

RECOMMENDATIONS

Exhibition
February 20-March 2

A sculpture exhibition by Ferdousy Priabhanshi titled Aronner Dinratri will be inaugurated today at 5:00 pm at the Shilpangan gallery. The display will remain open for all from 10 am to 9 pm.

February 11-24
A painting exhibition by Russian artist Natalia Brazhnikova is going on at the Russian Cultural Centre. The display will be open for all till February 24, 11:00 am to 7:30 pm.

February 16-March 1
The Bengal Gallery of Fine Arts holds a solo exhibition of Monsur ul Karim. Venue: 275/F Rd. 27, Dhanmondi, Dhaka

February 18-28
Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy holds a solo painting exhibition by Ryu, Kwang-il from the Republic of Korea at the National Art Gallery of the academy. The display will remain open for all from 11 am to 7 pm on weekdays and 3 pm to 7 pm on Friday.

February 23-March 2
Goethe Institut will hold a photographic exhibition titled A Mro Folk-belief: Utopia of a Pilgrim by Shameem Hasan at the institute's premises, beginning from February 23. The display will remain open from Sunday through Thursday, 2:00 pm - 8:00 pm.

February 18-24
An art exhibition is on display at the Zainul Gallery, Institute of Fine Arts. The display will be open for all till February 24, 2:00 pm to 8:00 pm.

Dance
February 23
The High Commission of India, Dhaka will present an evening of Manipuri Dance Drama by Padmashree Ratan Thyam and his troupe, based on Mahakavi Kalidasa's Ritusamharam on February 23, at 7:00pm at Osmani Memorial Hall, Dhaka.

Carniv



Dancers belonging to the Gavioes da Fiel samba school perform as giant Corinthian warriors on the first night of the Sao Paulo Carnival, February 20. Carnival festivities got into full swing over much of Brazil, with the Sao Paulo samba schools joining in on the year's biggest party season.

Ekushe

Grandeur at Bakultala

Podatik Natya Shangshad observes Ekushey

CULTURAL CORRESPONDENT

THE Bakultala premises at the Institute of Fine Arts of Dhaka University reverberated with much enthusiasm of thousands of visitors and the performance of songs, recitation, dances, drama and other cultural activities organised by Padatik Natya Shangshad to observe the Martyrs' Day and the International Mother Language Day. The daylong programme featured hundreds of renowned and upcoming artistes from different fields.

Language Movement hero artist Imdad Hossain inaugurated the programme. Litterateur Selina Hossain and theatre personality Golam Kuddus and Professor Ajay Ray of DU were present at the inauguration ceremony. Rendition of the National Anthem and the song of Ekushey Amar bhaier rokte rangano commenced the cultural sessions that continued till 11 pm. The programme was conducted by Selim SH Chowdhury.

The programme kicked off with Podatik's cultural wings performing songs, poetry recitation and dance.

Solo songs were performed by Ajit Ray, Nahar Jamil, Naima Ali,



Dhaka Podatik staged a street play

Rezwana Chowdhury Bonnya, Tapan Mahmud, Mita Haque, Salma Akbar, Sajed Akbar, Fahim Hossain Chowdhury, Bipul Bhattacharya, Fakir Alamgir, Nilufar Banu, Mahbul Haider Mohon, Akramul Islam, Biman Chandra Biswas, Jannat-e Ferdous Lucky, Azizur Rahman Tuhin, Sifayet Ullah, Suchitra Sarker, Tamanna Ahmed, Bijon Mistri, Kanak Khan, Elma Sharmin Shathi, Bidisha Dewanji, Dr. Susmita Ahmed and others.



Famous Gono Sangeet performer Fakir Alamgir captivated the crowd

Ruksana Akter, Babul Sarker, Ruma Akter and Sohrab Dewan performed folk songs. Besides, Obhudooy, Surtirhur, Surer Dhara, Geetanjali and SurShaptak performed group songs.

Subachan Natya Shangshad, Dhaka Podatik, Dhaka Theatre Mancha presented street drama in different sessions. Spandan, Bulbul Academy of Fine Arts, Tamanna Rahman and her troupe, Nriya Nandan, Kabirul Islam Ratan and

his troupe performed dances. Poet Aslam Sunny, Bhaswar Bandyopadhyay, Hassan Arif, Raikhan poet Mong Ekhen Mong Mong, Kotha Abritti Chorchha Kendro, Kanthashilon, Swarkalpan Abritti Chakro, Dhaka Swarkalpan presented solo and group poetry recitation. Poet Mong recited his own poem in his own ethnic language and later translated it into Bangla, which the audience appreciated very much.

A Garo cultural group from Tangail performed lively dances and songs in their own language at the programme. The participants--Shankari Hagidog, Shoma Sim Sang, Poheli Rema, Grisa Hagidog, Lina Dalbot--are all students of Asia Hassan Ali Women's College of

Dhonbari, Tangail. Subarana Kazi, the grandson of poet Kazi Nazrul Islam, performed a song on Ekushey and a Nazrul song--*De gorur ga dhuiye* towards the end of the programme. Podatik Natya Shangshad has been holding programmes to observe the Amar Ekushey for the last seven years.

Theatre festi



Prokrity O Puran

Desh Natok Festival

Birsa Kabya

ERSHAD KAMOL

TODAY Desh Natak will stage Birsa Kabya soon after the inauguration of the drama festival arranged by Desh Natok at the Public Library Auditorium at 7 p.m.

Preview:
Birsa Kabya by Masum Reza belongs to 'Ethnic Theatre' in which we get a pathetic story of the Indian sub-continent during the British colonial period, bringing in the historical event of the 'Munda Rebellion'. Munda tribe, in those days, was oppressed not only by the colonial lords but also by the local feudal lords. Birsa, the tribal leader, organised his community against the century-old repression. Birsa considered that only through a unified rebellion could the Mundas get a taste of freedom. At a certain stage, the tribal chief was arrested and killed later on by the British authorities. That made Birsa the tribal god of the group and his fate



Birsa Kabya, an ethnic play

added fuel to the fire of rebellion, which is historically known as Ulgulan.

Shamsul Alam Bakul is the director of the play. In the play, 29 artistes

have portrayed 61 characters, which is a milestone in our theatre. Nasirul Haque Khokon will be in light designing and Kazi Mizan Koel in set design.

Prokrity O Puran depicts influence of nature and myth

DESH Natok, one of the most popular theatrical groups in the country, has arranged a weeklong drama festival, which starts from today at the Public Library Auditorium. To point out the logic behind the holding of the festival in the month of Ekushey, Shamsul Alam Bakul, the chief of the steering committee of the group, says, 'In fact, Ekushey is an issue only for the politicians right now. But, the cultural activists consider February as a month of artistic activities. Nowadays, everybody in the country mentally prepare themselves to enjoy cultural events revolving around Ekushey. They are not very

much interested in the traditional political movements regarding Ekushey. Earlier, we expressed our messages by presenting patha natok at the Shaheed Minar premises, but this year we would like to develop awareness among the audience through more artistic expression-stage-play.'

He adds, 'We think, nature and myth have an immense effect on people of the Indian sub-continent. Through the festival, we would like the other organisations to be involved in artistic endeavours as well. We would like to do it by reminding them about the influence of nature and myth in our belief,

ideology and culture. That is why the title of the festival is 'Nature and Myth.'

In the festival the group has invited those plays which go well with the title. The participating groups are Nagorik Natyasa-mrodaya, Theatre, Dhaka Theatre, Desh Natok, Shubochan Natyashongshod and Uttoradhikar. Desh Natok will stage two plays while the other groups will display one play each.

Jochhona Biswas, the eminent Jatra artiste will inaugurate the festival at the Public Library Auditorium at 6:00 p.m. on February 23.

Cultural icons voice out their memories

NOVERA DEEPITA

IN 1948 when Mohammad Ali Jinnah declared that Urdu will be the state language of Pakistan, I was a school student and did not understand what he meant by it. But when the students who revolted against the statement, were shot, I was deeply shocked like all other Bangalis.' Dr. Sanjida Khatun said while she was addressing the audience at the Liberation War Museum to observe Ekushey recently.

She shared memories of those days of struggle against the Pakistani rulers. She informed that she has been observing Ekushey for the last 52 years and recalled, 'In those days we used to go to the Shaheed Minar bare footed and also to the graveyards of the martyrs singing the inspiring songs like Amar shonar Bangla.' She said that the passionate feelings of those days could never be compared with those of today. She regretted that politics in every

sphere of life has spoil the whole situation of commemorating Ekushey after the Liberation War.

Dr. Sanjida Khatun regretted that we don't feel the urge to revolt against the disorder and crime that are taking place in society nowadays. 'When we see the news of homicide and torture on human beings in the newspaper, we somehow don't feel the urge to revolt against it anymore.'

Veteran singer Ajit Roy shared his memories with the journalists before he performed the spirited songs of our Language Movement. He said, 'It was in 1963 when Altaf Mahmud came back home from Karachi, all of us -- Altaf Mahmud, Sheikh Lutfur Rahman, Abdul Latif Zahidur Rahim and I rendered songs to observe Ekushey at the Shaheed Minar.' Ajit Roy said that it was a full moon night and they were determined not to sing any other songs except the special ones meant for the month of February. Later Jayanta Chattyapadhaya



Ajit Roy and Shimul Yousuff rendering patriotic songs at the Liberation War Museum

recited poems on Ekushey, written by the celebrated poets like Al Mahmud, Nirmalendu Goon, Asad Chowdhury, Robiul Hossain, Birendra Chattyapadhaya and Nirendranath Chakravorty. Shimul Yousuff rendered spirited

songs of Ekushey like Ghumer deshey ghum bhagate and Ei path ei kalo path, which have been composed by great composers like Altaf Mahmud and Mahmudun Nabi. Poet Rabiul Hossain hosted the programme.

Awar



Bollywood legend Amitabh Bachchan (L) highlights well-known producer-director B.R. Chopra's (in a wheelchair) career before handing him the lifetime achievement award at the 49th annual Manikchand Filmfare awards in Bombay, 21 February.. Chopra is Bollywood's veteran producer-director with a career spanning six decades comprising of numerous superhits and had recently produced the successful movie 'Baghbaan' (Gardner) in 2003 starring Bachchan which was directed by his son Ravi Chopra (R).

TV GUIDE

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

News Bulletin

BTV
News Headlines (Bangla) at 9:40 am, 12:10 pm, 2:00 pm, 3:10 pm, 4:00 pm, 7:00 pm.
News (Bangla) at 8:00 am, 1:00 pm, 5:00 pm, 8:00 pm.
News (English) at 3:00 pm, 10:00 pm.
Late Night News (Bangla and English) 11:30 pm.
CHANNEL-i
Breakfast News 07:15 am, 9:00am
News (Bangla) at 7:15 pm, 9:00, 10:30, 12:15 am.
Telecast of BTV news (Bangla and English) at 11:30 pm.
Latest News (Bangla) at 09 a.m, 10:00 a.m, 11:00 a.m, 1pm, 2:00 pm, 3:00 pm, 4:00pm, 6:00 pm, and 8:00 pm.
ntv
News Headlines (Bangla) at 5:02 pm, 6:30 pm, 9:45 pm.
News (Bangla) 7:30 pm, 10:30 pm.
TARA BANGLA
News Headlines (Bangla) at 5:30 pm, 7:30 pm.
Tara News (Bangla) at 8:30 pm, 11:30 pm.
Tara News Bangla-desh (Bangla) at 9:30 pm.
BBC World
Every hour on the hour

ATN BANGLA
10:15 Talk Show : Annodristee
11:25 Documentary Film: Adibashe Janopada
12:40 Musical Prog: Uro Cola Saat Rang Bengali feature film: Sonali Akhas Children Prog: Meena Carton Agriculture Prog: Mater Subas Islamic prog: Islami Sawal O Jawab
6:20 Talk Show: Annodristee
7:40 Drama Serial: Tobu-O Bhalobashi Tomakay
8:15 Drama Serial: T-Rexer Sandhanay Magazine : Pach Phuron
8:50 Talk Show : Katha Mala Bengali feature film: Ashar Prodig
HBO
7:00 Strange, Frequency 2
8:45 Sometimes, They Come Back Again
10:45 Hitched
12:30 See Spot, Run
2:30 The Apartment Complex
4:30 Girl, Interrupted
7:00 Tales From The Crypt Ep 06: Undertaking Palor Jaws 2
7:45 The Ten
10:00 Commandments
DISCOVERY

8:30 Wild Discovery : Mountains of the Wolf
9:30 Travellers: Oyster Festival: St Mary's County Classic Discovery: Eat Like a king: King Henry VIII
10:30 Battlefield Detectives: Waterloo Great Romances of the 20th Century: William R Hearst & Marion Davies
1:00 Great Country Inns: Grant Corner Inn/Salsa Del Salto
1:30 Baby Story: Baby Caragher Diet Busters
2:00 New Detectives: Deadly Intentions
2:30 Wild Discovery: 25 years of Survival
4:30 Let's Dance and Eat: Sadanand in India/Renymol in India
5:00 Popular Mechanics for Kids: Navy Seals
5:30 Travellers: El Dia De Los Muertos, Patzcuaro, Mexico
6:30 Adventure Crazy: Discovering Lost Worlds
7:00 Treks in a Wild World: Trekking in Egypt
7:30 Wild Discovery: Great Siberian Grizzly
8:30 Classic Discovery: Mysteries of Red Square
9:30 Battlefield Detec-

TODAY'S HIGHLIGHTS

HBO: 7:45 pm: Jaws 2: Horror / Thriller / Adventure. Roy Scheider, Lorraine Gary, Murray Hamilton. After four years of peace and quiet another killer Great White Shark appears. A series of boating accidents and mysterious incidents have convinced Chief Brody that another Great White has come to Amity Island. He struggles to convince the town officials that another shark is out there, but they refuse to believe him and he loses his job in the process. Meanwhile, more boating accidents occur and when Chief Brody's two sons go out sailing with friends, he has to reach them before the shark does.
Star Movies: 9:00 pm: The Good Son. Thriller / Drama. Macaulay Culkin, Elijah Wood, Wendy Crewson. After his mother's death, a young boy, Mark, is left with his aunt and

PICK OF THE DAY

The Affair of the Necklace
On Star Movies at 7:00 pm
Genre: Drama
Hilary Swank, Jonathan Pryce, Simon Baker
Paris, 1786: a woman in court. The Crown murdered her father for his views about the poor, now Jeanne wants her home and good name back. She believes all can be set right if she can talk to the Queen, whose House Minister rebuffs her. With the help of a courtesan gigolo, she learns to use what others desire to get what she wants. She needs a patron: with forged letters, she convinces Cardinal de Rohan she is the

10:30 World's Best: World's Best -- Mexican Beach Resorts
11:30 FBI Files: Moving Target
ANIMAL PLANET
8:30 Wild Encounters: Natural World: The Tigers' Fortress
9:30 Wild Encounters: Year of the Jackal
10:30 Animal Planet Showcase: Baghdad Zoo
11:30 Life of Birds: Demands of the Egg
12:30 On the Edge: Indonesia: The Orangutan Freedom Journey
1:30 On the Edge: My Best Friends
2:00 On the Edge: My Girls
2:30 Animal Planet Showcase: Bag-

dad Zoo
3:30 Vets in Practice: Stormy Weather
4:00 Wild Rescues
4:30 Emergency Vets Helping Hands
5:00 Breed all about it: Shar Pei
5:30 Amazing Animal Videos
6:00 Planet's Fnniest Animals
7:00 Planet's Fnniest Animals
7:30 Predators: Nowhere to Hide
8:00 Weird Nature: Puzzling Partners
8:30 On the Edge: The Big Bad Wolf
9:30 Wombat Woes
10:00 On the Edge: Marsupial Mayhem
10:30 Animal Planet Showcase: The Magic of Dolphins
11:30 Predators: Special Agents
12:00 Weird Nature: Bizaree Breeding

STAR MOVIES
7:15 For The Boys
9:45 Music From Another Room
11:30 Muppet Treasure Island
1:15 The Puppet Masters
3:15 Rumor Of Angels A
5:00 Arlington Road
7:00 The Affair OfThe Necklace
9:00 The Good Son
10:30 Future Sport
12:00 Hard Cash
STAR PLUS
12:00 Shanti
1:00 Kasauti Zindagii Kay
1:30 Kumkum - Pyara Sa Bandhan
2:00 Bhabhi
2:30 Shagun
3:00 Kabhi Aaye Na Judai
3:30 Kyunki Saas Bhi Kabhi Bahu Thi
4:00 Kahaani Ghar Ghar Ki
4:30 Kahiin To Hoga Kaahin Kissii Roz
5:55 Taaza Hits
6:00 Hum Saath Aath Hain
6:30 Fox Kids
7:30 Kumkum - Pyara Sa Bandhan
8:00 Shaka Laka Boom Boom
8:30 Krishna Arjun
9:00 Kasautii Zindagii Kay
9:30 Des Mein Nikkila Hoga Chand
10:30 Kahaani Ghar Ghar Ki
11:00 Kyunki Saas Bhi Kabhi Bahu Thi

11:30 Kahiin To Hoga Kaahin Kissii Roz
STAR WORLD
9:30 Oprah Winfrey Show
10:30 Nash Bridges
11:30 Da Vinci's Inquest
12:30 World's Wildest Police Videos
1:00 Mac Gyver
2:28 Star Asia Travel
3:30 Oprah Winfrey
3:30 Bold And Beautiful
4:30 Hollywood Squares
5:00 Whose Line Is It Anyway
5:30 Knight Rider
6:30 The Simpsons
7:00 Home Improvement
7:30 Friends
8:00 Just Shoot Me
8:30 That '70s Show
9:00 Everybody Loves Raymond
9:30 Grounded For Life
10:00 Frasier
10:30 Third Watch
11:28 Star Asia Travel
11:30 Baywatch
NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC
12:00 Toyota World OfWildlife
12:30 White Shark: Out-side Of The Cage
1:30 Crittercam-Wildtech Adventures
2:00 Toyota World OfWildlife
2:30 Built For The Kill
3:30 Panda Nursery
4:30 My Backyard Serengeti
5:30 Return To The Wild
6:00 Animal Edens
6:30 Dogs With Jobs
7:00 Toyota World Of Wildlife
7:30 National Geo-

8:30 graphic Special Crittercam-Wildtech Adventures
9:00 Toyota World OfWildlife
9:30 Built For The Kill
10:30 Tigers: Fighting Back
11:30 The Waiting Game
12:00 Through These Eyes
STAR GOLD
9:00 Ek Tha Raja
12:30 Raampur Ka Lakshman
4:30 Pratikar
8:00 Staroons Countdown
8:30 Himmat
ESPN
9:00 English Premier Football League 2003/04 London England Tottenham Hotspur Vs Leicester City (T)
11:00 Epl Postshow Premiership Postgame (T)
11:30 Iska Karate Iska Strike Force - K1 (R)
12:00 Winter X Games Classix - Shaun White Mt. Aspen Co USA
12:30 Bangladesh Tour Of Zimbabwe Zimsun Test Series Zimbabwe Vs Bangladesh 1st Test Day 4 Highlights(R)
1:55 Bangladesh Tour Of Zimbabwe Zimsun Test SeriesZimbabwe Vs Bangladesh 1st Test Day 5 1st Session(L)