

CULTURAL FEAST

Adivasi Cultural Festival

**Organiser:** Society for Environment and Human Development  
**Venue:** Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy  
**Date:** March 17-19  
**Schedule**  
March 17  
3:30pm Inauguration ceremony  
5:00pm Cultural programme (everyday)  
March 17-19  
2:00-8:00pm Display of photographs and Adivasi artifacts

Children's Drama Festival

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

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 Rühf  
**Venue:** Alliance Fraincaise, 26, Mirpur Road Dhanmondi  
**Date:** March 18-31

Lecture on Art

**Title:** Aspects of Contemporary Art in Germany  
**Speaker:** Architect Kashef Mahboob Chowdhury  
**Venue:** Goethe-Institut, House 10, Road 9, Dhanmondi  
**Date:** March 17, at 6:30pm

Drama Festival

**Title:** Dhaka Podatik Silver Jubilee Drama Festival  
**Organiser:** Dhaka Padatik  
**Venue:** Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy  
**Date:** March 13-20, at 5:30pm everyday  
**Schedule**  
March 18 Dompoti (Protikriti Natyadal, Kolkata): at 4pm and 7pm  
March 19 Dorponey Sharatshashi (Protikriti Natyadal, Kolkata)  
March 20 Binodini (Dhaka Theatre)

Bangladesh Denmark Cultural Exchange

**Organiser:** Royal Danish Embassy, Bangladesh and Mass Line Media Centre  
**Occasion:** Birth Bicentennial of Hans Christian Andersen  
**Date:** March 17-April 12  
**Schedule**  
March 17  
**Programme:** Classical Concert by Ensemble Nordlys  
**Venue:** Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy

Celebration of Independence Day

**Organiser:** The Liberation War Museum  
**Venue:** The Liberation War Museum, 5, Shegun Bagicha  
**Date:** March 22-28, at 5pm everyday  
**Schedule**  
March 22-28  
**Programme:** Book Fair themed on the Liberation War  
**Venue:** The Liberation War Museum, 5, Shegun Bagicha  
**Date:** March 22-28, from 10am to 8pm  
March 22  
Dr. Sanjida Khatun will speak on The Liberation War and the Cultural practice of Bangladesh, followed by Tagore song by Rizwana Chowdhury Bonnyra.  
March 23  
Selina Hossain will speak on Women in our Liberation War, followed by musical recital by Annandadhvani.

Adivasi Cultural Festival '05 begins

Showcasing our cultural diversity



Monkey dance by the Garos



Graceful Monipuri dancers

PHOTO COURTESY: PHILIP GAIN

FOR those with a taste for diversified cultural heritage, there are glad tidings. A three-day Adivasi grand cultural festival opens today at the Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy. The function will showcase the rich cultural heritage of the multifarious indigenous people--Mandi,

Rakhain, Chakma, Khashi, Monipuri, Oraon, Marma and Tripura, among others. Around 200 Adivasis will make the journey to Dhaka for the performance.

There are other attractions: photographs portraying the distinctive lifestyle and artifacts used

by the people of these communities.

The Adivasi cultural festival has been organised by the Society for Environment and Human Development (SEHD) with assistance from 21 Adivasi cultural groups and non-governmental organisations. "The festival is an

assembly of Adivasis and others. It is also a celebration of life and cultural diversity," says the SEHD brochure. Through cultural insights into the Adivasi ways of life, the masses will have a better understanding of these indigenous people.

Children theatre festival

Participated by 65 groups



A still from one of the plays

ERSHAD KAMOL

Children add spirit to the performing arts. To give the young ones their due, a 14-day children theatre festival began at the Public Library Auditorium from March 10. Thousands of children have flocked to Dhaka with the dream of becoming start artistes.

Everyday four plays are staged. These attract a sizeable audience who are keen to watch plays staged by children artistes from different corners of the country. Many renowned cultural celebrities such as Rafiqun Nabi, Azizul Hakim,

Tanvin Sweetey and Shah Alam Dulal lend encouragement to the future artistes with their words of advice.

On the fourth day of the festival on March 14, theatre activists Saeeda Islam and Tabibul Islam Babu came to watch the play. Saeeda Islam said, "This initiative encourages the child artistes, as they get the chance to prove their talent in Dhaka to the acclaimed theatre activists."

After watching a children's play *Shukh Daiya*, written by Mannan Hira and produced by a troupe from Munshiganj, Tabibul Islam Babu said at the certificate giving

ceremony, "I am really impressed by the children's performance. The way they have tackled current problems in the play such as the mosquito menace, among others, is quite remarkable."

Ironically, however, not many children are coming to see the plays, despite the lack of entertainment in Dhaka. Organiser Liaquat Ali Lucky said, "We have sent letters to many schools, in the hope that many children will come and see the plays performed by children. Swedish ITI, Rakhal and CIDA have supported me in this endeavour in which 65 children troupes are participating."

Gononatya Forum, a troupe

from Jessore, staged *Bipul Mamar Bishal Parikalpana*. The chief of the troupe Dipankar Das, who is also a headmaster of a school, said, "Each year, we wait to come to Dhaka with a new production in the festival." However, Dipankar believes that fewer children at the district level are participating in the festival. "Because of the present socio-cultural situation, parents are not keen to let their children perform in plays. Moreover, there is a paucity of children's plays in the country. Most of the time we have to depend on the writings of Rabindranath Tagore, Shukumar Roy and others."



Child artistes performing at the festival

Prodigy

Arjo's film triumphs

CULTURAL CORRESPONDENT

Children are very inquisitive by nature. And if it comes to Arjo Srestha, who has donned the role of a filmmaker at the age of nine, this trait was all the more in evidence. That's why the newspaper story of a bad tempered teacher's inhumane act towards his students caught his eyes and stirred him into action. Using film as a medium to protest against this barbaric act, his commitment to establishing child rights is captured in his second short film *Justice For One, Justice For All*.

And to his credit, the child prodigy once again won the best children director award at the international children's and young people's film event Videotivoli in the Tampere 35th International Film Festival that took off on March 13 in Finland.

Videotivoli showcases videos made by children younger than 16 years from all the continents. This year out of 500 films, 135 films were selected, among which two films won awards. Apart from Arjo's film, 12-year-old British director Jamie also won accolades for the film *999 Emergency*.



Arjo Srestha behind the camera

Arjo, the son of artist couple Khalid Mahmud Mithu and Kanak Chanpa Chakma, has proved his credentials in script writing, editing, music composing and cinematographing. He won several accolades before, from England,

Finland and Bangladesh for his first film *The Lost Love Story*. His films have been displayed in many countries like USA, Canada, and a documentary on him has been made by the Finnish Television.



PHOTO: STAR

Visitors at the ongoing (March 12- April 11) 16th National Art Exhibition at the Shilpakala Academy

Carnatic music comes to town

Sarva Sree Foundation, the first Carnatic music centre in Bangladesh, endeavours to promote the unique style of South Indian music in this country, says a press release.

An instrumental concert was held recently, organised by the Sarva Sree Foundation. The artistes were N Jayaprakash (violin) and K Babu (midrangam) who had come from South India for the yearly workshop arranged by Sarva Sree to train its students and teachers.

The concert got off to a good start with a surprise performance by Nirjher Chowdhury, a student of Sarva Sree who had been training for the last five months. He enchanted the audience with his presentation of *varnam* in Raga Hamswadhani followed by two *kritis* in raga Nata Bhairavi and Gowri Manohari.

Next came the instrumentalists Jayaprakash and Babu with a resonant performance of a very famous *Tyagraja Kriti* in Bangla raga. This was followed by



various types of *kritis* in Raga *Ananda Bhairavi*, *Amrita Varshini*, *Shree*, *Sindu Bhairavi* and a Tillana in Raga *Madhyamavati*.

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, 2:00pm, 7:00 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, 11pm.  
News (English) 8:20am, 7:00pm  
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.  
**ntv**  
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 5:30pm, 7:30pm.  
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  
**Notice**  
The evening news on Channel i has been re-scheduled at 7:00 pm

**BTV**  
07:30 Shubhechha Nin  
09:00 Satellite Programme  
12:15 Shongbad Potrer Pata Thekey  
12:30 Health Programme  
01:05 Children's Programme  
01:30 Selected Programme  
02:30 Bangla Feature Film  
05:30 Ityadi  
06:00 Khabor: Desh Janapad  
06:35 Jiboner Alo  
07:00 News Headlines, Share Market, Weather Forecast  
07:05 Boipatro  
07:30 Drama Serial  
08:25 Protidin Bangladesh  
08:30 Drama Serial: Rater  
10:25 Teknat Theke Tetulia  
10:30 Abohoman Bangla  
11:00 Chhayachhanda  
12:05 Satellite Programme  
**CHANNEL i**  
09:30 Shongbad Potrer Bangladesh and Public Reaction  
09:45 Titiyo Matra  
11:00 Agora Shopping Guide  
11:30 TVC Sky Shop  
12:00 Chitli Pelam  
12:30 Aaj Dupurey  
01:00 Ebong Cinemar Gaan  
01:25 Rutiner Bairey  
02:15 Titiyo Matrai Apni  
02:40 Hridoye Mati O  
03:10 Manusher Daak  
03:50 Banglar Gaan  
04:20 Apnar Banking  
04:45 Sa Re Ga Ma  
05:30 RC Brain Storming  
06:00 Music Plus  
06:30 Amar Chhobi  
07:50 Drama: Keboli Raat

08:25 Hoye Jai  
09:35 Beast Master  
Drama: Shompurno  
Rongin  
Drama: Aarai Tola Bari  
10:00 **ATN BANGLA**  
10:30 Annodrishti  
11:05 Ek Dui Tin  
11:35 Mile Phalok Ray  
12:15 STAR Award 2004  
03:50 ATN Rannaghar  
04:25 Shundar Jiboner Jonno  
05:10 Bangla Namer Desh  
05:45 Islami Sawal O Jawab  
06:20 Shushtha Thakun  
08:00 Drama Serial: Tana Poren  
08:30 Drama Serial: Mati  
09:00 Drama Serial: Rater  
Kanna Bhorer Shishir  
Drama Serial: Mohona  
Char Deyalar Kabbo  
Cinema Cinema  
**ntv**  
08:30 Aajker Shakal  
09:00 Siddiqui Kabir's Recipe  
09:30 Nari Gharey Bairey  
10:05 Priyomukh  
11:30 Bangla Feature Film: Pem Biroho (Bobita, Zafar Iqbal)  
02:35 Sporsher Bairey  
03:15 Kichhu Katha Kichhu Gaan  
03:50 Drama Serial: Sheola  
04:25 Shapla Kuri  
05:20 Competition 2004  
05:20 Smritir Janalaya  
05:20 Shubho Shondhya  
06:50 Banijyo Nagartey  
08:20 Drama Serial: Kachher Manush  
08:50 Drama: Bodh  
11:25 Dindarpan

PICK OF THE DAY

**Kachher Manush**  
On ntv at 8:20pm  
Drama Serial  
Cast: Subarna Mustafa, Priti, Alamgir, Humayun Fareedi

**India Vs Pakistan**  
On Ten Sports and DD Sports at 10am  
Second Day of the Second Test Match  
Live from Kolkata, India

**HBO**

8:30 Touching Evil  
10:15 The Avengers  
12:00 Red Planet  
2:15 Ali G Indahouse  
4:00 Point of Origin  
5:45 Night of the Creeps  
7:30 I Spy  
9:30 Kindergarten Cop  
11:45 Philadelphia  
2:15 Touching Evil

**STAR MOVIES**

9:00 Agent Red (Aka Captured)  
10:45 Human Stain The  
12:30 What Planet Are You From?  
2:00 Critical Assembly  
3:30 F/X  
5:15 Moonstruck

7:00 League Of Extraordinary Gentlemen  
8:50 Air Rage  
10:35 Carrie  
12:15 Snow Job

**STAR WORLD**

10:30 American Idol  
11:30 Philly  
12:30 Third Watch Iii  
1:30 Magnum P.I.  
2:28 Star Asia Travel  
2:30 Oprah Winfrey  
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  
9:00 Growing Up Gotti  
9:30 The Chronicle: News From The E  
10:30 Outback Jack  
11:28 Star Asia Travel  
11:30 Newsradio  
12:00 Cover Story

**STAR GOLD**

9:40 Dhaai Akshar  
1:30 Prem Ke Nagina  
4:10 Dabur Red Gel  
4:45 Mr. Natwarlal  
8:30 Doodh Ka Karz  
12:15 Chandaal

**STAR PLUS**

1:00 Kasauti Zindagi Kay  
1:30 Kumkum - Pyara Sa Bandhan  
2:00 Bhabhi  
2:30 Kesar  
3:00 Saarthi  
3:30 Kyunki Saas Bhi Kabhi Bhu Thi  
4:00 Kahiin To Hoga  
4:30 K.Street Pali Hill  
5:00 Maan  
6:00 Nargis  
6:30 Adventures Of Mickey  
7:00 Doodh Ka Karz  
7:30 Kumkum - Pyara Sa Bandhan  
8:00 Hello Dollie

8:30 Dekho Magar Pyaar Se  
9:00 Kasauti Zindagi Kay  
9:30 Saara Akaash  
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  
**DISCOVERY**  
11:00 Legends of the Isles  
11:30 Bonnie Prince Charlie  
12:30 New Detectives  
12:30 Wild Discovery Termites Attack  
1:30 Ultimate Cars  
2:00 Building the Ultimate Aircraft Carrier  
2:30 Science of Superhuman Strength  
3:30 Great Romances of the 20th Century Grace Kelly & Prince Rainer  
4:00 Legends of the Isles Warrior Queen  
4:30 New Detectives  
5:30 I Love My Music, My Animal And My House  
6:00 Fat Free  
6:30 Extreme Machines  
7:30 Reversions Wheels of Steel  
8:30 Ghost Bears of the Rain Forest  
9:30 Wildest Islands of Australia  
10:30 Story of Evolution  
11:30 Human Odyssey, The Dragon Bones  
12:30 Fields of Armor Devil's Coaches  
1:30 World's Best Kept Secrets of... Fbi  
**ANIMAL PLANET**  
11:00 Wild on the Set  
11:30 Primates  
12:00 The Natural World New  
12:30 Guinea An Island Apart  
2:30 Pet Nation  
3:30 Growing Up Wild.....Cheetahs  
4:30 Growing Up Wild.....Rhino  
5:30 The Protectors  
6:00 The Crocodile Hunter Diaries  
6:30 Monkey Business  
7:00 The Planet's Funniest Animals  
7:30 Wild on the Set Insects  
8:30 In The Wild Meg Ryan : White Elephants  
9:30 Growing Up Wild....Elephant  
10:30 Growing Up Wild....Penguin  
11:30 The Blue Planet  
12:00 State of the Great Ape  
**NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC**  
11:30 Backyard Science  
11:45 Doc Eureka  
12:00 Serious: Desert  
12:30 Creative Vision  
1:00 Adventure Challenge  
2:00 Dangerous Jobs  
3:00 Koala Quandary  
4:00 Dogs With Jobs S3  
4:45 Doc Eureka  
5:00 Serious: Desert  
5:30 Ng Explorer  
6:30 Air Crash Investigation S2  
7:30 National Geographic Special  
8:30 Science Times  
9:30 Marine Machine  
10:30 Seconds From Disaster  
11:30 National Geographic's Taboo  
**STAR SPORTS**  
10:30 Tennis Masters Series Pacific Life Open Indian Wells Usa 4th Round (L)  
11:00 Motorsport Asia (T)  
11:30 Sportscenter India (R)  
12:00 Asian Tour: Td Classic Day One(R)

12:30 Fa Cup 2004/05 Round 6(T)  
2:30 Five / Six Nations Championships Rugby Hq Asia(R)  
5:00 Yachting Oryx Quest 2005 Highlights(T)  
5:30 Extreme Programming Sports Mania(T)  
6:30 Max Power 2005(T)  
7:30 Porsche Infineon Carrera Cup Asia Macau  
8:00 Macau Cup 4th Round (L)  
8:30 Sportsline(L)  
8:30 Tennis Masters Series Pacific Life Open Indian Wells Usa 4th Round(R)  
10:30 Sportsline(R)  
11:00 Football Crazy(S)  
12:00 Super Centuries(R)

**ESPN**  
7:30 English Premier Football League 2004/05  
8:30 Charlton Athletic Vs Tottenham Hotspur (R)  
9:30 Fa Cup 2004/05 Round 6(R)  
11:30 English Premier Football League 2004/05  
12:00 Chelsea Vs West Bromwich Albion (S)  
1:30 Asian Tour: Td Classic Day One(L)  
3:30 Tennis Masters Series Pacific Life Open Indian Wells Usa 4th Round(S)  
6:00 Goals! (R)  
6:30 Cricket Gold (R)  
8:30 Sportscenter India (L)  
9:00 English Premier Football League 2004/05  
11:00 Chelsea Vs West Bromwich Albion (R)  
11:30 Motorsport Asia (T)  
12:00 Sportscenter India (R)  
Asian Tour: Td Classic Day One(R)