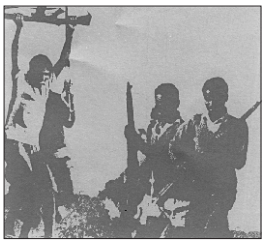


RECOMMENDATIONS



Independence Day programme at Liberation War Museum

March 23

A recitation programme will feature three solo and two group performances. The solo reciters are Hasan Arif, Ahkamullah and Laila Afroz, and the groups are Jionkathi and Koltha. The programme will start at 6:30pm at the museum premises.

March 24

A discussion will take place on the contribution of the jatra artistes to the Liberation War. A jatra titled Shadin Sultan Elias Shah by Dosh Opera will be staged at 6:30 pm.

March 25

To commemorate the Dark Night of March 25, candles will be lit at 6:30 pm. Famous cultural group Chhayanaat will then present a musical soiree.

March 26

Celebrations will be conducted for children in the morning. Students of UCEP School will present a cultural show. Nrityam will perform a dance show and Shishu Theatre will stage a drama.

March 27

Somoy Shangkritik Goshthi and Prachyanaat will perform two street plays titled Kabor by martyred intellectual Munier Chowdhury and Dorir Khela by Brindaban Das. The show starts at 6:30 pm.

March 28

The closing ceremony of the Book Fair will feature reading from the books on the Liberation War. Eminent writers will participate in the reading. The book fair is open daily from 10 am to 8 pm.

Craft Show

March 23

The Turkish Embassy will hold a 'One day exposition of Bangladesh Craft' starting from 10 am to 5 pm, open for all. Venue: House-13, Road-98, Gulshan-2.

Events at Alliance Francaise Exhibition

March 19-29

A painting exhibition of artist Awena Cozannet is being held at the gallery. The show will be open for all from 5 pm to 8 pm everyday.

Musical evening

March 25

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

Interview

Gorgeous Gandhara Art

Isabelle Johne, German art historian, speaks at Goethe Institut

FAYZA HAQ

SPEAKING to The Daily Star, Isabelle Johne, an art historian, who recently presented a slide show and gave a lecture on Gandhara Art at the Goethe Institut, said that the Gandhara culture was of such importance that people of Bangladesh should be aware of it. She said that this art form is the base of a number of cultural influences found in Bangladesh. This is seen in the art exhibits at National Museum. She said that Gandhara art was of world importance.

Sculpture of blackstone that is found in Pakistan, Afghanistan and the northern part of India was one of the basic forms of Gandhara style of sculpture, Johne continued. As it is a world heritage, this should interest Bangladeshis too she felt. The stone sculptures produced here in Bangladesh have the same basic shapes, Johne explained. 'From the 8th to the 12th century Pala and Sina period such sculpture is found in north east and west Bengal too,' she said.

Asked if there are any parallel cultures where such rich cultural influences have been combined, she said that it was rare as it had Indian, Iranian and Graeco-Roman influences. Giving examples of Gandhara art, she mentioned statues from the Zoroastrian, Greek and Roman religion representing gods and goddesses from the different regions and religions. Explaining how the various religions came to combined, she said, it was based on the influence of trade, specially the Silk Route, as the exchange of goods is connected with ideas, beliefs philosophies as well as technical know-



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how, as found even in some arts and crafts (in architecture and handicrafts, among others).

Talking about whether Gandhara Art had parallels in China, Tibet and Nepal, where Gautam Buddha, gods and goddess have sculptures and artifacts, Johne said, 'Not parallels, but there are sculpture and artifacts that are something similar to it.'

Speaking of how she came to be interested in Gandhara Art, she said that she was fascinated in that particular genre of culture when she was studying Indian Art and Philology.

Dwelling on how she had the opportunity to undertake the study of Gandhara Art, Johne said that this was at the Institute of Indian Art and Philology in Berlin. She said, 'For good education for an art historian I felt this was

necessary. I was fascinated by art and objets d'art from different parts of India.' Speaking at more length she said, 'I was particularly interested in Gandhara art as I did my Masters about a special mother goddess, Haritia- who happened to be an ogress of whom there are many images to be found in Gandhara culture -- who devoured, according to legend, many children. Gautam Buddha is said to have converted her to a protecting goddess. I naturally studied a lot of Buddhism in the process.'

Talking furthermore about the subject of Buddhism, she said that it naturally belonged to her essential course of studies at her institute. She said, 'I had to study Buddhism, Hinduism and Jainism too, incidentally, all of which interested me equally even though they are all different from each other and might have more appeal for some other art historian.'

Touching on how well preserved the Gandhara art is today, Johne said that many museums have collections of this art as in the Museum of Indian art in Berlin, a superb museum in Paris and in the British Museum in London, while there are some beautiful pieces in the Metropolitan Museum in USA and some private collections in Japan. Asked if she had the opportunity to study most of them, Johne answered in the negative.

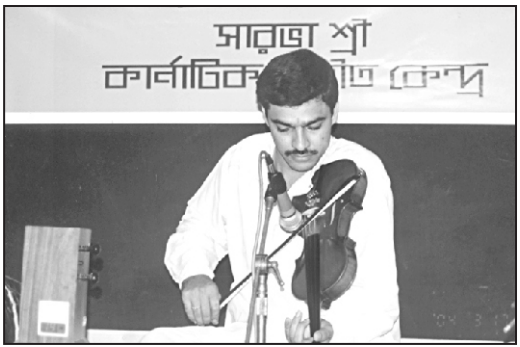
"During my lecture I shall speak about the life story of Buddha and some special gods and goddesses during the Gandhara period, the Iranian, Graeco-Roman deities and the fertility and prosperity they had brought in Gandhara life," she concluded.

Music

AMRITA SHAROSHI

MUSICAL evenings at Bishwa Shahitya Kendra are not rare, but the one held on March 17th had a special spark to it. Sarva Sree Carnatic Music Center in its endeavour to popularise South Indian classical music presented an instrumental performance of the violin, *mridangam*, *kanjira* and *morsing* with two artistes from South India. The artistes had come all the way from South India with the purpose of organising a workshop, to train the students and teachers of the music center.

The concert, held at the Bishwa Shahitya Kendra, started off with a brief lecture demonstration by the founder/director of Sarva Sree, Meghna Ameen, in which she explained the basic ideas and formations of



Kannappam Ramprasad playing the violin

the 72 *Janaka* or *Melakarta ragas* (father ragas) and their *janyas*. The two musicians, Kannappam Ramprasad (violin) and Vazuvur Ravi (mridangam and morsing) began the musical performance with a rhythmic *swarajathi* in Raga *Bilahari*. Following that they performed ten-twelve *kritanams* of different composers and a few folk songs.

Two of Sarva Sree's instrumentalists, Debashish Roy and Jan E Alam, also joined in the part of the 'tani avartam' (pure rhythmic improvisation with different percussion instruments). The program was wrapped up with Professor Abdul Abu Sayeed's eloquent speech which turned the entire program into a complete success.

The author is a student of Sarva Sree Carnatic Music Center



Vazuvur Ravi playing the morsing

Channel click

Ntv turns 'Global'

Yet another Bangla television channel spreads its wings

CULTURAL REPORTER

Ntv, a popular private TV channel in Bangladesh, is going to telecast programmes in USA, Canada and UK from April 1, 2004. Yet another Bangla TV channel will air its programmes worldwide.

On February 6, Enayetur Rahman, the Managing Director of ntv, signed a 'Broadcast Rights Agreement' with his counterpart Shafkat Chawdhury, the Managing Member of NTVLLC of North America. NTVLLC will provide the required transmission facilities.

Enayetur Rahman said, 'Viewers will be able to watch our total programme schedule in USA, Canada and UK. However, we will only telecast 2-hour local programmes in the slot when we repeat our daily programmes.'



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Ei Somoy marks a century

Ei Somoy, a daily talk show on ntv, will air its 100th episode today. On the way to this milestone the show has presented many fruitful discussions on political, social, financial, cultural, law and order situation, environment, foreign affairs, women issues, and many more. They also air regular episodes on media watch, urban life and talk of the week, among others.

Ei somoy has selected different anchors from the relevant sectors to make the show productive. 'We believe in specialists,' says Shihab Sumon, one of the producers of the show. 'For example, a meaningful discussion on cultural issue is only possible if the presenter is acquainted with this sector,' he adds.



Arun Chowdhury, Shubarna Mostafa and Anisul Haq seen in the talk show

The daily talk show goes on air at 9:30am and repeats at 12:00am every day.

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 p.m. 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. 9:00am
News(Bangla) at 7:15 pm, 9:00, 10:30, 12:15 am.
Telecast of BTv news(Bangla and English) at 11:30 pm.
ATN BANGLA
News(Bangla) at 8:00 am. 12:00 pm. 7:00 pm. 10:00 pm. 11:00 pm.
Telecast of BTv News(Bangla and English) at 11:30 pm.
Latest News(Bangla) at 09 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 11:00 am. 1pm. 2:00 pm. 3:00 pm. 4:00pm. 6:00 pm. and 8:00 pm.
N tv
News Headlines(Bangla) at 5:02 pm. 6:30 pm. 9:45 pm.
News (Bangla) 7:30 pm. 10:30 pm.
TARA BANGLA
NewsHeadlines(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 *Suprobhat*
Bangladesh
08:25 *Selected Nazrul songs*
09:15 *Anya Bhuban*: Ocean Girl
12:15 *Shangbadpotrer Pata Theke*
12:30 *Health programme*
01:05 *Cartoon show*: Godzila
01:30 *Educational programme*: Shabar jono shikhya
02:05 *Anandalok*
03:05 *Shukhi Poribaar*
03:30 *Educational programme*: Campus Musical programme: Sangeeta
04:05 *Open university*
05:05 *Information Technology*
05:30 *Talk show*
06:10 *Nazrul song show*: Sandhya Maloti
06:35 *World's weather day*
07:05 *Quiz show*
07:30 *The three stooges*
08:30 *Drama*: Sonar horin
09:00 *Drama*: Jaal
09:30 *Drama*: Jale tahaar chayya
10:30 *Katha mala*
CHANNEL-i
07:35 *Classical music show*
08:00 *Bangla musical programme*
09:30 *Sangbadpatrey* Bangladesh and public reaction
09:45 *Trilipi Matra*
12:00 *Chitri Pelam*
12:30 *TVC Sky shop*
01:00 *Elong Cinemar Gaan*
01:30 *Sangbadpatrey* Bangladesh and public reaction
02:00 *Film show*: Achal

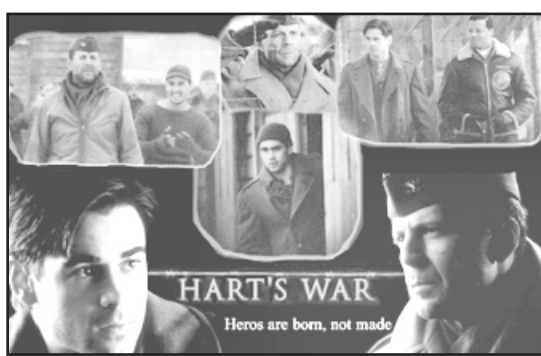
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05:45 *Sa Re Ma Ga Ma*
06:10 *Sports show*
06:45 *Music Plus*
07:50 *Information magazine show*
08:25 *Close up Juke box*
08:50 *Drama Serial*: Sharey Tin Tala
09:35 *Drama*
10:00 *Drama*: Bhoi
ntv
08:00 *Aajker shokal*
08:30 *Nazrul songs*
09:00 *Crime watch*
09:30 *Ei Shomoy*
10:02 *Hello Music*
10:30 *Ekhane amaaresh*
11:00 *Kichu choto boro dirghoshash*
11:30 *Priyo mukh*
12:02 *Ghumi*
01:25 *TVC*
02:30 *Tiffin faake*
03:05 *Teen purush*
03:40 *Labh, khoti, jhuki*
04:15 *Obosheshe propath*
05:10 *Game Show: Ke Korbe Bajimat*
05:40 *Apnar Jigyasha*
06:20 *Shubho Shondhya*
06:50 *Frankly Speaking*
08:10 *Champa dangar bou*
08:50 *Natoker gaan*
09:40 *Drama*: Shongshoy Dindapan
11:20
TARA BANGLA
4:30 *Tarpor Chand Uthlo*
5:00 *Serial Probaho*
6:00 *Nonle Fonte*
6:30 *Taka Na Sona*
7:00 *Sree Ramkrishna*
7:30 *Antakshari*
8:00 *Serial Tarpor Chand Uthlo*
9:00 *Serial Swapper Rang Nil*
10:30 *Election Spl. Live*

TODAY'S HIGHLIGHTS

HBO: 7:00 pm. *SpY Game*. Genre: Action / Drama / Thriller. **Robert Redford, Brad Pitt, Catherine McCormack**. CIA operative Nathan Muir is on the brink of retirement when he finds out that his protégé Tom Bishop has been arrested in China for espionage. No stranger to the machinations of the CIA's top echelon, Muir hones all his skills and irreverent manner in order to find a way to free Bishop. As he embarks on his mission to free Bishop, Muir recalls how he recruited and trained the young rookie, at that time a sergeant in Vietnam, their turbulent times together as operatives and the woman who threatened their friendship.
MGM: 4:30pm. *Gangs of New York*. Genre: Crime / Drama. **Leonardo DiCaprio, Daniel Day-Lewis, Cameron Diaz**. The film starts in 1846 and ends in 1863 with the draft riots. The setting is New York's five points, the most violent part of the world at the time. The story is risen out of the conflicts between the white Anglo-Saxon "natives" and the Irish immigrants coming into the five points. One boy needs to avenge the death of his father...

12:00 *Doshtai*
Hoi Hullod
10:15 *The Untold*
12:00 *Random Hearts*
2:45 *Daughter of Darkness*
4:45 *School Ties*
7:00 *Spy Game*
9:30 *Sleepstalker : The Sandman's Last Rites*
11:30 *Red Skies*
1:15 *Random Hearts*
MGM
9:00 *Hunting*

PICK OF THE DAY



Hart's War
On STAR MOVIES at 7:0 pm.
Genre: Drama / War
Bruce Willis, Colin Farrell, Terrence Dashon Howard
Fourth-generation Army Col. William McNamara is imprisoned in a brutal German POW camp. A murder in the camp gives him the chance to set a risky plan in motion. With a court martial to keep Visser and the Germans distracted, McNamara orchestrates a cunning scheme to escape and destroy a nearby munitions plant, enlisting the unwitting help of young Lt. Tommy Hart.

7:00 *Hart's War*
9:05 *Child's Play 2*
10:30 *Snow Job*
12:15 *Steven Spielberg Presents "Taken" - Episode 2*
STAR MOVIES
10:45 *Steven Spielberg Presents "Taken" - Episode 1*
12:15 *Dragonfly*
2:00 *Super Troopers*
3:45 *Prelude To A Kiss*
5:30 *Steven Spielberg Presents "Taken" - Episode 2*
7:00 *Home Improvement*

9:30 *Joshilay (Anil Kapoor, Srividevi, Sunny Deol)*
ZEE TV
12:30 *Lipstick*
1:00 *Tum Bin Jaan Kahan*
1:30 *Awaz... Dil Se Dil Tak*
2:00 *Chausath*
2:30 *Panne/Justojo*
3:00 *Astiva... ek prem Kahani*
3:30 *Bollywood Hits*
6:30 *Cartoon Network On Zee*
7:30 *Thief of Baghdad*
8:00 *Piya Ka Ghar*
8:30 *Chausath Panna/Hum Sub Barati*
9:00 *Mansha/Lavanaya*
9:30 *Astiva Ek Prem Kahani*
STAR GOLD
9:00 *Swarg Jaisa Ghar*
12:30 *Ankhon Mein Tum Ho*
4:30 *Angrakshak*
8:00 *Gaane Bhi Do Yaaron*
8:30 *Dilwale*
ANIMAL PLANET
2:30 *Wolves at Our Door*
3:30 *Animal Hospital*
4:00 *Wild Rescues*
4:30 *Emergency Vets Prairie Wind*
5:00 *Breed all about it*
5:00 *Shetland Sheepdog*
5:30 *Amazing Animal Videos*
6:30 *Planet's Funniest Animals*
7:30 *Killing for a Living Cold Blooded Killers*
8:30 *Caught In The Act*
10:30 *Profiles of Nature*
11:30 *Warriors of The Yukon*
12:00 *Small Cats : Serval Secrets*
DISCOVERY CHANNEL
3:30 *The Death of a Bison*
5:00 *Bull*

4:30 *I Love My Music*
5:00 *Buck Slagham's Animal Bites Congo Bites*
5:30 *Travelers Vancouver*
6:30 *Speed Unnatural history of the Car*
7:30 *Mountains of the Wolf*
8:30 *Science Frontiers*
9:30 *Bulletproof*
10:30 *Science Mysteries*
11:30 *Mission*
12:30 *Toyota World Of Wildlif*
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10:30 *National Geographic*
11:30 *Crittercam-Wildtech*
12:00 *Planet's Funniest Animals*
12:30 *Toyota World Of Wildlif*
STAR SPORTS
10:30 *Five / Six Nations*
11:30 *Championships Ireland Vs Italy (R)*
12:30 *English Premier Football League 2003/04*
1:00 *Newcast Le United Vs Charlton Athletic (T)*
1:30 *Futbol Mundial (R)*
2:30 *Ir Racing Phoenix Indy*

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8:00 *Sportsline (L)*
9:30 *English Premier League Highlights (T)*
10:30 *Tennis Indian WellsCa Usa Highlights(T)*
11:00 *Sportsline (R)*
12:00 *English Premier Football League 2003/04 Leeds Un D Vs Manchester City*
ESPN
11:30 *Spanish Football League 2003/04 (R)*
1:30 *Pacific Life Open Indian Wells Ca Usa Final(R)*
3:30 *Cricket Gold (R)*
6:30 *Football Focus (L)*
7:30 *Uefa Champions League Magazine Show (R)*
8:00 *Cricket Show Espn Presents Samsung Cricket Show(R)*
8:30 *Sportscenter India (L)*
9:00 *Classics's Big Fights Boxing Hour(R)*
10:00 *English Premier League Archive Programming (R)*
10:30 *Harsha Online Clive Lloyd(T)*
11:30 *Sportscenter India (R)*
TEN SPORTS
11:30 *Gamer TV*
12:00 *Gillette World Sport*
12:30 *Red Hot News 04: Ep 49*
1:00 *Man United v Tottenham Hotspur*
3:00 *MUTV: Match Highlights : United v Man City*
3:30 *WI v Eng 2nd Test Day 4 H/Ls*
5:30 *Smackdown*
8:00 *WI v Eng 2nd Test Day 5 (Live)*