

RECOMMENDATIONS

Exhibition

May 29-June 12
Bengal Shilpajyoti organises an exhibition of recent works by Kalidas Karmakar titled 'Alluvial Faces' at the Bengal Gallery of Fine Arts from May 29 to June 12.

May 22-June 5

The inauguration of a painting exhibition by Kakoli and a sculpture exhibition by Reaz will take place at the Alliance Francaise de Dhaka on May 22 at 6:00 p.m. The exhibition will continue till June 5.

Recitation

May 30
Abriti Academy holds a reciting presentation of its production Kalbar Kalsotey, written by Orna Apurnika and directed by Mazumdar Biplob, at the Shawkat Osman Memorial Auditorium. The programme starts at 7 p.m.

Nazrul Conference

June 01-08
Nazrul Academy will hold a week long 'Nazrul Conference 1410' at the Nazrul Bhaban at Moghbazar. The conference will run from 5.30 p.m. to 9.30 p.m. everyday.

Video film

June 02-03
Action against Trafficking and Sexual Exploitation of Children (ASTEC) organises a video film festival as part of its nationwide campaign for prevention of trafficking in children and women at Bangladesh Shishu Academy. Video films Destination Unknown, Kranti, Chameeli will be screened at the festival. The programme continues from 10.00 a.m. to 09.30 p.m. everyday.

Memorial

A meeting of 'Kabbyo Kunjo,' a literary organisation was held recently at Abasbar Bhaban, Dharmundi, Dhaka. The meeting was organised on the occasion of first death anniversary of late Dr. Malika Khatun, a renowned educationist and writer. It was presided over by Prof. Afzaluddin, President of the organisation, said a press release. Quz Muhammed Manzur-e-Mawla, a renowned poet and critic, was the chief guest at the function who delivered a lecture on the life and works of Dr. Malika Khatun. Members present also participated in the discussion and recited poems and rendered songs. The meeting ended after a prayer for eternal peace for the departed soul.



A week full of celebrations with Rabindranath & Nazrul



Being with music

Bengal Foundation provides platform for young Nazrul Sangeet singers

HARUN UR RASHID

It is more than two and half years that Bengal Foundation has been working hard to materialise its dream of founding a music school where students will have a platform for pure music practice. Although Sheikh Khalid Hasan, Assistant Director of Bengal Shilpajyoti at Dharmundi, cannot yet dare to give any deadline as to when the school may start, for a lot of preparation is still needed, he, however, is confident that it is not far.

At least, the recent musical activities by Bengal Foundation provide enough proof of that aspiration. On May 26 evening it gave a presentation of Nazrul Sangeet titled *Shangey Theko Sangeet* performed by four young

artists--Bijon Chandra Mistri, Sadia Afreen Nahid Chowdhury, Jalal Hasan and Farhana Haque Mimi. The four are students of music under Bengal Foundation's scholarship and they are among those who take regular lessons from two of the subcontinent's eminent musicians, Ustad Mashkur Ali Khan and Shanti Sharma.

Recently these young performers took part in a workshop under the two musicians. Bijon informs that the workshop was actually on classical music. 'But that also helps us in Nazrul Sangeet', said Bijon.

However, things are not as simple as it seems. Ustad Mashkur and Shanti Sharma do not stay for long. Even they rarely can teach together. The workshops are settled according to

their schedule. And what is yet more inconvenient is that the students try to learn from who ever visits the country whenever. According to Bijon, 'This is troublesome because we are not properly learning a particular gharana. For different musicians specialise in different classical trends.'

Khalid Hasan informed that 'Even our established musicians are also attending these workshops so that they can achieve the perfection which is necessary for running a music school.'

At the May 26 soiree, the four youth presented some brilliant piece of Nazrul Sangeet. Bijon and Farhana earned great applause from the audience. The other two also showed promising talent. Bijon's *Amar aponar cheye apon je jon* and Ar cheyona

shunayona e nayon panej were undoubtedly the best pieces of the evening. He has a very open voice that enables him to modulate the tunes without much difficulty. Sadya sang four songs--*Tumi jodi Radha hotey Shyam, Keno korun shurey hridoy hotey bajichhey banshi, Yakhono otheni chand* and *Keno ashiley blabashiley*.

Shangey Theko Sangeet was a three-day presentation. The previous two days saw the rendition of classical vocal and instrumental by four other young performers who also attended the workshop under Mashkur Ali and Shanti Sharma.

Bengal Foundation's endeavour is certainly praiseworthy. For this will finally establish a strong platform of pure musical tradition in the country.

Julhasuddin Ahmad and late Nilufar Yasmin awarded Nazrul Medal

CULTURE DESK

To mark the 104th birth anniversary of our rebel poet Kazi Nazrul Islam the Ministry of Cultural Affairs had arranged a three-day-long programme. The second day of the programme presented a discussion, award-giving and cultural programme at the National Museum on May 26.

Veteran Nazrul singer Julhasuddin Ahmad was given the Nazrul Medal of 1409 and late eminent Nazrul singer Nilufar Yasmin was awarded with the Nazrul Medal 1410. Barrister Aminul Haque, Minister of Telecommunication Ministry, the chief guest, gave away the gold medal, a crest, a cheque and a certificate. Singer Julhasuddin Ahmad said on receiving the award, "It is an unfor-

gettable day of my life." On behalf of Nilufar Yasmin, his son singer Agun received the award.

The chief guest of the programme said, "As it is impossible to think of English literature without Shakespeare, it is impossible to think of Bangla literature without Nazrul and Rabindranath. The world literature can be tasted by reading the creations of these two great literary personalities. Nazrul was like a comet and this was admitted by Rabindranath as well. The poems of Nazrul have unthinkable diversity, his songs have the variation of music and lyric."

Speaking as the chairperson, State Minister of Cultural Ministry, Begum Selima Rahman said, "Nazrul fought against injustice, fraud and communalism all his life. He enlightened the Muslim society with his songs. His songs and poems inspired us in the Liberation War and in the agitation against the British regime."

Main discussant of the programme, Abul Kalam Manzur Morshed talked about Nazrul's visits to many places of Bangladesh. The Executive Director of Nazrul Institute, Poet Abdul Mannan Syed, the Secretary of Cultural Ministry, Modabber Hossain Chowdhury also spoke at the event.

After the discussion a cultural programme followed. MA Mannan, Khalid Hossain, Nasirul Kamal, Yasmin Mushtari, Fatematu Zohra sang Nazrul songs. The grandson of Nazrul's younger brother, Shubarni Kazi also sang. Bhaswar Bandapadhyay recited a poem by Nazrul.

Poems recalling Tagore New faces emerge in recitation

NOVERA DEEPIKA

Kunti showed love to her son Karna the colour was bright blue.

Hasan Arif explained that they will recite poems by and on Rabindranath, and that is why the title was 'Ebong Rabindranath'. He recited a comic poem *Makal* that earned great applause from the audience. *Shangsharer Chalchitro* composed by Swapno Momyo Karmakar was recited with a tune of *Ekta* and *flute* in the background.

The background of the stage was a big sky framed with clay and two banners carrying the inscriptions 'Ebong Rabindranath' and 'Bengal Foundation'. There were flowers on the stage and many paintings on the wall of the small auditorium.

The artistes were wearing traditional Bangali dress as Laila by Harunul Rashid and *Bangladesh* by Sohrab Hasan, both written during the Liberation War. Recitation of *Babajbandh Khuley Khuley* by Abu Taher protested against the wars taking place in Bosnia, Iraq and the rest of the Middle East.

The recitation featured a very interesting characteristic. The poems had some lines from Tagore's songs and Afroz sang those lines with her melodious voice and a pensive tune of violin followed.

Saree by Shubodh Shankar was a

poem on violence against women, *Duhshwarpay Akdin* by Shamsur Rahman was about the disorder of the society and *Bangeshwar* by Manish Ghatok was a poem on agitation against the British regime. The sky in the back-ground was dark black at these moments.

There was also a recitation of some poems of love like *Aruna* by Dawood Haider and Aruna, *Tumi Bhalo Theko* by Mohammad Samad. A poem of a Santal lover was recited by Afroz with the rhythm of tabla and the audience's clapping with the rhythm enhanced the enjoyment.

There was a poem about a family that denies the Bangali culture and to this the audience laughed heartily. There were some other amusing poems like *Govermenter Taka* by Nirmalendu Gun, *Kharap* by Ramen Rayhan, *Bangla Na Engeji* by Shubodh Sarkar. *Bhalobasha* 1975 by Nurul Huda was a poem recited in the manner of *puthopath* by Afroz. They concluded the programme by the Tagore-song *Diner Sheshe*.

TV GUIDE

All programmes are in local time. The Daily Star will not be responsible for any change in the programme.

ATN BANGLA

6:00 Islamic Prog
8:00 ATN Bangla News
8:25 Cine Musical prog: "Gondoraz Samsung Cine Aaha"
9:35 Musical Prog
10:10 Drama serial: No Problem
10:50 Talk show: Face to Face
12:00 ATN Bangla News
12:20 The Daily Newspaper Discussing Prog: Ajker Sangbadpotro
12:40 Musical prog: Shesher Pata Theke
1:20 Bengali Feature film: Professor
4:20 Islamic prog
4:50 The Daily Newspaper Discussing Prog: Ajker Sangbadpotro
5:00 Gram Ganjer
5:15 Film Magazine: A Saptaher Chhobi
5:50 Musical Prog: Saat Rang
6:25 Islamic prog
7:00 ATN Bangla Evening News
7:30 Musical Prog: Somoyer Sure
8:05 Drama Serial: Cheinly Na Amai
8:40 Film Magazine: Henolux Benodan Bichitra
9:00 ATN Bangla News
9:25 Reporting prog: Prekhapat
10:00 ATN Bangla News
10:35 Drama Serial: Kakkhachuta
11:00 ATN Bangla News
12:00 Bengali Feature Film: Chapa Dangar Bou

CHANNEL-i

06:10 Islamic Programme
07:15 Prothom Sur
10:00 Music Plus
11:00 Chhaya Jhankar
11:30 Kichu Mone
12:00 Drama Serial: Kichu megh kichu Ruddur
12:30 Drama: Serial-Belaseshey
01:00 Drama Serial: Tumar Bosonto Diney
2:00 Bangla Feature Film: Alo Amar Alo
5:35 Jonopoder Khabor
5:45 Chithi Pelam
6:10 Music Plus
6:45 Ispanahi-i Tele Quiz (Q)
7:50 Drama Serial: Chief of Bagdad
8:25 Drama Serial: Ggrihalgo
9:00 Channel-i News
9:31 Ispanahi-i Tele Quiz (R)
9:35 Drama Serial: Charisma
10:00 Band Show: Close Up Hit Wave
10:25 Channel-i Mobile Quiz 2525
10:30 Channel-i News
11:15 Sangbad Potrey
11:30 Late Night News of BTV
12:15 Channel-i News
13:00 TARA BANGLA

12:00 After the Storm
2:00 Malevolent
4:00 Masterminds
6:15 Go!
8:15 Here Come the Munsters
10:00 The Mummy
12:30 Enter the Dragon
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4:45 Here Come the Munsters
6:00 Jake Speed
7:45 Kingdom Come
9:30 That Old Feeling
11:15 US Marshals
1:00 The End of the Affair
2:45 The Pickle
4:35 Waterworld
7:00 The Negotiator
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6:30 Movie: First Blood
8:30 Rescue/Who Dears Wins
10:30 When Fun Turns To Fear
11:30 Earth Final Conflict/Boone's Awakening
11:30 Celebrity Adventures
2:00 Kahan Terri Merri
2:00 Goon-Ateet Ki
2:00 Guiness World Records : Primetime
2:30 Movie: First Blood
5:30 CSI Crime Investigation/Snuff
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