

RECOMMENDATIONS

Young Artists' art exhibition 2002

June 20-July 4
A fortnight long young artists' art exhibition, organised by the Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy...

Reconstruction of Reality

June 7-21
Kazi Sayed Ahmed holds a solo exhibition of his artworks titled 'Reconstruction of Reality'...

Bird fair, painting, quiz competition

June 29
A bird fair will be held at Aga Thakurpara in Barguna district on June 29...

Music Festival

June 20-21
On the auspicious occasion of the two-day 'Music festival 2002' at the premises and gallery of Alliance Francaise de Dhaka...

Concert

Bangla proves too good

Band music fans enjoy fusion songs of 'Bangla', a local group that presents folk and spiritual numbers

AZIZ AMIRUL

It was a memorable evening for band music lovers of the city as hundreds poured in at the auditorium of Russian cultural center at Dhanmondi on June 18 to enjoy a band show...

Anusheh, the lone female member of the group and a lead vocalist, rendered several popular numbers at a stretch of nearly an hour. 'Ki dila Mahajan' (What did you give, master?), a popular song of the group's album was too, on the list of performance.

'Bangla' had, since its founding, aimed at bringing in a fusion

of musical elements that of a merging between lyrics of Bangla folk and spiritual songs with tunes and styles of western compositions. The blend of western tune with eastern forms of spiritual lyricism has proved to be a trend-setter in the local arena of band music of the recent times.

One of their more reputed compositions has titled, 'Tai tirthe beroi...' (So I set off in search of spiritual liberty) and it has clearly symbolised the group's constant quest towards a spiritual exploration of the human life and of cosmos. As Bruno, their lead guitarist, mentioned, 'Our lyrics are simple but when those speak for folk songs, these lines provide quite an emotional feeling to the audiences' minds' due to certain rich ingredients of mystical value that they possess'.



The concert at Russian cultural center pulls a huge crowd

Anusheh, the female vocalist of the band has, since the beginning of her carrier, felt that

psychedelic desire in one's intuition has always been prominent and it has been a food for



Anusheh performs



Tipu, a prominent member of 'Bangla'

listeners of the 'guru' category. 'If one is interested to practice spiritual song, there is probably no other better way than to render it through Bengali folk lyrics, which, of course, can be supported by western style and instruments'.

The concert at Russian cultural center was staged before the audience most of who were invited though near the end, many entered the hall while passing by the place. 'We want to promote and popularize Bangla folk and spiritual music among the general community and thus do not want impose price on the ticket. Let a cross-section of generations be enthusiasts of this kind of music', mentioned a friend and close associate of Bruno, who was present at the venue.

It was a new experience for those who seldom visit band concerts. 'It came as a great surprise to me when I found a large audience group of elderly citizens alongside the youth members at the concert hall', said a young housewife at the show. 'I usually do not come to concerts many of which I find to be a bit erratic, noisy and against the trend of our national culture and heritage, but today things were different. Young people as well as seniors enjoyed the event that I too, found to be most amazing, saturated with that special aroma of aesthetic influence', she added.

Nearly a dozen songs of Bangla folk and spiritual origin were presented before the audience.

Event

All about Russia

An essay competition on 'What I know about Russia' held at Russian Cultural Centre



Winners with VIP guests who from left are, Prof. Kh. Fazlul Haq, Russian Ambassador in Bangladesh, N.G. Shevchenko, Asaduzzaman Noor M.P. and the director of the Russian cultural center in Dhaka, Fiedor A. Razvoski

CULTURE DESK

DEDICATED to the National Day of the Russian Federation and 30th anniversary of the Establishment of the diplomatic relations between Russia and Bangladesh, an essay competition titled 'Amar Jana Russia' ('What I Know About Russia') for school students was held on May 5.

The essay competition was jointly organised by Embassy of the Russian Federation and Russian Cultural Centre last April. A total of 100 students from all over Bangladesh participated. The essays were due by May 5.

N G Shevchenko Ambassador of the Russian Federation to Bangladesh gave away prizes among the winners of the competition as chief guest at the prize giving ceremony. Professor Dr K H Bazlul Haque, President Soviet Alumni Association

and Asaduzzamun Noor were also present as special guests at the ceremony.

The ceremony started with the welcome speech by Fyodor A Rozovski, Director, Russian Cultural Centre. He said, "The relationship between Russia and Bangladesh for the past 30 years is noteworthy and unbreakable." In his speech, Chief guest N G Shevchenko said, "Russia will keep on helping Bangladesh in education, technology, culture and will maintain a better international relationship." Later he distributed prize money and certificates among the winners.

The winners of the competition were Fayzunnisa Chowdhury from Dhaka First prize (Taka 10,000), Sabina Yasmin from Madaripur Second prize (Taka 5,000) and Saima Musharrat from Chittagong Third Prize (Taka 3,000).

After the prize giving ceremony Russian film for children 'Morozko' was screened.

TV GUIDE

Table with TV channel BTV and its program schedule from 2:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m.

Table with TV channel CHANNEL-i and its program schedule from 7:20a.m. to 9:30 p.m.

Table with TV channel HBO and its program schedule from 2:30 to 11:00.

Table with TV channel STAR MOVIES and its program schedule from 7:15AM to 11:00.

Table with TV channel STAR NEWS and its program schedule from 6:00am to 11:00.

Table with TV channel NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC and its program schedule from 7:00 to 11:00.

Table with TV channel ZEE TV and its program schedule from 7:00 to 11:00.

Table with TV channel ZEE CINEMA and its program schedule from 9:00 to 11:00.