ULTURAL FEAS

Ekushey Special Programmes

Title: Amar Ekushey 2005 Organiser: Bangla Academy Venue: Bangla Academy premises Date: February 01-28

Schedule February 01-28

Ekushey Book Fair Time: Weekdays: From 3pm to 9pm; Weekends: From 11am to 12 noon

and 2pm to 9pm February 25

Time: 9am

Programme: Children's poetry recitation and art competition, Prize distribution followed by cultural

February 26 Programme: Cultural programme Time: 6pm

February 27 Programme: Cultural programme

February 28

Programme: Closing ceremony of the of Ekushey book fair and announcement of the best book-stalls followed by cultural programme Time: 4pm

Musical programme

Title: Phele Asha Diner Gaan Venue: Sufia Kamal Auditorium, Date: February 27 at 6:30 p.m.

Exhibition

Title: Children's Painting Exhibition Artists: Child artistes ranging 4 to 16 Organiser: Artiste Muhammad Abu

Venue: Drik Gallery, House 58, Road

15A. Dhanmondi Date: February 25-March 01, from

Title: Third Solo Exhibition Venue: Alliance Française, 26, Mirpur

Time: 18-26 February, from10am 12am and 5pm to 9pm

Exhibition

Title: Bangla Calligraphy Exhibition Organiser: Amar Desh and Islami

Artists: 14 artists including Masum Akhtar Mili, Arifur Rahman, Ferdous Ara Ahmed

Venue: Novera Hall, National Museum Date: February 26-28, at 3:00 pm

Folk Festival

Title: Lokokarushilpa Mela O Lokojo Utshab 2005 Organiser: Ministry of Cultural Affairs

Venue: Sonargaon at Narayangani

Date: February 25-March 17

Once upon a time, in a land far away...

Celebrating Hans Christian Anderson's bicentennial

CULTURAL CORRESPONDENT

HO hasn't heard of Hans Christian Anderson? This famous name is associated with a host of well-loved fairy tales which are a staple for children all over the world. To celebrate Anderson's 200th birth anniversary this year, his native country Denmark is orchestrating special events throughout the world. The Royal Danish Embassy Dhaka is also planning a month long celebration starting from March 14. Shaittya Prakash has published Roopkothar Rajjye, a Bangla translation of 12 widely known fairy tales by Anderson to mark this event. The 12 stories The Angel, The Nightingale, The Brave Tin Soldier, The Tinder-box, The Girl Who Trod on the Loaf, The Flying Trunk, The Little Match-girl, The Emperor's New Suit, The Ugly Duckling, The Shepherdess and the Sweep, The Wild Swans and The Little Mermaid, have been translated by renowned literary personalities like Hayat Mamud, Buddhodeb Boshu, Mofidul Haque and Leela Majumdar.

Anderson, a prolific author of fairy tales, demonstrated that this genre is not necessarily limited to fairies. In these stories we meet witches and queens, giants and elves, princes, dragons, talking animals, ogres, princesses, and sometimes fairies. Awe-inspiring and magical things happen to characters in fairy tales. A frog may turn in to a prince, a princess may sleep for a hundred years. Objects too can be enchanted mirrors talk, pumpkins become carriages, and a lamp may be domicile to a genie. Fairy tales generally appeal to children but the inner-child inside each of us often indulaes in reading these fables as they stimulate our imagination by taking us to a dominion we have never been to

a realm where everything is magical and where good always prevails over bad. Besides solely whooping up the reader's fantasy, this notion of 'Good always being triumphant' has always been at the core of most fairy tales beneath all the kings, queens, fairies and witches. This is why fairy tales play an imperative role in a child's upbringing as these tales teach children good values and provide hope by narrating how the downtrodden can attain impossible goals if they make great effort

Anderson had penned several fairy tales that did and still continue to enchant billions of children around the world. How Anderson became legendary is no less than a fairy tale. Hans Christian Andersen was born on April 2, 1805 in Odense, Denmark the son of a poor shoemaker and a washerwoman. As a teenager, he became guite well known in Odense as an actor and singer. When he was 14, he set off for the capital, Copenhagen, determined to become a national success on the stage. He



The cover jacket of Roopkothar Rajjye



A sculpture of Hans Christian Anderson

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failed miserably, but made some influential friends in the capital, who got him into school to remedy his lack of proper education. He hated school - aged 17, he was in a class of 12-year-olds and was constantly mocked by them and by the teachers. In 1829 his first book, An account of a walking trip, was published. After that, books came out at regular intervals. At first, he considered his adult books more important than his fantasies. In later life, however, he began to see that these apparently trivial stories could vividly portray constant features of human life and characters. Anderson then started writing mainly for children. He would often thinly disguise people he liked or disliked as characters in his stories - a woman who failed to return his love became the foolish prince in The Little Mermaid; his own physical lack of appeal and humiliation are reflected in The Ugly Duckling

With this rich background it will be no wonder if Roopkothar Rajjye is eagerly lapped up by the young and young at heart.



Artist Gulshan Hossain(4-L) recently participated in the 3rd International Biennale Art Exhibition at Sharjah Expo Centre. The theme: Women and Art--A Global Perspective 2005, says a press release. She will also participate in next year's art symposium and exhibition to be held in Dubai. Only 80 artists will be selected from 80 countries.

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Bonus for privileged members at STAR Cineplex

STAR Cineplex, the international standard multiplex cinema theatre at the Bashundhara City, is dead set against the unethical practice of black marketing tickets, a common feature in theatre halls. Recently, the hall authorities launched an on-line valued gold and platinum members. Demo presentations of the online booking system were presented to the media on February 23 at STAR Cineplex, says a press release. This is the first time an online-booking system has been activated in the entertainment and service sector in Bangladesh to ensure international standard customer comfort levels

Bono gets Nobel Peace Prize nod

U2's Bono, whose trophy case is packed with Grammys and even a Golden Globe, is up for another award that may render all the rest quaint: the Nobel Peace Prize. The rocker, who in his spare time

champions Third World debt relief, AIDS awareness and increased action in Sudan's troubled Darfur region, is one of the 166 nominees for this year's honour. The Irish-born singer, last seen

at Sunday's Grammy Awards collecting two statuettes and participating in the all-star version of "Across the Universe" benefiting tsunami victims, regularly travels around the world meeting with diplomats and heads of state to push his pet causes.

This is the second time Bono has been nominated for the Nobel Peace Prize. He was also in contention in 2003.

Nilufar Yasmeen: Tribute by peers

"Gifted artiste Nilufar Yasmeen is a well remembered name in the cultural field. Not only in Nazrul Sangeet, her strong command in various genres of music such as the songs of DL Roy, Atul Prasad and Rajanikanta was also amazing. Her devotion to music was exceptional as she never gave up *reyaz* even when the environment was unfavourable, " said veteran Nazrul exponent Sudhin Das while commemorating Nilufar Yasmeen in a programme titled Abar Bhalobashar Shadh Jage. The function was organised by Bengal Foundation on the occasion of 57th birth anniversary of the singer Wednesday last.

Born on February 13, 1948, and brought up in a cultural environment, Nilufar Yasmeen's had an early orientation to music. She used to listen to songs of master artistes Angurbala Devi, Indubala, Kamla K Mallik, Gyan Jharia, Harimati, Goswami, SD Burman and Abbasuddin on gramophone records in her childhood. Subsequently, she would sing these songs with her



Nilufar Yasmeen

From 1964 to 1985, she took her essons in classical music under Ustad PC Gomez. Sarangi player Ustad Sagir Uddin Khan, Ustad A Daud of Murshidabad and Mira Banerjee, the direct disciple of Ustad Barey Ghulam Ali Khan, were also among her mentors

Nilufar Yasmeen received the Bangladesh Cine Journalists Association Awards (BACHSHASH)

in 1975, National Film Awards for the film Shubhoda, Nazrul Institute Award and Ekushey Padak posthumously in 2004.

She performed many playback songs in films of the golden era such as Shubhoda, Jowar Bhata, Abar Tora Manush Ho and Jalchhobi. She was a teacher in the Department of Music and Dramatics of Dhaka University for a considerable time.

Nilufar Yasmeen died on March 10.

Dedicated to the memory of Nilufar, the programme started with one of her very moving songs on record Tomareyi bhalobeshechhi ami tomareyi bhalobashibo. Among others, venerable litterateur Dr Anisuzzaman, Amalesh Das Gupta Dr Mridul Kanti Chakrobarti and Nilufar's elder sister Dr Najma Yasmeen shared remembrances of the singer. Eminent singers Sabina Yasmeen, Mita Haque, Khairul Anam Shakil, Sharmin Shathi Islam, her only son Agun, and Mofizur Rahman rendered different songs. In the latter part of the programme, a documentary film, Swarer Swajon, on the musical life of Nilufar Yasmeen was





SHORT TAKES

Dimple: In the spotlight once again

PALLAB BHATTACHARYA, New Delhi

Time and tide wait for none. So they haven't for Dimple Kapadia, the screen diva of the 1970s who turned into a heartthrob of Bollywood after her pairing with Rishi Kapoor in the super-hit movie Bobby.

Today, Dimple Kapadia is a grandmother and spends most of her time with her children and grandchildren. But that has not stopped her and Rishi Kapoor from

coming together again on the screen after nearly three decades for the forthcoming Hindi film Pal Tham Gaya (The Moment has Stopped) whose shooting has just been wrapped up.

When Dimple Kapadia appeared in Bobby in 1973 she was just 15. In the forthcoming movie, Rishi Kapoor and her don the roles of an aging couple, who find themselves at home in each other's company. However, her daughter, played by Soha Ali Khan, objects to their

Bobby was not the only film in which Di Rishi were paired. The two were featured in Sagar which also has Kamal Hasan.

But the passage of time has not hit Dimple's career. In the last seven years she has acted in films like Mrinal Sen's *Antareen*, playing the role of an urban woman neglected by her busy husband and longing for a relationship with another man. Then there are other films such as Dil Chahata Hai in which she is the object of passion of a young boy. She also did Kalpana Lajmi's Rudaali and Lekin.

Two more films featuring Dimple Kapadia are in the

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Killing Zone

Romance

World's Best Kept

the Russian Front

Secret of Sex

Fields of Armor

World's Best Kept

of....Paranormal

Real Kids Real

Desmond Morris' The

Human Sexes Patterns

Adventures

Diet Busters

Secrets

Secrets of Love &

Wild Discovery Bears on

Wildest South America

Afghanistan The Bear

cans, including Being Cyrus which also stars Naseeruddin Shah and Saif Ali Khan.



Rishi and Dimple in Bobby

Dimple said in a recent interview, "There are not many roles of substance in keeping with my age in the present film industry."

Will Pal Tham Gaya be able to charm the audience like Bobby? Times are different and only the future will tell. But Dimple is not worried about the box office success of her films now and is content with the way her film career has shaped up.

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)

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

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.

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**

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

BBC WORLD

Every hour on the hour

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

CHANNEL-i Tritiyo Matra Grameen Phone Tele

12:00 Kora Aalap 12:30 Islamic Programme 01:00 Banglar Gaan 01:30 Public Reaction Tritiyo Matrai Apni 02:30 Dekhar Gaan Shonai 04:15 Sa Re Ga Ma 05:15 Janopader Khaboi 05:30

07:50 Drama of the Week Haraye Khuji 09:35 Drama Serial: 69 10:00 Close Up Juke Box

Music Plus

Aamader Gaan

06:00

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ATN BANGLA Friday's Islamic

Binodon Jummabar 05:10 Shesh Akkhar 06:20 Aamra Korbo Joy 08:00 Rup Madhuri Drama Serial: Khowak 08:30 Drama Serial: Lal 09:00 Neel Beguni Drama Serial: Ek 09:30 10:35

Cine Aha ntv 08:30 Aaiker Shakal 09:05 Drama Serial: Urey Jav Bak Pakkhi 09:30 AIDS Programme 10:05 Siddigua Kabir's Recipe 10:30 Apnar Jigyasha 11:30

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8:30 Trans World Sports 9:00 Smritir Janalay Drama: Priva Achhev Priya Nei 1:00

Itihasher Ei Diney

Tiffiner Phakey Shubho Shondhva Amra Ekhon Unish Drama Serial: Urev

Pepsi Music Express

Drama: Pronoy Kahini

HBO 9:30 HBO Sneak Peek: Men in Black II 10:00 Street Justice: Legacy **12:0**0 Bram Stoker's Dracula Saturday Night Fever 4:45 Star Trek Nemesis 7:00 Tears of The Sun 9:30 The Mask

Dindarpan

11:30 Forrest Gump 2:15 Fair Game STAR MOVIES The Pianist

First \$20 Million Is Always The Hardest 2:45 The Ticket 3:15 Rocky V 5:00 Air Force One 7:00 Pirates Of The Caribbean: Curse Of The Black Pearl 9:25 The Mummy First \$20 Million Is

Always The Hardest STAR GOLD 9:35 Maya

10:10 Kartoos 1:30 4:45 Prem Shakti Golden G Hero No 1 12:15 Muqabla STAR PLUS Hasna Mat

Chalti Ka Naam

PICK OF THE DAY



Ek Janomey On ATN Bangla at 8:50pm Drama Serial Cast: Ferdousy Majumdar, Shirin Bakul, Tarin Directed by Abdullah Al Mamun

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Disney's The

Weekenders

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The Chronicle

Kalcchakra

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Meri Mrs Chanchala

Pardey Ke Peechey

Adventures Of Mickey

Shararat - Thoda Jadu

Aur Phir Ek Din

5:00 5:30 Ally Mcbeal 6:30 The Simpsons That 70s Show 7:00 7:30 Friends 8:00 Newsradio 8:30 American Idol 9:30 The Apprentice 10:30 11:30 Newsradio 12:00

Adventure Inc Magnum P.I. Oprah Winfrey Hollywood Squares Whose Line Is It

Koffee With Karan Cover Story ANIMAL **PLANET** 10:30 Wild On The Set It's In Amra Ekhon Unish Kuri On ntv at 6:50pm Magazine Show Host: Kusum Shikdar **Directed by Tanvir Khan** The Elements

The Blue Planet The 11:30 Making Waves The Making Of Blue Planet Pet Nation Breed All About It Weimaraner 1:00 Pet Nation K-9 To 5 Avalanche Dog, Farm Dog, Bowling Dog Pet Nation Emergency

The Most Extreme, The 4:30 The Protectors Animal Precinct 4 5:30 Vets On The Wild Side 6:00 Monkey Business 6:30 The Planet's Funniest

Barking Mad

7:00

Weird Nature Bizarre Breeding 8:00 Pet Powers And The Human Mind 8:30 Pet Star 9:30 The Most Extreme The Super Senses 10:30 Cats Felines & Pharoahs 11:00 Weird Nature Peculiar Potions

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DISCOVERY **CHANNEL** 10:30 Fields of Armor Into the

Wild Encounters

Profiles of Nature

Specials, Series 9

Arctic, The No Place to

5:30 5:30

Wild Discovery Crowned Lemurs And The Crocodile Caves 8:30 Wings Scrapping Aircraft Giants Extreme Engineering Widening the Panama 10:30 Countdown Death at

Midnight

Master Of the Spirits

Great Crimes And Trials

5 Weddings Couple Of

The Vampire Fish

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of Love

of the 20th Century NATIONAL **GEOGRAPHIC**

10:30 5 Weddings Couple Of Funeral Young Global Hot Shots Riddles Of The Dead S2 11:30 12:30 Creative Vision 1:00 Storm Stories **Backyard Science** 1:45 Doc Eureka Serious: Jungle 2:30 Different Ball Game

Funeral

Young Global Hot Shots 4:30 **Backvard Science** 4:45 Doc Eureka 5:00 Serious: Jungle Blue Wonder 6:30 Dogs With Jobs Storm Stories 7:00 National Geographic 7:30

Scientific American

Science Times Riddles Of The Dead S2 STAR SPORTS Rugby Duel In The **Desert Dubai Stormers**

Special

8:30

Vs Gwent Dragons (T) 10:30 Equestrian World Cup Jumping Series 2004/ 2005 Spain (T) Asian Festival Of Speed 11:30 Round 10(R) 12:00 Golf Focus (R) Tennis Abn Amro World 12:30

Tennis Tournament Netherlands Final(R) Beach Soccer Portugal Nba Basketball Philadelphia 76ers Vs

New York Knicks (R) English Premier League 5:57 Zimbabwe Tour Of South Africa 1st Odi 1st Session(L)

10:00 Sportsline (L) 10:30 Zimbabwe Tour Of South Africa 1st Odi 2nd Session(L)

ESPN

Uefa Champions League 2004/05 First Knock-Out Round Leg The Ace Group Classic

Naples Fl Usa Final

Round(R) Uefa Champions League 2004/05 First Knock-Out Round Leg #1(T) Australia Tour Of New 1:30 Zealand 2nd Odi Highlights(R) 3:00 Pga Tour Golf Accenture

Match Play Championship (Wgc) Second Round Matches(R) 5:00 Motorsport Asia (T) 5:30 Hitz (R) Super 12 Rugby 2005

New Zealand Highlanders Vs Auckland Blues Round 1(S) Motorsport Asia (R) 8:30 Sportscenter India (L) English Premier League Preview (T) 9:30 Born To Play: Masters

Of Football (R) Icc Cricket World (T) Here We Go (S) 11:30 Sportscenter India (R) 12:00 Sportscenter Asia (S) **TEN SPORTS**

Top Ten Batsmen 9:30 10:00 Dubai Racing Preview 11:00 Trans World Sports 1:00 Caribbean Classics

1:30 European Tour French League Highlights 3:00 Top Ten Batsmer 4:00 War Of A Million Tournament 4:30 Speed

5:30 Ep 22 6:30 7:30 Leaends

Portugese League H/Ls: WWE Velocity ATP Tennis