

CULTURAL FEAS

Cultural Programmes on Nazrul death anniversay

Organiser: Nazrul Institute  
Venue: Nazrul Institute, Kabibhaban, 330-B, Road 28, Dhanmondi  
Date: August 27-31

Title: Natoker Gaan  
Organiser: Nazrul Sangeet Shilpi Parishad  
Venue: Nazrul Institute, Dhanmondi  
Date: September 05, at 6:30pm

Cultural Programme  
Occasion: Commemorating Altfah Mahmud  
Organiser: Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy  
Venue: Training Centre, Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy  
Date: August 30, at 6:30pm

Cultural Programme  
Title: Nabo Anandey Jago  
Organiser: Rabindra Bharati Praktoni  
Venue: Experimntal Theatre Stage, Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy  
Date: August 30, at 6:30pm

CD Release

Title: Tomar Hater Shonar Rakhi  
Artist: Rowshan Ara Mustafiz  
Organiser: Dhaka Mancha  
Venue: Sufia Kamal Auditorium, National Museum  
Date: August 30, at 7pm

Film Festival

Title: Hayao Miyazaki Retrospective  
Organiser: Zahir Raihan Film Society  
Venue: Alliance Francaise, 26, Mirpur Road, Dhanmondi  
Date: August 29-31

Fusion Music

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

Solo Exhibition

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

Photo 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

Group Exhibition

Title: Shomokal-1  
Artists: Monsur ul Karim, Rokeya Sultana, Kazi Rakib, Tarun Ghosh, Dilara Begum Joly, Towfiqur Rahman, Shishir Bhattacharya, Fokhrul Islam, Goutam Chakraborty, Bipul Shah  
Venue: Gallery Kaya, House 20, Road 16, Sector 04, Uttara  
Date: September 02-15, 11am to 8pm

Theatre

Title: Bisharjan  
Group: Tirjak Natyadal  
Venue: Laboratory Theatre Stage, Theatre Institute, Chittagong  
Date: September 02

London Film and Music School's soiree

A melange of East and West



Ustad Wajahat Khan (R) on the sarod

KAVITA CHARANJI

INDIAN Cultural Centre, August 28: As the recorded music plays, the mellifluous notes transport one to a higher plane. The Chinese song, translated in English means 'See you' and it was sung by the late Chinese singer Gao Feng. What makes it unique is that the bass player is from Russia, the assistant manager is Iranian, the backup singers hail from Sweden and Austria, the guitar player is from Germany, an American plays the drums and a Canadian plays percussion. "This melting pot of artists from all corners of the globe is exactly what we try to achieve," says Martin Keating, principal and director of London Music School (LMS), who is in Dhaka to promote London Film and Music School (LFMS). He was

speaking at the function aimed at popularising LFMS' fusion film and music course. The organisation, he explains, is rooted in the work of dedicated musicians, upcoming filmmakers and cultural activists hailing from East London's Asian communities in tandem with the renowned London Music School (LMS). Kumar Murshid, chairperson LFMS Board, echoes Keating's views. As he says "We strive to promote the concept of cross cultural music and filmmaking. The first thing we have to understand in terms of the situation in Britain and Europe is that our presence in the global cultural arena is far too limited—whether film or music. One of our objectives that we have is to make a difference to that. That is why we have put together what we think is quite unique an integrated one year



Martin (L), along with Joanne and Gabriella (R) rendering a song

film and music course."

Subsequently a musical show got off the ground. Mostly pop, it was interspersed with one jazz number and sarod, the last played by Ustad Wajahat Khan, artistic director of Indian Classical Music. For the wide eyed younger ones who go for mush, Martin as lead vocalist sang *I really love you*. Along with playing the keyboard he has written the song, which was accompanied with vocals from Gabriella Jangfeldt and Joanne Kemp. The duo then sang *Forever waiting* (a jazz number), *Variety and Sleeping with the enemy*. There was a touch of the East as well. With Bangladeshi composer Dilly on the tabla, Gabriella and Martin on the keyboards, Dr FF Muksed Hemel of Bangladeshi origin, and an associate of LMS, launched into *Shorbonashi premer aguney*.

At the fag end of the programme, Utad Wajahat Khan gave an impressive performance on the sarod. Khan played the raga *Charu kesi*. What about the response from the Bangladeshi audience? In Joanne's view, "We had a very good response on the subcontinent. Mumbai, where we went earlier, was mad but I loved the madness. I prefer it here where things are less hectic. It is important to us to understand Bangladeshi culture and music because we will work with Bangladeshis in LFMS." The evening was a celebration of fusion music. Events like this will go a long way in bridging East and West. Brotée (Communications), along with media partners, The Daily Star and Channel i, organised the programme.

New cookery show on ATN Bangla



Neema Rahman (R) with a guest in the show

ATN Bangla will telecast a new cookery show *Vim Chatpat Ranna Jhatpat Parishkar* at 8:30pm today, says a press release. Directed and hosted by Neema Rahman, the unique selling proposition of the programme is that it presents different recipes from all around the country. The special team of the

programme called Vim Team has collected many recipes from different districts while traveling throughout the country. The programme also offers the audience a chance to cook a special dish. Today's episode will show a special recipe from Mymensingh.

Tithir Atithi  
Single episode drama for ntv

CULTURAL CORRESPONDENT

After a hiatus of two years, actor turned director Zahruddin Piar has directed a single episode drama titled *Tithir Atithi*. Ali Fida Ikram Tojo's play depicts the frustration of the younger generation. Director Piar said, "I was inspired by Tojo's script. Like thousands of jobless graduates of the country, Hasan, the protagonist of the play, is in love with a girl named Tithi. Tithi, who works for a private organisa-



Intekhab Dinar and Srabonti in the play

tion, also reciprocates his feelings. However, neither of them can reveal their feelings as Hasan has no social status. At the end of the play Tithi marries another man, while Hasan becomes an ordinary wage earner." "I have given emphasis to cinematography. The camera work is unique," says Piar. *Tithir Atithi* will be aired on ntv shortly. Srabonti and Intekhab Dinar play the two central characters.

Jewel Aich a conjuror of illusions and a charmer, has often cut a women in half with an electric saw and put her back together. He has done the Houdini act of freeing himself from an airtight vessel and much more. Jewel is indeed a phenomenal magician in our country and has also earned international acclaim. That's not all. He is also a skilled flutist and does sketches as well. Here is an excerpt from the interview with Jewel on his professional and personal life.

**When was your first encounter with magic?**  
Once, a group of gypsies came to our village in Pirojpur. One of the gypsies performed a magic that involved three wooden bowls containing three colourful balls. Later, a circus group named "Banori Para Circus" came to our neighbouring village. When I returned home, I had already made up my mind to become a magician.

**Who was your childhood hero?**  
Celebrated magician PC Sarkar (senior) was my only childhood hero as I was fascinated by his magic.  
**How did you step into the international arena?**  
I was invited to perform at the Society of American Magicians during the early part of my career. My performance at the international conference was highly appreciated. From then on there was no looking back.

**If you were asked to play the lead role in a contemporary Bangla film...**  
I would escape to a faraway place where nobody can find me. Or maybe I would do the "disappearing act" before the film director can even reach me!  
**Who is the most important person of your life and why?**  
At different points of my life, someone has been significant for different reasons. In my childhood my mother was a key figure, in adolescence my friend Nitul. When my father passed away, I realised his importance. Likewise, in my first TV appearance, Abdullah Abu Sayeed was more important to me than any other person on earth. When I fell in love with Bipasha, she occupied that special place immediately. After the birth of my daughter, you can easily guess who the favourite person is!

**Something about yourself that you don't like...**  
Although I am keen on writing, I am not able to express myself in words. When faced with the prospect of writing love letters, I have a permanent writer's block.  
**Are you involved with any social welfare programmes?**  
In greater sense, magic is an art that is altruistic. People want some relief in their stressful, busy life and magic provides just that. But when you talk of everyday philanthropic activities, yes I am involved with many of them. I have participated in many fundraiser programmes for medical treatment of the needy. I have



" Maybe I would do the 'disappearing act' before the film director can even reach me!"  
-- Jewel Aich

helped generate funds for hospitals, schools for the physically challenged and welfare organisations among others.

**Do you have any unfulfilled wish when it comes to performing specific magic?**  
No. However, there are thousands of ideas that come to my mind at times. I have noted down some of them. I don't have any regrets in life though.  
**If you are marooned in an island, what three things would you take with you?**  
Food, pills for migraine and books, lots of them!!!

MTV Video Music Awards 2005  
razzle dazzle

Green Day has dream night with seven awards



Kanye West (L) and Jamie Foxx performing at the event

AP, Miami

Rock was resplendent at the MTV Video Music Awards on Sunday night, as the veteran punk group Green Day took home seven of the "moonmen" and newcomers--The Killers and Fall Out Boy-- won one

each. Green Day, who arrived at the venue in the vintage green convertible from their gritty *Boulevard of Broken Dreams* video, won best rock video and video of the year for the clip -- two of their leading eight nominations. They also won the

viewer's choice award, best group and several technical categories, losing only to Gwen Stefani's *What You Waiting For?* for art direction.

In recent years, hip-hop and pop have dominated the show, especially in the major categories. Not this year. My Chemical Romance and Coldplay were among the showcase performances, and Kanye West was the only rapper to win an "all-genre" award, with his *Jesus Walks* taking best male video.

"It's great to know that rock music still has a place at MTV," said Green Day lead singer Billie Joe Armstrong.

The Killers won for best new artist. Fall Out Boy won the MTV2 award for their song *Sugar*. *We're Going Down*, beating out artists like Mike Jones, My Chemical Romance and reggaeton star Daddy Yankee.

The first American Idol Kelly Clarkson's *Since U Been Gone* won two awards, for best female and pop video. Also winning two awards were Missy Elliott, the Gorillaz and Gwen Stefani.

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) at 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.  
**ntv**  
News Headlines (Bangla) at 10:00 am. 12:00 am. 6:15 pm. 9:30 pm.  
News (Bangla) at 8:30 pm. 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  
12:30 Shasthya Tathya  
01:30 Educational Programme  
02:05 Computer round  
02:30 Darpan  
03:05 Selected Programme  
04:05 Shangeeta  
04:30 Protashar Alo  
05:05 Probash Mela  
05:30 Talk Show  
06:35 Chittagong Programmes  
07:00 News Headlines, Weather forecast, Share Market  
07:05 Quiz Quiz  
07:30 Musical Programme  
08:30 Home Circus  
09:25 Drama Serial: Arshinagar  
10:25 Teknaf Theke Tatulia  
10:30 Sonali Shokal  
12:05 Satellite Programme  
**CHANNEL i**  
09:30 Shongbad Potrey Bangladesh  
09:45 Tritio Matra  
10:45 Grameen Phone  
11:30 Cricket Online  
12:30 Aaj Dupurey  
01:00 Ebong Cinemar Gaan  
01:25 Public Reaction  
02:40 Special Programme  
04:45 Sa Re Ga Ma i Sports  
05:30 Music Plus  
06:00 i-speed  
07:50 Drama Serial: Ponibar  
08:25 Drama Serial: Ek Akasher Tara  
09:35 Drama Serial: Chalcithe Chalbey

10:00 Close-up Juke Box  
**ntv**  
08:35 Aajker Shokal  
09:05 Drama Serial: Bela Bhumi  
09:30 Crime Watch  
10:05 Bhinyo Swader Khabor  
10:30 Shaighar  
11:00 Nohobir Gaan  
11:30 Gombhira  
12:02 Single Episode Drama  
02:30 Drama Serial: Jhut Jhamela  
03:15 Tifiner Fankey  
03:40 Drama serial: Akash chhnoya  
04:25 Gallary  
05:20 Anjari Jigyasha  
06:20 Shrubho Shondhya  
06:50 Frankly speaking  
08:25 Drama Serial: Bela Bhumi  
09:20 Nupur  
10:00 Drama Serial: Rangchhut Dindarpan  
11:25 **ATN BANGLA**  
10:30 Talk Show: Annodrishti  
11:05 Drama Serial: Mohona  
11:35 Business This Week  
12:15 Amar Computer  
12:50 Musical Programme  
02:30 Cine Gaan  
03:15 Drama Serial: O Amar  
03:45 Chokkhu Nai  
04:00 Drama Serial: Bhawal  
04:15 Raja Shannyayshi  
05:10 Shomoshamoyish  
05:45 Nari  
06:20 Islami Sawal Jawab  
08:00 Aynar Shamney  
Drama Serial:

**PICK OF THE DAY**  
**Bela Bhumi**  
On ntv at 8:25 pm  
Genre: Drama Serial  
Cast: Abul Hayat, Richi Solaiman, Shahed  
**Ocean's Eleven**  
On HBO at 9:30 pm  
Genre: Action/ Comedy  
Cast: George Clooney, Julia Roberts, Brad Pitt  
**STAR MOVIES**  
08:00 Infidelity  
09:40 Phone Booth  
11:00 Sexual Life  
12:30 In America  
02:15 Mystery Men  
04:15 Nine Months  
06:00 Santa Clause 2  
07:45 Liberty Stands Still  
09:20 Emmet's Mark  
11:05 Agent Red (Aka Captured)  
12:45 Box The  
**STAR PLUS**  
10:00 Hit Filmlein Hit  
11:00 Sangeet- 20 M  
10:30 Dekhmagapyase  
11:00 Meri Saheli  
08:30 Shukhnagar Apartment  
09:00 Drama Serial: Farary Siren  
10:40 ATN Taroka (acting)  
Musical Programme  
**HBO**  
08:15 Love and A Bullet  
10:00 Our America  
12:00 S1mone  
02:15 The Guys  
04:00 The Big Hit  
05:45 Deatonator  
07:30 Death Becomes Her  
09:30 Ocean's Eleven  
11:45 Tales from the Crypt  
12:30 Return to the Blue Lagoon  
02:30 The Sweetest Thing

01:30 The A Team  
02:28 Star Asia Travel  
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 Ed  
09:30 Rockstar: Inxs  
10:00 The Simple Life  
10:30 Tru Calling  
11:28 Star Asia Travel  
11:30 Newsradio  
12:00 Friends  
**Animal Planet**  
10:30 The Jeff Corwin Experience  
11:30 Growing Up Wild Walrus  
12:30 The Planet's Funniest Animals  
01:00 Pet Powers  
01:30 Amazing Animal Videos  
02:00 Amazing Animal Videos  
02:30 The Protectors  
03:30 The Protectors Animal Precinct  
04:30 Growing Up Wild Walrus  
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08:30 The Protectors  
09:30 The Protectors  
10:30 Growing Up Wild  
11:30 Animals A-Z  
12:00 Animals A-Z  
**DISCOVERY**  
10:30 Wild Discovery

09:00 Akram(T)  
The Natwest Series  
Canterbury England  
Australia Vs Bangladesh 9th Odi Highlights(T)  
10:30 TNA Wrestling  
Programming TNA Wrestling (R)  
11:30 ICC Cricket World (R)  
12:00 Team India Programming India Glorious (R)  
**ESPN**  
09:00 ICC Cricket World (R)  
09:30 English Premier League Highlights (T)  
10:30 Cricket Gold (R)  
12:30 Winter X-Games Ix - Day 2 Part 2 Mt. Aspen Co USA  
02:00 FA Classic Matches  
England Vs Germany World Cup Qualifier 2000  
04:00 English Premier League Highlights (R)  
05:00 Football Focus  
06:00 Great Outdoor Games  
08:00 ICC Cricket World (R)  
08:30 Sportscenter India (L)  
09:00 Cricket Gold (R)  
11:30 Sportscenter India (R)  
12:00 Football Focus (R)  
**TEN SPORTS**  
10:00 US Open : Mens/Womens 1st Round  
11:30 WWE Raw  
02:00 US Open H/Ls  
03:00 Legends  
03:30 ATP Tennis  
05:30 WWE Smackdown  
07:30 Gamer TV  
08:00 US Open H/Ls  
02:00 US Open : Mens/Womens 1st Round