

CULTURAL FEAS

Exhibitions
Title: Traditional Boats of Bangladesh
Venue: Bangladesh National Museum
Date: March 19-April 06, 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, Dhanmondi
Date: March 23-April 06, 12pm to 8pm

Title: C for Courage
Organiser: Central Kachi-Kanchar Mela
Venue: Kachi Kanchar Bhaban, 37/A, Segunbagicha
Date: March 18-April 01
Title: Opening Exhibit
Artist: Md. Tarikat Islam
Venue: Art & Soul Gallery, Road. 36 House 16, Gulshan
Time: March 25-April 4, from 12pm to 8pm.

Artist: Aminul Islam
Venue: Shilpagan Gallery, House 25, Road 5, Dhanmondi
Date: March 18-April 10, from 10am to 1pm and 5pm 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, 1am to 7pm and 3pm to 8pm on weekends

Musical Soiree
Artiste: Lina Taposhi
Organisation: Ananda Git Badyam
Venue: Nazrul Institute, House 330/B, Road 28, Dhanmondi
Time: April 01, at 4:30pm.

Anniversary
Programme: Katha, Kobita Shangeetanushthan
Occasion: Celebration of the Independence Day
Organisation: Amra Shurjomukhi
Venue: Firmgate Community Centre, *Time:* April 01, at 6pm.

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
April 02
Programme: Launching of book: Fairytale
Venue: Bookshop ETC
April 04
Programme: Staging of the play *Protibimbob* by Protigya Parishad
Venue: Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy, National Theatre
April 07-08
Programme: Staging of the play *The Emperor's New Clothes* by Theatre
Venue: Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy, National Theatre
April 09-10
Programme: Staging of the play *Nightingale and Ugly Duckling* by Puppet Theatre
Venue: Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy, Experimental Theatre
April 12
Programme: screening of the movie *Move Me*
Venue: The British Council

Upojatio Festival
Organiser: Shilpakala Academy
Venue: Shilpakala Academy, Plaza
Date: March 30-April 05, at 6:30pm
Schedule
April 01
Bandarban Zila Upajatiyo Cultural Evening
April 02
Rajshahi Zila Upajatiyo Cultural Evening
April 03
Maulvibazar Zila Upajatiyo Cultural Evening

Jayosree Kar Jaya: An actress with a mission

NOVERA DEEPITA

A village girl awaits the return of her beloved who has gone to the city to earn his living. When after a long time this young girl finally meets her beloved she is being trafficked by a pimp near a border area. To her horror and anguish, she discovers that her beloved is committing the same crime of which she is a victim. This is the story of the stage play *Meenkannya* and the actress who plays the character appropriately and skillfully is Jayosree Kar Jaya, a promising face in the entertainment media.

Jaya began her acting career back in 1987 with a substitute role in a stage play of the theatre group Arindam, when she was a college student in Chittagong. She performed different plays including *Ele Bele*, *Pap-Punya*, *Lal Shalu* and *Tora Shab Jayadhwani Kar* with the theatre group. "Initially I could not realise the depth of this performing art," says Jaya, "However, when I became mature enough to realise the truth I thought I should go to Dhaka and act in the mainstream theatre productions."

After arriving in Dhaka, Jaya acted in *Hay Badan*, a production of Natya Kendra. Based on a story by Girish Karnad, Tauquir Ahmed directed the play in 1994. She received applause for her performance in the play. After the play she acted in *Crucible* and *Bichchhu*, two other productions of Arindam.

Jaya performed in two stage-plays



Jayosree Kar Jaya

Meenkannya and *Dukhini* desh Institute of Theatre under the awareness Arts (BITA), a social programme of Bangla-welfare organisation. The

latter one was a joint venture with Pakistan. With these productions she travelled to many places to raise awareness against human trafficking such as Malda, Beharampur, Kandi, Kolkata and other places inside the country where trafficking is a major problem.

At present she is on a tour in Agartala to stage *Meenkannya* in response to an invitation from the Tripura Shangshkritik Samannay Kendra. "The play, written by Masum Reza and directed by Pijush Bandyapadhaya, has received a tremendous response," says Jaya.

Among her performances on television, *Joar Bhata* (the first mega serial), *Ek Janamey*, *Sporsher Bairey*, *Chena Dukkha Achena Shukh* and *Baba* are noteworthy. At present, she is working in a new serial *Shabnam*, written and directed by Proshanto Bardhan, featuring Pijush, Jaya Ahsan, Jamaluddin Hossain and Sharmin Shila.

She has performed in a guest appearance in the film *Wrong Number*. "But I am more interested in alternative films and playing character roles," she says.

An interior designer by profession, Jaya feels comfortable in acting on stage. As she says, "I enjoy working on stage because it gives me the greatest artistic satisfaction."

Jahangirnagar Theatre's silver jubilee celebration

A rich array of plays

ERSHAD KAMOL

Jahangirnagar University (JU) campus has spectacular natural surroundings of woods and lakes. The students recently decorated the campus colourfully with festoons and *alpana* for the silver jubilee celebration of the campus based theatre troupe--Jahangirnagar Theatre.

The theatre group was founded in 1980 by some enthusiastic students who later became prominent theatre personalities. Since then, the troupe has been arranging annual festivals on the campus.

Theatre personality Selim Al Deen inaugurated the eight-day long drama festival on March 23 at JU campus which wrapped up on March 31. The inauguration event was followed by a rally.

The convenor of the festival, popular actor Shahiduzzaman Selim said, "The JU campus is far from Dhaka, however, it has a rich cultural tradition. As the founder member of Jahangirnagar Theatre, I always try to help the students to undertake cultural activities here. I try my best to respond whenever they seek any help from me, by arranging workshops and directing plays. Other ex-students like myself help the current students."

Besides three productions of Jahangirnagar Theatre--*Achalayatan* by Rabindranath



Jahangirnagar Theatre members bring out a colourful parade

Tagore, *Shurango* by Syed Waliullah and *Mora* by Shubhankar Chakrabarti-- Nagorik Natyangan Ensemble, Padatik Natya Sangsad, Theatre Art Unit and Department of Drama and Dramatics of JU are taking part in the festival. The other attraction of the festival is *Shongpala*, a decaying indigenous performing art form by Nripen's troupe from Tangail.

Thousands of residential students of JU do not have enough sources of entertainment. Whenever any cultural feast takes place on campus, they enthusiastically come and watch the events at the outdoor stage built in a Greek amphitheater pattern known as *Muktamancha*.

Though the rain interrupted the festival during the first two days, it later became the only means of recreation for the students. And the theatre troupes from Dhaka, which participated in the festival, attained some deep insights into staging plays amidst nature. Needless to say the audience enjoyed the event thoroughly.

An evening of Nazrul songs

Musical soiree at Nazrul Institute

CULTURAL CORRESPONDENT

Nazrul Sangeet Shilpi Parishad organised its monthly programme at the Nazrul Institute on Wednesday last. Eminent singer Nashid Kamal, along with promising talents such as Chhanda Chakrovarti, Krishnakanto Acharya, Fatemi Amin Lavli and .Ali Ahmed (all the way from Khulna) rendered different Nazrul songs at the show.

This is the fifth programme of its kind by Nazrul Sangeet Shilpi Parishad. This organisation promotes promising Nazrul singers from all around the country. In each show this organisation introduces at least one singer from outside Dhaka who has least exposure in the media.

After the speech by singer Rebecca Sultana, the anchor of the show Bulbul Mahalanobish presented brief introductions of the artistes. Krishnakanto Acharya, the opening singer rendered *Pardesi Badhuya*, *Amay jaya dey ma betha*, *Khatuney Jannat Fatema* and *Pardeshi megh jao re firey* all of which were spiritual and love songs by Nazrul. Acharya has been singing from the 1960s and had his basic lessons of music under Narayanchandra Shaha, Barin Majumdar, Sagiruddin Khan and other music mentors. A regular teacher of music schools Sangeetbhaban and Shurer Dhara, Acharya is an enlisted artiste of Bangladesh Betar and BTV.

Among the participants was Fatema Amin Lavli, who has been singing since she was five-years-old. She participated twice in the Natun Kuri Competition in 1970s. Meser Ali, Almas Ahmed, Lutfur Rahman, Shudhin Das and Shuman Chowdhury are among her mentors. Lavli released two music albums and currently she is a regular singer of Bangladesh Betar and



Fatema Amin Lavli presents a number at the event

BTV. Lavli rendered some of the popular Nazrul songs including *Bhuley jeo shedin jodi*, *Bolechhiley tumi* and *Esho go shyamolo ghana deya* at the show.

Another participant Ali Ahmed who has been involved with Khulna Radio since the 1970s, is not only a Nazrul singer, but also a flutist and music composer. *Shabujer Bukey Lal Shurjo*, rendered by Sabina Yasmeen, is the most popular song he composed. Ali Ahmed is also

dedicated to promoting promising singers. After a short speech, he rendered *Morey dekhey nao drishti*.

Chhanda Chakrovarti, the a winner of many awards at the children's competition in early 1990s, rendered some popular Nazrul songs. At the end of the programme, eminent Nazrul singer Nashid Kamal performed some catchy numbers. And this was the finale.

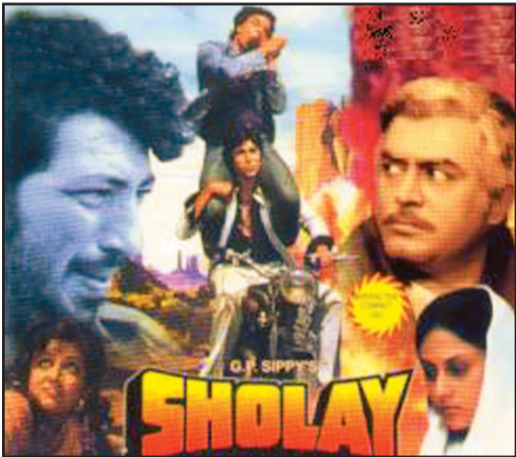
Ramesh Sippy remaking Sholay?

The word on the street is that Ramesh Sippy, the maker of the all-time blockbuster *Sholay*, is planning to remake the film with a contemporary star cast. In fact, the media is agog with stories that a number of makers are planning to remake yesteryear classics with present-day stars.

"It's an interesting idea to remake a film, but I cannot think of remaking *Sholay*," Sippy says. Why? "Well, there's a block in my mind. Frankly, I've never thought of remaking the film. I just cannot do it," the veteran states honestly.

Nonetheless, Sippy feels that the project, if attempted, should look plausible even with present-day stars. "The existing stars are extremely capable. They react to every situation efficiently. While the veterans took time to attain a particular level of performance, the new generation is very fast, very competent," Sippy smiles.

Source: Indiafm.com



Affleck turns to director's chair

REUTERS, Los Angeles

He hit it big as a screenwriter, rose and fell as an actor, and even dabbled in presidential politics. Now Ben Affleck is trying his hand in the director's chair.



The actor who won an Oscar for co-writing 1997's *Good Will Hunting* with his buddy Matt Damon, has signed up to direct a movie titled *Gone, Baby, Gone*, for the Walt Disney Co.'s Touchstone Pictures, a Disney spokesperson said Tuesday.

The film is adapted from writer Dennis Lehane's novel of the same name. Lehane also wrote *Mystic River*, which was turned into an Oscar-nominated movie in 2003 by actor-director Clint Eastwood.

The novel *Gone, Baby, Gone* tells of two working class private detectives in Boston, Patrick Kenzie and Angela Gennaro, who are hired to search for a missing child.

The film version is expected to begin shooting this fall in Boston.

Affleck, 32, has seen career ups and downs as an actor in recent years. He scored hits with 2001's *Pearl Harbour* and with thrillers *Changing Lanes* and *Daredevil*, but more recently suffered through duds such as *Gigli*, *Jersey Girl* and *Paycheck*.

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

CHANNEL-i
09:45 Tritiyo Matra
10:30 Grameen Phone Tele Kumi
12:00 Kora Aalap
12:30 Quran Shikkhar Ashor
01:00 Banglar Gaan
01:30 Public Reaction
02:30 Tritiyo Matrai Apni
04:20 Special Programme
04:45 Sa Re Ga Ma
05:15 Janopader Khabor
05:30 Shamoyiki
06:00 Music Plus
06:30 Kathay Kathay
07:50 Drama of the Week: Kheilar Putul
09:35 Drama Serial: 69
10:00 Close Up Juke Box

ATN BANGLA
10:25 Annodrishtee
11:05 Friday's Islamic Programme
03:30 Binodan Jummabar
05:10 Shesh Akkhar
05:20 Aamra Korbo Joy
08:00 Drama Serial: Obhighat
08:30 Drama Serial: Khowab
09:00 Drama Serial: Lal Neel Beguni
09:30 Drama Serial: Ek Janamey
10:35 Ekatturer Juddho Jatra

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08:30 Aajker Shakal
09:05 Kachher Manush
09:30 Musical Programme
10:05 Siddiqua Kabir's Recipe
10:30 Apnar Jigyasha
11:30 Trans World Sports
01:05 Mahilangan
02:35 Drama: Shantap
03:50 Millennium
05:15 Itihasher Ei Diney

05:20 Tiffinor Phakey
06:20 Shubho Shondhya
06:50 Amra Ekhon Unish Kumi
08:30 Drama Serial: Kachher Manush
08:50 Pepsi Music Express
09:40 Drama: Bakshish Dindarpan
HBO
8:30 The Big Hit
10:15 The Guys
12:00 Psycho II
2:15 Stealing Harvard
4:00 Pinata: Survival Island
5:45 Hey Arnold! The Movie
7:15 The One
9:00 HBO Sneak Peek: Rush Hour 2
10:15 Enter The Dragon
11:30 Kiss the girls
1:45 The Big Hit
3:30 The Sweetest Thing
5:15 The One
STAR MOVIES
9:00 Reality Bites
10:45 Phone Booth
12:10 Dawg
1:30 Hollywood One On One.
2:00 Hunter: Return To Justice
3:30 Rushmore
5:10 Grosse Pointe Blank
7:00 Mystery Men
2:00 Psycho
10:45 Shark Zone
12:15 Eliminator, The
1:45 Air Rage
STAR GOLD
9:50 Zubeidaa
1:30 Begabu
4:30 Diljale
8:30 Raju Chacha
STAR PLUS
10:30 Nargis

PICK OF THE DAY

Obhighat
On ATN Bangla at 8:00pm
Drama Serial
Cast: Chumki, Mir Sabbir, Chadni

That 70s Show
On Star World at 7:00pm
Genre: Comedy (more)
Cast: Topher Grace, Mila Kunis, Ashton Kutcher

11:00	Rajdhani	10:00	Control	8:00	Newsradio	2:30	Rescues II Moose River
11:30	Maan	10:00	Khulja Sim Sim	8:30	Tna Wrestling	3:30	Rescue, Real Life
12:00	Shanti	10:00	Kalochakra	9:30	The Apprentice	4:00	Crocodile Dundee PT 1&2
1:00	Hasna Mat	12:00	Kahani Jurm Ki	10:30	Koffee With Karan	5:30	The Most Extreme Gross Outs
1:30	Tu Tu Main Main	11:28	Star Asia Travel	11:28	Star Asia Travel	6:00	The Most Extreme, Home Designers
2:30	Chalti Ka Naam	11:30	Newsradio	12:00	Newsradio	6:30	Gator Love Bite
3:30	Antakshiri	12:30	Cover Story	12:30	Cover Story	7:00	Challenge Humboldt's Tales From The Americans
4:00	Aur Phir Ek Din	10:30	American Idol	10:30	The Planet's Funniest Animals	7:30	Wild Discovery Basic
5:00	Rajdhani	11:00	Growing Up Goti	11:00	Amazing Animal Videos From Cradle To Grave	8:00	Instincts Need To Succeed, The Future Perfect
6:00	Pardey Ke Peechey	11:30	The Chronicle: News From The E	11:30	Extraordinary Elephants	8:30	Technocops
6:30	Nargis	12:30	Nash Bridges	12:30	Pet Nation Breed All About It (5&6) Irish Wolf Hound	9:30	Unsolved History Inside Hitler's Bunker
7:00	Adventures Of Mickey Andonald	1:30	Magnum P.I.	1:00	Pet Nation	10:30	Discovery Showcase North Korea: Inside The Hermit Kingdom
7:30	Disney's The Weekenders	2:30	Oprah Winfrey Show	1:30	Pet Nation Emergency Vets, Painful Lessons	11:30	Spy Stories Why Intelligence Fails Intelligence To Please
8:00	Karishma Ka Sonpari	3:30	Bold And Beautiful	2:00	Pet Nation Wild		
8:30	Shararat - Thoda Jadu	4:30	Hollywood Squares				
9:00	Todi Naz	5:00	Whose Line Is It Anyway				
	Loc- Life Out Of	5:30	Ally Mc Beal				
		6:30	The Simpsons				
		7:00	That 70s Show				
		7:30	Friends				

Home Designers
10:30 Ultimate Killers Speed
11:00 Predators Ultimate
11:30 Predators, The Wild Encounters How Animals Tell Time

DISCOVERY
10:30 Great cars
11:00 Massive Engines With Chris Barrie Diggers
11:30 Great Crimes and Trials Of the 20th Century
12:00 Disappearance Of Jimmy Hoffa, The After Midnight
12:30 Wild Discovery Orphans Of The Wild
1:30 Building The Ultimate I & II Submarines
2:00 Amazing Baby Videos
2:30 Legends Of The Isles King Arthur
3:00 Rivals Prost V's Senna
3:30 Great Cars
4:00 Massive Engines With Chris Barrie Diggers
4:30 Great Crime And Trials Of The 20th Century
5:30 Disappearance Of Jimmy Hoffa, The Earth Science For Children All About Earthquakes
6:00 Fat Free Lot To Lose, A Challenge Humboldt's Tales From The Americans
7:30 Wild Discovery Basic
8:00 Instincts Need To Succeed, The Future Perfect
8:30 Technocops
9:30 Unsolved History Inside Hitler's Bunker
10:30 Discovery Showcase North Korea: Inside The Hermit Kingdom
11:30 Spy Stories Why Intelligence Fails Intelligence To Please

NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC
10:30 Interpol Investigates
11:30 Backyard Science
11:45 Doc Eureka
12:00 Serious: Arctic Storm Stories
12:30 Science Of Sailing
1:00 Marine Machine
2:00 Tarsier-The Little Alien
3:00 Dogs With Jobs
4:00 Backyard Science
4:45 Doc Eureka
5:00 Serious: Arctic
5:30 Ng Explorer
6:30 Interpol Investigates
7:30 Animal Nightmares
8:00 Extinct
8:30 When Nature Strikes Back
9:30 Violent Earth (Aka Death By...)
10:30 Air Crash Investigation S2
11:30 Taboo

STAR SPORTS
9:30 Oxford & Cambridge Uni. The Boat Race 2005 London, England
10:00 Event Highlights(T) Snowboarding FIS Snowboard World Championships 2005
11:00 Whistler, Bc Canada Highlights(T) Asian Festival Of Speed Asian Formula 3 Batangas, Philippines Round 9(T)
11:30 Golf Classics Best Moments Of History Inside Masters (R) Golf Focus (R) Cricket Gold (T)
12:30 Asian 9-Ball Tour San Miguel, Jakarta
1:00 Miguel, Indonesia Qualifying(L)

4:30 Asian 9-Ball Tour San Miguel, Jakarta
6:00 Asian 9-Ball Tour San Miguel, Jakarta
7:30 English Premier League Preview (T)
8:00 Sportsline (L)
8:30 Atp Masters Series Nasdaq- 100 Open, Miami Key Biscayne, FI Usa Quarterfinal
10:30 Sportsline (R)
11:00 Nba Inside Stuff (T)
11:30 Nba Basketball Indianapolis, In Usa Miami Heat Vs Indiana Pacers (R)

ESPN
12:00 Grand American Series Rolex 24 At Daytona
2:00 Atp Masters Series Nasdaq- 100 Open, Miami Key Biscayne, FI Usa Quarterfinal
4:00 Atp Masters Series Nasdaq- 100 Open, Miami Key Biscayne, FI Usa Quarterfinal
6:00 Super 12 Super 12 Rugby 2005 Wellington, New Zealand
8:00 Soccer Really Bend It Like Beckham Ep #1 & #2(T)
8:30 Sportscenter India (L)
9:00 English Premier League Preview (T)
9:30 Brazilian Goal (T)
10:00 Icc Cricket World (T)
10:30 Here We Go (S)
11:30 Sportscenter India (R)
12:00 Sportscenter Asia (S)