

CULTURAL FEAST

Film Festival

Title: World Film Manifestation Programme
Organiser: Dhaka University Film Society
Venue: Goethe-Institut, House 10, Road 9, Dhanmondi
Time: April 11-12, at 3pm everyday
Schedule
April 11 Tahader Kotha and Mondo Meyer Upakshan
April 12 Chorachor and Lal Dorjo

Chaitro Shankranti

Organiser: Bangladesh Group Theatre Federation
Venue: Mahila Shamit Auditorium, Baily Road
Time: April 13, at 7pm

Baul Festival

Occasion: Celebrating Chaitro Shankranti
Organiser: Palli Baul Shamaj Unnayan Shangstha
Venue: Engineer's Institution, Ramna
Time: April 13 (6pm) and April 14 (from 7am onwards)

Play

Title: Trilogy: Oedipus, Oedipus and Colonus, Antigone
Group: Fame School of Dance, Drama and Music
Venue: Muktaganj, Nazrul Square, Chittagong DC Hill, Chittagong
Time: April 11-12, at 8pm

Title: Natyatroj
Group: Nagorik Natya Shamproday
Venue: Experimental Theatre Hall, Shilpakala Academy
Time: April 11, at 7pm

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, 1am to 7pm and 5pm to 8pm on weekends

Title: Searching Peace
Artist: Syed Mohammad Shemim
Venue: Shilpanjan Gallery, House 25, Road 5, Dhanmondi
Time: April 08-15, From 10am to 1pm and 5pm to 8pm

Title: My Country
Artist: Rafique Ahmed
Venue: Divine Art Gallery, Shopping Arcade Pan Pacific Sonargaon Hotel
Time: April 09-15, From 9am to 9pm

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

Bangladesh Denmark Cultural Exchange

Organiser: Royal Danish Embassy, Bangladesh and Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy
Occasion: Birth Bicentennial of Hans Christian Andersen
Date: March 17-April 12, at 7pm everyday
Schedule
April 12
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 and Culture
Time: April 06-12

Musical Evening

Artists: Kiran Chandra Roy, Chandana Majumdar
Organiser: Orchestra
Venue: All Community Club Hall, House 40, Road 35, Gulshan 2, Dhaka
Time: April 14, at 7:00pm

Geetanjali presents sweet songs of spring

CULTURAL CORRESPONDENT

'The branches of the wayside trees were aching with blossom. Gay notes of the flute came floating in the warm spring air from afar. The citizens had gone to the woods, to the festival of flowers.'

--- Rabindranath Tagore

ON the budding branch of a Shimul tree the cuckoo sits, and sings sweet songs of spring. Isn't this a familiar scene in spring? This time of the year is known as Bashanta in Bangla and has a powerful presence in our culture and rituals. And just as the Bangla New Year is at our doorstep, heralded by rising temperatures and sudden storms, it is the time to bid farewell to spring.

This time of the year is celebrated with enthusiasm in Dhaka. Among the events being held is a musical soiree by Geetanjali - a school of music. The venue of the April 9 function was the Bishwa Sahitya Kendra auditorium.

The audience were treated to a medley of Tagore's spring songs through the media of chorus, solo and recitation.

The programme served to perk up the audience - notwithstanding the impending warm weather. The powerful effect of the spring songs



Artistes of Geetanjali performing at the event

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by the artists of the Geetanjali as Tomar onondo oi elo darey, Aaj khela bhangar khela, Manjori o manjori amar manjori, Amar boney boney dhorlo mukul and many others were rendered at the programme.

Salma Akbar, Nayeema Ali, Nahar Jamil, Sajed Akbar, Sanchita Mitra, Seema Sarkar and others rendered songs in chorus and solo while Jayonto Rai with his excellent recitation delighted the audience.



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COLOURS OF LIFE

Spring is synonymous with colour. And the glimpses of colour and life, through song and dance performances, were captured in the programme titled Bashantotshab held on April 9 at the Bangladesh Shishu Academy Auditorium. The Dhaka branch of Rabindra Sangeet Shammilan Parishad organised the programme.

EXHIBITION

In quest of peace and harmony

FAYZA HAQ

SM Shamim, whose exhibition began at Shilpanjan on April 8, has won many accolades from his teachers such as Mahmudul Haque and Md. Yunus. This was well deserved by the young gold medal winner, going by just the invitation card in black and white. And speaking to Shamim was pure pleasure as he appeared to be well aware of exactly what should go into a composition to win the heart of any viewer. The lines, colours, composition and thought content were mature beyond Shamim's years.

In a gentle voice, Shamim explained why and how he had done his large collection of mixed-media work at very reasonable prices, which would suit the pocket of an art collector. The paintings are lyrical and idyllic, despite the theme of claustrophobia in Dhaka, and the necessity to hark back to the tranquillity in our villages. The collection of buoyant images left an indelible mark on the mind.

Hardworking, clear-headed, and with a drive and passion to pursue his end with success, Shamim spoke about his pieces, despite the overwhelming heat of Dhaka afternoons. 'I wanted to express my feelings, and I guess I've managed to do so, at least somewhat. In my painting exhibit Searching peace I've tried to drive home the point that there's something missing in our lives, at this current juncture. In one of the landscapes that I've presented one sees the harum-scarum pell-mell urban existence,' he says. Despite the subject of Dhaka life, there is the element of nostalgia about our villages, in which the artist takes shelter, like many of the local artists - such as Farida Zaman and Leila Sharmeen. A couple, a rickshaw, a bus and some houses are drawn with confidence and dexterity. The swift strokes amalgamate a yellow swirl in the middle, along with a red cobble path. The soft washes all



An art work by Syed Mohammad Shamim

around stand for dreams, hopes and aspirations.

In the next image, as we progress in the gallery, is the kingfisher, surrounded by buoyant colours. The burst of happy colours signify the waters, paddy fields and skies of Bangladesh. The artist has the feeling that one day mankind will come to their senses and will eventually find the peace, which the artist himself desperately seeks. The peace is symbolised by the white kingfisher. The touch of dark pink stands for the struggle of Bangladeshis during the Liberation War and even today.

Going on to his next painting one finds a pink cross standing for danger. The penguin-like bird stands for a Bangladeshi bird, while the twirling red water-lily buds, the delicate crescent moon to the right, and the inclusion of the twirling green blossom found in the composition stand for both the perilous existence and lust for "pax". In short, the twirling lines and carefully balanced juxtaposition of colours lend both harmony and awareness of danger in both the present and future of not only Bangladesh but the entire world.

Bengal Foundation to celebrate Baishakhi

KARIM WAHEED

The celebration of Baishakhi is an integral part of the Bangalee culture. Needless to mention, Baishakhi is commemorated with gusto by the Dhakaites. In the last three decades Dhaka has expanded in leaps and bounds. Places like Bashundhara, Baridhara, Badda and Jowar Shahar have been urbanised and included in the city limits. The Baishakhi celebrations, however, mostly take place around central Dhaka, making it a little difficult for the residents of the northern areas of Dhaka, to participate.

The Bengal Foundation seeks to take the Baishakhi

celebrations to the Dhakaites living in the neighborhoods of outer Dhaka. The Foundation has planned a three-day-long Baishakhi celebration starting from April 13 at the open space behind the Wonderland amusement park in Gulshan.

Bengal Foundation organised a press conference at the Bengal Gallery of Fine Arts, Dhanmondi on April 10. Luva Nahid Chowdhury, director of Bengal Foundation, Subir Chowdhury, Director of Bengal Gallery and Mahubb Alam Pallob, Assistant Manager of Bengal Foundation, spoke at the occasion.

According to the organisers, there are to be about 100 stalls, featuring the local arts and crafts.

The funds accumulated through the sale of these items will go solely to the craftsmen and artists. The festival will have attractions such as dance recitals, folk songs, poetry recitation, instrumental presentations of Dhak-dhol, banshi, classical music, solo songs by renowned artistes, dance drama Chitraganda, renditions of folk songs by popular bands and a jatra-Anarkali.

The programmes will start from 5 pm and continue till 9:30 pm on April 13, 8:30 in the morning to 10 at night on April 14 and 9:30 am till 10 pm on April 15 with afternoon breaks.

The festival would be open to all.

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.
Teletext 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) at 8:20am, 7:00pm
Teletext of BTV News (Bangla and English) at 11:30 pm.
Latest News (Bangla) at 9:00 am, 10:00 am, 11:00 am, 1:00pm, 3:00 pm, 4:00pm, 6:30 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.
Teletext 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

BTV

06:15 Programme From BTV Archive
06:40 Bishwa Proidin
09:00 Satellite Programme
12:15 Shingbadpotrer Pala Thekey
12:30 Shasthya Tathya Lal Golap
01:05 Computer Round
02:05 Grantho Bhuban Shuro Lahori
03:05 Lekha Pora
04:05 Open University
04:30 National School Debate Competition
05:05 Chhotoder Khebor Shamkalin Arthoniti Desh Janapad Dolon Champa Nriyey Taley Taley News Headlines, Weather forecast, Share Market
07:05 Ei Dosh Ei Shomoy
07:30 Drama Serial: Akash Bhora Megh
08:25 Pradin Bangladesh Drama Serial: Arpanolokar Deshey Drama Serial: Jhama
09:00 10:25 Tarkat Theke Talula Amar Ganar Bhuban Satellite Programme

CHANNEL i

09:45 Trityyo Matra
10:45 Live Educational Programme
11:30 Chittri Pelam
12:30 A J Duprey O Citycell Tarokakolhon Eborng Cenermar Gaan Public Reaction
01:00 Shingbadpotrer Bangladesh
01:30 Special Programme: Banglar Gaan
03:50 Amar Channel I Darshak Forum

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04:45 Sa Re Ga Ma
05:30 X-Music
06:00 Music Plus
06:30 Banjo O Aurthoniti
06:50 Business Show
07:50 Drama Serial: Panbar O Ekti Company
08:25 Aphora Sunsiik
09:35 Shampurna Rangeen
10:00 Drama Serial: Megabond
10:30 Anordrist!
11:05 Drama Serial: EK Janamey
11:35 Musical Programme
12:15 Dokhi Nayan Mella
01:25 Chokri Golpo
02:30 Drama Serial: Ghunpoka
03:15 Drama Serial: O Amar Chokkhu Nai Panta Buri
04:25 Chhotoder Prithibi
05:10 Shonali Din
05:45 Islami Sawaal O Jawab
06:20 Poraner Gaan
06:50 Drama Serial: Shukhnagar Apartment.
08:30 Drama Serial: Shimpahin Shimanyay
09:00 Sushtha Thakun Live.
10:35 Kalna Mala
12:20 Adibeshi Janapad

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09:30 Ain O Jibon
10:05 Animal Kingdom
10:30 Dhakar Cinema
10:35 Jhama
03:15 Right Click
03:40 Medhabal
04:25 Khebor Deshey Deshey
05:20 Appnar Jigyasha Desher Khabar

PICK OF THE DAY



Bangla Amar Bangla On Tara Bangla at 6:00pm Talk Show Hosted by Nashid Kamal Today's guest: Shokuntala Barua of Indian cinema

Chhotoder Prithibi On ATN Bangla at 4:25pm Children's Programme Directed by Liton Adhikari Rintu Participated by children from all walks of life

Table with TV programme listings for STAR GOLD, STAR MOVIES, STAR PLUS, STAR WORLD, and HBO.

Table with TV programme listings for NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC, STAR STORIES, ANIMAL PLANET, and DISCOVERY CHANNEL.