CULTURAL FEAST

Exhibitions

Title: Paint and Pixel
Artist: Nazia Andaleeb Preema
Venue: La Gallery, Alliance Francaise
Date: March 03-14, From 9am to 12pm and 5pm to 8pm

Title: Faces
Artist: Arhamul Huq Chowdhury
Venue: Essentials, House 20, road 24, Block K, Bonani
Date: March 03-11, from 10am to 6pm

Title: Craft & Art of Clay Exhibit
Artist: Tayabuzzaman Topu
Venue: Art & Soul Gallery
Time: March 04-13, from 11pm to 8pm

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

Folk Festival

Title: Lokokarushilpa Mela O Lokojo Utshab 2005
Organiser: Ministry of Cultural Affairs
Venue: Sonargaon at Narayanganj
Date: February 25-March 17

French New Wave Film Festival
Organiser: Zahir Raihan Film Society
Venue: Alliance Francaise, 26, Mirpur Road, Dhanmondi
Time: March 06-16
Schedule
March 09
05:00pm The Aviator's Wife
07:00pm Day for Night
March 13
05:00pm The Incorrigible
07:00pm Confidentially Yours
March 14
05:00pm And Now, Ladies and Gentlemen
07:00pm Death in a French Garden
March 15
05:00pm The Beautiful Troublemaker!
March 16
05:00pm Heart Beat
07:00pm First Name: Carmen

Musical Soiree

Title: Tomari Tulona Tumi
Organiser: Panchashwar
Artist: Shumon Chowdhury, Nasima Shahin, Farhana Akhtar, Shumon Majumdar, Jannat-E-Ferdous, Mamun Zahid Khan
Venue: Goethe Institut, House 10, Road 9, Dhanmondi
Date: March 11, at7pm

Film Screening

Organiser: Indian Cultural Centre
Venue: Indian Cultural Centre, House 25, Road 96, Gulshan-2
Date: March 03-10, at 6:00pm everyday
Schedule
March 10Swades
March 14Raaz
March 17Veer Zaara
March 21Goopy Gyne Bagha Byne
March 24Footpath

Play

Title: Meenkonya
Group: Bangladesh Institute of Theatre Arts
Venue: Experimental Theatre Hall, Shilpakala Academy
Date: March 09, at 6:30pm

Concert

Swinging it with "JAAzz" from Germany

FAYZA HAQ

THEY were young and trendy diplomats who had taken to jazz in their free time at Berlin. Yet they played with the mastery of pros. These freelance musicians had come to Bangladesh as they had friends in the German Embassy in Dhaka. The jazz lovers, who had come to the recent concert of the group JAAzz, listened to piped jazz music and sipped fruit juice before the actual performance began near 9.30 p m at the Goethe Institut auditorium.

Dressed in casual evening wear, and handling their instruments with expertise, they mesmerised the audience late into the night. JAAzz's repertoire ranged from bebop, swing and ballads to bossa and "modern jazz." The group consisted of Jean-Pierre Froehly on the guitar, Riklef Beuntin on the bass, Philip Holzapfel on the trumpet, Bjoern Frank on the sax, Ole Boston on the piano and Bern Ratmeyer on the drums.

Talking to Jean-Pierre and Riklef one learnt that the group had worked together in Berlin, Germany, and travelled to Rome and Moscow before they had ventured to come to Dhaka."As civil servants, we formed a band for concerts in our free time. We loved this genre and wanted to share it with others. We'd also like to invite professionals to play with the band to have a link with the pros outside the band and to raise its standard," said Jean-Pierre.

Asked if the group carried a special message for its listeners in different countries, Riklef said, " Jazz music itself carries its message of mingling and mixing with ease. It is structured but deals with improvisation and flexibility, and brings together different influences.

Coming to Bangladesh, we've come across some very nice and interesting music that we can integrate and use ourselves. By having the fusion there will be a welcome exchange of culture, which will benefit both us and the Bangladeshi musicians. We've been here for four days. For some of the members of the band it is the first visit to South Asia and we find it overwhelming. Some of us have been in the region but not to Bangladesh. We not only heard music but saw some historical sites both in and outside Dhaka. When we travel, we get the embassies to sponsor us. We got the embassy support in the case of our trip to Moscow and Rome and earlier too for Austria and Albania."

Members of the group JAAzz.

Talking about the audience response, Jean-Pierre said, "The listeners didn't know much about jazz. They came with an open mind. And that's what we were looking for. We talked to many people after the show at the performance in Shilpakala Academy and they told us how much they had enjoyed themselves .As you will find from the concert, jazz is very much open to different cultures. We try to give our interpretation of a Bangladeshi song."

Speaking about their band, Jean-Pierre added, " We are pretty much in constant rehearsal. We have set programmes every week and play on different occasions. We play request pieces too. Earlier, here in Bangladesh, we played at the Shilpakala Academy and the German Ambassador's house. We'd very like tonight to end in a jam session. This is a follow up of Rote Bereich the German band of three jazz players that came in from Germany."

Dwelling on what drew the musicians to jazz, Jean-Pierre said, "As diplomats our aim is to communicate and the tunes of jazz are also to communicate different feelings and emotions to a vast range of people. Jazz links up many cultures. Music had been a hobby for all of us in our group and most of us had private lessons to help us with our music, earlier on."

Street Plays: The voice of the masses

ERSHAD KAMOL

Social, political, environmental and cultural issues are the focal point of many *patha natok* (street plays). This art form is well known for its explicit messages against oppression and injustice. During the dry season *patha natok* is staged annually at several venues of Dhaka. However, on national days such as International Mother Language Day, Independence Day or Victory Day, cultural activists arrange street plays at Central Shaheed Minar premises.

Last month, the Bangladesh Group Theatre Federation (BGTF) arranged a *patha natok* festival to celebrate International Mother Language Day. And from March 1 to March 7, Bangladesh Patha Natok Parishad (BPNP) arranged another festival titled Bangladesh Patha Natok Utshob 2005. The slogan of the festival is "Street drama against fundamentalism and imperialism" given by Mannan Hira, the President of BPNP.

A humorous moment from *Bhranti*

Hira said, "Formed in 1992, BPNP has been regularly arranging street drama festivals from March 1 to celebrate our Independence Day. Likewise, BGTF arranges another festival in February to commemorate Language Day."

48 groups, most of which are from outside Dhaka, staged street plays at Bangladesh Patah Natok Utshob 2005. Moreover, renowned theatre groups of the city like Theatre, Aranyak, Dhaka Padatik, Nagorik Natyangan Ensemble, Theatre Art Unit and Prachyanat also took part in the festival, which started from March 1. Kamal Lohani, Ramendu Majumdar, Mamunur Rashid, Golam Kuddus, Mizanur Rahman and Mannan Hira were present in the opening programme.

Each day eight street plays have been staged on an average at Shaheed Minar and the packed audience watched the message- based street plays on open-air stages. "Sweeping comments on the politicians and our contemporary crises are what attracts the audience. I miss this element in other art forms," said Ratri, a Dhaka University student who attended the festival.

Spectra TV Show

Glimpses from the past

AFSAR AHMED

HOW many of our present generation are really acquainted with our glorious past? The past that reflects our ancient heritage and the heroic tales of our ancestors. With a civilisation of almost 4000 years, the economical, intellectual and military superiority was compared to those of the then Greeks and Romans. We should be proud of these resplendent times, which may inspire our future generation.

Against the backdrop of this theme, the Spectra Group has launched a TV show titled *Spectra TV Show* that delineates the rich heritage of this Gangetic soil. The première of the show was held recently at the Spectra Convention Centre. The programme screened two special shows to be aired on the Independence Day (March 27) and *Pahela Baishakh* (April 14) on Channel i.

With the deceptive starting of the sequence of the Latin American football extravaganza, one may get puzzled as to how it relates to our heritage. But soon the relation unfolds, as the host describes the son of our soil MN Roy's influence on the people and leader of the Latin America such as Che Guevara, Pablo Neruda, who fought for their sovereignty and freedom.

Shubarna explains *Khanar Bachan* (proverbial sayings) in the show.

The narration then goes on with the heroic tale of Bijoy Singha, the prince of Bengal, and his conquest of Sri Lanka, and a magnificent dramatic depiction of the great poet Michael Madhusudan Dutta's *Meghnadbadh Kabya*.

As the show was made on the occasion of our Independence Day, the glimpses from the *Concert for Bangladesh*, the song of the Allen Ginsberg's famous poem *September on Jessore Road* with the flashes from the movie *Stop Genocide* can easily touch the young hearts who look forward to learning about their heritage.

A scene from *Meghnadbadh Kabya.*

The second episode depicts our accomplishments in the field of science. And we come to know that without the help of Satyen Bose, Einstein's famous Theory of Relativity might not have seen the light of day. It also shows that the inhabitants of this region had evolved the concept of university much before that of the western world. Women's liberation was also depicted in the show through the character of Khana who is famous for her proverbial sayings.

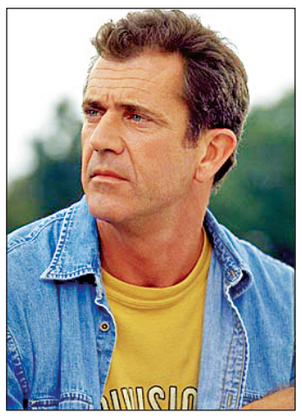
Made in English with Bangla subtitles, the show has a few significant features. In every episode, the show contains comments from experts on various subjects. "The aim of the programme is to attract the young generation mainly the expatriate Bangalee children who may not understand Bangla well," says MH Khan, the CEO of Spectra Group.

However, the programme is a little disorganised as some unnecessary clippings linger long which make it irrelevant, commented many at the show.

After *Passion*, its Miracle of Fatima for Mel Gibson!

Mel Gibson's next movie is going to be about the miracle of Fatima if reports are to be believed.

The movie is the story of three peasant children who were said to have been given a prophetic vision of the future by the Virgin Mary at Fatima, Portugal, in 1917 according to a report in *The Mail*.



Gibson met with one of the trio, Sister Lucia, before her death at age 98 last month. Lucia and her cousins, Jacinta and Francisco, had a vision of Mary that is believed to have predicted World War II, trouble in Russia and the shooting of Pope John Paul II.

Palli Baul Shamaj Unnayan Shangstha gave a reception to the talented folk singer Hajera Bibi (90) at the Faridpur Zilla Shilpakala Academy auditorium recently. The singer, whose career spans over 50 years, rendered two songs at the programme. The chairperson of the organisation Ferdousi Najma (R), President of Faridpur Press Club Munshi Harun ur Rashid (L) seen presenting a cheque and crest to the artiste.

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.**
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.**

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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 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

CHANNEL i

09:30 *Shongbad Potrey Bangladesh* and Public Reaction
09:45 *Tritiyo Matra*
10:45 Sports Time
12:00 *Chithi Pelam*
12:30 *Aj Dupurey O Citycell Tarokakothon*
01:00 *Ebong Cinemar Gaan*
01:25 Public Reaction
01:35 Bangla Feature Film: *Agnipath* (Omar Sanny, Zinat, Rozina)
03:50 *Banglar Gaan*
04:20 Special Programme
04:45 *Sa Re Ga Ma*
05:30 Special Programme
06:00 Music Plus
06:30 Gillette Sports Programme
07:55 RC Travel On
08:25 Drama Serial: *Kichhu Megh Kichhu Roddur*
09:35 Drama Serial: *Din Choley Jay*
10:00 Drama Serial: *Arai Tola Bari*

ATN BANGLA

10:30 *Onnodrishti*
11:05 Drama Serial: *Shukhnagar Apartment*
12:15 Drama Serial: *Shimahin Shimanay*
12:50 *Gaaney Shurey Tarunney*
01:25 *Motamot*
02:30 Drama Serial: *Nil Akasher Nichey*
03:15 Drama Serial: *Nana Ronger Din*
03:50 *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 Face To Face
12:20 Drama/Bangla Feature Film

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08:30 *Aajker Shakal*
09:05 Drama Serial: *Sporsher Bairey*
09:30 *Kathopokathon*
10:05 Science Workshop
10:30 *Arshinagar*
11:00 Transworld Sports
12:05 Millenium
02:35 Drama Serial: *Sporsher Bairey*
03:15 *Kathopokathon*
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*
08:50 *Kichhu Katha Kichhu Gaan*
09:40 Drama Serial: *Shyaola*
11:25 *Dindarpan*

HBO

7:45 The Life of David Gale
10:15 Point of Origin
12:00 Philadelphia
2:30 Love at First Bite
4:30 Single White Female
6:45 Black Hawk Down
9:30 Clocks Toppers
11:30 Tales From The Crypt 27 : People Who Live in Brass Hearses
12:15 I Spy
2:15 Martin and Lewis

DISCOVERY

11:30 The Birth of Horror Frankenstein
12:30 Wild Discovery Battle of the Sexes Race For The Egg
1:00 Battle of the Sexes Parental Dilemma
1:30 Science Frontiers Lost For Words
2:30 Life on the Edge Amazing Adventures
3:30 Terra X American Riddle
4:30 The Birth of Horror Dracula
5:30 Zach's Ultimate Guide Mummies
6:00 Living Pulse 1
6:30 Speed
7:00 Wind Driven
7:30 Family Affairs
8:00 Riddle of Sex
8:30 Ultimate Cars Supercars
9:00 Building the Ultimate Stadium
9:30 Discovery Showcase Little Buddhas and the Tigers
10:30 Great Romances of the 20th Century Douglas Fairbanks & Mary Pickford
11:00 Legends of the Isles Bonnie Prince Charlie
11:30 New Detectives The Case Studies in Forensic Scie Fatal Twist

ANIMAL PLANET

11:00 Amazing Animal Videos
11:30 Wild And Dangerous Rhino Patrol
12:00 Nightmares of Nature
12:30 Pet Nation Breed All About It (III & IV) St. Bermard
1:00 Airport Bird Chaser, Cappucino Kid
1:30 Pet Nation Emergency Vets Chance Encounters
2:30 Animal Planet Reveals Asia Elephant Rescue
4:30 The Protectors Wild Rescues
5:30 The Crocodile Hunter Diaries, The Emergency Rescue
6:00 Monkey Business
6:30 The Planet's Funniest Animals
7:00 Wild on the Set Bears
7:30 Animal Planet Showcase Profiles of Nature
8:30 Jungle Orphans
9:30 Animal Planet Reveals Asia Growing Up....Orangutan
10:30 In The Wild Whoopi Goldberg : Zoo Babies

STAR MOVIES

8:30 Shark Attack 3:Megalodon
10:10 Sweet Home Alabama
12:00 Joy Luck Club The
2:15 Beast The (Part 1)
3:45 Beast The (Part 2)
5:20 Special Forces
7:00 Air Rage
8:45 Tornado Warning
10:15 Snow Job
12:00 White Gold

STAR WORLD

10:30 American Idol
11:30 Wild Card
12:30 Miss Match
1:30 Koffee With Karan
2:28 Star Asia Travel
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 That 70s Show
7:30 Friends
8:00 Newsradio
8:30 American Idol
9:30 Philly
10:30 Third Watch Iii
11:28 Star Asia Travel
11;30 Newsradio

Star Plus

4:00 Kahiin To Hoga
4:30 K.Street Pali Hill
5:00 Maan
6:00 Nargis
6:30 Adventures Of Mickey Anddonald
7:00 Disney's The Weekenders
7:30 Kumkum - Pyara Sa Bandhan
8:00 Hello Dollie
8:30 Dekho Magar Pyaar Se
9:00 Kasautii Zindagii Kay
9:30 Sanjivani - A Medical Boon
10:00 Kkavyanjali
10:30 Kahaani Ghar Ghar Kii
11:00 Kyunki Saas Bhi Kabhi Bhu Thi
11:30 Kahiin To Hoga
12:00 K.Street Pali Hill

NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC

11:00 Young Global Hot Shots
11:30 Tales Of The Living Dead
12:00 Mummy Road Show
12:30 Dogs With Jobs
1:00 Storm Stories
1:30 Backyard Science
1:45 Doc Eureka
2:00 Serious: Arctic
2:30 Love Those Trains
3:30 Young Global Hot Shots
4:30 Backyard Science
4:45 Serious: Arctic
5:30 Ng Explorer
6:30 Dogs With Jobs
7:00 Storm Stories
7:30 National Geographic Special
8:30 Adventure Challenge
9:30 Cheating Death
10:30 Tales Of The Living Dead
11:00 Mummy Road Show
11:30 Taboo

ESPN

9:30 Best Of Winter X Games Viii Classix Snowboard Pipe Mt. Aspen Co Usa (R)
10:00 English Premier Football League 2004/05 London England Crystal Pa Lace Vs Manchester United
12:30 Asian 9-Ball Tour San Miguel Asian 9-Ball Tour Singapore Suntec City Singapore Quarterfinal #1(
2:00 Asian 9-Ball Tour San Miguel Asian 9-Ball Tour Singapore Suntec City Singapore Quarterfinal #2(
3:30 Icc Cricket World (R)
4:00 English Premier Football League 2004/05 Liverpool England Everton Vs Blackburn Rovers (R)
6:00 Uefa Champions Dead
12:00 Mummy Road Show
12:30 Dogs With Jobs
1:00 Storm Stories
1:30 Backyard Science
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10:30 Tales Of The Living Dead
11:00 Mummy Road Show
11:30 Taboo League Lyon France Olympique Lyonnais Vs Sv Werder B Remen First Knock-Out Round Leg #2(R)
8:00 Hitz (T)
8:30 Sportscenter India (L)
11:00 Goals! (T)
9:30 Uefa Champions League 2004/05 London England Chelsea Vs Barcelona First Kno Ck-Out Round Leg #2(R)
11:30 Sportscenter India (R)
12:00 Harsha Closeup Dream Job - Harsha Ki Khoj Semifinal #3 (Wild Card Round)(R)

STAR SPORTS

8:00 English Premier Football League 2004/05 Birmingham England Aston Villa Vs Middlesbrough (T)
10:00 Irl Racing Miami Indy 300 Homestead Fl Usa (T)
12:30 English Premier Football League 2004/05 London England Arsenal Vs Portsmouth (T)
2:30 Max Power 2005 (T)
3;30 Cricket Gold (R)
5:30 Hitz (R)
6:00 Zimbabwe Tour Of South Africa 1st Test Day 5 Highlights(R)
7:30 Golf Focus (T)
8:00 Sportsline (L)
8:30 Uefa Champions League 2004/05 Milan Italy Ac Milan Vs Manchester United Fir St Knock-Out Round Leg #2(R)
10:30 Sportsline (R)
11:00 Cricket Gold (T

PICK OF THE DAY

Nana Ronger Din
On ATN Bangla at 3:15pm
Drama Serial
Cast: Shilpi, Hillol

India Vs Pakistan
On DD Sports and Ten Sports at 10:30am
2nd Day of The Test
Live from PCA Stadium, Punjab