

CULTURAL FEAST

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

Title: Bangladesh-Iran Group Exhibition
Photographers: Bangladeshi and Iranian photographers
Venue: Zainul Gallery, Institute of Fine Arts, Dhaka University
Date: June 03-09, from 3pm to 8pm

Title: Miniature Art
Artists: 105 artists
Venue: Shilparag, House 15, Road 16, Dhanmondi
Date: June 03-30, from 11:30am to 2pm and 4:30pm to 9pm

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

Artist: Nazmul Ahsan
Venue: La Gallery, Alliance Francaise
Date: June 03-June16, from 9am to 12noon and 5pm to 9pm

Costume Display
Title: Summer Collection
Boutique: Ananya
Venue: 60, Kema Ataturk Avenue, Bonani
Date: June 01-30

Festival
Title: Tonatuni Utshab 2005
Organiser: Tonatuni production house
Venue: National Theatre Stage, Shilpakala Academy
Date: June 02-06, at 7pm everyday
Schedule
June 06
Musical recital by Kironchandra Roy and Shakila Zafar and staging of *Dui Pakhi* by Tonatuni

Play
Title: Socrateser Jabanbandi
Group: Drishyaprot
Venue: Experimental Theatre Hall, Shilpakala Academy
Date: June 06, at 6:30pm

Film Screening
Title: Krzysztof Keisowski 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
Organiser: High Commission of India
Venue: Indian Cultural Centre Auditorium, Road 96, House 25, Gulshan 2
Time: June 06-27, at 6pm everyday
Schedule:
June 06Mughal-E-Azam
June 10Munna Bhai MBBS
June 13Padosan
June 17Abar Aranye (Bangla)

* 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, 7:00pm, 9:00pm, 10:30pm, 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 a.m, 1:00pm, 3:00 pm, 4:00pm, 6:00 pm and 8:00 pm.
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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

Need of the hour Upholding the music of our souls

Bauls stage countrywide performances for the students

AFSAR AHMED
THE "generation 21st century", more precisely the generation in the grip of an aggressive and alien satellite culture, is gradually drifting away from its roots and heritage. The blame often goes to this generation for not being too keen on their cultural heritage. In their defense, there is not sufficient access to our rich folklore. Against such odds, Palli Baul Samaj Unnayan Sangstha (PBSUS), a folk-cultural development organisation, in association with the Cultural Centre of the American Embassy, has come forward to revive the musical heritage of rural Bangladesh and pass it on to the next generation.

"There was a time when rural Bangladesh would resonate with the mystical songs of the Bauls and the melodies of *ektara*, *dotara*, *khajanchi* and *dhol*. These Bauls were a bohemian commu-

nity, known for their wit, nomadic lifestyle, mysticism and mellifluous songs," says Ferdousi Nazma, president of PBSUS. "However, today this community is threatened by the onslaught of the electronic media and is in danger of losing its charm. The existence of these artistes is now at stake because of poor institutional support, unemployment and financial security," believes Nazma.

Against this backdrop, what could be more effective than a musical treat by these mystic singers and exhibiting folk musical instruments to the school children?

PBSUS works hard to preserve and revive the Baul culture, by organising such programmes regularly. "We have already arranged colourful Baul and folk treats and the display of almost extinct musical instruments for the students of Sirajuddin Sarkar Bidya Niketan and Shafiuddin

Sarkar Academy in Tongi, Rani Bilasmani Government High School in Gazipur and Chowara Girls High School and Yousuf Bahumukhi Technical High School in Comilla," asserts Nazma.

These events featured rendition of various types of Baul and folk songs such as devotional, *Marfati*, *Murshidi* and *Lalon* Geeti, discussions on different aspects of the Baul cult, and the devotional chants of Bauls. Apart from music, an exhibition of rare Baul musical instruments featuring *khamak*, *dotara*, *ektara*, *dhol*, *mandira* and others also attracted the school goers.

What was the response? "The response was immense," says an enthusiast Nazma. As she continues, "During the shows, the authentic Bauls attired in traditional *gerua* outfits, entranced the students. For instance, during the performances of the popular songs like *Maya lagaisey*, *Mon*

amar deho ghari and others the students' participation was satisfactory. But the dilemma is that very few could identify these songs as Baul or folk songs. By and large they were treated as songs sung by different band groups."

"Our next target is to create awareness among the students of the urban areas and especially those from English medium schools," adds Nazma.

Folk and Baul songs reflect our traditional values, heritage and spiritual dimension, and draw people irrespective of caste and religion. These are the songs that provide the concept and vision of an equitable society and a non-violent approach towards mankind. "To revive this rich tradition we need a massive campaign, support and patronage from the countrymen and different organisations," she concludes.

Role reversal Rani does a Chameli!

It is almost like role reversal time for Rani and Kareena! While Kareena is doing Rani's *Black* act by playing a mute girl in Priyadarshan's new movie, Rani is doing Kareena's *Chameli* act. For the first time in her career span, Rani plays a prostitute in Ketan Mehta's period movie, *The Rising*. Seven years after being paired with Aamir Khan in *Ghulam* and a song in *Mann*, Rani is back to rub shoulders with him, in one of the most awaited movies of this year.

Rani plays an 18th century prostitute called Heera. She admits that she had to work on her body language for this role. She says that prostitutes have little or no inhibition regarding their bodies, as for them it is a commodity on sale. Rani adds that although the character is nothing like she has ever done before, she enjoyed every bit of it.

Source: Internet

Apurbo: Getting to know the model

A recent ad, featuring a hospital, was quite popular because of its models, jingles and camera work. In the commercial a young man named Ashiq, living abroad, gets worried after a phone call from his mother. The latter says that his father, a heart patient, is severely ill. When Ashiq gets home after arranging for the treatment of his father abroad, he finds that his father is doing fine as he was admitted to a local cardiac hospital.

Shomi Kaiser shot to fame with her portrayal of a village girl in the TV play, "Keba Apon Keba Por" in '89. Her impeccable Noakhali dialect really moved the audience. Through another TV play, "Joto Duurey Jai" with actor Tauquir Ahmed, where she played a terminally ill girl, a star was born. Since then, in the course of 15 years, Shomi has become one of the A-grade actresses in our country. Here's a look at Shomi's inner-self.

Are you a morning person?
Very much so. I used to be a late riser, but ever since I've become an entrepreneur, I've realised that 'early to bed and early to rise keeps you healthy, wealthy and wise'. I workout at the gym, like to take a dip every now and then. That's how I stay revitalised and focused.

A perfect day to you is...
A day beginning with soft music, being productive and getting most out of my opportunities and ending it with going out to dinner with friends.

What makes you unforgettable?
I truly believe that whatever I have so far accomplished should be judged by my fans. So it's up to them to decide.

What's the best thing people say about you?
Some say I'm talented, some believe I'm modest, some however comment that I am overly ambitious.

What's the worst comment you have heard about you?
People often cook up stories about my involvement with top-notch personalities, some of whom are very close to me.

Are you afraid of failures?
Failure and success go hand in hand. I go with the popular saying that failure is the pillar of success.

You never get tired shopping for...
Cosmetics
What would you want to inherit?
A dignified lifestyle

You're afraid of?
Loneliness
Awards that make you proud...
Meril Jai Jai Din '94, Bhorer Kagoj, Meril Prothom Alo Award '95 and '96 and Bachshash Award '96, '98 and '99 -- all in the best actress category.
Any incident that still makes you chuckle?

Can't think of one particular incident. However, during one of my early shooting expeditions as the director of an ad, I was explaining the concept to a five-year-old model. After several takes he became tired and would not budge. We coaxied him and offered candies and whatever he wanted. Finally, he agreed to give another shot only if I kissed him and that too had to be photographed. I had to give in to his wishes and finally the shot was okayed.

When, if ever, do you feel insignificant?
At addas, with my non-media related friends, when they rightfully get busy chatting amongst each other about their domestic lives.

Dreams ahead...
Doing something creative in the advertisement media, trying to give something back to the nation.

Display

Writer Selina Hossain and artist Rafiqunnabi seen at the poster exhibition on World Environment Day at Shilpangan organised by Gono Shakharrata Obhijan.

TV GUIDE

All programmes are in local time. The Daily Star will not be responsible for any change in the programme.			PICK OF THE DAY			Sporsher Baire On ntv at 8:25 p.m. Genre: Drama Serial Cast: Abdullah Al Mamun, Srabonti, Azad Abul Kalam Playwright: Pantha Shahriar, Director: Shahiduzzaman Selim The last episode of the popular drama serial will be aired today. In the conclusion, viewers will see Shukanya marrying at last. But, the play ends with a question-- will she be happy in the coming days? After the show, one can take a glimpse of a few behind the scenes shots.			ANIMAL PLANE T 1:00 Pet Nation K-9 to 5 2:30 The Protectors Cell Dogs Toledo 3:30 The Protectors Animal Precinct 4 4:30 Pet Star 5:30 Twisted Tales 2 Dog 6:00 Monkey Business 6:30 The Planet's Funniest Animals 7:00 Amazing Animal Videos From Cradle to Grave 7:30 From Cradle to Grave Kingdom of the Lion 8:30 The Protectors Cell Dogs Huerfano 9:30 The Protectors Animal Precinct 4 10:30 Deep into the Wild Bears 11:00 Wild And Dangerous Rhino Patrol 11:30 Wild Encounters Jane Goodall's Return to Gombe 11:30 The Protectors Animal Precinct 4 10:30 Deep into the Wild Bears 11:00 Wild And Dangerous Rhino Patrol 11:30 Wild Encounters Jane Goodall's Return to Gombe			STAR GOLD 1:00 Namak Halal 5:00 Refugees 9:05 Dil Ka Rishta STAR WORLD 5:00 Whose Line Is It Anyway 5:30 Buffy The Vampire Slayer 6:30 The Simpsons 7:00 That 70s Show 7:30 Friends 8:00 Newsradio 8:30 Charmed 9:30 Rod Stewart: One Night			DISCOVERY 1:30 Animal Face Off Gorilla Vs. Leopard 2:30 Seven Wonders of the Industrial World Panama Canal 3:30 Superstructures of the World Concorde Icon of the Skies 4:30 Dogs With Jobs 5:00 Serious: Jungle 5:30 Ng Explorer 6:30 Air Crash Investigation S2 7:30 Chimp Diaries 8:00 Wildlife Diary 8:30 Tales From Ground Zoo 9:30 Beetle Battles: Kwang			STAR PLUS 5:00 Teleshopping 5:30 Hit Filmem Hit Sangeet-20 M 6:00 Maal Hai To Taal Hai 6:30 Hercules 7:00 Timon And Pumbaa 7:30 Kumkum - Pyara Sa Bandhan 8:00 Princess 8:30 Dollaurskamagibag 9:00 Dekkho Magar Pyar Se 9:30 Kasauti Zindagii Kay Millee 10:00 Kavyanjali 10:30 Kahaani Ghar Ghar Ki			NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC 1:00 Tales Of The Living Dead 1:30 Mummy Road Show 2:00 Riddles Of The Dead S2 3:00 Chimp Diaries 3:30 Wildlife Diary 4:00 Dogs With Jobs 5:00 Serious: Jungle 5:30 Ng Explorer 6:30 Air Crash Investigation S2 7:30 Chimp Diaries 8:00 Wildlife Diary 8:30 Tales From Ground Zoo 9:30 Beetle Battles: Kwang			STAR SPORTS 10:30 Watersports Programming Hot Water (T) 11:30 Max Power Max Power 2005 (T) 12:30 Gillette World Sports Special Gillette World Sports 2005 (R) 1:00 Extreme Programming Wild Spirits 2004/05 (T) 1:30 Tna Xplosion (T) 6:00 The Rugby Show (T) 11:00 Sportsline (L) 11:30 Tna Xplosion (R) ESPN 10:00 U.S. Open Golf Championship 11:00 Asian 9-Ball Tour San Miguel 11:30 Fa Classic Matches School Quiz Show 12:00 Mathcounts 2004 12:30 I'd Do Anything (T) 08:00 Sportscenter Asia Football Review (T) 08:30 Sportscenter Sportscenter India (L) 09:00 Cricket Gold (R) 11:00 Motorsport Asia (R) 11:30 Sportscenter India (R) 12:00 School Quiz Show			NICKELODEON 01:00 Nick JR: Dora, the Explorer 01:30 Nick JR: Blues Clues 02:00 Nick JR: Engie Benji 02:30 Rugrats 03:00 CatDog 03:30 SpongeBob SquarePants 04:00 Dum Dum-A-Dum 04:30 Hello Girls: As Told By Ginger 05:00 Hello Girls: The Wild Thornberrys 05:30 Ep#20 : J bole to Jadoo !! (R) 06:00 Chalkzone 06:30 Junior G 07:00 100 Deeds For Eddie McDowd 07:30 GAS: Legends Of the Hidden Temple 08:00 GAS: Global Guts 09:30 Junior G 10:00 The Amanda Show 10:30 All That 11:00 Figure It Out AXN 02:30 The Amazing Race (Season V) 03:30 Csi: Miami (Season 1) 04:30 7 Days (Season II) 05:30 Global Adventure 06:30 Anaconda 08:30 Axn Xtreme: India Vs Pakistan 09:30 Maximum Exposure (Season II) 10:30 The Breed 12:30 Maximum Exposure
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