

CULTURAL FEAST

Music night

Title: Amar Golpo Shune
Artist: Tapan Chowdhury
Venue: All Community Club Hall, Road-35, House-40, Gulshan-2
Organiser: Orchestra
Time: August 13, at 7:00 pm

Exhibition

Contemporary Group Art Exhibition
Venue: Exhibition Hall of Russian Cultural Centre, House 510, Road 7, Dhanmondi R/A
Time: August 12-21

Print-Making Exhibition

Artist: Tomoko Ogoshi
Venue: Zainul Gallery, Charukala Institute
Time: August 10-14, from 02pm to 08pm

Fund Raiser

Title: Mohaplabin
Organiser: Wishish
Venue: Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy
Time: August 13 at 07pm
Artists: Rathindranath Roy, Subir Nandi, Shahin Samad, Lily Islam, Kumar Biswajit, Tapan Chowdhury, Fakir Alamgir, Robi Chowdhury, Prometheus, Kabirul Islam Ratan, Shimul Yusuf

Play

Title: Madhobi
Group: Theatre
Cast: Ferdousi Majumdar, Tropa Majumdar, Apon Ahsan, Maruf Kabir, Samar Dev, Jaglul Alam, Paresh Acharjee, Shekanul Islam Shahi and Ramendu Majumdar.
Venue: Experimental Theatre, Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy
Time: August 14, at 7:00 pm

Charity concert cancelled

The concert in aid of flood victims, organised by Echos Production, scheduled to be held today at the Gulshan Youth Club has been cancelled, says a press release. The tickets can be returned to the counters of purchase.

Kanthashilon stages Ibsen's The Master Builder as Karigor

HARUN UR RASHID

THE two inaugural shows of Kanthashilon's theatrical production Karigor did not exactly proclaim vini vidi vici, leaving scopes for improvement. In fact, the director of the play Khaled Khan improvised some changes in the second show to stage effectiveness.

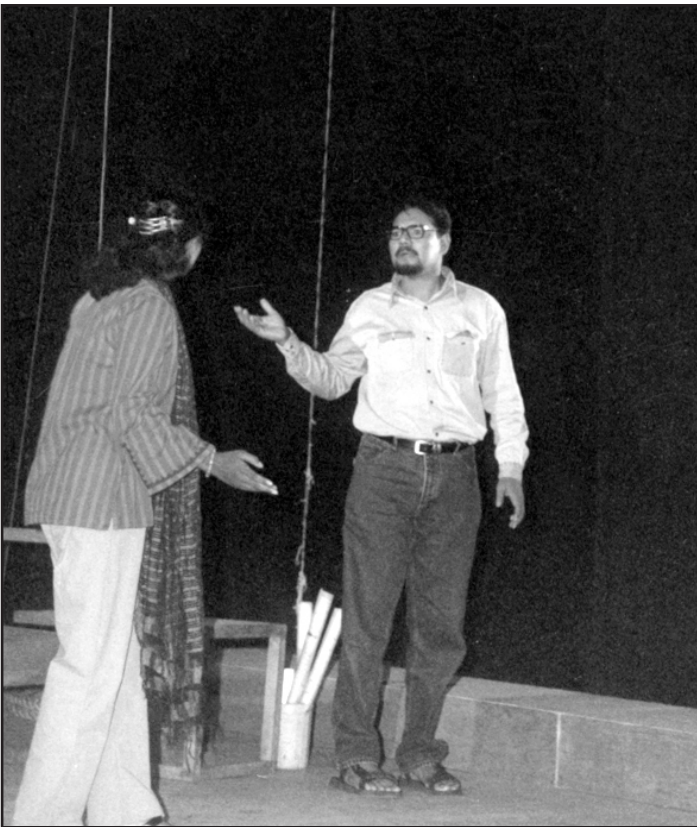
A translation-adaptation of Norwegian playwright Henrik Ibsen's The Master Builder by Abdul Haque, the play shows the inner crisis and helplessness of a genius engineer--the 'Master Builder'.

Engineer Rajat has come to his present unparalleled position by oppressing and deceiving other professionals of his time. In this sinful enterprise, however, he cannot retain his supremacy entirely: he develops a tremendous fear of height as well as of the upcoming talents.

Rajat's conjugal life with a mentally depressed wife, Shanta, also detracts Rajat towards extramarital affairs with his employee Kaya. This leads to further complications in the Rajat-Shanta relationships.

At such a moment of utter despair emerges Hilda with her romantic memory of a heroic Rajat. She claims that Rajat kissed and promised her a dream palace ten years ago.

Hilda's sudden appearance brings huge excitement in Rajat's life. Her continuous recollection of Rajat's old heroic image rejuvenates the romantic hero in him. He forgets his fear of height and dares to climb the scaffold up to



A sequence from the play

the top of his new house to put a garland on its spire.

The romanticism of attaining such height, however, proves much beyond Rajat's ability. The illusion ultimately causes his tragedy as he falls from the scaffold and dies.

The strong-script of the play, however, went loose at the very outset due to poor acting of

Hasibullah and Subidita Chanda in the roles of Robin and Kaya. Both the performers lacked the required stage-freeness and maturity.

The acting of David, played by Zahirul Haque Khan, was unmistakably influenced by the style of the director of the play Khaled Khan. Zahir's expressions, delivery of dialogue and gestures all

reminded of the acting of the veteran actor of our theatre.

In the role of the 'Master Builder' Rajat, Golam Sarwar was good except that sometimes his whispering dialogues could not reach beyond the first few rows of the audience.

The most appreciable performance in the shows was that of Joyita Mohalannobish in the role of Hilda. Her lively and natural acting surely promises the young girl a bright future on stage.

Regarding editing Khaled Khan has proved his mastery by keeping all the six characters of the original play and cutting incidents yet retaining the pace of the play. Moreover, the closing scene was redesigned in the second show, which made it more effective. The scene depicts Rajat's final ascent to the top of his house. When he climbs up the scaffold, a symbolic representation of the scaffold on the stage gave more impetus to the tragic sense of Rajat's fall that causes his death. Especially, the total 'black-out' on the stage for a few seconds effectively corresponds to the screaming and wailing of Shanta, Hilda, the Doctor and Robin who were watching Rajat's ascent. Nasirul Haque Khokon's simple light design achieved brilliance by his using of cyclorama on the background to depict the spire of the house.

Enamul Karim Nirjhor has designed a simple set very effectively with wooden structures used in turn as sofa, secretariat table and even railings.

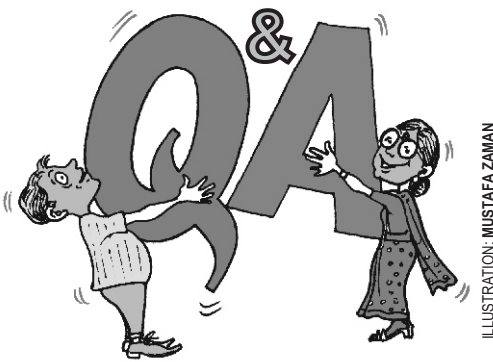


ILLUSTRATION: MUSTAFA ZAMAN

Our Cultural Correspondent recently caught up with Riya. She is a woman of many talents such as dancing, modelling and acting. She has been in the media for quite sometime. Some excerpts from the interview:

Any recollections of your first public performance?

I was about eight or nine when I won the first prize in my debut performance. It was a regular programme organised by Khelaghar, where I danced with the Bangla new year song Esho Hey Baishakh.

What would you be if not a dancer or a model? Can't think of any. Dance is my life and my whole world centres around this. I have cherished the dream of being a dancer from my very childhood.

Ever imagined waking up one morning and finding out that nobody knew you?

That would be the last day of my life. I just cannot think about any such thing. My whole existence would be threatened.

Tell us about your dreams and aspirations.

Besides, being a self-sufficient woman, I dream of opening a dance academy where children will be taught the right dancing techniques.

Would you like to share a less known fact about yourself?

I like to draw pictures and play with colours. But I always need a little practice if I want to draw sketches. I never learned to paint anywhere. It comes naturally to me.

Any plans to act in contemporary Bangla movies?

If the movie is a good one or features in the



golden era of films, then it is okay. But I have strong objections about acting in the contemporary commercial and vulgar movies.

What's your favourite pastime?

I love to read novels and listen to all kinds of music. Beside this, I always love to watch my recorded performances. That is how, I always try to discover the shortcomings in my performances and correct them.

An interesting memory

It was during a final performance with Sohel, my dancing partner. He was supposed to come through the right side of the stage, but as there was no space he came through the left wing. But I had little idea about it and became tensed and looked around for him in my performance. Then suddenly, I heard him shouting at me 'Riya, I am here, I am here!' and the whole audience started to laugh at this.

Guiding principles

I maintain the same philosophy in both my personal and professional life. That is to do my job with honesty and sincerity.

Art exhibition on AIDS in RU

The premises of Rajshahi University Central Library turned into an art gallery recently. Thousands of visitors including students, teachers, university officials, development workers and common people rushed to an exhibition to observe the heart-rending life-sketch of AIDS patients, says a press release.

Centre of Communication and

Development (CCD) and its wing organisation Bangladesh Anti-AIDS Students Alliance BASA-Rajshahi arranged this exceptional exhibition. With the slogan 'AIDS Protirodhe Jago Sobai Ghore Ghore' Everyone be aware of the danger of AIDS). The daylong exhibition was held under the Communication for AIDS Prevention Project (CAP) being imple-

mented with the support of CARE-Bangladesh.

A total of 73 art-pieces of the RU students and a large number of festoons, placards, posters and banners holding various awareness message about HIV/AIDS were on display. At the end of the exhibition, the prize giving ceremony was held with Prof Dulal Chandra Biswas, Chairman of Mass Communication Department of RU chaired the occasion while student advisor of RU Prof Zahid Hasan was the chief guest. Regional Coordinator of CARE-Bangladesh Dr Mousumi Ameen and Chairman of Fine Arts Dept RU Prof Shidhartha Sonkor Talukder addressed the function as special guests. Among others, Executive Director of CCD Golam Mourtouza and Convenor of BASA-Rajshahi SMA Hasnat spoke on the occasion.

Speakers, at the function, said, that art is universal and transcendence time and place. It might be one of the most effective means of awareness building program on HIV/AIDS. Many of the messages on killer disease AIDS can not be easily explained through words but can be expressed through the paintings.



Visitors watching paintings at the exhibition



SHORT TAKES

Adnan Sami designing a mega international album:



Singer-composer Adnan Sami is planning a new album that would feature a big international star.

'It's a project I am very excited about, an album of world music. We are talking to an international star to partner in the album,' said Sami, from Pakistan, raised in Britain and now settled in Mumbai.

He however, refused to say which star he was negotiating with.

In Bollywood, Sami's new playback projects are director Ram Gopal Varma's Naach and Madhur Bhandarkar's Page Three. The new film that he has composed music for is Lucky, starring Salman Khan.

Sami started to learn the piano at five. It was during a recording in Stockholm that Sami's ultra-fast piano fingers were noticed. Since then, Sami has often been called the fastest keyboard player in the world and the US magazine Keyboard described him as the 'Keyboard discovery of the 90s'.

J-Lo expecting ?



Jennifer Lopez is reported to be expecting her first child. According to The Sun the star was spotted recently strolling at the Caribbean beach.

An onlooker on St Barts said: 'She's really glowing and certainly has a little bit of something around her waist.'

J-Lo's marriage to husband number three, Marc Anthony, in June led to rumours that she was expecting.

The star has made no secret she wants children but has complained she has never found the time.

She split from Ben Affleck last year after calling off their wedding.

Jo-Lo's previous husbands were dancer Cris Judd and waiter Ojani Noa.x

Bono says he could have been a speech writer



Bono says if he wasn't a rock star he probably would have made a living as a speech writer for causes he believes in. And he admits that he doesn't think some of his lyrics are very good.

The 44-year-old U2 frontman told the Los Angeles Times that when he now listens to Bad which the band sung at Live Aid in 1985 he isn't impressed with the lyrics and doesn't think their 1987 hit

Where The Streets Have No Name rhymes very well.

He says, 'When I look at our first 10 years, I just hear unfinished work, lyrics we never finished because we ran out of studio time. I hear Bad and see what's not there. I just see a list of failures.'

'Feelings are stronger than ideas or words in a song. You can have 1,000 ideas, but unless you capture an emotion, it's an essay. I'm always writing speeches or articles for causes I believe in. That's probably what I would have done if I wasn't in music, but that's not songwriting,' he said.

Source: Internet

TV GUIDE

PICK OF THE DAY



Poltergeist II: The Other Side
On Star Movies at 9:15 pm
Genre: Horror / Thriller
Cast: JoBeth Williams, Craig T. Nelson



Neelkantho
On Channel-i at 7:50 pm
Drama of the Week
Cast: Lucky Inam, Tazin Ahmed, Shirin Bokul

STAR MOVIES

8:30 Jeepers Creepers
10:00 The Color Of Money
12:00 The Cable Guy
1:45 Say Anything
3:30 Callas Forever
5:15 102 Dalmatians
7:00 We Were Soldiers
9:15 Poltergeist II: The Other Side
10:45 The Color Of Money
12:45 Rupert's Land

SONY MAX

9:30 Tum Mere Ho (Aamir Khan, Juhi Chawla)
1:30 Majboor (Amitabh, Parveen Babi)
5:30 Kya Dil Ne Kaha (Tushar Kapoor, Esha Deol)
9:30 Gupt (Bobby Deol, Kajol)

SONY

12:00 Cook it up With Tarla Dalal
12:30 Ye Duniya Hai Rangeen
1:00 Dil Se Dosti
1:30 Fri. Malinee : Hum Tumhare Hain Sanam
5:00 Codbury's Bourmivta Quiz Contest
6:00 Kuchh Jhudi Palkein
6:30 Disney Hour
7:30 Chartbusters
9:00 Current Bollywood
9:30 Kko Dil Mein Hai Saakshi
9:30 Devi
10:30 CID
11:00 Crime Patrol
11:30 Music Mantra

STAR PLUS

1:00 Kabhie Kabhie Mere Hamainb-

1:30 hucha
2:30 Chalti Ka Naam Antakshiri
3:00 Meri Mrs Chanchala
3:00 Piya Bina
4:00 Ek Mulaqat
4:30 Smriti
5:00 Parday Ke Peechey
5:00 Life Nahin Hai Ladoo
6:30 Fox Kids
7:30 Meri Mrs Chanchala
8:00 Kabhi Khushi Kabhi Dhoom
8:30 Sonpari
9:00 Hatim
10:00 Shararat - Thoda Jadu
10:30 Todi Naz
11:30 Ssshhhh...Koi Hai...
11:30 Darr
12:00 Aatish

STAR WORLD

12:30 Angel
1:30 Mac Gyver
2:30 Oprah Winfrey Show

3:30 Bold And Beautiful
4:30 Hollywood Squares
5:00 Whose Line Is It Anyway
5:30 Miami Vice
6:30 The Simpsons
7:00 Home Improvement
7:30 Friends
8:00 Just Shoot Me
8:30 Tna Wrestling
9:30 I Dare You
10:30 Nash Bridges
11:30 Baywatch

NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC

12:00 Toyota World Of Wildlife
12:30 National Geographic Special
1:30 Edge Of The Universe
2:30 Frontlines Of Construction
3:30 Trainer Mania
4:30 Evolution
5:30 Africa From The Ground

6:00 Up
6:30 Animal Edens
6:30 Dogs With Jobs
7:00 Toyota World Of Wildlife
7:30 Elephant Orphans: A Family Of Their Own
8:30 Edge Of The Universe
9:30 Frontlines Of Construction
10:30 National Geographic Special
11:30 Evolution
12:30 DISCOVERY
10:30 The Athens Games
12:30 For Women Only
Pregnant & Sexy
1:00 Romantic Escapes The Hi Bi Island
1:30 Celebrity Doubles Year 2003
2:00 Bridging The Healing Gap
2:30 Case Studies in Forensic Science True Crime
3:30 The Hyena Lady
4:30 Real Kids, Real Adventures
5:00 Endurance Water Logged
5:30 Travelers New Orleans
6:30 Global Treks in a Wild World The Alps
7:00 Mystery Of The African Pharaohs
7:30 Horns over Africa
8:30 Indian Rural Olympics
9:30 The Athens Games
10:30 Prosecutors Lone Witness
11:30 World's Best Kept Secrets of... The Internet

STAR SPORTS

12:00 Return To Athens (R)
12:30 International Triathlon Union 2004 Event
Highlights(T)
1:30 Born To Play: Masters Of Football (R)
2:00 Asia Pacific Lifesaving Challenge 2004
Highlights(T)
3:00 International Motorsports News 2004 (R)
4:00 Fa Community Shield 2004/05 Cardiff Wales
English Premier League Preview (T)
5:00 Sportsline (L)
6:00 Born To Play: Masters Of Football (T)
7:00 Tennis Toppin - The Women (T)
8:00 Nba Inside Stuff
9:30 Destination Finals (T)
10:00 World Strongman Cup 2004 Highlights(T)

3:30 Vets in Practice A Steep Learning Curve
4:00 Emergency Vets Great Lengths
4:30 Emergency Vets
5:00 Unexpected Twists
5:00 Breed all about it
5:30 Spinone Italiano
6:00 Living with Elephants
7:00 Amazing Animal Videos Season
7:30 Around The World With Tippi and the Wolves
8:00 Chimpanzee Diary
8:30 The Protectors K9 Boot Camp
9:30 The Protectors Miami Animal Police
10:30 Ape Hunters
11:30 Around the World With Tippi and the Lions
12:00 Elephant Trilogy

TEN SPORTS

12:00 Return To Athens (R)
12:30 International Triathlon Union 2004 Event
Highlights(T)
1:30 Born To Play: Masters Of Football (R)
2:00 Asia Pacific Lifesaving Challenge 2004
Highlights(T)
3:00 International Motorsports News 2004 (R)
4:00 Fa Community Shield 2004/05 Cardiff Wales
English Premier League Preview (T)
5:00 Sportsline (L)
6:00 Born To Play: Masters Of Football (T)
7:00 Tennis Toppin - The Women (T)
8:00 Nba Inside Stuff
9:30 Destination Finals (T)
10:00 World Strongman Cup 2004 Highlights(T)

10:30 Sportsline (R)
11:00 Classic Boxing Great Fights Of The Mid-60's (T)
12:00 Born To Play: Masters Of Football (R)
ESPN
7:00 West Indies Tour Of England England Vs West Indies 3th Test Day 1 Highlights (S)
8:30 Football Focus Extra (R)
9:00 U.S. Senior Open Golf Championship Final Round (R)
11:30 Taiwan World Pool Championships 2004 Day 9 Final (R)
1:30 Hitz (R)
2:00 West Indies Tour Of England England Vs West Indies 3rd Test Day 1 Highlights (R)
3:28 West Indies Tour Of England England Vs West Indies 3rd Test Day 2 (L)
10:30 Sportcenter India (L)
11:00 Samsung Cricket Show (T)
11:30 First Edition (T)
12:00 Sportcenter India (R)

TEN SPORTS

8:00 Gamer TV
9:00 WWE: The Bottom Line
10:00 Golf Highlights: The KLM Open
10:30 SL v SA : 2nd Test , Day 3- Preview
12:30 SL v SA : 2nd Test , Day 3
6:00 SL v SA : 2nd Test , Day 3- Review
7:00 WWE: Velocity
9:00 86th PGA Champs: Day 1
11:00 SL v SA : 2nd Test , Day 3 H/Ls
12:00 WWE: Velocity

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

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.

ATN BANGLA

News (Bangla) at 7:00 am, 10:00am, 2:00 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 9:00 a.m, 10:00 am, 11:00 am, 1:00pm, 3:00 pm, 4:00pm, 6:00pm and 8:00pm.

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News Headlines (Bangla) at 10:00 am, 12:00 am, 6:15 pm, 9:30 pm.
News (Bangla) 7:30 am, 2:00 pm, 5:00 pm, 7:30 pm, 10:30 pm.
Telecast of BTV News (Bangla and English) at 11:30 pm.

TARA BANGLA

News Headlines (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

09:30 Shongbadpotrey
Bangladesh O Public Reaction
09:45 Tritiyo Matra
10:30 Live Show: Tele Shomoy
11:30 Islam Ki Boley
12:00 Talk Show: Korha Alaap
12:30 Drama Serial: Sharey Teen Tala
01:00 Banglar Gaan
01:25 Public Reaction
02:30 Drama Serial: Chhoto Chhoto Asha
03:00 Islam Ki Boley
04:30 Dekhar Gaan Shonar Gaan
05:10 Sa Re Ga Ma
05:45 Shamoyiki
06:10 Music Plus
06:45 Amar Shwapno Amar Bari
07:50 Weekly Drama: Neelkantho
09:35 Drama Serial: Din Choley Jai
10:00 Drama Serial: Ahonish Bhalobashey Ekjon

ATN BANGLA

10:25 Anndrishtee
11:05 Islamic Programme
03:40 Binodon Jummabar
05:10 Rup Madhuri
06:20 Amra Korbo Joy
08:00 Rup Madhuri
08:30 Drama Serial: Khowab
09:00 Drama Serial: Lal Neel Beguni
09:30 Drama Serial: Baba Asha Chhilo
10:35 Tele film: Boka Manush
12:20

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08:00 Aajker Shakal
08:30 Jhankar
09:00 Aain O Jibon
09:30 Museum Around the World

10:05

Siddika Kabir's Recipe
10:30 Apnar Jigyasha
11:30 Trans World Sports
01:00 Smriti Janalay
02:30 Drama
03:45 Circus
05:20 Tiffiner Fankey
06:20 Shubho Shondhya
06:50 Shoptaher Kohobor
08:15 Drama Serial: Ronger Manush
08:50 Pepsi Music Express
09:40 Drama Serial: Golpokothar Natok
11:25 Dindarpan

TARA BANGLA

2:00 Taka Na Sona
2:30 Tarpor Chand Uthlo
3:00 Swapner Rang Neel
4:00 Baro Eka Lage
4:30 Filmi Furti
5:00 Khunti Kadai
6:00 Serial Yug
6:30 Taka Na Sona
7:00 Sree Ramkrishna
7:30 Tarpor Chand Uthlo
8:00 Antakshari
9:30 Swapner Rang Neel
10:00 Baro Eka Lage
10:30 Bastab
11:00 Fully Fatalfati

HBO

9:30 Man on the Moon
12:00 Someone to Watch Over Me
2:15 The Ladies Man
3:00 Slackers
5:45 Chameleon 3 : Dark Angel
7:30 Curse of the Talisman
9:30 Men in Black II
11:15 Tales From the Crypt
20 : Strung Along
12:00 The In Crowd
2:00 Someone to Watch Over Me