

CULTURAL FEAST

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 28

Programme: Closing ceremony of

Ekushey Book Fair and

announcement of the best book-stalls

followed by cultural programme

Time: 4pm

Exhibition

Title: Kickin' Up Dust (featuring



Australian contemporary indigenous

cultural festivals on photographs)

Venue: Bengal Gallery of Fine Arts

Time: February 28-March 18, 12-08 pm

Title: Children's Painting Exhibition

Artists: Child artists ranging 4 to 16

years of age

Organiser: Artist Muhammad Abu

Selim

Venue: Drik Gallery, House 58, Road

15A, Dhanmondi

Date: February 25-March 01, from

3pm to 8pm

Title: Bangla Calligraphy Exhibition

Organiser: Amar Desh and Islami

Bank

Artists: 14 artists including Masum

Akhtar Mili, Arifur Rahman, Ferdous

Ara Ahmed

Venue: Novera Hall, National

Museum, Shahbag

Date: February 26-28, at 3:00 pm

Folk Festival

Title: Lokokarushila Mela O Lokojo

Utshab 2005

Organiser: Ministry of Cultural Affairs

Venue: Sonargaon at Narayanganj

Date: February 25-March 17

Celebration Subhash Dutta

The versatile actor at 75

CULTURAL CORRESPONDENT

SUBHASH Dutta, an icon of evocative Bangla movies, has always been a believer of the age-old saying, 'Art imitates life'. On February 9, 2005, this veteran film personality turned 75 and to observe this auspicious event, his peers and well-wishers from the film industry arranged a celebration at the Begum Sufia Kamal auditorium at the National Museum on February 26.

Dutta started his career in the Dhaka film industry at a time when Urdu and Hindi movies were reigning in local movie theatres. At the beginning of his career, he took on comic roles in mainstream movies and became popular. Dutta was a versatile talent. He was the poster designer of the first ever Bangla film *Mukh O Mukush*. In *Matir Pahar*, he acted as an art director. He performed in *Ei Desh Tomar Amar*, *Rajdhanir Bukey*, *Harano Din*, *Talash*, *Sutarang* and many other films.

He intended to make Bangla movies with his own funds--movies that would emulate the real life of the masses, movies that people from all walks of life could relate to. Spurred by this ambition, Dutta made his first movie--*Abirhab* and contributed to the beginning of a golden era of Bangla movies. *Abirhab* not only won the hearts of the local audience, it fetched Dutta a prestigious award at the Frankfurt Film Festival.

The celebration in honour of Subhash was overseen by popular film actress Kabori Sarowar. According to Kabori, "Subhashda has always had a special place in my heart. I was introduced to the film industry by him". The event started with a chorus rendition of *Alo amar alo* just as the world of Bangla movies was enlightened with the entry of Dutta. He was then greeted with flowers and gifts. Among



Eminent film directors and actors pay a choral tribute to Dutta (seated)

the guests were the president of the directors' association, Chashi Nazrul Islam, renowned artiste Kalim Sharaf, and singer Abida Sultana. When asked about his reaction, Subhash Dutta jokingly said, "I cannot believe I've survived 75 long years. I would also like to recall many of the artists who were near and dear to me but are not with us any more," he added.

The programme also included live performances. Abida Sultana did a rendition of *Tumi ashbey bole* from the movie *Shutorang*, while Kabori lip-synched with her. Dutta seemed to enjoy this adulation.

Everyone present at the celebration hoped Dutta would resume making movies in years to come that gave him the status of a living legend in our country.

50th Filmfare Awards

Rani reigns, Shah Rukh rules



A proud Rani Mukherji walks away with an award

Nostalgia walked hand-in-hand with modernity at India's oldest and most coveted cine awards. The 50th year of the Filmfare Awards was marked by a glittering ceremony on February 26.

Golden was the hue of the evening--a specially crafted gold trophy as the "Lady in Black" turned golden, retro performances by top stars and anchoring peppered with anecdotes and trivia from a misty past.

The four main awards of the night were swept up by Shah Rukh Khan (Best Actor for

Swades), Rani Mukerji (Best Actress for *Hum Tum*), first-time winner Kunal Kohli (Best Director for *Hum Tum*) and Yash Chopra (Best Film for *Veer-Zaara*).

Veteran poet and lyricist Javed Akhtar attained a distinction of sorts by being nominated for five films in the best lyricist category. However, it was his lines *Tere Liye* from the film *Veer- Zaara* that clinched him the coveted golden trophy.

Saif Ali Khan walked away with the award for best actor in a comic role for *Hum Tum* but the nail-biting finish in the best actor in the supporting role kept the audience spell-bound. Abhishek Bachchan beat his superstar father Amitabh in this category to bag the award for his role in *Yuva*. Rani Mukherji won the best actress in supporting role for the movie *Yuva*.

Evergreen star Dev Anand won the viewers award for being best actor in five decades while Rekha was adjudged the most beautiful and talented actress in the past 50 years through an opinion poll. Another special award was given to Ramesh Sippy whose *Sholay* was adjudged the best film of the past 50 years.

The performances kicked off with an anthem composed especially for Filmfare's golden jubilee by Shankar-Ehsaan-Loy. It was sung by Abhijeet Savant and Amit Sana, finalists of the popular television talent hunt *Indian Idol*.

Shah Rukh Khan's delineation of romance down the ages--shaking a leg to popular tunes from the 1960s on, he was accompanied by the original leading ladies themselves, from a bespectacled Vyjanthimala to the gorgeous Sharmila Tagore and the sultry Zeenat Aman, Jaya Prada and Rekha, down

to Kajol, Rani and Preity Zinta--was mind boggling.

In keeping with the sepia hue, Lata Mangeshkar, Dilip Kumar and veteran composer Naushad, the first winners of the Filmfare awards in their respective categories, were felicitated by Amitabh Bachchan and CM Deshmukh.

The Lifetime Achievement Award went to Rajesh Khanna who was discovered 40 years ago in a Filmfare-United Producers contest.

Compiled by Cultural Correspondent



An elated Shah Rukh Khan (R) receiving award from Shatrughan Sinha

Exhibition

Quaint, cute and cuddly images in batik

Idylls from Russia

FAYZA HAQ

LIUDMILA Yakovleva's recent exhibition at the Russian Culture Centre brought quaint motifs in batik. Fairies, cats, houses with sloping roofs and pale blue skies were all included in the artist's subject range. All the forms and motifs were neat, precise and done in soft, muted colours. The images formed careful designs on cloth, whether it be a domestic scene of a cat on a veranda or Egyptian images on pharaohs' tombs.

Liudmila studied art as a child and went on to graduate from the Department of Applied Arts of the Moscow Textile University. Her parents realised that she was artistically gifted and let her study her own way. Her favourite artists included Renaissance painter Michelangelo and modern cubists like Picasso. Since 1994 she is a member of the "Union of Designers", Russia. She has taken part in local and international exhibitions.

One of the batik works had a quaint old lady in blue, clutching on to a red umbrella and being blown by the wind. She was surrounded by gray, blue and brown trees with pink and golden leaves. Another image presented a beige mother cat suckling her snow white kittens. One of its eyes was opened while the other was shut; it was resting on a blue background. A presentation of Riga, the capital of Latvia, brought in pink, brown and purple houses and churches, with steeples, turrets and sloping roofs. They were lined with trees dotted with snow. Glowing roadside antique lamps in wrought iron added to the



Liudmila's work displays neat forms and motifs

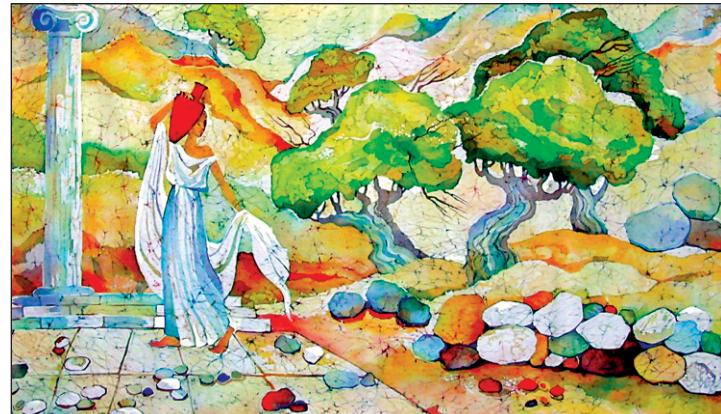
genial atmosphere. People were seen playing in the winter snow. "A winter angel" brought in a thin greenish form with blonde hair. Behind the floating form were snow laden trees. The water in front had floating flowers and fluffy snow.

The image of the seated old man, with a cat in front of him and snow behind him was also very quaint. At the back were to be seen bare branches of hedges. Another idyllic composition brought in the city with

yellow, orange, blue and pink houses with gold and blue roofs, and pink walls and windows. On top was a flying angel with red tresses, with white and gold wings and apparel. In "The flying couple" we saw a man and woman flying in ecstasy in the sky. The woman was dressed in orange and her companion in green. Below are orange and gray circular tops of trees.

"Trip to Egypt" brought in the old and new in the sense that new scenes of subjects going about their work were seen against the backdrop of pharaohs' palaces and tombs. The palaces with their carvings, pillars and statues blended with everyday people going about their work. There was the depiction of a contemporary woman clad in white robes and scarves, walking to her destination. On one side was an enlarged depiction of an ancient Egyptian carving with lilies. Another scene contained three women with their faces in scarves. Behind them were tall pillars and huge, historical statues.

Having visited Bangladesh, Liudmila hopes to bring in some of the Bangladeshi scenes and images in her future work.



A striking image

Performers from Sylhet presenting a folk dance on the second day of Tourism Festival at the Shishu Academy. Organised by Youth Tourism in association with Parjatan Corporation, the Tourism Festival featured Sylhet Division Day on February 26. The festival also showcased snake charmers, monkey dances, a Ferris wheel and a bioscope titled *Chhobi Kotha Bolbey Besh, Dekha Adekha Bangladesh* besides traditional Monipuri dance. Baby Nazneen and Subir Nandi performed in the evening.



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.

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News (Bangla) at 7:15 pm, 9:00am, 7:15pm, 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

BTV

07:30 Shubhechha Nin
08:15 Programme From Archive
08:40 Bishwa Protidin
09:00 Satellite Programmes
12:15 Shingbadpotrer Pata Thekey
12:30 Shasthya Tatthya
01:05 Lal Golap
02:05 Computer Round
02:30 Grantha Bhuban
03:05 Shur Lahori
04:05 Lekhapora
04:30 Open University
05:05 National Television School Debate Competition
05:45 Chhotoder Khorob
05:55 Shomokalin Arthonoti
06:10 Dolon Champa
06:35 Nrityer Taley Taley
07:00 News Headlines, Share Market, Weather Forecast
07:05 Ei Desh Ei Shomoy
07:30 Drama Serial: Akash Bhora Megh
08:25 Protidin Bangladesh
08:35 Drama Serial: Swapnoloker Deshey
09:00 Drama Serial: Pushpahar
10:25 Tefnakr The Tetulia

CHANNEL i

09:45 Trityo Matra
10:45 Live Educational Programme
11:30 Sa Re Ga Ma
12:00 Ebong Cenemar Gaan
12:20 Dhaka Guide
12:30 Aj Dupurey O Citycell
01:00 Tarokakothon
Bangla Feature Film: Ei Niye Sangshar
01:25 Public Reaction
01:30 Shonali Din
01:30 Shingbadpotrey Bangladesh
03:20 Banglar Gaan

04:20

Boimela Protidin
Sa Re Ga Ma
04:45 X-Music
05:30 Music Plus
06:00 Banijo O Aurthonoti
07:50 Game Show: Let's Move
09:35 Drama Serial: Shampurna Rangeen Career Show
10:00

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09:30 Ain O Jibon
10:05 Animal Kingdom
10:30 Dhakar Cinema
12:20 Drama Serial: Jhut Jhamela
03:15 Right Click
03:40 Drama Serial: Akashey Anek Raat
04:25 Khorob Deshey Deshey
05:20 Aapnar Jigyasha
06:00 Desher Khabar
06:20 Shubho Shondhaya
06:50 Khorobor Shondhane
08:15 Drama Serial: Sporsher Bairey
08:50 Fashion Talkies
09:40 Drama Serial: Anyarakom Dindarpan
11:20

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10:30 Annordrishti
11:05 Drama Serial: Ek Janamey
11:35 Pepsi Rock & Rhythm
12:15 Dekhi Nayan Melia
02:30 Drama Serial: Ghurpoka
03:15 Drama Serial: O Amar Chokkhu Nai
03:50 Bishya Toroney Bangla
04:25 Children's Programme
05:10 Shonali Din
05:45 Islami Sawaal O Jawab
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PICK OF THE DAY



Sporsher Bairey
On ntv at 8:15pm
Drama Serial
Cast: Raisul Islam Asad, Afroza Banu, Preeti
Directed By Shahiduzzaman Selim



Shukhnagar Apartment
On ATN Bangla at 8:00pm
Drama Serial
Cast: Subarna Mustafa, Aupi Karim, Tisha
Directed By Arun Chowdhury

STAR MOVIES

7:00 The Ticket
7:30 A Good Night To Die
9:00 Hollywood Wives
10:30 Barbershop
12:10 Liberty Stands Still
1:45 All The Pretty Horses
3:45 Hitched
5:20 The Guru
7:00 Moonstruck

STAR GOLD

9:25 Kuch Hit Kuch Superhit
9:30 Hum
1:25 Kuch Hit Kuch Superhit

STAR PLUS

1:00 Kasauti Zindagii Kay
1:30 Kunkum - Pyara Sa Bandhan
2:00 Bhabhi
2:30 Kesar
3:00 Saarrthi
3:30 Kyunki Saas Bhi Kabhi Bhu Thi
4:00 Kahiin To Hoga
4:30 K.Street Pali Hill
5:00 Maan
5:30 Hit Filmlein
6:00 Nargis
6:30 Adventures Of Mickey

7:00

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Disney's The Weekenders
7:30 Kunkum - Pyara Sa Bandhan
8:00 Hello Dollie
8:30 Dekho Magar Pyaar Se
9:00 Kasauti Zindagii Kay
9:30 Des Mein Nikkila Hog Chand
10:00 Kkavyanjali
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