

CULTURAL FEAST

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 24
Abu Muhammad Delwar Hossain will speak on *The practice of history of the Liberation War* followed by Staging of the play *Tairalar Bukey Mijumunshir Pao* by the theatre group Palakar Mukhtangan
March 25
Description of the massacre based on the interviews of the students of Panchagar and Sherpur. Chhayanaut will present songs in the next session.

Cultural Programme

Title: Kobider Bashanto Utshab
Artists: Mahadev Shah, Nirmalendu Goon, Muhammad Samad, Tokon Tagore, Alfred Khokon, Anisur Rahman, Shahnaz Munni, Mahbube Rabbani
Venue: Alliance Francaise, 26, Mirpur road, Dhanmoni
Date: March 24, at 6:30pm

Children's Drama Festival

Venue: Public Library
Schedule
March 24
4:00pm Closing Ceremony
5:30pm Gupi Gaine Bagha Bain (Shonali, Shetabganj)
6:30pm Nilkamal Lalkamal (Fulki, Faridpur)
7:30pm Tasher Desh (People's Little Theatre Dhaka)

Exhibition

Title: Traditional Boats of Bangladesh
Venue: Bangladesh National Museum
Date: March 19-April 06, From 10am to 5pm and 39m to 7pm on Fridays

Title: Colour of SHAKO
Artists: 13 artists of the women artists association SHAKO
Venue: Bengal Gallery of fine Arts, House 275/F, Road 27, Dhanmoni
Date: March 23-April 06, From 12pm to 8pm

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

Film Screening

Organiser: Jahangimagar Film Society
Venue: Goethe-Institut, House 10, Road 9, Dhanmondi
Schedule
March 24
4:00pmKoenig's Sphere
5:10pmThe Prestige
6:30pmThe Crocodile's of the Wandaogo Family

Play

Title: Toray Bandha Ghorar Dim
Organiser: Tonatuni
Venue: National Theatre Stage, Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy
Date: March 24, at 6pm

Exhibition

Aminul Islam through the decades

FAYZA HAQ

AMINUL Islam recently held an exhibition at Shilpangan. On display were many samples of his works over the decades. He is a self-professed rebel in his family, taking his course into fine arts on his own. "I had the artists in the past to inspire me such as Michaelangelo , Leonardo Da Vinci and Raphael from the Renaissance period in Europe, and Gaganindranath Thakur (who did the first nonfigurative work in the subcontinent in the 1920s and 1930s)." Talking about his paintings, taken from different stages in his life, he says, "You learn by seeing. We copy from nature and what is around us. Going from realism to abstraction has been a long process, although, I admit, some artists take to abstraction, out of the blue, just because others around them are into it. You simplify forms into geometrical shapes and so go into abstractions. A lot of my works are simply called "composition", which keep shape and balance in mind. They have a lot of improvisation as one finds in classical music. If one wants to limit oneself to paintings that are easily recognisable, it would be like singing folk songs and veering away from classical music. For me tradition means the



1954



1953

culture of the whole world and not just village women, boats, rivers and mustard fields." Explaining why had had used mirror with his canvas, he explains that this was to bring in the distorted images of the onlooker. Also, he wants the viewer to be a part of the painting. With the persuasion of Zainul Abedin, Aminul Islam came away to Dhaka from Calcutta after Partition, and met creative people here like Shamsur Rahman, Hasan Hafizur Rahman and Alauddin Al Azad. In 1948 he joined the arts school with Quamrul Hassan and Safiuddin Ahmed to guide him. Zainul Abedin was then away in Karachi. After passing out in 1953 he went to Italy on a scholarship. Coming home three years later, due to the Suez crisis he could not go back to Italy. Also he was offered the post of a teacher at the Art College. "I was happy with the prospect," Aminul Islam says, " as I wanted to groom promising students myself." He adds that times then were different. What they learnt in five years is learnt now in two years, he says. Aminul Islam wanted to introduce experimentation but the authorities felt that the academic work should

continue. At that time there was not many exhibitions and so there was limited sale. Young students supported themselves with illustration work. He himself, in his early days, had gone in for book illustration. While in Italy in 1955, he managed to sell two paintings for a good price and with the money he bought a motorcycle and toured Europe . In London he had his friends Hamidur Rahman and Novera. Staying in UK was, therefore, made easy for him. The trio went to Florence and visited the museums together. He also enjoyed being in Rome and Paris. Bangladesh does not have a long tradition of pictorial art, maintains Aminul Islam. There is folk art in *nakshiknathas* in *jamdani* saris, while in West Bengal there was "Pot chitra", he points out. During the East India Company rule there were some paintings but there was nothing like the tradition of Moghul art in Bengal, Aminul Islam says. "Thus for us, to borrow from others is not an offence," he points out. Aminul Islam has had 10 solo exhibitions and has taken part in innumerable group exhibitions.

Movie campaign on Independence

Amar Bangladesh in our spirits

CULTURAL CORRESPONDENT

Star Cineplex, in association with a Bangla daily *Bhorer Kagoj* is commemorating an Independence Week special. To celebrate our Independence Day, Star Cineplex will screen four full-length feature films and four documentaries starting from today, all based on independence. This special week-long movie campaign has been planned with the younger generation in mind, as they need to know about the arduous history of the struggle of our indepenence.

The four feature films that will be screened are *Lal-Shobuj* directed by Shahidul Islam, *Ora Egarojon* by Chashi Nazrul Islam, *Jayjatra* by Tauquir Ahmed and *Megher Onek Rong* by Harun-Ur-Rashid. The four selected documentaries are *Stop Genocide* by Zahir Raihan, *Shei Raat-er kotha Boltey Eshechi* by Kausar Chowdhury, *Charukala-e Muktiyuddho* by Manzar-e-Hassin Murad and *Shadhinota* by Yasmin Kabir.

The viewers will have the privilege to watch a documentary prior to the each of the feature films at no additional cost.



The original poster of Ora Egarojon

Star Cineplex has also arranged road-shows at different private universities in Dhaka to promote this movie-campaign and also collect comments from students on their

impression of Bangladesh. Students who come up with the best hundred comments will be rewarded. The week-long movie campaign will end on March 31.

Five greatest ensemble casts in Hollywood movies

KARIM WAHEED

The difference between a great cast and a great ensemble cast is the difference between *Casablanca* and *The Big Chill*. In *Casablanca* Humphrey Bogart and Ingrid Bergman are the stars and *Casablanca* is their story, the rest of the actors are just the background. *The Big Chill* on the other hand, has no stars, each member has his/her own story and each is given equal weight within the narrative. Of course, a great ensemble cast can be made up entirely of stars, like *Ocean's Eleven*, but the same rule applies: no one is allowed to be greedy and overshadow the rest. Another rule is that a great ensemble cast must perform a significant number of scenes as an ensemble.

Here's a list of 5 movies that vaunt of their great ensemble casts. 1. *The Godfather*: Once again, Coppola's masterpiece heads up a Top five list. Marlon Brando's monstrous Don Vito may haunt the film, but it's the electrifying interplay of his sons James Caan as bull-headed Sonny, John Cazale as quivering Fredo, Al Pacino as quietly inscrutable Michael—that holds the attention of the audience. This all time classic depicts how the sons are drawn inexorably into the family business as the transference of power from one generation to the next, becomes imperative in this all-time classic. 2. *The Philadelphia Story*: George Cukor's captivating romantic comedy about a society heiress (Katherine Hepburn) whose wedding is disrupted by her rakish

ex-husband (Cary Grant) and a cynical newspaper reporter (James Stewart), qualifies as one of the greatest ensemble casts. 3. *Reservoir Dogs*: Tarantino's impeccably stylish, exultantly gory first movie ushered in a new era of ensemble crime flicks. Courtesy of Michael Madsen, Tim Roth, Harvey Keitel, Steve Buscemi, Chris Penn

and Danny Glover, makes this movie a top-rated ensemble play. The characters individually epitomise the various strains of emotional wreckage wrought by dysfunctional families and lives that have peaked too soon. 5. *Ocean's Eleven*: The original *Eleven* was a shabby, boring affront to its audience but Soderbergh's



Al Pacino and Marlon Brando in The Godfather 1

and Eddie Bunker, this movie has a lasting impact. 4. *The Royal Tenenbaums*: a superb cast, headed by Gene Hackman in tandem with Anjelica Huston, Ben Stiller, Gwyneth Paltrow, Luke Wilson, Owen Wilson

remake trounces it with a blinding constellation of stars like George Clooney, Brad Pitt, Matt Damon, who appear to be having fun, rather than just doing the movie because they have to.

Channel Click

Andhokarer Gaan



Written and directed by Ferdous Hasan, the television play *Andhokarer Gaan* features Shahed Sharif Khan, Kushum Shikdar, Litu Anam and others. The story of the play dates back to the Liberation War. During those troubled times a young Bangladeshi girl Ranu is unable to leave the country like her other family members. While she is trapped in her own house, she discovers to her horror that a Pakistani army- personnel has fallen for her. The play will be telecast on ATN Bangla at 8:50pm on the Independence Day, March 26.

Pepsi Rock & Rhythm

On the occasion of the Independence Day, ATN Bangla will telecast a special episode of the regular musical programme Pepsi Rock & Rhythm at 10:35pm. The popular band members Hamin Ahmed (Miles), James (Nagar Baul), Naquib Khan (Renaissance), Faisal Siddiqui (Ekotar Music), Partho Barua (Souls), Turjo (Miles) and John (Black) will hold a discuss about the historic concert titled Concert For Bangladesh that took place on August 1, 1971 at the Madison Square Garden, New York. The programme has been directed by Gazi Ahmed Shubhro.



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) 6:20am, 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 5:30 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
09:00 Satellite Programme
12:15 Shongbad Potrer Pata Thekey
12:30 Health Programme
01:05 Children's Programme
01:30 Selected Programme
02:05 Information Technology
02:30 Bangla Feature Film
05:30 Magazine Programme
06:00 Khabor: Desh
06:35 Janapad
07:00 Jiboner Alo
07:05 News Headlines, Share Market, Weather Forecast
07:30 Programme on Books
08:25 Tritiyo Matra
08:30 Drama of the Week
10:25 Teknaf Theke Tetulia
10:30 Abohoman Bangla
11:00 Cine Magazine
12:05 Satellite Programme
CHANNEL i
09:30 Shongbad Potrey Bangladesh and Public Reaction
09:45 Tritiyo Matra
11:00 Agora Shopping Guide
11:30 TVC Sky Shop
12:00 Chitthi Pelam
12:30 Aaj Dupurey
01:00 Ebong Cinemar Gaan
01:25 Public Reaction
02:15 Tritiyo Matrai Apni
02:40 Rutiner Bairey
03:10 Hridoye Mati O Manusher Daak
03:50 Banglar Gaan
04:20 Apnar Banking
04:45 Sa Re Ga Ma
05:30 RC Tones & Tunes
06:30 Music Plus
06:30 Amar Chhobi
07:50 Drama: Keboli Raat Hoyo Jai

08:25 Beast Master
09:35 Drama: Shompurno Rongin
10:00 Drama: Aarai Tola Bari
ATN BANGLA
10:30 Annodrishti
11:05 Ek Dui Tin
11:35 Mile Phalok Ray
12:15 Bangla Feature Film: Bashira
03:50 ATN Rannaghar
04:25 Shundar Jiboner Jonno
05:10 Bangla Namer Desh
05:45 Islami Sawal O Jawab
06:20 Shustha Thakun
08:00 Drama Serial: Tana Poren
08:30 Drama Serial: Ek Akash Nil
09:00 Drama Serial: Rater Kanna Bhorer Shishir
09:30 Drama Serial: Mohona Char Deyalar Kabbo
10:30 Cinema Cinema
ntv
08:30 Aajker Shakal
09:30 Siddiqi Kabir's Recipe
09:30 Nari Gharey Bairey
10:05 Priyomukh
10:30 Bangla Feature Film
02:35 Drama Serial: Sporsher Bairey
03:15 Kichhu Katha Kichhu Gaan
03:50 Drama Serial: Sheola
04:25 Shapla Kuri
05:20 Competition 2004
06:20 Mahlangan
06:20 Shubho Shondhya
06:50 Banijoy Nagaritay
08:20 Drama Serial: Kachher Manush
08:50 Drama: Haraner Nat
11:25 Jamai Dindarpan

| PICK OF THE DAY | | | |
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| Tana Poren On ATN Bangla at 8:00pm Drama Serial Cast: Tamalika Karmokar, Sharmin Shila | | Kachher Manush On ntv at 8:20pm Drama Serial Cast: Subarna Mustafa, Alamgir, Priti | |
| HBO 7:00 Into the Arms of Strangers : Stories of the Kindertransport 9:15 A Knight's Tale 12:00 Friday The 13th Part VII The New Blood 1:45 Who's Your Daddy? 3:45 Night of the Living Dead 5:30 Jagged Edge 7:45 Welcome to Collinwood 9:30 The Big Hit 11:15 Clear and Present Danger 2:00 John Carpenter Presents Vampires : Los Muertos | | STAR MOVIES 8:45 Sonic Impact 10:25 Try 17 12:00 Six Days Seven Nights 1:45 Tornado Warning 3:15 Arachnophobia 5:10 Unshackled 7:00 Murder Of Crows 8:50 Shark Attack 3:Megalodon 10:30 The Touch 12:15 Hell Comes To Frogtown STAR WORLD 12:30 Third Watch Ii 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 9:55 Swarg Jaisa Ghar 1:30 Stumped 2:30 Dabur Red Gel 3:55 HumseDostikKaroge | | 4:30 Pyaar Ke Naam Qurban 8:30 Lahoo Ke Do Rang 12:00 Naaka Bandi STAR PLUS 3:30 Kyunki Saas Bhi Kabhi Bhu Thi 5:00 Maan 6:00 Nargis 6:30 Adventures Of Mickey Addonald 7:00 Disney's The Weekenders 8:00 Hello Dollie 9:00 Dekho Magar Pyaar Se Kasautii Zindagii Kay 9:30 Saara Akaash 10:00 Kkavyanjali 10:30 Kahaani Ghar Ghar Kii Kyunki Saas Bhi Kabhi Bhu Thi | |

11:30 Kahiin To Hoga
12:00 K.Street Pali Hill
DISCOVERY
10:30 Great Romances of the 20th Century
11:00 Legends of the Isles
11:00 Warrior Queen
11:30 New Detectives
12:30 Wild Discovery Sabretooth
1:30 Ultimate Cars Beauty
2:00 Building the Ultimate Roller Coaster
2:30 Discovery Showcase
3:30 Great Romances of the 20th Century
4:00 Legends of the Isles
4:30 New Detectives
5:30 I Love My Music, My Animal And My House
6:00 Fat Free Lot to Lose
6:30 Extreme Machines
7:30 Wild Discovery
8:30 Wildest Asia
9:30 Story of Evolution
10:30 Human Odyssey
11:30 Fields of Armor
11:30 Gentleman's War
11:30 World's Best Kept Secrets of... Mysterious Societies
ANIMAL PLANET
10:30 The Planet's Funniest Animals
11:00 Wild on the Set Roberts
11:30 The Natural World New Guinea An Island Apart
12:30 Rhodesian Ridgeback
1:00 Pet Nation
2:30 Growing up Wild
4:30 The Protector's Cell Dogs
5:30 Lake Erie
5:30 The Crocodile Hunter Diaries
6:00 Monkey Business
6:30 The Planet's Funniest Animals
7:00 Wild on the Set Making of Animal Planet Live

7:30 In The Wild Ewan McGregor : Polar Bears
8:30 Growing Up Wild
10:30 The Blue Planet, The Open Ocean
11:30 Wild Encounters State of the Great Ape
NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC
11:45 Doc Eureka
12:00 Serious: Jungle
12:30 Creative Vision
1:00 Adventure Challenge
2:00 Dangerous Jobs
3:00 Search For The First Dog
4:00 Dogs With Jobs S3
4:30 Backyard Science
4:45 Doc Eureka
5:00 Serious: Jungle
5:30 Ng Explorer
6:30 Interpol Investigates
7:30 Saving The Jackass Penguin
8:30 Science Times
9:30 Marine Machine
10:30 Interpol Investigates
11:30 National Geographic's Taboo
STAR SPORTS
7:30 English Premier Football League 2004/05
Liverpool Vs Everton (T)
9:30 Five / Six Nations Championships Royal Bank Of Scotland Six Nations 2005 Wales Vs Ireland (R)
11:30 English Premier Football League 2004/05 Bolton Wanderers Vs Norwich City (T)
1:30 Asian Tour: Indonesian Open Day One(L)
3:30 Asian Festival Of Speed Asian Touring Car Series Macau Macau Rd 11 & 12 (T)

4:00 Watersports
Programming Hot Water (T)
5:00 Rugby 7's Tour 2004/05 New Zealand Highlights(T)
5:30 Track & Field/ Athletics laaf Indoor International Gp 2005 Stockholm Sweden (T)
8:00 Sportsline (L)
8:30 International Classic Matches England Vs Finland World Cup Qualifier 2002(T)
10:30 Dangerous Jobs
11:00 Football Crazy (S)
12:00 Golf Classics Turnbury - Return Of The Open (T)
ESPN
7:00 Sportscenter Asia (R)
7:30 Motorsport Asia (R)
8:00 Hitz (R)
8:30 Classic Winter X Games
Viii Classix Snocross Mt. Aspen Co Usa (R)
9:30 English Premier Football League 2004/05 Bolton Wan Derers Vs Norwich City (R)
11:30 Champions Tour Golf Toshiba Senior Classic Newport Beach Ca Usa Final Round(T)
2:00 Cricket Gold (R)
5:00 Football Crazy (L)
6:00 Goals! (R)
6:30 English Premier Football League 2004/05 Manchester United Vs Fulham (R)
8:30 Sportscenter India (L)
9:00 English Premier Football League 2004/05 Chelsea Vs Crystal Palace (T)
11:00 Motorsport Asia (T)
11:30 Sportscenter India (R)
12:00 Sportscenter Asia (S)