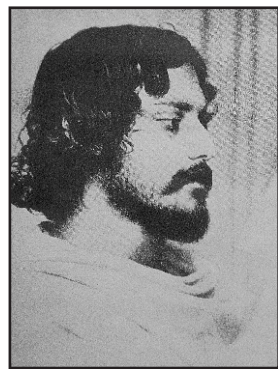


RECOMMENDATIONS



Rabindra anniversary celebration

May 08-10 Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy organises a three-day programme to celebrate the 143rd birth anniversary of Rabindranath Tagore.

Photography

May 06-31 Alliance Francaise holds a photography exhibition of four amateur artists, Laura, Rumi, Mushtaque and Naser.

Film show

May 03-31 Indian Cultural Centre will screen nine Indian movies at its auditorium (House-25, Road-96, Gulshan-2).

May 9 5pm: Watch Your Left (The Boxer) School for Postmen Evening Classes

Jacques Tati Retrospective

Organiser: Zahir Raihan Film Society

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Corrigendum

In our issue of May 8, the word 'genius' in a title was inadvertently printed 'genious'. We regret the typo.

Anniversary

The virtuoso singer turns 80

Kalim Sharafi accorded reception by Rabindra Sangeet Singers Assoc. and Nagarik Natyangan Ensemble

NOVERA DEEPIA

To celebrate the 80th birthday of the veteran Tagore singer Kalim Sharafi, Bangladesh



Kalim Sharafi

Rabindra Sangeet Singers' Association (BRSSA) and Nagarik Natyangan Ensemble (NNE) jointly held a reception for the celebrated singer at the Shishu Academy auditorium on Friday last.

Born in the early 1920s, Sharafi was an activist of the Quit India Movement in the 1940s and was imprisoned for over a year. Later he

joined the Indian Public Theatre Association (IPTA) in the music squad. He also worked with the legendary theatre activist of the subcontinent Shambhu Mitra.

Later, he joined the music institution Dakkhini where he found the great singer Shailojaranjan Majumdar as his guru. He was also an active member of the then newly established theatre group Bahurupi where legends like Shambhu Mitra, Manoranjan Bhattacharya, Tripti Mitra and Muhammad Israil were also involved.

In the early 1950s, Sharafi established the cultural organisation Prantik which gained widespread popularity through its contribution to Bangla culture.

Sharafi's first ever playback single, a Tagore song, was for the film Akash Ar Mati in 1957. He also directed a movie titled Shonar Kajol in 1960.

He has worked for the welfare of the country's cultural arena and has often become the target of the autocratic rulers. As a result, he suffered imprisonment several times, lost his job and was even blacklisted. However, as a true cultural activist, he never compromised.

The celebration programme



Octogenarian Kalim Sharafi (2-R) flanked by (L-R) Jamaluddin Hossain, Anup Bhattacharya and Professor Nawshaba Khatun. BRSSA artistes are seen at the background

started with the National Anthem by the singers of BRSSA. The co-chairman of the association Anup Bhattacharya, Sharafi's wife Professor Nawshaba Khatun, theatre activist Jamaluddin Hossain, General Secretary of BRSSA Tapan Mahmud spoke on the occasion.

Sharafi was given a crest, gifts

and hundreds of bouquets and garlands by different cultural organisations, music institutes and theatre groups. The performers rendered the song Hey nuton dekha dik barbar when he was being presented with the crest.

Sharafi expressed his gratitude to the organisations. The programme marked the closing ceremony of the three-day Tagore festival organised by the BRSSA followed by a cultural session.

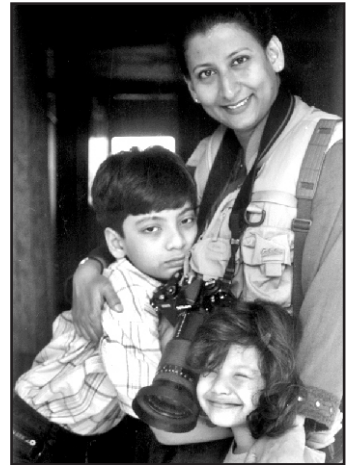
Photography

Photojournalist highlights Mother's Day

Monira Morshed Munni with her photo essays at Goethe Institut

FAYZA HAQ

MONIRA Morshed Munni, a reputed photographer, with two decades of work to her credit, has her on-going photography display at the Goethe Institut.



The photographer seen with her children

are also the delicate drawings of a child who greatly treasures her mother's shelter and love.

The Daily Star: Why did you chose the theme of Mother's Day theme for your photo exhibit, and

your child's drawings in "Deutschland, So nah - so fern"?

Monir Morshed Munni: When I was at Munich on a two-month scholarship recently, I missed my daughter in particular, as she was then even younger. I specially missed my two children's spoken words. All the photos do not contain the main theme, as I've brought in nature and architecture of the city that I was residing in.

TDS: What type of photos do you normally go in for: landscape, portrait or both? Are you experimental or simply presenting a theme?

MMM: I like people and so enjoy delineating them in my work. I've been trying to be experimental since my school days, when it was then mainly my passion, whereas now at 38, it's my profession, that brings in not only the bread and butter but also the jam.

TDS: Who are the people who have encouraged or influenced you most in your work?

MMM: My mother, Salma Khanum, although she was a homemaker, originating from a village, gave me enormous encouragement. She was a self-educated

woman who had progressive outlook. My three brothers also influenced me. This included one, Ehsan, who was involved in a film society; another, Siraj, who took part in social work as a student, and so I learnt to sympathise with people who suffer from natural calamities. The youngest brother urged me to work in his dark room in our childhood days. Next MA Beg showed me the way to "Drik" and "Pathshala", where Dr Shahidul Alam helped me graduate in photojournalism. I've worked for UNICEF and UNDP, and now I'm a programme officer at the GI, where Dr Markus Litz encouraged me to go overseas to broaden my horizon.



A photograph based on the Mother and Child theme

TDS: Don't you think Mother's Day is a bit of a fad?

MMM: I believe that we won't necessarily suffer if we borrow good elements of the western culture and Mother's Day is one such occasion.

Campus chronicle

Musical extravaganza at Jahangirnagar University

ERSHAD KAMOL

AS part of the anti-drug campaign, leading Bangla daily Prothom Alo, in association with "Prothom Alo Bondhushabha Jahangirnagar University" organised a concert at the Jahangirnagar University open stage.

Several prominent cultural activists of the country like Selim Al Deen, Anisul Haq, Salam Saqlain, Aupi

Anushey, came on stage to narrate the story of her past when she was a drug addict. Her mother Lubna Mariam followed next on stage and narrated the anguish of a mother when her child got addicted to drugs.

In the concert, Mahmud-uzzaman Babu presented the patriotic piece Aami Banglar Gaan Gai with an acoustic guitar, capturing the hearts of the audience. Anushey followed next on stage, with her husband Buno. A spell



Singing 'no' to drugs

Karim and others were present on the occasion. The speakers tried to make the students aware of the evils of drug abuse and also encouraged them to say "No" to drugs.

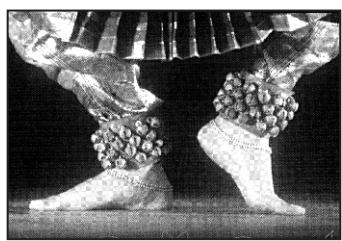
Shamim Shahed was the host of the music show, where the vocalist of the popular musical group Bangla,

bound audience watched the performers. Anushey presented songs from her first and latest album. Prometheus, the last band of the show, received a lukewarm reaction from the audience.

Prothom Alo will organise similar events frequently in the near future.

Cultural meet

Nrityanandan to perform at Tagore festival in Kolkata



CULTURAL CORRESPONDENT

For the first time, the Information and Culture Ministry of West Bengal, India is inviting a dance troupe from Dhaka on the occasion of Birth Anniversary of Rabindranath Tagore. Nrityanandan is participating in the 10-day festival, which is held every year at Rabindra Sadhan in Kolkata.

Cinema

DU Film Society screens six German films

HARUN UR RASHID

Dhaka University Film Society (DUFS), in collaboration with German Culture Centre, starts screening six German films from today at the 24th session of its regular programme World Film Manifestation Programme.

The films-- Nowhere in Africa, Anansi, Berlin is in Germany, Bungalow, Heart Over Head and Klassenfahrt--are Germany's most contemporary ones having been made between 1999 and 2002.

The show will start today at 3 pm with Caroline Link's Oscar winning film Nowhere in Africa, a 136-minute film made in 1999. The film focuses on the emigration of a Jewish family from Germany to Kenya just on the eve of the World War II.

family is first interned and then released. Thus the film goes on to show the events in the life of these three persons.

At 5:00 pm, in the second session of the show, Fritz Mann's Anansi will be screened. The 80-minute film is about four Africans--a political refugee from Togo, a photographer from Ghana and his girlfriend, and the group's leader also from Ghana.

On May 10, Berlin is in Germany by Hannes Stohr and Bungalow by Ulrik Kohler, and on May 11 Heart on Head by Michael Gutmann and Klassenfahrt by Henner Winkler will be screened at 3 pm and 5 pm daily.

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 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.

07:30 Bangladesher Hridoy Hote Satellite programme Shongbad Potrer 12:15 Health Bulletin 01:05 Quiz quiz 01:30 Cartoon show: Meena 02:05 Protidin Computer 02:30 Tommy Miahir Kitchen 03:05 Karate do 03:35 Shukhi poribaar 04:05 Folk songs: Banshori 04:30 Aamar desh 05:05 National Television Debate 05:45 News for children 06:10 Rabindranath Tagore: Geetanjali Telecast from Chittagong 07:05 Maati o Manush 07:30 Chayya chhobi 08:30 Jochonar phul 09:00 Drama 10:30 Priyo shilpi priyo gaan 11:00 Jhilmil 11:30 CHANNEL-i 09:45 Tritiyo Matra (Tagore Special) 11:30 Musical programme: Aamare karo tomar beena 12:00 Chithi Pelam 12:25 Live telecast: Citycell Medha Bikash 01:00 Ebong Cinemar Gaan

PICK OF THE DAY

Spiderman On HBO at 10:15 pm Genre: Action/Sci-Fi/Fantasy Toby Maguire, Willem Dafoe, Kirsten Dunst
Danish Potthey Potthey On ATN Bangla at 8:00 pm Street Show Hosted by Shajal
Moonlight Mile Star Movies at 7:00 pm Genre: Drama / Romance Jake Gyllenhaal, Dustin Hoffman, Susan Sarandon

10:50 Lal Neel Beguni 11:25 Drama Serial: Shapno Kapot 12:40 Criminal 03:45 Uro Cola Saat Rang 04:20 Drama: E duniya phana hobe kichhui robe na 06:20 Annodrishti 08:00 Danish Potthey Potthey 08:30 Bajpakhi 09:00 The Adventures of Sinbad 10:30 Adibashi Janapad 10:30 Baby Geniuses 12:30 JU-ON: The Grudge 2:30 Hindi Version: The Scorpion King

3:30 Tasmanian Adventure 4:00 The Zoo 4:30 O' Shea's Big Adventure 5:30 Champions of the Wild 6:30 Dangerous Liaisons 7:00 Crocodile Hunter 8:30 Natural World: Vanishing Pools of the Zambesi 9:30 Cheetahs in a Hot Spot 10:30 Biggest Nose in Borneo 11:30 Predators: Natural Born Killers 12:00 Secret World of Gardens 12:30 STAR GOLD 11:30 Pepsi Gold Sab Se Favourite Ka Zubeidaa 12:30 Operation Gold 4:00 Yeh Dil Aashiana Hai Maya 8:00 Anabee - S & P Version 7:00 Mirch Masala 2:25 Mail Milap 2:30 Anoor 3:30 Fox Kids Sunday - 500 Series 7:00 Bachcha Party 7:25 Series 7:30 Vikraal Aur Gabraal 8:30 Gharwali Uparwali Aur Sunny 9:30 Koie Jane Na 10:30 Aatish 11:00 Ek Mulaqat 11:30 Mamla Gadbad Hai

STAR WORLD 1:30 Mutant X 2:30 Enterprise 3:30 Wild Card 4:30 Charmed 5:30 Journeys In Asian Cuisine 6:00 Travel Asia 6:30 Baywatch Hawaii 7:30 Malcolm In The Middle 8:00 The Kumars At No. 42 8:30 Style 9:00 Rendezvous With Simi Garewal 9:30 India's Child Genius-Curtain R 10:00 Top Drive Getaway 10:30 Cover Story 11:00 Focus Asia 11:30 The X Files 1:30 Adventure Challenge 2:30 On Assignment 3:30 Mission Wild 4:00 Return To The Wild 4:30 Great Lakes Fragile Seas 5:00 On Assignment 6:00 Tomorrow's World 6:30 Storm Stories 7:30 Adventure Challenge 8:30 Myths & Logic Of Shaolin Kung Fu 9:30 Animal Nightmares 10:00 Nat Geo Genius 10:30 National Geographic Special 11:30 Built For Destruction

STAR SPORTS 10:00 Cricket Gold (T) 12:00 Asian 9-Ball Tour San Miguel Asian 9-Ball Tour Semifinal & Final (L) 5:00 Race Day Spanish Grand Prix(L) 7:45 Formula One 2004 World Championships Spanish Grand Prix (L) 8:00 Chequered Flag: Formula One Spanish Grand Prix (L) 8:30 Hitz (T) 9:00 English Premier Football League 2003/04 Fulham Vs Arsenal Fc (L) 11:00 Tennis Masters Series Telecom Italia Masters Rome Italy Final (S) 10:00 Samsung Cricket Show (R) 10:30 Spanish Football League 2003/04 (S) 12:30 Sri Lanka Tour Of Zimbabwe Zimsun Test Series Zimbabwe Vs Sri Lanka 1st Test Day 4 (L) 9:00 Cricket Gold (T) 11:00 Wrestling Apple Crush (R) 11:30 Espn School Quiz 2004 Review Show