

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: The Walls of Dhaka
Artist: Bruno Ruff
Venue: Alliance Francaise, 26, Mirpur Road Dhanmondi
Date: March 18-31

Title: Bangladesher shilpakala: Bismriti Shatabarsha
Organiser: Adhuna Khulna Art College
Venue: Nalinikanto Bhattashali Exhibition Gallery, National Museum
Date: March 11-16

16th National Art Exhibition
Artists: Eminent and promising artists of the country
Venue: National Art Gallery, Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy
Date: March 12-April 11, from 1am to 7pm and 3pm to 8pm on weekends

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 13
05:00pm The Incurrable
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

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 Zaira
March 21 Goopy Gyne Bagha Byne
March 24 Footpath
March 28 Hirok Rajar Deshey
March 31 Fida

Title: New German Documentary
Organiser: Jahangirnagar Film Society
Venue: Goethe Institut, House 10, Road 9, Dhanmondi
Date: March 23-24
Schedule
March 23
04:30pm Adam: A Test-Tube Baby as a Life-Saver
05:30pm August Sander
March 24
04:00pm Koenig's Sphere
05:10pm The Prestige
06:10pm The Crocodiles of the Wandaogo Family

Play
Title: Trinsho Shatabdi
Group: Swapnodal
Venue: Experimental Theatre Hall, Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy
Date: March 14, at 7pm

Children's Drama Festival
Organiser: People's Theatre Association
Venue: Shaikat Osman Memorial, National Public Library
Date: March 11-24

Ampfest rocks Dhaka

A spellbinding fusion of music, art and fashion

Karim Waheed

MUSIC, art and fashion not only delight our sight and senses, they stimulate our aesthetic side as well. Art has moved human beings intellectually and emotionally throughout the ages. Benson & Hedges organised a spectacular event Ampfest, on March 11 at the National Stadium-2 in Mirpur that combined the three mediums of art: music, paintings and fashion in a phenomenal way. The young generation seemed to devour this treat. Approximately 40,000 youngsters showed up at the Ampfest to enjoy the extravaganza.

Despite the serpentine queues to get into the stadium, the crowd was patient. Most of the audience agreed that this was one of the biggest cultural events in Dhaka in recent years. There was something for everyone at Ampfest.

The art galleries at Ampfest were embellished with a rich array of dazzling paintings by 11 emerging artists who participated at the Ampart workshop, led by renowned artist Murtaza Bashir and arranged by Benson & Hedges. The audience could even have their portraits or caricatures drawn for them while they mingled with the art community.

There was also an element of fashion at the event: Ampfest held a fashion show where models displayed exquisite outfits by prominent designer outlets. The audience seemed to enjoy the show.

Although the art exhibition and fashion show were commendable, the concert definitely walked away with the laurels. It is very rare to have so many stars in a single event and this rare event was a spellbinder with the mesmerising performances of the leading bands, artistes of Dhaka and two of the subcontinent's most celebrated musical groups Junoon and Strings.

The musical programme started two hours after the scheduled time and the Star Search winner of 2003, Reazul commenced the show, rendering *Oki eshechey*, followed by Salvation, Parthib and



Strings performing at Ampfest

Komol winner of the Star Search 2004. Artcell appeared the crowd with *Dukkho bilash* and *Odekha shorgo*. However, some of audience complained that Artcell was not given sufficient time on stage.

Habib, the sensational musician who made a brilliant impact on the Bangladeshi music scene by his unique style of fusing Bangladeshi folk tunes with western rhythms, took the stage and captivated the audience with *Krishno* and *Maya*. Local artist, Milon Mahmud rendered the songs beautifully. The audience got a wonderful surprise when

Habib's father, renowned artist Ferdous Wahid, performed his immensely popular number *Mamoniya*. Black performed *Prakritik*.

Probably the biggest surprise was the dramatic entrance of Junoon and Strings landing on the stadium in a helicopter. This was the first time a stunt like this ever occurred at a cultural event in Dhaka.

LRB started their performance with *Hashtey dekho* and drove the audience into a frenzy. Lead singer and guitarist of LRB, Ayub Bachchu enthralled the audience with a display of his guitar skills. The audience was in for another treat. One of the original rock icons of Bangladesh band music Azam Khan took the stage with Ayub Bachchu of LRB, on the lead guitar, Fuad Naser Babu of Feed-back was on the keyboard and Shaju of Artcell was on the drums.

Strings took the stage and received a warm Dhaka welcome from the audience. They started with a song from their very first album and then rendered some of their popular songs like *Dhaani*, *Chaye chaye* and *Naa janyei kiu*. The group's superb singing had the audience singing and dancing along with them.

Followed by Strings, Nagarbaul got a lively response from the crowd. Nagarbaul performed songs like *Deewana mastana* and *Dushtu cheler dol*.

Junoon was the last act of the musical show. When Junoon performed *Garaj baras ke*, it literally did drizzle for a few minutes. Ali Azmat, lead singer of Junoon jokingly said "We didn't seriously mean it when we were singing *Garaj baras ke*". Junoon also performed *Yaar Bina*, *Yaar yahi dosti hain* and a few other songs.

The crowd was exhausted by the time the musical show was over, but this experience would vividly remain in the minds of thousands of music lovers for time to come.



Junoon wrapping up the concert

Last Star Wars 'not for children'

The sixth and final Star Wars movie may not be suitable for young children, film-maker George Lucas has said.

He told US TV show *60 Minutes* that *Revenge of the Sith* would be the darkest and most violent of the series.

"I don't think I would take a five or six-year-old to this," he told the CBS programme, to be aired on Sunday.

Lucas predicted the film would get a US rating advising parents that some scenes may be



unsuitable for under-13s. It opens in the UK and US on May 19.

He said he expected the film would be classified PG-13 - roughly equivalent to a British 12A rating.

The five previous Star Wars films have all carried less restrictive PG - parental guidance - ratings in the US.

In the UK, they have all been passed U - suitable for all - with the exception of *Attack of the Clones*, which got a PG rating in 2002.

Revenge of the Sith - the third

prequel to the original 1977 Star Wars film - chronicles the transformation of the heroic Anakin Skywalker into the evil Darth Vader as he travels to a Hell-like planet, composed of erupting volcanoes and molten lava.

"We're going to watch him make a pact with the devil," Lucas said.

"The film is much more dark, more emotional. It's much more of a tragedy."

Source: BBC Online

SILVER SCREEN

Biswaroner Nodi

Bangladesh to participate at the Commonwealth film festival

CULTURAL CORRESPONDENT

The Commonwealth film festival will run from April 28 to May 09 in Manchester, England, in which 71 countries will participate. *Biswaroner Nodi* (The River Lithe), a short film, by N Rashed Chowdhury, is included in the festival among 200 films.

Director of the short film Rashed says, "This film will compete for the Best Short Film Award in the festival. Last year, it took part in the Kolkata International Film Festival, India."

On the theme of the short film Rashed said that *Biswaroner Nodi* is the narrative of a woman driven to suicide by an uncaring society, leaving her child alone. This is a 35-minute short film made in 35-mm format. Tania Ahmed performs in the role of the central character in *Biswaroner Nodi*. Rimjhim performs as Tania's daughter. Rokeya Prachi, Shamsul Alam Bakul and others perform in the film.

General Secretary of Bangladesh Short Film Forum, Rashed,



Tania stars in Biswaroner Nodi

says "Before *Biswaroner Nodi*, I made a documentary film in 2002 titled *The Long Wait*. And this documentary got appreciation. It is a documentary on the life and work

of veteran sculptor Novera Ahmed. Every one in the documentary are on the lookout for Novera. But nobody knows for sure if she is still alive or not.

CAMPUS CHRONICLES

Jahangirnagar Theatre's drama festival

JU CORRESPONDENT

The nine-day long drama festival, titled Silver Jubilee Natya Parban-2005, organised by Jahangirnagar Theatre (JT, TSC) began recently on the campus and will continue up to March 17.

To celebrate the occasion, a colourful rally, inaugurated by Professor Selim Al Deen, was brought out from the foot of Amar Ekushey premises. There was also a play, *Che'r Cycle*, by Bangla Theatre, Dhaka. The venue: Muktamanch (Amphitheatre). V C Professor Khandaker Mustahidur Rahman and Mamunur Rashid attended the

evening session as chief and special guest. The JT staged the play *Barnadut* on the second day of the parban.

Court Martial, a play by Theatre Art, Dhaka, was performed on March 11 while Prachyanat staged *Gandar* the next day. The Nagarik Natyangon, a theatre group from Dhaka, will stage the play titled *Habuchandra Gabuchandra* on March 13 and *Shangkranti*, a production by Aronyak Natyadoli, Dhaka, will be presented the following day.

To add a distinctive touch to the festival, the organisers have arranged Palagaan, scheduled to be

performed by Islamuddin Palakar, and Baul Shandhya, by the group of Abdus Sattar Mohonto, on March 15 and 16 respectively.

The program will end with the staging of *Socrateser Jobanbondi*, a play by Drisyapoti, Dhaka, on March 17.

The JT will also accord a reception to Syed Jamil Ahmad, Prof Mohammad Zafar Iqbal, Nasir Ali Mamun and Islamuddin Palakar before the staging of the plays. An art exhibition for children will also be held on March 13.

The programmes will be held at Muktamanch.



Madhuri seen with her husband and their first child

Madhuri Dixit becomes mom again

Bollywood superstar Madhuri Dixit-Nene has given birth to a baby boy, at a hospital in Denver, Colorado, sources said.

Her first son, Arin is now two years old. Arin too was born around the time of the Holi festival in March, two years ago.

Madhuri is ecstatic about being a mom again. As per reports, she and the baby are doing fine.

Source: PTI

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, 7:30 pm, 10:30 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.
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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
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
09:00 Satellite Programmes
12:15 Shingbadpotrer Pata Thekey
12:30 Health Bulletin
01:05 Musical Programme
02:05 Computer Time
02:30 Cookery Show
03:05 Judo Training
03:30 Shukhi Ponbar
05:45 News For Children
06:10 Musical Programme
06:35 Programme From Chittagong Centre
07:00 News Headlines, Share Market and Weather Forecast
07:05 Mati O Manush
08:25 Protdin Bangladesh Swadhinota Mohan Swadhinota
08:30 Drama Serial: Ekka Dokka
09:00 Drama Serial: Bhalobasha Bhalo Na Teknal Theke Tetulia Talk Show
10:30 Satellite Programmes
CHANNEL-i
09:45 Trityo Matra
10:30 Tele Prescription
11:30 Hirdoye Mati O Manush
12:30 Chithi Pelam
12:30 Aj Dupurey O Citycell Tarokakothon
01:00 Ebong Cinemar Gaan
01:25 Public Reaction
01:30 Shingbadpotrey Bangladesh Sa Re Ga Ma
04:45 Selected Programme
06:00 Music Plus
06:30 Selected Programme
07:50 Musical Program
08:25 Rupkatha
09:35 Drama Serial: 69
10:00 Drama Serial: Shakthi

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08:30 Aajker Shakal Drama Serial: Jhut Jhamela
09:05 Shanskriti Ei Shoptaho Alankar
10:30 Gallery
11:00 Mon Amar Shandhan Kori
11:30 Ki Kotha Tahar Shathey American Cinema
12:05 Patrikar Khabor
01:30 TVC
02:35 Drama Serial: Kachher Manush
03:15 Telefilm: Bikeler Megh
05:20 Apnar Jigyasha
06:20 Shubho Shondhya
06:50 Air O Jibon
08:15 Drama serial: Jhut Jhamela
08:50 Right Click
09:40 Medhabi
11:25 Dindarpan
ATN BANGLA
10:30 Anndoshiti
11:05 Drama Serial: Ek Janomey
11:35 Cine Aha
12:50 Smritir Monikothay
01:25 Shomnal Shadakalo
02:30 Drama Serial: Ghunpoka
03:15 Drama Serial: O Amar Chhokhu Nai
03:50 Children's Programme
04:25 Drama: Donkey
05:00 Gram Ganjer Khabor
05:45 Jibon Jigyasha
06:25 Three Stooges
08:00 Danish Pothey Pothey
08:30 Drama Serial: The New Shabuj Opera
09:00 Drama Serial: Bibortan
09:30 Drama Serial: Mohona
10:35 Business This Week
12:20 Bangla Feature Film: Shami Stri

PICK OF THE DAY

Ki Katha Tahar Shathey
On ntv at 11:30am
Talk show
Host: Imdadul Haq Milon
Today's episode is a compilation of the last 24 episodes

Donkey
On ATN Bangla at 4:25pm
Drama
Cast: Shahriar Mitu, Zafreen Ahmed, Shahin China
Produced by Bonik Shamiti Moscow, Russia

HBO
8:30 The Running Man
10:30 How to Lose a Guy in 10 Days
12:45 Naked Gun 3 1/3: The Final Insult
2:30 House Arrest
4:45 Barney's Great Adventure
6:15 Blue Crush
8:30 Striking Distance
12:30 Dead Air
5:00 Mean Machine
4:15 Blue Crush
STAR GOLD
9:00 Dabur Red Gel
9:25 HumseDostiKaroge
9:30 Hum Hai Bemisal
1:00 Soldier
4:30 Maya
5:00 Pyar Ki Khol Nahin
8:30 Volcano (Hindi)
STAR MOVIES
9:25 The Mummy
11:30 Slammed
1:15 Random Hearts
3:25 Banger Sisters The

STAR PLUS
9:25 Chupa Rustom
1:00 Musafir Hoon Yaaron
1:30 Mirch Masala
2:30 Jhoot Bole Kauwa
STAR WORLD
2:30 Charmed
3:30 The Apprentice
4:30 Miss Match
5:30 Fashion TV
6:00 Travel Asia
6:30 Baywatch Hawaii
7:30 The Simpsons
8:00 Parkinson
9:00 The Virtual Magician
9:30 Britannia India's Child Genius
10:30 The Kumars At No. 42

DISCOVERY
10:30 Built For The Kill
11:30 Explorations
10:30 Super Sunday Clive James Postcards Super Models
11:30 Terrorism Revealed Age of Terror in the Name of God
12:30 Wild Discovery Military Monkeys: Outpost At The Crocodile River
1:30 Discover India Possessed By The Gods
2:30 Drama on Discovery Virtual History: The Making of
3:00 Drama on Discovery Great Cars Episode 2
3:30 History in Colour: Colour of War II: The American Story
4:30 Battlefronts
4:30 Terrorism Revealed Age of Terror In The Name of The Star
5:30 Mystery Hunters Macbeth/Salem
6:00 The Baby Whisperer 1
6:30 Sophia Calkins
6:30 Triumph of Life, Wild Asia Between Two Worlds
7:30 Wild Discovery Ferocious African Crocodiles
8:30 Discovery's Biggest Shows Virtual History: The Secret To Kill Hitler
10:30 Night Safari Great Siberian Grizzly
11:30 Coloured Lives Mistresses, The Mistress And The Public, The
11:00 Top Drive Getaway
11:30 Koffee With Karan
NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC
11:00 Serious: Arctic
11:30 Backyard Science
11:45 Doc Eureka
12:00 Serious: Arctic
12:30 Nat Geo Genius
1:30 Built For Destruction
2:30 Tales Of The Living Dead
3:00 Mummy Road Show
4:30 Frontlines Of Construction
5:30 Built For Destruction
6:30 Treasure Seekers
7:30 The Egypti Detectives
9:30 Built For Destruction

2:27 Zimbabwe Tour Of South Africa 2nd Test Day 3 1st Session(L)
4:30 Icc Cricket World (T)
5:00 Zimbabwe Tour Of South Africa 2nd Test Day 3 2nd & 3rd Session(L)
6:30 Super Centuries (R)
10:00 World Superbike Championships 2005 Highlights(R)
10:30 Formula One Highlights 2005 Highlights Foster's Australian Grand Prix(T)
11:30 Asian Tour : Thailand Open Highlights(T)
ESPN
10:30 Harsha Closeup Dream Job - Harsha Ki Khoj Final(R)
11:30 Icc Cricket World (R)
12:00 Cricket Gold (R)
1:56 Sportscenter Sunday
2:00 Football Extra (S)
3:00 Australia Tour Of New Zealand 1st Test Day 4 Highlights(S)
4:30 Harsha Closeup Dream Job - Harsha Ki Khoj Final(R)
5:30 Sportscenter Weekend (T)
5:35 The Fa Cup - "Road To Glory" (L)
5:54 Fa Cup Fc Cup 2004/05 Round 6(L)
8:00 Australia Tour Of New Zealand 1st Test Day 4 Highlights(R)
9:30 Hitz (R)
9:54 Fa Cup 2004/05 Round 6(L)
12:00 The Fa Cup - "Final Score" (L)
1:30 Growing Up Rhino
2:00 On The Edge Ultimate Killers Deadly Defenders
2:30 Lyndal's Lifeline World's Busiest Wildlife Hospital
3:30 The Natural World Fatal Flower, The
4:30 The Jeff Corwin Experience, Big Bad Wolf? The
5:30 Nick's Quest Crocodiles
6:00 Extreme Contact
6:30 Lemon Shark Adventure
7:30 The Most Extreme, Most Extreme, the (Season 2) Stunts
8:00 Shark Gordon Prickly Sharks: Demons Of The Deep
8:30 On The Edge Ultimate Killers Deadly Defenders
9:30 Lyndal's Lifeline Flight To Freedom
10:30 The Natural World New Guinea-An Island Apart Ep.1
11:30 Animal Planet Showcase Profiles Of Nature, Series 12
12:00 Football Extra (L)
10:00 Super Centuries (R)
10:30 Magazine Show Asian Tour Weekly 2005 (R)
11:00 Five / Six Nations Championships Royal Bank Of Scotland Six Nations 2005 Ireland Vs France (S)
1:00 Zimbabwe Tour Of South Africa 2nd Test Day 2 Highlights(R)