

CULTURAL FEAS



Art Exhibition
Title: Cosmic Journey
Artist: Ali Imam
Venue: Bengal Gallery of Fine Arts
Time: February 09-22, from 12pm to 8pm

Ceramics Exhibition
Title: Twelve Hundred Degree Celsius Plus
Organiser: Clay Image
Venue: Gallery Kaya
Time: February 11-24, from 11am to 8pm

Bangla Baul Festival 2005
Organiser: Palli Baul Shamaj
Unnayan Shangstha
Venue: Public Library Sawkat Osman Auditorium
Time: February 09, at 6pm

Musical Soiree
Artistes: Prithwiraj and the members of Gayokee Music Academy
Organiser: Gayokee Music Academy
Venue: Alliance Francaise, 26, Mirpur Road, Dhanmondi
Time: February 9-10, at 7pm

Solo Concert
Artist: Kumar Biswajit
Organiser: Fusion
Venue: Bangladesh Shishu Academy Auditorium
Time: February 10

Artistes: Meeta Pandit and Allie Delfau
Organiser: Alliance Francaise
Venue: Goethe-Institut, House 10, Road 9, Dhanmondi
Time: February 19, at 7pm

Drama Festival
Nagarik Natyangan Natya Utsab 2005
Organiser: Nagarik Natyangan
Venue: National Theatre Stage, Bangladesh Shilpakal Academy
Date: February 6-12, at 6:30pm
Schedule
Feb 09 Brand (CAT)
Feb 10 Ami Birongana Bolchhi (Nagarik Natyangan)
Feb 10 Shikarokti (Abhash, India)
Feb 11 Char Adhyay (Do)
Feb 12 Apurba Golap (Do)

Cultural programme commemorates Amar Ekushey

CULTURAL CORRESPONDENT

EKUSH—the word generates immense emotion in every Bangalee's heart. And with the commitment to spread the spirit, Shammilito Sanskrit Jote (SSJ) held a cultural programme at the Shaheed Minar premises yesterday.
By placing floral wreath as homage to the martyrs of 1952, Mahbulul Alam Chowdhury, language activist and composer of the first poem on Ekushey—*Ami fasbir dabi niye eshechi*, inaugurated the 11-day long programme. Singers of cultural groups Udichi, Kranti and Chhayanaut rendered the National Anthem and the timeless song of Ekushey, *Aamar Bhaier Rokte Rangano Ekushey February*.
The inauguration was followed by a discussion session. Presided over by Nasiruddin Yousuff

Bachchu, president of SSJ, cultural activists Ramendu Majumder, Golam Kuddus, Ataur Rahman, Mannan Heera, Afzal Hossain and poet Mohammed Samad spoke on the occasion.
Poet Mahbulul Alam Chowdhury said, "If everyone lights a lamp it would achieve the power of Sun. We should unite ourselves with the spirit of Ekushey to fight against all evils and misdeeds."
Speakers opined that every coming generation will have to achieve their rights to freedom through understanding the spirits of Ekushey and the Liberation War of the country.
After the discussion, a colourful cultural programme was held at the premises. Spandan's dance sequence, Swanan's group recitation, Udichi's rendition of chorus and Mahola Theatre's street play titled *Karod Goli* delighted the audience. Solo recitation by Bhaswar Bandopadhyay, Ravi



Performers of Udichi, Kranti and Chhayanaut presenting the timeless song of Ekushey

Shankar Maitri and Belayet Hossain and songs by Bulbul Mahalanabish, Moly Kumar Ganguli, Bulbul Islam, Biswajit Roy and Mamun Zahid Khan also captivated the crowd.
The programme will start every-day at 4pm. SSJ organises another programme from February 15 to 21 at the Rabindra Sarovar Mancha, Dhanmondi.

"Artists at the district level face discrimination"
--Abdur Rahim

CULTURAL CORRESPONDENT

CULTURE activists often point out that the Dhaka-based artistes have more opportunities to perform and popularise their art form than those based elsewhere in the country. A classic example is Abdur Rahim, who is a popular folk singer in his region but is yet to make it to the limelight.
Music producer and singer at the Chittagong Radio Centre, Rahim has been performing for 30 years. As a folk singer, he is also an enlisted artiste of Bangladesh Television (BTV). Rahim has released eight solo albums in Chittagong.
Rahim says, "Because of the massive popularity of television, radio singers do not get sufficient recognition. And so artistes like myself, who are more involved with radio programmes, hardly get any recognition amongst the greater audience across the country. That is why, I think artistes at the district level who get less chance to perform on TV face discrimination," says Rahim.
Rahim began his music lessons while at school. Prabadh Dewan was his first mentor.



Later, he learnt folk music from Mohammed Shah Bangali. He learnt classical music from Ustad Abul Hossain, AK Mezbahuddin Ahmed and Abul Hossain. Although Rahim also per-

forms Nazrul songs, he prefers folk songs. As he says, "The lyrics and tunes of folk music are close to my heart. Music is my profession. But, folk music is my passion." Of all the folk genres, Rahim likes *Bhabtatta* (spiritual) most, because the songs carry a deeper meaning. "I also like mystic songs of *Gurutatta, Lalon, Hason Raja, Krishna Kirtan and Majibbandar*. I am also a passionate fan of the regional songs of Chittagong," Rahim says.
On the distinctive style of *Majibbandar*, Rahim says, "It is a kind of regional song of Chittagong. It was introduced at the Majibbandar Darbar Sharif, the famous religious shrine."
On the contemporary remix of popular folk songs Rahim says, "Remixes of any genre have a short life. Only a veteran singer's heartfelt tunes remain evergreen."
Abdur Rahim is a keen proponent of research work in the realm of folk music. As he says, "I think in every Shipakala Academy at the district level there should be some research work on folk music so that the rich indigenous songs remain etched in the public memory."

Discussion on Abbasuddin and Quamrul today



Quamrul Hasan



Abbasuddin Ahmed

17th death anniversary of the legendary artist on the ground floor of the training centre of the academy at 4pm. Artists Syed Jahangir, Abu Taher, Syed Lutful Haque and art critic Mainuddin Khaled will speak on the occasion.
This will be followed by the discussion on Abbasuddin Ahmed at the same venue at 5pm. Organised by the Music and Dance department of the academy, the programme will be participated by Professor Mansur Musa, director general of Bangla Academy, and renowned folk singer Indramohon Rajbangshi will speak at the function. A cultural presentation will follow the discussion.

Photography Workshop
Learn framing a good portrait!

CULTURAL CORRESPONDENT

Imagine being able to catch precious moments in time—family, friends, nature and travels. The means? A little 'portrait magic'. For photography enthusiasts, the photographic wing of the Centre for Asian Arts and Cultures (CAAC) is set to organise its second four-day long workshop on portrait photography from February 23 to 26. The workshop will be conducted by acclaimed photographer, Nasir Ali Mamun, who has framed famous personalities of Dhaka and overseas with his camera and created a niche in portrait photography.
On the second, third and fourth days, different guest speakers will give lectures on the various technical aspects of

portrait photography.
The course also includes the projector and slide shows of the photographic works of the world's famous photographers. Discussions will also be held on their various photographic techniques. Apart from this, the aspiring photographers will get practical experience through daylong portrait photography sessions. After the workshop, the organiser will arrange a photography exhibition of the works of the participants.
This workshop is open to those with a basic knowledge of photography. Those interested can get registration forms from the office of CAAC at 62, Science Laboratory Road and Srabon at Aziz Co-operative Supermarket. The last day of the registration is February 20.

Nagorik Natyangan Drama Festival 2005

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--Mahmudul Islam Selim

ERSHAD KAMOL

Mahmudul Islam Selim is the convenor of the ongoing weeklong drama festival arranged by Nagorik Natyangan. A regular performer of Nagorik, Selim is the director and playwright of *Habuchandra Gabuchandra*. He also designs sets and lights for the productions of his group.
On the Nagorik Natyangan drama festival

2005, convenor Selim says, "Whenever, we arrange any drama festival we honour some theatre personalities for their contribution to our theatre. This year, we honoured eight personalities. We always arrange a seminar on theatre for the benefit of theatre activists. The topic of this year's seminar is 'Translation of drama' which will be presented by Abdus Selim."
"In fact, besides plays

by our playwrights, translated and adapted plays of foreign drama have been staged regularly in Bangladesh. We think, the seminar will help those involved in translating or adapting foreign plays" he adds.
Selim feels proud of arranging a drama festival at the newly opened National Theatre Stage. He thinks that the new venue of this festival will attract the audience.



Picture shows Shahadat Hossain and Sabina Sultana in a romantic scene of the play Brand by Centre for Asian Theatre (CAT). The ongoing nagorik natyangan drama festival presents the play at the National Theatre Stage today at 06:30 pm. Directed by Kamaluddin Nilu, the play is translated by Manzur-e-Moula from Norwegian playwright Henrik Ibsen's play of the same name.

Aamir shifts to new age film

Aamir Khan, known for his penchant for perfectionism, has begun the shooting of his latest Hindi film, based on the lives of today's youth.
Khan who has changed his style for the character he portrays in the movies, has again changed his style for *Rang De Basanti*, a film where he is playing a disco jockey. "It's basically a film about the youth of today and where these youngsters are moving in their life," said Khan.

Khan has also changed his hair-style for the film and now sports a terrifically young look, which he says is in sync with his character, as he did in his superhit film *Dil Chahta Hai* and the upcoming *The Rising*.
Rang De Basanti, produced by UTV and directed by adman Rakesh Mehra, will also have another top actor, whose casting is yet to be done.



Jackson's Thriller voted best ever video

Michael Jackson's *Thriller* has been voted Britain's favourite pop video of all time.
The 1983 classic, which sees the singer turn into a zombie, beat offerings from Madonna and Queen in the Channel 4 poll. The King of Pop has two videos in the Top 10, voted for by TV viewers.
Peter Gabriel's *Sledgehammer* (1986), revolutionary for its com-

puter animation, is second in the list. A-ha's *Take on Me* (1985), which sees a comic book hero come to life, is third and Queen's seminal *Bohemian Rhapsody* (1975) fourth. Madonna's controversial *Like a Prayer* (1989)—including the star's infamous kiss with a black Jesus—is fifth while Robbie Williams' *Rock DJ* (2000) is sixth, and another Jackson hit, *Billie Jean*, seventh.
The Verve's *Bitter Sweet Sym-*

phony (1997), which sees Richard Ashcroft march down a London street barging into everyone he meets, is eighth. Madonna has a second placing in the Top 10, with *Vogue* (1990) in ninth and Nirvana's *Smells Like Teen Spirit* (1991)—where cheerleaders dance in the gym, while Nirvana fans reach such a frenzy they trash it and tie up the janitor—is 10th.



Sequences from the epoch-making video of Thriller by Michael Jackson

Source: Internet

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
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.
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

9:30 Euro Beachsoccer League 2004 Highlights (R)
10:30 English Premier Football League 2004/05 Norwich City Vs West Bromwich Albion (T)
12:30 Champions Tour Golf Turtle Bay Championship First Round (R)
2:30 England Under 21 International England Vs Holland (S)
4:30 Hitz (T)
5:00 England Tour Of South Africa 4th ODI Highlights (R)
6:27 England Tour Of South Africa Standard Bank One Day International Series 5th ODI (L)
TEN SPORTS
08:00 WWE Smackdown
10:00 World Strongman Cup: Best of 2004
10:30 European Tour Weekly
11:00 Polo Gold League Tournaments
11:30 German League Highlights
12:30 European Tour Weekly
1:00 Cricket Classics
2:55 Brazil v Hong Kong
5:00 Gamer TV
5:30 WWE After Burn
6:30 German League
BTB
07:30 Shubhechha Nin Programme From BTV Archive
08:15 Bishwa Protidin
09:00 Satellite Programme
12:15 Shagbaddpotrer Pata Thekey
12:30 Shasthya Thubana
01:05 Amar Ganner Bhuvan

02:05 Khetley Khetley Computer
02:30 Hijo! Tomal
03:05 Shukhi Poribar
03:35 Geeto Bitan
04:05 Open University
04:30 Agrodut
05:05 Mati O Manush
05:30 Apon Bhumi
06:00 Desh Janapad
06:10 Maloncha
07:00 News Headlines, Weather forecast, Share Market
07:30 The World's Greatest Show
08:25 Protidin Bangladesh
08:40 Drama Serial: Kharar Putul
09:00 Drama Serial: Krishnakali
10:25 Teknaf Theke Tatulia
10:30 Kemon Achhen
11:05 Gaaner Bhela
12:05 Satellite Programme
CHANNEL i
09:30 Shongbad Potrey Bangladesh and Public Reaction
09:45 Tritiyo Matra
10:45 Sports Time
12:00 Ebong Cinemara Gaan
12:30 Aj Dupurey O Citycell Tarokakothon
01:00 Bangla Feature Film: Tumi Shudhu Tumi (Riaz, Shabnur)
03:20 Banglar Gaan
03:50 Boi Ebong Boi
04:20 Boimela Protidin (Live)
05:00 Gaaner Oparey
05:30 Music Plus
06:30 Gillette World Sports Special
07:55 RC Travel On
08:25 Drama Serial: Kichhu Megh Kichhu Roddur
09:35 Drama Serial: Din

PICK OF THE DAY

Romancing the Stone
On Star Movies at 11:00pm
Genre: Action / Adventure / Family / Comedy
Cast: Michael Douglas, Kathleen Turner, Danny DeVito
Directed by Robert Zemeckis

Joan Wilder is a mousey writer of romance novels. She finds a package from her sister mailed from Colombia in her mailbox. A call from her sister tells her that she has been kidnapped and that bringing the package to Colombia is necessary for her safety and release. Being fairly clueless, she leaves for Colombia to rescue her sister. She is lost within hours of her arrival. She is nearly murdered by one of the men searching for the package when Jack Colton, a fairly low life American rescues her. They begin a journey through the jungle with bullets flying nearby. Is Joan up to all of this? What a way to find out.

10:00 Choley Jay Drama Serial: Arai Tola Bari	08:50 Kichhu Katha Kichhu Gaan Drama Serial: Shyaola Dindarpan	04:25 Cinema Cinema 06:20 Manoshi 08:00 The Sword of Tipu Sultan 08:30 Drama Serial: Khowab 09:00 Drama Serial: Bayoscope 09:30 Drama Serial: Mati 10:30 Citycell Shusthya Thakun Live 12:20 Drama: Bibhrat	9:30 Black mask2 11:30 Tales from the Crypt: Revenge is the Nuts 12:15 Saturday night fever 2:30 Orange County
08:30 Aajker Shakal Drama Serial: Sporssher Bairey 09:05 Ei Amader Gram 10:05 Science Workshop 11:00 Transworld Sports 12:05 Millenium Drama Serial: Sporssher Bairey 03:15 Deho Ghari 03:50 Drama Serial: Sheola 04:25 Cartoon: Fardi 05:20 Apnar Jigyasha 06:20 Shubho Shondhya 06:50 Nari Gharey Bairey 08:15 Siddika Kabir's Recipe	ATN BANGLA 10:30 Onnodishti 11:05 Shobar Jonno 11:35 Drama Serial: Shimahin Shimanya 12:15 Musical Programme Gaaney Shurey 12:50 Motamot 01:25 Drama Serial: Nil Akasher Michhey 03:15 Drama Serial: Nana Ronger Din 03:50 Drama Serial: New Files	HBO 9:00 Eraser 11:15 Tales from the Crypt: Death of Some Salesmen 12:00 Orange County 1:45 Sunshine State 4:30 Dark Water 6:45 Hulk	STAR MOVIES 8:15 Air Bud: Spikes Back 9:45 Shanghai Knights 11:45 The Gathering 1:15 Creature 9:00 Sleepless In Seattle 5:05 The Recruit 7:00 Die Another Day 9:15 Liberty Stands Still 11:00 Romancing the Stone STAR GOLD 9:45 Pratigya 1:30 Jaan

5:00 Zahreela
8:30 Rajkumar
12:00 Aamne Saamne
STAR PLUS
5:00 Maan
5:30 Hit Filmehin Hit Sangeet
6:00 Patang
6:30 Adventures of Mickey and Donald
7:00 Disney's the Weekenders
7:30 Kumkum - Pyara Sa Bandhan
8:00 Hello Dollie
8:30 Dekho Magar Pyaar Se
9:00 Kasauti Zindagi Kay
9:30 Sanjivani - A Medical Boon
10:00 Kkavyanjali
10:30 Kahaani Ghar Ghar Kii
11:00 Kyunki Saas Bhi Kabhi Bhi Thi
11:30 Kahiin To Hoga
12:00 K.Street Pali Hill
STAR WORLD
2:30 Oprah Winfrey Show
3:30 Bold And Beautiful
4:30 Hollywood Squares
5:00 Whose Line Is It Anyway?
5:30 Ally Mcbeal
6:30 The Simpsons
7:00 Home Improvement
7:30 Friends
8:00 Newsradio
8:30 American Idol
9:30 Philly
10:30 Third Watch
11:30 Newsradio
12:00 Cover Story
NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC
2:30 Hidden Genders
3:30 Hong Kong's Big Bet
4:30 Backyard Science
4:45 Doc Eureka

5:00 Serious: Desert
5:30 Elephant Power
6:30 Dogs With Jobs
7:00 Storm Stories
7:30 Flying Devils
8:30 Cheating Death
9:30 National Geographic Special
10:30 Riddles Of The Dead
11:30 National Geographic's Taboo
ANIMAL PLANET
3:30 Lords Of The Animals
4:00 Monkey Player
4:30 Being There India
5:30 Wild Rescue
6:30 The Crocodile Hunter Diaries
6:00 Monkey Business
6:30 The Planet's Funniest Animals
7:00 Wild On The Set Trailblazers
7:30 The Chinese Zodiac
8:30 Pandas: The Great Leap Forward
9:00 Wild On The Set Trailblazers
9:30 The Chinese Zodiac
8:30 Pandas: The Great Leap Forward
9:30 Lords Of The Animals
He Dances For His Commorants
10:00 Lord Of The Eagles
10:30 In The Wild Dolphins
11:30 They Call Him Chantek
DISCOVERY CHANNEL
3:30 Terra X In The Shadow Of Pharaohs
4:30 Understanding Paranormal
5:30 Zach's Ultimate Guide
6:00 Living Pulse
6:30 Speed
7:00 Wind Driven
7:30 Chimps: Orphans of

8:30 Chimfunishi,
Ultimate Cars Road Rally
9:00 Building The Ultimate Skyscrapers
9:30 Super weapons of the Ancient World
10:30 Great Romances of the 20th Century: Franklin & Eleanor Roosevelt
11:00 Legends of the Isles
Loch Ness Monster
The Case Studies In Forensic Science
STAR SPORTS
9:30 The Golf Club 2004 (R)
10:00 Six Nations Championships Rugby Asia (R)
10:30 Royal Bank Of Scotland Six Nations 2005 Wales Vs England (R)
12:30 English Premier Football League 2004/05 Manchester United Vs Birmingham City (R)
2:30 Watersports Programming Hot Water (T)
3:25 The Golf Club 2004 (R)
Hitz (R)
4:25 Asian World Cup Qualifiers 2006 Japan Vs Korea Group B (L)
Sportsline (L)
8:00 English Premier Football League 2004/05 Manchester United Vs Birmingham City (R)
10:30 Sportsline (R)
11:00 Indian Premier Hockey League Scoop (T)
11:30 Golf Focus (T)
12:00 World Strongman Cup 2004 Best Off (T)
ESPN
9:00 Motorsport Asia (R)Highlights
7:00 European Tour: Weekly
8:30 Brazil v Hong Kong
10:00 Portugese League H/Ls: