ULTURAL FEAS

Poetry Recitation

Title: Bhuley Jetey Bhuley Jai Organiser: Muktodhara Shangshkriti Charcha Kendra Artiste: 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 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

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

1st solo print exhibition Artist: Taeko Maezawa Venue: Zainul Gallery Date: August 01-07, From 2pm to 8pm

T-shirt Exhibition

Title: Abar Elo Borsha Organiser: Nittopohar Artists: Qyyum Chowdhury, Hashem Khan, Abul Barok Alvi, Sheikh Afzal, Chandra Shekhor Shaha, Dhruba

Venue: Nittopohar, 118/A, Aziz Super Market (2nd floor), Shahbagh Date: July 23-August 10

Photography Exhibition

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

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 **Theatre**

Title: Bhager Manush Group: Samay Sangskritik Goshthi Playwright: Mannan Heera Director: Aly Zaker Venue: Mahila Samity Stage Date: August 5, at 7 p.m.

Concert

Title: Save Hridov Organiser: BUET Students Bands: BAMBA associate bands Venue: BUET playground Date: August 04, 11a.m.

Theatre

The Broken Dreams: Zeroing on child trafficking

KAVITA CHARANJI

ORINA was trafficked at the age of seven from a village fair. She is now in Karachi in unfamiliar surroundings. She turns her eyes to the birds in the sky and dreams of winging her way back to her motherland Bangladesh.

Moina, a motherless girl trafficked by her stepmother, finds herself in a Mumbai brothel. However try as she might, she is unable to return to her family.

These shocking real life stories on child trafficking were depicted in the theatre performance, The Broken Dreams, which was staged at the auditorium of the Bangladesh National Museum recently. The organiser was the Centre for Ethnic Children (CEC), an NGO and nonprofit institution which strives to uphold the right of children and women, with a special focus on indigenous children.

The 600-strong audience comprised of intellectuals, illiterate people, theatre personalities, urbanites, members of the donor agencies, NGOs, journalists, students and officials of international organisations. "The response from the audience was overwhelming," savs Zillur Rahman John, director of



A captivating scene from the play

CEC. pantomime artiste, teacher. author and founder director of Dhaka Pantomime, Adds John, who has directed the play, "Child trafficking is a very critical issue. We have chosen this as a subject because, particularly in the rural areas, many incidents such as

trafficking occur widely. They are rooted in the lack of education and employment, among other factors. Theatre has the might to depict such

The Broken Dreams fuses mime, pantomime and silent acting techniques. Mime is a performance based on gestures, pantomime (story related) and silent acting. In silent acting sets can be used along with props such as sticks, cloth and

Dhaka is not the only locale for The Broken Dreams. The play, under the name of Shishu Pacharer Itikatha, is to go out into the rural areas, especially the Indian border belt areas. The programme begins on August 2 from the district Panchagarh. Then it will go to Dinajpur, Thakurgaon, Chittagong and Cox's Bazar. Finally the curtains will come down by January 2006.

John expects a highly favourable response to Shishu Pacharer Itikatha in the rural areas. For the last two or three years, the organisers have staged similar performances to a 2,500-strong rural audience in each show at the minimum, going up to a maximum of

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The programme does not end with a curtain call. Just after the performance, the actors share notes with the audience about the latter's reaction and the message of the production. This information is documented in questionnaires (with 35 questions) and covers the issue of child trafficking, cases and the villager's awareness level before and after the theatre production, among others.

John firmly believes that theatre is an important catalyst in bringing about the transformation of the rural pockets. According to him there have been slow but sure changes in tackling the child trafficking issue. "Though the rural denizens are illiterate, they have feelings and the capability to comprehend serious issues if we can give them explanations in a simple, artistic and emotional manner," concludes John, who believes that theatre can help society as a major tool to reduce child trafficking, child labour and HIV/AIDS, among other burning



" My kids simply love my home cooked dishes" -- Kabori



The quintessential 'village belle' on screen, "Kabori" underwent a metamorphosis from Meena Pal to her present persona. She ranks as a highly skilled actress of Dhallywood. Her first movie, Shutorang was the first Bangla blockbuster and won accolades at the Frankfurt Asian Film Festival in 1964. Paired with Razzak, Kabori heralded the golden age of Bangladeshi cinema. Rongbaaz, Abirbhab, Moinamoti, Aguntok, Anirban, Chokher Joley, Upohar and several others enthralled the critics as well as the masses and she's still going strong. Here's a reflection of the real Kabori

How did you set foot in filmdom?

I was hardly 13, when Shubhash Dutta gave me the first break in 1964. He was my first on screen hero and I still consider him my mentor. I acted in Shutorang under Shubhash Da's direction and, coincidentally after 40 years, in 2004 Shubhash Da acted in the movie Aaina under my direction. Most memorable experience..

It was sometime in April 1971. The Liberation War had started. We had to cross the border for safety. We were refugees with little knowledge of what the future held for us. Though I am not a public speaker, I had to deliver a speech in front of a sizeable audience in Kolkata. I delivered a speech using my name without hesitation, urging to the world to help stop the genocide in our country

Although my family members were still in Chittagong, living in grave danger, they were very proud of my stance. Later, when I met some Muktijoddhas, they said that they were greatly motivated by my speech.

An exceptional moment while shooting... During the shooting of Moinamoti, Razzak and I delivered such moving performances that the crew couldn't hold back their tears. It was a tragic scene where Moina (myself)) was going to marry the landlord and her lover Moti (Razzak) was in tears, singing Anek Shadher Moina Amar Bandhon Kete Jai

An embarrassing moment...

Again, during the shooting of Moinamoti I used a hair piece that accidentally slipped off and the crew burst into laughter. It was Razzak who came running with the wig and asked me to put it on firmly.

Are you involved in social work?

I had always harboured the ambition to make films based on the plight of unwanted children and women who are acid victims. I have been working at the Acid Victim Rehab Centre at Banani for quite some time. Movies that have made an impact on you...

I enjoyed watching Cinderella Man, starring Russel Crowe. Paheli and Pareenita are equally remarkable. However, recent Holloywood blockbusters Mr and Mrs Smith and Spielberg's War of the Worlds did not impress me

Two compliments you will always cherish...

After my first film Shutorang was released, eminent journalist Aziz Misir complimented me by saying "It's a Vini Vidi Vici, for you". Very recently, my son and daughter-in-law were watching my old movies and commented, " Ma you are the most beautiful and graceful lady in the entire world." No other compliment What are your favourite 'hang out' places?

My circle of friends is not limited to film personali-

ties. It's fun to be in the company of my five sons, daughter-in-law and grand children. So, whenever we go to the US I make it a point to cook deshi food. They all simply love my home cooked meals and say Tomar hathey ki jadu achey?"

Roles you'd give your arm and leg for...

I've always longed to portray the role of Doriya Bibi of the novel Janani by Shawkat Osman. Osman won an Adamji Award for the novel. The story revolves around a widow and is all about women's emancipation. Another film I watched recently is Hazar Chourasi ki Ma, a novel by Mahashweta Devi. The protagonist of the film. Java Bachchan, left a tremendous impression on me. In our neighbouring countries, playwrights develop plots around actors to reflect their true potential. Here, sadly enough, the opportunities are very

Bedi and Mani Ratnam to recreate Julia Roberts to make Mahabharata

After The Rising, which hits the theatres on August 12th, Bobby Bedi will nosedive into making The Mahabharata. Mani Ratnam will direct the venture, which will cost

Zillur Rahman John, the director and Pantomime artiste

The film might be Bollywood's biggest cinematic venture. Speaking to the writer, Bobby Bedi said, "Yes, I am planning The Mahabharata, which I plan to shoot from January 2007 onwards." He added, "I have not yet cast anybody, But yes, I will make the film with estab-

Bedi says that the thought of making this film arose while reading Girish Karnad's book Agnivarsha that is set in the pre-Mahabharata days. "I read Karnad's book about five years back and that is what set my mind ticking

Bedi explained why he chose Ratnam. "I've known Mani for 25 years. I have seen all his films. He is a great filmmaker who dwells upon every detail in his films, which will be of paramount importance in recreating the epic."



Bobby Bedi (L) with Aamir Khan

Broadway debut

Movie star Julia Roberts is heading to Broadway next spring.

The 37-year-old actress will make her Broadway debut in a revival of Richard Greenberg's Three Days of Rain.

Platt and David Stone was reported recently. Platt and Stone are the team responsible for the mega-hit musical Wicked. The production will be directed by Joe Mantello, one of the theatre's most sought-after directors

Three Days of Rain was first done in New York in 1997 at off-Broadway's Manhattan Theatre Club. The threecharacter play, a mysterious family drama starred Patricia Clarkson, John Slattery and BradleyWhitford.



Julia Roberts

Star Wars light sabers up for auction

Light sabers used by Darth Vader and Luke Skywalker in the Star Wars movies are expected to fetch around \$60,000 each at a Beverly Hills movie memorabilia auction.

The two light sabers from the original Star Wars and its 1980 sequel *Star Wars: The Empir*e Strikes Backare among more than 75 artifacts in an auction that also includes Harrison Ford's signature leather jacket from Indiana Jones and the Last Crusade, estimated to fetch some \$50,000.

The Star Wars treasures come from the collection of producer Gary Kurtz, who worked closely with director George Lucas from 1973-81, and many of them are expected to be snapped up by fans and collectors for wel

The Simpsons

That 70s Show

The Simple Life

Star Asia Travel

Growing Up wild Marsupial

Three Not So Little Pigs

Expeience The Arribada

The Planet's Funniest

Amazing Animal Videos

Cockfighting Crackdown

Growing Up Wild Giraffe

Animals A-Z Beavers-the

Animals A-Z Water Vole-

master Builders

Life on The Edge

Space and Universe

Unfolding Universe

Wild Discovery

The Protectors Animal

Animal X Bigfoot

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overtheirestimates. Other available movie memorabilia include Tom Hanks' costume from Saving Private Ryan, John Travolta's leather



chaps from Urban Cowboy and the suit worn by The Riddler in the first episode of the 1960s TV series version of Batman.

Source: Internet

TV GUIDE

PICK OF THE DAY

All programmes are in local time. The Daily Star will not be responsible

for any change in the programme.

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)

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2:00pm, 7:00pm, 9:00pm, 10:30pm, 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.

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4:00pm.6:00 pm and 8:00 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

BBC WORLD Every hour on the hou

pm.7:30 pm.10:30 pm.

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Shukhi Paribar 04:30 05:05 Jibon Dhara Chittagong 06:35 **Programmes** 07:00 **News Headlines** Weather forecast, Share Market 07:05 Quiz Quiz Musical Programme Home Circus 09:25 Drama Serial:

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On Discovery at 9:30 p.m.

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The Real King and Queen of England

be the rightful heirs to the British throne

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10:30 The King Of Queens Yes Dear 11:30 Boston Public 12:30 Still Standing 1:00 Becker Magnum P.I. 1:30 2:28 Star Asia Travel 2:30 Oprah Winfrey Show

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Bold And Beautiful

Hollywood Squares

Whose Line Is It Anyway

Buffy The Vampire Slayer

DISCOVERY

Crocodiles and Alligators: The Ultimate Predators 11:30 Great Leaders Lyndon B. Johnson Space and Universe 01:30 Space Research 02:30 Paradise 03:30

The FBI Files Rebellion in Kitchen Chemistry Fruit and Vegetables 04:00 Fat Free 04:30 Wild Discovery Polar

Bear Battlefields

Operation Junkyard

Splat Todd McFarlane Wild Discovery Termites Ten years Younger Cold Classic Discovery, The Real King and Queen of **England**

Extreme Machines Mega

Machines **NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC**

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