

CULTURAL FEAS

**Poetry Recitation**  
**Title:** Bhuley Jetye Bhuley Jai  
**Organiser:** Muktochara 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, Shégun 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

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:** Qyym 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

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

**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 Hridoy  
**Organiser:** BUET Students  
**Bands:** BAMBAA associate bands  
**Venue:** BUET playground  
**Date:** August 04, 11a.m.

Theatre

The Broken Dreams: Zeroing on child trafficking

KAVITA CHARANJI

ZORINA 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 non-profit 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," says 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 issues."

*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 spectacles.

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

7,000.

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 issues of the day.



Zillur Rahman John, the director and Pantomime artiste

Bedi and Mani Ratnam to recreate 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 around 100 crores.

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 established actors."

Bedi says that the thought of making this film arose while reading Girish Karnad's book *Agnivasha* 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 in this direction."

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

Julia Roberts to make 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*.

The announcement by producers Marc 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 three-character play, a mysterious family drama, starred Patricia Clarkson, John Slattery and Bradley Whitford.



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 Empire Strikes Back* are 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 well over their estimates.

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

All programmes are in local time. The Daily Star will not be responsible for any change in the programme.

News Bulletin

**BTB**  
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) at 11:30 pm.  
**CHANNEL-i**  
News (Bangla) at 7:15 am, 9:00am, 2:00pm, 7:00pm, 9:00pm, 10:30pm, 12:15am.  
Telecast of BTB 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) at 8:20am, 7:00pm  
Telecast of BTB 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.  
**ntv**  
News Headlines (Bangla) at 10:00 am, 12:00 am, 8:15 pm, 9:30 pm.  
News (Bangla) 7:30 am, 2:00 pm, 5:00 pm, 7:30 pm, 10:30 pm.  
Telecast of BTB News (Bangla and English) at 11:30 pm.  
**TARA BANGLA**  
News Headlines (Bangla) at 5:30pm, 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

**BTB**  
08:40 Satellite  
09:00 Programme  
12:30 Shasthya Tathya  
01:30 Educational Programme  
02:05 Computer round  
02:30 Band Show  
03:05 Open University Programme  
04:05 Shangeeta  
04:30 Shukhi Paribar  
05:05 Jibon Dhara  
06:35 Chittagong Programmes  
07:00 News Headlines, Weather forecast, Share Market  
07:05 Quiz Quiz  
07:30 Musical Programme  
08:45 Home Circus  
09:25 Drama Serial: Arshingar  
10:25 Teknaf Theke Tatulia  
10:30 Katha Mala  
12:05 Satellite Programme  
**CHANNEL i**  
09:30 Shongbad Potrey Bangladesh  
09:45 Trita Matra  
10:45 Grameen Phone Cricket Online  
11:30 Aamar Chhobi  
12:30 Aaj Dupurey  
01:00 Ebong Cinemar Gaan  
01:25 Public Reaction  
02:30 Special Programme  
04:20 Dhawaleshwarir Banke  
04:45 Sa Re Ga Ma  
05:30 iSports  
06:00 Music Plus

06:30 Amader Adibashi  
07:50 Drama Serial: Poribar O Ekti Company  
08:25 Drama Serial: Ek Akasher Tara  
09:35 Drama Serial: Chalchite Chalbey  
10:00 Close-up Juke Box  
**ntv**  
08:35 Aajker Shakal  
09:30 Khaborer Shondhyane  
10:05 Bhinyo Swader Khabor  
10:30 Shajghar  
11:00 Chhobir Gaan  
11:30 Ei Amader Gram  
12:02 Single Episode Drama  
02:30 Drama Serial: Jhut Jhamela  
03:15 Tifiner Fankey  
03:40 Swarbaro Theatre  
04:25 Gallery  
05:20 Apnar Jigyasha  
06:20 Shubho Shondhya  
06:50 Frankly Speaking  
08:25 Drama Serial: Bela Bhumi  
08:20 Nupur  
10:00 Drama Serial: Rangchhut  
11:25 Dindarpan  
**ATN BANGLA**  
10:30 Talk Show: Annodristhi  
11:05 Drama Serial: Mohona  
11:35 Business this Week  
12:15 Amar Computer  
12:50 Musical Programme  
01:25 Cine Gaan  
02:30 Drama Serial: Ghunpoka  
03:15 Drama Serial: O

**Shikor**  
On ATN Bangla at 08:30 p.m.  
Genre: Drama Serial  
Cast: Mahfuz Ahmed, Ishita and Sweeti  
**Amor Chokkhu Nai**  
Drama Serial: Bhawal Raja  
Shannyashi  
Shomoshamoyik  
Nari  
Islamic Sawal Jawab  
Aynar Shamney  
Drama Serial: Shukhnagar Apartment  
Drama Serial: Shikor ATN Taroka (Dinajpur Zone)  
Musical Programme  
**HBO**  
11:30 Momentum  
12:00 Ned Kelly  
2:15 State and Main  
4:30 HBO Sneak Peek:  
Hulk  
5:00 Bloodlust: Subspecies  
6:45 Assassins  
9:30 Stalin  
1:15 Tales from the Crypt  
3:45 Half-Way Horrible  
**STAR MOVIES**  
11:30 Sonny  
1:15 Air Rage  
3:00 Baby For Sale  
4:45 Die Another Day  
7:00 Six Days, Seven Nights  
8:45 Stepmom  
10:50 Chamber, The  
12:45 Jill Rips

**PICK OF THE DAY**  
**The Real King and Queen of England**  
On Discovery at 9:30 p.m.  
In the programme the experts test the men who claim to be the rightful heirs to the British throne  
**STAR PLUS**  
10:30 Disney Time  
11:00 Meri Saheli  
11:30 Shanti  
12:00 Tedhe Medhe Sapney  
12:55 Taaza Hits  
2:00 Bhobhi  
3:30 Kesar  
5:30 Saarthi  
6:00 Hit Filmlein Hit Sangeet  
6:30 Aladdin  
7:00 Kim Possible  
7:30 Kumkum - Pyara Sa Bandhan  
7:55 Film Topper  
8:00 Princess  
8:30 Dollieauruskamagibag  
9:00 Dekkho Magar Pyar Se  
Kasauti Zindagi Kay  
9:30 Millee  
10:00 Kavyanjali  
10:30 Kahaani Ghar Ghar Kii  
11:00 Kyunki Saas Bhi Kabhi Bahu Thi  
12:00 K Street Pali Hill  
**STAR WORLD**  
10:30 The King Of Queens  
11:00 Yes Dear  
11:30 Boston Public  
12:30 Still Standing  
1:00 Becker  
1:30 Magnum P.I.  
2:28 Star Asia Travel  
3:30 Oprah Winfrey Show  
4:30 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 Ed  
9:30 Rockstar: Inxs  
10:00 The Simple Life  
10:30 Tru Calling  
11:28 Star Asia Travel  
**ANIMAL PLANET**  
11:30 Growing Up wild Marsupial Momm  
02:30 Three Not So Little Pigs  
03:30 The Protectors Animal Precinct  
05:30 The Jeff Conwin  
06:30 Experience The Ambada  
07:00 Animal X Bigfoot  
08:00 Amazing Animal Videos  
08:30 Cockfighting Crackdown  
09:30 The Protectors Animal Precinct  
10:30 Growing Up Wild Giraffe  
11:30 Animals A-Z Beavers-the master Builders  
12:00 Animals A-Z Water Vole-Life on The Edge  
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**DISCOVERY**  
8:30 Space and Universe  
10:30 Crocodiles and Alligators: The Ultimate Predators  
11:30 Great Leaders Lyndon B. Johnson  
01:30 Space and Universe  
02:30 Space Research  
03:30 Kitchen Chemistry Fruit and Vegetables  
04:00 Fat Free  
04:30 Wild Discovery Polar Bear Battlefields  
05:30 Operation Junkyard

06:00 Master Water Blaster  
07:30 Splat Todd McFarlane  
08:30 Wild Discovery Termites  
08:30 Ten years Younger Cold Turkey  
09:30 Classic Discovery, The Real King and Queen of England  
10:30 Extreme Machines Mega Machines  
**NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC**  
8:30 Explorations  
10:30 Air Crash Investigation  
12:30 National Geographic Special  
2:30 Hunt For The Death Star  
3:30 A Tale Of Three Teams  
4:45 Backyard Science  
4:45 Doc Eureka  
5:00 Serious: Jungle  
5:30 Snake Wranglers  
8:00 Planet Wild  
6:30 Ng Explorer  
7:30 Saving The Jackass  
8:30 Penguin  
8:30 Red Space  
9:30 Asteroid! The Doomsday Rock  
10:30 Seconds From Disaster  
**ESPN**  
8:00 Icc Cricket World (R)  
8:30 Uk Domestic Cricket  
11:00 X Games Invitational Legends Of The X - Bob Bumquist Rajmangala, Thailand  
12:00 U.S. Senior Open Golf  
3:30 Track & Field Pacific Rim

6:00 World Cup Track Meet  
8:00 X Games Invitational Legends Of The X - Jamie Bestwick  
8:30 Rajmangala, Thailand  
9:00 Icc Cricket World  
9:30 Sportscenter  
10:00 Sportscenter India  
11:00 Cricket Gold  
11:00 Super Spells Super Spells With Wasim Akram  
**STAR SPORTS**  
9:00 Alp Tennis Mercedes-Benz Cup Los Angeles, Ca Usa Men's Semifinal Match  
11:30 Ilaaf Track & Field  
12:30 Highlight Programming  
1:00 4th Ilaaf World Youth Championships 2005  
1:30 Tri-Nations Series  
2:00 Rugby Rugby Hq Asia  
2:30 Tri-Nations Series  
3:00 Rugby Rugby South Africa Vs Australia  
4:30 Tna Wrestling  
5:30 Programming Tna Wrestling  
6:30 Extreme Programming  
7:30 Wild Spirits 2004/05  
8:30 Adventure X-Adventure  
9:00 Raid World Cup Oregon, Usa  
9:30 Tna Wrestling  
10:00 Programming Tna Wrestling  
10:30 The Golf Club The Ubs  
11:30 Golf Club  
12:00 Super Spells Super Spells With Wasim Akram  
12:30 Team India Programing  
1:00 Wild India Glorious  
1:30 Tna Wrestling  
2:00 Programming Tna Wrestling  
2:30 Classic Boxing  
3:00 Classic Boxing - Ali V Wepner