

RECOMMENDATIONS

Exhibition

March 25-April 02
Shilpangan has arranged a 9-day joint exhibition of photographs by Architect Enamul Karim Nirjhar 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 04-24

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.

Drama Festival

March 30-April 05

A drama festival has been organised by the Jahangirnagar Theatre on the occasion of its 24th anniversary at the Jahangirnagar University Muktamancha, starting from March 30. The schedule is given below:

March 30
10:00 am Inauguration at the Cafeteria premises
10:30 am Rally
07:00 pm Drama : *Circus Circus*

March 31
07:00 pm Drama: *Nakshikanthar Math*

April 01
07:00 pm Reception of eminent personalities
07:30 pm Drama: *Manush*

April 02
07:00 pm Drama: *Kaalshondhya*

April 03
07:00 pm Reception of eminent personalities
07:30 pm Drama: *Shikhondi Katha*

April 04
07:30 pm Mime show: *Jadur Pradip*

April 05
10:00 am Seminar
03:00 pm Cultural programme

Around the world



An Iraqi dancer performs at the National Theatre in Baghdad. The festival was the third cultural event to take place since the fall of Saddam Hussein's regime.

Celebration

World Drama Day observed

ERSHAD KAMOL

WORLD Drama Day was observed all around the world on March 27. To mark this day in the country, the Bangladesh Group Theatre Federation (BGTFF) and International Theatre Institute (ITI) Bangladesh branch jointly arranged a day-long programme at the Mahila Samiti Auditorium.

The first such celebration was held in Vienna in 1961 when the International Theatre Institute declared March 27 as the World Drama Day. From 1962 onwards this day has been observed all over the world. Bangladesh, however, has been celebrating this day since 1984.

The programme started with drama songs at 10 a.m. Seven theatre groups of the country such as Aranyak, Dhaka Theatre, Peoples Theatre Association, Mahakal Theatre, Nagorik Natyangan Ensemble, Dhaka Podatik and Dhrubotan presented popular drama songs.

After lunch, a round table discussion was held. Renowned persons from different walks of life such as Ramendu Majumdar, Momtazuddin Ahmed Ataur Rahman, Jamaluddin Hossain, Mamunur Rashid, Nasiruddin Yousuff, Liakot Ali Lucky, Rafiqunobi, Tobibul Islam Babu, Tarek Anam Khan, Tarek Masud, Sara Zaker, Dr Sonia Nisbat, Dr Mobashsher Ali, Azad Abul Kalam and others took part in it. The topic of the discussion was 'The Impact of Theatre Practice in our National Life.'

Through their discussion, we learnt that theatre in Bangladesh has created many artists, directors, playwrights, technical designers and limited middle class audience. In that sense theatre has an impact only in micro level. It has no impact at all in the macro level or the social, economical or political aspects of Bangladesh. Even the middle class, the main audience of theatre, is reluctant to come and enjoy theatre due to the lack of theatre halls. The consequence



A colourful rally led by Bangladesh Group Theatre Federation and International Theatre Institute (Bangladesh Centre)

is that a large number of people in the country have no idea of the rich tradition of our main stream theatre.

At the same time they also agreed that theatre in Bangladesh lags behind world drama. However, theatre is the best art form in Bangladesh.

After the round table talk all the theatre

activists of the country took part in a huge colourful rally.

In the evening, theatre activists of the country honoured eminent *jatra* artiste of the country Jyotsna Biswas for her remarkable contribution since 1960.

To conclude the evening, Mostafa Monowar presented a puppet show.

Events

'Shurjomukhi Nadi' by Bulbul Academy of Fine Arts

NOVERA DEEPTA

ON the occasion of Independence Day, the Bulbul Academy of Fine Arts (BAFA), commonly known as Bulbul Lalitakala Academy, staged a dance drama *Shurjomukhi Nadi*. The drama was held at the Mahanagar Natya Mancha on March 27 evening.

The students and teachers of the Academy performed in the drama which was based on a story of the Liberation War. Reflecting on dominant human emotions such as love, affection, hatred and feelings of revenge, the troupe told the story of Shujan. An ordinary boatman, Shujan, fought the war for his country. His beloved inspired him to go to war while his mother handed over the gun to Shujan instead of discouraging him.

BAFA, set up in Dhaka in the early 1950s, played a pioneering role in the promotion of dance in the country. Bulbul Academy of Fine Arts has helped popularise dance and other forms of performing art in the country. All 14 classical forms of the sub-continent occupy a dominant position in Bangladeshi dance. The folk dances, such as snake charmers and fishermen's dance and tribal dances like *Monipuri* and *Santal* forms are also being taught at the Academy.

The writer of the piece *Shurjomukhi Nadi* is Dr Enamul Haque. The performers were Sohail Rahman as Shujan, Farhana Choudhury Baby as his beloved, Selina Haque as his mother, Abdur Rashid Swapan, Ilias Haydar, Swapna, Mimi, Aniz, Tofael, Ujjal, Naim and others. The director of the dance drama was Rahiza Khanom Jhunu. Many songs of eminent singers like Syed Abdul Hadi and Abida Sultana, have been used in this performance. Some of the songs were pleasant listening to, such as *Kheya parer majhi ami*, *Chhoto nadi bado nadi*, *Batashe ajke rod chhorano* and *Prem keno pakhi hoye*.

Although the performance attracted a large audience, not everybody was complimentary about the dance drama. The ordinary and non-professional performance and the heavy make up of the heroine looked odd and inappropriate. To be fair, the colourful costumes were very attractive and appropriate as well. The music was enchanting and enthralled the audience.

Earlier a discussion programme was held at the auditorium. The chairman of Bangladesh Privatisation Commission, Inam Ahmed Chowdhury, the member of BPC, Najmul Ahsan Chowdhury and others spoke on the occasion.

A lovely evening with poem recitations

Liberation War Museum's weeklong celebration

AFSAR AHMED

MORA Ekti Phulke Bachabo Bole Juddho Kori' (We fight to save a flower)-excerpt from *Jay Jay Janoni Bangla*.

This recitation by Hasan Arif, Ahkamullah and Laila Afroz is only a small indicator of the high calibre of poetry that was presented recently. The function, which brought together this trio along with the groups Jion Kathi and Katha, was held to commemorate the eighth anniversary of the Liberation War Museum along with the Independence Day.

Joy Jay Janoni Bangla, recited by the above poets, revealed the troubled times the nation went through before 1971 as well as at present. The poems recited at the programme included *Mora Ekti Phulke Bachabo Bole Juddho Kori* and *Kobita Ekhoi Lekhar Shomoy*. The leitmotif of this verse aimed at creating awareness against all social evils.

Jiyon Kathi, a recitation group, with its *Ei Nitto Apoghat Dur Koro* depicted the desire of the people for a secular and progressive Bangladesh, where each and every person can live fearlessly.

Apart from their group presentation, Hasan Arif and Ahkamullah also rendered solo sessions. Hasan recited poems *Poraner Gohin Bhitore* of Sayed

Shamsul Haq, *Raat Berechhe* of Shuvra Das Gupta and *Ekattur-er Shokgatha* of Nirmalendu Gun. Ahkamullah in his enriched voice performed a collage composition of several poems.

The evening's last attraction was the poetic presentation of the play *Payer Awaj Paowa Jay* of Syed Shamsul Haq from Katha. It captured the turbulent time of the Liberation War.

For anyone with a love for the nuances of Bangla poetry, the show was definitely appealing.



A South Korean scrubbing a bronze statue's chin during the street and park cleanup event for spring in Seoul on March 26.

Award

Channel-i Eid programme Award for best drama 24 Carat Goldman best telefilm Bairati

KAUSAR ISLAM AYON

CHANNEL-i, a private channel in Bangladesh, has decided to reward TV talents. The first such award was given out recently at the Winter Garden of Sheraton Hotel.

'We want to encourage good works in every sector of creativity and art,' said Farid Reza Sagar, managing director of the channel-i. This time the competition was limited only to the programmes on Eid-ul-Azha aired on Channel-i. However, the channel authority says they are looking forward to continuing this award and including the programmes of all Bangladeshi channels from next year.

The 18 category awards of this year have been given for drama, telefilm, musical programme and magazine show. The award also includes one lifetime achievement that was given to Farid Ali for his contribution to the film and TV as well. Among drama *24 carat Goldman* by Humayun Ahmed, and telefilms *Bairati* by Shakur Majid, clinched the titles in the respective categories.

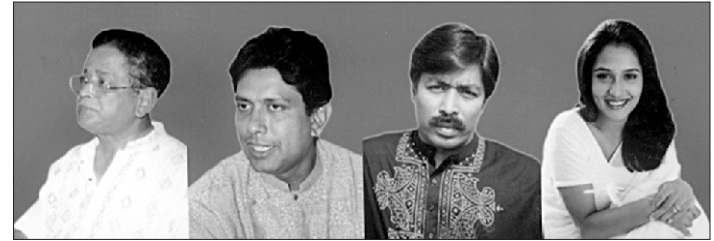
In the drama section the other awards go to, best script- Humayun

Ahmed, best director- Rezanur Rahman, best actor-Afzal Hossain, best actress Aupeee Karim, best actress in the supporting role Parvin Sultana Dity, best actor in the supporting role Masum Aziz, best in camera Mafuzur Rahman Khan.

Famous singer Sabina Yasmeen entertained the audience with her

Chodhury-best cameraman. Abdul Kader being on the stage to receive the award said 'There is vitamin in the award' 'As it works as inspiration for good works' he explains.

In the music section Asif was awarded with the best male singer



Awardees in the Drama Section (L-R) Humayun Ahmed, Afzal Hossain, Rezanur Rahman and Aupeee Karim.

melodious performance throughout the show at regular intervals.

In the telefilm section the awardees are Shakur Majid- best script, Nader Chowdhury- best director, Mafuz Ahmed- best actor, Srabonti- best actress, Abdul Kader- best actor in the supporting role, Sanaroi Debi Shanu- best actress in the supporting role, Rafiqul Bari

award while Baby Naznin won the same title in the female category. Zillur Rahman got the award of the best anchor and Minister for communication Najmul Huda won the award of the best participant.

Veteran singer Kalim Sarafi handed over the awards and took part with Sabina on request.

Roving ambassador

A new persona for A.R. Rahman

PALLAB BHATTACHARYA, New Delhi

THE World Health Organization (WHO) has appointed internationally acclaimed music director A.R. Rahman as its global ambassador. In this role he will be a prime mover in the global drive to eradicate tuberculosis, which claims thousands of lives across the world.

Rahman, whose music in films and off them has mesmerized the international audience, will be part of a special group formed by the WHO to promote awareness about tuberculosis in developing as well as developed countries.

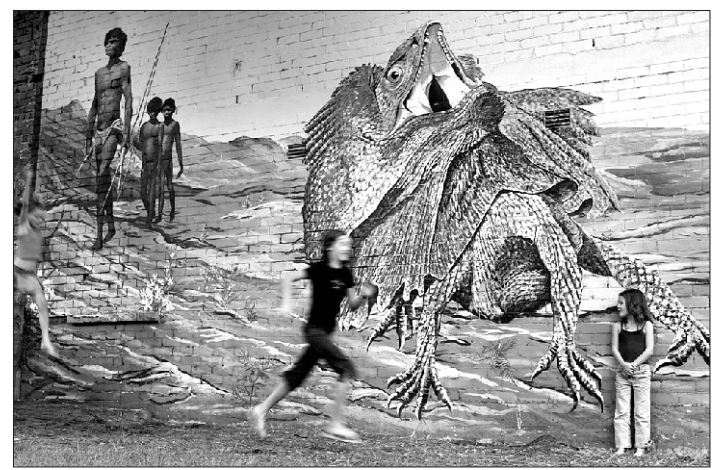
The WHO believes that appointing celebrities help propagate a cause much more effectively and hence the induction of an international figure like Rahman for the anti-tuberculosis campaign.

For his part, the musician feels he is honored by his new role. 'Tuberculosis is making a comeback in a way never seen before, claiming several lives in different parts of the world,' says Rahman whose scores for songs in popular films like *Roja*, *Dil Se* and *Bombay* have proved super-hits.

Rahman is the latest in an array of well-known personalities drawn from different walks of life to promote humanitarian causes. Popular Bollywood star



Amitabh Bachchan is the UNICEF ambassador while actress Shabana Azmi and actor Faruque Sheikh have joined the anti-polio campaign.



Children play beneath a desert mural, featuring a giant frilled-neck lizard and Aborigines on walkabout, at Reconciliation Park in Sydney, on March 28

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.

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.
Every hour on the hour

BTV
07:35 *Suprabhat Bangladesh*
08:25 Programme From BTV Archive
09:15 *Anya Bhuban*
12:15 *Shangbadpotter Pata Theke*
01:05 Selected Programme
02:05 Cartoon Show: *Captain Planet*
02:30 *Onu Paramanu*
03:10 Drama Serial
03:35 *Shukhi Panbar*
04:05 *Lekha Pora*
04:30 Open University
05:05 National School
05:45 Debate Competition
05:55 *Chhotoder Khabor*
06:10 *Dolonchampa*
06:35 *Nrityer Taley Taley*
07:00 *Share Market*, *Weather Forecast*
07:05 Selected Programme
07:30 Drama Serial: *Alo Chhaya*
08:30 Contemporary Drama
09:30 Drama Serial
10:30 *Biswa Natok*

CHANNEL-i
09:45 *Trilloya Matra*
12:00 *Chithi Palam*
01:00 *Ebong Cinemar Gaan*
01:30 *Sangbadpatrey Bangladesh and Public Reaction*
02:00 *Bangla Film: Dagi Shantanu* (Jasim, Sohana)
05:00 *Sa Re Ma Ga Ma*
05:35 *Janapader Khabor*
05:45 *Chitrarnala*
06:10 *Music Plus*
06:45 Drama Serial: *Jahu Dewan*
07:50 Drama Serial: *Bijji Boarding*

08:25 Drama Serial: *Shurya Theke Shamudra*
09:35 Drama Serial
10:00 Drama Serial: *Jubarak*

HBO
9:45 School Ties
12:00 I'm Dangerous Tonight
2:00 The Powder Heart
4:00 Black Mask 2
6:00 Red Skies
7:45 The Awazing Pamda Adventure
9:30 Mars Attacks
11:45 Eraser
2:00 Saturday Night Fever

STAR MOVIES
9:30 Sunset Strip
11:00 Beethoven's 2nd
12:30 Human Nature
2:00 Frogmen
3:30 When The Party's Over
5:30 Steven Spielberg presents 'Taken'
7:00 Joyride
8:45 Air Strike
10:30 Dead Heat
12:00 Steven Spielberg presents 'Taken'

MGM
9:00 Ruby Cairo
11:30 Marilyn And Norma Jean
2:00 Familia
4:30 Life is Beautiful
7:00 Jackie Brown
9:30 Romantic Mondays
Romantic Monday: Only You
Manny And Lo
11:30 *Manny And Lo*

ZEE CINEMA
10:30 Haseena Maan Jayegi (Shashi Kapur Babita)

TODAY'S HIGHLIGHTS

SCHWARZENEGGER
HBO: 11:45 pm *Eraser*. Action/Drama/Thriller. Arnold Schwarzenegger, James Caan, Vanessa L. Williams. John Kruger is a US marshal who is assigned to protect Lee Cullen, who works for the Cyrex Corporation, a company that manufactures top secret weapons for the military. Lee knows about a scam going on within Cyrex Corporation, and the man behind it is determined to silence Lee, because without Lee, the FBI has no case against the Cyrex. After taking Lee to New York City to hide her, John discovers that his friend, US Marshal Robert Deguerin, is the mastermind behind the scam!

ONLY YOU
MGM: 9:30 pm *Only You*. Comedy/Romance. Marisa Tomei, Robert Downey Jr., Bonnie Hunt, Joaquim de Almeida. Schoolteacher Faith Convatich believes she is destined to spend her life with a man named 'Damon Bradley.' Just days before she is to marry a podiatrist she may not love, she receives a phone call from a friend of her fiancée's named, you guessed it, Damon Bradley. Bradley is on his way to Venice, and Faith decides to spend her Labor Day weekend pursuing her dream man. Accompanying her on the trip is her sister-in-law, Kate, who has just left her husband.

1:30 Vishnu Deva (Sunny Deol Neelam Aditya Pancholi)
5:30 Andaz (Shammi Kapoor Hema Malini Rajesh Khanna)
9:30 Maa (Jeetendra Jaya Prada)
9:00 Serial Swapner Rang Nil
9:30 Tara News-Aaj Rate Election Spl. Live
10:30 Doshlai
11:30 Tara News
12:00 Hoi Hulod

5:00 Serial Probaho
5:30 Star News-Aaj Bikele Nonte Fonte
6:00 Taka Na Sona
7:00 Sree Ramkrishna
7:30 Antakshari
8:00 Serial Jug
8:30 Serial Tarpor Chand Uthio
9:00 Serial Swapner Rang Nil
9:30 Tara News-Aaj Rate Election Spl. Live
10:30 Doshlai
11:30 Tara News
12:00 Hoi Hulod

PICK OF THE DAY

Joy Ride
On Star Movies at 7 pm
Genre: Horror/Thriller/Action
Steve Zahn, Paul Walker, Leelee Sobieski, Jessica Bowman
College student Lewis decides to drive across the country to see Venna, a friend who doesn't know that Lewis is interested in her romantically. Unfortunately for his plans, Lewis gets saddled with his raucous-spirited older brother, Fuller, whose on-the-road pranks get the brothers and Venna sucked into a nightmare when a psychotic truckdriver takes offense.

ZEE TV
1:30 Awaaz... Dil Se Dil Tak
2:00 Chausath Pannal Jostojoo
2:25 Jhalak
2:30 Piya Ka Ghar
3:00 Astiva... ek prem Kahani
3:30 3 Ka Show: Bollywood Hits
6:30 Cartoon Network On Zee
7:25 Jhalak
7:30 Filmi Chakkar
7:55 Ek Nazar
8:00 Piya Ka Ghar
8:30 Chausath Pannal/Hum

STAR GOLD
9:00 Border
12:30 Dhai Akshar Prem Ke
4:30 Khuda Gawah
8:00 Startoons Countdown PratiGYa
8:30

STAR WORLD
1:00 Mac Gyer
2:30 Oprah Winfrey
3:30 Bold And Beautiful
4:30 Hollywood Squares
5:00 Whose Line Is It Anyway

5:30 Miami Vice
6:30 The Simpsons
7:00 Home Improvement
7:30 Friends
8:00 Just Shoot Me
8:30 The King Of Queens
9:00 Everybody Loves Raymond
9:30 Grounded For Life
10:00 Frasier
10:30 Third Watch
11:30 Baywatch

NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC
1:30 Crittercam-Wildtech Adventures
2:00 Toyota World Of Wildlife
2:30 Built For The Kill
3:30 Fairy Penguin
4:30 Young Global Hot Shots
5:30 Monkey Business
6:00 Mission Wild
6:30 Dogs With Jobs
7:00 Toyota World Of Wildlife
7:30 SOS Save Our Seas
8:30 Crittercam-Wildtech Adventures
9:00 Toyota World Of Wildlife
9:30 Built For The Kill
10:30 Born Wild
11:30 National Geographic Special

ANIMAL PLANET
1:30 Exploring Pascua De Florida
2:30 Vets On The Wild Side III
4:30 Emergency Vets: Trevor's Crisis
5:00 Wild Rescue: BABA Rhino, Sheba, Sea Empress
5:30 Breed All About It
6:30 Planet's Funniest Animals
7:30 From Cradle To grave: Extraordinary Elephants
8:00 Cobra's Revenge

9:30 Exploring Pascua De Florida
11:30 From Cradle To grave

DISCOVERY
11:30 Colour Of War
12:30 Fashion Street: Dazzled
2:30 Electronic Witness
4:30 Schlussering: Physical Science In Action
5:00 I Love My Music
5:30 Globe Trekker: Egypt
6:30 Kung Fu Business
8:30 Emperor Of The Steppes
9:30 Colour Of War
10:30 World's Sexiest Destinations For Couples
11:30 FBI Files: Shattered Shield

STAR SPORTS
7:00 South Africa Tour Of New Zealand National Bank Series New Zealand Vs South Africa 3rd Test Day 4 (L)
11:30 International Motorsports News International Motorsports News 2004 (T)
12:30 English Premier Football League 2003/04 Birmingham City Vs Leeds United
2:30 Finding Fina Grand Prix Divin 2004 Rostock Germany (T)
4:30 Samsung Super Skills Tournament Group A - Turbo Arm & Straight Up(R)
5:00 Cricket Gold (R)
8:00 Sportsline (L)
8:30 Spanish Football League 2003/04 (R)
10:30 Sportsline (R)
11:00 South Africa Tour Of New Zealand National Bank Series New Zealand Vs South Africa

3rd Test Day 4 Highlights (S)

ESPN
11:00 LPGA Golf Safeway International Presented By Coca-Cola Second Round (T)
1:00 Uefa Champions League Magazine Shows (R)
1:30 Asian 9-Ball Tour San Miguel Asian 9-Ball Tour Ho Chi Minh City Vietnam Semifinal
3:00 English Premier Football League 2003/04 (R)
4:30 Harsha Online Clive Lloyd(R)
6:00 Motorsport Asia (R) laaf Track & Field laaf World Indoor Championships 2004 Budapest Hungary Day 1 Highlights(R)
6:30
7:30 English Premier League Highlights (T)
8:30 Sportscenter India (L)
9:00 English Premier Football League 2003/04 Arsenal Vs Manchester United (R)
TEN SPORTS
2:00 Indias Tour of Pak: 1st Test, Day 1 H/Ls
4:00 Gillette World Sports
4:30 SL v Aus 3rd Test, Day 5 H/Ls
6:30 WWE Specials : WrestleMania XX
10:00 Straight Drive
11:00 Indias Tour of Pak: 1st Test, Day 2
11:00 Straight Drive
1:40 Indias Tour of Pak: 1st Test, Day 2
6:00 Raw
9:00 Indias Tour of Pak: 1st Test, Day 2 H/Ls
11:00 Raw