

CULTURAL FEAS

Cultural Programme

Occasion: The death anniversary of Kazi Nazrul Islam
Organiser: Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy
Venue: Training Centre, Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy
Date: August 29, at 7:15pm

Occasion: The death anniversary of Kazi Nazrul Islam
Organiser: Nazrul Institute
Venue: Nazrul Institute, Kabibhaban, 330-B, Road 28, Dhanmondi
Date: August 27-31

Title: Ntoker Gaan
Occasion: The death anniversary of Kazi Nazrul Islam
Organiser: Nazrul Sangeet Shilpi Parishad
Venue: Nazrul Institute, Dhanmondi
Date: September 01, at 6:30pm

Fusion Music

Title: East Meets West
Organiser: London Film & Music School with Brotee The Daily Star and Channel i
Venue: British Council Auditorium, 5, Fuller Road
Date: August 30, at 6pm

Theatre

Title: Brand
Group: Centre for Asian Theatre
Venue: National Theatre Stage, Shilpakala Academy
Date: August 29, at 7pm

Premiere

Title: Enechhi Shurjer Hashi
Organiser: NGO Service Delivery Programme
Venue: Ballroom, Pan Pacific Sonargaon Hotel
Date: August 29, at 7pm

Exhibition

Artist: Murtaza Basir
Venue: Bengal Gallery of Fine Arts, Dhanmondi
Date: August 17-31

Solo Exhibition

Medium: Hand made appliques
Artiste: Shaheli
Venue: Drik Gallery, Dhanmondi
Date: August 26- September 02, 11am to 8pm

Photography Exhibition

Occasion: 1000th anniversary of the capital of the Republic of Tatarstan, Russia- the city of Kazan
Venue: Russian Cultural Centre, Dhanmondi
Date: August 28-September 03

Occasion: 1st anniversary of the terrorist attack on Secondary School in the city of Beslan, North Osetia, Russia
Venue: Russian Centre of Science and Culture, Dhanmondi
Date: September 01-08

Solo Musical Evening

Artirte: Zannat-E-Ferdousi
Occasion: The death anniversary of Kazi Nazrul Islam
Venue: Alliance Francaise, 26, Mirpur Raod, Dhanmondi
Date: August 28, at 7pm

Film Festival

Organiser: High Commission of India
Venue: High Commission of India, House 25, Road 96, Gulshan 2
Date: August 12-29, at 6pm everyday
Schedule
August 29 Bariwali

Molière Festival

Pejgi's rough and tumble



Actors in the play Pejgi

FAYZA HAQ

PEJGI is an adaptation of Molière's *Le medecine malgre lui* by Shatwik Theatre. The play was presented on August 25 at the Alliance Francaise. The plot revolves around a carpenter, Pejgi, who ill-treats his wife. Once, after a beating by the drunken Pejgi, his wife decides to teach him a lesson. In the meantime, a girl called Lipi who is in love with Akash, fakes illness by speaking in an incoherent manner to get her own way. Asgar Ali, the manager of a well

to do person Salam and his brother-in-law sets out to find a *hakim* to cure the girl. The wife Nuri hands over her husband to Asgar and party saying that he is a renowned *hakim*. Later, he is caught lying and faking. At the end the girl Lipi is allowed to marry the man of her choice as he turns out to be a man with a fortune. Motiur Rahman, 23, who acts as Pejgi, has been with Shatwik Theatre from the outset. He has acted in plays such as *Gonototrtr panch pa*, *Dalal*, *Otoproharir Mandal*, *Moider Badsah* and *Megho navi*. Moti has been acting in school plays and after SSC,

was involved with this group. He says he acts for two hours six days a week, and for this play he has been rehearsing with the group for about six months. He used to do the part of the manager too in earlier performances. He says that he gets his family support to the extent that they had the rehearsals in his family garage. Zahidul Islam, who plays the role of the manager, is a businessman by profession. He has been acting and strumming the guitar for quite some while. He saw the ad for the play six years ago and has been involved in acting since then. "There

is no conflict between my other work and my passion as I've set apart the time for my hobby," he says. He has taken part in a magazine programme on TV *Shupto Shikha*. The heroine of *Pejgi*, Shamima Nargis Shuborna has been with the group for seven years. Earlier, she worked in radio plays and in *Shikharthi der Ashor* and *Kolo Kakoli*. She has taken part in three plays on TV: *Teen Konnya Lottery*, *Kander Abur Ma* and *Moidhor Badsba*. She says that at first there were some familial objections to her acting but later they consented, with the support of her mother, who acted herself. She says she likes Indian art films and apart from the ones that are totally "commercial" she likes to watch them all. As for the standard of Bangladeshi acting, she hums and haws and says that we should give the actors more time to gain maturity. Shima Mansur is the first in her family to act. This is her first exposure to a theatre group and she feels that she is learning a great deal after joining Shatwik. According to her, whether she earns anything or not from plays at this stage is secondary. The play is directed by Kamruzzaman Tupa. The lighting has been done by Shiraj while the costume is designed by Chiti Habib. There is a lot of rough and tumble and down to earth slapstick in the play. The language, in the translation, did not quite appeal to the sophisticated.

A new dimension in poetry recitation

Drishyakabya by Manabi

NOVERA DEEPITA

To give poetry a different dimension, cultural organisation *Manabi* screened their first production *Drishyakabya*, (dramatisation of poetry), at the Russian Centre of Science and Culture Friday last. Bhashwar Bandyapadhyay who recited the poems for the production, explained, "This is the first such effort of poetry dramatisation. Different directors and performers have presented poetry in different ways, but this is the first time in Bangladesh that poetry has been presented through characterisation." The six poems used for the production are Rabindranath Tagore's *Bisharjan*, *Dui Bigha Jami* and *Bimbwaboti*, *Mejaj* by Shubhash Mukhapadhyaya, *Abosharer Gaan* by Shabyashachi Dey and *Fanshi* by Kanailal Jana. Directed by Parvez Shikdar and Manik, the other recitor of *Drishyakabya* is Nahid Parveen. Popular actors Sirajul Islam and Nasima Khan portrayed two different characters in *Dui Bigha Jami* and *Mejaj*. Promising actors Anjum Ara Bakul, Rafiqul Islam, Nahid Parveen, Shantanu, Manik, Riya and Manabi have also played their characters with commitment. The best piece in the production was the performance with the poem *Bisharjan* that tells the story of a distressed mother who struggles to save her ailing child. Anjum Ara Bakul, in the role of the mother, was appreciable. The performances of Rafiqul Islam and Shantanu as two convicts, given the death sentence in the poem *Fanshi*, were quite realistic and moving. Riya's mature performance in the piece *Abosharer*



(L-R) Shantanu, Rafiqul Islam and Manik with co-artiste in a sequence of *Fanshi*, one of the poems presented at the programme
Gaan seemed to surpass her years. According to the director Manik, "As poetry is the substance of all types of human emotion, we wanted to express these feelings through characterisation. Without distorting the true essence of the original poems, we have created this production to enable the audience to visualise poetry." Bhashwar expressed his appreciation of the selection of the poems, as there is drama in each of the poems. According to him, "I appreciate this maiden effort, as it is not exactly the so-called recitation we usually watch. However, there are some limitations in the production. For instance, the characters of the poetry could have been portrayed better through proper expressions and body language, rather than through dubbing. And in between the poems there should be a little pause to give a break to the viewers. Despite these problems, the director tried his best to present the poems with authenticity. As an innovative effort, such productions could add a new dimension to the TV channels as well."

London Film and Music School comes to town

CULTURAL CORRESPONDENT

The Faculty members and the management team of the London Film and Music School (LFMS) will be in Dhaka from August 27 to 31, 2005. Kumar Murshid, Chairperson, LFMS Board, Martin Keatings, Principle, LFMS, Joanne Kemp, General Manager, Dilly Meah, Creative Director, Nasiruddin, Director Development and

Gabriella, a talented student of London Music School will all be in Dhaka to meet the music and film community. With a commitment to support our young musicians, Brotee (Communications) in collaboration with LFMS, along with media partners, The Daily Star and Channel i have organised discussions, jam sessions and workshops to make it possible for our local musicians and

film students to interact with this group, to know more about the fusion music and film studies programme offered at LFMS. Jazz and Blues by Martin Keatings, Joanne Kemp, Gabriella Jangfeldt and Ostad Wajahat Khan on *sarod* will perform at the launching ceremony of fusion film and music course in Bangladesh, being held at the Indian Cultural Centre, Gulshan today.

Golden jubilee of Pather Panchali celebrated



A scene from Pather Panchali

One of legendary film director Satyajit Ray's memorable works, *Pather Panchali* completed its 50th year on August 26. Based on Bibhutibhusan Bandyopadhyay's novel, the movie was released in Kolkata. Through the ages, the movie has attained a cult following. To mark the occasion, Dhaka University Film Society (DUFFS) organised a discussion programme at Shaheed Munir Chowdhury Seminar Room, TSC, according to a press release. The programme was chaired by president of DUFFS, Hafizur Rahman Tito. Film directors Subhash Dutta, Tanvir Moqammel, Satyajit Ray exponent Anwar Hossain Pintu and eminent cultural personality Wahidul Haque participated in the discussion. A paper titled *Satyajit Chalachchitra* was also presented at the event. The programme also included screenings of *Pather Panchali* and a documentary on Ray's life and works.

Songs of the rainy season

Rajshahi University's programme

RU CORRESPONDENT

The Music and Dramatic Department of Rajshahi University recently organised a day long colourful traditional dance with the theme of monsoon. The programme at the Department's auditorium began with the distribution of flowers and the presentation of songs on rain. female students received guests with flowers and staged a traditional dance. RU Vice Chancellor Prof Altaf Hossain was present as chief guest while RU Registrar Professor Abdus Salam was special guest at the function. Department chairman Professor Abdul Matin Talukder presided over the programme. After the speeches, department students presented a cultural programme that included traditional *gombhira* songs and a



Performers presenting a traditional *gombhira* song
drama. Department teacher Professor Ataur Rahman Raju conducted the programme.

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, 12:15am.
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 am, 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, 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
07:30 Shubhechha Nin
08:15 Musical Programme
09:00 Satellite Programme
12:30 Shasthya Talithya
01:05 Khela Dhula
01:30 Prottyashar Alo
02:05 Online
02:30 Tommy Miar Kitchen
03:05 Banshori
04:05 Boipotro
04:30 Angana
05:05 TV Debate Competition
06:10 Geetanjali
06:35 Programme From Chittagong Centre
07:00 Mati O Manush
08:30 Drama Serial: Teroi April
09:00 Drama Serial: Swapno Shonar Gaon
10:25 Teknaf Theke Tetulia
10:30 Durey Kothao
11:00 Amar Joto Gaan
12:05 Satellite Programmes
CHANNEL-i
09:45 Tritiyo Matra
10:30 Tele Prescription
11:30 Hridoye Mati O Manush
12:00 TVC Sky Shop
12:30 Aj Dupurey O Citycell Tarokakothon
01:00 Ebong Cinemar Gaan
01:25 Public Reaction
01:30 Shangbadporey Bangladesh
02:40 Special Programme
04:45 Sa Re Ga Ma
05:30 FTC Business Talk
06:00 Music Plus
06:30 Chhaya Jhangkar Jibon Jekhaney Jemon
08:25 Roopkotha
09:35 Drama Serial: 69
10:00 Drama Serial: Aarshi
ntv

08:35 Aajker Shakal
09:30 Shekol Bhangar Gaan
10:30 Ntoker Gaan
11:00 Baul Gaan: Mon Amar Shondhan Kori
11:30 Ki Kotha Tarai Shathey
12:05 World of Art
01:05 Mukhtangan
01:30 TVC
02:35 Drama Serial: Kachher Manush
03:15 Bhalobasho Mor Gaan
04:25 Putulnaach
05:20 Apnar Jigyasha
06:20 Shubho Shondhya
06:50 Agrojo
08:25 Drama Serial: Jhut Jhamela
09:20 Closeup 1 Tomakei Khujichhey Banglades
11:25 Dindarpan
HBO
06:30 John Carpenter's Ghosts of Mars
08:30 The Fighteners
10:15 Thrill Seekers
12:30 Stuart Little 2
04:00 Puppet Master 4
05:45 The Big Preview: Land of the Dead
08:30 Top Gun
10:45 Tales from the Crypt
11:30 Forrest Gump
02:15 Sunshine State
05:00 Caught in the Headlights
STAR MOVIES
07:00 Married To The Mob
08:45 The Jackal
10:50 Pirates Of The Caribbean: Curse Of The Black

01:15 Spartacus
02:45 Spartacus
04:20 Legally Blonde 2: Red White & Blonde
06:00 Calendar Girls
07:30 The Clown Payday
09:15 Jeepers Creepers 2
11:00 Jill Rips
12:30 Hunter: Back In Force
STAR PLUS
08:30 Dharam Aur Hum
09:30 Jai Ganga Maiya
10:30 Yatra
11:00 Meri Mrs Chanchala
12:00 Aladdin
12:25 Kim Possible
12:30 Chupa Rustam

01:00 Musafir Hoon Yaaron
01:30 Mirch Masala
02:00 Taaza Hits
02:05 Hit Filmein Hit
02:30 Sangeet- 20 M
03:00 Pardey Ke Peechey
03:30 Loc- Life Out Of Control
04:00 Maal Hai To Taal Hai
04:00 Jeet
05:00 Hit Filmein Hit
05:25 Sangeet- 20 M
05:30 Taaza Hits
06:00 Kismey Kinnaa Hai
06:30 Dam Aj Dekk
06:35 Film Topper
09:30 Kaante
09:30 Kaun Banega
10:30 Creopati 2
11:00 Baa Bahoo Aur Baby Shanno Ki Shaadi

PICK OF THE DAY
Jhut Jhamela
On ntv at 8:25pm
Drama Serial
Cast: Romana, Tisa, Intekhab Dinar, Jeetu
Top Gun
On HBO at 8:30pm
Genre: Action / Drama / Romance
Cast: Tom Cruise, Kelly McGillis
01:30 Desperate Housewives
ANIMAL PLANET
08:00 Animals A-Z Reefwise
08:30 The Protectors Animal Prehinct
09:30 Crocodile Hunter
10:30 The Practice
11:30 The Apprentice
12:00 J.A.G.
05:30 Fashion Tv
06:00 Travel Asia
06:30 Baywatch Hawaii
07:30 The Simpsons
08:00 Parkinson
09:00 Oprah Winfrey Show
10:00 One Tree Hill
11:00 The Kumars At No. 42

02:30 Diaries Devil you Know
03:30 Animal Planet
04:30 One Planet Dream for my Predators
05:30 Growing Up Wild
06:30 Amazing Animal Videos
07:30 Animal Planet Insights
08:30 Animal Planet
09:30 Animal Planet
10:30 Animal X New England
11:30 Sea Serpent
12:00 The Planet's Funniest Animals
DISCOVERY
08:30 Discovery Wings The Flight
09:30 Super Sunday The Power of Belief
10:30 Super Sunday Asian Encounters
11:30 Discover India
12:30 Junkyard Wars Off Road Vehicles
01:30 The Elegant Universe
02:30 Formula One Highlights
03:00 Casino Diaries Easy prey
04:00 Amazing baby Videos
05:30 Wild Discovery
06:00 Mystery Hunters
06:00 Endurance House of

06:30 Cards
07:00 Adventure Crazy
07:30 African Adventures
08:30 Wild Discovery
10:30 The Elegant universe
11:30 America's Most Haunted Places
STAR SPORTS
07:30 Australia Tour Of England Npower Test Series 4th Test Day 3 Highlights(S)
09:00 Malaysia Airlines
10:00 Football Extra
11:30 Pilot Pen Tennis New Haven Usa Men's Semifinal Match #1(R)
12:00 Pilot Pen Tennis New Haven Usa Men's Semifinal Match
01:00 Formula One Highlights
02:00 2005 Turkish Grand Prix(T)
03:27 Australia Tour Of England Npower Test Series 4th Test Day 4 1st Session(L)
05:30 Icc Cricket World (R)
06:00 Australia Tour Of England Npower Test Series 4th Test Day 4 2nd & 3rd Session(L)
10:30 Hitz (T)
11:00 Fim World Motorcycle Championship 2005
03:00 Bmo Czech Republic 125cc(L),25 Occ(L),500cc(L)(S)
ESPN
08:30 Mad About Sport (R)
09:00 Icc Cricket World (R)
09:30 Final Score (R)

10:00 Super Spells With Wasim Akram (R)
10:30 Uefa Super Cup 2005
01:00 Cricket Gold (T)
03:00 Sportscenter Weekend
04:00 Icc Cricket World (R)
04:30 Tri-Series In Zimbabwe
05:55 India Vs New Zealand 2nd Odi Highlights(R)
06:00 Super Sunday
06:25 English Premier Football League
08:30 2005/06 Middlesbrough Vs Charlton Athletic (L)
08:55 Super Sunday (L)
11:00 English Premier Football League
11:30 2005/06 Newcastle United Vs Manchester United (L)
12:00 Final Score (L)
12:00 Super Spells With Wasim Akram (T)
TEN SPORTS
08:00 WWE Experience
09:00 Italian Highlights
10:00 EPGA: BMW Intl Open, Munich
01:00 EPGA: BMW Intl Open, Munich
02:00 FIM Speedway Grand Prix : Sweden
03:00 MotoGP: Grand Czech Republic Brno
07:30 EPGA: BMW Intl Open, Munich
10:30 Germany Day 4
11:30 MotoGP: Grand Czech Republic -Brno H/Ls