

CULTURAL FEAS

Theatre

**Occasion:** 33rd anniversary of Nalyachakra  
**Programme:** Certificate giving ceremony, discussion, Staging of two plays *Dumb Waiter* by the students of the Department of Theatre and Music and *Meemanchina* by the students of the Department of Drama and Dramatics of Jahangirnagar University.  
**Date:** August 10, at 5 pm.  
**Venue:** National Theatre Stage

Photography Exhibition

**Title:** Rabindranath O Kuthbari  
**Organiser:** Dhaka Photographic Institute  
**Venue:** Chitrag Gallery, House # 21, Road # 04, Dhanmondi  
**Date:** August 6-8, from 10 am to 8 pm

Group Exhibition

**Title:** Amader Kaaj  
**Organiser:** Chittagong University Ex students Club, Dhaka  
**Venue:** Bangladesh National Museum.  
**Date:** August 6-10

Solo Exhibition

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

**Artist:** Murtaza Basir  
**Venue:** Begal Gallery of Fine Arts, Dhanmondi  
**Date:** August 17

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

Discussion Programme

**Title:** Discussion on Nazrul and Ismail Hossain Siraj  
**Occasion:** Nazrul Institute  
**Venue:** Kabi Bhaban, 330/b, Dhanmondi, Dhaka  
**Date:** August 8, at 11 am

Photo Exhibition

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

Exhibition

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

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), Shahabagh  
**Date:** July 23-August 10

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Gazi Abdul Hakim

The pied piper of Bangladesh



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ERSHAD KAMOL

WITH its superb melody, the bansi, a bamboo-crafted flute, occupies pride of place amongst the wind instruments. An inseparable part of our folk songs, tradition and myth, the tune of the bamboo flute touches many a heart with its evocation of rural Bangladesh.

Among the early players of the bansi was Panna Lal Ghosh, who gave a classical form to the bansi. Later it was further developed by Pandit Hari Prasad Chaurasia.

Currently renowned bansi player, Gazi Abdul Hakim, has popularised the instrument far and wide. Going back in time, the nostalgic Gazi says, "I still remember the day when I played the bansi

in the House of Commons in 1994—the only such player to do so. Before me, sarod player Ustad Amjad Ali Khan and tabla player Ustad Zakir Hossain had this rare opportunity.

"I would also like to share my experiences at the Commonwealth Summit in Canberra in July 2001. There I played the bansi to a rapt audience. In fact the biggest compliment that I received was when an Australian flute player, the lead flutist at the national orchestra, invited me to be his teacher. During my stay there, I taught him my own style."

What is the difference between the melody of bansi and that of the western flute? To quote Gazi, "Our bansi is a wonderful wind instrument. Its melody touches the soul of the listeners, which cannot be said of the silver flute. Moreover, only

the bansi can play *Meer Gamok*. And bansi can be an suitable instrument for any orchestra."

Gazi has developed a unique style of playing the wind instrument, which gives him a firm niche among the bansi players. He has made a proportionate synthesis of classical, western and traditional folk forms. Is there any institution where one can learn bansi? Gazi answers, "No, one has to learn personally from a master. I learnt the bansi from Mukul Biswas, Dulal Babu, Binoy Roy and Sheikh Ali Ahmed. I also learnt a lot from Sheikh Ali Ahmed."

Gazi has been working as a staff artiste of Bangladesh Betar since 1974. Though the bansi player has won plaudits abroad, he has had some bitter experiences at home. As Gazi says, "The staff artistes of Bangladesh Betar are not regular government employees. Quite often we don't receive our due respect."

So far, 12 solo albums of Gazi Abdul Hakim's bansi have been released at home and abroad, of which *Forget Me Not, My Love, Live concert in Japan, Anurag and Ghore Phera* are remarkable albums. *Forget Me Not and My Love* are classical tune-based pieces. In *Anurag*, Gazi has presented popular mystic singer Farida Parveen's *Lalon Geeti* with his bansi. *Ghore Phera* is an instrumental drama.

Many flutists around the world have released solo albums, but none of them have presented the narrative of human beings through the composition. Playing different ragas and fusion, Gazi through the melody of his bansi, has narrated the story of a rural denizen who comes to the metro in search of a living; however, being frustrated he returns to his beloved. Talking about the response to the albums, Gazi says, "The bansi can overcome the language barrier. The tune of the instrument touches the heart of everyone, overcoming the language barrier, that a song cannot do."

On his future plans, Gazi says, "I am working on two albums — one will be a fusion of eastern and western music. The other, titled *Motherland*, will be a dramatic presentation of the events from 1952 to 1971. Moreover, I am working for the preservation of indigenous musical instruments."

Cultural Programme for mass awareness on HIV/AIDS



Artists performing at National Parliament premises recently

CULTURAL CORRESPONDENT

Let There Be Light, a social organisation has started an innovative cultural programme to generate mass awareness on HIV/AIDS. The ongoing programme starting in Dhaka will end on December 1, through observing the World AIDS Day 2005. The cultural programme includes *Jarigan* (a type of folk song), street drama and an interactive question-answering

session. 12 programmes out of 44 have already taken place. The programmes have created a very positive impact in raising mass awareness on HIV/AIDS and its prevention.

Let There Be Light will arrange the similar programmes at 10 different venues in Sylhet and will also organise human chains and rallies at four zones of the capital city soon.

Salman and Bhagyashree together after 16 years

Salman Khan made one of the best Bollywood screen pairs with Bhagyashree years back in *Maine Pyar Kiya*. But after that they never worked again. Now after 16 years, the duo will be seen in a film. But both are roped in for special appearances.

Director Raj Kanwar has confirmed that both Salman Khan and Bhagyashree are doing cameos in his film *Humko Deewana Kar Gaye*. The film stars Akshay Kumar,

Bipasha Basu and Katrina Kaif in lead roles. However what Kanwar has not clarified is whether Salman and Bhagyashree are paired opposite each other in the film. Also he isn't willing to divulge about their roles in the movie saying that it's the surprise element of the movie. As of now Kanwar has disclosed that Bhagyashree plays Akshay Kumar's sister in the movie.

Source: Internet



Salman and Bhagyashree in *Maine Pyar Kiya*

Hiroshima Day observed

Programmes reflecting the human disaster



A scene from the play *Tringshoshotapdi*

CULTURAL CORRESPONDENT

HIROSHIMA Day is observed in many parts of the world with special vigils and peace marches. The day is earmarked to commemorate the US' dropping of the first atomic bomb on the Japanese city of Hiroshima on August 6, 1945.

On August 6, 2005, Swapnodal, a theatrical group, arranged a day-long programme at the Experimental Theatre Stage at Shilpakala Academy to observe Hiroshima Day.

The programme began with a poster exhibition. Humayun Kabir collected these posters from the Hiroshima Peace Memorial Foundation in Japan to display the destruction of the city by the nuclear bomb. Kabir says, "I collected these posters from Hiroshima to generate awareness among the people of Bangladesh against nuclear weap-

ons." Visitors flocked to the programme to see the poster display as well as a stage play — *Tringshoshotapdi* (thirtieth century) by Swapnodal. The organisers took a firm stand against any form of war and expressed their solidarity with the war victims.

Before the show, acclaimed theatre personality Selim Al Deen, Hiroki Sawatanabe, a Japanese citizen working with the NGO Ekmatra, in Bangladesh and others delivered speeches. Zahid Ripon was the host of the session. Said Hiroki Sawatanabe, "I am really impressed seeing the solidarity of the Bangladeshis with the Japanese victims of Hiroshima. We call for peace in the world."

Selim Al Deen said, "The destructive element of human behaviour is evident even today. We want human beings to use their rationality every

step of the way."

Zahid Ripon has adapted the play from Indian playwright Badal Sarkar's play. In the play the narrator interrogates some historical characters such as Einstein, the scientist who invented the theory on which atom bombs were later developed, Major Fereby, the pilot of the aircraft who dropped the bomb on Hiroshima, and Major Claude Itharby who carried the nuclear bomb to Nagasaki and later became insane on his realisation of the crime.

In addition he has packed some punches against contemporary brutal war activities by the American forces in Iraq and Afghanistan. And through a replicated military exercise he has depicted the nuclear activities of the world's superpowers.

Zahid Ripon has directed the play.

The Centre for Asian Theatre (CAT) staged their latest street play *Multobi* on August 5 at Central Shaheed Minar premises. Like other street plays of the country, *Multobi* is a satire on the current social milieu. Raihan Akhter's script portrays how an evil doer remains unpunished in the contemporary social scenario. Shahadat Hossain directs the street play.



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, 4:00 pm, 6:00 pm and 8:00 pm.  
**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.  
 Telecast of BTV 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

**BTV**  
 08:40 Bishwa Protidin  
 09:00 Satellite Programme  
 12:15 Aiker Shangbadpotrer  
 12:30 Shasthya Tathya  
 01:05 Laal Goolap  
 02:05 Sisimpur  
 02:30 Nakkhotrer Alo  
 04:05 Dolon Chapa  
 04:30 Protashar Alo  
 05:05 Television School  
 05:55 Shomokalin Arthoniti  
 06:10 Prescription  
 06:35 Nitter Taale Taale  
 07:00 Ei Desh Ei shomoy  
 08:45 Drama serial: Rang Tull  
 09:25 Drama serial: Shukno Phool Rangin Phool  
 10:25 Teknaf the Tetulia  
 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 Special programme  
 04:20 Amar Channel i Darshak Forum Sa Re Ga Ma  
 04:45 Janopoder Khabor  
 05:30 Ex Music  
 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

**ATN BANGLA**  
 09:35 Drama Serial: Shampurna Ranganee  
 10:00 Drama Serial: Megabond  
**ntv**  
 09:30 Apon Aloy  
 10:05 Grammen Phone Shironam  
 10:30 Tomar Bina Baje  
 02:35 Jhut Jahamela  
 05:15 Din Darpan  
 06:00 Desher Khabar  
 06:20 Shubho Shondhaya  
 06:50 Crime Watch  
 08:25 Bela Bhumi  
 09:20 Shajghar  
 10:00 Akash Chhonya  
 11:20 Dindarpan  
**ATN BANGLA**  
 10:30 Annordrishti  
 11:05 Drama Serial: Ek Janamey  
 11:35 Musical Programme  
 12:15 Single episode drama  
 02:30 Drama Serial: Ghunpoka  
 03:15 Drama Serial: O Amar Chokkhu Nai  
 03:45 Musical Programme  
 04:15 Chhotoder Pritibhi  
 04:45 Quiz Showa  
 05:10 Shonali Din  
 05:45 Islami Sawaal O Jawab  
 06:20 Education Zoon  
 08:00 Drama Serial: Shukhnagar Apartment  
 08:30 Drama Serial: Flat Number Forty  
 09:00 ATN Taroka  
 10:30 Katha Mala  
 12:10 Adibashi Janopad  
**HBO**  
 10:15 Tales from the Crypt:  
 12:00 American Crime  
 02:00 Path to Paradise  
 04:00 True Crime  
 06:00 Lost Treasure  
 07:45 Touching Evil  
 09:30 On Deadly Ground  
 11:30 Deadwood 03: Reconnoitering The Rim & Deadwood 04: Here was a Man  
 02:00 Bram Stoker's Dracula  
**STAR MOVIES**  
 9:00 Down With Love  
 10:45 Holes  
 12:50 Married To The Mob  
 2:35 12 Days Of Christmas  
 5:15 28 Days Later  
 6:00 Bicentennial Man  
 8:15 Saving Jessica Lynch  
 9:50 A Murder Of Crows  
 11:30 Sexual Life  
 1:00 Jill Rips  
**STAR PLUS**  
 11:00 Meri Saheli  
 11:30 Shanti  
 12:00 Tedhe Medhe Sapney  
 12:30 Hit Filmlein Hit Sangeet- 20 M  
 01:00 Kasautii Zindagii Kay  
 01:30 Kumkum - Pyara Sa Bandhan  
 02:00 Bhabhi  
 02:30 Kesar  
 03:00 Saarthi  
 03:30 Kyunki Saas Bhi Kabhi Bahu Thi  
 5:15 Kahiin To Hoga  
 04:00 K.Street Pali Hill  
 05:00 Telebrands  
 05:30 Hit Filmlein Hit Sangeet- 20 M  
 06:00 Tedhe Medhe Sapney  
 06:30 Aladdin  
 07:00 Kim Possible  
 07:30 Kumkum - Pyara Sa Bandhan  
 08:00 Princess  
 08:30 Dollieauruskamagicbag  
 09:00 Dekkho Magar Pyar Se  
 09:30 Kasautii Zindagii Kay  
 10:00 Milee  
 10:30 Kavyanjali  
 11:00 Kahaani Char Char Kii Bahu Thi  
 11:30 Kahiin To Hoga  
 12:00 K.Street Pali Hill  
**STAR WORLD**  
 11:30 Enterprise  
 12:30 Parkinson  
 01:30 Magnum P.I.  
 02:30 Oprah Winfrey Show  
 03:30 Bold And Beautiful  
 04:30 Hollywood Squares  
 05:00 Whose Line Is It Anyway  
 05:30 Buffy The Vampire Slayer  
 06:30 The Simpsons  
 07:00 That 70s Show  
 07:30 Friends  
 08:00 Newsradio  
 08:30 The King Of Queens  
 09:00 Still Standing  
 09:30 Yes Dear  
 07:00 Money Can't Buy with Ewan McGregor  
 07:30 Wild Discovery Wolf Battlefields  
 08:30 Great Leaders Ronald Reagan  
 09:30 Colour of War Slow to Anger  
 10:30 Space and Universe  
 Death Star  
 11:30 FBI Files  
**STAR SPORTS**  
 09:00 Australia Tour Of England Npower  
 England Vs Australia 2nd Test Da Y 4  
 Highlights(S)  
 10:30 Asian Festival Of Speed  
 Porsche Infineon Carrera Cup Asia Bira  
 Thailand Round 5(R)  
 Ladies European Tour Arras Open De France  
 Dames Deauville  
 France Highlights(R)  
 Golden League- Bislett  
 Golden League- Bislett  
 GAMES Bergen Norway  
 Highlights  
 01:30 International Motorsports News  
 International Motorsport News 2005 (T)  
 02:00 Australia Tour Of England Vs Australia 2nd Test Da Y 4  
 Highlights(R)  
 03:27 Australia Tour Of England Vs Australia 2nd Test Da Y 5 1st Session(L)  
 04:00 England Vs Australia 2nd Test Da Y 5 1st Session(L)  
 05:30 Hiltz (R)  
 06:00 Australia Tour Of England Vs Australia 2nd Test Da Y 5 2nd & 3rd  
 10:30 Session(L)  
 Alp Tennis Legg Mason  
 Tennis Classic Washington Dc Usa Men's Final(S)  
 11:00 Pga Tour Highlights  
**ESPN**  
 08:00 New Zealand Tour Of Zimbabwe Zimbabwe Vs New Zealand 1st Test Da Y 1 Highlights(S)  
 09:30 Cricket Gold (R)  
 12:30 New Zealand Tour Of Zimbabwe Zimbabwe Vs New Zealand 1st Test Da Y 1 Highlights(R)  
 02:23 New Zealand Tour Of Zimbabwe Zimbabwe Vs New Zealand 1st Test Da Y 2 1st Session(L)  
 09:00 Sportscenter India (L)  
 09:30 Fa Community Shield Arsenal Vs Chelsea  
 11:30 Sportscenter India (R)  
 12:00 Sportscenter Asia (S)  
**TEN SPORTS**  
 08:00 WWE Specials : The Great American Bash  
 09:00 WWE Heat  
 09:30 Total Rugby  
 11:30 Sri Lanka v West Indies 5th ODI H/Ls  
 12:00 Gamer TV  
 01:00 Transworld Sports: Ep 31  
 01:30 Gillette World Sport: Ep 31  
 02:30 Legends  
 03:30 WWE Specials : The Great American Bash  
 07:30 WWE Raw  
 08:30 This Week in Review  
 10:00 West Indies v India 6th ODI H/Ls  
 11:00 Italian League Highlights: Ep. 1