RECOMMENDATIONS

Australian Film Festival

August 16-17 Australian High Commission in Bangladesh hosts an Australian film festival on the occasion of the 30th anniversary of diplomatic relations between Australia and Bangladesh. A total of ten films, of different lengths, will be screened at the British Council auditorium in the city. Free passes are available at the British Council office.

Art exhibition

August 2-15

Artist Fakrul Islam holds a solo exhibition of his works at the gallery of Alliance Francaise, complete schedule of which will soon be announced. 'Art is the best way to express emotion, love and personal attitude of oneself' says Fakrul.

Sculpture

exhibition

August 12 - 18 A sculpture exhibition of artist Ferdousi Priyobhashini begins at Bengal art gallery at Dhanmondi in the city. The exhibition runs everyday and is open to all.

Children's art exhibition

August 9-13

A children's art display starts at DRIK gallery in the city and continues everyday from 3 to 8 p.m. The exhibition titled 'Shishuder chokhev Bangladesh' is open to all.

Dance Festival

September 15-17 A dance festival is to be organised by Nritya Dhara, a local dance institution, at the auditorium of Bangladesh National Museum at Shahbagh in the city that will be participated by over 100 danseuse from across the country including tribal performers from Marma,

Manipuri communities. A seminar on the trend and status of Bangladeshi folk dance will also be held during the threeday session that will be attended by reputed dance artists, instructors, critics and cultural personalities from across the country.

Santal, Pankho, Chakma and

music soothes the mind and heart

Sangeet Bhaban greets monsoon through rich musical renditions

AZIZ AMIRUL

HE auditorium of Bangladesh Shishu Academy in the city was packed on the evening of August 9 as everybody waited with patience to relish the following hours that produced songs. classical dances and poetry recitation from artists of 'Sangeet Bhaban'. The troupe of a large number of performers were led by the reputed Rabindrasangeet artiste Kalim Sharafi at the event titled, 'Barsha Mangal' that welcomed the monsoon season in the region.

The artistes were both, students and the teachers of the academy. Kalim Sharafi, Principal of Sangeet Bhaban and Hashi Biswas, the secretary, delivered brief welcome speeches through which they extended their thanks and gratitude to the audience, students, staffs of 'Sangeet Bhaban' and also to the sponsors of the event, Fantasy Kingdom of Ashulia

'It has been a great pleasure for me to experience such a wonderful evening among the enthusiastic audience who love music ', said Kalim Sharafi. 'This particular event carries extra importance as it coincides with the death anniversary of Rabindranath Tagore that the country observed a couple of days back', added the elderly maestro. Hashi Biswas, in her speech, mentioned, in short, the past events of the academy in observance of the seasonal celebrations. With narrow resources and crossing various hurdles, 'Sangeet Bhaban' has reached a commendable position in the musical arena. We are indebted to patrons and well-wishers, who provide us with relentless support',



Kalim Sharafi (L) renders Tagore

Artistes Tipu Chowdhury, Lana Khan, Hashi Biswas, Bipasha Dewanji, Moushumi Tarafdar, Mahmud Selim, Pijush Barua, Shamima Parvin, Barkat Hossain, Salma Akbar, Sanchita Dutt and elderly music exponent and teacher, Kalim Sharafi rendered a mixed combination of songs, those of classical, Tagore, Nazrul, Kajari and Atul Prasad forms. Belavet Hussain Khan, a Bharat

Natyam danseuse captivated the audience through his enchanting body-language while in separate numbers, groups of children and teen-age female students presented classical dances and songs. Pijush Barua, in addition to his

fine vocal performance, presented strong and emotional recitation of important Bangla poems. It was back in 1983 when a group of Bangladeshi graduates returned

home after completion of their



Young dancers present captivating performance

studies from Bishwa Bharati Shanti Niketon Sangeet Bhaban of Kolkata. The group that included current celebrity singers like Rezwana Chowdhury Bannya, late Aminur Rahman Nijhu, Sadi Mohammad, Hashi Biswas, Shamima Parvin and others, approached veteran artist and organizer Kalim Sharafi to form a school of music. Thus the present organization of Sangeet Bhaban began functioning. The name, 'Sangeet Bhaban', was chosen as per the name of the Indian institution of Shantiniketan. The academy of Sangeet Bhaban has been granting five-year diploma degrees on music and dance to adult students while it has been conferring an eight-year degree of similar status to younger students in the same disciplines.

'Sangeet Bhaban' has, so far, performed in numerous cultural events, both at home and abroad.



Sangeet Bhaban welcomes monsoon

Monsoon oriented Art Exotica from India

Shehnai and Rajasthani folk dance captivate the audience at the National Museum Auditorium

HE city has recently had the pleasure of listening to Indian instrumental music and watching folk dance as Indian Council for Cultural Relations, and High Commission of India in Dhaka jointly organised a two-day presentation at the National Museum Auditorium. Pundit Anant Lal and Gulabi Sapera, both renowned in their respective fields, entertained the big audience by their excellence in their arts: Pundit Lal conjured up spells of classical ragas on the 'shehnai' on August 6, while the latter swayed her audience with the mesmerising rhythm of Rajasthani folk dance the next day.

Pundit Lal's recital of the 'shehnai' is characterised by the 'Bhadat' of his 'Gayaki Ang,' thoughtful beautification of 'Alap,' and the taans with its speedy recurring 'Jhalas' that marvel his audience. Indeed, his 'creation' of beauty with the illusory poignant tune of the 'shehnai' could be easily felt even by the most amateur music enthusiast. Especially, when he played the 'Alap,' the magical reciprocation between the 'shehnai' and the tabla created an aesthetic illusion of conversation. Again, since the 'shehnai' is rather shrill in tune, the whole piece of the music was truly plaintive in mood that carried away the listener's mind to a far-away region of unknown emotion-- but not incomprehensive.

Beginning with raga 'Marubehag,' a raga of the night not very old, the Punditji set the true atmosphere of night's vastness and loneliness, a mood of meditation. After the Marubehag, he recited raga Chandrakosh that cast a feeling of pain and sorrow upon the audience. The presentation ended with a Baranasa Thumri, the original of which Punditji himself sang for the audience. 'Dagara bichu kayse chalu'the Rajasthani folk song's tune was improvised in Thumri

Born in a family from Rajasthan with a musical heritage of more than two and a half centuries, Pundit Anant Lal could barely be indifferent



Gulabi Sapera performs

to his family tradition. His father, Pundit Mithai Lal, gave him the first lessons of the 'shehnai' when he was only a boy of nine. Nevertheless, despite his youth, young Lal had the keen interest in the 'shehnai' that made him an intensive student of his master-father. Later, however. he took discipleship under the famous singer Pundit Mahadev

In the programme, Pundit Lal was accompanied by Sanjeev Shankar and Ashwani Shankar on the 'shehnai'. Ratan Kumar Das (who is a Bangladeshi) on the tabla. and Viiav Kumar on the surpeti. The audience will certainly remember for a long time the melodies that the maestro Pundit Anant Lal rendered that evening.

On the next day, August 7, Gulabi Sapera and her troupe took the stage and presented an exotic display of Rajasthani folk dance. The audience-packed auditorium burst into continual clapping applauses punctuated by periods of tension and trepidation as well as utter astonishment that Gulabi Sapera's performances caused.

The show of Gulabi Sapera

opened in the traditional way by paving tribute to the Muses with a 'Vandana' song and by welcoming the audience with a short traditional piece of dance. In her first performance. Gulabi Sapera came on stage carrying seven pitchers on her head, one smaller on top of another bigger. The dance involved a lot of skills in keeping the balance of the pitchers, and it quite often created breathless tension among the audience as the pitchers often tilted sideways and appeared to fall down. Besides, the dance included brief performances like picking with the mouth a banknote laid on the stage, stepping on to two glasses, and doing taals on broken pieces of glass. All these had to be done simultaneously with keeping the balance! But Gulabi surely seemed to be an adept acrobat in doing these all with little difficulty.

A 'Banjara' dance was also presented, in which a Banjara, a man from the tribe of the name, was about to go hunting and his beloved, a Banjaran, was trying to hold him back. Their whirling together and smiling gestures were well expres-

11:00

11:30

8:00

8:30

9:10

9:30

10:00

10:30

11:00

11:30

12:00

12:30

1:00

1:30

2:00

2:30

5:00

5:30

6:00

6:30

7:00

7:30

8:00

8:30

9:10

9:50

10:30

11:00

11:30

6:30

7:30

8:00

9:30

12:00

12:30

1:30

2:00

2:30

3:30

4:00

12:00

11:57

Din Bhar

ALPHA TV

BANGLA

World View

Manoranjan

Shudhu Tomake Chai

Purobi Bangla

Bharat Bhraman

Mojar Khela Kobitae

Saat No. Atmahatya

Bishesh Sangbad Data

Agni Yuger Padatik

News In Bengali

Bideshini Bodhu

Talk Jhaal Misti

News In Bengal

Ek Akasher Niche

Chena Mukher Shari

Nilu Hazrar Hatva

Gaan Unltd.

Bichitra

Rahasya

Gaan Unitd

Nayantara

Sat Kahan

Sagarika

Shvaola

Chokh

Ingit

ZEE MUSIC

Nayantara

Music Box

Music Box

Hit Pe Hit

Hit Mix

Dil Se

Hit Pe Hit

Music Box

Jharokha

Tara Rum Pum

Zee Music Box

Artist of the Foringht

Best of the Best

Zee Music Plus

Sizzlers

Shyaola

Pratibimba

Gaan Unitd

Hiyar Majhe

Gulabi Sapera comes from Ajmer Katra in Rajasthan. Her first lessons in dance started from within the family with her mother Dakhuri Sapera. Along with that, Gulabi also learned singing from the mother, who herself was also a notable dancer and singer. When Gulabi was about twelve or thirteen, she attracted attention of a few officials of Rajasthan Tourism at the Pushkar Fair. Having recognised her talent and devotion in the art, they picked her as a regular performer of the Tourism department. Since then Gulabi has enchanted her audiences all over India and abroad.

Gulabi Sapera and her troupe, clad in bright contrasting colourful costumes, spread all around colours of their jovial mood; every step that they made, every whirl that they produced on their ghagra, every smile they flashed, and every skill they performedall added to the atmosphere of enchantment and enjoyment on that evening.

Thanks to the Indian authorities for presenting such a memorable cultural event.

CNBC

9:00

11:00

11:30

2:00

4:30

7:00

9:30

6:30

7:00

12:00

1:00

1:30

2:00

2:30

3:30

6:30

7:30

8:00

8:30

9:00

9:30

10:00

10:30

11:00

11:30

ZEE

ZEE MGM

Taking Stock

MF Investor

Meet the Press

The Classroom

Managing India

Managing India

Welcome Home

Doctor In Love

Late for Dinner

Blood Match

Dream Lover

ENGLISH

Over the Edge

Family Pride

Kete & Allie

Full House

Movies Stars

The West Wind

Fresh Prince of Bel Air

Veronica's Closet

Royal Canadian Air

Benny Hill Show

Three's Company

The West Wing

Suddenly Susar

Mad ABout You

Heartbreak High

Three's Company

Suddenly Susan

Mad About You

The Sopranos

Seinfeld

Friends

Veronica's Closet

Gregory Hines Show

Fresh Prince of Bel Air

Full House

Seinefeld

Friends7

Seinfeld

Heartbreak High

Benny Hill Show

Three's Company

Capitol

Strangers

Tv GuidE

BTV 12:10p.m. News headline Patriotic songs Special program 12:45 1:00 News News headline 2:20 Open University 3:00 News 3:05 School debate News headline 4:05 Sukhi paribaar 4:30 Ajker shongbadpotro 4:35 Niramoy 5:00 News headline 5:05 Pusti tothya 5:25 Dolon chapa 6:00 6:10 Chalantika 6:35 Cchandey anandey 7:00 News headline

7:05 Public awareness program 7:30 Drama serial 8:00 8:30 Samakalin orthoniti 9:00 News headline Songs 10:00 News at ten 10:25 Samakalin orthonit

Gaaney gaaney

bhalobashar

Haiar bocchor dhorev 11:30 Khabar / The News Closino EKUSHEY

12:00pm Ekushey Midday

10:30

6:30

7:00

7:30

8:00

8:05

8:30

9:00

11:00

12:30 Deshjure **Ekushev Headlines** 1:00 1:00 Expedition to the Animal Kingdom 1:30 Documentary Programmed: 1:50 Classic Cartoons 2:10 Nazrul Gitee 2:30 Drishti 3:00 **Ekushev Headlines** 3:05 Drama Serial: 3:30 Adventure Bangladesh 4:00 Surer Prodip 4:30 Expedition to the Animal Kingdom 5:00 Wildlife on One 5:30 Drishti 5:50 Aiker Potrikav 6:00 Ekushev Headlines 6:05 Classic Cartoons

Deshjure Chalchitro

Ekushey Headlines

Ekushey Shongbad

Drama Serial: Bondhon

Bangla Film: Rajbodhu

Bangla Film: Rajbodhu

Ekushey Late Night

Songbad

News: Simulcast From BTV

New Programme: Ganer

Ebong Ranna

Ekushev News

CHANNEL-i

7:10 a.m. Music Plus Magazine 8:20 Subject-based docum Lajja / drama 8:50 9:20 Amar cchabi Documentary 10:20 Dristipaat 10:50 Music Plus 11:30 Janala 12:00 Subject-based documen tary

12:30p.m. Lajja / drama 1:00 Amar cchabi 1:50 Bangla feature film 5:05 Documentary 5:35 Roving Eye 6:10 Music Plus 6:50 Milon katha 7:15 Channel I News 8:00 Drama serial 8:30 Business show 9:00 Channel I News 9:30 Shongbadpotrey Bangla desh

Channel I Mobile 9:45 auiz 10:00 Drama serial 10:25 Teleguiz Channel I News 10:30 11:15 Pepsi Live Concert 11:25 Roving Eye Channel I News 12:00 12:40 Bangla feature film

ATN 5:30 Islamic prog: 7:00 ATN Music 7:35 Drama Serial: Ban Bashe Manus 8:00 ATN Bangla News 8:25 Mage Serial: Mohine Musical Prog: Surer 9:00 Madure 9:35 Puppet show: The world of Jonathon 10:10 Music Time Drama Serial: Kayekjon Aporade

Bengali Feature film: 11:15 Dayoal Murshed 12:00 ATN Bangla News Film song's prog: 6:07 Surchhobi Special Prog: Unnoun Songlap ATN Bangla Evening 7:00 7:35 Mage Serial: Mohine 8:10 Reporting prog: Ghotonar Nepathey Band musical prog: 8:45 Band Show 9:20 Music Time 10:00 ATN Bangla News 10:35 Drama: Kayekjon Aporadhy 10:45 Bengali Feature film Tume Amar Bhalobasha

11:30 ATN Bangla News

6:00

6:30

7:20

7:25

7:30

7:55

8:00

8:30

9:00

9:30

11:00

HBO

7:00 Bermuda Triangle 8:45 Bad Karma 10:30 The Phantom 12:30 A Very Brady 2:15 Jill Rips 4:00 Tremors 6:00 Mercy 7:45 Flashback 10:00 Hard Target Hideaway 12:00 2:15 Tremors 4:15 Flasback

STAR MOVIES 6:15 Encino Man

The Elite 8:00 10:0 The Mirror Has Two Faces 12:30 The Lake The Color Of Money Monday Laughs: 4:45 Sister Act 2 7:00 Monday Comedy: Milk Money Late Night Innings: The Shootfighter 11:15 Murder In The First

STAR PLUS 7:30 Hum Saath Aath Aatma

9:00 Hit Filmein Hit Sangeet 9:30 Fox Kids Hit Geet 10:25 Kya Film Kya Geet Small Wonder 11:00 Maal Hai To Taal Hai Meri Saahil 12:00pm Shanti 12:30 Hit Filmein Hit Sangeet Kaahin Kissii Roz 1:25 Film Toppers Kahaani Ghar Ghar 2:00 Bhabhi 2:30 Kyunki Saas Bhi Kabhi Bahu Thi 3:00 Shagun Kasautii Zindagi Kay 3:30 4:00 Kumkum 4:30 Kabhii Sautan Kabhii Sahelii 5:00 Kora Kaagaz 5:30

STAR WORLD 8:00 9:00 10:00 Hit Filmein Hit 11:00 Sangeet Small Wonder 12:00p Fox Kids Daily Aaj Ki Baat Kya Flim Kya Gee 1:30 Kumkum Pyara Sa Bandhan 2:00 Film Toppers 2:30 Hum Saath Aath 3:00 4:00 Hain Krishna Ariur 4:30 Kasautii Zindagi Kay 5:00 Des Mein Niklla 5:30 Hoga Chand 6:00 Kahaani Ghar Ghar 6:30

Kyunki Saas Bhi

TODAY'S HIGHLIGHTS



EKUSHEY: 8:30 p.m. Gaaner hat. The program among other topics presents flute performance by reputed flautist Moniruzzaman who recently had his CD 'Samakal' launched. The CD of Monir, from which he plays tune in this program, is available in the market. produced by Tonatuni.



ATN BANGLA: 8:45 p.m. Pop dhamaka. The program includes interview of renowned singer Shuvro Dev and a few of the songs from his latest album, 'Sharthopor'.

STAR MOVIES: 7:00 p.m. The Beverly



11:30

12:00

12:05

7:00

7:30

11:00

11:30

3:30

7:00

7:30

11:30

3:00pm

Kabhi Bahu Thi

Film Toppres

Aaj Ki Baat

Geet Bahar

Kapoor

Paying Guest

Kuch Yaddein Kuch

Independence Week

Spl Anand Math

Bellowood Beats

Yeh Raat Phir Na

The Oprah Winfrey

Da Vinci's Inquest

The Oprah Winfrey

Caroline In The City

Hollywood Squares

Nash Bridges

n Worlds wildest

Police Videos

The Bold & The

Beautiful

Family Ties

The Simpsons

Starnews Asia

King of Queens

Everybody Love

news Update

Raymond

6:55

Monday Magic

Hkumat

Aayegi

Show

Traders

Baatein Shammi

Mere Humsafar

Geet Bahar

STAR GOLD

Kaahin Kissii Roz

Hillbillies. The Beverly Hillbillies are still moving up in the world. From the small screen of the hit 60s television series, the man named Jed and his kinfolk have loaded up the truck and moved to Beverly on the Big Screen. When the Clampetts - Jed, Granny, Elly May and Jethro - strike oil in the swamp behind their Ozark mountain shack, their new fortune inspires them to relocate to the stuffy city of

Dharma & Greg

Boston Public

King of Queens

Dharma & Greg

Everybody Love

Boston Public

Breakfast News

Breakfast News

Breakfast News

Breakfast News

Star News English

Star News Hindi

Star News English

Star News English

Star News English

Star News English

Star News Hindi

Star News Hindi

Bollywood News

Star Bazaar Hindi

Saat Baie Hindi

Star Khel

Tonight At 8

Star Samachai

Star Newshour

12:00am Sports Tonight

CHANNEL [V]

Star News English

Star Business News

Star News English

[V] Back To Back

Star News Hindi

Raymond

Backer

English

Hindi

English

Hindi

12:00pm Star News Hindi

STAR NEWS

9:30

10:00

10:30

11:00

11:30

12:00

12:30

1:00

1:30

2:00

3:00

4:00

4:30

5:30

6:00

6:30

8:00

9:00

10:00

10:30

11:00

11:30

12:00

7:00

7:30am

9:30

10:30

11:00

11:30

1:00

2:30

12:30pm Jamu

Wild

[V] Back to Back

[V] Hit Machine

Hit Macine

[V] FDFS

[V] Back to Back

[V] Zabardast Hits

[V] Jungli Jukebox

[V] Zabardast Hits

[V] Back to Back

[V]Zabardast Hits

[V] Zabardast Hits

IVI Back To Back

[V] Zabardast Hits

[V] Jungli Jukebox

[V] Hit Machine

Late Night [V]

[V] Back To Back

Tales of the Living

National Geographic

The Sea Hunters part

Journey of Life

Dogs With Jobs

Human Edge

On The Edge

Nat Geo Max

[V] Rewind

GEOGRAPHIC

Dead

Special

NATIONAL

[V] Back To Back

[V] Hit Machine

[V] Top 5

Very [V]

[V] FDFS

Ctrl [V]

[V]ideo War

[V] Hit Machine

Becker

7:30

8:00

9:00

9:30

10:00

10:30

11:00

8:30

9:00

9:30

10:00

10:30

11:00

11:30

12:30

1:30

2:00

6:30

7:00

7:30

8:00

8:30

9:00

9:30

10:00

10:30

11:30



On HBO at 10:00 p.m. A young woman searching for her missing and homeless father in a seamy section of New Orleans is saved by a martial arts fighter, sometime merchant seaman, when a gang of thugs try to rob her.

4:30

PICK OF THE DAY

[V] Jumpstart 3:30 Scientific American [V] Hit Machine Frontiers

5:30 Croc Chronicles 6:00 Mission Wild 6:30 Dogs With Jobs 7:00 Earth Pulse 7:30 On the Edge 8:30 Wild Nat Geo Max 9:30 10:30 Scientific American Frontiers 11:30 People & Places AXN

People & Places

6:30 Movie: Sunset 8:30 X Calibur 9:30 Farscape 10:30 Now and Again One for the Money 11:30 Beastmaster Centurs 12:30

1:30

2:30 Movie: Sunset 4:30 Alfred Hitchcock Presents 5:30 Who Wares Wins 6:30 Xcalibur 7:30 Beastmaser The Fifth Element 8:30 Prime Zone 9:30 X Zone No Boundaries 10:30

Farscape

Who Dares Wins

12:30 Alfred Hitchcock Presents **HALL MARK**

6:00 With Rosie Walter and Henry 2:00 Sesame Street 3:00 3:30 Caillou 5:00

12:00 **ZEE TV** 7:00

7:50 Zee Gym & Eat Healthy 8:20 News 8:30 Ardhangini 8:45 9:00 Nickelodeon 9:30 Nick on Zee

10:30 Hum Paanch 11:00 Hudd Kar Di 12:00 Amanat Tu Kahe Agar 1:00 Love Marriage 1:30 Koi Apna Sa 2:00 Kammal 2:30 Gharana

> 8:00 Kitne Kool Hain Hum 8:30 Kammal 9:00 Saanijhi 9:30 Baazi Kiski 10:00 Kohi Apna Sa Love Marriage 11:00 Tu Kahe Agar

7:00 7:30 Bulletin 10:00 RPT 10:30 Bulletin 12:00 **Dream Destination** 12:30 Bulletin 12:57 Manoranjan 1:00 RPT 1:30 Beyond Headlines 2:00

4:30 4:57 5:00 Fantasy Adventures 5:30 Movie: Bill & Teds 6:00 Excellent Adventure 6:30 6:57

The Little Riders

Laurie Lee's Cide Live Through This Touched by an Angel Scholastic Clifford Live Though This Star Trek: Voyager Touched by an Angel

Star Trek: Voyager White Dwarf Contract for Murde

Yoga For Life 7:20 Jagran

Yaadein Radio Ceyion

3:00 Bazaar Nickelodeon On Zee 6:30 7:00 Nickeldeon

11:30 Gharana Ye DilKya Kare 12:00

ZEE NEWS Bulletin

6:30

2:57 Manoranjai 3:00 Bulletin 4:00 RPT Bulletin Manoranian Inside Story Bulletin RPT Zee Business

Manoranjan 7:00 Bulletin 7:30 News At 7 Zee Business 8:30 News At 8 9:00 Metro News

News At 9

Prime Time

ISS Wagt

9:30

5:00 Dil Se 5:30 Hit Mix Zee Music Plus 6:00 Artist of the Fortnight 7:00 7:30 Zee Music Box 8:00 Music. Com 9:30 Sizzlers 10:00 10:30 11:00 11:30 7:30

10:00

Compact Dise Jharokha Zee Music Box

Phoren Maal **ZEE CINEMA** Qawali Ki Raat Raksha (Jeetendra Parveen Bobi) Khel Khel Mein (Anil 1:30 Kapoor, Madhuri Dixit) 6:00 Main Tera Dushman

(Jackie Shrof, Sridevi

Saugandha (Akshay

DISCOVERY 7:30 Plane Funniest Animals 8:00 Barking Mad 8:30 Wild Discovery 9:30 Lonely Planet V 10:30 Classic Discovery 12:30 Wedding Story Wild Discovery 2:30 Planet's Funnies

Animals

3:00 Barking Mad 3:30 Splat! 4:00 Buck staghnorn's **Animal Bites** 5:30 6:30

Extreme Machines I Lonely Planet V Planet's Funniest Barking Mad

Wild Discovery