 Graffiti Feature Film 5:30 Bollywood Top 5 5:45 Film Time 6:00 Rajput-Feature Film 9:45 Gunjan 10:00 Ikke Pe Ikka 10:30 Lux Zee Cine Awards Popular 2:30 Felu Naya Kan Feature Film 5:30 Chehrens 5:45 Weekend Cinema 6:15 Film Time

ZEE TV

Divya Shakti-Sunday Superhits 12:00 Lakeeren 12:27 Intermision

ALPHA TV

6:30 Dabaddho 7:00 Anand Vilas/Arghya 7:30 News Bulletin 8:00 Alaap 9:00 News Bulletin 9:05 Bharat Bhromon 9:30 Swami Vivekanda 10:30 Apna Derjaniya 11:00 Talk Jhaal Mishri 11:30 Netaji Subhash Chandra 12:00 Bidheshini Bodhu 12:30 Bhalobasa mondobasa 1:00 Ranna Ghar 1:30 Bhawani Purer Chattuja 2:00 Jemon Bolben Sir 2:30 Feature Film 5:00 Kalar Duniya 5:30 Daibaddho/Anand Vilas



The Simpsons on Star World at 5:00p.m.

6:00 Alpha Khabar 6:25 Jhankar 6:30 Mojar Khela Kobitate 7:00 Wah Ki Darun Drisha Kash Bitorka 7:25 Jhankar 7:30 Googly 7:55 Jhankar 8:00 Alpha Bangla Rangamancha 10:00 News Bulletin Bengali 10:05 Ishkaboner Bibi 10:25 Ek Palake 10:30 Anpa Bhuvan/Prapto Boyshkoder Janya 10:55 Blue 3:05 Tararum 4:00 Hit Pe Hit 5:00 Zee Music Box 5:30 Hit Mix 6:00 Dil Se 6:30 Zee Music Live/Best Of The Best 7:30 Hit Pe Hit 8:30 Fillers 9:00 Compact Disc 9:30 Zee Music Box 10:00 Sizzlers 10:30 Jharokha 11:00 Zee Music.com 12:00 Phoren Maal 12:35 Phoren Maal 1:05 Zee Music Box 1:30 Jharokha 2:00 Hit Pe Hit 3:00 Pyar Mohabbat Etc 3:30 Tararum 4:30 Phoren Maal 5:30 Sizzlers

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Poriprekhit on BTV at 8:30p.m.



The X Files on Star World at 10:30p.m.