

## RECOMMENDATIONS



## Exhibition

March 06-26

To celebrate the 5th anniversary of the Bengal Gallery of Fine Arts, an exhibition featuring the recent works of the eminent artist Qayyum Chowdhury is going on. The show will be open for all till March 26 from 12:00 pm to 8:00 pm.

## Events at

## Alliance Francaise

## Exhibition

March 04-March 14

2nd solo exhibition of Ronni Ahmed is open at La Galerie from 5 to 9 pm.

March 19-30

The inauguration of a painting exhibition of artist Avena Cozannet will take place at 6 pm at the gallery.

## Jazz evening

March 11

A Jazz evening will take place at 9:30 pm at the cafeteria, which is free for the members of the institute.

## Musical evening

March 25

Amusical programme will be held at the cafeteria at 9:30 pm. The members of the institute can enjoy the show free of cost.

## Around the world



PHOTO AFP

Dublin IRELAND : Westlife band members (L-R) Shane Filan, Mark Feehily, Kian Egan and Nicky Byrne, pose for pictures as the new Westlife after a press conference to announce that Brian McFadden was departing from the group on March 09.

## Face to face

## Keramat Moula: an artiste par excellence

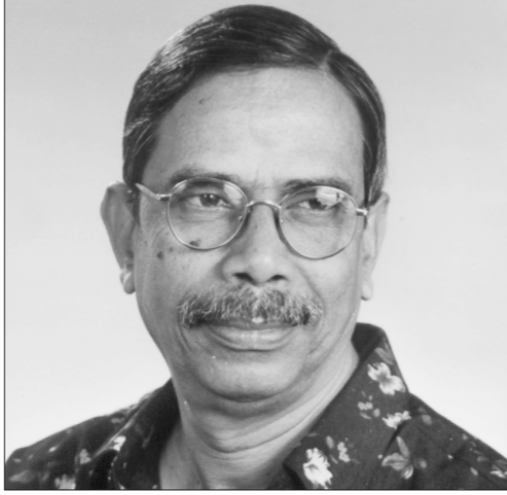
ERSHAD KAMOL

MEET Keramat Moula, a theatre and film personality who is well known in cultural circles. He has had a rich and varied career but prefers to keep his distance from the medium of television. An ex-Controller of Design in Bangladesh Television, he prefers to be known as a performer.

Some of the high points of his career are the comedy *Bharate Chai*, where he was actor and director. This play, by Narayan Gongo pathyay, was staged in 1956 at the Shantinagar Club, and was Keramat's first performance on stage.

The current vice President of Theatre (Arambagh), Keramat is the vice President of the Bangladesh Group Theatre Federation and International Theatre Institute Bangladesh Branch. Later he joined the famous theatrical group Drama Circle and left to join BTV as a staff artiste in 1965.

After Independence, he went back to his hobby of theatrical work. His favourite playwrights, he



Keramat Moula

says, are William Shakespeare, Bertolt Brecht, Rabindranath Tagore, Momtazuddin Ahmed, Mamunur Rashid, Syed Shamsul Haq and Selim Al Deen.

Keramat is realistic about the current fissures in the theatre world of Bangladesh. As he says: 'The leaders of the groups are responsible for the divide. They

should take care that just one or two artistes do not monopolise the cast. Definite encouragement, in the form of good roles, should be given to all talented performers. However, in our theatre, the leaders are biased in most cases. That is why the oppressed artistes establish new groups. If the leaders were more democratic in the selection of directors, playwrights and artistes for a new production, the present division in their ranks could be eliminated.'

Talking about the present theatre scenario in Bangladesh, Keramat says, 'Young theatre workers are really talented but they lack proper direction. That is why a few newcomers with huge poten-

tial are going in a wrong way. This phenomenon is a cause for alarm.'

Tracing major developments in the theatre arena, he points out: 'After the 70s the quality of the programmes have not improved enough to meet the popular demand. When colour TV was launched, we became very hopeful. But the reality is that a bulk of personnel began to treat their responsibilities simply as a government service. They lacked the drive and energy which is essential for creative work. That is why the quality of the programmes is declining.'

Keramat is keen on acting in feature films. Among his well known films are *Manush Amanush*, *Surjo Dighol Bari*, *Maha Nayak*, *Rajlokhi Srikanto*, *Padma Nadir Majhi*, *Dukhai*

In addition to films and theatre, Keramat has a passion for sports. He is the vice President of the popular Wary Club. For his remarkable contribution to our culture he has won many prestigious awards: East Pakistan Education Award in drama in 1961, First National TV Award in 1975 and Shilpokala Academy Award in 1978.

## Event

## A touch of Norway

## CULTURAL DESK

Eminent cultural personalities came together at a recent reception in Dhaka, hosted by the Norwegian Ambassador Aud Lise Norheim. Talking about future plans, she announced the centennial celebration of Henrik Ibsen's plays in 2006

in Norway and Bangladesh.

Norway's films were recently screened at the International Film Festival in Dhaka. In the future too there is likely to be a closer cultural link between Bangladesh and Norway in the spheres of films and children's literature, she said.



Commonwealth Cultural Society of Bangladesh brought out a rally, from the National Press Club to the National Museum on the occasion of Commonwealth Day 2004



To promote intellectual and cultural awareness, 'Kendryo Kochi-Kachar Mela' arranged a four-day long workshop on recitation. Renowned poet and the co-director of 'Kendryo Kochi-Kachar Mela' Robiul Hossain inaugurated the programme. Ex governor of the Bangladesh Bank and poet Lutfur Rahman Sarkar distributed the certificates among the participants. The director of the 'Kendryo Kochi-Kachar Mela', Khondokar Ibrahim Khaleel, presided over both the programmes

## Première

## Syed Rezaur Rahman's short film on the Liberation War

Jantronar Jathorey Shurjodoy fails to show marks of talent

HARUN UR RASHID

THE Liberation War of the nation has always been an inspiration for work of arts. A number of films have been made on the historic event. Unfortunately, not all of them deserve notice. A recent venture in this arena is a short film named *Jantronar Jathorey Shurjodoy* of Syed Rezaur Rahman. The fateful story of a woman who was taken to the army camps on the night of March 25, 1971, the film was premiered on March 7, at the TSC auditorium of Dhaka University.

Right from the outset, Rezaur Rahman's film is much too run of the mill and clichéd. It starts with incidents of the nuptial night of doctor Mamun and Mukta. Coincidentally, it is March 25, 1971. A phone rings suddenly and, as if inevitably, it is a call for an immediate operation duty. At midnight, the Pakistan armed forces carry out the most brutal bloody slaughter in history. Dr. Mamun is shot dead and Mukta is taken to the Pakistan camp.

During an operation, a freedom fighter, Jalil, who is from Mukta's village, finds her unconscious body in an army bunker. Jalil takes her to hospital where Dr. Asad takes special care of her. Mukta goes through a phase of speechlessness caused by the harrowing experiences at the army camp.

Mukta, now pregnant, wants the child to be aborted, but the doctor contradicts as her pregnancy has reached quite an advanced stage. Mukta even tries



A still from the film Jantronar Jathorey Shurjodoy

to commit suicide, but cannot take this decisive step as her attempt is foiled by Dr Asad. Asad, a senior colleague of Mamun, tries to motivate her by saying that she has no right to kill the unborn baby. Mukta asks what she would tell her child about its father's identity. Then, Asad offers to take the place of his father. He dreams of a new life with Mukta and her child.

The story line is nothing extraordinary. In most sequences the dialogues are artificial and weak. So is the acting, including that of Dr Asad, performed by director Rezaur Rahman himself. Only in the sequence where Mukta narrates the scene of March 25 night to Dr Asad, does the acting seem quite natural and touching. Equally unimpressive is Dr Mamun's acting.

Another aspect of the film seems very awkward—the costumes especially that of Dr Mamun. His dress in no way reflects the fashion of the '70s. Mukta's make-up and dress, however, match the time well.

The editing is clumsy and makes the footages of the Liberation War appear unnecessary.

Dr. M Asaduzzaman, Chairman of the University Grant Commissions, Khalilur Rahman, Pro-Vice Chancellor of National University, Nawajesh Ali Khan and Sarker Firoz of ATN Bangla, BTV producer M Hamid and actress Falguni Hamid attended the première of *Jantronar Jathorey Shurjodoy*.

## Film

## Buddhadeb Dasgupta back with his third feature film

PALLAB BHATTACHARYA, New Delhi

After a long gap, internationally-acclaimed veteran Bengali director Buddhadeb Dasgupta is back with his third Hindi feature film, this time starring Bollywood star Madhuri Nene Dixit.

Madhuri, who is set to begin her second spell as an actress since her marriage to US-based doctor Sriram Nene and becoming the mother of a son, has confirmed her appearance in Dasgupta's yet-to-be-titled film. The shooting is likely to begin in October this year. The film, reportedly based on an unpublished story by Dasgupta, portrays the powerful character of a woman trying to make her own mark and independent identity.

This will be Madhuri's third foray in an art film. The others in this genre, distanced from the mainstream Hindi commercial movies, are painter-cum-director Maqbool Fida Hussain's *Gaja Gaminii* (in which she played the lead role) and Prakash Jha's cross-over film *Mrityudand*.

Meanwhile, Madhuri, who had wowed the audience by her performance in Sanjay Leela Bhansali's mega-budget film *Devdas* a couple of years ago, is believed to be in demand from a number of commercial film directors including Raj Kumar Santoshi.



## Musical evenings with Moushumi Bhoumik rescheduled



## CULTURAL CORRESPONDENT

Good news for all the Moushumi Bhoumik fans! The musical evenings featuring this Indian musician have been rescheduled from March 9 and 10 to March 16 and 17. The show, organised by the Save Arsenic Victims Initiative (SAVI), will be held at the National Museum.

Moushumi Bhoumik is a self-made musician, which is evident in the few solo albums that she has worked in. Her *Shoppo Dekhibo Bole* has attracted a lot of music lovers. Her most famous song *Jessore Road* conquered many hearts and was used as a part of the sound track in the documentary 'Muktir Gaan'.

## TV GUIDE

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

## 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) at 11:30 pm.  
**CHANNEL-I**  
Breakfast News 07:15 am, 9:00 am  
News (Bangla) at 7:15 pm, 9:00, 10:30, 12:15 am.  
Teletext of BTV news (Bangla and English) at 11:30 pm.  
**ATN BANGLA**  
News (Bangla) at 8:00 am, 12:00 pm, 7:00 pm, 10:00 pm, 11:00 pm.  
Teletext of BTV news (Bangla and English) at 11:30 pm.  
Latest News (Bangla) at 09 a.m, 10:00 a.m., 11:00 am, 1 pm, 2:00 pm, 3:00 pm, 4:00 pm, 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 Bangladesh (Bangla) at 9:30 pm.  
**BBC World**  
Every hour on the hour

**BTV**  
07:35 Suprabhat Bangladesh  
08:25 Selected Modern songs  
09:15 Anya Bhuban: Sea Is Green  
12:15 Shingabodpotrer Pata Theke  
01:05 Rimjhim  
02:05 Cartoon Show: Samural X  
02:30 Open University  
03:05 Bangla Feature Film  
05:30 Drishyeta  
06:10 Amar Katha Bobo Ami  
06:35 Jiboner Alo  
07:00 Share Market, Weather Forecast  
07:30 Film Show: The New Adventure of Superman  
08:30 Drama of The Week: Banshiwala  
10:30 Jibon Bangladesh Moron Bangladesh  
**CHANNEL-I**  
09:50 Trityo Matra  
12:00 Chhiti Pelam  
01:00 Ebong Cinemar Gaan  
02:00 Priyo Natak  
05:00 Sa Re Ma Ga Ma  
05:45 Shamoyuki  
06:10 Music Plus  
06:45 Amar Chhobi  
07:55 Thief of Baghdad  
08:25 Drama Serial: Sharey Tin Tala  
09:35 Drama Serial: Rangdhanu Rang  
10:00 Close Up Hit Wave  
**ATN BANGLA**  
10:15 Annodistee  
10:50 Drama serial: Shesh Chithe  
12:40 Bengali feature film: Chiroshatu  
3:45 Uro Cola Saat Rang  
4:20 Sundor Jeboner Janne  
5:10 A Saptether Chobi  
5:50 Islamee Sawal O Jawab  
6:25 Annodistee  
7:40 Drama serial: Tana Puren  
8:15 Drama serial: Khushhe

8:50 Prekhhapot  
9:25 Mega serial: Mohona  
10:35 Drama serial: Jara Bakul  
12:20 Bengali feature film: Jibon Deya Bhalobashe  
**HBO**  
12:00 Red Skies  
1:45 Return to Cabin by the Lake  
3:30 Circle of Friends  
5:30 Daughter of Darkness  
7:30 A Smile Like Yours  
11:30 Timecop  
Mackenna's Gold  
**MGM**  
9:00 Heart of Justice  
11:30 Everyone Says I Love You  
2:00 Small Time Obsession  
4:30 ZMS 2  
7:00 Fever  
9:30 Tufti Turf (James Spader, Kim Richards)  
11:30 My Left Foot (Daniel Day Lewis)  
**ZEE CINEMA**  
10:30 Seeta Aur Geeta (Hema Malini, Dharmendra, Sanjeev Kumar)  
1:30 Hindustani (Kamal Haasan, Urmila Matondkar, Manisha Koirala)  
5:30 Vadhi (Nana Patekar, Anupama Varma, Puru Raaj Kumar)  
9:30 Main Khiladi Tu Anari (Akshay Kumar, Saif Ali Khan, Shilpa Shetty, Rajeshwari)  
**TARA BANGLA**  
12:00 Syllebusey Nei  
12:30 Serial Jug  
01:00 Swapner Rang Nil  
02:30 Taka Na Sona  
02:00 Drama serial: Tana Puren  
04:30 Tarpor Chand Uthlo

**TODAY'S HIGHLIGHTS**  
HBO: 11:30 pm: *Mackenna's Gold*. Western. Gregory Peck, Omar Sharif, Telly Savalas. The gangster Colorado kidnap Marshal McKenna. He believes that McKenna has seen a map which leads to a rich vein of gold in the mountains and forces him to show him the way. But they're not the only ones who're after the gold; soon they meet a group of "honorable" citizens and the cavalry crosses their way too - and that is even before they enter Indian territory.  
STAR MOVIES: 7:00 pm: *Home Alone 2: Lost in New York*. Family / Comedy. Macaulay Culkin, Joe Pesci, Daniel Stern. The McAllister family go on a holiday to Florida. Kevin McAllister gets separated from his family, and manages to get himself onto a plane to New York instead. There, he checks into the best hotel with his father's credit card, and sets out to enjoy himself. Unfortunately, the burglars he had foiled before were in New York after being released from jail, and had plans to rob the biggest toyshop in New York on Christmas Eve.  
05:00 Serial Probaho  
06:00 Nonite Fontle  
06:30 Taka Na Sona  
07:00 Sree Ramkrishna  
07:30 Antakshari  
08:30 Serial Jug  
09:00 Serial Tarpor Chand Uthlo  
09:00 Serial Swapner Rang Nil  
10:30 Election Spl. Live  
12:00 Hoi Hulod  
**STAR MOVIES**  
9:30 Far And Away  
11:45 Julius Caesar  
2:15 Hitlers  
3:45 The Wisdom Of Crocodiles  
5:30 Beethoven's 2nd  
7:00 Home Alone 2: Lost In New York  
9:00 Hart's War  
11:00 Wild Flowers  
**STAR WORLD**  
1:30 Mac Gyver  
2:30 Oprah Winfrey Show  
3:30 Bold And Beautiful  
4:30 Hollywood Squares  
5:00 Whose Line Is It Anyway  
5:30 Miami Vice  
6:30 The Simpsons

**PICK OF THE DAY**  
On HBO at 9:30 pm  
Genre: Thriller / Action / Sci-Fi  
Jean-Claude Van Damme, Mia Sara, Ron Silver  
The perfection of time travel brings with it new opportunities for criminals. The government sets up a special police force (T.E.C.) to ensure the new technology isn't abused. Max Walker, one of these timecopers learns of a corrupt politician's plot to become president using the device. Senator McComb discovers Walker on his trail and the real action begins—in Walker's own past!  
7:00 Home Improvement  
7:30 Friends  
8:00 Just Shoot Me  
8:30 American Idol  
9:30 Dark Angel  
10:30 For Love Or Money  
11:30 Baywatch  
**STAR GOLD**  
9:00 Godmother  
12:30 Police Wala Gunda  
4:30 Angrakshak  
8:00 Operation Gold  
8:30 Major Saab  
**STAR PLUS**  
2:00 Bhabhi  
2:30 Kabhi Aaye Na Judai  
3:00 Shagun  
4:00 Kahaani Ghar Ghar Kii  
4:30 Kahaani To Hoga  
5:00 Kaahin Kissi Roz  
6:00 Hum Saath Saath Hain  
6:30 Fox Kids  
7:30 Kunkum - Pyara Sa Bandhan  
8:00 Shaka Laka Boom Boom  
8:30 Kyun Hota Hai Pyarr  
9:00 Kasautii Zindagi Kay  
9:30 Saara Akash  
10:30 Kahaani Ghar Ghar Kii  
11:00 Kyunki Saas Bhi Kabhi Bahu Thi  
11:30 Kahaani To Hoga

**ZEE TV**  
12:00 Mansha/Lavanya  
12:30 Lipsick  
1:00 Tum Bin Jaon Kahan  
1:25 Jhalak  
1:30 Awaaz... Dil Se Dil Tak  
2:00 Chausath Panne/Justjojo  
2:25 Jhalak  
2:30 Pya Ka Ghar  
3:00 Asliva... ek prem Kahani  
3:30 Movie  
6:30 Cartoon Network On Zee  
7:25 Jhalak  
8:00 Magic Makeup Box  
8:00 Good Health Show  
8:30 Kabhie Kabhie/Thursday Premiers  
9:00 Thursday Premiers  
**ANIMAL PLANET**  
3:30 Animal Hospital  
4:00 Wild Rescues Pesky Critters, Hanging Horse, Dolphin  
4:30 Emergency Vets Tough Decisions  
5:00 Breed all about it Yorkshire Terrier  
5:30 Amazing Animal Videos  
6:30 Planet's Funniest Animals  
7:30 Wildlife Specials Whale  
8:30 Giant of The Ocean  
8:30 The Human Touch Gorilla Gorilla  
9:30 The Human Touch Orphans of The Fading Forest  
10:30 India Uncovered In The Python's Grip  
11:30 Blue Planet/The Blue Planet  
**DISCOVERY CHANNEL**  
2:00 Fitness Fantasy Mimi Miller/trapeze  
2:30 New Detectives Murder For Hire  
3:30 Wild Discovery Going West  
4:30 Zach's Ultimate Guide Mummies  
5:00 Real Kids Real Adventures Nordic Rescue

5:30 Travelers Sydney  
6:30 Junkyard Wars Garbage Guzzler  
7:30 Wild Discovery Wolves of the Sea : Great Whites  
8:30 Secrets of the Ocean Realm/Triumph of Life The Survivors  
9:30 Wild Asia/Wild India Land of The Gods  
10:30 City Cabs Bangkok, Thailand  
11:00 Celebrity Slimming  
11:30 Toyota World Beach Unique  
**NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC**  
2:30 Croc Chronicles  
3:00 Earthpulse  
3:30 The Ghost Of The Great Salt Lakes  
4:30 Cheating Death (Aka Dangerous  
5:30 Monkey Business  
6:00 Mission Wild  
6:30 Dogs With Jobs  
7:00 Toyota World Of Wildlir National Geographic Special  
8:30 Self-Portrait  
9:30 Runaway Universe  
10:30 Cheating Death (Aka Dangerous  
11:30 Dangerous  
**STAR SPORTS**  
6:00 South Africa Tour Of New Zealand New Zealand Vs South Africa 1st Test Day 2  
2:30 Outdoor Que 2003 Sabah Malaysia Highlights #4(T) Gillette World Sport 2004 (R)  
4:00 Yachting Openers Apart The Story Of Modern Clipper Racing (I)  
5:00 Sbk Superbike World Superbike Championships 2004 Valencia Spain Highlights(R)  
5:30 Entertainment Sports Mania (T)

6:30 South Africa Tour Of New Zealand New Zealand Vs South Africa 1st Test Day 2 Highlights(S)  
8:00 Sportslive (L)  
8:30 Uefa Champions League Leg #2(S)  
10:30 Sportsline (R)  
11:00 Samsung SuperSkills Group B - Total Control & Fine Line(T)  
11:30 South Africa Tour Of New Zealand New Zealand Vs South Africa 1st Test Day 2 Highlights(R)  
**ESPN**  
8:00 Bangladesh Tour Of Zimbabwe Zimbabwe Vs Bangladesh 3rd Odi 1st Session(R)  
11:30 Bangladesh Tour Of Zimbabwe Zimbabwe Vs Bangladesh 3rd Odi 2nd Session(R)  
3:30 Pro Billiards 2003 Sudden Death 7-Ball (R)  
4:30 Bangladesh Tour Of Zimbabwe Zimbabwe Vs Bangladesh 3rd Odi Highlights(S)  
8:30 Sportscenter India (L)  
9:00 Wrestling Champ Crush (R)  
9:30 Uefa Champions League London England Arsenal Fc Vs Celta De Vigo Fi Rst Knock-Out Round Leg #2(S)  
11:30 Sportscenter India (R)  
**TEN SPORTS**  
08:00 SL v Aus :1st Test, Day 3 H/Ls  
10:00 SL v Aus :1st Test, Day (Live)  
06:30 SL v Aus :1st Test, Day 4 H/Ls  
08:30 WI v Eng 1st Test, Day (Live)