

CULTURAL FEAST

Exhibition

Title: Dhaka Art Circle Paintings 2005
Organiser: Society for Promotion of Bangladesh Art with association of Saju Art Gallery
Artists: 14 contemporary artistes of Bangladesh
Venue: Saju Art Gallery, DCC Super Market 2nd Circle, Gulshan II
Date: June 04-14

Occasion: 206th birth anniversary of Alexander S. Pushkin
Venue: Russian Cultural Centre, Dhanmondi
Date: June 01-09

Title: Mixed Media Mural Exhibition
Artists: Sameena M. Karim
Venue: Art & Soul Gallery, Road 36 House 16, Gulshan
Date: May 20-June 4, from 11am to 8pm.

Artist: Nazmul Ahsan
Venue: La Gallery, Alliance Francaise
Date: June 03-June 16, from 19am to 12am and 5pm to 9pm

Title: Image of Nature
Artists: Khurshid Alam Saleem
Venue: Gallery Chittrak, House 21, Road 4, Dhanmondi
Date: May 27-June 05, from 10am to 8:30pm

Title: From the Ashes
Artist: Arham-ul-Huq Chowdhury
Venue: Bengal Shipalaya, House 275/F, Road 27, Dhanmondi
Date: May 27-June 05, From 12pm to 8pm

Photography Exhibition

Title: International Inter University Photography Exhibition 2005
Venue: Shilpakala Academy
Date: May 28- June 04, from 11am to 7pm

Cultural Programme

Occasion: Birth Anniversary of Nazrul
Organiser: Chhayanaut
Venue: Experimental Theatre Stage, Shilpakala Academy
Date: June 04, at 7pm

Musical Soiree and Painting Exhibition

Title: Ragmala & Paintings
Organiser: The High Commission of India
Venue: Indian Cultural Centre, House # 2, Road # 142, Gulshan 2
Date: June 3 at 6 p.m.

Film Screening

Title: Krzysztof Keislowski Retrospective
Organiser: Zahir Raihan Film Society
Venue: Alliance Francaise
Date: May 23- June 08

Title: Germany in the Crosshairs
Organiser: Zahir Raihan Film Society
Venue: Goethe-Institut
Date: June 13-21

June 13
4:30pm Taxi in Leipzig
6:15pm The Delicatessen Shop
Owner
June 14
3:00pm Toy Stuffed Animals
4:45pm Coming to a Closing
6:30pm Moltke
June 20
3:00pm Three Bottles of Tokay
4:45pm The Duel
6:30pm Death in the Chaff-cutter
June 21
3:00pm Thanner's New Job
4:45pm Manila
6:30pm A Fatal Fairytale

Cultural event at Natmandal

Post World War II German Literature

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GOETHE Gesellschaft Bangladesh Branch and Swarabritta arranged a cultural event titled "German Literature after the Second World War" at Natmandal at Dhaka University on March 30. The cultural event was marked by recitation of three poems in German and Bangla and staging of a play titled The Outsider.



Ravi Shankar Moitra (L) recites a poem. Participants of the recitation troupe Swarabritta



waves no banners, drums no morals -- his word portrays their haunting truths. His style is marked by repetition of key words and phrases and fine metaphor.

nature, especially river Albee, which appears as his mother in the drama, inspires him to live again. Mamun has translated the play.

In the play The Outsider dramatist Wolfgang Borchert has created a parallel myth of Greek legend Odyssey, when Odyssey returns to his homeland after three decades of journey. Like that the protagonist, in The Outsider, returns to Germany just after Second World War from the battlefield and wants to commit suicide. But

The experimental "Script Reading" technique, used to popularise uncommon drama, has been followed for the staging of The Outsider. Swarabritta, basically a recitation troupe, presented the play. Ravi Shankar Moitra and Zannatul Ferdous Rima were impressive. The other performers need to improve their histrionic skills.

The uncrowned Qawwali Queen

Pakistani singer Abida Parveen's truly amazing voice has earned her the status as heir to the crown of the late Qawwali legend Nusrat Fateh Ali Khan.

unifying them. "The basic tenet of Sufism is the same: love for God and your fellow brethren. In different areas, different saints propagated this particular message, using the

language, culture and creed. Even if an Englishman who doesn't understand the words listens to Sufi music, it will transport him to ecstasy," says Parveen. Indeed Parveen's music has a power to

rarely encouraged to pursue musical or other entertainment based careers, her father recognised his daughter's extraordinary talent and encouraged her to sing. She received her music lessons initially from her father and later from Ustad Salamat Ali Khan of Sham Chorasia Gharana.



Abida Parveen

A real cult is now devoted to Abida, proof indeed of the way this immensely popular artiste gives herself over entirely to her music. She is ready to go on giving the best of her gifts to serve the kalam (The Word) of the Sufi saints. Sometimes she lingers on a low note and sometimes she hits the zeniths of octaves to implement her tune. Whatever she is singing, one can be certain that she seems to be in a state of ecstatic communion with her audience, inspired by an energy coming straight from within.

Parveen sings about love for the only one, and the wish to be united with this divine entity. She interprets the Sufi poetry with a clear diction and a gentle, often melancholy presence, which makes the message so absorbable. She gets her material from the old texts of the Sufi poets and she, herself composes the music, which is as richly ornate as her raspy, soulful and forceful voice. She hopes the ancient, soulful strains of Sufi music can some day unite the sparring neighbours India and Pakistan. According to her, "With the two countries sharing so much common cultural and traditional legacy, peace will prevail one day. Sufi music will have a role in

idioms and traditional music of the local area so the masses could relate to it.

communicate across racial and denominational divides.

"Once you understand the message, you will realise that basically we are all the same. Music transcends the barriers of

Abida Parveen was born in 1954 in Larkana, Sindh in Pakistan. Her father, Ustad Ghulam Haider, ran a music school. Though women in conservative Muslim society are

Her career solidified after her marriage to the late Ghulam Hussain Sheikh, a senior producer in Radio Pakistan who became her mentor. While she does not regularly perform purely classical music, her prodigious command of the ornamental idiom and developmental genius of this genre is apparent throughout her music. She has performed in a wide range of venues both sacred and secular, from the shrines of saints in her native Sindh to the world's greatest concert halls.

Among her critically acclaimed albums, Raqs-e-Bismil, Paigham-e-Mohabbat, Jahan-e Khusrav, Songs of the Mystic, Khazana, Mahi Yaar Di Gharoli Bhardi, Meda Lal Qalanadr, Are Logo Tumhara Ky a are treats for a Qawwali and Ghazal connoisseur.

Compiled by Cultural Correspondent

Miss Canada crowned Miss Universe 2005

Miss Canada Natalie Glebova was crowned Miss Universe 2005 in Bangkok yesterday.

Glebova, a 23-year-old motivational speaker from Toronto, succeeded last year's winner, Australian Jennifer Hawkins, after the usual evening gown and swimsuit parades that pull in TV viewers worldwide but outrage feminists and traditionalists.

Even though hotly tipped for the title, the final announcement appeared to stun Glebova, who moved to Canada from her native Russia only 11 years ago.

"This is all happening too fast and it's unreal. It's slowly starting to sink in," she told reporters moments after being crowned with the glittering, diamond-encrusted Miss Universe tiara.

Dressed in a long white evening dress, she hugged her parents on stage and then praised her new homeland for giving her and her family the chance to start a new life.

"When we came 11 years ago, we came with nothing, and now we've got so much," she said.

Miss Puerto Rico Cynthia Olavarria, a 12-1 favourite according to on-line betting service Sportsbook.com, came in second.

In all, 81 beauties from Albania to Zambia made it to Thailand, riding elephants, touring temples and frolicking on tsunami-hit beaches in the run-up to Tuesday's finale, which was broadcast live on Monday evening in North America.

In the middle of the show, the conference hall fell silent for a minute in memory of more than 228,000 dead or missing from the December 26 Indian Ocean tsunami. Nearly 5,400 of the victims were in Thailand.

The silence contrasted with some of the strident criticism levelled against the 54-year-old pageant in its earlier stages.

Photographs of bikini-clad contestants posing in front of Bangkok's famed "Wat Arun," or "Temple of



Natalie Glebova, Miss Universe '05

the Dawn," caused outrage among religious traditionalists who said they were an affront to Buddhism.

Source: Reuters

Chayanika's new ventures



Chayanika Chowdhury

NOVERA DEEPTA

Promising director of television plays, Chayanika Chowdhury is working on two new plays. Tagore's Dui Bon will be telecast on the occasion of Rabindranath Tagore's death anniversary. Another play scripted by actress Bipasha Hayat titled Chatushkon, will be screened soon.

Based on Tagore's story, Dui Bon will feature Bipasha Hayat, Mahfuz Ahmed, Tarin and Shahed Sharif Khan. The shooting will begin later this month at the Bengal studio. Arun Chowdhury has developed the script while the costume and set designer is the director herself.

Chayanika says, "I didn't take any liberty while directing the play and the time, locale, characters and the essence of the story is unchanged."

To make the play a good production, Chayanika has been working on the script since February this year. She has gone through many books, watched many stage plays and movies based on Tagore's creation. She says, "A song by eminent singer Mita Haq will be an added attraction."

The second play Chatushkon is a story of two couples: one a family with limited income, another is a very affluent one. Featuring Tarin, Mahfuz Ahmed and Taquir Ahmed, the play has been made under the banner of Light and Shadow. Chayanika says, "I have an added surprise for the audience regarding the cast."

"This will be a different play as the main focus is on the hard realities of life, which is unusual for my works," she adds.

Indy's adventures continue



Jeff Nathanson

Jeff Nathanson's draft of the long awaited Indiana Jones 4 script has been approved by both Steven Spielberg and George Lucas.

Now it's in Harrison Ford's hands; his okay also is required.

So while the project is on the fast track, scheduling Indiana Jones 4 for a 2006 start will be tricky for Spielberg. The director is next set to shoot his untitled drama about the aftermath of the 1972 Munich Olympics in Europe. So unless changes to his schedule are made, expect a late 2006 start date.

Source: Internet



International Turkish Hope School recently held a year ending programme at BAM auditorium, says a press release. The function was marked with Bangladeshi and Turkish songs and fascinating dances, which depicted the fraternity between Bangladesh and Turkey. Among the dignitaries at the programme were Dr Osman Farruk, Minister of Education, Ferit Ergin, Ambassador of Turkey to Bangladesh and senior officials of the Ministry of Education.

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) at 11:30 pm.
CHANNEL-i
News (Bangla) at 7:15 am, 9:00 am, 2:00 pm, 7:00 pm, 9:00 pm, 10:30 pm, 12:15 am.
Teletext of BTV news (Bangla and English) at 11:30 pm.
ATN BANGLA
News (Bangla) at 7:00 am, 10:00 am, 2:00 pm, 7:00 pm, 10:00 pm, 11:00 pm.
News (English) at 8:20 am, 7:00 pm.
Teletext 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 Shasho Tathya
01:05 Jibon Bangladesh
02:05 Moron Bangladesh Children's Programme: Sisimpur
02:30 Hijoi Tomal
07:00 News Headlines, Share Market, Weather Forecas
07:30 Movie: The World's Greatest Show
08:30 Drama Serial
09:00 Drama Serial: Shanlikunjo
10:25 Tekna! Theke Tetulia
11:00 Band Show
12:05 Satellite Programme
CHANNEL i
09:30 Shongbad Potrey Bangladesh and Public Reaction
09:45 Trityo Matra
10:45 Sports Time
11:30 Agora Shopping Guide
12:30 Aaj Dupurey O Citicell Tarokakothon
01:00 Ebong Cinemar Gaan
01:25 Public Reaction
03:50 Banglar Gaan
04:45 Sa Re Ga Ma
05:15 Janapader Khobor
06:00 Music Plus
06:30 Gillette World Sports
07:55 RC Travel On
08:25 Drama Serial: Kichu Megh Kichu Roddur
09:35 Drama Serial: Din Choley Jaye
10:00 Drama Serial: Mega Bond

ATN BANGLA
07:30 Drama Serial: Shukhnagar
08:45 Drama: Jonok, Babor O Chandra
10:30 Annodishti
11:05 Documentary Programme: Purakirtir Bangladesh
12:15 Musical Programme
12:50 Band Show: Ganey Shurey Taruney
01:25 Motamot
02:30 Drama Serial: Nil akasher Nichey
03:15 Drama Serial: Nana Ronger Din
03:50 Drama Serial: New Files
04:25 Cinema Cinema
05:10 BSB Education Zone
05:45 Islami Sawal O Jawab
06:20 Manoshi
08:00 Drama Serial: The Sword of Tipu Sultan
08:30 Drama Serial: Biborton
09:00 Drama Serial: Bayosop
09:30 Drama Serial: Ek Akash Nil
ntv
08:30 Aajker Shakal
09:05 Nari Ghorey Bairey
09:30 Frankly Speaking
10:05 Science Workshop
10:30 Aarshinagar
11:00 Transworld Sports
12:05 Millennium
01:25 TVC
03:15 Dance Programme: Nupoor
05:15 Ithasher Ei Diney

PICK OF THE DAY



Biborton
Drama Serial
On ATN at 08:30pm
Cast: Tony Dias, Bonnya Mirza



Beatles Biggest Secrets
Programme including new and exclusive interviews of the members of Beatles
On Star World at 8:30pm

06:20 Shubho Shandha
06:50 Nari Ghorey Bairey
08:15 Siddiqua Kabir's Recipe
08:50 Kichu Kotha Kichu Gaan
09:40 Drama Serial: Sheola
10:15 Blind Fury
12:00 For Love Or Money
2:00 Very Annie Mary
4:00 Curse of The Forty Niner
5:45 Little Secrets
7:45 Malibu's Most Wanted
9:30 Hard Target
11:30 Honey
1:30 The Running Man
STAR MOVIES
6:00 Maal Hai To Taal Hai

12:30 Hercules
7:00 Timon And Pumbaa
7:25 Film Topper
7:30 Kulkum - Pyara Sa Bandhan
7:55 Film Topper
8:00 Princess Dollie aur uska magic bag
8:30 Dekkho Magar Pyar Se Kasauti Zindagii Kay Milee
9:00 Kavyanjali
10:00 Kahaani Ghar Ghar Kii
11:00 Kyunki Saas Bhi Kabhi Bhu Thi
11:30 Kahini To Hoga
12:00 K.Street Pali Hill
STAR WORLD
11:30 Criss Angel Supernatural

8:00 Serious: Desert
8:30 Made In Hong Kong
9:30 Bridge of Mostar, the NTERPOL
11:30 INVESTIGATES
11:45 BACKYARD SCIENCE
12:00 DOC EUREKA
12:30 OUT THERE
1:00 Made In Hong Kong
2:00 Bridge of Mostar, the Deep Jungle
4:00 DOGS WITH JOBS
4:30 BACKYARD SCIENCE
4:45 DOC EUREKA
5:00 Serious: Desert
5:30 NG EXPLORER
6:00 INTERPOL
7:30 Amazon Claws
8:30 SEA HUNTERS, THE Cheating Death
10:30 Air Crash Investigation S2
11:30 NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC'S TABOO
ESPN
8:00 Lions Tour British And Irish Lions Vs Argentina Cardiff, Wales, U.K. (T)
09:30 In The Driver's Seat
Lucas Oil Winter Nationals Tampa, FL Usa (R)
10:30 Nba Anthology Down Low : "Life In The D-League" Episode Twelve(T)
11:00 European Indoor Championships Madrid, Spain (T)
2:00 Skating Campbell's International Figure Skating Challenge St. Paul, Mn Usa (T)

3:30 Fa Classic Matches Fa Cup Classic Matches Arsenal Vs Chelsea Fa Cup 03/04 Round 5(T)
5:30 School Quiz Show Espn School Quiz 2005 (T)
6:00 Brazilian Football: Brazilian Championship Sao Paulo, Brazil Palmeiras Vs Santos Fc 6th Round(T)
8:00 Hitz (T) 00:30:00
8:30 Sportscenter
Sportscenter India (L)
9:00 I'd Do Anything (T)
10:00 Classic Boxing Classic Boxing - Marciano V Walcott (T)
11:30 Sportscenter
Sportscenter India (R)
12:00 School Quiz Show Espn School Quiz 2005 (R)
STAR SPORTS
9:30 Cycling Paris-Roubaix 2005 Event
Highlights(T)
10:30 Hitz (R)
11:00 The Golf Club (R)
11:30 Tna Xplosion (R)
12:30 Malaysian Field Hockey 14th Sultan Azlan Shah Cup - Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia India Vs Pakistan (R)
TENA SPORTS
8:30 French Tennis: Day 9 (Singles Qtr Finals HL)
9:30 Italian Serie A: Final (Singles Qtr Finals HL)
11:30 French Tennis: Day 9 (Singles Qtr Finals HL)
12:30 Italian Serie A - Highlights
1:30 WWE After Burn
2:30 French Tennis: Day 10 (Singles Qtr Finals)
7:30 Italian Serie A: Final
9:30 WWE After Burn
10:30 Gamer TV
11:00 Italian Serie A -