

RECOMMENDATIONS



**Sufia Kamal's Birthday Celebration**  
**Organiser:** Bangladesh Mahila Parishad  
**Discussants:** Sanat Kumar Shaha, Wahidul Haque, Sultana Kamal, Ayesha Khanom  
**Performers:** Ifat Ara Dewan, Mita Haq, Aditi Mohsin, Khairul Anam Shakil, Subarna Mustafa and others  
**Venue:** CIRDP Auditorium  
**Time:** June 20, at 4:00 pm

Painting Exhibition



**Title:** Solo Painting Exhibition 2004  
**Artist:** Monirul Islam  
**Venue:** Shilpangan, Road 5, House 25, Dhanmondi  
**Time:** June 11-25, from 10 am to 9 pm  
**Title:** 789  
**Artist:** Kashef  
**Venue:** Goethe Institut, Road 9, House 10, Dhanmondi  
**Time:** June 07-21, from 2 pm to 8 pm

Photography Exhibition

**Title:** Borders and Beyond  
**Venue:** Drik Gallery, House-58, Road-15A, Dhanmondi  
**Time:** June 01-21, 3pm to 8pm  
**Photo-stories by 10 photographers from Denmark, England, Mexico, Palestine, Russia, South Africa and Switzerland**  
**Title:** Image Construction  
**Artist:** Nahid-Ul-Islam  
**Venue:** Alliance Francaise, 26 Mirpur Road, Dhanmondi  
**Time:** June 07-28, from 9 am to 12pm and 5 pm to 8 pm

Print Exhibition

**Title:** Etching, Engraving & Wood-cut Print  
**Artist:** M Muslim Mia  
**Venue:** La Gallery, Alliance Francaise, 26 Mirpur Road, Dhanmondi  
**Time:** June 04-18, from 9am-12pm & 5pm to 8pm

Classical Music

**Venue:** Alliance Francaise, 26 Mirpur, Dhanmondi  
**Artists:** Tofael Ahmed, Bikash Kumar Mandal, Goutam Bhattacharya  
**Time:** June 21, at 7:00 pm

Kanthoshilon: A 20-year journey

Promoting recitation as an art form

NOVERA DEEPTA

CULTURAL and academic orientation are both necessary inputs to increase the literacy rate of the country. With such a motive Kanthoshilon, one of the leading recitation groups of the city, started its journey in 1984. Some enthusiastic cultural personalities like Naren Biswas, Biplob Bala, Mir Barkat, Sirajul Islam and Golam Sarower, lead by the veteran Tagore exponent Wahidul Haque, established Kanthoshilon as a school to train people interested in recitation.

Talking about the group's beginning, the founder executive member Golam Sarower said, 'In the beginning we just trained the students as reciters. About 60 students were given orientation in recitation.' The selection is done through tests. The classes are held at the Teachers Students Centre (TSC) of Dhaka University. Noted theatre activist and member of Shambhu Mitra's group Bahurupi, Mohammad Zakaria inaugurated the first course. Wahidul Haque is still actively involved with the group as the Principal. The chairpersons of the group at different periods were venerable personalities like poet Shamsur Rahman, painter Kamrul



Kanthoshilon performers presenting Buddhadev Basu's Anamni Angana

Hasan and litterateur Syed Shamsul Haque.

Golam Sarower said, 'The courses are being conducted regularly following academic system.' The four-month orientation course covers 80 students followed by written tests and viva. The evaluations are categorised in three classes like Samman (Honours), Shapholya (Success) and Jahariti (As usual). Among 80 students, the trainers select 20 for the three-month advanced course. Again these students face a viva. Evaluating their perfor-

mance, both theoretical and practical, and by the recommendations of the trainers selected students are accepted as the group members. As the group is committed to promote Bengali culture they use all the terms in Bangla regarding their performance and training.

Besides planning, all the activities of the whole week, the weekly meeting, attended by the members only, also include some extracurricular activities and culture oriented tasks like exchanging notes about recently

read books, poems or novels.

As Kanthoshilon's aim is to promote recitation countrywide, they send teachers and trainers in different groups to zillas around the country. The members are also sent to the suburban areas as directors of different productions by cultural groups. 'We have also planned to spread the practice of recitation in the schools outside Dhaka,' said Sarower.

Kanthoshilon also has a theatre wing that stages plays. The most successful productions by the group are, in recitation: Shishuirtha, Rather Rashmi, Rabi Thakur Kabi Thakur, Taposty O Tarangini and Anamni Angana; and among plays: Putal Khela adapted from Ibsen's A Doll's House, Bhritiya Rajakantanra, Aminna Madinar Golpo and others.

The success of the group is shared by the performers who are promising names in the present cultural arena. Among them, Zahirul Haque Khan, Nasiruddin, Jharna Sarkar, Ahsan Deepu, Enayet Kajol and Nayla Taranum Kakoli are the most noteworthy. The next venture of the group is Ibsen's Master Builder in drama section and Raja O Rani in recitation wing.

Chit-Chat with Suvro Dev

A popular name in our music industry

ELITA KARIM

AT the age of three, Suvro Dev played the tabla on stage. Ten years later, he received the President award for music, in BTV in the Nutun Kuri contests.

Suvro Dev is undoubtedly a popular name in the Bangladeshi music industry. Ever since his first audio release in the year 1984, titled Hamilyn er shei Bashiwala, he has captured the hearts of many in and around the country. To date he has produced and worked in more than 30 albums.

In 1991, Suvro Dev made the first ever music video of his hit number Shesh chity, which was shot in Sweden. His creativity reached greater heights when in 1997 ATN Hindi telecast the Suvro Dev Show, where a number of his music videos were shown.

'I composed and performed at the Mini World Cup theme song Cricket Cricket, which was held in Dhaka. The other theme song, Shoth manush kokhono acid chorena, composed for the acid victims, was shown on BBC Television on July 22, 2000,' said Suvro.

Recently, Dev performed with Runa Laila in an open air concert in Dubai, followed by a well-appreciated concert in the United States on the occasion of the official launching of ATN channel.

Dev is coming out with yet another one of his musical albums titled Lolita, where many of his compositions have been influenced by the ancient Sylheti music dating back to hundreds of years. 'I collected these age-old lyrics from Bidit Lal Das, a renowned singer from Sylhet, and remixed it into fusion music, combining Mexican, Indian and Arabic tunes. The album will be released next Eid,' added Suvro.



Duran Duran reuniting for a new album

AP, New York

Duran Duran, who regrouped last year for a successful tour, are reuniting again--this time, for a new album on a new record label.

Lead singer Simon LeBon told AP that the band has almost finished working on the yet-untitled disc, which will be released in this October on Epic Records. It will mark the first time the original band members--LeBon, John Taylor, Nick Rhodes, Roger Taylor and Andy Taylor--have recorded an album together since 1983's Seven & the Ragged Tiger.

Working together again has been a combined effort. Said LeBon: 'It's very similar to how it worked 20 years ago.'

The British pop quintet was among the biggest rock acts in the world in the early '80s,



with hits including Girls on Film, Rio, Hungry Like the Wolf and The Reflex.

But they started going their own ways with side projects in 1985. Guitarist Andy Taylor and bassist John Taylor formed The Power Station with Robert Palmer; LeBon, key boardist Rhodes

and drummer Roger Taylor recorded an album under the name Arcadia. By the late '80s, Roger Taylor and Andy Taylor had left Duran Duran entirely.

The men reunited and started recording new music in 2001, but only recently got a record deal. They're working with producers Rich Harrison, who has worked with superstars including Usher, Alicia Keys and Beyonce, as well as Don Gilmore, who's produced tracks for multi-platinum acts like Good Charlotte and Linkin Park.

The lead singer says the group is closer than ever--even though they still have their disagreements. 'We're like any people...Sometimes you argue with each other. But the fact is we inspire each other musically,' he says.

Dhaka Drama Festival 2004

Bangladesh Group Theatre Federation

ERSHAD KAMOL

Theatre carnival begins today

Bangladesh Group Theatre Federation (BGTF) has arranged a 37-day long drama festival titled 'Dhaka Natya Utshob-2004', which starts from today at the Experimental Theatre Stage at Shilpakala Academy. The slogan of the festival is 'Enjoy drama on stage, Come to a new stage.'

In the festival, 37 popular theatrical groups of Dhaka will stage one drama each at 7 p.m. at the Experimental Theatre Stage located at the second floor of the new building of the Shilpakala Academy complex. On the first day of the festival Aranyak Natyadal will stage Mayur Shinghashon by Mannan Heera. Shah Alam Dulal directs the play.

Bangladesh Group Theatre Federation (BGTF) arranged a press conference on this occasion at Shilpakala Academy on June 15.

Mamunur Rashid, Keramat Meola, Liakat Ali

Lucky, Saiful Islam Mahmud, Rokeya Rafiq Baby and Nader Chaudhury were present at the press conference.

Liakat Ali Lucky briefed the journalists about the aim of the drama festival.

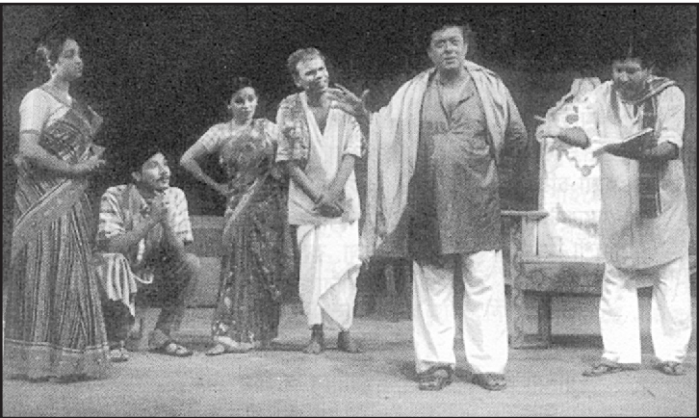
In response to query by journalists, the chairperson of the session Mamunur Rashid said, 'There were a few problems also when the Mahila Samity stage was opened in 1973. It is the duty of everybody, including the press, to make the Experimental Theatre Stage a popular venue for stage-plays. If we can do it properly, we will be able to go one step forward in solving the theatre hall crisis in the country.'

In the press conference, the leaders of BGTF pointed out that all the major theatre groups of Dhaka are taking part in the festival. They also thanked Uro Cola, the sponsor of the festival, for its help in arranging such a grand festival.

Preview

Mayur Shinghashon

A political satire, the play is set against the backdrop of Bangladesh's political scenario of the 1960s. Many patriots sacrificed themselves for the country, but their loyalty has not been acknowledged because of the manipulations of the immoral leaders. Through the tragic life of the protagonist of the play, Mannan Heera narrates the untold stories of our political arena.



Schedules

<b>June 17</b> Play: <i>Mayur Shinghashon</i> Playwright: Mannan Heera Director: Shah Alam Dulal Group: Aranyak Natyadal	Playwright: Indu Saha Director: Sanjib Chakraborty Group: Natyafouj
<b>June 18</b> Play: <i>Ingeet</i> Playwright-Director: S M Solaiman Group: Dhaka Padatik	<b>June 22</b> Play: <i>Shoroshi</i> Playwright: Sarat Chandra Chattopadhyay Director: Mostofa Heera Group: Shanglap Group Theatre
<b>June 19</b> Play: <i>Pejgi</i> Playwright: Apu Aman Director: Kamruzzaman Tupa Group: Shattik Natyasyampradaya	<b>June 23</b> Play: <i>Shadhucharan</i> Playwright: Chandan Sen Director: Ratan Saha Group: Pratidwandi Natyagoshthi
<b>June 20</b> Play: <i>Birsa Munda</i> Playwright: Arup Dev Director: Alak Anwar Group: Dhaka Theatre Mancha	<b>June 24</b> Play: <i>Bhabaghurey</i> Playwright: Shantanu Biswas Director: Tarun Kumar Basu Group: Theatre (Topkhana)
<b>June 21</b> Play: <i>Aranya Jonaranya</i>	
Venue: Experimental Theatre Stage at Shilpakala Academy; Time: 7 pm Tickets are available at Sagar Publishers, Baily Road and at the venue before shows. Prices: Tk. 30, Tk. 50 and Tk. 100.	

Music for a 'noble' cause

Indian 'Baul' singers (L) perform the traditional Bengali songs of Rabindranath Tagore as they entertain passengers on board a train at Bolpur some 200 kms north of Calcutta. These singers earn money by performing the songs of Tagore, as they lament the loss of his Nobel Prize Medal for Literature which was stolen from a museum at the Shantiniketan University Campus earlier in the year



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.  
**CHANNEL-i**  
Breakfast News 7:15 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 9 a.m., 10:00 am, 11:00 am, 1pm, 2:00 pm, 3:00 pm, 4:00pm, 6:00 pm and 8:00 pm.  
**ntv**  
News Headlines (Bangla) at 10:00 am, 12:00 am, 5:00 pm, 6:15 pm, 9:30 pm.  
News (Bangla) 7:30 am, 2:00 pm, 7:30 pm, 10:30 pm.  
Telecast of BTV News (Bangla and English) at 11:30 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

CHANNEL-i

09:45 Tritiyo Matra  
11:00 Agora Shopping Guide  
11:30 RC Travel On  
12:00 Chithi Pelam  
12:30 Aj Dupurey  
01:00 Ebong Cinemar Gaan  
01:30 Sangbadpatrey Bangladesh  
03:00 Pryio Notoke  
04:00 Banglar Gaan  
04:30 Dekhar Gaan Shonar Gaan  
05:00 Sa Re Ga Ma  
05:45 RC Kidly Kids  
06:10 Music Plus  
06:45 Aamar Chhobi  
07:50 Drama Serial: Keboli  
Raat Hoya Jay  
Drama Serial: Sharey Teen Tala  
08:25  
09:35 Drama Serial: Gangchiler Gaan  
10:00 Close Up Hit Wave  
**ATN BANGLA**  
08:15 Aiker Sangbadpotro  
08:30 Drama Serial: Boomerang  
10:30 Annodristee  
11:05 Ek Dui Teen  
11:35 Musical Programme  
12:05 Shomali Shadakalo  
12:40 Tele Film: Shaptahik Chor  
03:45 Uro Cola Saat Rang  
04:20 Sundor Jiboner Janney  
05:10 Shapner Jagot  
05:50 Islamee Sawal O Jawab  
06:20 Annodristee  
08:00 Drama Serial: Tana Poren

08:30 Drama Serial: Bhawal Raja Shonyasi  
09:00 Prekhhaprot  
09:30 Drama Serial: Mohona  
10:35 Musical Programme  
12:20 Bangla Feature Film: Rajar Bhai Badshah  
**ntv**  
08:00 Aajker Shokal  
08:30 Chena Sur  
09:00 Sports World  
09:30 Images of Lights  
10:05 Shapla Kuri  
10:30 Dhakar Cinema  
01:25 TVC  
02:30 Drama Serial: Sporsher Bairey  
Kichhu Katha Kichhu Gaan  
03:05  
03:45 Drama Serial: Shewla Gambhira  
04:25 Smritir Janalaya  
05:20 Shubho Shondhya  
06:20 Horlicks Genius Bangladesh  
08:10 Drama Serial: Ronger Manush  
08:50 Drama: Anya Keu  
11:20 Dindarpan  
12:00 Images of Lights  
**HBO**  
9:30 Cinema Secrets III Ep 2 : Visions of The Future  
10:00 Casper  
12:00 Deliver Us From Eva  
12:15 Strange Frequency 2  
4:00 The Mothman  
8:00 Prophecies  
7:00 Red Dragon  
9:30 Gossip  
11:15 The Glimmer Man

PICK OF THE DAY			
 			
<b>Shaptahik Chor</b> On ATN Bangla at 12:40 pm Tele Film Dilara Zaman, Masud Ali Khan, Mahfuz Ahmed			
<b>The Affair of The Necklace</b> On Star Movies at 7:00 Genre: Drama Hilary Swank, Jonathan Pryce, Simon Baker			
1:00 The Mothman Prophecies	2:30 Kesar	2:30 Mission Everest	3:00 India Diaries
3:00 Kabhi Aaye Na Judai	3:30 Kyunki Saas Bhi Kabhi Bahu Thi	3:30 National Geographic Special	4:30 7 Deadly Arts
4:00 Kahiin To Hoga	4:30 Kaahin Kissi Roz	5:30 Wildlife Detectives	6:00 Sea Stories
5:00 Tedhe Medhe Sapney	6:00 Samnewali Khidki	6:30 Dogs With Jobs	7:00 Toyota World Of Wildlife
6:30 Fox Kids	7:30 Kumkum- Pyara Sa Bandhan	7:00 Bringing Home The Bear II From Russia With Love	8:30 Tba 85
8:00 Shaka Laka Boom Boom	8:30 Kyun Hota Hai Pyarr	9:00 Croc Chronicles	9:30 Mission Everest
9:00 Kasauti Zindagii Kay	9:30 Saara Akaash	10:00 India Diaries	10:30 Miracle In The Pacific
10:30 Kahaani Ghar Ghar Kii	11:00 Kyunki Saas Bhi Kabhi Bahu Thi	11:30 Seven Deadly Arts	
11:30 Kaahin Kissi Roz	12:00		
<b>STAR MOVIES</b>			
10:00 City Of Ghosts	12:00 Big Spender	<b>STAR WORLD</b>	
1:45 New Port South	3:30 First Blood	1:30 Mac Gyver	2:28 Star Asia Travel
5:00 The Affair Of The Necklace	7:00 No Way Out	2:30 Oprah Winfrey	2:30 Bold And Beautiful
8:50 Submarines	10:30 Complicity	4:30 Hollywood Squares	5:00 Whose Line Is It Anyway?
12:00 Micki & Maude		5:30 Miami Vice	6:30 The Simpsons
<b>STAR GOLD</b>			
9:00 Shera	12:30 Naakabandi	7:00 Home Improvement	7:30 Friends
4:30 Zaalim	8:00 Operation Gold	8:00 Just Shoot Me	8:30 American Idol
8:30 Hum	11:00 Kyunki Saas Bhi Kabhi Bahu Thi	10:30 Angel	11:30 Baywatch
<b>STAR PLUS</b>			
2:00 Bhahni		<b>NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC</b>	
		1:30 Crossings Along The Indravati	2:00 Croc Chronicles

STAR SPORTS

2:00 Harsha Unplugged (R)  
2:30 Fim World Individual Speedway Gp Series  
4:30 Scarlett, Pet Derby, Puerto Rican Dogs  
5:30 Boxer  
6:00 Golden Retriever  
7:30 They shoot crocodiles, don't they?  
8:30 The Human Touch  
10:30 Beastly Babes  
11:30 City of the Wild Cats  
12:00 Small Cats : Serval Secrets  
1:00 Wedding Story Gerlinde & Sean  
1:30 Body Challenge Beating Time Treating Time  
2:30 The case studies in forensic science  
3:30 Forsaken Trust  
4:30 Serengeti Today Going West  
5:30 Popular Mechanics for Kids Ice  
6:00 Real Kids Real Adventures Paralyzed  
7:30 Globe Trekker Arctic Canada  
8:30 Junkyard Wars  
9:30 Submarine Racers  
10:30 Survival Mongosoos  
11:30 Wilderness Warriors  
12:30 Wild Tech Seeing  
1:00 The Master of the spirits  
2:00 Sunderbans, The honey or the Tiger  
3:00 Celebrity Doubles Year 2003  
4:00 Beach Hour Bikini Blast : Ms. hit the beach

6:00 Classic Boxing  
Heavyweight Title Fights Of The Early 60's (R)  
7:00 Hitz (R)  
7:30 Uefa Euro 2004 Matchday 5  
8:30 Highlights(R)  
9:00 Sportscenter India (L)  
Nba Anthology 1988 Los Angeles Lakers : Back To Back (R)  
9:30 Uefa Euro 2004 Preshow (L)  
9:55 Uefa Euro 2004 Coimbra Portugal England Vs Switzerland First Round (L)  
12:00 Uefa Euro 2004 Preshow (L)  
**TEN SPORTS**  
11:00 European Tour Weekly  
11:30 ICC Cricket World  
12:00 Gamera TV  
12:30 Gillette World Sport  
1:30 Trans World Sports  
2:30 Golf Highlights:The Diageo Championship at  
3:00 Cricket Classics  
4:30 Trans World Sports  
5:30 The Bottom Line 2: Ep 107  
7:00 Golden Moments of Olympic Games  
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10:30 Royal Ascot Races; Day 3  
11:00 Inside Grand Prix : USA (Indianapolis)  
12:00 The Bottom Line 2: Ep 107

DISCOVERY

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