

CULTURAL FEAST

Commemorative Meeting

Occasion: 98th birth anniversary of Begum Sufia Kamal
Organiser: Bangladesh Mahila Parishad
Venue: CIRDP Auditorium, Chamey House
Date: June 20, at 4pm

Anniversary

Occasion: 25th founding anniversary of Benuka Lalitokala Kendra
Venue: National Museum Auditorium
Date: June 18-20, at 5:30pm

Children's Competition

Categories: Poetry recitation and patriotic Nazrul songs
Organiser: Nazrul Institute
Venue: Nazrul Institute, Dhanmondi
Date: June 21, at 4pm

Movie Premiere

Title: Baro Pobiro Amar Shohor
Director: Amitabho Reza
Writer: Anisul Haque
Venue: National Museum Auditorium
Date: June 21, at 7pm

Title: Kamaphulir Kanna (Tear Drops of Kamaphul)
Director: Tanvir Mokammel
Venue: Goethe-Institut (German Cultural Centre), House 10, Road 9, Dhanmondi
Date: June 19, at 6pm

Film Screening

Title: Germany in the Crosshairs
Organiser: Goethe-Institut in cooperation with Zahir Raihan Film Society
Venue: Goethe-Institut (German Cultural Centre), House 10, Road 9, Dhanmondi
Date: June 13-21

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
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 20 Lucky June 24 Chokher Bali (Bangla) June 27 Black

June 22
3:00pm Reality and Perception
Artist: Moon
Venue: Drik Gallery, House 58, Road 15A, Dhanmondi
Date: June 18-22, from 3pm to 8pm

June 23
3:00pm Summer Collection
Boutique: Ananya
Venue: 60, Kemal Ataturk Avenue, Bonani
Date: June 01-30

June 24
3:00pm Reality and Perception
Artist: Moon
Venue: Drik Gallery, House 58, Road 15A, Dhanmondi
Date: June 18-22, from 3pm to 8pm

June 25
3:00pm Summer Collection
Boutique: Ananya
Venue: 60, Kemal Ataturk Avenue, Bonani
Date: June 01-30

June 26
3:00pm Summer Collection
Boutique: Ananya
Venue: 60, Kemal Ataturk Avenue, Bonani
Date: June 01-30

June 27
3:00pm Summer Collection
Boutique: Ananya
Venue: 60, Kemal Ataturk Avenue, Bonani
Date: June 01-30

June 28
3:00pm Summer Collection
Boutique: Ananya
Venue: 60, Kemal Ataturk Avenue, Bonani
Date: June 01-30

June 29
3:00pm Summer Collection
Boutique: Ananya
Venue: 60, Kemal Ataturk Avenue, Bonani
Date: June 01-30

June 30
3:00pm Summer Collection
Boutique: Ananya
Venue: 60, Kemal Ataturk Avenue, Bonani
Date: June 01-30

Concert for SWID: Entertainment for a noble cause

KARIM WAHEAD

THE 42 lakh intellectually disabled in our country, deserve a better understanding. They don't understand the shrewd way of life entangled with double standards. They don't need our pity, they just need a helping hand. If given the opportunity, they can lead a normal existence and contribute to the society just as much as we do.

student of SWID.

Sajeda Kabir Humayun, president of SWID, Ramna branch, expressed her gratitude to the donors and audience. Selima Rahman, State Minister for Cultural Affairs, was the chief guest at the function. In her speech, she said, "SWID, an organisation that started with teaching intellectually disabled children in a small classroom, at Willes Little Flower School in 1977, has expanded through the years with the help of many. Today, the organisation needs help more than ever. Let's all try to strengthen our society by helping these 'differently-abled' citizens."



Runa Laila (R) performing with a student of SWID

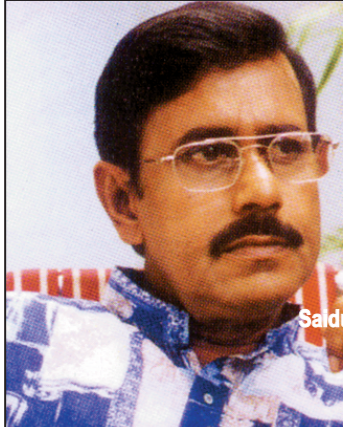
students of SWID demonstrating their artistic skills. Zeeshan rendered a Runa Laila song, Shilpi ami shilpi and Runa chimed in with her. Mithu performed Tumi oporupa and Nipa danced with the song Akashey akashey chol udey jai. It was evident that these 'differently abled' students have the same passion for performing arts as we do.

performed with catchy numbers like Premi o premi. Other prominent singers like Aankhi Alamgir, Asif and Robi Chowdhury also rendered their popular songs. The main attraction of the event was of course, Runa Laila's performance. Beginning with Shilpi ami shilpi, she amply demonstrated why she has earned the sobriquet of the 'one and only' Runa Laila.



Mou presenting a dance number

A new approach to Tagore's Malyodan



Saidul Anam Tutul

Saidul Anam Tutul is directing a special TV play Malyodan, based on the story by Rabindranath Tagore. The play will be broadcast on Channel i on the death anniversary of Tagore. The entire crew of the play is now busy shooting in Kushtia. Featuring Tania Ahmed, Ahmed Rubel, Taqair Ahmed and Mim, the play has been adapted by Mobashwera Khanom, wife of Tutul.

The director says, "The viewers will hopefully notice a new approach to Tagore's Malyodan. I firmly believe that Tagore's creation must be adapted while keeping the essence alive. The use of language, dialogue and the basic characteristics of the play, therefore, will be unchanged in the TV version."

CULTURAL CORRESPONDENT



Ahmed Rubel

Emerging talent Kabir Babu to steer The New Shobuj Opera soon

ERSHAD KAMOL

Acclaimed director Mamunur Rashid has parted ways with his Jatra-based mega-serial The New Shobuj Opera. The young director Kabir Babu will fill in for him from next month. Commenting on the change at the helm, Babu said, "Mamunur Rashid could not devote adequate time for the serial. As a result, the assistant director of the play Tareq had to take on extra pressure. That explains why Mamunur Rashid asked me to take over the responsibility."



Kabir Babu (C) seen with Abdullah Al Mamun (L) and Harun-ur-Rashid (R) on the set of a TV play. talent in the electronic media. However, it is difficult for the new directors to get producers. The producers trust the renowned directors. "It's ironical though that many of these directors are not even on the sets while shooting and the assistants have to take the load."

Cruise, Holmes engagement ends weeks of speculation



For weeks, Tom Cruise and Katie Holmes answered questions about marriage by saying, "That's something we have to talk about." On Friday morning, they finally found the time at the Eiffel Tower in Paris. "Today is a magnificent day for me, I'm engaged to a magnificent woman," the 42-year-old Cruise said at a news conference. "It was early this morning at the Eiffel Tower, so I haven't slept at all."

Karan and Shekhar grilled!

The tables have turned. While Karan Johar and Shekhar Suman usually grill pretty actresses on their successful television shows, now Pooja Bedi has reversed the pecking order and put the two talk-show hosts in her hot seat. So Karan reveals his favourite film director, the fact that he's okay with re-editing his show if his guests and celebrity friends object to even one hastily uttered line and how a fan once suggested that he start a children's show, Toffee With Karan!



(L-R) Shekhar Suman, Pooja Bedi and Karan Johar

Table listing TV programmes for channels BTV, ntv, CHANNEL-i, ATN BANGLA, and BBC WORLD.

Table listing TV programmes for channels HBO, STAR GOLD, and STAR MOVIES.

Table listing TV programmes for channels NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC, CHANNEL [V], AXN, and STAR SPORTS.

TV GUIDE

PICK OF THE DAY



Malcolm in the Middle On Star World at 7:30pm
Genre: Comedy/Family
Cast: Jane Kaczmarek, Bryan Cranston, Christopher Masterson, Justin Berfield

09:30 Drama Serial: Mahona
10:35 Business This Week
12:20 Bangla Feature Film
HBO
8:45 Babe
10:45 Buying the Cow
12:30 Deep Shock
2:30 Stuart Little 2
4:00 Jerry Maguire
6:45 Blind Fury
8:30 Tango & Cash
10:30 Tales From the Crypt: The Bribe
11:15 The Lost Boys
1:15 The Animal
STAR GOLD
12:30 Maya
1:00 Kaante
5:00 Jab Pyaar Kissise
6:30 The Kumsars At No. 42
11:30 Rendezvous With Simri Garewal
DISCOVERY
12:30 Wild Discovery
1:30 Discover India
2:30 Conspiracies on Trial
3:00 Great Romances of the 20th Century
3:30 Science of Star Wars
4:30 Supernatural Science
5:30 Mystery Hunters
6:30 Kitchen Chemistry
WIND DRIVEN
7:00 Speed
7:30 Wild Discovery
8:30 Discovery's Biggest Shows
10:30 Science of Star Wars
11:30 Diagnosis Unknown
ANIMAL PLANET LANET
12:30 Growing up Wild
1:30 Zig & Zag
2:00 The Snake Buster
2:30 Girls Night In
2:30 ElephantTrilogy
3:30 The Natural World
4:30 Animal Planet Reveals Asia
5:30 The Most Extreme
6:30 Animal Miracles