Udichi Drama Festival 2005

(February 11-16)

A realistic presentation of a circus act in the play

Saiful Islam's approach as a set

designer is realistic. He has repli-

cated a circus tent on the prosce-

nium arch stage. However, as the

light designer Saiful is not success-

ful. His design lacks visibility, which

is the basic requirement for light

designing. Moreover, he has failed to

present the inner emotion of the

"Genius" Ray Charles wins big

at the 47th Grammys

play like Circus Circus.

Play portraying the oppression of rural artistes

Circus Circus

ERSHAD KAMOL

Stage.

artistes.

Prachyanat staged Circus Circus by

Azad Abul Kalam as part of the

drama festival arranged by Udichi on

February 14, at the Mahila Samity

gle of artistes of a rural circus troupe,

which travels around the country and

put up shows. Once the troupe

comes to a remote area and faces

many obstacles from the religious

fanatics. They attack the circus

attack on the rural artistes by the

religious fanatics but also narrates

the different problems of the troupe.

As the subplot of the play he has

interestingly focused on the decay-

ing indigenous art form which is

turning to vulgarity from artistic

presentation. Azad portrays the

circus troupe realistically and adopts

slang language as used by the rural

Azad Abul Kalam, as the director,

has successfully used different

choreography suitable for a circus

theme. Moreover, his handling of the

emotions of the artistes is apprecia-

ble. Throughout the play he has

maintained the required pace in a

Azad's play not only presents the

troupe and destroy everything.

Circus Circus narrates the strug-

ULTURAL FEAS

Film Festival

Freshgel Banglar Chhobi 2005 Organiser: Dhaka University Film

Venue: TSC Auditorium, Dhaka

University Date: February 12-20 Schedule

Bashundhara 01:00pm Strir Potro 04:00pm Personal Assistant 07:00pm Gupi Bagha Phirev Elo

Feb 17 10:00am Emiler Goyenda Bahini 01:00pm Lukochuri 04:00pm Wheelchair

07:00pm Duratta 10:00am Padma Nadir Maihi 01:00pm Shanjh Batir Rupkatha 04:00pm Paromitar Ekdin

07:00pm Alor Michhil Feb 20 10:00am Dahan 01:00pm Matir Mayna 04:00pm Manda Meyer Upakhyan 07:00pm Lalon

Organiser: Udichi Central Drama

Venue: Mahila Shamiti Auditorium Date: February 11-16, at 6:30pm Schedule Feb 16

Chilekothar Sepai (Udichi)

Drama Festival

Udichi Natyatshab 2005

Play

Title: The School for Wives Group: Space and Acting Research Venue: Alliance Française Date: February 15-16, at 7:00pm

Musical Soiree Title: She Ashibey Amar Mon Boley

Orgeniser: Nandan Venue: Bangladesh YWCA Bhaban, 3/23, Iqbal Road, Muhammadpur Time: February 20, at 6:30pm

Exhibition

12am and 5pm to 9pm

Title: Third Solo Exhibition Artiste: Ronni Ahmed Venue: Alliance Française, 26, Mirpur Time: 18-26 February, from 10am

Title: Valentine's Photo Exhibit Artiste: Nabila Rahman Venue: The Art & Soul Gallery, House 16, Road 36, Gulshan Time: 14-20 February, from 11am to

Title: Nature and Life Artist: Golam Faruque Bebul Venue: Gallery Chitrak, House 21, Date: February 14-24, from 10am to

Artist: Fahmida Akhtar Kakoli Venue: Zainul Gallery, Institute of Date: February 16-22

Artist: Liudmila Yakovleva Venue: Russian Centre of Science and Culture, House 510, Road 7, Dhanmondi Date: February 17-23

Title: Chitrakabya Artist: Abdullah-Al-Masum Venue: BPS Gallery, House 63/2, Science Laboratory Road Date: February 11-March 11, from 10am to 8pm

Ekushey Book Fair 2005

Book fair draws a huge crowd

AFSAR AHMED

ARTALS are never an obstacle to the Ekushey Book Fair, rather we can enjoy the fair in a holiday mood," said a happy couple Archi and Rabab. As they continued, "We had an enjoyable rickshaw ride on the peaceful roads of Dhaka to the fair premises which is unimaginable on normal days." The whole premises turned into a "human sea", and there was an air of festivity-- until the bomb blast at the outskirts of the fair, where a cultural programme was held on the occasion of Valentine's Day at the TSC premises.

Earlier, a major grouse of people who attended the Ekushey Book Fair was the heavy security at the event. A serpentine queue of people jammed the Ekushey Book Fair on Fridays and special holidays or the lazy hartal days due to heavy security. The queue is so long that it starts from TSC. often circles around Dhaka Medical College and the Doel Chattar and then comes to the entry gate of the fair.

"This is not what Ekushey Book



Enthusiastic visitors at the Book fair

Fair means to us. It is the place that broadens our intellect and rationality. And everyone has the right to visit the fair without facing any questions. I am here with my aged mother. How can she survive standing in a line for two to three hours?" questioned an irate Rumana, who came to visit the fair but couldn't

Many people, including the publishers and writers shared this opinion. "It's not that we don't want security. But my point is that the authority should open many more gates with the same security measures to divert the rush," said a publisher, who is participating in the

Writers and poets also have to wait in the long queue. As is customary, on holidays the writers come to the fair early. "It is a good sign to see a million people waiting in the queue. People are the lifeline of the fair and care should be taken to ensure that they don't drift away from their roots and their traditional Ekushey Book Fair," said an aspir-

Despite the unfortunate incident on February 14, the fair continues to draw people. Many new books are arriving everyday to attract the crowd and the sales are satisfactory.

Books make great gifts. The young people dressed in trendy clothes were seen buying a good number of romantic novels, poems and other books on the occasion of Valentine's Day. Apart from Humavun Ahmed's Leelaboti. Chheleta the other best sellers of the day were Shedin Chaitra Mash. Angul Kata Jaglu and Science Fiction Shamagra. Popular writer Zafar lobal's science fiction Navira brought out by Shomov Prokashon was the people's first choice of the



Valentine's photo exhibit

CULTURAL CORRESPONDENT

The festive season is on again. Once more it is time for the younger generation and the young at heart to indulge in some mushy sentimentality. Yes, this is a reference to Valentine's Day, which over the last few years has become a day to remember in Bangla-



A combination of photography and computer graphics show a girl wearing a necklace

The Art & Soul Gallery is holding a Valentine's Photo Exhibit. This exhibition (on till February 20) captures the spirit of this day through a series of photographs embellished with computer graphics. Explaining the motivation behind this eye-catching display, Nabila Rahman, managing director of the gallery, says: "The younger generation eagerly looks forward to Valentine's Day. The aim is to capture the romance and gaiety of

The photographers behind this exhibition are Najmul Hoque and Julia Eggen (from Canada). Nabila has placed her distinctive mark on the works with the aid of Photoshop and Graphic imager. She put her own colours

and made variations of her works. Among the works that catch the eye is a photograph of a girl with red and yellow roses in her hair. Then there's another work of a girl with a bead necklace. Nabila maintains that the younger generation will go for her cre-

Along with her works for the young, she has a collection of Rajasthani, Balinese, Arabic calligraphy and Oriental art at the

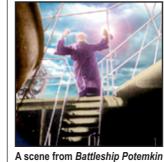
Eisenstein's Battleship Potemkin restored

Lalon has also been shown at London, Fufuoka (Japan) and

Goa (India) film festivals

Battleship Potemkin, Sergei Eisenstein's 1925 silent classic, has been restored and seen in its uncensored form for the first time in nearly 80 years. Cut by the Germans who bought the film, altered by the Soviets and banned in Britain and France for its revolutionary zeal, it nonetheless became one of the most important

Restorers have worked for three years to insert scenes removed by German censors for their extreme violence and to correct translations of the Russian



"inter-titles" which toned down the revolutionary rhetoric.

story, Battleship Potemkin dramatises a mutiny on a Russian ship and how it inspired a failed 1905 uprising against the country's Czars.

Based on a true

enced generations of artistes - but never had one of those blockbuster albums that many lesser artists have enjoyed. Eight months after his death, however, Charles' final album, Genius Loves Company won a leading eight Grammy awards on Sunday night, including album of the year, record of the year for Here We Go Again with Norah Jones, and pop vocal album. U2 won three awards, including

Ray Charles had a legendary career best rock performance by a duo or een Dav. t nated rock act with six for their politically charged punk opera American Idiot, won best rock album. Alicia Keys and Usher shared an award Sunday night for best rock and blues performance by a duo or group with vocals for their chart-topping duet My Boo. Fach was nominated for eight Grammys, Keys won four while Usher had three. John Maver's mellow tribute Daughters won song of the year. The most nominated

edge CD The College Dropout. He was nominated for 10 Grammys. including album of the year, but only took home three, including best rap album and best rap song for Jesus Walks. Perhaps the evening's most exhilarating performance was from Melissa Etheridge. The rocker, who is battling breast cancer, took to the stage for a Janis Joplin tribute with a shaved head but nevertheless a jubilant voice, and received a standing ovation Ultimately, the night belonged to

characters through symbolic colour

effect. At least in the sequence when

Sultana narrates her pathos, Saiful

should have presented her emotions

praiseworthy. Sakhwat Hossain

Rezvi, Jahangir Alam, Swatabdi

Wadud and Shahnaz Rahman Sumi

artiste of the year was perhaps the

most versatile- Kanye West, the

songwriter-producer who made his

rap debut in 2004 with the cutting-

Prachyanat's teamwork was

more artistically

performed well.

Ray Charles. Besides the four awards for best album and song, Genius Loves Company won for best instrumental arrangement accompanying a vocalist, best gospel performance, best engineered album and best surround sound album. Charles was 73 when he died in June, with a total of 12 Grammys in his 50-plus year career. The most he ever won in one night was four in 1960, including two for the classic Georgia Or My Mind. That was the song performed Sunday by Alicia Keys and actor Jamie Foxx, considered an Oscar sureshot for his portrayal of Charles in Ray. Foxx, more than just a decent musician, sat at a piano opposite Keys as Quincy Jones conducted the orchestra. "For an old friend," Foxx said as he began to play.

Compiled by Cultural Correspondent

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In The Wild

Inca Gold

Mystey Night

Living Pulse

Wind Driven

Ultimate Cars

Convertibles

Life On The Edge

Terra X Curse of The

Zach's Ultimate Guide

Wild Discovery Chimps:

Orphans of the Wild

Building The Ultimate I

Discovery Showcase

Legends Of the Isles

English Premier Football

League 2004/05 Bolton

New Detectives

Wanderers Vs

Middlesbrough (T)

STAR SPORTS

Great Romances Of The

DISCOVERY

TV GUIDE

PICK OF THE DAY

Daily Star will not be responsible for any change in the programme

All programmes are in local time. The

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)

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

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.

News Headlines (Bangla) at 10:00 am. 12:00 am. 6:15 pm. 9:30 pm. pm.7:30 pm.10:30 pm.

TARA BANGLA

BBC WORLD

Every hour on the hour

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

4:00pm.6:00 pm and 8:00 pm.

News (Bangla) 7:30 am. 2:00 pm. 5:00 Telecast of BTV News (Bangla and English) at 11:30 pm.

NewsHeadlines(Bangla) at 5:30 pm. 7:30

Tara News (Bangla) at 8:30 pm. 11:30 Tara News Bangladesh (Bangla) at 9:30

BTV 07:30 Shubhechha Nin Programme From BTV Archive 08:40 Bishwa Protidin

09:00 Satellite Programme Shangbadpotrer Pata 12:30 Shasthya Tathya 01:05 Rimihim Kheltey Kheltey 02:05 Computer 02:30 Hijol Tomal

03:05 Shukhi Poribai 03:35 Geeto Bitan 04:05 Open University 04:30 Desh O Bigyan Mati O Manush 05:05 Prescription Desh Janapad 07:00 News Headlines

Weather forecast Share Market

07:30 The World's Greatest Protidin Bangladesh 08:25 Ekush O Bangla 08:30 Katha Shahitya

Drama Serial:

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Swadesh Shanshkriti

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Megh Kichhu Roddur 09:35 Drama Serial: Din

Drama Serial: Arai Tola Bari

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On ATN Bangla at 6:20pm

Kichhu Katha Kichhu

Drama Serial

Dindarpan

Host: Soumen Shankar Das and Trisha

Participants: Bijori Barkatullah and Shawkat Ali Imon

Musical Programme Gaaney Shurey 01:25 Motamot

02:30 Drama Serial: Nil Akasher Nichey Drama Serial: Nana 03:15 Ronger Din 03:50 Drama Serial: New Files

04:25 Cinema Cinema 06:20 Manoshi The Sword of Tipu 08:00 Sultan 08:30 Drama Serial: Khowab 09:00 Drama Serial:

Bayoscope

Drama Serial: Mati

Citycell Shusthya

Thakun Live 12:20 Drama: Shokhi Tum **HBO** 09:30 Boiler Room 12:00 Murder by Numbers

Philly

Genre: Drama

On Star World at 9:30pm

Cast: Kim Delaney, Tom Everett Scott, Kyle Secor

Created by Steven Bochco, Alison Cross

Blood Crime 02:30 04:15 The Master of Disguise 06:00 Slap Shot 2: Breaking the Ice 07:45 The Wisher Showdown in Little 09:30 Tokyo 11:00 Tales from the crypt 41

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The Bribe

Magnolia

Beverly Hills Cop II

STAR MOVIES Girls Just Want To Have Fun

09:45 Air Force One 11:45 Conan The Barbarian 01:45 03:25 Bird On A Wire 05:15 Bringing Down The House 07:00 Rocky 09:00 Rocky Iii

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04:45 Saazish 08:30 Maidhar Chalta Purza STAR PLUS 03:30 Kvunki Saas Bhi Kabhi

Bahu Thi Kahiin To Hoga 04:00 04:30 K.Street Pali Hill 05:00 Maan 06:00 Patang Adventures Of Mickey

07:00 Disney's The Weekenders 08:00 Hello Dollie 08:30 Dekho Magar Pyaar Se 09:00 Kasautii Zindagii Kay 09:30 Sanjivani

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Bhu Thi Kahiin To Hoga STAR WORLD

10:30 Charmed Wild Card Manhunt Koffee With Karan 02:30 Oprah Winfrey Whose Line Is It

Anyway? 07:30 Ally Mcbeal The Simpsons 06:30 07:00 That 70s Show Friends 07:30 Newsradio 08:30 American Idol 09:30 Philly Third Watch lii 10:30

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GEOGRAPHIC

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Special Cheating Death Riddles Of The Dead S2 ANIMAL

PLANET 01:00 Pet Nation Emergency

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02:30 **Animal Planet Reveals** 04:30 The Protectors Wild 05:30

TheCrocodile Hunter Diaries 06:00 Monkey Business The Planet's Funniest 06:30

Animals Wild On The Set **Animal Planet**

09:00 Wild On The Set

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Animal Planet Reveals

Royal Bank Of Scotland Six Nations 2005 Italy Vs Wales (R) **English Premier Footbal**

League 2004/05 Charlton Athletic Vs

Tottenham Hotspur (T) Watersports Program-

ming Hot Water (T)