

RECOMMENDATIONS

Charity Magic show

August 22-23
A charity magic show is to be presented by world-renowned magician Jewel Aich in order to raise funds for cancer-struck Dhaka University student Arifur Rahman Shawon. The show will be held at 6:30 p.m. on both the days at the auditorium of Bangladesh Engineers' Institute in the city...

Sculpture exhibition

August 12-28
A sculpture exhibition of artist Ferdousi Priyobhshini continues at Bengal art gallery at Dhanmondi in the city. The exhibition runs everyday from 12:00 to 8:30 p.m.

Architectural designs' show

Aug. 17 Sept. 09
An exhibition goes on at the National Museum at Shahbagh in the city to reveal the unfolding drama of the design and construction of Sher-e-Banglanagar. Timetable: 10:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. (Saturday to Wednesday), 3:30 to 7:30 p.m. (Friday). The show is closed on Thursday.

Digital photography

August 21-24
Titled 'My Life, My Future', a digital photography exhibition starts at the auditorium of British Council in the city on August 21 at 5:30 p.m. that includes works of Youth Forum participants coordinated by Tanvir. The exhibition continues everyday from 10:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. till August 24.

Documentary

August 29-31
Directed by Kawsar Chowdhury, a documentary production 'Shei raater kotha bolley eshechi' (Tale of the darkest night) appears on screen at the auditorium of Russian Cultural Center at the following timings: On August 29 at 4:00, 5:00 and 6:00 p.m. On August 30 at 10:00, 11:00, 3:00, 4:00, 5:00 and 6:00 p.m. On August 31 at 5:00, 6:00 and 7:00 p.m. Entry cards are available at Sagar Publishers, Pathak Samabesh, Arabian fast food Dhanmondi and at hall counter before shows.

Event

Ushering in new generation of talents

Nazrul evening organised by Poet Talim Hossain
Trust to promote new Nazrulgeeti singers

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POET Talim Hossain Trust held a rendition of songs of the National Poet Kazi Nazrul Islam, performed by young generation of singers, at the National Museum Auditorium on August 17. About ten new singers were introduced to the Nazrulgeeti-fans through their passionate presentation of some classic pieces of Nazrul on the evening. State Minister for culture, Begum Salima Rahman was the chief guest at the programme, while Secretary to the Ministry for culture, Nazmul Ahsan Chowdhury, and eminent scholar Dr. Mujaffar Ahmed were the special guests. Renowned Nazrulgeeti artiste Khalid Hossain, and litterateur and authoritative scholar on Nazrul Abdul Mannan Syed delivered welcome speeches on the occasion.

In her introductory speech, Shabnam Mustary, the noted Nazrulgeeti singer, the eldest daughter of Talim Hossain and present Convener of the Trust, briefly demonstrated the history of Poet Talim Hossain Trust. The Trust was founded by Talim Hossain's wife Begum Mafruha Chowdhury and his offspring in May 1998, with a view to continuing and fulfilling Talim Hossain's endeavour in establishing Nazrul and his works.

Talim Hossain was among the first enthusiasts who dedicated their lives to establish institutional culture of the 'Rebel Poet'. He had founded 'Nazrul Academy' long before 'Nazrul Institute' was established by the government. Nazrulgeeti singer Khalid Hossain regretted the fact that a personality like Talim Hossain should go unnoticed by the young generation as well as majority of the people in Bangla-



Ace singer Shabnam Mustary renders a number at the event

desh. 'Talim Hossain was a poet', Khalid added, 'who sacrificed his own talent for the sake of popularising Kazi Nazrul Islam and establishing the practice of his work.' Abdul Mannan Syed expressed his satisfaction that practice of Nazrulgeeti had increased more in the present, in all spheres both government and private.

Since its inception, Poet Talim Hossain Trust has arranged yearly programmes; in which new Nazrulgeeti artistes have been introduced and awards have been conferred on personalities for extraordinary work on Nazrul. Shabnam Mustary mentioned that the awarda crest of the Trust and an amount of Tk. 20,000 should inspire the young generation in the practice of Nazrulgeeti.

Called 'A Bunch of Dolonchampa', the programme presented all beauty, in the variety of Nazrul's songs. Beginning with a chorus Kawli-

Gazal, the programme presented solo performances of a number of artistes, who had been students of the Trust. All of them exhibited great skills in presenting different types of songs of Nazrul. Among these young singers, Sharha Siddique, Sadia Faizunnesa and Fazilatun Cobra earned tremendous appreciation from the audience. A grandson of Talim Hossain, Zulkan Nayeem Chowdhury, also achieved applause through his rendering of an Islamic song of Nazrul. The other singers at the function were Shamarukh Mahjabeen, Parag Chakrobarti, Pujan Kumar Das, Luna Rahman and Sunil Kumar Sutradhar.

As Abdul Mannan Syed quoted from Nazrul, 'Nabiner aashar pathe ujar kore de phulodali', it may be hoped that Poet Talim Hossain Trust will succeed in carrying Nazrul's art and philosophy to future generation.

Music

The new faces of Warfaze

Warfaze, a top name in the country's band music, lines up fresh as the group members prepare to launch their latest album

HANA SHAMS AHMED

WARFAZE, the hard-rock band, which was formed in 1984, was the centre of attention when they released their first self-titled album in 1991. The band members of this album were Sunjoy (vocals), Kamal (guitar and vocals), Babna (guitar and vocals), Tipu (drums) and Russel (keyboard). The band then brought out their second album titled 'Abak Bhalobasha', which had a similar response from their ever-growing fans. On their third album 'Jibondhara', Russel had to leave the band and Fuad joined on keyboards. The third album, like the first two were a mix of various types of music. On the one hand there was the title song with its hard-hitting lyrics criticising the political situation of the country, and on the other hand there were also songs like Babna's 'Jononi' which spoke about the appreciation and gratitude that one feels for one's mother. The fourth album 'Ashamajik' saw a major change in the line-up with Babna leaving and the arrival of two new members, Jewel on guitar and vocals and Sumon on bass and vocals. Their inclusion provided for two very

competent members. Warfaze's fifth album saw some more major changes in the line-up, with the most crucial change being the departure of the band's main vocal, a significant member, Sunjoy. Although many people were skeptical about the new vocalist Mizan, he erased their doubt with his competent voice and quick adaptation power of the style of Warfaze. At the same time Babna's cousin, Balam joined the band which was time for rejoice for Warfaze fans. After the release of their latest album, Kamal, a crucial member of the band declared that he was having problems with continuing music and that the amount of time he would be able to give to the band was uncertain. Warfaze fans were very distraught. It was only the hard work and dedication of their drummer Tipu that held the band together in such a fragile situation. Sajjad of the band Metal Maze joined Warfaze at this time.

On August 19th 2002, at a press conference Warfaze announced further changes to their band. Mizan, their main vocal had proclaimed that it would not be possible for him to continue with his band anymore. His time with his

family and his business and other personal problems had forced him to make this decision. This was another crucial point of the band's life. It was after one year's search that they had found Mizan. At the same time Kamal declared that he never had any intentions of leaving Warfaze.

"I am always with Warfaze, it is just that I cannot be with them each and every moment", said Kamal. He, however, did assure that he would be with the band for the next album. He would also try to appear in the live shows; however he could not guarantee that he would be there at every performance of Warfaze.

Speaking about Mizan's departure he said, "We have parted without any hard feelings. We understand his problems and we wish him every success in his future". Tipu added, "We are very grateful to Mizan for helping us during our good and bad times."

Balam, the other vocalist, came to the rescue of the band by declaring that he would be taking over the enormous task of being the main vocalist. So far Balam has performed the soft rock numbers for Warfaze. He assured that he would be able to fit in very well with the different form of music. Cezanne of the popular band Art Cell too joined the band.

So the new line-up stands at Balam (main vocals, guitar), Kamal (guitar, back vocals), Tipu (drums), Sajjad (guitar, vocals), Cezanne (guitar) and Shams on (keyboard, vocals).

The band is due to bring out their album with this line-up at the end of this year. This spectacular band has never failed to deliver good music to music fans since its inception. It is hoped that despite these changes they will continue to perform well in the future. Everyone waits with eager anticipation for Balam to show his accomplishment in the new role that he has taken up.



A new-look Warfaze

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TV GUIDE

Table with TV channel listings for BTV, CHANNEl-i, ATN BANGLA, EKUSHEY, STAR WORLD, GEOGRAPHIC, ZEE NEWS, ZEE ENGLISH, ZEE MGM, and ZEE PLANET.

Table with TV channel listings for STAR MOVIES, STAR PLUS, and STAR GOLD.

Table with TV channel listings for STAR NEWS and NATIONAL.

TODAY'S HIGHLIGHTS section featuring Ekushey, ATN, and HBO programs with descriptions and images.

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Table with TV channel listings for NEWS AT 9, ALPHA TV BANGLA, ZEE MUSIC, and ZEE ENGLISH.

Table with TV channel listings for FRESH PRINCE OF BEL-AIR, ZEE MUSIC, and ZEE ENGLISH.

Table with TV channel listings for DISCOVERY, SONY, and ANIMAL PLANET.