CULTURAL FEAST

Play

Title: Mukti
Director: Tropa Majumdar
Group: Theatre
Venue: Mahila Shamiti Auditorium, Baily Road
Date: July 21, from 7pm

Exhibition

Title: Khagrachhari through the eye of an artist
Artist: 12 artists who participated in Watercolour Artist Camp held at Khagrachhari
Venue: Shilpakala Academy, Shegun Bagicha
Date: July 12-21, from 11am to 7pm on weekdays and 3pm to 8pm on Fridays

Photography Exhibition

Title: Quest for Harmony
Artist: Noazesh Ahmed
Venue: Bengal Gallery of Fine Arts, Dhanbmondi
Date: July 11-24, from 12pm to 8pm

Musical Soiree

Title: Jakhan Brishti Namlo
Organiser: Nandan
Artistes: Fahim Hossain Chgowdhury, Tanzina Parveen, Nilotpaul Shadhya, Anjuman Ferdousi, Mahmudur Rahman Tuhin, Salma Akbar
Venue: Bangladesh YWCA Bhaban, 3/23, Iqbal Road, Muhammadpur
Date: July 22, at 6:30pm

Film Screening

Title: German Feature Film
Organiser: Goethe-Institute in co-operation with Zahir Raihan Film Festival
Venue: Goethe-Institute, Dhanbmondi
Date: July 17-21
Schedule

July 18	
3:30pm	Beyond Silence
5:30pm	Punktchen and Anton
7:30pm	Nowhere in Africa
July 19	
4:00pm	Winter-Sleeper
6:15pm	Run Lola Run
7:45pm	The Princess and the Warrior
July 20	
4:00pm	Short Sharp Shock
5:45pm	In July
7:30pm	Goodbye, Lenin
July 21	
3:30pm	Trains N Roses
5:00pm	Anansi
6:30pm	Enlightenment Guarantied
8:15pm	The Farewell

Organiser: High Commission of India
Venue: Indian Cultural Centre, House 25, Road 96, Gulshan-1
Date: July 4-22
Schedule

July 18	Biyallish
July 22	Zeher

Theatre

Dhaka Padatik presents *Katha 71*

ERSHAD KAMOL

IRONICALLY, some of the offspring of the freedom fighters are alienated from the spirit of the Liberation War. Dhaka Padatik's latest production *Katha 71* by Kumar Protishi Bal depicts this harsh reality. Dhaka Padatik staged the premiere show of *Katha 71* at the Experimental Theatre Stage on July 16.

Most of the current plays on the Liberation War present a fragmented story of that time and they show the anguish and wrath of the freedom fighters in the post-Liberation country. However, *Katha 71* departs from its ilk as it presents direct events of the Liberation War.

The play starts with a procession sequence in post-Liberation Bangladesh, where prominent figures of the society deliver speeches against the Pakistani collaborators. One such character realises that his son is influenced by western lifestyle. Subsequently, the spirit of the Liberation War comes alive through a debate between the father and son. Through their dialogue the victims of the War appear on stage in flashback scenes.

Katha 71 portrays the events of Dhaka in 1971. The play shows the freedom struggle from the vantage of "Operation Search Light", the master plan of Pakistani Army to abolish the Bangalees from the face of earth on the eve of March 25. Bal, in his play has depicted the fractional stories of genocide by the Pakistani Army and their collaborators.

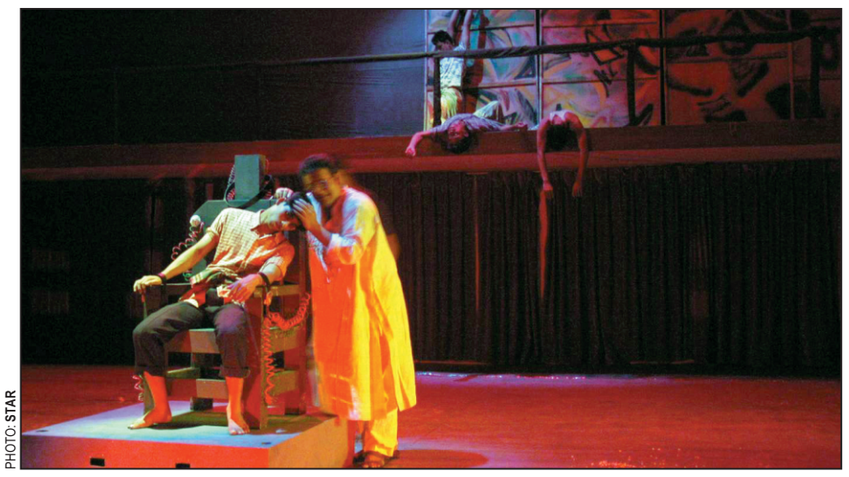


PHOTO: STAR

A scene from the play *Katha 71*

Katha 71 ends optimistically by awakening the younger generation to the reality and spirit of the War.

Director Debashish Ghosh has utilised the stage as well as the balcony of the theatre hall. All the indoor sequences are created at different corners of the balcony while the outdoor aspects are created on the empty stage. His choreography in portraying the war scenes deserves plaudits. Throughout the play Debashish has composed more than one sequence to create the realistic ambience of war. However, sometimes it was difficult for the audience to keep track of all the events. Moreover, the light design needs to be improved.

Katha 71 is a teamwork-based production. And the artistes deserve kudos for their remarkable performance.

Exhibition

Ambiance of places old and new

FAYZA HAQ

"Places, spaces" was a recent exhibition at the Goethe Institut by Kashef Chowdhury. This was the outcome of the photography that Kashef has done in Europe over 25 days, in nine cities. The photographs were not in a sequence and were not theme-based. They were just a record of the places that had made an impression on him.

One could begin the exhibit by the photo of the sea in Venice, looking through the window. There was the drama of the buildings seen on top of the water and the gondolas. Then you saw London's St Paul's through the Millennium Bridge and was a mix of the old and new. "This brought in a facet of the state of our civilisation," Kashef said. "Next were some spaces in the Tate Gallery, which appeared like the inside of a cathedral. Then we saw the statue of Kaiser Wilhem in Cologne. It's like a shadow in history", Kashef commented. "Later we saw a memorial in Berlin along with a fountain. Then we had the image of a delightful small hotel window looking on to a train station.

"We then came across a second photograph of Venice in which one witnessed the care that the Madonna received in that place as her picture was adorned with a surfeit of flowers. Next we saw the main piazza in Vicenza, an important city in terms of architecture where you found a lot of work by Palladio. We went on to see a statue in the garden near a building by Palladio."

One of Kashef's works

What made Kashef go to these cities? "I was invited to attend a congress on world cities in Berlin. We also went to Hamburg and Cologne. I travelled on to Munich, Verona, Vicenza and Venice and London on the way back. I also went to Aachen. I stayed in each place for about two to three days. My intention was to get a feel of the places and not a record," he said. Asked which cities he liked the best Kashef said, "I liked the older parts of the cities. The Italian cities left an indelible mark on my mind. This was a lot to do outdoors in the city spaces. There were also the museums and art galleries in each city. You could be doing nothing and yet enjoying yourself."

Kashef has been doing photography for the last 15 years. As an architect he was drawn to photography and did a course in it. In his words, "I consider myself a professional photographer although I don't earn from this source. I enjoy photographing landscapes but what I tried to capture this time were feelings. Earlier, when I used to travel through cities, I used to look at architecture and take a lot of photographs on it. This time I tried to look at what made the city.

"Next month I hope to have another exhibition at the Drik Gallery called 'Impressions 05-05.' That too will not be travel photography. It will be very personal in nature."

Lux Channel i Super Star

A star-studded orientation

(L-R) Shamim Ara Nipa, Naushad Chowdhury,Faridur Reza Sagar andTarek Anam speaking at the event

The Lux Channel i Super Star orientation was held at the Spectra Convention Centre recently, says a press release. A total of 120 participants, selected out of thousands of applicants, were present at the briefing session. The judges of the Super Star search are well-known names such as Subarna Mostafa, Tarek Anam and Shamim Ara Nipa.

The contestants were addressed by DMD-Asiatic MCL Asaduzzaman Noor, general manager Kaniska Chakroborty, managing director of Channel i Faridur Reza Sagar among others.

The contestants were briefed on the programme format and informed of the expectations from them in the contest. Prominent Lux stars Aupee Karim and Kushum Sikder advised them on preparation tips for sucess. Brands& Development director Naushad Chowdhury asserted that this was not simply a beauty contest or talent hunt contest. Rather the contestants would be judged on their overall performance, confidence and stage presence.

Several celebrities from the Bangladesh media world, Bipasha, Reaz, Champa and others encouraged the participants through an exciting audio-visual show. Subsequently queries from the contestants were answered.

Protikriti: ATN Bangla's new magazine show

CULTURAL CORRESPONDENT

Magazine shows are a highly popular concept in Bangladeshi visual media. And satellite channel ATN Bangla is all set to telecast its brand new magazine show *Protikriti* for its viewers. The show is made under the banner of Mrittika Production.

The young director of the show Rana Hossain says, "It's certainly not a run of the mill production."

So what are these exceptional ideas? Rana explains, "For instance we will show interviews of singers along with their songs, latest beauty and fashion tips, mouthwatering cookery section, latest filmi flicks and songs, medical advice and lot more. Not only that, the viewers will get acquainted with the burning issues and problems and the current affairs of the country from its reporting section."

Salman in hot water

The Bharatiya Janata Party and its satellite organisations have taken up cudgels against Bollywood star Salman Khan.

On Thursday last, newspapers published transcripts of telephone conversations purportedly between Salman and another Bollywood star Aishwarya Rai, in which Salman tries to bully her into performing for an event organised by Abu Salem and threatens her with his underworld connections.

The screening of Salman's latest film *Maine Pyaar Kyun Kiya*, which was released on July 15, was withheld in several cities in Madhya Pradesh. The first show of the movie

was deferred in Indore, Jabalpur and Gwalior after protests and demonstrations by Bajrang Dal cadres. No loss or damage to theatres was reported.

Fearing violence, cinema hall owners and distributors voluntarily withdrew the screening of the film.

Though most tickets were booked in advance, the crowd turnout at the theatres was bleak as activists shouted slogans, tore posters and burnt effigies of the actor in front of the cinema halls.

Security was beefed up in all cities in the state and senior officials kept a close watch over the situation.

Source: Internet

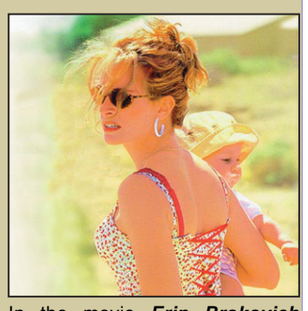
DID YOU KNOW?

The villain in the film ***Austin Powers: International Man of Mystery***, Random Task is actually a synonym for Odd Job, a Bond villain. Dr Evil is a copy of a Bond villain with the same name, as well as Number 2, featured in *Thunderball*. Mike Myers was inspired to create the character Mini-Me from the movie *Island of Dr Moreau*, where the villain, Marlon Brando, had his own little Mini-Me.

Author **Stephen King** hates both the movie and the book *Carrie*. *Carrie* was the first novel that King wrote. He had thrown the first few pages of the story in a garbage pail, but his wife rescued them and urged him to finish the work. Signet paid $400,000 for the novel's paperback rights.

In *Charlie's Angels* (2000), the house **Drew Barrymore** fell into is the same house that was used in *ET*, which she starred in as a child artiste. A poster of *ET* can be seen above the television on the wall, an obvious reference to Drew Barrymore's role in the film.

In the movie ***The Exorcist*** (1973), to achieve the frozen breath effect in Regan's room, the entire room was refrigerated. Actress Linda Blair, who wore only a thin nightgown, says she cannot stand the cold. Mercedes McCambridge, who did the voice of the demon, smoked cigarettes, ate raw eggs, and tied herself to a chair to create the anguished cry of the demon.



In the movie ***Erin Brokovich*** (based on a true story), during the restaurant scene where Erin (Julia Roberts) and her three children are dining, the waitress that takes their order is the real Erin Brockovich. For a bit of a joke, the name on her name tag is "Julia".

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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.**
News (English) **8:20am,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 am.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 **5:30 pm.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
12:15	*Ajker Shangbadpotrer*
12:30	*Shasthya Tathya*
01:05	*Lal Golap*
02:05	*Sisimpur*
02:30	*Anu Paromanu*
03:05	*Shuro Lahori*
03:35	Open University
04:05	*Lekha Pora*
04:30	*Shukhi Poribar*
05:05	Debate Programme
06:00	*Desh Janopad*
06:35	*Nritter Tale Tale*
07:00	News Headlines, Weather forecast, Share Market
07:05	*Ei Desh Ei Samay*
07:30	Drama Serial: *Akash Bhora Megh*
08:25	*Protidin Bangladesh*
08:30	Drama Serial: *Rang Tuli*
09:00	Drama Serial: *Shukno Phul Rongin Phul*
10:25	*Teknaf Theke Tatulia*
10:35	*Shei Shur Shei Gaan*
12:05	Satellite Programme

CHANNEL i

09:45	*Tritiyo Matra*
10:45	Live Educational Programme
11:30	*Chithi Pelam*
12:30	*Aaj Dupurey O Citycell Tarokakothon*
01:00	*Ebong Cinemar Gaan*
01:25	Public Reaction
01:30	*Shangbadpotrey Bangladesh*
02:40	Selected programme
03:50	*Banglar Gaan*
04:20	*Amar Channel i Darshak Forum*
04:45	*Sa Re Ga Ma*
05:15	*Janopoder Khabor*
06:00	Music Plus
06:30	*Banijjo O Aurthoniti*
06:50	Business Show
07:50	Drama Serial: *Poribar O Ekti Company*
08:25	English Drama Serial
09:35	Drama Serial: *Shampurna Rangeen*
10:00	Drama Serial: *Megabond*

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10:30	*Annordrishti*
11:05	Drama Serial: *Ek Janamey*
11:35	*Ayei Make-up*
12:45	*Islam Ki Bole Aamra Ki Kori*
01:25	*Chhobir Golpo*
02:30	Drama Serial: *Ghunpoka*
03:15	Drama Serial: *O Amar Chokkhu Nai*
03:40	Musical Programme
04:25	*Chhotoder Prithibi*
05:10	*Shonali Din*
05:45	*Islami Sawaal O Jawab*
06:20	*Poraner Gaan*
08:00	Drama Serial: *Shukhnagar Apartment*
08:30	Drama Serial: *Flat Number Forty*
09:00	*ATN Taroka (Dianjpur Zone)*
10:35	*Katha Mala*
12:20	*Adibashi Janopad*

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09:30	*Agrojo*
10:05	Zoo Adventure
10:30	*Dhakar Cinema:*
02:35	Drama Serial: *Jhut Jhamela*
03:15	*Utsahobe Anande*
04:25	*Bhinno Swader Khobor*
05:20	*Aapnar Jigyasha*
06:00	*Desher Khabar*
06:20	*Shubho Shondhaya*
06:50	Khaborer Shondhyane
08:20	Drama Serial: *Bela Bhumi*
08:50	*Aalochan*
09:40	Drama Serial: *Swarbarno Theatre*
11:20	*Dindarpan*

HBO

9:45	Milk Money
12:00	Panic Room
2:15	Anna's Dream
4:00	How to Deal
6:00	Run Ronnie Run
7:45	Scooby - Do
9:30	Air America
11:45	Sleepy Hollow
2:00	The Weight of Water

STAR MOVIES

8:25	Chain Reaction
10:15	8mm
12:15	Two Bits
1:40	Sister Act 2
3:30	Detention
5:15	Singing Detective
7:00	Species
8:45	Species 2
10:15	8mm
12:15	Man From Elysian Fields

STAR GOLD

10:40	Kuch Hit Kuch Superhit
10:45	Swayam
1:30	Kuch Hit Kuch Superhit
5:25	Anari No 1
9:00	Sadak

Star Plus

10:30	Kya Masti Kya Dhuum
11:30	Shararat-Thoda Jaadu Thodi Naz
12:00	Karisham Kaa Karishma
12:30	Hit Filmein Hit Sangeet-20 M
1:00	Kasautii Zindagii Kay
1:30	Kumkum - Pyara Sa Bandhan
2:00	Bhabhi
2:30	Kesar
3:00	Saarrthi
3:30	Kyunki Saas Bhi Kabhi Bhu Thi
4:00	Kahiin To Hoga
4:30	K.Street Pali Hill
5:00	Telebrands
5:30	Hit Filmein Hit Sangeet-20 M
6:00	Tedhe Medhe Sapney
6:30	Aladdin
7:00	Hercules
7:30	Kumkum - Pyara Sa Bandhan
8:00	Princess Dollieauruskamagicbag
8:30	Dekhho Magar Pyar Se
9:00	Kasautii Zindagii Kay
9:30	Miilee
10:00	Kavyanjali
10:30	Kahaani Ghar Ghar Kii
11:00	Kyunki Saas Bhi Kabhi Bhu Thi
11:30	Kahiin To Hoga
12:00	K.Street Pali Hill

Star World

10:30	The Apprentice
11:30	Enterprise
12:30	Parkinson
1:30	Magnum P.I.
2:30	Oprah Winfrey Show
3:30	Bold And Beautiful
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	The King Of Queens
9:00	Still Standing
9:30	Yes Dear
10:00	Frasier
10:30	Boston Public
11:30	Newsradio
12:00	Friends

Animal Planet

10:30	The Jeff Corwin Experience
11:30	Monkey Business
12:00	Chimpanzee Diary
12:30	The Planet's Funniest Animals
1:00	Animal X
1:30	Pet Star
2:30	After the Flood
3:00	Chemical Killers
3:30	Crocs in the City
4:30	Monkey Business
5:00	Chimpanzee Diary
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6:30	The Planet's Funniest Animals
7:00	Animal X
7:30	Pet Star
8:30	On the Edge Green Blood
9:00	On the Edge Pack Hunters
9:30	Island of Snakes
10:30	Ten Deadliest Sharks

Discovery Channel

10:30	Wild Discovery A Lemur's Tale
11:30	Discovery's Biggest Shows The Future is Wild
1:30	Night Safari Cheetah
2:30	America's Most Haunted Places New Orleans
3:30	For Women Only Sexual Fitness
4:00	Celebrity Doubles
4:30	Wild Discovery African Wild Dogs
5:30	Zach's Ultimate Guide Deadly Bugs
6:00	Physical Science in Action
6:30	Life on the Edge
7:30	Wild Discovery Battle of the Sexes
8:30	Great Leaders Mandela -- The Living Legend
9:30	Colour of War The British Story
10:30	Space and Universe Fireballs From Space
11:30	FBI Files

National Geography

11:30	Mosquito Hell
12:30	Bettle Battles: Kwang Bang
1:30	National Geographic Special
3:30	Finding Elliot-A Remarkable Dinosaur Story
4:30	Backyard Science
4:45	Doc Eureka
5:00	Serious: Arctic
5:30	Snake Wranglers
6:00	Planet Wild
6:30	Ng Explorer
7:30	National Geographic Special
8:30	Explorations
9:30	Hunt For The Death Star
10:30	Air Crash Investigation
11:30	Explorations

STAR SPORTS

9:00	Gillette World Sports Special
9:30	Team India Programming India Glorious
11:00	Diving Fina Grand Prix Diving 2005
1:30	International Motorsports News
2:30	Skins Game Canadian
4:30	The Golf Club (R)
5:00	Golden 4 Track & Field / Golden League
6:00	International Motorsports News
7:00	Formula One Highlights
8:00	Super Centuries (R)
8:30	Cricket Classics Super Doubles (R)
9:00	Malaysian Field Hockey India Vs South Korea (R)
10:30	Gillette World Sports Special)
11:00	Hitz (R)
11:30	Pga Tour Highlights (T)

ESPN

9:30	The Open Championships Scotland Final Round(R)
12:30	Tour De France (S)
1:00	Uk Domestic Cricket Twenty20 Cup 2005 Essex Vs Surrey (T)
3:30	Brazilian Football Brazil Santos Fc Vs Sao Paulo (S)
5:30	School Quiz Show
6:00	Uk Domestic Cricket Twenty20 Cup 2005 Essex Vs Surrey (R)
8:30	Sportscenter India (L)
9:00	Cricket Gold (T)
11:30	Sportscenter India (R)
12:00	School Quiz Show

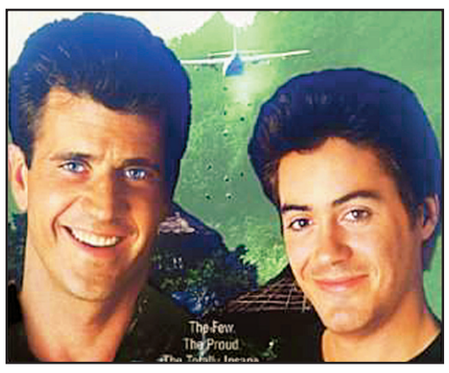
TEN SPORTS

8:15	WWE Heat
10:30	WI v SL, 1st Test Day 5 H/Ls
2:30	Tour De France, Day 15
4:30	Champ Car World Series: Edmonton, CAN
5:30	Legends
7:30	WWE Raw
8:00	This Week in Review

PICK OF THE DAY

Poraner Gaan

On ATN Bangla at 6:20 p.m.
Genre: Documentary on folksong
Host: Mahmuduzzaman Babu



Air America

On HBO at 9:30 p.m.
Genre: Action / Adventure (more)
cast: Lorenzo Lamas, Scott Plank, Diana Barton