

CULTURAL FEAS

Poetry Recitation
Title: Bhuley Jetey Bhuley Jai
Organiser: Muktohdhara Shangshkriti Charcha Kendra
Artist: Rafiqul Islam
Venue: National Theatre Stage, Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy
Date: August 05, at 7pm

Special Programme
Occasion: Hiroshima Day
Programme: Commemorative meeting participated by children
Venue: Liberation War Museum, Shegun Bagicha
Date: August 06, at 5pm

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

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

Artist: Shulekha Chaudhury
Venue: Alliance Francaise, 26, Mirpur Road, Dhanmondi
Date: August 05-19, From 9am to 12am and 5pm to 9pm

T-shirt Exhibition
Title: Abar Elo Borsha
Organiser: Nittopohar
Artists: Qyyum Chowdhury, Hashem Khan, Abul Barok Alvi, Sheikh Afzal, Chandra Shekhor Shaha, Dhruva Esh
Venue: Nittopohar, 118/A, Aziz Super Market (2nd floor), Shahbagh
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: Kshef
Venue: Drik Gallery, Dhanmondi
Date: July 25-August 3, from 3pm to 8pm

Title: Russia: Country and People
Occasion: The Day of State Flag of the Russian Federation
Venue: Russian Cultural Centre, House 510, Road 7, Dhaka-1205
Date: August 16-25

Fundraiser

Chhayanaut's musical soiree

KARIM WAHEED

CHHAYANAUT, a leading music school, has been organising fundraisers for the construction of it's new building for a year and a half. On July 29, Chhayanaut held a musical soiree at the main auditorium, Shilpakala Academy. Noted artistes Khayrul Anam Shakil and Fatema Tuz Zohra performed at the event.

Shakil, general secretary and a teacher of Chhayanaut, is a favourite among Nazrul song admirers. He began with the rendition of *Nohey nohey priyoi e noy aankhijol*, followed by other Nazrul songs *Bhoriya poran shunitechhi gaan*, *Keu bholey na key bholey*, *Mor ghumoghorey eley monohor* and *Kano diley e kaanta jodigo kushum diley*. Of course any musical event where Nazrul songs are performed in the month of *Sraban* would be incomplete without *Shaon-o*

raatey jodi. This widely performed song didn't sound overplayed as Shakil's distinct style and diction captured the melancholic mood of someone thinking of his/her long-lost beloved.

The artiste also performed a Tagore song *Pothey choley jetey jetey*, a song of Atul Prasad *Eka mor gaaner tori bhashichhillam noyonjoley*, a song of Rajnikant *Modhuro shey mukh-khani kokhono ki bhola jay* and a song of Himangshu Dutta *Chhilo chand megher parey*.

Shakil then rendered three *adhunik* (modern) songs. The first number, *Lokey boley raag naki anurager ainala*, was written by Gazi Mazharul Anwar. It was composed and originally performed by Sattya Shaha. The performance was followed by *Ami atojoy tomaye bhalobeshechhi* and *Borney gondhey chhondey geetiley hridoye diyechho dola*. Shakil ended his performance



Khayrul Anam Shakil (L) performing at the event

with a rendition of *Padmar dheurey*, a request from the audience.

Fatema Tuz Zohra started her performance with a Nazrul song *Gobheer nishithey ghum bhengey jai*, followed by *Chirodin kaharo shoman nahi jai*. She then performed *Ami purobo desher puronari*, an all-time favourite. In fact, she sings the song with such finesse that some go so far as to say that she owns the song. Fatema also performed other Nazrul songs *Tumi shundor tai cheye thaki priyo*, *Tomari aankhir moto akasher duti tara*, *Tumi laho prabhu amar shongsharer bhar* and *Ato joi oi kajol chokhey*.

The artiste performed a song of DL Roy *Aaj tomar kachhey bhashiya jai* and a song written and composed by herself *Amar kolpona chhilo*.

Fatema rendered *adhunik* songs *Kichhukhon aro nahoy*

rohitey kachhey, *Tumi jey amar*, folk songs *Amar maiija bhai shaiija bhai*, *Shohag chand bodoni dhoni nachoto dekh*i and *Jejon premer bhaab janey na* that received rounds of applause. The artiste performed a song from the movie *Shutorang*. *Tumi ashbey boley bhalobashbey boley*. The song was originally performed by Anjuman Ara Begum. Fatema fondly remembered the deceased artiste and dedicated the song to her.

Both the artistes demonstrated their versatility through songs of different genres. *Tabla*, *mandira*, violin and the acoustic guitar were good accompaniments with the songs. Although the keyboard added extra melody to some songs, it sounded out of place and loud at times. All in all, the effort was commendable.



Fatema Tuz Zohra rendering a song

The King of comedy is no more

Bob Hope, the legendary comedian whose quick wit, daring personality and ski-sloped nose made him an icon of 20th-century entertainment, has died. He was 100.

Hope died at 9:28 pm Sunday last at his home in Toluca Lake, north of Hollywood. His death came less than two months after his 100th birthday, which was celebrated May 29.

"Dad had an amazing send-off. All of the family was together with him and he died very peacefully," his daughter Linda said at a press conference. "I don't think you could have asked for a more peaceful, beautiful death. And I think all the good vibes that he put out during his lifetime came back to take him up."

Hope's career covered almost every example of mass entertainment of the 20th century. He first earned fame on the vaudeville circuit, starred on the Broadway stage, moved over to movies and radio, then made generations laugh with five decades of television specials.

Moreover, he was a tireless stage performer, particularly when



it came to military audiences. Hope was synonymous with entertaining U.S. troops, putting on shows during World War II, Korea, Vietnam and on through the 1991 Persian Gulf War.

Hope's efforts earned him the titles of "Mr. Entertainment" and "The King of Comedy." He appeared in more than 75 films, starred in more than 475 TV programs and 1,000-plus radio

programs.

Most of all, he was a master of the one-liners -- and he was often his own best target. "I want to tell you, I was built like an athlete once -- big chest, hard stomach. Of course, that's all behind me now," went one of his jokes.

And, referring to his frequent Oscar duties but lack of success at winning, one year he welcomed audiences to the Academy Awards -- "or, as it's called at my house, Passover."

Even presidents -- many of whom he counted as friends -- weren't immune to his barbs. "I bumped into Gerald Ford the other day," went another gag. "I said, 'Pardon me.' He said, 'I don't do that anymore.'"

"Bob Hope made us laugh, and he lifted our spirits," said President Bush.

He also issued a proclamation calling Hope one of the nation's "great treasures" and declared that flags at US government buildings, installations and military posts around the world would be flown at half-staff on the day of Hope's interment.

Source: CNN.com

Theatre

Faridpur Theatre presents Kajol Rekha

CULTURAL CORRESPONDENT

Mymensingh-Geetika embodies numerous folklores. It is a collection of *Pala* by the bards and poets of greater Mymensingh region compiled by Dr Dinesh Chondro Sen. *Kajol Rekha* is one such tale that has been attained mass popularity. Faridpur Theatre, Dhaka's 25th production *Kajol Rekha*, adapted by Zahid Ripon, was staged at the Experimental Theatre Stage, Shilpakala, on July 29.



Artistes during the rehearsal of the play

The play starts with a chorus introducing the early life of Kajol Rekha, the daughter of a wealthy merchant. However, her father loses his wealth while gambling and is, therefore, unable to arrange her marriage. At this moment, a mendicant appears on stage to show him the way out by giving him a *Shuk Pakhi* (a bird symbolising happiness) and orders him to follow its advice. According to the suggestions of the *Shuk Pakhi*, he deserts his daughter in a forest where she finds a dead prince in an old temple. Kajol Rekha adopts the path of renunciation in the hope that the prince will come alive and they could be married. Thus the play's plot unfolds.

During the adaptation of the play, director Zahid Ripon has fused several new elements to the original story such as the chorus in the very

first sequence, the scene of Kajol Rekha with her brother in the garden. His approach to the play is quite contemporary. Showing the dark side of gambling, he portrays the negative aspects of the society and interrelates these items with the story of the play.

Zahid has successfully presented the play in the form of *Bangla Lokonattyo*, an indigenous genre of Bangla drama. The performers symbolised boat, temple and forest in accordance with the sequences

by using their body and scarf. The music composition of the play drew a sizeable audience as the lyrics are taken from popular folk songs.

Pragnya Laboni as Kajol Rekha, Majedur Rahman Royal as an old minister and Salauddin Sumon as Sonadhori were impressive. However, the choreography and light design needs to be improved.

Kajol Rekha is a group production. The body language and performance of the artistes deserve kudos.



D ROCK STARS a musical talent hunt to discover 10 rock stars of Bangladesh, was launched on July 27, says a press release. Sponsored by Juice, a youth brand of GrameenPhone Ltd, the programme is endorsed by popular musician Ayub Bachchu. The rock stars will be chosen to sing with Bachchu in his next album and will also be a part of his countrywide tour. To participate, aspiring singers between the age of 18-28 can send cassettes or CDs demonstrating their vocal skills to the organisers. The top 30 singers will be chosen by Bachchu. After the preliminary round, a TV show with the selected 30 participants will be telecast. The viewers will vote to choose the top 10 D rock stars through sms.

Mallika in Varma's new chiller

While most in Bollywood might have never dreamt of such an incongruous casting combination, it actually has taken place. Ram Gopal Varma has signed Mallika Sherawat for his under-production film *Dama Zaroori Hai*. This comes in as a slight surprise because both the personalities come from quite different sensibilities and schools of filmmaking. There was buzz on this happening in the industry for quite some time now but Varma has finally given his okay to the casting. What needs to be seen is whether Varma will cash in on Mallika's sensuous image or give her a complete makeover?

More on *Dama Zaroori Hai*: it is a thriller planned as a sequel to Varma's earlier experimental multi-starrer *Dama Mana Hai*. This long in the making film promises to be bigger and better in terms of its star cast and execution. The sequel, like its predecessor, will also have six separate episodes that will converge to a single common climax and this time each episode will be directed by a different director. Varma has already completed one episode starring Amitabh Bachchan and Riteish Deshmukh. Prawal Raman, Sajid Khan, Jijy Philip, Rohit Jugraj (director of *James*) will be directing the other chapters. The movie also stars Anil Kapoor, Randeeep Hooda and other big names.



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.
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.

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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, 7:30 pm.
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

07:30 Shubhechha Nin
08:15 Musical Programme
09:00 Satellite Programmes
12:15 Shangbadporei Pata Thekey
12:30 Shasthya Tatthya
01:05 Musical Programme
02:05 Selected Programme
02:30 Cookery Show
03:35 Shukhi Ponbar
04:05 Cartoon Film
04:30 Amar Desh
06:00 Khabor: Desh Janapad
06:10 Geetanjali
06:35 Programmes of Chittagong Centre
07:00 News Headlines, Share Market and Weather Forecast
07:05 Mati O Manush
07:30 My Three Sisters
08:30 Drama Serial: Teroi April
09:00 Drama Serial: Swapno Shonar Gaon
10:25 Teknaf Theke Tetulia
10:30 Shomoyer Shanglag
12:05 Satellite Programmes

CHANNEL-i

09:45 Tritiya Matra
10:30 Tele Prescription
11:30 Hridoye Mati O Manush
12:00 TVC Sky Shop
12:30 Aj Dupurey O Citycell Tarokakathon
01:00 Ebong Cinemar Gaan
01:25 Public Reaction
01:30 Shangbadporey Bangladesh
02:30 Special Programme
04:45 Sa Re Ga Ma
05:30 Special Programme
06:00 Music Plus
06:30 Talk Show: Kara Alaap
07:50 Let's Move
08:25 Rupkatha
09:35 Drama Serial: 69

ATN BANGLA

10:00 Drama Serial: Arshi
10:30 Annodrishti
11:05 Drama Serial: Ek Janamey
11:35 Cine Aha
12:15 Adibashi Janapad
12:50 Musical Programme
01:25 Sharnali Shadkalo
02:27 Muktiuddher Ei Diney
02:30 Drama Serial: Ghunpoka
03:15 Drama Serial: O Amar Chhokhu Nai
03:50 Adibashi Janapad
05:10 Shasthya Thakun Live
05:45 Islami Sawal O Jawab
06:25 Three Stooges
08:00 Drama Serial: Jol Porey Pata Norey
08:30 Drama Serial: The New Shabuj Opera
09:00 Drama Serial: Nirey Taar Neel Dheu
09:30 Drama Serial: Mohona
10:35 Business This Week
12:20 Goalini-Bindon Bichitra Beauty Contest-2004

HBO

8:30 The Weight of Water
10:45 Seeing Double
12:45 Control Factor
2:30 Beetlejuice
4:30 The Hunted
6:45 The Avengers
8:30 Vampire in Brooklyn
10:30 Sex and the city 56: My Motherboard, My self
11:15 Lara croft Tomb Raider: The Cradle of Life
1:30 Clear and Present Danger
4:15 The Hunted
8:40 Madeline
10:10 Stuart Little
11:40 28 Days Later

PICK OF THE DAY

Let's Move
On Channel i at 7:50pm
Hosted by Farzana Brownia
Guests: Razzak, Khaled Mahmud Sujan and Mohammad Ashraful

One Tree Hill
On Star World at 10:00pm
Genre: Drama/Sport
Cast: Chad Michael Murray, James Lafferty, Hilarie Burton, Bethany Joy Lenz, Paul Johansson, Sophia

1:25 Down With Love
3:10 Preacher's Wife
5:15 Agent Cody Banks
7:00 Terminator 2: Judgment Day
9:15 Die Hard 2: Die Harder

STAR GOLD

8:25 Kuch Hit Kuch Superhit
8:30 Maya
12:30 Badal
2:30 Doodh Ka Karz
3:30 Maya
9:00 TheInspelsWearsSkirts &Skirts II

STAR PLUS

8:30 Chupa Rustam
9:00 Taaza Hits
9:05 Hit Filmein Hit Sangeet- 20 M

9:30 Kahani Jurm Ki
10:00 Hit Filmein Hit Sangeet- 20 M
10:30 Dharam Aur Hum
11:25 Film Topper
12:30 Jai Ganga Maiya
Hit Filmein Hit Sangeet- 20 M
Taaza Hits
2:00 Star Bestsellers
2:05 Hit Filmein Hit Sangeet- 20 M
2:25 Film Topper
6:00 Musafirhoonya
6:30 Aladdin
7:00 Hercules
7:25 Film Topper
7:30 Piya Bina
8:00 Pardey Ke Peechey
8:30 Khulja Sim Sim

9:30 Sawa
STAR WORLD
8:30 The Practice
9:30 Parkinson
10:30 The Bold & The Beautiful
12:30 Adventure Divas
1:00 Travel Asia
1:30 The King Of Queens
2:00 Yes Dear
2:30 Boston Public
3:30 The Kumars At No. 42
4:00 Arrested Development
4:30 Desperate Housewives
5:30 One Tree Hill
6:30 Tru Calling
7:30 The Collector
8:30 Tna Xplosion
9:30 Prisoners Out Of Control
10:30 Little Britain
11:00 Little Britain

11:30 Cops
12:00 Stark Raving Mad

ANIMAL PLANET

8:30 The Planet's Funniest Animals
9:30 On the Edge Search for a Super Croc
10:30 Growing Up Wild Wolves
11:30 Pet Star
12:30 The Natural World
Meerkats
1:30 The Crocodile Hunter
2:00 Diaries
2:30 Up Close and Dangerous
4:30 Action Big Cat Leopard
5:30 Hunters
5:30 Growing Up Wild Wolves

6:30 Pet Star
7:30 Animal Planet Insights
8:30 Animal Behavior Badly
9:30 Animal Planet Showcase
Natural Born Sinners
10:30 TV With Teeth Coyote
11:30 English Big Cats
12:00 Animals Planet's Funniest Animals

DISCOVERY

8:30 Discovery Wings
9:30 Super Sunday Love
Hurts
10:30 Super Sunday the Love Lab
11:30 Discover India The Darjeeling Himalayan Railway
12:30 Junkyard Wars
1:30 Discovery Wings Aviation Security
2:30 72 Hours
3:00 Casino Diaries
3:30 Amazing Baby Videos
4:00 Healthy Living
4:30 Wild Discovery
5:30 Mystery Hunters
6:00 Endurance
6:30 Adventure Crazy
7:00 African Adventures
7:30 Wild Discovery
8:30 Discovery's Biggest Shows
10:30 Night Safari
11:30 America's Most Haunted Places

NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC

8:30 National Geographic Special
9:30 Dogs With Jobs
10:30 Dogs With Jobs
10:30 Backyard Science
10:45 Doc Eureka
11:00 Serious: Desert
11:30 Backyard Science
11:45 Doc Eureka
12:00 Serious: Desert

12:30 Wildlife Detectives
1:00 Crittercam-Wildtech Adventures
1:30 Storm Stories
2:00 Storm Stories
2:30 National Geographic Special
3:30 Frontlines Of Construction
4:30 Autobahn
5:30 Unlocking Da Vinci's Code: The Full Story
7:30 Cheating Death
8:30 Chasing Time
9:30 Chasing Time
10:00 Football Fever
10:30 Croc Chronicles S2
11:00 Croc Chronicles
11:30 Animals Like Us

ESPN

8:30 Sportscenter Week In Review (T)
9:00 School Quiz Show ESPN School Quiz 2005 (R)
11:30 Hitz (R)
12:00 Cricket Gold (T)
2:00 I'd Do Anything (R)
3:00 Sportscenter Week In Review (R)
3:30 Hitz (R)
4:00 UK Domestic Cricket Twenty20 Cup 2005 Semifinal 1(L)
10:00 UK Domestic Cricket Twenty20 Cup 2005 Final(L)

STAR SPORTS

8:30 Team India Programming India Glorious (R)
10:00 Team India Programming India Glorious (R)
11:30 Formula One Highlights 2005 Formula One Highlights Hockenheim Germany Mobil 1 German Grand Prix
12:30 Icc Cricket World (T)
1:30 Golf Focus (R)

2:00 Malaysian Field Hockey
14th Sultan Azlan Shah Cup India Vs Malaysia 5th/6th Placing(R)
3:00 Football Asia (T)
3:30 Nba Inside Stuff (R)
4:00 IAAF Track & Field Highlight Programming IAAF World Youth Championships 2005 (R)
5:23 Formula One Qualifying 2005 Formula One Saturday Qualifying Budapest Hungary Hungarian Grand Pri X Qualifying(L)
6:00 Gillette World Sports Special Gillette World Sports 2005 (R)
6:30 Tri-Nations Series Rugby Rugby Hq Asia (L)
7:00 Tri-Nations Series Rugby South Africa Vs Australia (L)
9:00 Malaysian Field Hockey 14th Sultan Azlan Shah Cup Pakistan Vs New Zealand 3rd & 4th Placing(R)
10:30 Malaysian Field Hockey 14th Sultan Azlan Shah Cup Australia Vs South Korea Final(R)

TEN SPORT

8:00 Trans World Sports
9:00 WWE Velocity
9:30 World Rally
10:00 Winning Post Ep 7
1:30 Goodwood
2:30 Straight Drive
5:40 India v Sri Lanka 1st ODI 1st Session
6:40 India v Sri Lanka 2nd Session
10:25 India v Sri Lanka 2nd Session
11:00 Straight Drive
12:00 WWE Experience