CULTURE

CULTURAL FEAST

Exhibitions 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

Title: The Walls of Dhaka Artist: Bruno Ruhf Venue: Alliance Fraincaise 26 Mirpur Road Dhanmondi Date: March 18-31

Title: Bangladesher shilpakala: Bismritir Shatabarsha Organiser: Adhuna Khulna Art Venue: Nalinikanto Bhattashali Exhibition Gallery, National Museum

Date: March 11-16 **Folk Festival**

Film 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**

Organiser: Zahir Raihan Film Society Venue: Alliance Française, 26, Mirpur Road, Dhanmondi Time: March 06-16 SCHEDULE March 15 05:00pm The Beautiful March 16

07:00pm First Name: Carmen Film Screening

05:00pm Heart Beat

Organiser: Indian Cultural Centre Venue: Indian Cultural Centre, House 25, Road 96, Gulshan-2 Time: 6:00pm everyday Schedule

March 17 Veer Zaara March 21 Goopy Gyne Bagha Byne March 24 Footpath March 28Hirok Rajar Deshey

March 31Fida

Title: New German Documentary Organiser: Jahangirnagar Film

Venue: Goethe Institut, House 10, Road 9, Dhanmondi Date: March 23-24 Schedule

04:30pmAdam: A Test-Tube Baby as a Life-Saver 05:30pmAugust Sander

04:00pmKoenig's Sphere 05:10pmThe Prestige Wandaogo Family

Children's Drama **Festival**

Organiser: People's Theatre Association Venue: Shawkat Osman Memorial. National Public Library Date: March 11-24

DRAMA FESTIVAL

Dhaka Padatik celebrates silver jubilee

ERSHAD KAMOL

huge floral arrangement greeted visitors at the entrance of the National Theatre Stage at the inaugural ceremony of the theatre festival. Poet Shamsur Rahman, the chief guest of the programme, lit a candle to kick off the festival arranged by Dhaka Padatik. Cultural activists gathered to celebrate the opening ceremony of the eight-day long festival which will conclude on March 20, at the National Theatre

This was followed by dance and speeches. Kabirul Islam Ratan and his troupe presented a dance piece with the folk song Dekhore Dekho.

Renowned theatre activists Ramendu Maiumdar, Mamunur Rashid and Nasiruddin Yousuff were the main speakers at the opening programme, titled Dhaka Padatik Stamford Natyautshab 2005. It was presided over by Manirul Islam Belal, the current president of Dhaka Padatik. Theatre personalities highlighted the contribution of Dhaka Padatik to Bangladesh's neo-theatre movement. Moreover, they called for the staging of more quality productions by the theatre troupes to enrich our theatre and be a



Shamsur Rahman (C) flanked by theatre personalities lights the lamp at the inaugural ceremony



A colourful dance sequence at the event

were the other discussants

powerful weapon against all odds. Golam Kuddus, Nader Chowdhury, Professor Dr Jamaluddin Ahmed, and Mizanur Rahman

The convenor of the festival, also the General Secretary of Shammolito Shanskrtik Jote (SSJ) and founder General Secretary of Dhaka Padatik, Golam Kuddus said, " Today we celebrate our silver jubilee through a drama festival, bringing together the best theatre troupes of the country. Moreover, Pratikrity, a troupe from Kolkata, will stage a play in the festival. On this day we remember our founder president and theatre personality SM Solaiman and others who have made a huge contribution to the troupe.

"In our 25 year-journey, we have so far produced 21 stage plays. Of these, many plays have earned great popularity. We have also produced eight street plays. This year we are planning to produce three more stage plays," added Kuddus.

After, the opening ceremony Dhaka Padatik staged their popular production-- Ingit, written and directed by the late SM Solaiman.

"I am still trying to ure out my real self " -- Sharmin

Sharmin Lucky is a model-turned-host, frequently seen anchoring the popular cookery show, Siddiqu Kabir's Recipe, on television. Some of her television commercials of household products have also gained popularity as they give her the image of a girl-next-door.

What is your real self?

As I have an image of a good housewife, everybody thinks I am an expert in cooking and other household tasks. Frankly, I don't have that much expertise. And about my selfanalysis, I am still trying to figure out what is my real self. I don't know exactly what I'm like. But like all other human beings I also have good qualities and limitations side by side.

What is your favorite past time?

I spend my leisure with my son, most of the time watching Pokemon cartoon with him. Listening to music is my other passion that I can not do without. I always carry a walkman and listen to it wherever I go. Once, while sitting in a rickshaw, I got so carried away with the melodious music, that a mugger snatched away my bag and walkman within a fraction of a second. When I felt my headphone was missing, I realised that I had been mugged.

Do you have a secret to share?

Yes, I am a very talented bathroom singer (smilingly). I love to sing Je chhilo drishtier shimanay, and other popular numbers by Shahnaz Rahmat Ullah. And when I sing on my own, like a true narcissist I feel that I can sing How was the first day of your shooting?

On the first day on the set of Siddiqua Kabir's Recipe I was nervous as hell. I was confused about my task. While taking a shot, the director Tarek Anam found fault with my performance and told me to do things right. And Siddiqua Kabir was also becoming impatient at repeating the same shot over and over again. I was thinking on my own 'I shouldn't have accepted the offer. Why on earth am I here? I am not going to make it.' However, it took about 10 or 11 takes to okay the shot. But today things are exactly the opposite. Now I feel so relieved that I can do the show with spontaneity.

Do you enjoy your image of an ideal housewife?

Yes, of course, I do enjoy this feeling that people love to see me as an ideal housewife. I hear of people looking for a bride who would resemble me! It is definitely a pleasant feeling that people hold me in high esteem. I also respect the feeling of my audience and don't want to spoil this image. For this reason, I refused about a dozen proposals, including alternative feature films and good commer-

Do you support the idea of employing foreign models?

I'm absolutely against the trend. Bangladeshi models are equally qualified and have the right to model local products. But in the case of technical support, I think we must take the best of modern technology. And if we can train people from abroad we can produce quality productions.

Striking addition

Kapil Dev hits the silver screen

PALLAB BHATTACHARYA, New Delhi

Having retired from the game, India's cricket legend Kapil Dev is set to play a new innings. But this time neither with the bat which he has wielded so successfully nor with the ball with which he has claimed more than 400 wickets in tests but as an actor on the big screen of

Dev, captain of World Cup winning team in 1983, will play a role in a feature film on cricket to be produced by Mukta Arts, the company owned by Bollywood's consummate showman and producer-director Subhash Ghai.

A press release issued by the company said the story of the film revolves round the story of a youth who struggles to get into the Indian team.

Bollywood and cricket are two of Indians' biggest obsessions. And when the two worlds combine, one can imagine the magic it can weave.

Only the other day, Indian Prime Minister Manmohan Singh had pointed out in a speech in



Parliament the popularity of Bollywood and cricket in the country.

It is this magic which eminent poducer-director Subhash Ghai is pinning his hopes on when he announced that India's cricket legend Kapil Dev will feature in his next feature film. Dev has already acted in some episodes of a

popular television serial CID and he will be joining a select group of Indian sportspersons to appear on the Bollywood screen.

With this film, Kapil will join the league of former cricketers Salim Durrani and Salil Ankola and former national champion swimmers Nafisa Ali and Milind Soman who have acted in films.

After Mukta Arts' production of Joggers' Park starring Victor Banerjee and Perizaad Zorabian, which wowed the multiplex audience last year and Kisna, starring Vivek Oberoi early this year which did not make much of an impact on the box office, Ghai is hoping the blend of Kapil and Bollywood stars will set the cash register ringing.

Channel Click

Rajnigandha coming soon on ntv

CULTURAL CORRESPONDENT

Civilisation has taken us to a point where we don't need to meet people at cafes or public venues any more Meeting people online has become a common phenomenon nowadays.

Apola and Dwip contact each other on the internet and become friends. Their friendship grows into love. Dwip knows Apola. But Apola doesn't know Dwip and is infatuated with him. Apola craves to meet Dwip. Finally, Dwip decides to meet Apola with her favorite flowers Rainigandha in his hand. Apola is ecstatic, she waits but doesn't find anyone with Rajnigandha. She looks for Dwip online, doesn't find him there and there are no emails from him either. Apola becomes depressed. This is how this drama moves forward.

Rajnigandha is written by Aniket and directed by Chayanika



Tarin and Tony Dias in Rajnigandha

Chowdhury will be telecast soon on ntv.Tarin, Tony Dias, Syed Shubhra, Dolly Zahur, Lina Ahmed and new-

1:30

3:30

5:30

6:00

7:30

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11:30

comer Deblina are the actors in this

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

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

Every hour on the hour

Tara News Bangladesh (Bangla) at 9:30 **BBC WORLD**

ATN BANGLA Talk Show:

11:05

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Drama Serial:

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Talk Show: Islam Ki 12:20 Bolev Amra Ki Kori

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Sa Re Ga Ma

04:45

05:30

06:00 Music Plus 07:50 Company 08:25 Kranti 09:35 Drama Serial:

10:00 Shakkhi Kutum ntv 08:30 Aajker Shakal Drama Serial: Sporsher Bairey 09:30 Khoborer Shondhaney Tarar Shathey 10:05 10:30 Aarshinagar 11:00 Trans world Sports 11:30 Khabor Deshey Deshey 02:30 Drama Serial: 03:05 Tifiner Fankey

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Drama Serial: Anyorokom Matswa Sampad Unnayone Nari Itihasher Ei Diney Shubho Shondhya Frankly Speaking Sporsher Bairey Kichhu Katha Kichhu

08:50 09:40 Drama Serial: Shaeola 11:25 Dindarpan

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American Pie: The

Wedding

Drama Serial: Poribar O Ekti

Chalchhe Chalbe Drama Serial:

1:45 3:30 Dick Tracy 5:15 Down With Love 7:00 Nine Months 8:45 Bottle Rocket First \$20 Million Is 10:15 Always The Hardest 12:15 The Touch

STAR GOLD

11:45

Shark Attack

3:Megalodon

First \$20 Million Is

Always The Hardest

It Runs In The Family

Shaeola On ntv at 9:40pm **Drama Serial** Cast: Zahid Hasan, Azizul Hakim, Tarin, Farah Ruma

Presumed Innocent Barsaat Ki Ek Raat STAR MOVIES 4:45 Marte Dam Tak 8:30 CRIMINAL 11:30

STAR PLUS 1:30 Bandhan Bhabhi Kesar Saarrthi

Policewala Gunda Kasautii Zindagii Kay Kumkum - Pyara Sa

Kyunki Saas Bhi Kabhi Bhu Thi Kahiin To Hoga 4:00 4:30 K.Street Pali Hill 5:00 Maan Nargis 6:00 Adventures Of

O Amar Chokkhu Nai On ATN Bangla at 3:15pm Disney's The Weekenders

Drama Serial Cast: KS Firoz, Rokeya Prachi, Pallab

7:30 Kumkum - Pyara Sa Bandhan 8:00 Hello Dollie Dekho Magar Pyaar Se 8:30 Kasautii Zindagii Kay Kehta Hai Dil 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 STAR WORLD

Oprah Winfrey Show

The King Of Queens

Grounded For Life

Everybody Loves

The Casino

9:30

11:00

11:30

12:30

Raymond 1:30 Magnum P.I. 2:28 Star Asia Travel 2:30 Oprah Winfrey 3:30 Ally Mcbeal 6:30 The Simpsons 7:00 7:30 Friends 8:00 Newsradio

Bold And Beautiful Hollywood Squares Whose Line Is It That 70s Show Charmed 8:30 9:30 Wild Card 10:30 Miss Match 11:28 Star Asia Travel

Newsradio

Cover Story

11:30

12:00

NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC 11:45 Doc Eureka

12:00 Serious: Arctic 12:30 Dogs With Jobs Tales Of The Living Mummy Road Show 2:00 Riddles Of The Dead Golden Baboons 2:30 Dogs With Jobs S3 4:00 4:30 Backyard Science Doc Eureka 5:00 Serious: Desert 5:30 Ng Explorer 6:30 Interpol Investigates Gorillas From Heart Of 7:30 Darkness 8:30 Ecstasy

ANIMAL **PLANET** 11:30

Ecstasy

Disaster

Extreme Latitude

Extreme Latitude

National Geographic's

Seconds From

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Pet Nation 12:30 2:30 The Protectors Aussie Animal Rescue Monkey Business 6:30 The Planet's Funniest Animals 7:00 Amazing Animal Videos 7:30

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TV with Teeth Sharks! Beyond The Jaws

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Wild And Dangerous W

The Protectors

Birdman of the

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3rd Round(L) 11:00 Chiefs Vs Auckland Blues Round 3(T)

Zimbabwe Tour Of South Africa 2nd Test Day 4 Highlights(R) 2:27 Zimbabwe Tour Of South Africa 2nd Test Day 5 1st Session(L) 4:30 The Rugby Show(T)

Zimbabwe Tour Of

DISCOVERY Wild Discovery Killer

Nightmares of Nature

Profiles of Nature 10

FBI Files The Deadly

Operation Junkyard

Operation Junkyard

Healthy Living Where

Battlefield Detectives

Who Sank The Armada

Rebuilding the Ark-The

Science Frontiers Girl

With The X-Ray eyes

Amazing Adventures

Terra X (Hour Version)

Nightmare: The Birth of

Horror Dr. Jekyll & Mr.

Life on the Edge

Operation Sethos

Mystery Night

Battleship

We Are Now

Wild Discovery

Golden Lion .

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Wild Encounters

Turtles-The Shell

Sauid

Boat

South Africa 2nd Test Future Perfect Horizon Day 5 2nd & 3rd Hunt For the Aids Session(L) Sportsline(L) Junkyard Wars 6 (Usa 10:00 Super Centuries(R) Commission) Flying 10:30 Sportsline(R) Tennis Masters Series Classic Discovery Real Pacific Life Open Olympics, The Death or Indian Wells Ca Usa 3rd Round(R)

ESPN Australia Tour Of New 8:00 Zealand 1st Test Day 5

Highlights(R) 9:30 Fa Cup 2004/05 Round 6(R) 11:30 Champions Tour Golf Sbc Classic Valencia Ca Usa Second Round(T) Fa Cup 2004/05 Round 3:30 Fa Cup Classic Matches Arsenal Vs Newcastle United Fa Cup 97/98 Final(T) Fa Cup Highlights (R) Football Focus (L) Football Up Close

STAR SPORTS

Tennis Masters Series Pacific Life Open Indian Wells Ca Usa Super 12 Rugby 2005 Hamilton New Zealand

Toyota Football Up Close (R) 8:00 Icc Cricket World (R) Sportscenter India (L) Fa Cup 2004/05 Round

9:00

Born To Play: Masters Of Football (R) Sportscenter India (R) Football Focus (R)