

RECOMMENDATIONS

Memorial Book Fair

Organiser: Srabon Prokashoni

Venue: Srabon Prokashoni, Aziz Super Market

Time: June 30-July 11

The fair observes 64th birth anniversary of the late author Ahmad Sofa and features his books along with 5 other writers.

Video Screening

Film: An Oasis in the Desert of Wahabism

Filmmaker: Shahriar Kabir

Organiser: South Asian People's Union against Fundamentalism and Communalism (SAPUFC)

Venue: Russian Cultural Centre (House 510, Road 7, Dhanmondi)

Time: July 01 at 04:30 pm

The event also features a discussion session on the condition of Tatarstan as observed by renowned journalist Shahriar Kabir

Painting Exhibition

Solo Painting Exhibition

Artist: Masuma Khan

Venue: Alliance Francaise (26 Mirpur Road, Dhanmondi)

Time: July 02-07, 05pm to 08pm

Classical Music

Artist: Kalpana Bhattacharya

Venue: Bengal Shipalay (275/F, Dhanmondi-27)

Time: June 30 at 07pm

Santal Rebellion

Day 2004

Organiser: Santal Students Union, Bangladesh

Venue: Biswa Shahitya Kendro

Time: July 03 at 02:30 pm

The programme features discussion session and cultural function.

An electrifying musical evening at Tangail

The last of Benson & Hedges nationwide concert series

AFSAR AHMED

It was raining outside; but the Bhashani Auditorium at Tangail was filled up on June 28 with mostly young band music lovers. A concert titled *Live & Acoustic* drew the audience in droves. After the two charged up concerts at Narayanganj and Comilla, it was the last of the ongoing nationwide concert series by Benson & Hedges.

Music fans of Tangail listened to the live compositions from LRB, maqsood O' dHAKA, and M Ariful Islam--the Best Solo Performer of Star Search 2001.

Arif scored first with some rock and mellow rock tunes. As soon as he started his hit number *Ekshoti Raat*, the crowd went wild. Then his band Shomoy performed *Bhalobashi Shudhu Tomay, Chand Jaga, Alo Adhar* and *Phaguner Gaan* and mesmerised the audience.

After his successful first solo album *O Putul Amar Putul*, the young singer has already earned respect from rock fans.

The entire auditorium spang to life as LRB's rock star Ayub Bachchu came on stage. He had the audience enthralled with songs such as *O Amaar Shakhi, Shonibar Jaay Robibar Jaay, Aami Baromash Tomay*



M Ariful Islam, an upcoming talent

Bhalobashi, Koshto, Tin Purush and Shob Bhalo Tui Eka Bashishne. His all-time favourite tune *Shei Tumi* moved many hearts. As usual he ended with the song *Bangladesh* and strummed the tunes of the National Anthem. However, incessant requests from the audience made him sing the four lines of his latest hit *Amito Premey Porini*.

The curtains came down with maqsood O' dHAKA. He gave the extra fuel to the already charged-up audience in his first show in Tangail. Starting with all-time hit *Moushumi*, he performed 13 other songs including the almost 200 year-old song *Eibar Tomar Apon*

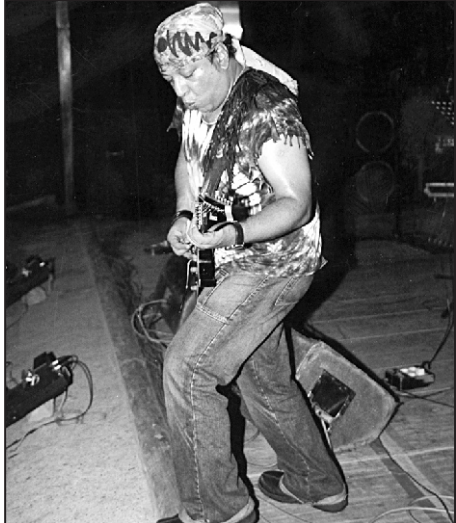


Maqsood rendering one of his hit numbers

Deshey Cholo, his first ever playback *Tomakey Dekhley Ekbar, Parwardigar* from his controversial album *Nishiddho* and other hits like *Money Porey Tomay, Mon Amar Delo Ghor*. He also sang one of Tangail's famous spiritual singer Pagla Jamal's songs, *Roshik Aamar Mon Bandhya*.

However, the audience was not yet satisfied until he sang his greatest hit *Melay Jairey* and once again the atmosphere was electrifying.

The organisers were very strict about the age factor. Only spectators of 18 years and above were allowed inside. Even the son of the



Ayub Bachchu in one of his usual postures while jamming a long session with his band-mates

local DC was denied entrance to the auditorium due to the age factor.

Another feature was the use of electrical instruments by the bands, though the concert was termed unplugged. Singer Maqsood, however, countered, that using full acoustic instruments, especially the keyboard, was highly expensive.

For Jewel, Tanim, Shaikat and all their friends, students in Tangail, it was a rare opportunity to enjoy the compositions from the two great stars in band music in one concert. And it is certain that the memories of this concert will remain for a long time in the hearts of these music lovers. The concert itself was for a noble cause, as the proceeds would go to Sandhani National Eye Donation Society.

Srijan's musical programme



Shaheen Samad (C) along with other artists presenting old Bangla numbers at the show

CULTURAL CORRESPONDENT

A musical programme on Bangla songs of the yesteryears was held at the Biswa Sahitya Kendra auditorium recently. The function was arranged by Srijan, a cultural organisation and sponsored by Pepsi. Srijan has been arranging similar programmes every month for the last two years.

Director of Srijan and assistant teacher of Chayanat Nurul Islam Palash said, 'I started Srijan with inspiration from Dr Sanjida Khatun. 'Srijan's job is to extend patronage to the artistes who practice old Bangla songs.'

Nabiha Hasan, Shumon Majumder, Arjumand Ara, Munir

Chowdhury, Manjuri Zaman Mir, Ruma, Farzana Bobby, and Nasima Shaheen performed their songs at this function. Prominent singer Shaheen Samad was the chief guest of the programme.

Appreciating the endeavour of Srijan, Shaheen said, 'I hope that the upcoming singers will contribute to the promotion of music. I also expect that they will overcome the present day corruption and proudly move ahead.'

'Srijan wishes to further boost their activities. A few more organisations should come forward to patronise such programmes,' said the director Nurul Islam Palash.

Shubachan Nattya Sangsad

The memorial evokes nostalgia about the Liberation War

CULTURAL REPORTER

MARKING the 5th death anniversary of director, actor and theatre organiser, ASM Arzu Rahman, Shubachan Nattya Sangshad arranged a programme on June 27. The venue of the programme was the Buddhjibi Smriti Shoudho (Martyr Intellectuals' Memorial) of Rayer Bazar. The Arzu Memorial Theatre Award to aspiring, young directors, was announced for the first time.

Eminent theatre personalities Aly Zaker, Mamunur Rashid,

Nasiruddin Yousuff, Mannan Hira and Golam Quddus took part in the discussion.

The memorial programme was inaugurated by Aly Zaker and the Arzu Memorial Award was announced by Mamunur Rashid. As part of the programme, three plays were staged by Shubachan Nattya Sangshad. The plays were: *1971-* written by Humayun Ahmed and directed by Kamal Ahsan Bipul; *Nikhoj Nashika-* written by Asadul Islam Asad and directed by Faiz Zahir; *Warish-* written by Mannan Hira and directed by Faiz Zahir. The theme of *1971* and *Warish* was the Liberation War. *Nikhoj Nashika* was a satire about present day society.

Shubachan Nattya Sangshad, established in 1977, plans to organise similar programmes at the same venue in future. 'This programme revives old memories of the war. It reminds us of the war and the great intellectual personalities who were the martyrs of the war. More such functions should be staged here,' says Md Ali Haider, the chief organiser of the programme.

Two new serials on ATN Bangla

KAUSAR ISLAM AYON

ATN Bangla recently premiered two new drama serials at a press conference held at a local hotel recently. The serials named *Golabari Station* and *New Files* are to be aired from this week on the channel.

On the occasion, Mahfuzur Rahman, Chairman ATN Bangla, expressed his gratitude to the press as well as to the viewers for their constant support to the channel.

Saiful Bari, Chief Adviser, ATN Bangla described the initiative to air these two dramas with two different serious aspects of life as a daring

step. 'Our spectators have become habituated to cheap serials of different channels. These two serials will mark a change of taste for them and I think they will receive the works well,' said Bari.

Nowazish Ali Khan, Vice president (Programme) ATN Bangla described their policy of programme selection. 'In his words, ATN Bangla only considers quality programming. It does not matter if the makers are experienced or newcomers.'

Two script writers and directors of these two dramas shared their views and working experience with the newsmen.

After the meeting, the premiere of the two serials took place.

Golabari Station, a serial by Ohiduzzaman Diamond featured the life of a stationmaster. The audience appreciated the standard script and quality making. Inon Shaha's music has added to the serial.

Another serial *New Files*, by Habibul Islam Habib, failed to attract attention because of its poor script. The cast of the drama, lacked promise.

ATN Bangla has scheduled the airing of *Golabari Station* at 8.00 pm every Saturday and *New Files* at 9.30 pm every Wednesday.



Dhaka Drama Festival 2004

Bangladesh Group Theatre Federation
(June 17-July 23)

REVIEW

Tahader Katha

A grim reality for freedom fighters

ADAPTED from Komal Majumdar's short story, playwright Rezanur Rahman's drama *Tahader Katha* was staged by Dhaka Sarak on June 28. The play focuses on the miserable plight of freedom fighters who had golden dreams for the future during the Liberation War. However, according to the play, the reality is grim.

The play starts with the story of a convict, the protagonist of the play, who has just been released from jail. He had been interred in prison for murdering a Pakistani collaborator after the Liberation. To suit their dubious political interests, his comrades of the freedom fight of 1971, have become the friends of the Pakistani collaborators and try to use the true patriot for their own ends. The society, his friends and even his son consider him insane and tell him to compromise with reality in the interest of his family. However, he refuses everything and ultimately fails to save his daughter from the evil elements of the society.

The use of two comic characters-a magician and his sycophant-as the relief in the tragic play is successfully handled by the



A scene from the play *Tahader Katha*

playwright.

Farhad Zaman Palash's direction, however, needs to be improved. Without using the obscene scenes, the director could have shown the protagonist's antipathy to reality.

Saifur Rahman Raju's set design

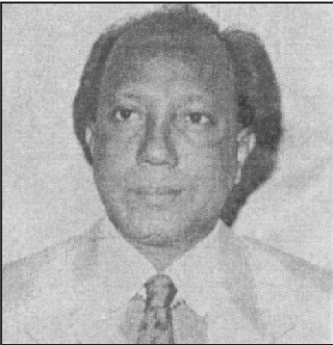
did not adequately represent the theme of the play. The light design of the play was simple.

Saifur Rahman Raju, as the protagonist of the play, did justice to his character. However, the other performers needed to hone their histrionic ability.

'The theatre of Bangladesh will develop rapidly' --SM Mohsin

SM Mohsin, the Director of Drama and Film Department of Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy is very pleased at the progress of the Dhaka Drama Festival-2004. He is particularly complimentary about the Experimental Theatre Stage at Shilpakala Academy as the venue for the festival.

Mohsin said, 'The Experimental Theatre Stage is an ideal venue for any type of festival, whether it is the staging of drama, music or dance. We support the cultural organisations by giving them subsidies to organise festivals. In fact, our only ambition is to display quality plays at Shilpakala.



'Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy, more specifically the Drama and Film Department, is

trying to boost theatre in Bangladesh by arranging several workshops and providing other technical support like sound and light. We will establish an archive, a rich library and other possible inputs for the development of drama. In future, I expect that a National Repertory Company will be formed here,' he added.

In conclusion, he said, 'After the festival, I expect that the audience will acknowledge the Experimental Theatre Stage as the best theatre venue. And the theatre of Bangladesh will develop rapidly.'

ERSHAD KAMOL

Schedules (June 30-July 05)

June 30 Play: <i>Bou Basanti</i> Playwright: Ratan Siddiqui Director: Azad Abul Kalam Group: Udichi	July 03 Play: <i>Court Martial</i> Playwright and Director: SM Solaiman Group: Theatre Art Natyadal
July 01 Play: <i>Kanjush</i> (Moliere) Adapted by Tariq Anam Khan Director: Liakat Ali Lucky Group: Loko Natya Dal	July 04 Play: <i>Babar Biye</i> Playwright: Munir Hossain Director: Mahbubur Rahman Group: Padadhwani Theatre
July 02 Play: <i>Shat Ghater Kanakari</i> Playwright	July 05 Play: <i>Buddhu</i> Playwright: Abdul Halim Aziz Director: Jahangir Kabir Bakul
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. Schedules, provided by BGTF, are subject to change without any prior notice.	

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) at 11:30 pm.
CHANNEL-1
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.
NARA 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

BTV
07:30 Bangladesh Hridoy Hotey
09:00 Satellite Programme
12:15 Shongbad Potrer Pata Thekey
01:05 Selected programmes
02:05 Computer Programme
02:30 Folk musical programme: Hijoitomai
03:05 Shukhi Paribar
03:35 Tagore songs: Geetobitan
04:05 Open University
04:30 Selected Programme
05:05 Maati o Manush
07:05 Talk show
07:30 Film: Mortal Combat
08:30 Conquest
08:30 Drama: Adho aalo aadho chayay
09:00 Drama: Dour
09:30 Drama: Beyaeen Shaheba Chondrolak
10:35
CHANNEL-i
09:45 Trityo Matra
10:45 Sports Time
11:30 Chhithi Pelam
12:00 Euro Round Up '04
12:30 Aaj Dupurey
13:00 Ebon Cinema Gaan
13:30 Sangbadpatrey Bangladesh and Public Relation
02:00 Bangla Film: Bishaal Akromon (Champa / Moho)
04:00 Banglar Gaan
05:00 Sa Re Ga Ma
05:45 Special Programme
06:10 Music Plus
06:45 Gillette World Sports
07:55 RC Travel On
08:25 Drama Serial: Kichhu Megh Kichhu Roddur
09:35 Drama: Din Chole Jaay

10:00 Drama Serial: Shunai Bibi
ATN BANGLA
10:30 Talk Show: Annodrishtee
11:15 Drama Serial: Toboo
Bhalobashi Tomakey
11:50 Neshe Kanna
12:30 Bangla Film: Bhagga Chakra
03:45 Uro Cola Saat Rang
04:20 Shapla Shalik
05:10 Motamot
05:45 Islami Sawaal o Jawab
06:20 Annodrishtee
08:00 Gondhorajaj Samsung
Cine Aaha
08:30 Drama Serial: Jog biyoger khela
09:00 Khuaab
09:30 Drama Serial: Jog biyoger khela
10:30 Face to Face live
12:20 Bangla Film: Protirod

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08:00 Aajker Shakal
08:30 Kobitalaap
09:00 Shanglep
09:30 Images of Lights
10:02 Zoo Adventure
10:30 Aarshinagar
11:00 Transworld Sports
12:02 Circus Lights
02:35 Sporsher baire
03:05 Tribute to the late Poet Michael Modhusudon Dutta: Moho
03:45 Drama Serial: Shyaola Fardi
04:25 Apnar Jigyasha
05:20 Shubho Shondhya
06:55 Sports World
08:15 Siddika Kabir's Recipe
08:50 Kichu Katha Kichu Gaan
09:40 Drama Serial: Shaeola

PICK OF THE DAY	
Din Chole Jaay On Channel-i at 09:35 pm Drama Azizul Hakim, Srabanti, Banya Mirza, Dipa Khandokar	Red Dragon On HBO at 12:00 am Genre: Crime/Thriller/Drama/Horror Anthony Hopkins, Edward Norton, Ralph Fiennes
11:25 Dindarpan	7:00 Predator 2
HBO	8:45 Like Mike
8:30 Safe Men	12:30 Law & Order: Sv
10:15 Lone Star State of Mind	1:30 Britannia India's Child Genius
12:00 Message in a Bottle	2:30 Oprah Winfrey
2:45 Save The Last Dance	3:30 Bold And Beautiful
7:15 The Grinch	4:30 Hollywood Squares
9:30 Witchblade	5:00 Whose Line Is It Anyway?
11:30 Cinema Secrets III : Visions of The Future	5:30 Miami Vice
12:00 Red Dragon	6:30 The Simpsons
2:30 Safe Men	7:00 Home Improvement
STAR MOVIES	7:30 Friends
8:45 The Rookie	8:00 Just Shoot Me
11:00 It's A Very Merry Muppet Christmas Movie	9:30 Charmed
12:30 My Big Fat Greek Wedding	10:30 The Practice
2:15 Boiling Point	10:30 N.Y.P.D. Blue
3:45 The Ticket	11:30 Baywatch
4:15 Scarface	STAR PLUS
	1:00 Kasauti Zindagii Kay
	1:30 Kumkum-Pyara Sa Bandhan
	2:30 Bhabhi
	3:00 Kesar
	3:30 Kabhi Aaye Na Judai
	4:00 Kyunki Saas Bhi Kabhi Bahu Thi
	4:30 Kahiin To Hoga Kaahin Kissi Roz
	5:00 Tedhe Medhe Sapney
	6:00 Life Nahin Hai Ladoo
	6:30 Fox Kids
	7:30 Kumkum- Pyara Sa Bandhan
	8:00 Shaka Laka Boom Boom
	8:30 Sonpari
	9:00 Kasauti Zindagii Kay
	9:30 Sanjvani - A Medic
	10:30 Kahaani Ghar Ghar Kii
	11:00 Kyunki Saas Bhi Kabhi Bahu Thi
	11:30 Kahiin To Hoga Kaahin Kissi Roz
	STAR GOLD
	9:00 Betaabi
	12:30 Ek Tha Raja Pratigya
	4:30 Maya
	8:00 Bawandar - The Movie
	NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC
	12:00 Toyota World of Wildlife
	12:30 Baboon's Tale
	1:30 Cheating Death
	2:30 Death Zone
	3:30 Yenisey Expedition
	4:30 On Assignment
	5:30 Wildlife Detectives
	6:00 Sea Stories
	6:30 Dogs With Jobs S3
	7:00 Toyota World Of Wildlife
	7:30 Dragons Of The Namib
	8:30 Cheating Death
	9:30 Return To The Alps
	10:30 Salamander's Secret
	11:30 Chinese Foot Binding - The Vanishing Lotus

DISCOVERY CHANNEL
12:30 Amazing Baby Videos
1:30 Celebrity Slimming Year 2002
2:00 Diet Busters
2:30 Detective Stories
3:30 Specials Boston Strangers?
3:30 Wild Discovery Wolves of the Sea : Great Whites
4:30 Operation Junkyard Catapult
5:00 Popular Mechanics For Kids Behind The Scenes at Big Events
5:30 Trailblazers Bering Strait
6:30 Extreme Machines
7:30 Speed Freaks
8:00 Battle of the Sexes
8:30 Family Affairs
8:30 Battle of the Sexes The Riddle of Sex
8:30 The Fastest, Tallest, Biggest Superstructures
9:30 Cars Extreme Machines
10:30 Supercars
11:00 Casino Diaries Cat and Mouse
11:00 For Women only
11:30 Berman & Berman Sex and Stress
11:30 Future Perfect Time Travel
ANIMAL PLANET
12:30 Animal Planet Reveals
1:30 Elephant Rescue
2:30 In the Wild Wolves (Timothy Dalton)
3:30 Babies of the African Plains
4:00 Pet Nation Holly's Triple Bypass
4:30 Pet Nation Saving Missy
5:00 Pet Nation Japanese Chin
6:00 Pet Nation Belgian

6:30 Sheepdog	6:30 Pet Nation	6:30 Wildlife Specials	6:30 Crocodile	6:30 Kandula An Elephant Story	6:30 Elephant Rescue	6:30 Babies of the Tropical Forest	6:30 Wildlife Specials	6:30 Crocodile
STAR SPORTS								
10:00 Wimbledon Lawn Tennis Championships London	10:00 Uk Ladies Singles	10:00 Quarter Finals(R)	10:00 Sanzar Home Tests	10:00 Rugby Union	10:00 Internationals 2004	10:00 Hamilton New Zealand	10:00 Argentina Vs	10:00 Wimbledon Lawn Tennis Championships London
11:00 Uk Men's Singles	11:00 Quarter Finals(L)	11:00 Sportsline (L)	11:00 ESPN School Quiz 2004	11:00 National Finals #2(R)	11:00 Champions Tour Golf	11:00 Bayer Advantage	11:00 Celebrity Pro-Am	11:00 Kansas City Mo Usa
12:00 ESPN								
8:00 The Natwest Series	8:00 Durham England	8:00 England Vs New Zealand	8:00 4th Odi	8:00 Highlight (S)	8:00 McDonald's Lpga	8:00 Wimbledon Final	8:00 Round(T)	8:00 ESPN School Quiz 2004
9:00 National Spelling Bee	9:00 2004 Scripps National Spelling Bee							

5:30 Washington Dc Usa	5:30 Final Rounds(R)	5:30 Espn School Quiz 2004	5:30 National Finals #3(T)	5:30 Classic Boxing Great Fights Of The Mid-60's (R)	5:30 Hitz (T)	5:30 Classic's Billiards	5:30 Atlantic City Nj Usa	5:30 Luther Lassiter Vs U.J. Puckett (R)	5:30 Sportscenter India (L)	5:30 Football Focus Extra (T)	5:30 Samsung Cricket Show (R)	5:30 Swimsuit 2001 Dallas	5:30 Cowboy Cheerleaders	5:30 Calendar (R)	5:30 Espn School Quiz 2004	5:30 National Finals #3(R)	5:30 Sportscenter India (R)	5:30 Uefa Euro 2004	5:30 Preshow (L)	5:3
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