

CULTURAL FEAST

Commemorative Meeting

**Occasion:** 98th birth anniversary of Begum Sufia Kamal

**Organiser:** Bangladesh Mahila Parishad

**Venue:** CIRDAP Auditorium, Chamely House

**Date:** June 20, at 4pm

Musical Soiree

**Title:** Folk Music

**Organiser:** Palli Baul Samaj Unnayan Shangsha

**Venue:** National Theatre Hall, Shilpakala Academy

**Date:** June 15, at 7pm

Exhibition

**Title:** Tapestry Exhibition

**Artist:** Tajul Islam

**Venue:** Shilpanagan Gallery, House 25, Road 5, Dhanmondi

**Date:** June 18-29, from 10am to 1pm and 5pm to 8pm

**Title:** Dhaka Art Circle Paintings 2005

**Organiser:** Society for Promotion of Bangladesh Art in association with Saju Art Gallery

**Artists:** 14 contemporary artistes of Bangladesh

**Venue:** Saju Art Gallery, DCC Super Market 2nd Circle, Gulshan II

**Date:** June 04-14

**Title:** Boshey Anko 2005

**Artists:** 165 children

**Venue:** Zainul Gallery -2, Institute of Fine Arts, Dhaka University

**Date:** June 10-16

**Title:** Eighth Calligraphy Exhibition 2005

**Artists:** Murtaja Bashir, Abdus Sattar, Enayet Hossain and other 30 artists

**Venue:** National Museum

**Date:** June 05-17, from 10am to 5pm

**Title:** Sundarbans: The Sound of Silence

**Photographer:** BKS Inan

**Venue:** Bengal Gallery of Fine Arts

**Date:** June 09-18, from 12pm 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

**Artist:** Nazmul Ahsan

**Venue:** La Gallery, Alliance Francaise

**Date:** June 03-16, from 9am to 12 noon and 5pm to 9pm

Musical Soiree

**Title:** Smritimoy by Agun and Sraboni

**Organiser:** Orchestra

**Venue:** All Community Club Auditorium, House 40, Road 35, Gulshan 2

**Date:** June 17, at 7pm

Film Screening

**Title:** Germany in the Crosshairs

**Organiser:** Goethe-Institut in cooperation with Zahir Raihan Film Society

**Venue:** Goethe-Institut

**Date:** June 13-21

June 14  
3:00pm Toy Stuffed Animals  
4:45pm Coming to a Closing  
6:30pm Moltke

**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 17 Abar Aranye (Bangla)

Art Festival

Introducing the young minds to Zainul, Quamrul and Sultan

AFSAR AHMED

The International School Dhaka (ISD) premises turned festive recently as the week-long Arts Festival jointly organised by the school and the Bengal Foundation began on June 12.

The function kicked off with an inaugural ceremony in the auditorium. Qayyum Chowdhury was the chief guest. Mustafa Monwar, Hashem Khan, Rafiqun Nabi and Chairmen of the Bengal Foundation Abul Khair were present as special guests.

While speaking on the objective of the festival John Sperandio, CEO of ISD said, "It's imperative for the students to know the arts, artists and culture of the host country as well as their native country. And this festival helps the students to enrich their knowledge through exhibiting the old masters and through the workshops."

In his speech Abul Khair said, "This festival features the paintings of the three great Masters: Zainul Abedin, Quamrul Hassan and SM Sultan, who opened the door for modern arts in the country and developed their own unique styles." He continued, "This is our second such venture and we seek to display the works of our greatest artists to school children."

Rafiqun Nabi exclaimed, "Who knows, may

be the future Zainul, Quamrul and Sultan are right before our eyes."

Hashem Khan thanked the Bengal Foundation for promoting the art history of Bangladesh. Mustafa Monwar advised the enthusiastic students, "You need to immerse yourself in creative work and this should be given a priority."

Qayyum Chowdhury said, "The three painters portrayed Bangladesh from three diverse angles but all of them had some pastoral elements in their work."

After the inaugural session, there was a sitar recital by Ebadul Haq Shaikat accompanied by Pinu Sen Das on the tabla.

The ISD-Bengal Foundation Arts Festival comprised of three parts. The first section is the art exhibition, comprising of 140 paintings of the veteran and contemporary artists of the country. These include 40 rare works by Zainul, 6 by Sultan and 29 paintings by Quamrul from the personal collections of Abul Khair. The other paintings on display are by Shafiuddin Ahmed, Md Kibria, Qayyum Chowdhury, Murtaza Bashir and many others. Another section has the works of the ISD students.

The second part of the festival comprises of the art workshops facilitated by the noted artists: Hashem Khan, Abdus Shakur, Rafiqun Nabi, Khalid Mahmud Mithu, Rokeya Sultana, Kanak Champa Chakma, Kalidas Karmakar, Rafi Haq and Abul Barq Alvi.

Tamanna Rahman and her troupe will also hold a dance workshop. The third part of the festival is the musical performances by different artistes, CRP children, Shishu Bikash Kendra and ISD school children. A puppet show will be organised on the last day, directed by



Rebel cow by Zainul Abedin

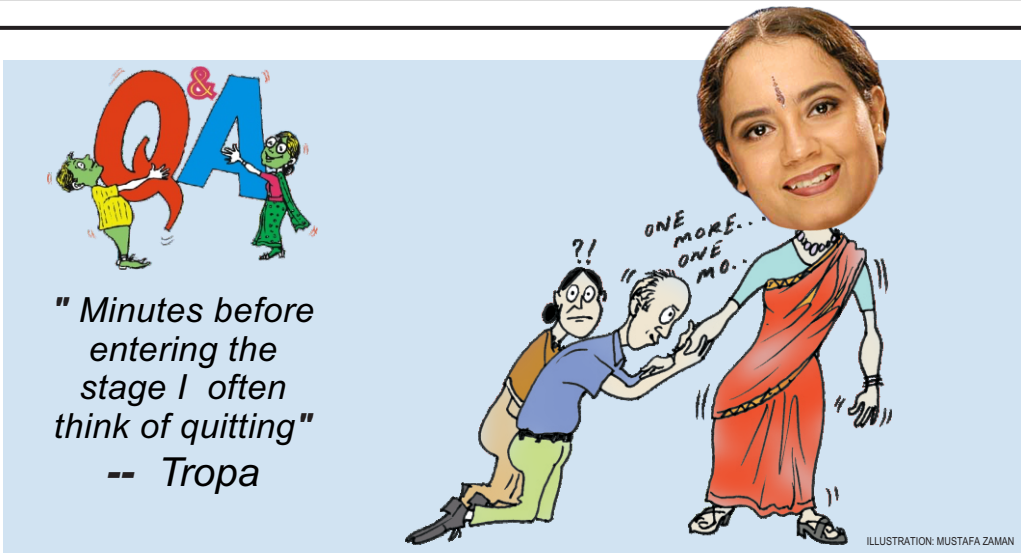


Cattle in moonlight by Quamrul Hassan



An art work by SM Sultan

Mustafa Monwar. The festival will continue till June 16.



An ardent theatre activist, Tropa Majumdar, maintains a busy schedule between working as the creative director in a reputable ad agency and performing at the regular stage shows as well. Coming from a culturally weathered family, Tropa has made a mark in plays such as Madhobi, Meraj Fokier Ma and Spordha. She has recently emerged as a director in the play Mukti. Here's a look at Tropa behind the scenes.

With well-known actors as parents was it easy to set foot in the media world?

It was harder than one might imagine! Far from being a piece of cake! I had to convince two sets of people for any role—the director and also my parents. There were times when my parents did not allow me to play certain roles simply because they thought people might think that I'm getting an extra edge not because of my merit but because of my 'family connections'. Mainly for this reason, I've lost the opportunities of doing quite a few memorable characters and I felt deprived.

How do you balance your time between office and theatre?

That's easy. I work on a very limited number of TV plays, that too, if the shooting takes place on holidays. As for theatre, the rehearsals are held mostly in the evenings when I am usually free. I lend my voice to TV commercials every now and then. However, I am more into creative direction and I enjoy every bit of it.

What is the most outrageous thing you have done so far?

Outrageous is probably the last adjective I would describe myself! But one shocking event was during my Bachelors and Masters exams when I had been burning midnight oil to make sure I didn't fail. It came as a thunderbolt when I learnt that I had secured a first class in both and had topped the list in Masters from the Department of Mass Communication and

Journalism.

Who is the real Tropa?

I am basically a nervous wreck and an introvert! To some extent, I'm a perfectionist. I even worry how my co-artists would perform on stage and other trivial matters. I think my directors would have a fit if they knew how many times, minutes before entering the stage I had thought of quitting.

Any goof-ups while staging a play?

During stage plays giggling is perpetual; nothing unusual about it. But during the staging of Antigone, my co-actor Khairul Anam Shobuj totally forgot his lines and looked blankly at me. It was a 45-minute dialogue and we were standing very close to the audience.

It seemed that time stood still as he was struggling to remember his lines. After sometime I heard him faintly say in pure Barisal dialect "kissu hoibo na-Kw" (don't bother just say the lines). Amidst pin drop silence even the viewers could hear him. After this I uttered a few lines and he was back on track again.

Are you picky about characters you play?

Very much so. Even with so many TV channels, we don't have enough scope to do quality work. I feel that our predecessors were more fortunate. There were fewer plays and only one channel. Quality was the prerequisite. Now because of over-exposure, the audience hardly remembers a certain TV character.

Amovie that moved you in the recent times?

The movie Black had a tremendous impact on me. While donning the role of a mute and blind girl, a girl with similar disabilities assisted Rani Mukherjee for several weeks. That is how she got under the skin of the character. Directors of timeless movies give their heart and soul towards creating a classic.

Dreams ahead...

I live in the present. I like to take into my stride what comes naturally.

IIFA Awards '05

Moments of anticipation and joy

Bollywood superstars Shahrukh Khan (Veer-Zaara) and Rani Mukherjee (Hum Tum), walked away with the Best Actor and Actress trophies as Yashraj Film's Veer-Zaara bagged six awards at the International Indian Film Academy (IIFA) Awards ceremony in



Big B and Aishwaryajins Abhishek on stage

Amsterdam on June 12.

Veer-Zaara, directed by veteran director Yash Chopra, bagged awards for Best Picture, Direction, Actor, Supporting Actress, Music Direction and Story with only the Best Actress and Supporting Actor awards not going its way.

The movie, a superhit in India, portrays a love story between an Indian army officer and a Pakistani girl, set in Pakistan. In India, it has won nearly all the major awards, including the Filmfare award.

Abhishek piped dad Amitabh Bachchan, to the post by bagging the Best Supporting Actor trophy for his performance in Yuva.

Rani also picked up the Best Supporting Actress award for -- again -- Veer-Zaara.

The extravaganza at the Amsterdam Arena, which began on June 11, stretched up to early hours of June 12.

The highlight of the evening was Abhishek Bachchan's debut performance on the international stage, which saw him shaking a leg to chartbusters from his recent film Bunty aur Babli and the forthcoming Dus. The Big B and Aishwarya Rai joined him on

Awards at a glance

**Best Actor:** Shahrukh Khan ( *Veer Zaara* )  
**Best Actress:** Rani Mukherjee ( *Hum Tum* )  
**Best Picture:** *Veer Zaara*  
**Best Story:** *Veer Zaara*  
**Best Director:** Yash Chopra ( *Veer Zaara* )  
**Best Supporting Actor :** Abhishek Bachchan ( *Yuva* )  
**Best Supporting Actress:** Rani Mukherjee ( *Veer Zaara* )  
**Lifetime Achievement Award :** Shabana Azmi and VK Murthy

stage for one of the numbers.

Performances by Aishwarya, Salman Khan, Isha Sharwani, Kareena, Shahid Kapoor and others, complemented by Shiamak Davar's choreography and Vikram Phadnis' costumes, ensured that the four-and-half-hour long event remained a memorable one.

Source:PTI

Recharging theatre activists at district level

CULTURAL CORRESPONDENT

To promote theatre at the district level, Bangladesh Group Theatre Federation (BGTF) and Bengal Foundation have jointly arranged a programme. As part of the function, they invited district level theatre troupes to stage plays at Mahila Samity Stage, the nucleus of theatre activities in the country.

Talking about the event, Programme Secretary of BGTF, Aktaruzzaman said, "Apart from Dhaka and Chittagong, theatre practice in the other districts is not up to the mark. That is why we are trying to recharge theatre activists at the district level. Each month we invite a troupe from a remote district to stage a play in Dhaka. That way they will be encouraged. This month Padakhyp, a troupe from Gaibandha, staged a play, *Train*, on June 10. Bengal Foundation is supporting the project."

Padakhyp's *Train* is written and directed by Alai Ahmed at Mahila Samity Stage. The social play is a satire on the bureaucratic procedures and corruption at the higher echelons of power, which have slowed down the development process in Bangladesh.

Rayhan Gafur is the set designer while Mehedul Haque Shujan is the light designer of the play.

Shishu-Kishore Utshab in Bogra

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Bogra

A big crowd thronged the colourful inaugural function of the four-day-long Shishu-Kishore Utshab '05 at Bogra Zila Parishad Auditorium recently. The audience ranged from the young to the old, which indicated that the event had something for everyone.

Secretary General of Bangladesh Group Theatre Federation, Liaquat Ali Lucky was the chief guest. Veteran actor Golam Kader, and AHM Azam Khan, President of Bogra Theatre, among others, attended the inaugural function. Salim Reza Shanto, member secre-

tary of the festival, said that the 11 participating theatre groups came from different districts of the country's northern zone. Over 100 performers attended the festival, some of whom are well-known throughout the country.

The event kicked off with the staging of a drama, *Shukhi Rajkumar* by Jagoroni Shishu Kishore Theatre, Dinajpur. The five theatre groups of Bogra performed plays such as *Phuler Anondo*, *Oporul Rupkotha* and *Birpurush*. Sonali Theatre of Dinajpur will stage *Gupi Gain Bagha Bain*. The festival came to an end yesterday.



Liaquat Ali Lucky (5-L) seen with the performers

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, 7:00pm, 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.

Tara News Bangladesh (Bangla) at 9:30 pm.

Telecast of BTV News (Bangla and English) at 11:30 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

BTV

08:40 Bishwa Protidin

09:00 Satellite Programme

12:30 Shasthya Tathya

01:30 Cartoon Film

02:05 Hater Kachhe Computer

02:30 Darpan

03:05 Open University Programme

04:05 Chalantika

05:15 Live telecast from National Assemle

06:35 Chittagong Programmes

07:00 News Headlines, Weather forecast, Share Market

07:05 Quiz Quiz

07:30 Musical Programme

08:25 Protidin Bangladesh

08:30 Home Circus

09:00 Drama Serial: Arshinagar

10:25 Teknaf Theke Tatulia

10:30 Sonali Shokal

12:05 Satellite Programme

CHANNEL i

09:30 Shongbad Potrey Bangladesh

09:45 Tritio Matra

10:45 Aamar Phone Cricket Online

11:30 Aamar Chhobi

12:00 Chithi Pelam

12:30 Abaj Dupurey

01:00 Ebonj Cinemara Gaan

01:25 Public Reaction

01:35 Special Programme

03:50 Banglar Gaan

04:20 Musical Programme

04:45 Sa Re Ga Ma i Sports

05:30 Music Plus

06:30 Amader Adbashi

07:50 Drama Serial: Poribar

08:25 Drama Serial: Ek Akasher Tara

09:35 Drama Serial: Chalchhe Chalbey

10:00 ntv

08:30 Aajker Shakal

09:05 Drama Serial: Crime watch

09:30 Tarar Sathhe

10:30 You got the look

11:00 Chhobir Gaan

11:30 Khabor Deshey Deshey

12:02 Single Episode Drama

02:30 Drama Serial: Jhut Jhamela

03:15 Tifiner Fankhey

Drama Serial: Anyorokom

04:25 Quiz Quiz

05:15 Ithasher Ei Diney

06:20 Shubho Shondhya

06:50 Shiray Shonity

08:10 Drama Serial: Bela Bhumi

08:50 Nupur

09:40 Drama Serial: Sheola

11:25 Dindarpan

ATN BANGLA

10:30 Talk Show: Annodishiti

Drama Serial: Mohona

11:05 Business this Week

12:15 Amar Computer

12:50 Musical Programme

01:25 Cine Gaan

02:30 Drama Serial: Ghunpoka

03:15 Drama Serial: O Amar Chokkhu Nai

Drama Serial: Bhawal Raja Shannyashi

03:50 Shomoshamoyik

05:10 Nari

05:45 Islami Sawal Jawab

06:25 Anyar Shamney

08:00 Drama Serial: Shukhnagar

PICK OF THE DAY

Sheola

On ntv at 9:40 p.m.

Genre: Drama Serial

Cast: Azizul Hakim, Zahid Hasan, Tarin

08:30 Apartment

Drama Serial: Ek Akash Neel

09:00 Drama Serial: Shukher Lagiya

Ek Dui Teen

10:35 Law Based Programme

HBO

10:00 Conviction

12:00 Malibu's Most Wanted

1:45 White Rush

3:30 Being John Malkovich

5:45 Cabin Fever

7:30 Bloodsport

9:30 The Lost Boys

11:30 Tales From The Crypt

24 : As Ye Sow

12:15 Hard Target

2:15 Jerry Maguire

STAR MOVIES

9:30 Ever After: A Cinderella Story

11:40 Rob Roy

2:00 Reversal Of Fortune

3:50 Man In The Mirror

5:25 Crocodile Hunter

The: Collision Course

7:00 Air Bud: Spikes Back

8:30 Assignment

10:10 Go

11:45 Wishcraft

STAR GOLD

9:00 An Evening In Paris

1:00 Prem Shakti

Science Frontiers

On Discovery at 8:30 p.m.

Genre: Science Fiction

The programme shows different but astounding worlds

STAR WORLD

4:30 Hollywood Squares

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 The 2005 Miss Universe

11:30 Newsradio

12:00 Friends

STAR PLUS

4:00 Kahiin To Hoga

GEOGRAPHIC

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

4:30 Backyard Science

5:00 Serious: Jungle

5:30 Ng Explorer

6:30 Interpol Investigates

7:30 Chimp Diaries

8:00 Wildlife Diary

8:30 Race For The Palio

9:00 On Assignment

9:30 Guardians Of Angkor

10:30 Air Crash Investigation S2

11:30 National Geographic's Taboo

ANIMAL PLANET

1:30 Emergency Vets

2:00 Champions of the Wild

2:30 Sandhill Cranes

3:30 Cell Dogs Huernano

4:30 Animal Precinct 4

4:30 Pet Star

5:30 Twisted Tales 2 Bee

6:00 Monkey Business

6:30 The Planet's Funniest Animals

7:00 Amazing Animal Videos

7:30 From Cradle to Grave

8:30 Cell Dogs Corona

9:30 Animal Precinct 4

10:30 Deep into the Wild

Costa Rica

11:00 Wild And Dangerous

Birdman of the Amazon

11:30 Wild Encounters

Kandula An Elephant Story

DISCOVERY

1:30 Animal Face Off

Lions Vs. Tigers

2:30 Seven Wonders of the Industrial World Hoover

3:30 Dam

Superstructures of the World Engineering

4:30 FBI Files

5:30 Splat 4

6:00 Healthy Living Where We Are Now

6:30 Man and Machine

7:30 Wild Discovery Ice Pack

8:30 Science Frontiers

9:30 Classic Discovery

10:30 Hollywood Superstars

11:30 Prosecutors, The Release Me

CHANNEL V

4:00 Back To Back

4:30 Basement

5:00 Back To Back

5:30 Bolly

6:00 Latesht

6:30 Tommy

7:00 Nach Le

7:30 Back To Back

8:30 Double Shot

10:00 Very v

10:30 Get Gorgeous

11:30 V Basement

12:00 Late Night [V]

AXN

5:30 Hollywood's Greatest Stunts

6:00 Tremors

8:30 Axn Xtreme: India Vs Pakistan

9:30 Maximum Exposure (Season II)

10:30 The Haunting

11:30 Maximum Exposure (Season II)

STAR SPORTS

08:00 Gillette World Sports Special

9:00 Hitz (R)

9:30 Windsurfing Asian

10:00 Tennis T

11:30 Wimbledon Library

Films

1:30 Hitz (R)

2:00 Windsurfing Pwa Hawaii

2:30 Pro (T)

Adventure X

3:00 Moto Gp Highlights

4:30 Tna Xplosion (T)

5:30 Extreme Programming

6:00 The Rugby Show (T)

6:30 Rugby 7's

7:00 Gillette World Sports Special

7:30 Hitz (R)

8:00 Sportsline (L)

8:30 World Touring Cars Championship

9:00 Wimbledon Library

Films

10:00 Icc Cricket World (R)

10:30 Sportsline (R)

11:00 Tna Xplosion (R)

12:00 Windsurfing Asian Highlights (T)

ESPN

8:00 Icc Cricket World (R)

8:30 Sportscenter India

8:31 Cable In The Classroom

9:00 X-Games

9:30 Champions Tour Golf

12:00 Fim World Motorcycle Championship

3:00 Table Tennis

3:30 Fa Classic Matches

5:30 School Quiz Show

6:00 National Spelling Bee

8:00 Sportscenter Asia (L)

8:30 Sportscenter India

9:00 Cricket Gold

11:00 Motorsport Asia

11:30 Sportscenter India

12:00 School Quiz Show

TEN SPORTS

9:00 Legends

10:00 Athletic World Show

10:30 Caribbean Classics

12:30 Legends

1:30 Trans World Sports

2:30 ATP Tennis

3:00 Grand Prix of USA

3:30 IRB Rugby 7's Highlights

4:00 WWE Smackdown