CULTURAL FEAST

Adivasi Cultural Festival Organiser: Society for Environment and

Human Development Venue: Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy Date: March 17-19 Schedule

March 17-19 2:00-8:00pm Display of photographs and Adivasi artifacts

5:00pm Cultural programme (everyday)

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 Ruhf

Venue: Alliance Fraincaise, 26, Mirpur Road Dhanmondi Date: March 18-31 Title: C for Courage Organier: Central Kachi-Kanchar Mela Venue: Kachi Kanchar Bhaban, 37/A, Segunbagicha

Date: March 18- April 01 Artist: Aminul Islan Venue: Shilpagan Gallery, House 25, Road 5. Dhanmoni Date: March 18- April 10, from 10am to 1pm and 5pm to 8pm

Drama Festival

Title: Dhaka Podatik Silver Jubilee Drama Festival Organiser: Dhaka Padatik Venue: Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy Date: March 13-20, at 5:30pm everyday

March 19 Dorponey Sharatshashi (Protikriti Natyadal, Kolkata) March 20 Binodini (Dhaka Theatre)

Celebration of Independence Day

Organiser: The Liberation War Museum **Venue:** The Liberation War Museum, 5, Shegun Bagicha Date: March 22-28, at 5pm everyday Programme: Book Fair themed on the Liberation War Venue: The Liberation War Museum, 5, Shegun Bagicha Date: March 22-28, from 10am to 8pm

Film Festival Title: Contemporary World Film

Organiser: Dhaka Film Society Date: March 17-19 Schedule March 19

4:30pm Motor Cycle Diary

CD Launch

Title: Tumi Eley Amar Ghorey Artiste: Ali Akbar Mallik Organiser: Centre for Education, Creative and Performing Arts Venue: Mauban Hall. Sundarban Date: March 19. at 7pm

Cultural

Programme

Title: Kobider Bashanto Utshab Artistes: Mahadev Shaha, Nirmalendu Goon, Muhammad Samad, Tokon Tagore, Alfred Khokon, Anisur Rahman, Shahnaz Munni, Mahbube

Venue: Alliance Française, 26, Mirpur Date: March 24, at 6:30pm

Adivasi Cultural Festival 2005

Indigenous heritage gets a boost

AFSAR AHMED

HE first day of the ongoing three-day long Adivasi Cultural Festival at the Shilpakala Academy was marked by the vibrant performances of the dancers in colourful traditional attire with the resounding beats of dhol (drums) and the rhythmic staccato sounds. Organised by the Society for Environment and Human Development (SEHD), the resplendent display of cultural heritage of these sons of the soil started on March 17 with the slogan "Cultural diversity is our pride".

The inaugural session focused on the diverse culture of these indigenous people. Raja Devashish Roy, chief of the Chakma Circle, inaugurated the festival by lighting up lamps. A discussion session, chaired by Professor Sakhawat Ali Khan, chairman of SEHD, followed next. Deputy Minister of Chittagong Hill Tracts Affairs Mani Swapan Dewan was the chief guest and Promode Mankin MP and Director General of Shilpakala Academy Ahmad Nazir were the special quests on the occasion.

The speakers emphasised on the necessity of restoring and preserving the heritage and culture of the indigenous people through "unity in diversity", proper education and fulfilment of their basic needs. The speeches also revolved around the need for a separate ministry for the indige-

The high point of the day was the mind boggling cultural evening by artistes from different ndigenous cultures--Oraon, Santal, Rakhain and

Dance pieces with songs Hamni Hiki Bangladeshi, Taley Taley Madel Bajela or the wedding dance with the song Lal Fita Hariari by



artist Shashi Bhushan Pal

The students of Khulna Art College recently took

a trip down memory lane. A five-day programme,

comprising a seminar and art exhibition, was held

to commemorate the contribution of artist Shashi

Among Shashi Bhushan's achievements is the

setting up the first ever art institute of Bangla-

desh, Maheshwarpasha School of Art, in 1904.

This was second only to the Kolkata Art School.

After the Partition of 1947, the Maheshwarpasha

School of Art was renamed as Shashi Bhushan

Art College. In 1983, it emerged as Khulna Art

College and is now in the process of being

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(L) A Santal groom garlands his bride sitting on a basket; (R) the breath-taking bottle dance by the

Commemorating an artist

Khulna Art College students honour predecessor

of Fine Arts.

Since childhood Shashi Bhushan used to

make dolls, toys, violin and flutes. After Class 2,

his study came to an end due to his father's death.

It was during this time that Shashi Bhushan

started painting especially in the oil medium. He

sent some selected paintings to the Principal of

Kolkata Art School Jyotindramohon Thakur and

Vice Chancellor of Kolkata University Justice

Gurudas Bandyopadhyay. The scholars sent him

art materials in return. And thus Shashi Bhushan

to different international exhibitions every year

The hard up artist used to send his paintings

drew the notice of art critics.

The Buddha Worship dance by Rakhain performers

the Oraons from North Bengal featured a distinct rhythm created by various kinds of dhol. Especially eye-catching was the display of Karam feast, depicting girls gathering flowers

into their karam baskets and boys, dressed in long dhotis, shirts and girdled on the waists and ankles with belts. The Santals, who believe that Rama is their

king and they are his lost subjects, paid tribute to their beloved king through Dasai Dance which they usually perform during Durga Puja. A wedding dance depicted a traditional Santal marriage ceremony with the bride sitting on a bamboo basket and the groom carried on the shoulders of his friends exchanging garlands.

The traditional Jhum Dance of the Tripura girls, or the Katharak Dance balancing bottles on the heads with lit up candles placed over the bottles also took the audience to a world of

The Rakhains, which means in Pali the protectors, from the coastal area might have lost most of their traditional musical heritage but the Rakhain girls' magnificent Buddha Worship Dance and the Jal Keli Dance--playing with water--were greatly appreciated by the audi-

The boundary of cultural life goes far beyond the stage performance of dances, songs and dramas. Culture is what we are and civilisation is what we have. A photographic exhibition of Philip Gain and a display of artefacts thus depict the lifestyle and portraits of the various indigenous people of the country.

The festival ends today with performances by Tanchangya, Manipuri, Chak and Khyang cultural teams at the Shilpakala Academy.

exhibition held in India. Shashi Bhushan drew

a small postcard with 1200 lines, which, when

seen slanted, revealed the natural beauty of

Haridwar. A story goes that he once drew the

scenic beauty of the London Tower on a grain

of Balam rice. Shashi Bhushan's Matripuja,

depicting the flinging of foreign cloth into the

fire before the statue of Devi Durga, inspired

his countrymen during the time of the Quit

Art College were displayed at the exhibition

About 125 artworks by the students of Khulna

Celebrating "Francophonie"

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The celebration of "Francophonie" began in the city on Thursday last. This celebrates the speaking of French and using it in different places, either at home or outside French is the language of 130 million people and ranks as the ninth most used language in the world. Although Bangladesh is not a Francophone country, Alliance Française has had hundreds of students since the

The celebrations began with dance and dinner at the Canadian Club. March 18, was the inauguration of "The Walls of Dhaka", an exposition by the French artist Bruno Ruhf who has been travelling through the city since last year. Ruhf took many mind-boggling photos of the city walls of Dhaka and their contents like the graffiti on them. He combines art and photography to give images of the city's lighter side, that resonates with colours and a human touch. The display at the Alliance Française will be on till March 31.

Following the opening of the art exhibition was a magic show by the visiting magician Benoit Rosemont. Today there will be sports like scrabble, table-tennis, football and volleyball. There is also a creative writing

competition. This is followed by a children's workshop on art and a quiz programme. From March 18 to 29 is a display of books on member countries of "Francophonie" and an informative exhibition on "Francophonie"



One of Bruno Ruhf's works

Whedon woos Wonder Woman

E! ONLINE

Joss Whedon has tackled ghastly aliens and dastardly vampires. So why not work on something Wonder-ful? The Buffy the Vampire Slaver mastermind has offi-

cially lassoed the writing and directing job on Warner Bros.' big-screen version of Wonder Woman, the studio announced recently. Said Whedon, "Wonder Woman is



the most iconic female heroine of our time.'

The live-action Wonder Woman will be produced by Leonard Goldberg and Joel Silver, the Hollywood mogul responsible for setting up the The Matrix trilogy at

Warner Bros Created by DC Comics' Charles Moulon during World War II, Wonder Woman was the first female super to score her own comic book. Wonder Woman is the alter ego of Amazon princess Diana, who lives on the uncharted Paradise Island. When a pilot named Steve Trevor crashes nearby, Diana rescues him. Upon learning of the battle with the Nazis, Diana returns with Trevor to help topple Hitler.

She derives her superhuman strength from a magic belt, can deflect bullets with her bracelets, uses her tiara like a boomerang and has a golden lariat that forces people to tell the truth. She also flies around in an invisi-The original comic was set in the 1940s, as was the

first season of the Lynda Carter-starring TV series in 1976. In the subsequent two seasons, however, the show was updated to the present day. It is not the first time Warner Bros. has attempted to

resurrect Wonder Woman. Six years ago, the studio put out a nationwide casting call for a statuesque beauty to fill the spangled bustier in a TV remake, but that project was eventually shelved due to script problems. No word yet on who will play Whedon's leading lady

Diana, but the Internet rumour mill has been churning out names like Rosario Dawson, Jessica Biel, Buffy vets Charisma Carpenter and Eliza Dushku, and even Kim Basinger, for an older, wiser Wonder Woman.

Tarantino named "Film Icon of the Decade"

AP, London

Quentin Tarantino, director of cult movies Pulp Fiction and Reservoir Dogs, was named Film Icon of the Decade at an awards ceremony in London.

Tarantino was among a cast of Hollywood and British movie talents recognised during the Empire Awards. which were voted for by more than 12,000 readers of Empire Magazine.

Accepting his award, the 41-year-old announced plans to retire from movie directing in 15 years to become a movie theatre manager. "The fact that Engand has embraced me as one of its own is re Tarantino said. "I hope to give you at least 15 more years of movies. I'm not going to be this old guy that keeps cranking them out. My plan is to have a theatre by that time in some small town and I will be the manager--this crazy old movie guy."

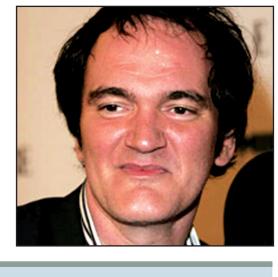
Other award recipients included Matt Damon, who was voted Best Actor for his role in The Bourne Supremacy. The action thriller was also named Best Film.

Julie Delpy was awarded Best Actress for Before Sunset, Kate Winslet's performance in Eternal Sunshine of the Spotless Mind won her the Best British Actress award. Best British Actor went to Paddy

12:00

Considine for his role in Dead Man's Shoes.

Supermodel Claudia Schiffer collected the Best British Director award on behalf of her husband Matthew Vaughn, who directed British gangster film Layer Cake.



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TV GUIDE

PICK OF THE DAY

India Movement.

merged with the Khulna University as its Institute and soon became a professional artist. At an

All programmes are in local time. The Daily Star will not be responsible for any change in the programme

News Bulletin

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)

News (Bangla) at 7:15 am. 9:00am,2:00pm, 7:00 pm, 9:00pm, 10:30, 12:15 am

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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.

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.

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Every hour on the hour

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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 **BBC WORLD**

BTV 08:15 Quiz Quiz Bishwa Protidin 09:00

Tripura artistes

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Bhushan Pal to Bangladeshi art.

Satellite Programme 12:15 Shangbadpatrer Pata Thekey 12:30 Health Bulletin 01:05 Nibedon 02:05 Online Shukhi Poribar 02:30 03:05 Selected Drama Moner Katha 04:30 Ei Dhaka Shei Dhaka 05:05 Nabo Anondey Jago 05:55 Shamakalin Arthonity 06:00 Desh Janopad Wrestling News Headlines

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11:00 Rangdhanu Satellite programmes 12:05 **CHANNEL-i**

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09:45 Tritivo Matra 10:45 Naa Bola Kotha 12:00 Chithi Pelam Dhaka Guide Aaj Dupure O Citycell Tarokakothon 01:00 Ebong Cinemar Gaar 01:25 Public Reaction Shangbadpatrey Bangladesh Bangla Film: Muktir 01:35 Shangram (Omar

Sunny, Moushumi)

Special Programme

Janopader Khaboi

Banglar Gaan

Sa Re Ga Ma

10:30 Annodrishtee 11:35 12:15 shurer Madhuri 04:20 05:10 05:45 06:20 Auto Man 08:00

08:30

Cine Music Music Plus Drama Serial: Dalchhut

07:50 Drama Serial: Anubhabey Tumi 08:25 Drama Serial: Nona Joler Kabvo Hridoye Mati O 10:00 Drama Serial Megabond

08:30 Aajker Shakal 09:05 Drama Serial: Kachhe Manush 09:30 Amra Ekhon Unish Bangla Feature Film Debor Bhabi (Razzak, Bobita)

03:50 Drama: Anyanayak 04:25 05:15 Itihasher Ei Diney 05:20 Alokpat 06:20 Shubho Shondhya 06:50 Shonkskrity Ei Shoptaho 08:15 Drama Serial: Jhut 09:00

11:25 Dindarpai **ATN BANGLA**

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New Shabuj Opera

Drama Serial: Kachhe 03:15 Pepsi Music Express

Telefilm: Ekti Shundor

4:15 7:45 9:30 Drama Serial: The

On ntv at 9:00pm Tele Film Cast: Jeetu, Mir Sabbir, Sumaiya Shimu Script: Muhammad Zafar Iqbal

Ekti Shundor Shokal

Drama Serial: Lal Neel

09:30 Drama Serial: Ek Janomev 10:35 Musical Programme: Mon Chhuye Jay 12:10 STAR Award 2004 **HBO** 9:30 D-Tox 11:30 Glitter 1:45

Batman & Robin The Secret Life of The Animal Men in Black The Adventures of Pluto Nash 11:30 Tales From The Crypt Two For The Show 12:15 Striptease

STAR MOVIES 8:25 Green Card Tornado Warning 10:15 11:45 Liar Liar Try 17

Edward Scissorhands

Mercy

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Pirates Of The Caribbean: Curse Of The Black Pearl 7:00 Spartacus Six Davs Seven Nights 8:30 10:15 Pirates Of The Caribbean: Curse Of The Black Pearl 12:45

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Bade Miyan Chote

Star Bestsellers 5:30 Mirch Masala 6:00

7:00 Marsupilami 7:30 Piya Bina 8:30 12:00 Yatra STAR WORLD

The Virtual Magician 1:00 Travel Asia 1:30 The Kids From Room 402 2:00 Roboroach

Musafir Hoon Yaaron

6:30 Disney's Mickey Mouse Works Pardey Ke Peechey

8:30 Tna Wrestling 9:30 10:30

Monster Farm Action Man

4:00 Cops Koffee With Karan 5:30 Genius

7:30 **Totally Outrageous** Behavior Ca 8:00 Weird Tv When Stunts Go Bad Dog The Bounty Hunter 11:00 11:30 Goodness Gracious Me

Cast: Sachhu, Chandni, Tanima Hamid Direction: Shahidul Alam Sachhu & Shayer Khan

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3:30 The Kumars At No. 42 4:30 Britannia India's Child

The X Files

The Virtual Magician

DISCOVERY Master of the Spirits, In The Shade of Ganesh 12:00 **Great Crimes And Trials** of The 20th Century 12:30 Wild Discovery African Wild Dogs 1:30 Wings When Pilots Eject Extreme Engineering

2:30 Transatlantic Tunnel Countdown Unsolved History Season III 4:30 Master of the Spirits, The Sunderbans, The Honey or the Tiger 5:00 **Great Crimes And Trials** of The 20th Century Charles Starkweather

5:30 Energy in Action, Mechanical Energy 6:00 Baby Story, Baby 6:30 Ushuaia Nature Lost Wrolds 7:30 Wild Discovery Svalbard Where Polar Bears Reign 8:30 Discover India India of

Andre Malraux

Machine Gun

Drama on Discovery

History in Colour of War

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: The American Story 11:30 Terrorism Revealed Shaheed ANIMAL

PLANET 11:30 Cats Aristocrats 12:00 Motion

Weird Nature Marvelous 12:30 Growing up Wild....Elephant 1:30 The Crocodile Hunter, The Dangerous Africans 2:30 Animals A-Z Immortal

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Animals A-Z Space Age

Wild Encounters Profiles of Nature XI Tales of the The Jeff Corwin Experi-

ence, The Brazil:

Animals A-Z Reefwise

Saving the Tamarin 5:30 Animal Miracles Hockey The Protectors Cell Dogs Corona The Crocodile Hunter. 7:30 The Dangerous Africans 8:30 Animals A-Z Octopus

Wild Encounters Profiles of Nature Turtles The 9:30 Shell Game 10:30 In The Wild Ewan McGregor : Polar Bears Wild Encounters Secrets of the African Jungle

NATIONAL **GEOGRAPHIC** Serious: Arctic

11:30 **Backyard Science** 12:00 Serious: Desert Paradise Drowned 2:30 When Nature Strikes Back Dangerous Jobs 4:30 Frontlines Of Construc-

6:30 Interpol Investigates 7:30 On Assignment Operation Hot Pursuit 8:30 To Love Honour And Obey Paradise Drowned 10:30 Height Of Courage:

Norman Vaughan Adventure Challenge STAR SPORTS

Formula One Qualifying 2005 (L) Locker Room Football Locker Room (T) 12:00 12:30

Nba Inside Stuff (R)

Brazilian Football (T)

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Sportscenter Week In Review (T) Asian Tour Asian Tour: Tcl Classic Day Three(L) Icc Cricket World (R) Here We Go (R) **Uefa Champions League** Magazine Shows (T)

Formula One Qualifying

Locker Room Football

Uefa Champions League

Magazine Shows (T)

Asian Tour Magazine

Super Centuries (T)

English Premier Football League Chelsea Vs

English Premier Football

Five / Six Nations

Crystal Palace (L)

League Tottenham

Manchester City (S)

Hotspur Vs

Locker Room (R)

2005 (R)

4:00 Sportscenter Week In Review (R) New Zealand Vs Aust Ralia 2nd Test Day 2 Highlights(S) Sportscenter Weekend 6:00 6:05 Premiership Saturday

English Premier Football

League Blackbu Rn

Rovers Vs Arsenal (L) Premiership Saturday **English Premier Footbal** League Manche Ster United Vs Fulham (L) English Premier Football

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League Bolton Wan Derers Vs Norwich City