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

CULTURAL FEAST

Title: Faces Artist: Arhamul Huq Chowdhury Venue: Essentials, House 20, road 24,

Block K. Banani

Date: March 03-11, from 10am to 6pm Title: Craft & Art of Clay Exhibit Artist: Tavabuzzaman Topu

Venue: Art & Soul Gallery, House 16, Road 36 Gulshar 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

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 Française, 26, Mirpur Road, Dhanmondi

Schedule

Time: March 06-16

The Incorrigible 05:00pm 07:00pm

March 14 05:00pm And Now. Ladies and Gentlemer

Death in a French Garden 07:00pm March 15

05:00pm The Beautiful Troublemaker!

05:00pm Heart Beat

First Name: Carmer

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 Time: 6:00pm everyday

Schedule March 14 Raaz

March 17 Veer Zaara March 21 Goopy Gyne Bagha Byne March 28Hirok Rajar Deshey

Title: New German Documentary Organiser: Jahangirnagar Film

Venue: Goethe Institut, House 10,

Date: March 23-24 Schedule

March 23 04:30pmAdam: A Test-Tube Baby as a Life-Saver 05:30pmAugust Sander March 24 04:00pmKoenig's Sphere

05:10pmThe Prestige 06:10pmThe Crocodiles of the Wandaogo Family

In Conversation

Ferit Ergin: A diplomat with passion for Bangladeshi music

KAVITA CHARANJI

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Ergin performing at a musical soiree

Quite unexpectedly he bursts into a

melodious Nazrul Geeti: Nohey nohey priyo.

Having memorised the words in Bangla and

translated the meaning, he sings with ease. As

Prepare yourself to get blown away as the two popu-

lar groups from Pakistan, Junoon and Strings will be

accompanied by the local stars Habib, Artcell, Black,

LRB, James. Others include Shadhinota, Komol,

Parthibo, Rezaul, Steeler, Salvation and

Junoon and Strings will perform live at the open-air

Star-Studded

the town

ERIT Ergin, the Turkish Ambassador in Bangladesh, is well versed in the music of Nazrul, Elvis Presley, Cliff Richard, The Beatles, Eric Clapton, Bill Halley and Fats Domino. "When I used to sing at school, my nickname was Elvis because I was very keen to sing his songs," reminisces Ergin. In the university years, along with his friends he recollects forming a band called The Mosquitoes because at that time The Beatles were very famous and the group was playing and singing

he points out, there are striking similarities in the melody of the Turkish song *Uskudara Gideriken* and the Nazrul song Shukno Patar Nupur Paye. think I am able to capture the essence of Nazrul, despite the language barrier. Music speaks a universal language. First of all you are greatly touched with the melody then you gradually build an interest in the words. You try to grasp the meaning."

Ergin traces his interest in Nazrul to a book on the maestro. Apparently, before he came to Dhaka a former Ambassador from Turkey Kemal Ozcan Davaz, gave him a small book,

called Ataturk, Bangladesh and Kazi Nazrul

Islam. In this book he read about the poem,

Amar Kemal Pasha, which the National Poet

Nazrul wrote on Kemal Ataturk in 1922. Recalls

Ergin: "I was very impressed with the poem

with the local band Black

venue of Mirpur Stadium (by invitation only) on March

Women's Complex field on March 12, which is open to

They will also perform live at the Dhanmondi

Strings will also perform at an Unplugged concert

Junoon and Strings to rock

Nazrul wrote about Ataturk. I built a deep respect for him and started to listen to his songs.

CULTURE

The cultural scenario in Dhaka holds Ergin in its grip. As he says, he and his wife are impressed by "the richness of the Bangladeshi culture--be it music, dancing or fine arts." Does the language pose a problem? Not really, for according to Ergin, " Though I can't speak the language. I can sing Bangla songs because I have a musical ear. If you have a strong musical ear, I think it makes it easier to pick up the

is rich in culture, it is also rich in spirit. spiritual. That is what we Turks are like. In that

childhood. Beginning at the age of eight with mandolin classes in Ankara, Turkey, he studied music and guitar playing in England at a later stage. Later on, when he was back at his Ankara College he was invited to join a band. That is how, at the age of 16, he ventured into singing

Now he enjoys what he calls "the oldies but goldies of the 1960s, 1970s and 1980s." However, despite his passion for music, he says that this art form is basically a hobby and he is first a career diplomat.

He is full of praise for the talented folk singer Farida Parveen. In fact, he calls her sister because his name Ferit, a modernisation of Farid, is the masculine form of Farida. Singers such as Farida, says Froin, sometimes perform at musical soirees organised by diplomats. He also remembers singing together with Shaheen Samad at a private function

In addition to pop music, Ergin plays and sings Turkish folk music. He is also interested in jazz, which he terms as "the zenith of pop

What's next? He will retire in due course, but as he says, "One never retires from music."

Short takes



PHOTO: AFP

Indian filmmaker Aparna Sen (L), stands next to Indian actress Shabana Azmi (R) during the shooting of 15 Park Avenue. 15 Park Avenue is the new movie in English by Sen, one of India's best-known filmmakers

Theatre

Meenkanya

A play on women trafficking

Jayasri Kaar Joya (R) with co-artist in the play Meenkanya

ERSHAD KAMOL

Stage

International Women's Day (March

the group staged two consecutive

shows of Meenkanya on March 8

and 9 at the Experimental Theatre

based on the trafficking of women,

which is now one of the major

problems of the world. Usually, such

bold message- oriented productions

Masum Reza's play Meenkanya is

language properly." Ergin is loquacious about Bangladesh, which

he says is culturally very rich. "When a country Bangladeshi people are very deep once you approach them they are very hospitable and sense there is quite a similarity," he says.

His deep interest in music goes back to his and playing the guitar.

8) was an opportune time to reflect has artistic value. It is the narrative of on where women stand today, their a wicked Kobial (rural bard), who goals, aspirations and future deceives women by first marrying directions. The day also saw theatre them and then selling them to groups staging plays. Among them different brothels in a neighbouring was the Bangladesh Institute of Theatre Arts (BITA). In association Besides portraying the brutal with American Centre, US Embassy

women trafficking story, as the subplot of the play Masum has depicted the corruption at border areas of border quards, customs and

are produced in an explicit manner,

to create awareness amongst the

audience. However, Masum's script

Director Pijush Bandopadhyay's approach is narrative. He has used some choreography to show sailing, rural games and rural art forms like jatra and palagaan. However, frequent changes of stagecraft distracted the audience. Sometimes it seemed that only narration and quality choreography were enough to picturise the events on the stage. And thus so much shifting of stagecraft could have been avoided.

Akbar Reza used a few stools on the empty stage as the set of the play. Asim Das's light design needed development and most of the time he missed the acting cues.

Bappa Chowdhury as Alal Sardar was impressive. Akbar Reza as Dadam Malitha, Sumit Datta as pagal (insane) and Deepta Rokshit as Churi Buri performed well on the show staged on March 9. Kankan Das as Jotsna needs to hone her theatrical skills.

Children drama festival kicks off

CULTURAL CORRESPONDENT

Children are born actors. They can spontaneously perform in a variety of roles and often hold the attention of a delighted audience. Children's drama, though not very popular in Bangladesh, is gaining momentum. Peoples Theatre Association (PTA), regularly arranges drama festivals all over the country

This time, they have arranged a 14-day long children drama festival, which starts from today at Public Library Auditorium. This is the sixth such function of the organisation.

65 children theatre troupes from all across the country will stage plays in the festival. Secretary General of PTA, Liaquat Ali Lucky said, " It is the biggest festival ever in the history of Bangladesh. About 1000 children from different corners of the country will gather in the festival. PTA has successfully popularised children drama trend in Bangladesh. And several sister troupes of PTA have participated in different international theatre festivals.' "Farlier, we had arranged five

children drama festivals in 1995, 97. 99 2001 and 2002. But, in this year's festival, children artistes and



Children perform in the play Banglar Mukh

Dilemma

Madrid

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GEOGRAPHIC

Dead

Hidden Genders

Tales Of The Living

Mummy Road Show

Dogs With Jobs

Storm Stories

Serious: Arctic

Doc Eureka

Doc Eureka

Ng Explorer

Serious: Arctic

Dogs With Jobs

National Geographic

Mummy Road Show

Storm Stories

Science Times

Science Times

Golf Focus (R)

Special

Backyard Science

Treasure Seekers

Hidden Genders

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Hugh Hefner

Wings Celebrity Wings

Extreme Engineering

Countdown Massacre In

Master Of the Spirits.

The Shade of Ganesh

Great Crimes And Trials

Tokyos' Sky City

organisers from different parts of the country will get the chance to exchange thoughts, which will promote children's drama. PTA will sponsor the groups which will come from outside Dhaka," added Lucky.

Poet Shamsur Rahman will inaugurate the festival today at 10

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a.m. President of International Theatre Institute Bangladesh Branch, Ramendu Majumdar is the special guest of the festival. Moreover, Professor Syed Manzurul Islam and SM Mohsin will also be present in the opening ceremony

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ESPN

English Premier Football

League 2004/05 Crystal

Palace Vs Manchester

Castle Lager/Mtn Test

Series South Africa Vs

Zimbabwe 1st Test Day

Castle Lager/Mtn Test

Series South Africa Vs

Zimbabwe 2nd Test Day

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Singapore Suntec City

English Premier Football

Singapore Semifinal

Snowboard Pipe Mt.

Aspen Usa (T)

Asian 9-Ball Tour

League 2004/05

Manchester City Vs

5 Highlights(R)

Sportsline (L)

Sportsline (R)

Highlights(T)

Hitz (R)

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The National Bank

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United (T)

TV GUIDE

PICK OF THE DAY

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

BTV 08:15 Smritimoi Archives Asia This Week Drama Serial: Shobal 09:05

09:30 Amra Natun Amra Kuri 10:45 Hello Apnakey Bolchhi 11:45 Alor Dishari 12:30 Satellite programmes 03:15 Shangbadpotrer Pata Thekev 03:25 Bangla Feature Film 06:00 Desh Janopad

06:35 Programme From Chittagong Centre News Headlines and Weather forecast Priyo Shipli Priyo

Film Show Protidin Bangladesh 08:25 Swadhinota Mohan Swadhinota 08:35 Apnar Charpash 09:00 Cine Magazine 10:25 Teknaf Thekey Tetulia

Lal Golap

12:05 Satellite programmes **CHANNEL-i** Tritiyo Matra

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Grameen Phone Tele 12:00 Kora Aalap 12:30 Islamic Program 01:00 Banglar Gaan 01:30 Public Reaction 02:30 Tritiyo Matrai Apni 04:15

Dekhar Gaan Shonar 04:45 Sa Re Ga Ma 05:15 Janopader Khabor 05:30 Shamoviki 06:00 Music Plus 06:30 Music Net 07:50 Drama of the Week 09:35 Drama Serial: 69

Close Up Juke Box

ATN BANGLA

Programme Binodon Jummaba 05:10 Shesh Akkhar 06:20 Aamra Korbo Joy 08:00 Drama Serial Obhighat 08:30 Drama Serial: Khowab 09:00 Drama Serial: Lal Neel 09:30 Drama Serial: Ek

10:35 Cine Aha ntv 08:30 Aajker Shakal 09:05 Drama Serial: Kachher Manush Documentary

Programme Siddiqua Kabir's Recipe Apnar Jigyasha 11:30 Trans World Sports 01:05 Mahilangan 02:35 Drama: Pechhonev

Tokhon 03:50 Millennium 05:15 Itihasher Ei Diney 05:20 Tiffiner Phakey 06:20 Shubho Shondhya 06:50 Amra Ekhon Unish 08:30 Drama Serial: Kachher

Pepsi Music Express 09:40 Drama: Protinayika 11:25 Dindarpan **HBO** 9:15 Sphere

Cats & Dogs

Hard Target

A Mighty Wind

Who's You Daddy?

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Caught in the Blind Horizon

Kachher Manush

Friday the 13th Part

VII The New Blood

Night of the Creeps

12 Monkeys Terror Peak 3:30 Walk In The Clouds 5:15 7:00 Grinch The 8:45 The Touch 10:35 Rare Birds 12:15 Chopin: Desire For

STAR GOLD

Prem Shakti

Lahoo Ke Do Rang

On ntv at 8:30pm **Drama Serial** Cast: Subarna Mustafa, Humayun Fareedi, Alamgir Director: Afsana Mimi

STAR MOVIES 9:45 11:30 1:45

Edward Scissorhands Love

Kuch Hit Kuch Superhit 8:30 Dabur Red Gel HumseDostiKaroge 9:00 Khakee STAR PLUS

10:30 Nargis 11:00 Rajdhani 11:30 Simran Show 12:00 Kora Kagaz 1:00 Hasna Mat 1:30 Tu Tu Main Main 2:30 Chalti Ka Naam Antakshiri 4:00 Aur Phir Ek Din 4:30 Rajdhani

Nargis

Pardey Ke Peechey

Adventures Of Mickey

5:00

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The Apprentice On STAR World at 9:30pm

Genre: Drama/Comedy Cast: Donald Trump, Bill Rancic Created by Kwame Jackson Anddonald Disney's The

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Magnum P.I. Star Asia Travel 2:28 Oprah Winfrey Show 2:30 3:30 **Bold And Beautiful** 4:30 Hollywood Squares 5:00 Whose Line Is It Anywa 5:30 Ally Mcbeal 6:30 The Simpsons 7:00 That 70s Show Friends 7:30

8:00 Newsradio 8:30 Tna Wrestling 9:30 The Apprentice 10:30 Koffee With Karan 11:28 Star Asia Travel 11:30 Newsradio 12:00 Cover Story

ANIMAL

Feedings 8:00 Cats Love Hate Affair 8:30 Pet Star 9:30 The Most Extreme Stunts Cats Pet Or Pest? 10:30

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Monkey Business

The Blue Planet

The Most Extreme,

The Protectors Animal

Vets On The Wild Side

The Planet's Funniest

Weird Nature Fantastic

Weird Nature Devious

Monkey Business

Pet Nation

Defenders

Precinct

Animals

Barking Mad

Pet Star

The Planet's Funniest

Wild On The Set Snakes

Defenses 11:30 Wild Encounters **DISCOVERY**

CHANNEL Fields of Armor Into the 10:30 Killing Zone

11:30 World's Best Kept Secrets of.... Forbidden Places 12:30 1:30 Wildest Australia 2:30

Big Cats: Secret Lives Human Odyssey, the Out of Africa 3:30 Fields of Armor World's Best Kept 4:30 Secrets of Military

Real Kids Real

Adventures

Diet Busters

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Human Sexes Maternal

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National Geographic's Taboo STAR SPORTS **English Premier Footbal** League 2004/05

Bolton Wanderers (R) Super 12 Rugby 2005 New Zealand Highlanders Vs Bulls Tales Of The Living Dead 8:30 9:00

Round 3(S) The National Bank Series New Zealand Vs Au Stralia 1st Test Day 2 Highlights(S) 9:30 Hitz (R) 10:00 10:30

Norwich City Vs Chelsea 11:30

Sportscenter India (L) Brazilian Goal (T) Icc Cricket World (T) Here We Go (S) Sportscenter India (R Sportscenter Asia (S)