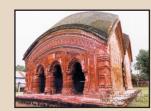
CULTURAL FEAST

Exhibition



Bangladesher Shoto Mandir (One Hundred Temple)

Photographer: Babu Ahmed Venue: Bengal Shilpalaya, 275/F, Road 27, Dhanmondi Time: August 01-10, 12pm-08pm

Arts and Crafts from Switzerland

Organiser: Embassy of Switzerland in Bangladesh Venue: Bangladesh National Museum, Shahbaqh Time: July 30-August 10, from 10 am to 5 pm

Abhijit 6th Solo Exhibition

Venue: Alliance Francaise, 26, Mirpur Road, Dhanmondi Time: July 30- August 15, From 9 am-4 pm, 5 pm-8 pm

Books and Albums Exhibition

Title: Day of National Flag of the Russian Federation Venue: Library of the Russian Cultural Centre Time: August 01-22

Solo Exhibition Artiste: Babul ahmed

Venue: Exhibition Hall of the Russian Cultural Centre Time: August 02-08

Russian Film Session

Organisers: Zahir Raihan Film Society & Russian Cultural Centre Venue: Russian Cultural Centre, Road 7. Dhanmondi Time: August 01-03 Schedule:

August 01 04:00 pm Russian Riot 06:00 pm Tchaikovsky

August 02 04:00 pm Gate of Pakrov 06:00 pm Urgathe Territory of Love

August 03

04:00 pm Russian Ark 06:00 pm The House of Fools

Album Release & **Musical Programme**

Album: Mon Amar Deho Ghori Artiste: Arif Rahman Organiser: Kranti Venue: National Museum Audito-

Time: August 02 at 06pm Renowned folk singer Rathindranath Roy will launch the album. Proceedings from the programme will be donated for

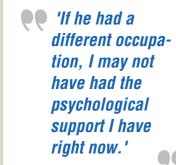
the flood victims

Tropa and Apon: dedicated Ritu Abhijan- a dance drama by Nrityadhara to arts

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HEIR nameplate on the door says 'TropApon' with a special font in blue. The occupants of the house are Tropa Majumdar and Apon Ahsan. Tropa Majumdar, the only daughter of the acclaimed celebrity couple Ferdousy and Ramendu Majumdar, has dedicated herself to theatre. Apon Ahsan also has close links with the cultural world.

Tropa Majumdar is familiar with the theatre because both her parents are performing artistes. She recalls $drifting\,off\,to\,sleep\,with\,the\,dialogue\,of$ her mother's plays in the background. 'I was an instinctive actress. Though my parents wanted me to become a singer, I was more inclined towards acting,' she reminisces. Her mother advised her to choose her area of interest only after her HSC. The reasoning was that Tropa would make



a better career choice when

Her debut as a TV actress was in the serial Pathor Shomov, where she played the younger version of her mother Ferdousi. Her father also encouraged her to join the advertising field. Since she had attained outstanding results in her Master's,

Rituparno to

remake Silsila?

Is Rituparno Ghosh planning to remake Yash

Chopra's Silsila? Reports have it that

Rituparno has approached Amitabh Bachchan

to play the lead in the film. Abhishek and Java

have also been approached. But the

Bachchans haven't confirmed anything as yet.

Buzz also has it that the script is close to what

Amitabh Bachchan shared with Rekha when

he was at his peak as an actor. Ritu currently is

involved in two films-a Bengali film starring

Abhishek Bachchan and Soha Ali Khan and a

Hindi film starring Amitabh Bachchan and



A talented duo

she was invited to join the university. Although it was a very prestigious job, she was unable to continue in this line because she could not spare enough time from her various other activities.

Apon and Tropa met in the course of their profession when they worked in the ad firm Expressions. The couple was thus thrown together frequently.

Although Apon now works in client servicing and Tropa is more involved in the creative line, they are slow to praise each other's work. But, as they recognise, there are advantages in working together. As Tropa observes 'If he had a different occupation, I may not have had the psychological support I have right now

But the problem arises when they have disagreements over professional issues. Tropa says smilingly, 'He won't say a positive word even if the whole

Nicolas Cage ties

The Oscar-winning actor Nicolas Cage was in the

news recently. The Leaving Las Vegas star wed 20-

year-old Alice Kim on Friday at a private

It is the third wedding for Cage, 40, who split

with his previous wife Lisa Marie Preslev after less

than four months in 2002. Before that, he was

married for six years to actress Patricia Arquette.

Kim, a former sushi waitress, met Cage when

the actor visited the Los Angeles restaurant where

she worked. This is her first marriage.

ceremony on a ranch in Northern California.

the knot for the

third time

audience of 300 people praises my performance.' Apon expresses a similar opinion. 'I also feel that she does not like my performance or presentation. What I feel is if she gets the appreciation from 300 people why

would she need mine?

Though Tropa is a very devoted theatre and television actress, she is rarely seen on TV. As she says, 'The TV professionals are reluctant to cast me in their dramas because it is wrongly believed that I don't give enough time to this medium.' Tropa gives a contrary view. She points out that she is currently doing a mega serial which is telecast thrice a week. She questions that if she has the time to act in a mega serial, then why not in a single drama or other serials? Despite these hurdles she is deeply involved with stage shows. Recently her group staged a

mythical drama Madhobi, directed by her father

Talking about the advertising world. Tropa thinks that there has been considerable development in this media. However, she feels that there is a vast gap between indigenous and world advertising. 'This media needs professionalism, which has not been developed yet in the country.' She lays the blame for this phenomenon at the doorstep of the clients. As she says: 'The clients create huge problem by imposing their opinion on the ad agencies. We are extremely client-guided. This explains why the advertising industry cannot develop as a medium.

Looking into the future, Apon says: 'Another five to six years is needed for people to understand the role of advertising. The clients need

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to be more sensitive to the target audience. Only then, will the total scenario change.

Apon also appreciates that the magazines and newspapers are giving space to the ad industry. The industry can be promoted, he says, with new ads and a dedicated space in the

CULTURAL CORRESPONDENT

N enthusiastic audience turned out to see the dance drama Ritu Abhijan (A journey through seasons) last Thursday at the Experimental Theatre Hall of Shilpakala Academy. The performers were from Nrityadhara, a cultural organisation.

The play, written by Saimon Zakaria, is the first of its kind presented by Nrityadhara. It was directed by a

group of dancers such as Minu Haque, Tamanna Rahman, Dipa Khandaker, Munmun Ahmed, Kabirul Islam Ratan and Anisul Islam Hiru

Performed to a packed hall room, the stage-show wowed the audience with its brilliant depiction of the beauty of the six seasons of the

'We tried to symbolise the spirit of the seasons. Our performers chose different mudras according to the different moods of the seasons,' said



Dipa Khandaker in a graceful solo

Minu Haque, convenor of Nrityadhara She said the production was a regular feature in their cultural calendar. The show was arranged in that particular hall to attract the audience --a phenomenon that began

They performed in two shows marking the World Dance Day and Rabindra-Nazrul birth anniversaries at Mahila Samity Mancha in Baily Road

with the National Drama Festival.

Along with the students, the teachers and directors of Nrityadhara dance organisation performed in the

'We look forward to arranging such professional shows every month,' Minu Haque told The Daily Star.

CLASSICS

The era of the musicals

Still appealing after all these years

The performers in a dance drama which depicts the six seasons

For all those people in their 40s and over, musical films such as The King and I, My Fair Lady, South Pacific and Gigi still have an evergreen quality. Who can forget Eliza Doolittle's struggles with refinement; the grace of Gigi as she enters womanhood, or the overbearing king of Siam's stormy relationship with Anna, an English teacher? The bonus for music lovers everywhere is the long play records, embellished with striking visuals and rich text. And if you are lucky enough to own these records, an opportune reminder: hold on to them.

My Fair Lady: The perennial favourite stars Audrey Hepburn as Eliza and Rex Harrison as Professor Higgins who wagers with his friend and fellow linguist (played by Wilfrid Hyde White) that he will transform the cockney flower seller Eliza into a lady who can pass for a duchess. The films, which won the Best Picture award in 1964,

depicts the ups and downs of the relationship of the professor and Eliza. From the seedy backstreets of London to the elegant environs of cultured society, the film traces Eliza's journey of self-discovery. The King and I: Yul Brynner and Deborah Kerr are in the

lead roles of this film. As the autocratic King of Siam (now Thailand) Brynner gives a powerful performance. He is cast opposite Deborah Kerr in the role of Anna, the English teacher who comes to educate the king's numerous Along the way, the pair discover an affinity. Despite a

clash of wills on several issues. Anna soon discovers that Mongkut, the king, is a true man of vision who seeks to lead Siam to its place among the nations of the world. Likewise the king acknowledges Anna as a confidante to him and his people.

The musical hits from this film are: Getting to know you, Shall we dance and I have dreamed, among others.

A new version of *The King and I*, is the controversial film Anna and the King. The film, starring Jodie Foster and Chow Yun-Fat, evoked criticism for romanticising the South Pacific: Set on an American Navy base located on

a tropical island in the South Pacific, the stage and film versions were originally launched in 1949 and 1958



Yul Brynner and Deborah Kerr: Former foes turn friends

respectively. The story is based on the Pulizer Prize winning book Tales of the South Pacific by James Michener. South Pacific's musical scores remain in the memory. Take songs such as Some enchanted evening, Younger than springtime and There is nothing like a dame. The composers are Richard Rodgers and Oscar Hammerstein who have teamed up for other musical ventures.

Re-released in a budget range, this unparalleled classic has the ingredients of a good musical: intrigue, comedy passion and well-remembered songs.

Gigi: This film won the award for the Best Motion Picture in 1958. The Lerner and Loewe musical stars well known names such as Leslie Caron, Maurice Chevalier and Louis Jourdan. The story revolves around the central figure of Gigi (played by Caron) and her coming of age as a woman. Interspersed with her relationship with Gaston (Jourdan) are catchy songs such as It's a bore and Thank heaven for little girls.

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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.

News (Bangla) at 7:15 am. 9:00am. 7:15 pm, 9:00pm, 10:30, 12:15 am, Telecast of BTV news (Bangla and English) at 11:30 pm.

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ATN BANGLA News (Bangla) at 7:00 am.10:00am. 2:00 pm. 7:00 pm. 10:00 pm, 11:00

Telecast of BTV News (Bangla and English) at 11:30 pm. Latest News (Bangla) at 9:00 a.m,10:00 am, 11:00 am.1:00pm.3:00 pm. 4:00pm.6:00 pm and 8:00 pm.

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BBC WORLD

Every hour on the hour

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Music Plus 06:10 06:45 Flop Show 07:50 Shangeeta Drama serial: Sharey teen tala 09:35 Drama Serial: Upohar 10:00 Drama Serial: Jekhane shimanto

08:00 Aajker Shakal 08:30 Chena Sur Shanshkritir Ei 09:00 Shoptaho 09:30 Museum Around The World 10:02 Alankar 10:30 Gallery Andhakarer Phul 11:00 11:30

Rupali Jhalak Millennium 12:02 Drama Serial: Ronge 02:35 Manush 03:05 Rodrochayyai Lukochuri 04:25 Metey Uthi Ullashey 05:20 Apnar Jigyasha 06:20 Shubho Shondhya Khabor Deshey

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The Adventure of

10:30 Documentary: Adibashe Janopod 12:20 Bangla Feature Film: Baba Keno Ashami **STAR MOVIES**

Sindbad

Mohona

8:30 10:15 The Big Hit Stone Cold 1:15 102 Dalmatians 3:00 Trapped In Paradise 5:00 Unfaithful 7:00 Daredevil 8:55 The Pianist 11:20 The Big Hit 12:50 Dust Devil

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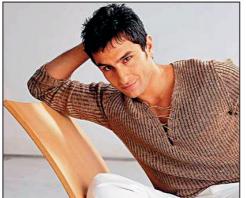
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Chalti Ka Naam

Vivek's loss

Saif gains with



After Hum Tum was declared a hit. Saif is on cloud nine which spans more than a decade. But very few are aware of the fact that Vivek Oberoi was the first choice to play the role of Karan Kapoor. Due to differences between director Kunal Kohli and Vivek Oberoi, the role went to

Someone's loss is always someone else's gain. Earlier, Shahid Kapoor was replaced by Aftab Shivdasani in Masti and Hrithik Roshan by Zayed Khan in Main Hoon Na. With these great replacement choices, all these films have done exceptionally well at the box-office this year.

PICK OF THE DAY

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Billboard Us

Beautiful

Slayer

Enterprise

Charmed

Travel Asia

The Bachelor

The Practice

The Bold & The

Buffy The Vampire

Journeys In Asian

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Fox Kids - Sunday

Film Topper - 301

Vikraal Aur Gabraal

Tera Jadoo Chal Gaya

Daredevil

Baywatch Hawaii

Garewal

Genius

Cover Story

The X Files

STAR SPORTS

Stark Raving Mad

The Kumars At No. 42

Rendezvous With Simi

Britannia India's Child

Top Drive Getaway

Stark Raving Mad

West Indies Tour Of

3, Highlights(S)

Asian Cup 2004

England 2nd Test, Day

Chongqing, China 1st

Group D Vs 2nd Group

Asian Cup 2004 Jinan,

China 1st Group B Vs

2nd Group D (S)

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On Star Movies at 7:00 pm Genre: Action/Thriller/Crime/Fantasy Cast: Ben Affleck, Jennifer Garner,

Fate deals young orphan Matt Murdock a strange hand when he is doused with hazardous waste. The accident leaves Matt blind but also gives him a heightened "radar sense" that allows him to "see" far better than any man. Years later Murdock has grown into a man and becomes a respected criminal attorney.

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2nd Session(L) Lanka 13th Odi, Final, Review(L) Sportsline (L) Formula One Highlights Hockenheim, Germany

World Of Rugby (T) Voice Aapki, Choice Aapki Colombo, Sri Lanka 13th Odi. Final. Preview(L) Indianoil Asia Cup 2004 (Hindi) Colombo, Sri Lanka 13th Odi, Final, 1st Session(L)

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Mobil 1 German Grand Prix(T) **ESPN**

11:00 Samsung Cricket Show 11:30 Cricket Gold (T) Taking Guard Colombo, Sri Lanka 13th Odi, Final, Preview(L) Indianoil Asia Cup 2004 Colombo, Sri Lanka 13th Odi, Final, 1st Session(L)

13th Odi, Final, Lunchtime Show(L) Indianoil Asia Cup 2004 Colombo, Sri Lanka 13th Odi, Final, 2nd Session(L) Follow Through

The Shaz & Waz Show

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13th Odi. Final. Review(L) Sportscenter India (L) Cheerleading Uca College Cheerleading & Dance Division 1-A, Hip

DISCOVERY Discover India: The

3:30

Great Moghuls Jahangir Endurance: Plant the 11:00 Operation Junkyard: Baseball Pitcher 11:30 Zach's Ultimate Guide: Big Cats Popular Mechanics for

Kids Sci Fi Amazing Baby Videos 1:30 Discovery Sunday: Planet Storm--Part One Discovery Sunday: Planet Storm

History Weekend: The

Conquistadors of the

Incas 4:30 History Weekend: Lasseter's Dream History Weekends: Gladiator Games: The Roman Bloodsport History Weekends: The Real King and Queen of

England Wings: When Pilots Eiect 8:30 Discovery Sunday: How to Build a Human Creation Night Safari: African

Wild Dogs 11:30 **Understanding Asteroids** NATIONAL

GEOGRAPHIC 10:00 People Out There 10:30 Wildlife Detectives 11:00 Havden Turner's Wildlife Chall

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Tomorrow's World 6:00 6:30 Storm Stories Storm Stories 7:30 Sea Hunters, The Wildlife Diary 8:30 9:00 India Diaries 9:30 Air Crash Investigation

10:30 Return To Titanic 11:30 **Built For Destruction ANIMAL PLANET** On the Edge: The

Snake Buste

On the edge: The Snake Buster The Zoo Wild Island: The Big Wet Aussie Animal Rescue Eagle Emergency The Crocodile Hunter Diaries: Kelly's Big Day The Natural World: Cheetahs and Cubs in the land of... The Natural World: The The Life of Birds:

Fishing for a Living Animal Planet Showcase: The Cat Whisperer On the Edge: Crocodile **Hunter Diaries South** Pacific Croc Rescue 4:30 On the Edge: The Snake Buster On the Edge: The **Snake Buster**

5:00 5:30 In the Wild: In the Wild Orangutans 6:30 The Zoo 7:00 Wild Island: The Big Wet 7:30 Aussie Animal Rescue Eagle Emergency 8:00 Crocodile Hunter Diaries: Kelly's Big Day

The Natural World: Midway -- Island of Life The Natural World: Midway Island of Life Animal Planet Showcase: Wildlife Specials Gorilla

11:30 Secret World of Gardens Secret World of Gardens: Life on a Rose