

CULTURAL FEAST

Theatre Festival

Title: Angikay Boichitrey
Organiser: Theatre
Venue: Experimental theatre Hall, Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy
Time: November 27-December 03, at 6:30pm everyday
Schedule
November 30 Jalbalika (Podatik Nalya Shangshad)
December 01 Shampannaiya (Uttaradhikar, Chittagong)
December 02 Raktokarobi (Nagorik Nalya Shamprodaya)
December 03 Madhobi (Theatre)
Sponsor: HSBC
Tickets available at Shagar Publishers, Baily road and Pathak Shamabash, Shahbagh

Painting Exhibition

Artist: Ranjit Das
Venue: Shilpangan, Road # 5, House # 25, Dhanmondi, Dhaka-1205
Time: November 26-December 11, 10am to 1pm and 5pm to 8:30pm

Exhibition

Title: Christmas & Winter Collection
Organiser: Art & Soul Gallery
Time: November 26-December 26, from 11am to 8pm
Venue: Art & Soul Gallery, House 16, Road 36, Gulshan 1

Documentary Show

Title: Month of Documentary
Organiser: Alliance Francaise
Time: November 28-30
Venue: Alliance Francaise, 26, Mirpur Road
Schedule:
November 30
5:00pm Grand Littoral
7:00pm On les passos marques de velo

Bringing Bach, Mozart and Haydn to life

A feast of classical music at Osmani Memorial Hall

AFSAR AHMED

THE secret of good musical programme-planning is to offer something for every taste, to ensure that the chosen repertoire brings out the best from performer and instrument alike, and to see that the overall shape of the recital progresses naturally towards a grand climax. The first ever concert in Bangladesh by the European Union Chamber Orchestra (EUCCO) easily met these criteria in an evening of outstanding performance at the Osmani Memorial Hall on November 28.

The Minister of State for Culture, Selima Rahman graced the occasion as chief guest while the Ambassador of the Royal Netherlands Embassy, Kees Beemsterboer was the special guest.

Supported by Queen Sofia of Spain, EUCCO was formed in 1981 with players from the member states of the European Union. The orchestra lays an emphasis on giving unique opportunities and experience to young musicians at the outset of their professional careers as well as work as an acknowledged Cultural Ambassador for the European Union.

Opening with Bach's *Brandenburg Concerto no. 3* in G major, the orchestra gave a fine performance, with clear lines and well-studied dynamics. The ensemble was magnificent with great beauty of tone and especially



The performers combine dexterity with accuracy

the appealing sound effects in the highest register.

Combining wonderful dexterity and accuracy in fast pace, with the excellent support from the orchestra, Mozart's *Violin Concerto no.2* in D major K.211 overcame the rather excessively reverberant acoustics with real aplomb, in a brilliant performance.

After a 15-minute recess, Mozart's *Adagio K.411* in F major drew the very finest sounds from the splendid instruments, and always with a considered use of dynamics and great tonal variety. Clarity of finger-works were abundantly evident.

The next one was Haydn's *Symphony no.59* in A major *Fire*—wholly captured the classical elegance of the composition.

In a recital of such immense quality it might have been difficult to achieve an effective conclusion. However, a short presentation by another great composer George Phillip Telemann fitted the bill to absolute perfection with a performance of the very highest order which left a lasting impression—a fitting end to a memorable concert.



Diversity in Design

Theatre's drama festival



Theatre activists need recognition

Soon after Independence, full-fledged theatre practice started in Bangladesh. However, the approach is still amateur. Although theatre activists work hard all the year round, only little tidbits and appreciation from the groups come their way.

It is inspiring that a few awards have been provided to honour the professionally amateur theatre activists of the country for their outstanding contribution. However, government organisations like Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy discontinued giving awards a long time ago. Only a few theatrical groups like Theatre, Natyachakra and Dhaka Padatik are honouring outstanding theatre practitioners by giving regular awards.

Theatre, a leading theatrical group, provides two awards annually: Martyr Muneir Chowdhury Award and Zakaria Smrity Padak. The previous one was introduced in 1989 in memoriam of the martyred intellectual during the Liberation War. Muneir Chowdhury is the mentor of many theatre personalities of the country. Moreover, he is the dramatist of the popular play *Kabar*.

Sponsored by Kabir Chowdhury and Meher Kabir, the Martyr Muneir Chowdhury Award is provided to honour the senior theatre activists or

organisations of the country for their lifetime achievement in theatre. Mohammed Zakaria is the first person who bagged the prestigious award in 1989.

The Zakaria Smrity Padak was introduced in 1997 to encourage

memorable characters is that of a refugee in *Nobanno* by Bijon Bhattacharya, which was staged in Kolkata in 1944. Moreover, he was the founder member of Bahurupi, a famous theatrical group of Kolkata, which was founded in 1948. In 1972,



Mohammad Zakaria



Shaheed Muneir Chowdhury

promising theatre activists of the country. Sponsored by Faruk Haidar, the award is in memoriam of the late pioneering theatre activist Mohammed Zakaria, who has made a tremendous contribution to theatre since 1944. One of his

he joined Theatre and worked for the group until his death.

Ahmed Iqbal Haidar, a theatre actor-director and organiser of Chittagong, is the first person who received the Zakaria Smrity Padak in 1997.

Jolbalika: A denunciation of gender inequality

Masum Reza's play *Jolbalika* depicts the story of the village dwellers whose lives are interwoven with the river. The playwright also lashes out against the ills of rural society such as gender inequality. Depicting the complete lifestyle of the rural life including romance, pathos and others, the question he raises is: Who is more important for a rural family—a son or a daughter?

Directed by Shamsul Alam Bakul, Padatik Natyashangshod's current production *Jolbalika* will be staged today at the Experimental Theatre Stage at 6:30 p.m. as part of the drama festival arranged by Theatre.

Selim Shamsul Huda Chowdhury is the set designer while Nasirul Haque Khokon is the light designer



A sequence from the play

in *Jolbalika*. Nilmoni Aich, Tosadek Chowdhury and others perform in the play.

Eshad Kamol

PHOTOGRAPHY EXHIBITION

Marking a festive day

FAYZA HAQ

To celebrate the Constitution Day of the Russian Federation a photography exhibition is being held at the Russian Cultural Centre. Celebration of a marriage taking place in Dagistan presents friends and relatives of the groom taking food and gifts to the bride's



Different generations

house. The ladies with flowing skirts carry large cakes, loaves of bread and sweets on their heads. Everybody is in festive mood and sport bright garments of rejoicing as they make their way between the trees. Amurkhanova's portrait presents a 104-year-old resident of a village, holding up a young child. This photo is by Viatkin. The old woman, wrapped in a dark shawl appears joyful despite the layers of age on her face. There is also the photo of celebration at St Petersburg marking its anniversary in May 2003. People in uniforms and caps are playing musical instruments such as large winding horns while others look on with approval, smiling, cheering and clapping.

Manege square in Moscow is presented in another photograph by Korobeynikov and it depicts a good looking young woman trying out clothes while others are buying balloons and sweets and walking around in a happy, holiday atmosphere. In the background are church steeples in blue and red. The next picture reveals an old man fishing peacefully. He has on a loose overall and he sits on a bench holding on to his rod. The water to his front is in green and yellow. Next is a picture of haymaking in the village of Nyonoksa by Viatkin. Behind the tired and worn out farmer are more such dedicated and relentless workers. The trees, hills and the sky in the background have been brought in.



Women and children in a festive mood

A picture of a Moscow swimming class shows young girls with black tights doing exercises with their limbs, with swish of their long blonde hair and slim limbs. In another photo from Dagistan, a baby is being fed a banana. The mother holds the baby while others look on at this picture of contentment. There is a picture of newly weds from Moscow. The young woman is in layers of white and she carries a bouquet of yellow flowers, while her bridegroom is in gray. They

look a happy couple indeed. From the coast village of Nyonoksa come the pictures of children resting on their bike handles. There is then the picture of a laughing girl with three sets of hoops dangling from her ears. This has been taken on the 850th anniversary of Moscow in September 1997. The picture has been taken by Fedorenko.

The pictures present happy laughing faces, a reflection of harmony and contentment.

TV GUIDE

PICK OF THE DAY



Ocean's Eleven

On HBO at 9:30pm
Genre: Comedy/Thriller/Crime
Director: Steven Soderbergh
Cast: George Clooney, Brad Pitt, Cecelia Ann Birt, Julia Roberts
Danny Ocean is a thief who has just been paroled from prison. He seeks out his partner, Rusty and he has a job. And it is to rob the vault that houses the cash of three casinos in Las Vegas. And he plans to rob it on a night when 150 million is in it. So they recruit nine guys and they begin to put Ocean's plan in motion. Everything is going well until Rusty discovers that Ocean's ex-wife, Tess is the main squeeze of Terry Benedict (the ruthless) owner of the casinos. Rusty asks him what is he going to do if he has to choose. But Ocean says that if his plan goes smoothly, he is going to be able to have his cake and eat it.

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.
ntv
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

BTV
07:30 *Bangladesher Hridoy Holy*
09:00 *Satellite Programme*
12:15 *Shongbad Potrer Pata Thekey*
12:30 *Shasthya Totiya*
01:05 *Cartoon Show*
02:05 *Computer Show*
02:30 *Special Programme*
03:05 *Shukhi Paribar*
04:05 *Sangeeta*
04:30 *Open University*
05:05 *Manabadhikar*
06:10 *Shondhya Malati*
06:35 *Programme from Chittagong Centre*
07:05 *Quiz Quiz*
07:30 *Gaan Shudhu Gaan*
08:30 *Drama Serial: Bikeley Bhorer Alo*
09:00 *Drama Serial: Mukhoshdhan*
10:25 *Teknal Theke Tetulia*
10:30 *Bishwa Natak*
CHANNEL-i
09:30 *Shongbad Potrer Bangladesh and Public reaction*
09:45 *Tritto Malta*
10:45 *Gramen Phone*
11:30 *Drama Serial: Shampurna Rangoen*
12:00 *Chitri Pelam*
12:30 *Aaj Dupure*
01:00 *Ebang Cinemar Gaan*
01:25 *Public Reaction*
01:30 *Bangla feature film*
04:00 *Banglar Gaan*
04:30 *Special Programme*
04:50 *Sa Ro Ga Mo*
05:30 *I Sports*
06:00 *MUSIC Plus*
06:30 *Ananda Bichitra*
07:50 *Close Up Juke Box*
08:25 *Polo Mon Khuley Bolo*

09:35 *Drama Serial: Chalbe Chalbe*
10:00 *Drama Serial: Crorpati*
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08:00 *Aajker Shakal*
08:30 *Drama Serial: Rupa Palanko*
09:20 *Crime Watch*
10:05 *Natoker Gaan*
10:30 *Fashion Talks*
11:00 *Chhobi Gaan*
11:30 *Putul Naach*
12:02 *Purono Ekok Natak*
12:30 *Rupar Palonko*
03:40 *Tiliner Fanke*
03:45 *Drama Serial: Ke korbe bajimat*
04:25 *Apnait Jayasha*
05:20 *Shubho Shondhya*
06:20 *Frankly Speaking*
06:50 *Drama: Sporsher baire*
08:10 *Taray Taray*
08:50 *Drama Serial: Shaela*
09:40 *Dindaran*
ATN BANGLA
10:30 *Talk Show: Annodishil*
11:15 *Drama Serial: Mohona*
11:50 *Business Week*
12:30 *Bangla Feature Film*
03:45 *Uro Cola Saal Rang*
04:20 *Shomoshamoyik*
06:20 *Aynar Shamney*
08:00 *Drama Serial: Chhotto Ei Jibon*
08:30 *Drama Serial: Gulshanubar*
09:00 *Drama Serial: Bujimat*
09:30 *Ek Dui Toen*
10:35 *Prekhnapot*
HBO
08:15 *Thrill Seekers*
10:15 *Deadly Swamp*

12:00 *Don't Look Back*
1:45 *Friday The 13th Part VII The New Blood*
3:30 *The Grinch*
5:45 *Breast Men*
7:30 *Clockstoppers*
9:30 *Ocean's Eleven*
11:45 *The God Father*
3:15 *Point of Origin*
STAR MOVIES
8:45 *Small Soldiers*
10:45 *Slums Of Beverly Hills*
12:15 *Rare Birds*
2:00 *Newsies*
4:10 *The Abyss*
7:00 *Banger Sisters*
8:35 *Hudson Hawk*
STAR GOLD
9:55 *Sanyasi Mera Naam*

1:30 *Jaan*
4:30 *Kunukshetra*
8:30 *Mujhe Meri Bivi Se Bachaao*
11:45 *Lahu Ke Do Rang*
STAR WORLD
9:30 *Oprah Winfrey Show*
10:30 *That 70s Show*
11:30 *Yes Dear*
11:30 *The Making Of Miss India*
12:30 *Everybody Loves Raymond*
1:00 *Becker*
1:30 *Magnum P.I.*
2:28 *Star Asia Travel*
2:30 *Oprah Winfrey*
3:30 *Bold And Beautiful*
4:30 *Hollywood Squares*
5:00 *Whose Line Is It*

5:30 *Anyway*
6:30 *Miami Vice*
7:00 *The Simpsons*
7:30 *Home Improvement*
8:00 *Friends*
8:30 *Just Shoot Me*
9:30 *Conspiracy Theory*
10:30 *U-2 Undercover*
11:28 *Law & Order: SvU*
11:30 *Star Asia Travel*
11:30 *Baywatch*
2:00 *Ridgeback*
2:30 *Pet Nation: Firecracker Fallout*
3:30 *Miami Animal: Police*
4:30 *Serial Killer Python*
5:30 *Cat House*
6:00 *Animal Precinct: Heat*
6:30 *Three Not So Little Pigs*
7:30 *The Planet's Funniest Animals*
8:00 *Amazing Animal Videos*
9:30 *Wild Island Night Safari*
10:30 *Monkey Business*
11:00 *Deep Into The Wild*
11:00 *National Geographic Special*
11:30 *Antarctica*
11:30 *Nightmares of Nature*
12:30 *Miami Animal Police*
1:00 *Pet Nation: Dachshund*
1:30 *Pet Nation: Lipstick*

10:00 *Animal Precinct: Four Story Fall*
10:30 *21st Century Ark Pandas*
11:30 *Operation Animal Shield*
DISCOVERY CHANNEL
10:30 *America's Most Haunted Places San Francisco*
11:30 *FBI Files The Blood Brothers*
12:30 *Chamos Goat*
1:30 *House to Home*
2:00 *Baby Whisperer: Tia Rainavira*
2:30 *Largest Building in the World (Boeing Plant) Las Vegas*
3:30 *America's Most Haunted*
4:30 *FBI Files The Crime Spree*
5:30 *Great Hotels*
6:00 *Popular Mechanic For Kids*
6:30 *Treasures of the Ocean*
7:30 *Chimps - Orphans of Chimimush*
8:30 *Hunt for the Aids Vaccine*
9:30 *Zero Hour Last Hour of Flight 11*
10:30 *Betrayal! Mordechai Vanunu Israel's Nuclear Spy*
11:30 *Great Crimes And Trials of the 20th Century*
NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC
8:30 *\$100 Taxi Ride*
9:00 *Game For It*
9:30 *Animal Devii*
10:30 *National Geographic Special*
12:30 *Riddles Of The Dead*
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6:30 *Budget Travel*
7:00 *Game For It*
7:30 *Game's Empire*
8:30 *Volga: The Soul Of Russia*
9:30 *The Legacy Of L.S.B. Leakey*
10:30 *Riddles Of The Dead*
11:30 *Rite Stuff*
STAR SPORTS
9:00 *New Zealand Tour Of Australia 3 Mobile Test Series 2nd Test Day 5 2nd & 3rd Session (L)*
1:30 *English Premier Football League 2004/05 Bolton Wanderers Vs Portsmouth (R)*
3:30 *International Motorsports News 2004 (T)*
4:30 *The Golf Club 2004 (R)*
5:00 *Extreme Programming Wild Spirits 2004/05 (T)*
5:30 *Cricket Gold (R)*
8:00 *Sportsline (L)*
8:30 *Uefa Champions League Extra Group Phase 1 Matchweek 5(T)*
10:30 *Sportsline (R)*
11:00 *New Zealand Tour Of Australia 3 Mobile Test Series 2nd Test Day 5 Highlights(S)*
ESPN
8:00 *Nfl Football (I) St. Louis Rams Vs Green Bay*

11:30 *Packers (L)*
11:30 *English Premier Football League 2004/05 Fulham Vs Blackburn Rovers (R)*
1:30 *Motorsport Asia (R)*
2:00 *Cricket Gold (R)*
4:30 *World Tenpin Bowling Masters 2004 (T)*
5:30 *English Premier League Highlights 2004/05 (R)*
6:30 *Football Focus (L)*
7:30 *Motorsport Asia (R)*
8:00 *Samsung Cricket Show (R)*
8:30 *Sportscenter India (L)*
9:00 *English Premier Football League 2004/05 Charlton Athletic Vs Chelsea (R)*
11:30 *Hitz (R)*
11:30 *Sportscenter India (R)*
12:00 *Football Focus (R)*
TEN SPORTS
8:00 *Gamer TV*
10:00 *WWE: Raw*
10:30 *ICC Cricket World Gillette World Sport*
11:30 *ATP Tennis*
12:30 *Italian Serie A - Highlights*
2:30 *Cricket Classics*
3:30 *History of Football*
4:00 *Top Ten Batsmen*
4:30 *Sportswatch*
5:00 *Gamer TV*
5:30 *Gillette World Sport*
7:30 *WWE: Smackdown*
8:00 *Gamer TV*
8:30 *ATP Tennis*
9:30 *Italian Serie A - Highlights*
10:00 *Sportswatch*
11:00 *German League Highlights*