CHLTHEAL FEAST

Exhibitions Artist: Aminul Islam Venue: Shilpagan Gallery, House 25, 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

Title: Searching Peace Artist: Syed Mohammad Shamim Venue: Shilpangan Gallery, House 25, Time: April 08-15, From 10am to 1pm

Title: My Country Artist: Rofique Ahmed Venue: Divine Art Gallery, Shopping Archade Pan Pacific Sonargaon Hotel Time: April 09-15, From 9am to 9pm Organiser: Britto Arts Trust Artist: 10 Rickshaw painters and 11 contemporary artists Venue: Alliance Française, 26, Mirpur

Time: April 11-19, From 5pm to 8pm Title: A Kaleidoscopic Journey Artist: Mohammad Fakruzzaman Venue: Bengal Gallery of Fine Arts, House 275/F, Road 27, Dhanmond Time: April 11-25, From 12pm to 8pm

Artist: Babul Mahmood Venue: Russian Centre of Science and Culture, House 510, Road 7, Dhanmondi Time: April 24-30

Artist: Abdus Salam Venue: Alliance Française, 26, Mirpur Time: April 22-30

Play

Title: Natyatroyi: Karnokuntishangbad, Bidayobhishap, Gandharir Abedon Group: Nagorik Natya Shamproday Venue: Experimental Theatre Hall Time: April 11, at 7pm

Bangladesh Denmark Cultural Exchange

Organiser: Royal Danish Embassy, Bengladesh and Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy Occasion: Birth Bicentennial of Hans Date: March 17- April 12, at 7pm

April 09-10 Programme: Staging of the play Nightingale and Ugly Duckling by Venue: Bangladesh Shilpakala

Programme: Screening of the movie Move Me Venue: The British Council

Yuri Gagarin Science

Fest-2005 Programme: Photo exhibition and quiz competition in cooperation with Bangladesh Astronomical Association Venue: Russian Centre of Science arid Culture, House 510, Road 7, Time: April 06-12:

Musical Evening Artistes: Kiran Chandra Roy,

Chandana Majumdar Venue: All Community Club Hall, House 40, Road 35, Guishan 2, Dhaka Time: April 14, at 7:00pm

Folk Festival Organiser: Music and Dance Department, Bangladesh Shilipakala Acad-Venue: Bangladesh Shilpakala

Time: April 06-10, at 5pm everyday

AMINA Chowdhury needs no introduction to the music lovers in the country. Over the last two decades, she has made a stand for herself among the leading artistes through her vocal dexterity and her capability of emoting while singing. That is the sign of a true artiste, when one can relay the message of the song to the audi-

KARIM WAHEED

Fusion organised a solo concert by Samina on April 8 at the Shishu Academy Auditorium. Here is an excerpt of a brief conversation with Samina prior to the show.

"I try to perform songs that the audience prefers, at concerts. My effort is to get close to my audience," says Samina. When asked how she feels about the recent trend of remixes and remakes, she says, "There's good and bad in everything. However, one thing that is very clear through this popularity of remixes and remakes is that authentic and beautiful old Bangla songs still have a mass-appeal." Is she interested in doing remakes of old songs? "I have quite a few favourites among the songs of yesteryears or Harano Diner Gaan. There are some songs of my father, Mahmudunnabi, that I'd love to do. But I don't have the guts," asserts Samina. What is the reason for her hesitation? Samina has a ready response: "I feel that I might not be able to perform these classics with



Samina performing at the concert

Music as expression

Samina's concert captivates fans

perfection and I don't want to degrade these songs by doing a mediocre job." Her recent works that have satisfied her, are film songs such as, Na Bolo Na, Amar Majhey Nei Ami from the movie Ranikuthir Baaki Itihash and Tumi Bolle Udal Debo.

PHOTO: STAR

The show started a little late, but the audience waited patiently to hear the popular artiste. Samina started off the show with her first song for BTV, Phool photey phool

This was followed by a performance of Rooposhi raate, a song from her recent album Du chokhey du nodi. A rendition of Amar buker moddhekhaney, an immensely popular song from the film Noyoner Alo, was next. The deeper message of eternal love seemed to touch the

Samina paid tribute to her father, the renowned musician, Late Mahmudunnabi by rendering his song Gaan-eri khatae shorolipi

Her rendition of Kobita porar prohor eshechey took the listeners to another realm; a realm of melancholy serenity glowing with fireflies. This is perhaps her most popular

Samina also performed Harano diner gaan such as Banshi shune aar kaaj nai and Shaat bhai Champa. Her rendition of Kono ek shundori raate received repeated audience applause.

She needed a male vocal with her to perform the duet, Amar gorur garitey bou shajiye, so she asked the audience if anyone would be interested to sing along with her. Shafique from the audience, who is the host of a music show on TV called "Music Plus", agreed to pitch in. The performance was lively and

It was an evening of musical bliss and Samina left the audience cravTHEATRE

Chekhov's "Three Sisters" staged at Natmandol

ERSHAD KAMOL

The search for happiness is a universal phenomenon. Unfortunately not everybody finds it. The elusive nature of happiness makes this state of mind a challenge to achieve. Chekhov's play Three Sisters zeroes in on such tricky questions.

Nineteenth century Russian drama legend Anton Chekhov's Impressionistic realism-based play Three Sisters, which is considered as one of best plays ever written, was staged at Natmandol Auditorium, Dhaka University on April 8. The students of the Department of Theatre and Music staged the play. Director, actors and designers re-wrote the play, maintaining the originality of Chekhov's four-act play Three Sisters.

The play starts with a scene where everybody is in a happy mood to observe Irina's (youngest of the three sisters) 20th birthday. In the play, three sisters-- Olga, Masha, and Irina-- along with their brother, Andre, drag out a dull existence in a small provincial garrison town. Only the diversion afforded by the army officers and the ever-present dream of someday moving to Moscow, keep the sisters going from one drab day to the next.

Andre, who has had dreams of becoming a professor, makes a bad marriage that thwarts his ambition and adds to his sisters' troubles. His wife. Natasha becomes a domestic autocrat. Masha, who is married to the pedantic schoolmaster Kulygin, tries to find happiness in an extra marital affair with the army officer



A scene from the play

Vershinin. The youngest sister, Irina, attempts to escape the drabness of her life by marrying Baron Tuzenbakh, another officer. The removal of the regiment from the town undoes Masha's plan, because Vershinin is married and cannot take her with him. Tuzenbakh is killed in a duel. The three sisters are left as they were in the beginning, deriving some faint pleasure from the cheerful sounds of the regimental band as it marches away, still clinging to their hopes for a better life.

Director Israfil Shahin was realistic in his approach. Besides, the proscenium arch stage, his artistes performed on the floor adjacent to the stage. He has emphasised on "verbal acting" more than physical acting. Through the voice modulation of the artistes, Shahin has tried to express the conflicts -- both internal and external -- of the artistes. However, in the sequence when Masha has a farewell meeting with Vershinin, Shahin did not have the requisite tension.

Kamaluddin Kabir's set is very simple yet stylish -- just a few chairs, tables and a device on the huge stage. His set design follows the

A general light wash was on the stage through out the play, whereas shadow-light effects could be used to catch the mood and tempo of the

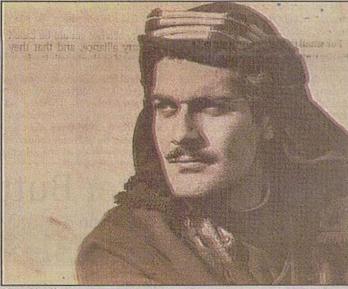
Overall, the artistes performed well. However, a few artistes could not articulate the dialogues properly. Farida Aktar Lima, Afsa Parvin, Ashik Rahman, Syam Khan, Ashik Rahman Lion and Sudip Chakrabarti were impressive. The background music on violin by Ruposhi was an added attraction to

Omar Sharif turns 73

The legend lives on

Today on his 73rd birthday, it is opportune to glance at the action packed career of Omar Sharif. Every film buff has seen or at least heard of the international film star. He has to his credit a host of films such as

Streisand), Mayerling (1969), and Che! (also 1969, in the title role). However Sharif's romantic appeal was on the wane by the 1970s and after starring performances in The Last Valley (1971), The Tamarind



Omar Sharif

David Lean's The Lawrence of Arabia (1962) and Dr Zhivago (1965, at his most charismatic in the title role). Then there were other films: More than a Miracle (1967), Funny Girl (1968, as the wayward husband of Fanny Brice, played by Babra

Seed and Juggernaut (both 1974), his film appearances dwindled to supporting roles in such films as The Pink Panther Strikes Again (1976), and Green Ice (1981) and the comedy

Top Secret! (1984). Sharif has worked in TV, appear-

ing in tele films and mini-series. Sharif is also known worldwide as an expert at bridge, a game he took up on the set of his first movie, after running out of between-scenes reading matter. He has authored Omar Sharif's Life in Bridge. Sharif comes from Egypt. This

country stands tall -- not just for the Pyramids and Nile -- since its son went on to become one of the world's most respected and adored Hollywood stars. His career spans both the Middle East and the West, earning top name billing in many Arabic movies as well as his celebrity-encrusted epics filmed in the hills of California.

Television is another medium where Sharif has excelled. He has starred in such critically acclaimed series as the Far Pavilions playing an Indian mentor, a Turkish sultan in Harem, and a Russian prince in Peter The name still carries great reverence in Europe, and last year the BBC commissioned him to be the voice of Nakht, the central character in Pyramid - the BBC's ambitious history programme that tells the story of the great pyramid of Giza through the eyes of the men who built it and centres on the tale of Nakht, an Egyptian conscript. For Sharif, it was a pleasure to take part in something that promoted the glories of his native Egypt

Compiled by Cultural Correspondent



Palli Baul Shamaj Unnayan Shangstha recently awarded Baul Samrat Shah Abdul Karim with a crest and a cheque of Taka 10,000 at his residence in Ujandal village of Sunamganj district. Ekushey Padak winner Baul artiste Shah Abdul Karim, 84, has written and composed about 1,000 songs so far. Ferdousi Najma, the chairperson of the Palli Baul Shamaj Unnayan Shangstha is seen handing over the crest to the veteran artiste.



Rokeya Rafiq Baby, Kamaluddin Nilu and Sabrina Sultana in Eugene Ionesco's The Lesson. The play is to be staged at the Global Theatre Festival 2005 in Pune, India.

DID YOU KNOW?

Did you know that Manisha Koirala had failed the screen test for Vidhu Vinod Chopra's 1942-A Love Story? Manisha later requested Chopra for another screen test, which she cleared and became a part of the

Aashiqui was the first film whose poster designs covered the faces of the lead stars. Despite hiding the faces (it was Mahesh Bhatt's idea to create excitement for the projectl), the film proved to be a big hit at the







versions of the climax were written and shot. The unit was clearly divided the seniors wanted a happy ending while the juniors wanted the lovers (Aamir & Juhi) to die. Eventually, the sad ending was retained in the final print, which needless to mention, created history in the arena of Indian cinema.

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The Most extreme Wild

Animal Miracles Second

King of the Jungle Day

Lyndal's Lifeline

Elephant Alert

Animal Planet

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STAR SPORTS

The Natural World

Canine Conspiracy, the

Showcase Going Ape

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Super 12 Rugby 2005

Sharks Round 7(T)

Three Preview(R)

The Masters 2005

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The Masters 2005 Day

2004/05 Aston Villa Vs

West Bromwich Albion

Football Extra (T)

English Premier

Three Highlights(T)

English Premier

Football League

Three(R)

New Zealand Chiefs Vs

The Masters 2005 Day

Parties

Chance



Danny Denzongpa was the original choice for playing Gabbar's role in Sholay, but due to date hassles, he opted out. Both Amitabh and Sanjeev Kumar wanted to play Gabbar's role at the initial stage, but because of their image, the role went to Amjad Khan who passed the screen test approved by Ramesh

SOURCE: INTERNET

League 2004/05

Middlesbrough Vs

Cricket Gold (T)

League 2004/05

Southampton (S)

World Motorcycle

Jerez Spain

Blackburn Rovers Vs

Championship 2005

Cheerleading Uca

College / Dance Div. 1a

Hip Hop Cheerleading

Sportscenter Weekend

Orlando FI Us (R)

Super Sunday (L)

League 2004/05

Final Score (L)

English Premier Football

Tottenham Hotspur Vs

Newcastle United (L)

Uefa Champions League

Extra Quarterfinals #1

Sportscenter Sunday

English Premier Football

Arsenal (S)

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TV GUIDE

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

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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) 11:30 pm. CHANNEL-i

News (Bangla) at 7:15 am. 9:00am,

2:00pm, 7:00 pm, 9:00pm, 10:30, Telecast of BTV news (Bangla and English) at 11:30 pm. ATN BANGLA

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News (Bangla) at 7:00 am.10:00am.

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.

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TARA BANGLA News Headines (Banda) 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 Every hour on the hour

CHANNEL-i 09:45 Tritlyo Matra

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Business This Week 10:35 12:20 Bangla Feature film: Takar Ohongkar

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Drama Serial: Mohona

Aajker Shakal Shanskriti El Shoptaho

Drama Serial: Kachhei Manush

Dindarpan

2:15 STAR MOVIES Les Miserables 8:30 10:45 28 Days Later

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For Love Of The Game

Mystery Men Le Divorce 7:00 9:00 The Princess Diaries 11:00 Chamber The

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Chalti Ka Naam

Chupa Rustam

Mirch Masala

Chupa Rustam

Mouse Works

Marsupilami

Taaza Hits

Billboard Us

Countdown

Philly

STAR WORLD

Disney's Mickey

Ssshhhh...Koi Hai

Hindi Feature Film

Bachaao

Musafir Hoon Yaaron

Muihe Meri Biwi Se

Antakshiri

Business This Week On ATN Bangla at 10:35pm **Business Programme** Hosted by Rashed Kanchan

28 Days Later On STAR Movies at10:45am Genre: Sci-Fi/Horror/Thriller Cast: Alex Palmer, Bindu De Stoppani, Jukka Hiltunen

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10:30 11:00 Top Drive Getaway 11:30 Koffee With Karan NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC 11:00 Serious: Jungle

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Backyard Science Interpol Investigates Air Crash Investigation Seconds From Disaster Interpol Investigates

Built For The Kill

Science Mysteries

Buried Alive

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Destination Rajasthan

Robert Maxwell: His Last

Great Romances of the

Discovery Wings 777

Supernatural Science

Mystery Hunters

Mothman

Cream

Wind Driven

Wild Discovery

Haunted Banshee

Kitchen Chemistry los

Conspiracies Trial

Snakes: Deadly

Companions

Discover India

20 Century

ANIMAL PLANET The Most Extreme Tough Babies

Land of the Tiger Sacred Waters Growing up Wild. Grawing Up Tiger 1:30 Zig & Zag: Alpha Dog Challenge The Snake Buster 2:00 Snakes And the City Lyndal's Lifeline Chimps Under Fire

Zambezi

AsiaChampions of the

Wild V Komodo Dragons

4:30

The Natural World: Vanishing Pools of The Animal Planet Reveals

Football League 2004/05 Everton Vs Crystal Palace (L) Hitz (T) -Formula One Highlights 2005 Manama Bahrain Gulf Air Bahrain Grand Prix(T) Super Centuries (R) The Masters 2005 Final Day Preview(L) ESPN

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9:00 Football Extra (L)

English Premier Football

Highlights(T) TEN SPORTS WWE Velocity 9:00 9:30 World Rally 10:00 Winning Post WI v SA: 2ndTest, Day 1 12:00 Highlights

NCAA Championship PSPB Open Petroleum Golf Championships Indian Golf Show Winning Post WWE Experience Highlights

WI v SA: 2ndTest, Day 1 WI v SA: 2nd Test, Day 2 (1st Session) WI v SA: 2nd Test, Day 2 (Interval)