

RECOMMENDATIONS

International Dance Day

On the occasion of the International Dance Day Nrityadhara has organised a cultural and discussion programme in the Mahila Shamiti auditorium at 7:00 pm. The organisation will also award an eminent dancer for her contribution to the dance sector of the country on the occasion.

May 02-03

The launching ceremony of the book *Surviving Dreams: The Struggling Circuses of Bangladesh* by Pierre Clauquin will be held at the Alliance Francaise (26, Mirpur road, Dhanmondi RA) at 6:30 pm on May 2. The book will be launched again at the Tribal Craft (House-56, Road-7/A, Block-H, Banani) at 5:30 pm on May 3.

Exhibition

April 26-May 08

A 12-day long painting exhibition of five renowned contemporary artists will be held at Haque Art Gallery, Gulshan from April 26. Thirty five paintings on oil, tempera, acrylic and mixed media by Mahmudul Haque, Abudus Sakur Shah, Rokeya Sultana, Kanak Champa Chakma and Khalid Mahmood Mithu will be displayed in the exhibition.

April 01-29

Russian Cultural Centre has arranged a photo and stamp exhibition on aviation and cosmonautics to celebrate the International Day of Cosmonautics and Aviation at the center's library.

Sculpture

April 13-30

British Council Bangladesh holds a bamboo sculpture exhibition at its compound at 5 Fuller Road. The display presents works of 9 sculptors and two traditional bamboo artisans. The display remains open from 10 am to 7 pm daily.

Music

April 30

The Indian High Commission in Dhaka, in conjunction with the Indian Council for Cultural Relations, will present a light classical music programme by Penaz Masani at 7 pm at the Osmani Memorial Hall, Dhaka.

Film Show

May 02

The Embassy of the Republic of Korea holds a Show of Korean film *Reversal of Fortune* on May 2 at 5:00pm at the Korean Embassy (4 Madani Avenue, Baridhara, Dhaka 1212).

May 03-31

Indian Cultural Centre will screen nine Indian movies at the center's auditorium (House-25, Road-96, Gulshan-2) at 6:00 pm on every Monday and Thursday. The schedule is given below: May 3 Chupke Se May 6 Zubeida May 10 Pardes May 13 Saathiy May 17 Sangam May 20 Mr. & Mrs. Iyer May 24 Namak Halal May 27 Dil Chahata Hai May 31 Rangoela. For complimentary tickets please contact Rajib Bhattacharya (8820243-7, 9888789-91).

Celebration



Sharmila portraying the Odissi dance form

International Dance Day

SHARMILA BANDOPADHYAYA

Artistic Director and choreographer from Australia. The message, from the South-East Queensland dance descended from the Nunkul people of Stradbroke Island, highlights the universality of the language of dance used equally among communities far apart and varied. It goes as follows:

Dance is the original most ancient form of human expression. Through the body and physical language, dance has a powerful connection with the emotional and spiritual worlds.

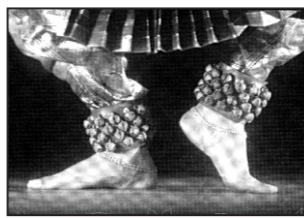
In traditional Aboriginal culture, dance is the core, like a kind of sacred medicine. Dance is grounded, connected to the spirit of Mother Earth. Unless you surrender to the dance you can't hunt quietly. It is an integral part of human existence.

When I create a new dance work I ask the dancers to swallow and digest the traditional seed, to sense the innate code within so that we can transform the traditional essence to the contemporary world.

Dance is the universal language. It represents human identity and a celebration of the human spirit. Dance is the artistic heart of kinship. It is a sacred universal remedy.

- Stephen Page

In Bangladesh today, undoubtedly, dance has come a long way. Learning to sing and dance is part and parcel of the life of most urban children. In recent years dedicated researchers have identified a few rudimentary folk forms and efforts are being made to at least document them. A



Musical night

Penaz Masani in town

Visiting Indian cultural troupe, led by the notable singer Penaz Masani, will perform a light classical and popular musical show at the Osmani Memorial Hall on Friday, the 30th. This show is organised by the High Commission of India in Dhaka in association with the Indian Council for Cultural Relations (ICCR), says a press release.

Penaz Masani is a celebrated name in India, amongst the many ghazal lovers. Since 1981, she has cut over 20 discs and sung in over 10 languages. She has also moulded her own voice to render a vast range of ghazals, starting from the traditional to the more modern forms. She cut her first album in 1981 entitled *Aap ki bazm mein*. Swinging with the times, Penaz has begun to adapt to the mod beat. She entered the Pop world with her album *Tu dil de de*, which topped the charts on Channel V and MTV. Penaz is also one of the first female ghazal singers to have been awarded a Platinum Disc.

The programme will start at 7:00 pm at the Osmani Memorial Hall. Apart from the performance at Dhaka, the troupe will also perform at Chittagong on May 1. Complimentary passes can be collected from the High Commission of India, Information & Culture Wing, House no. 2, Road no. 142, Gulshan-1, Dhaka.



Penaz Masani

Video

Premiere show of documentary 'Child Struggle'

The premiere show of *Child Struggle*, a documentary video was held on April 27 at the Estea Centre, Elephant Road, says a press release. A Rising Sun production, the story revolves around a 10-year-old boy Mizan, who ferries people across the river Bongshai which comes down from the Assam Hilltracts, dividing his village Loshkorpur and Chalasora. This is

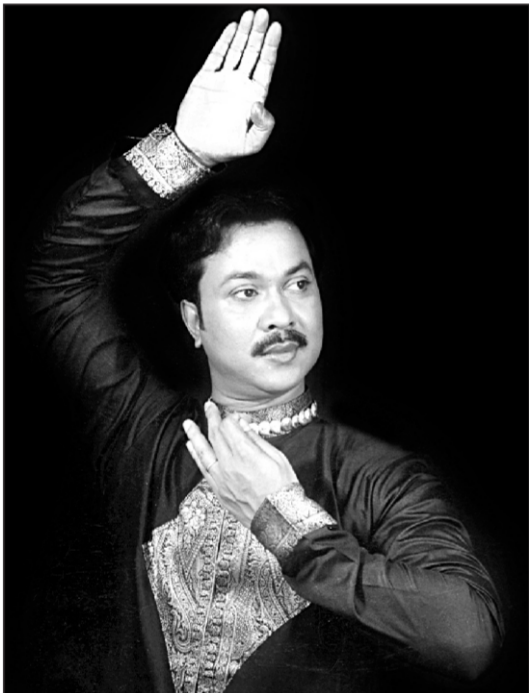


A scene from the documentary the only way that Mizan can keep

himself and his mother alive. Often due to poverty, he cannot afford good quality food. One day, after a meal, Mizan suffers an attack of diarrhoea. Despite the fact that his mother takes him to the hospital, Mizan never returns alive. The video has been directed and produced by Shomir Faruk and was edited by Md. Shahid Ullah.

A day to dance Positive change towards dance apparent in society

On the occasion of International Dance Day the attention of the wider public is drawn towards the art of dance. In Bangladesh, cultural performances and rallies will be held to mark this day. Novera Deepita of *The Daily Star* spoke to five eminent dancers to gather the significance of this day and how they intend to spend it.



Shibli Mohammad: The International Dance Day is celebrated all over the world with enthusiasm. It would be simply marvelous if all the dancers of Bangladesh could jointly organise a show on this special day. Nrityanchal was planning to organise a programme in the school premises today but it is unfortunate that the opposition party has called a hartal (general strike). Our plan has been postponed for the time being.

Tamanna Rahman: This day is very important because dance is an ancient and popular art form of this land. This day is celebrated worldwide. Here in our country we also celebrate it with enthusiasm and our organisation Nrityadhara has arranged a programme where I will direct dance items.

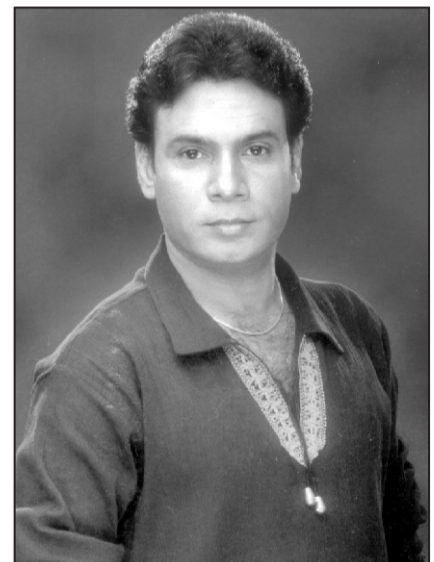


Farzana Riya Chowdhury: Dance is given low priority in our country. However, we can make the people more interested in dance by celebrating this International Dance Day. It is a great occasion for us. And it is a very important occasion to expose and promote dance among the common people.



Sohel Rahman: The International Dance Day is important because it helps us to work together. We the dancers demand a separate stage for dance performances. The members of the Bangladesh Dancers Society always arranges different programmes on this day. This year will not be an exception. However, I regret that the hartal will hamper our programmes this year. Although dancers are usually apolitical, they are not out of reach of the country's politics. I really wish the dancers would have a united front.

Anisul Islam Hero: Our organisation Nrityadhara began celebrating this day several years ago. Previously I used to arrange programmes for the International Dance Council. Since I was the executive member of the Council, I took the initiative to celebrate the day with the dancers of our country. We organise rallies and cultural programmes every year on this day. Nrityadhara will give an award to an eminent dancer on this occasion and we have organised a cultural programme at the Mahila Samiti auditorium as well.



TV GUIDE

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

News Bulletin

- BTB News Headlines (Bangla) at 8:55 am, 12:10 pm, 2:00 pm, 3:00 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.

- BTB 07:35 Bangladesh Hridoy Hote Shongbad Potrer Pata Theke 12:15 Shasthya Tatthya Selected Programme 02:05 Computer Proidin Open University 03:10 Bangla Feature Film Selected Programme 06:35 Jiboner Alo Weather Forecast, Share Market 07:30 The Adventures of Superman Drama of the Week: Obosheshe Arny 10:30 Selected Programme 12:15 CHANNEl-i 09:45 Titiyo Matra 11:00 Agora Shopping Guide 11:30 Kichhu Megh Kichhu Brishti Chithi Pelam Medha Bikash 01:00 Eborng Cinemar Gaan Prylo Natok 04:00 Banglar Gaan Dekhar Gaan Shonar Gaan 05:00 Sa Re Ga Ma 06:10 Music Plus 06:45 Amar Chhobi 07:50 Drama Serial: Keboli Rat Hoya Jay 08:25 Drama Serial: Sharye Tin Tala 09:35 Drama Serial: Rangdhanu Rang Close Up Hit Wave 10:00 ATN BANGLA 10:15 Annodrishti 11:25 Ek Dui Teen 12:40 Bangla Film Based Programme: Shornali

PICK OF THE DAY featuring Sharey Tin Tala, Ronger Manush, and Mohona with their respective cast members and showtimes.

- 2:00 Desert Hawk 3:45 Osmosis Jones 5:45 Night of the Creeps 7:30 Tremors 3: Back to Perfection 9:30 Black Hawk Down 12:15 Evolution 9:00 Tuff Turf 11:30 Tollbooth 2:00 Peter Gun 4:30 Major League II 7:00 A Boy Called Hate 9:30 Modesty Blaise 11:30 The Man Without A Face 9:30 Return Of The Swamp Thing 11:00 Poltergeist II: The Other Side 12:30 12 Monkeys 2:45 Narrow 4:30 The Pianist 7:00 The Frighteners 8:50 Marines Margin 10:30 Shark Attack 3 12:00 American Girl 9:00 Jigar 12:30 Pyar Ka Devta 4:30 Joshilay 8:00 Operation Gold 8:30 Do Aur Do Paanch 11:00 Meri Saheli 11:30 Hum Saath Aath Hain 12:00 Tanha 1:00 Kasautii Zindagii Kay 1:30 Kumkum- Pyara Sa Bandhan 2:00 Bhabhi 2:30 Kabhi Aaye Na Judai 3:00 Karvaachauth - Ek Pati Rakhshas 3:30 Kyunki Saas Bhi Kabhi Bahu Thi 4:00 Kahaani Ghar Ghar Kii 4:30 Kahiin To Hoga Kaahin Kissi Roz 5:00 Hum Saath Aath Hain 6:00 Fox Kids 7:30 Kumkum- Pyara Sa Bandhan 8:00 Shaka Laka Boom Boom 8:30 Kyun Hota Hai Pyarr 9:00 Kasautii Zindagii Kay Saara Akaash 10:30 Kahaani Ghar Ghar Kii 11:00 Kyunki Saas Bhi Kabhi Bahu Thi 11:30 Kahiin To Hoga Kaahin Kissi Roz 12:00 Kahiin To Hoga Kaahin Kissi Roz 1:30 Monk 2:00 Mac Gyver 3:00 Oprah Winfrey 4:00 Bold And Beautiful 5:00 Hollywood Squares 5:30 Whose Line Is It Anyway 6:00 Miami Vice 7:00 The Simpsons 7:30 Home Improvement 8:00 Friends 8:30 Just Shoot Me 9:00 American Idol 10:00 Life After Baywatch 11:00 For Love Or Money 12:00 Baywatch 10:30 Wild Encounters 11:30 Past Is Wild/Future is Wild Valley of the T-Rex House to Home Wedding Story Shermella & James Body Challenge New Detectives Dead in the Water Wild Discovery Menacing Waters Popular Mechanics for Kids Navy Seals Real Kids Real Adventures Cliffhanger Globe Trekker Queensland & The Great Barrier Reef Junkyard Wars 6:30 Visionless Valet Wild Discovery Lizards: A Sense of Scale Wild Tech Seeing Past is Wild/Future is Wild Valley of the T-Rex Master of the Spirits Once upon a time, in the Sunderbans Celebrity Doubles Beach Hour 11:00 English Premier League Highlights (R) Diving Fina Grand Prix Diving 2004 Zhuhai China (T) 12:30 English Premier Football League 2003/04 (R) 2:30 Gymnastics Fig World Cup 2004/05 Rio De Janeiro RJ Brazil (R) 5:30 Tennis Masters Series Monte-Carlo Presented By Hsbc Monte Carlo Monaco Highlights (R) 6:30 Entertainment Sports Mania (T) 7:30 Yachting Spirit Of Yachting 2003/2004 The Sydney Hobart - Drama(T) 8:00 Sportsline (L) 8:30 Futbol Mundial (T) 9:00 Wrestling Apple Crush (R) 9:30 Superskills West Indies Vs Rest Of The World Final (T) 10:30 Sportsline (R) Behind The Fights Marcano Vs Walcott/Louis/Moore (T) Kiana's Flex Appeal (T) 8:00 ESPN 7:00 Sportscenter India (R) 7:30 Epsn School Quiz 2004 (R) HitZ (R) 8:30 Goals! (R) 9:00 Asa World Tour - Inline Street (R) 9:30 Lpga Golf The Office Depot Championship Final Round(R) 11:30 Epsn School Quiz 2004 (R) 12:00 Sri Lanka Tour Of Zimbabwe 4th Odi Highlights(R) Sri Lanka Tour Of Zimbabwe 5th Odi 1st Session(L) Epsn School Quiz 2004 (T) Sri Lanka Tour Of Zimbabwe 5th Odi 2nd Session(L) 9:00 Sportscenter India (L) 9:30 Wrestling Apple Crush (R) 10:30 English Premier League Archive Programming Ten Seasons - A Decade Of Great Goals Highlights(R) Sportscenter India (R) 11:30 Epsn School Quiz 2004 (R) 10:00 Wl v Eng : 4th ODI H/Ls 11:00 Trans World Sports 11:30 ATP Tennis 12:00 Gillette World Sport 2:30 Wl v Eng : 4th ODI H/Ls 4:30 South American WC Qualifier Story 5:30 Trans World Sports The Bottom Line 6:30 The Bottom Line 7:30 Olympic Century: Part 1 8:00 Football Week 9:00 Trans World Sports 11:00 Wl v Eng : 4th ODI H/Ls 12:00 The Bottom Line