

CULTURAL FEAST

Musical Soiree

Organiser: Chhayanaut
Artist: Fatema Tuz Zohra, Khayrul Anam Shakil
Venue: Main Auditorium, Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy
Date: July 29, at 7pm

Title: Gaanar Shondha
Organiser: Amra Shurjomukhi
Artist: Farida Parveen
Venue: Begum Sufia Kamal Auditorium, Bangladesh National Museum
Date: July 29, at 6pm

Title: Songs of Yesteryears
Organiser: Srijon
Venue: Biswa Shahitya Kendra Auditorium
Date: July 30, at 6:05pm

Theatre
Title: Jalbalika
Group: Padadik Nattya Sangsad
Venue: National Theatre Stage, Shilpakala Academy
Date: July 26-28, at 7pm

Film Screening

Theme: Contemporary Russian Films
Organiser: Russian Cultural Centre in cooperation with Stamford University
Venue: Russian Cultural Centre, House 510, Road 7, Dhaka-1205
Date: August 01-02

Exhibition

Title: Imaginings
Artist: Abu Taher
Venue: Bengal Gallery, Dhanmondi
Date: July 27-August 09, from 12pm to 8pm

T-shirt Exhibition

Title: Abar Elo Borsha
Organiser: Nittopohar
Artists: Qyuum Chowdhury, Hashem Khan, Abul Barok Alvi, Sheikh Afzal, Chandra Shekhor Shaha, Dhruva Esh
Venue: Nittopohar, 118/A, Aziz Super Market (2nd floor), Shabbagh
Date: July 23-August 10

Sculpture Exhibition

Artist: Maynul Islam Paul
Venue: La Gallery, Alliance Francaise, 26, Mirpur Road, Dhanmondi
Date: July 22-31, from 9am to 12am and 5pm to 9pm

Photography Exhibition

Title: Impressions 0505
Artist: Kashaf
Venue: Drik Gallery, Dhanmondi
Date: July 25-August 3, from 3pm to 8pm

Classical Music

Organiser: Shuddha Sangeet Proshar Goshthi
Participants: Nazira Faruq, Malobika Das, Mukul Dutta
Venue: Biswa Shahitya Kendra
Date: July 28, at 7pm

Solo Concert

Organiser: Rishijo Shilpi Goshtho
Artist: Fakir Alamgir
Venue: Bangladesh Shilpa Academy Auditorium
Date: July 30, at 7:30pm

Citycell-Channel i Music Awards '04

A boost to our traditional music

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DESHIO Sangeeter Utkarshay. With this slogan, the much-awaited Citycell-Channel i Music Awards for the year 2004 is to be held today at the Ballroom of the Pan Pacific Sonargaon Hotel.

An official announcement to this effect was made at a press conference in Surma Hall of Pan Pacific Sonargaon Hotel yesterday. Faridur Reza Shagar, Managing Director of Channel i, Intekhab Mahmud, Senior Vice President (Sales And Marketing) of Citycell and Taslim Ahmed of Citycell were present at the press conference.

Intekhab Mahmud asserted that the main objective of this award was to promote local music, from pop to folk, mystic to classical and playback to modern songs of Bangladesh. He said, "We have taken this effort to encourage quality Bangla music and musicians. Pop musicians usually get wide recognition, whereas mystic singers or folk singers are not given adequate exposure. We are determined to change this scenario. We will also honour those people who work behind the scenes, including lyricists, composers and instrumentalists."

Musicians and behind-the-scene people will be given awards in 16 different categories, including singers of Tagore, Nazrul, folk, mystic, classical (vocal and instrumental) modern and pop. Other categories are for a lyricist, composer, film songs, music video, band, debutante singer and lifetime achievement award.



The organisers set the ball rolling for the programme by inviting recommendations from the production houses. Subsequently, the production houses sent the organisers copies of audio albums of a certain standard released in 2004. The selection has been made through three steps: primary, secondary and final. A jury board comprising popular and eminent musicians including Ferdousi Rahman, Sudhin Das, Gazi Mazharul Anwar, Ajit Roy, Ila Majumdar, Khurshid Khan, Subir Nandi, Shujee Shyam, Khairul Anam Shakil, Mridulkanti Chakravarti, Fatema-tuz Zohra and Fakir Alamgir, has chosen the names for final selection. The winners of Citycell-Channel i Music Awards 2004 have been selected by the musicians of Jury Board.

Shagar said, "Measures have been taken to ensure an unbiased selection process." Intekhab added, "As an important tool of popularising music, quality music videos will be awarded. In the next Citycell-Channel i Music Awards, we will consider creating different categories for other important features such as sound engineers and artists who design album covers."

Faridur Reza Shagar said, "In my view this is an award solely dedicated to music in Bangladesh. And we want to invite all the people related to music in this programme. The award giving ceremony has been organised for a sizeable TV audience; we are expecting two crore TV viewers to watch the show."

The award giving ceremony will be telecast on Channel i on August 12 at 7:50pm.

Folk musical soiree in Barisal



Baul singers perform at Barisal Government Girls School

CULTURAL CORRESPONDENT

The artists of the Palli Baul Samaj Unnayan Sangstha (PBSUS) organised a musical soiree recently at Barisal Zilla School, Government Girls School and Brojomohan High School. A large number of school-going boys and girls took part in the programme by dancing and singing.

The participants needed to be better informed about the country's mystic poets such as Lalon Fakir, Hason Raja, Radha Romon and Bijoy Shankar. Equally, there was room for increasing their knowledge about traditional musical instruments. Some people described the sarinda as an esraj, others as a dotara, while still others identified it as a violin. The programme sought to bridge this information gap by orienting enthusiastic students with 10 types of traditional musical instruments.

The director of the American Centre Jonathan Sebra presented the audio CD titled Matr Pinjira to the participating schools. Sebra said to the students, "You don't have to ignore your culture and heritage. You should learn to love and respect your culture. In the age of globalisation, the culture of many countries will face aggression. Bangladesh may face similar situations. The American Embassy intends to be a part of this development by promoting the authentic culture and heritage of Bangladesh".

The president of the organisation, Ferdousi Nazma presented a detailed account on Baul and folk singers. Ultimately the new generation will benefit from such countrywide awareness programmes.

Tête-à-tête with Khairul Islam
A new face on small screen

CULTURAL CORRESPONDENT

Khairul Islam Pakhi is a promising actor of the small screen. At present, three different TV channels are telecasting serials where he performs spontaneously in diverse characters. Channel i airs Shampurno Rongin, directed and written by Ferdous Hasan where Pakhi plays a villain, controlling the film industry. He portrays an automobile engineer with extraordinary power in Britto, directed and written by Ahmed Eusuf Saber, which is aired on ATN Bangla. BTV is broadcasting a serial titled Shantikunjo where he faces the problems of a bachelor in an urban life.



About his work that has satisfied him as an actor, Pakhi says "I think my best performance was in Shilpee, the first package serial on BTV, directed and written by Mamunur Rashid. Besides that, I was gratified with my performance in Tagore's Chirokumar Shova and in Tias, a single episode drama, both directed by Subarna Mustafa. Pakhi has also directed a number of talk shows, game shows and quiz competitions. To quote Pakhi, "I initiated this trend and successfully arranged a game show on Channel i, aired in 1997-98, Hing Ting Chhot, a full fledged game show, was telecast on BTV in 2003. I received great response from the audience as a director."

Humayan Faridi was my breakthrough performance on stage where I played the lead role," he says. Another noteworthy performance was in Joiboti Kannyar Mon, directed by Nasiruddin Yousoff. Pakhi has also directed a number of talk shows, game shows and quiz competitions. To quote Pakhi, "I initiated this trend and successfully arranged a game show on Channel i, aired in 1997-98, Hing Ting Chhot, a full fledged game show, was telecast on BTV in 2003. I received great response from the audience as a director."

A week-long photography exhibition is on at the National Institute of Mass Communication (NIMCO) in Kalyanpur Darussalam, says a press release. Twenty three photographers, working in different government and non-government organisations, have participated in the exhibition, titled Rajdhanir Shukhdukho. Director General of NIMCO, Syed Mahbubur Rahman inaugurated the exhibition on July 24. The exhibition is open all till July 30 from 10am to 3pm everyday.



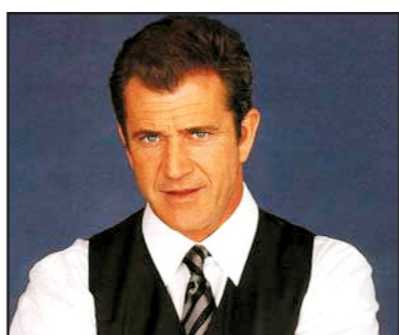
Gibson's Apocalypto is close

In The Passion of the Christ, Mel Gibson revived the Aramaic language. For his next movie, he'll give new life to an ancient Greek term.

Apocalypto is the title of Gibson's next self-financed epic. Shooting is scheduled to begin in October, and a summer 2006 release is planned.

The film is described as an action picture, set 3,000 years in the past. Details otherwise are sketchy, and that's the way Gibson apparently wants it. According to sources, the star requested studio executives to read the script at his offices, less any pages get leaked.

As Gibson did with Passion, the Oscar-winning multifaceted talent is directing, writing and producing, but not starring. Also like Passion, his Icon Productions is footing the bill. While Hollywood studios were reluctant to distribute the religious epic that ended up grossing more than \$611 million worldwide—the independent company Newmarket Films handled the honours. This time Disney beat out rivals for the distribution rights for Apocalypto.



Apocalypto is a Greek term meaning unveiling. It is not to be confused with Apocalypso, the 2003 album by vocalist Rita Calypso, or apparently even apocalyptic, the adjective of biblical doom. In fact, according to Gibson, Apocalypto is "not religious in theme."

In Passion, Gibson retold the final hours of Jesus' life, often in excruciating detail. Though movies dealing with religious figures hadn't been welcomed by the masses since the 1950s, Gibson's was, and found itself credited with bringing audiences from all groups back to theatres. One group Passion didn't click with, however, was Oscar voters. The film, accused by some as a work that would fuel anti-Semitism, took home zero awards. Overall, the film earned three nominations, not one of which was for Gibson, who'd won two Oscars for directing and producing Braveheart. Since the passions over Passion died down, Gibson has focused on television—he produced two short-lived shows, Clubhouse and Complete Savages. Except for a cameo in Complete Savages, and some supporting work in independent films, Gibson, the actor, hasn't starred in a Hollywood movie since 2002's Signs.

Compiled by Cultural Correspondent

Bhatt plans movie on Perveen Babi

Director Mahesh Bhatt known for his 'true story' inspired movies, is now planning a movie on late actress Perveen Babi. The film is tentatively titled Actress. Apart from Babi's life, the movie is also heavily inspired by the American movie Gia, based on supermodel Gia Carangi.

Prior to this, Bhatt's Arth generated much controversy, as it was supposedly based on Bhatt's relationship with his wife and his extra-marital affair with Babi. Sources reveal that Bipasha Basu had been approached for the role, which she turned down as she feels that she would be too tall for the male lead Emraan Hashmi.

Bhatt is now considering Deepal Shaw and Pakistani actress Meera's sister Aqsa, for the role.

Source: Internet



Stones come back with a "Bang"

The Rolling Stones' A Bigger Bang isn't just the legendary rock act's first new album in eight years -- it's also their most substantial since 1972's Exile on Main Street. Due on September 6 via Virgin, the set features 16 new tracks, including the singles Streets of Love and Rough Justice, which will be released on August 22 in the UK on CD and seven-inch vinyl.

A Bigger Bang also boasts two tracks sung by guitarist Keith Richards (Infamy and This Place Is Empty) as well as Oh No, No, No You Again, which the Stones premiered during a May press conference at New York's Juilliard School to announce their 2005 tour.

The album is rounded out by such tracks as Back of My Hand, Rain Fall Down, Laugh, I Nearly Died and It Won't Take Long. Production was supplied by Don Was in tandem with Richards and Mick Jagger.

Was served as a co-producer on the Stones' last studio album, 1997's Bridges to Babylon, which has sold 1.16 million copies in the United States, according to Nielsen SoundScan.

Source: Internet

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. CHANNL-1 News (Bangla) at 7:00 am, 10:00 am, 2:00 pm, 7:00 pm, 10:00 pm, 11pm. News (English) 8:20am, 7:00pm. ntv 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. Tara BANGLA News Headlines (Bangla) at 5:30 pm, 7:30 pm. Tara News (Bangla) at 8:30 pm, 11:30 pm. BBC WORLD Every hour on the hour.

BTV

07:15 Open University
08:15 Shubhechha Nin
09:05 Musical Programme
09:25 Shashwato Jibon
09:35 Satellite Programme
12:30 Shashtho Tathya
01:30 Selected Programme
02:05 Khetley Khetley Computer
02:30 Bangla Feature Film
05:05 Protyashar Alo
05:30 Dhrupodi
07:00 News Headlines, Share Market, Weather Forecast
07:05 Grantha Bhubon
07:40 Egiye Cholar Pothey
07:35 Rekha O Lekha
08:30 Weekly Drama: Shangsharik Jog
10:25 Teknaf Theke Tetulia
10:30 Rimjhim
12:05 Satellite Programme
CHANNL-i
09:30 Shongbad Potrey
09:45 Trito Matra
11:30 Drama Serial: Din Choley Jal
12:00 TVC Sky Shop
12:30 Aaj Dupurey O Citicell
01:25 Public Reaction
03:10 Hridoye Mati O
04:20 Agora Shopping Guide
04:45 Sa Re Ga Ma
05:15 Janapader Khobor
05:30 RC Tones and Tunes
06:00 Music Plus
06:30 Amar Chhobi
07:50 Drama Serial: Fanush
08:25 Drama Serial:

09:35 Albatross
10:00 Drama Serial: Shompurna Rangin
ATN BANGLA
10:30 Onnodishti
11:35 Kobita O Ganey
12:20 Concert: Live Dharmaka
02:27 Muktiuddher Ei Diney
03:50 ATN Rannaghar
04:25 Shumdar Jiboner Jonno
04:45 Ispahani Pure Snax
05:10 Quiz Time
05:10 Bangla Namer Desh
05:45 Islami Sawal O Jawab (live)
06:20 Mortal Combat
08:00 Conquest
08:00 Drama Serial: Char Deyalar Chand
08:30 Drama Serial: Ferari Cyren
09:00 Drama Serial: Britto
09:30 Drama Serial: Mohona
10:35 Char Deyalar Kabjoyo
12:20 Cinema Cinema
HBO
10:30 Bal To 2: The Wolf
12:00 Primal Fear
12:30 Gotti
4:45 HBO Sneak Peek: Charlie's Angels: Full Throttle
7:45 Darkness Falls
9:30 Blood Sport
11:30 Anger Management
1:45 Fallen
STAR MOVIES
11:45 Dance With Me
4:00 Blind Horizon
3:40 Bottle Rocket
5:15 Sin Eater The

PICK OF THE DAY
Amar Chhobi
Hosted by Shafuzzaman Khan and Shameem Alam
Tonight's guest: Afzal Hossain
STAR WORLD
10:30 The Practise
11:30 Rockstar
12:30 J.A.G.
1:30 Magnum P.I.
2:30 Oprah Winfrey Show
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 Invasion Iowa
9:00 Growing Up Gotti
9:30 Rockstar
10:00 Arrested Development
10:30 Police Stop
ANIMAL PLANET
11:00 The Crocodile Hunter Diaries
11:30 Big Five, Little Five Elephant
1:00 Animal X
1:30 Animal Miracles
2:30 Action Big Cat
4:30 Big Five, Little Five Elephant
6:30 The Planet's Funniest Animals
7:00 Animal X Komodo Dragon
7:30 Animal Miracles
8:30 Action Big Cat Temple Of The Tigers

9:30 Action Big Cat Leopard Hunters
10:30 The Natural World Year Of The Jackal
11:30 Big Five, Little Five Lion
DISCOVERY
11:00 Wild Discovery
11:30 Yatra
12:00 Amazing Baby Videos
12:30 Battlefield Detectives
1:30 Great Cars
2:00 One Step Beyond
2:30 Horror Stories
3:00 Celebrity Doubles
3:30 Great Romances of the 20th Century Charlie Chaplin & Cona
4:30 Wild Discovery Probscis Monkey
5:00 Endurance
5:30 Zach's Ultimate Guide Big Cats
7:00 Discovery Wings
7:30 Raw Nature
8:30 World's Best Light Shows
9:30 Triumph of Life Brain Power
10:30 Science Frontiers
11:30 Reasonable Doubt Guilty or Innocent?
NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC
10:30 Interpol Investigates
11:30 Super Croc
12:30 The Vanishing Tattoo
1:30 Self-Portrait
2:30 Interpol Investigates
3:30 National Geographic Special
4:30 Backyard Science
4:45 Doc Eureka
5:00 Serious: Jungle
5:30 Snake Wranglers
6:00 Planet Wild
6:30 Ng Explorer
7:30 National Geographic Special
8:30 Frontlines Of Construction
9:30 Autobahn
10:30 Seconds From Disaster
11:30 Spine Chillers
STAR SPORTS
7:30 Atp Tennis Rca Championships 2005 Indianapolis In Usa Men's Semifinal Match #2(R)
11:30 Tna Wrestling Programming Tna Wrestling (R)
12:30 World Pool Championships 2005 Kaohsiung City Chinese Taipei Da Y 71st Session(T) Championship Kaohsiung City Chinese Taipei Da Y 72nd Session(T)
4:30 Tna Impact (T)
5:30 Imaf Track & Field Highlight Programing Imaf World Youth Championships 2005 (T)
6:30 Malaysian Field Hockey 14th Sultan Azlan Shah Cup India Vs Malaysia 5th/6th Placing(T)
12:30 Diving Fina Grand Prix Diving 2005 Electrostal Russia (R)
2:00 The Senior Open Championships 2005 Senior British Open Championship Portrush Northern Ireland Third Round(R)
5:30 School Quiz Show Espn School Quiz 2005 (T)
6:00 Uk Domestic Cricket Twenty20 Cup 2005 Warwickshire Vs Somerset (R)
8:30 Sportscenter Sportscenter India (L)
11:00 U.S. Senior Open Golf Championship Kettering Oh Usa First Round(L)
TEN SPORTS
11:30 Legends: Lewis v Tyson
1:30 WI v SL, 2nd Test Day
3:00 European Tour Weekly
3:30 ATP Tennis
5:30 Battle at the Bridges 05
6:30 WWE: The Bottom Line
7:00 Great Centuries
8:00 Transworld Sports: Ep