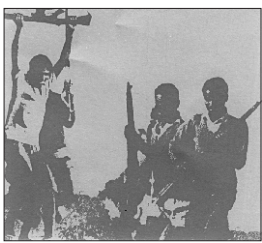


RECOMMENDATIONS



Independence Day programme at Liberation War Museum

**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.

Exhibition

**March 25-April 02**  
Shilpangan has arranged a 9-day joint exhibition of photographs by Architect Enamul Karim Nirhar and wood carving by 64-year-old artisan Sri Roy Chand Shadhu. Titled *Two*, the exhibition will remain open daily from 10 am to 9 pm till April 2.

April 4-24

On the occasion of its fifth anniversary, the Bengal Foundation, is organising a solo exhibition artist Jean Dometti, starting from April 4. The show will remain open for all from 12 pm to 8 pm everyday.



A model displays an outfit at the Leather Fashion Show by Dream Entertainment



Padatik presents *Takar Lane* on March 26, at the Central Shaheed Minar

Award

# Uro Binodon Bichitra Award 2003

*Mustafa Monowar, Anwar Hussain and Runa Laila honoured for their life time contribution*

AFSAR AHMED

THE Winter Garden of the Sheraton Hotel teemed with media personalities on March 26. The occasion was hosted by the fortnightly entertainment magazine *Binodon Bichitra* to mark their first *Uro Binodon Bichitra Award 2003* with the collaboration of Globe Soft Drinks Ltd. The 55 awards in three major categories-- TV, film and music including three Lifetime Achievement Awards were given to the best performers of the country.

The Lifetime Achievement Awards went out to eminent artist and TV personality Mustafa Monowar, the veteran Bangla movie star Anwar Hussain and the very popular and famous singer of this sub-continent Runa Laila.

Said a jubilant Mustafa Monowar: 'I am very happy to get recognition for my work. I feel glad that the audience still enjoys good and tasteful works like *Strir Potro*, a drama based on Tagore's novel.'

Legendary singer Runa Laila echoed the same sentiment. As she said: 'Every award I get is important. Usually people get this life time achievement award at the end of their career. For me it's just the beginning and I want to keep on singing.' As Anwar Hussain was not present due to illness, it wasn't possible to get his reaction to the award.

The evening began with a homage to the martyrs of the Liberation War. Anchor Anjam Masud read the welcoming speech on behalf of President Iajuddin Ahmad. The state minister of cultural affairs, Begum Selima Rahman was the chief guest, while the publisher of *Binodon Bichitra* Dewan Habibur Rahman, *Binodon Bichitra's* founding editor Chinmoy Mutsuddi, Chairman of the Globe Soft Drinks Ltd. Harun ur Rashid were the other speakers.

The cultural show was followed by a documentary film. The film was based on acid victim Shahnaz who

lost both eyes. Kumar Biswajeet and SI Tutul sang *Tumi Eka Nou Aamrao Achhi Tomar Shathe* for her and called her on stage. She was given a cheque for Taka 20,000 by film personalities KMR Manjur and Jahangir Alam. A few members from



Runa Laila

the audience like actors Aruna Biswas, Helal Khan and others also announced a handsome amount to helper.

Then popular singers Asif and Kaniz Shuborna came on stage as anchors and called Ishita and her husband Arif Doula to announce and present the awards on TV commercials. Tisha won the best female model for Citycell while Nobel won as her male counterpart. Best commercial and best commercial maker as well went for the Citycell. Shakila Zafar and Badshah Bulbul sang next while Shahed and Rumana performed a dance.

The evening's best anchors Shomi and Ferdous presented the awards on TV Drama which was divided into three categories drama, drama serial and telefilm. Amjad Hossain gave

away the awards on drama. Afsana Mimi won the best actress while Shahriar Nazim Joy won the best actor award for the drama category. Other awards were succeeded by Mamunur Rashid for best producer (*Kothar Kotha*), best cinematogra-



Mustafa Monowar

phy Bipul Raihan, best director Ejaj Minna (*Kothar Kotha*) and others. After this Rabi and Ankhi's duet and Joy and Deepa's composition with the songs *Chakvum Chakvum, Oh Aamar Roshya* were well appreciated.

Then came Shomi and Ferdous, with their witty comments and banter, to present the awards on TV serials and this time they called Tareq Anam to present the awards. Shomi herself won the best actress award for her magnificent acting in the serial *Shoronojan* while Aly Zaker won the best actor award for the same serial. Masum Reza also won the best playwrights for the same serial. *Faizu Kobiraj* won the best serial and Sajjad Hossain Dodul won the best director award for *Mukhosh*. Salahuddin Lavlu won the best cinematography for *Ronger Manush*.

On the telefilm categories *Strir Potro* won the best telefilm award which was produced by singer Shuvro Dev and directed by Mustafa Monowar. Golam Farida Chhonda won the best actress for *Strir Potro* and Tony Dayes won best actor for *Redoypur Golpo*. Renowned actor Toukir Ahmed won his first ever award as a director for *Uttarpurush*. Bipasha received the award on his behalf.

Promising actor and actress awards which are introduced in this year were given to Shaju and Mukti. Music Plus also awarded the promising music programme awards. Hanif Shanket got the special jury award for anchoring while Chandan Sinha was awarded for Drama Title for *Joar Bhata*.

After a magnificent dance by Monalisa; Daleem and Tanima took the stage as anchors to present the awards on Film categories. Kumar Biswajeet won the best male play back singer for the song *Protiti Minute Protiti Second* of the film *Dui Bodhu Ek Shwami* while Baby Nazneen won the female award. Kazi Hayat won the best playwright for the movie *Andhokar* and Mahfuzur Rahman Khan won the best cinematography award for *Chandrakatha*. Chashi Najrul Islam awarded best director for the film *Hason Raja* while *Moner Majhe Tumi* was selected the best film of the year. Shomi Kaiser once again snatched the award for best actress for her role in *Hason Raja* from Shabnur, Purnima and Moushumi. While receiving the award the astonished actress dedicated her first ever film award to her uncle the legendary Zahir Raihan. Helal Khan won the best actor for the same film. Ferdous won the most popular artist award and Shabnur grabbed the special jury award.

In the music category, Ayub Bachhu once again won the best male singer (band) and Prometheus won the best band award. Soundtek grabbed the best production house award.

Celebration

# A spirited evening with Chhayanaaut



CULTURAL REPORTER

ON the occasion of the eighth anniversary of the Liberation War Museum and to observe the dark night of the March 25, Chhayanaaut presented a cultural programme at the museum premises on that day.

The students of Chhayanaut performed the inspiring number *Bertho praner aborjona parie phele agun jwalo* at the beginning. Though the children were a mere 12 or 13 year, their patriotic songs had the audience spell-bound. The other songs they rendered were *Bangla Amar Jahini Amar, Mora Jhanjhar mato uddam, Takdum*

*takdum bajai Bangladesher dhool* and the national anthem *Amar shonar Bangla*. The passion and spirit with which they rendered the songs touched the hearts of the audience as they joined in to sing these songs.

Singer Champa performed one of the most popular and spirited songs of the Liberation War *EK Nadi Rokto Perie*. She rendered the song so accurately with her smooth and clear voice that the audience felt that they had been transported to those turbulent days of 1971.

The eminent singers of Chhayanaut, Iffat Ara Dewan, Mohiujjaman Chowdhury, Khairul Anam Shakil and others performed several other songs of Tagore, DL Ray, Jibonanda Das and many other eminent lyricists. The songs *Bhebo nago ma, Buk bedhe tui dara dekhi, Bangladesher gan gaita re bhai, Matir prodip theke, Je tomay chhahre chharuk* captured the attention of the audience.

Upcoming talent

# Band group Pentagon features Srabonti

FAIZUL A TANIM

Band groups featuring female artistes right now is a very up-to-the-minute element while organising musical events. Nevertheless, amongst the bunch, few actually deliver tasteful music for the audience.

Fortunately for invitees at a private party in Gulshan, the team up of Pentagon and Srabonti Nameen Ali etched itself in one's memory as an evening to remember.

Srabonti began with a solo rendering of Tagore songs and then, in conjunction with Pentagon, went into western and soul genre of music. Her Rabindra Sangeet songs included *Ami Hridoy-er kotha bolite bakul* and *Mon-eyrobey kina robe amare*. The sweet and slight husky-ish vocal combination won the audiences with her straight-down-the-line magnetic songs. A Bangla modern song and the famous Hindi soundtrack *Kabhi kabhi* followed next. Later that evening, she introduced the band members. Together they performed *You're still the one* by Shania Twain, the famous Righteous Brother's ballad *Uchained Melody*, *Thank You* by



Srabonti performing at the show

Dido and *Don't know why* by Norah Jones with her fruity voice. Cover of the U2 track *With or without you* and *Every breath you take* by Police were perfect-looking well positioned for a round of applause and it did!

After her set, Pentagon performed a Santana track as well their own *Brishiti*. The songs performed were immensely Latin and songs with groovy bass, admirable lead guitars, lively drums

and percussion along with gripping vocals. Their songs were as alive as their energetic performance.

Srabonti's performance will encourage other talented female singers to step forward and be heard by the public. While our music industry is crammed with more commercial and less passionate musicians, Srabonti's music taste seemed fresh and was well appreciated by the music admirers of that night.

Event

# Dhaka Club observes the Independence Day

CULTURAL REPORTER

UNLIKE the traditional British Club, we also hold programmes to celebrate our important national days such as Independence Day, Victory Day and Pohela Boishakh (the first day of the Bangla year)', said Ataur Rahman, the Convenor of the culture sub-committee of the Dhaka Club.

Cultural activist, Ramendu Majumdar, hosted a dance drama on March 26, to observe the Independence Day. The Dhaka Club arranged the programme. Ramendu said, 'We fought unitedly against our enemy and were victorious. However, the Bangladesh that we dreamt of, is yet to be achieved. However, if we can keep the spirit of the Independence alive within us, we will

be able to achieve the goal.'

After his speech, the Bangladesh Ballet Troupe staged the dance drama titled *The Battle of Bangladesh*. Amanul Haque, the writer, and choreographer of the dance drama, portrayed the aspects of the war such as genocide, atrocities perpetrated by the Pakistani Army on the common people and the emergence of Bangladesh.

# 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 7:15 am, 9:00 am  
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.  
**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**  
08:25 Selected Tagore Songs  
09:15 *Anya Bhuvan*: Sensitive Samurai  
12:15 *Shangbadpotrer Pata Theke*  
01:05 Quiz Quiz  
01:30 Cartoon Show: Totally Tooned In  
02:05 Judo Training  
02:30 Tommy Miar Kitchen  
03:10 Live Telecast of The Football Match  
05:05 National Debate Competition  
06:10 *Geetanjali*  
06:35 Programmes From Chittagong Centre  
07:00 Share Market, Weather Forecast  
07:05 *Mati O Manush*  
07:30 Film Show: The Lost World  
08:30 Drama Serial: *Jochhonar Phul*  
09:00 Drama Serial: *Sporsher Bairi*  
10:30 *Priyo Shilpi Priyo Gaan*  
**CHANNEL-i**  
09:45 *Trilipi Matra*  
12:00 *Chitthi Pelam*  
01:00 *Ebong Cinemar Gaan*  
01:30 *Sangbadpatrey Bangladesh and public reaction*  
02:00 Bangla Film: *Beer Jodha* (Rubel, Zinat)  
04:30 Toyota Wild Life  
05:00 *Sa Re Ma Ga Ma*  
06:10 Music Plus  
06:45 Banijyo O Orthoniti  
07:50 *Jibon Jekhane Jemon*  
08:25 Drama Serial: *Sharey Teen Tala*  
09:35 Drama Serial: *Ekanoboroti*  
10:00 Drama Serial: *Ranu*

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08:00 *Aajker Shakal*  
08:30 *Chenasaur*  
09:00 *Shonshkriti Ei Shoptaho*  
09:30 *Ei Shomoy*  
10:02 Hello Music  
10:02 Arshinagar  
11:00 Drama Serial: *Andhakarer Phul*  
11:30 Magazine Sequence  
12:02 Millennium  
02:30 *Ke Korbe Bajimat*  
03:05 Drama Serial: *Ronger Manush*  
03:40 Tele Film  
05:10 Horlicks Genius  
05:40 *Apnar Jigyasha*  
06:20 *Shubho Shondhya*  
06:50 *Khabor Deshey Deshey*  
08:10 Megha Serial: *Teen Purush*  
08:50 Right Click  
09:40 *Medhabi*  
11:20 *Dindapan*  
**ATN BANGLA**  
12:40 Bengali feature film: *Mehoman*  
3:45 Uro Cola Saat Rang  
4:20 Drama: *Tume Je Amar Kabita*  
5:50 Jiban Geggasha  
6:20 Annodristee  
8:00 Danish Pathe Pathe  
8:30 Bheshe Bandu Ashe  
8:50 The Adventure of Sinbad  
9:30 Mega serial: *Mohona*  
10:30 Samokalin Biswa  
12:20 Bengali feature film: *Nadir Nam Modhumati*  
**TARA BANGLA**  
4:00 Slate Govt. Lottery  
4:30 Bangladesh E Samay Rpt.

**TODAY'S HIGHLIGHTS**  
**MGM:** 9:30 pm: *Life Is Beautiful*, Comedy / Romance / Drama / War. **Roberto Benigni, Nicoletta Braschi, Giustino Durano.** In 1930s Italy, a carefree Jewish book keeper named Guido starts a fairy tale life by courting and marrying a lovely woman from a nearby city. Guido and his wife have a son and live happily together until the occupation of Italy by German forces. In an attempt to hold his family together and help his son survive the horrors of a Jewish Concentration Camp, Guido imagines that the Holocaust is a game and that the grand prize for winning is a tank.  
**Star Movies:** 7:00 pm: *One Hour Photo*. Drama / Thriller. **Robin Williams, Connie Nielsen, Michael Vartan.** Seymour 'SY' Parrish has been doing photo development for 20 years. He has a vast knowledge of modern photography and develops photos at a local department store for a living. But SY lives a sad and lonely life and begins spying on the Yorkin family, his biggest customers who seem to have everything in the world. SY begins to feel that he wants to be in the Yorkin's life, but when he discovers that the Yorkins are not as perfect as they seem, he becomes a man on a mission to expose the imperfections of the Yorkin family that could tear them apart.  
**5:00** Chokher Aloy Dekhechilem  
**6:00** Business Bangla This Week R  
**7:00** Rajai Rajai  
**8:00** Telefilm  
**9:30** Lalab Utsav  
**10:30** Jalsaghar  
**12:00** Rajai Rajai Rpt.  
**HBO**  
**10:15** Christine  
**12:30** The 6th Day  
**03:00** Charles Angels  
**05:00** Zeus and Roxanne  
**07:00** Wtchblade  
**09:00** HBO Sneak Peek: Men in Black II  
**09:30** Riding in Cars With Boys  
**12:15** Wislwhaster: The Prophecy Fulfilled  
**MGM**  
**9:00** Girl's Just Want to have Fun  
**11:30** The Young Tiger  
**2:00** Hunting  
**4:30** A Boy Called Hate  
**7:00** Mimic 2  
**9:30** Anode to the Oscars

**PICK OF THE DAY**  
**Riding in Cars with Boys**  
On HBO at 9:30 pm  
**Genre:** Comedy / Drama  
**Drew Barrymore, Steve Zahn, Adam Garcia**  
Serio comic story based on the memoir by Beverly Donofrio, the movie follows a young woman who finds her life radically altered by an event from her teen years. Born in 1950, Beverly grew up bright and ambitious in a working-class neighborhood in Connecticut; her father was a tough but good-hearted cop who listened to his daughter's problems, and her mother was a nervous woman eager to imagine the worst.  
**11:30** Life is Beautiful  
**10:30** ZEE CINEMA  
**10:30** Laadla (Anil Kapoor, Snidevi)  
**1:30** Dil Chahta Hai  
**5:30** Saagar (Rishi Kapoor, Kamal Hasan, Dimple Kapadia)  
**9:30** Dushman (Sanjay Dutt, Ashitosh Rana)  
**ZEE TV**  
**3:30** Sunday Blockbuster  
**4:00** Sunday Blockbuster Contd.  
**6:30** Cartoon Network On Zee  
**8:00** Piya Ka Ghar  
**8:30** Chausath Panna/Hum Sub Barati  
**9:00** Mansha/Lavanya  
**9:30** Astiva Ek Prem Kahani  
**STAR MOVIES**  
**11:00** Home Alone  
**1:00** Home Alone 2: Lost In New York  
**3:00** Life  
**5:00** Shallow Hal  
**7:00** One Hour Photo  
**10:15** Vampire Clan  
**11:45** Pavilion  
**STAR GOLD**  
**9:00** Coolie No 1  
**12:30** Dulhan Hum Le Jayenge  
**4:00** Operation Gold  
**4:30** Major Saab  
**8:00** Maya  
**8:30** Yateam  
**STAR WORLD**  
**2:30** Enterprise  
**3:30** Dark Angel  
**4:30** Charmed  
**5:30** Journeys In Asian Cuisine  
**6:30** Baywatch Hawaii  
**7:30** The Simpsons  
**8:00** Malcolm In The Middle  
**8:30** The Kumars At No. 42  
**9:30** Style  
**10:00** Top Drive Getaway  
**10:30** Cover Story  
**11:30** The X Files  
**DISCOVERY**  
**3:30** Custer's Last Stand  
**4:30** History Weekend  
**6:30** Jorge Luis Borges The Mirror Man  
**7:30** Who killed Alexander the Great?  
**8:30** Vasco De Gamma  
**9:30** Icon of the Skies  
**10:30** Night Safari Lion Battlefield  
**11:30** Trailblazers Philippines  
**ANIMAL PLANET**  
**2:30** Basic Instinct: A Season in the Sun  
**3:30** Croc Files Tasmanian Adventure  
**4:00** Croc Files How to eat a Crocodile  
**4:30** Extreme Contact  
**5:00** Freediving Animals  
**5:30** Shark Gordon Thresher Sharks  
**6:30** Bunya Rescue  
**7:30** O'Shea's Big Adventure  
**8:00** O'Shea's Big Adventure  
**8:30** Magic Man  
**8:30** An Icelandic Saga  
**8:30** Wild Encounters  
**10:30** Paracas and the Billion dollar Birds  
**11:30** Animal Planet  
**11:30** Showcase Wolves at Our Door  
**LIFE**  
**5:00** Life of Birds Insatiable Appetite  
**NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC**  
**2:30** National Geographic Special  
**3:30** Mission Wild  
**4:00** Return To The Wild  
**4:30** National Geographic Special  
**5:30** On Assignment  
**6:00** Tomorrow's World  
**6:30** Lava Hunters  
**7:30** Adventure Challenge  
**8:30** Animal Nightmares  
**9:00** Nat Geo Genius  
**9:30** The Meteorite That Vanished  
**10:30** In Search Of Jaguar  
**11:30** Scientific American Frontiers  
**ESPN**  
**2:00** Wrestling Apple Crush (R)  
**3:00** Premiership Extra (R)  
**5:00** Spanish Football League (R)  
**5:00** Uefa Champions League Magazine Show (T)  
**portscenter Weekend**  
**(T)** Super Sunday Preview (L)  
**6:55** English Premier Football League 2003/04 Bolton Wan Derers Vs Newcastle United (L)  
**9:00** English Premier Football League 2003/04 Arsenal Vs Manchester United (L)  
**11:00** Postshow Premiership Postgame (L)  
**11:30** Sportscenter India (L)  
**12:00** Cricket Gold (R)  
**STAR SPORTS**  
**7:00** South Africa Tour Of New Zealand National 3rd Test Day 3 2nd & 3rd Session (L)  
**4:00** Uefa Champions League Magazine Show (T)  
**4:30** Cricket Gold - (T)  
**7:30** South Africa Tour Of New Zealand National 3rd Test Day 3 Highlights (S)  
**9:00** Hitz (T)  
**9:30** Gillette World Sport 2004 (R)  
**10:00** Malaysian Grand Prix  
**11:00** South Africa Tour Of New Zealand 3rd Test Day 3 Highlights (R)  
**TEN SPORT**  
**11:00** IndiasTour of Pak: 1st Test, Day 1  
**1:00** Straight Drive  
**1:40** IndiasTour of Pak: 1st Test, Day 1  
**6:00** WWE Specials: WrestleMania XX  
**7:00** IndiasTour of Pak: 1st Test, Day 1 H/Ls  
**12:00** SL v Aus 3rd Test, Day 5 H/Ls