

CULTURAL FEAST

**Cultural Programmes on Nazrul death anniversary**  
Title: Natorak Gaan  
Organiser: Nazrul Sangeet Shilpi Parishad  
Venue: Nazrul Institute, Dhanmondi  
Date: September 05, at 6:30pm

**Theatre**  
Title: Khudito Pashan  
Group: Shubachan Natya Sangsad  
Venue: Experimental Theatre Stage, Shilpakala Academy  
Date: September 01, at 7pm

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

**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

Title: Smiles of Vietnam  
Occasion: 60th anniversary of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam  
Organiser: Shilpakala Academy  
Venue: National Museum Gallery  
Date: September 02-08, 11am to 7:30pm

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

**Film Screening**  
Title: German Films  
Organiser: Goethe-Institut with cooperation with Jahangirnagar Film Society  
Venue: Goethe-Institut, House 10, Road 9, Dhanmondi  
Date: September 04-08  
Schedule  
September 04  
4:30pm Morituri  
6:15pm The Poet to Assassinate Hitler  
September 05  
4:30pm Witness out of Hell  
6:15pm Charlotte S.  
September 06  
4:30pm A Love In Germany  
6:30pm After Your Decrees  
September 07  
4:30pm Angry Harvest  
6:30pm Hanussen  
September 08  
4:40pm The Rose Garden  
6:30pm Europa Europa

Title: Uttam Kumar Retrospective  
Organiser: High commission of India, Dhaka  
Venue: Indian Cultural Centre, House 25, Road 9/6, Gulshan 2  
Date: September 03-09, everyday at 6pm  
Schedule  
September 03 Agni Pariksha  
September 04 Pothey Holo Deri  
September 05 Saptopadi  
September 06 Amanush  
September 07 Jay Jayanti  
September 08 Shathi Hara  
September 09 Ogo Badhu Shundari

In Remembrance

Shaheed Altaf Mahmud's contribution recalled



PHOTO: STAR

Baby Islam (R) receives the crest from Air Vice Marshal (Rtd) AK Khandokar

CULTURAL CORRESPONDENT

THE day the great composer Altaf Mahmud was picked up by the Pakistani Army, never to be found again, was observed on August 30. To mark the day, the newly established Shaheed Altaf Mahmud Foundation (SAMF) organised an award giving

ceremony including a discussion session. The programme was held at the auditorium of the Liberation War Museum, Shegun Bagicha. Mahmud is widely known for his timeless music composition, *Amar Bhaier Rakte Rangano Ekushhey February, Ami ki bhulitey par?* The song, which commemorates the martyrs of the Language Move-

ment, has secured him a unique position in the hearts of the Bangladeshis. He was honoured with several National Awards. Internationally acclaimed cameraman Baby Islam won the SAMF award. In his brief speech, an emotional Islam said, "I wish to thank SAMF for this honour. I am extremely happy to have received

this award. Shaheed Altaf Mahmud's contribution to our culture, language and heritage is immense. His writings and songs should be preserved for generations to come. Thereby we can show our respect for this great composer."

After the award giving ceremony, Shaon Masud, daughter of Altaf Mahmud paid tributes to her father. In the discussion session, Shanta Sraboni presented a paper written by Sara Ara Mahmud in remembrance of her husband, Shaheed Altaf. Altaf's childhood friend and the special guest of the programme Syed Abu Naser Bakhtiar recalled, "Altaf Mahmud was one of the pioneers who struggled to preserve Bangladeshi music. Through composing and singing patriotic songs, he greatly inspired the freedom fighters and pro-Liberation forces in 1971. These were broadcast by Swadhin Bangla Betar Kendra. In addition, he actively supported the freedom fighters. This led to his arrest by the Pakistani Army from his residence on August 30, 1971. Thereafter, he was brutally killed by them."

The chief guest of the programme Air Vice Marshal (Rtd.) AK Khandokar (Biruttam) said, "Altaf Mahmud used his music as a social weapon. His songs inspired the entire nation during our Liberation War and will remain a source of inspiration to us."

Later, noted artiste and convener of the SAMF, Shimul Yusuf rendered two songs: *Joy shotter joy, joy premer joy and Amar shonar chand Altaf mara gechey muktijuddhey.*

ALL TIME GREATS

Aretha Franklin: The Queen of Soul

The fate of gospel music was forever altered in 1956 when a 14-year-old choir girl named Aretha first belted out *Precious Lord* for a congregation of 4,500 at Detroit's New Bethel Baptist Church. The life of Aretha Franklin, widely known as the 'Queen of Soul', is nothing short of amazing grace—more than a dozen million-selling singles, 20 No 1 R&B hits, a civil rights award from Martin Luther King Jr, a spot in the Rock n' Roll Hall of Fame, 18 Grammys and the adulation of billions of fans worldwide.

Aretha's devotion to music, though often interrupted by personal turmoil and tragedy, created a standard that remains unchallenged and unbroken even to this date. She was born on March 25, 1942 in Memphis, Tennessee, to a respected gospel singer and powerful orator who encouraged young Aretha and her sisters to hone their voices and free their spirits.

An untouchable force behind the microphone, Franklin hit a stumbling block when she became a 15-year-old unwed mother. In 1960, Franklin moved to Manhattan, where she began recording demonstration tapes and attracting national attention. After declining offers from Motown and RCA, Franklin was finally snatched up by Columbia Records. When her contract expired in 1966, Atlantic Records signed her. In 1967 Aretha's gospel-charged song, *I never loved a man (the way I love you)*, became a sensation and was the first in a long line of LPs that brought America to its knees.

During the next few years, Franklin burned with passion and intensity, selling millions of albums with Top 20 gospel-crossover hits like *Respect*, *Baby I love you*, *Chain of Fools*, *Since*

her barrage of hits. *Bridge over troubled water*, *Don't play that song*, *Spanish Harlem* and *Rock steady* were just a few of the hits Franklin scored in the early 1970s.

Franklin won Grammy awards every year between 1969 and 1975 but by the end of the '70s her record sales were beginning to dwindle.

Franklin gave her career a kick-start in 1980 with a cameo appearance in *The Blues Brothers*, a movie that introduced Franklin to a younger audience. That same year she left Atlantic for Arista. The recording studio produced sleek new hits like *Freeway of love* and *Who's zoomin' who* in 1985. This was Aretha's first award since 1974.

In 1987, Aretha Franklin became the first woman inducted into the Rock n' Roll Hall of Fame, while also winning multiple Grammy Awards. Following a hiatus in which she received the Lifetime Achievement Grammy Award in 1995, Aretha released the critically acclaimed *A rose is still a rose* in 1998. Post 2000, She resumed working on her new CD for Arista, her first in five years. The long awaited project, titled *So Damn Happy* was finally released during August 2003. The album was praised by critics and loyal fans, and its quality was validated in 2004, as Aretha won her 18th Grammy Award for the song *Wonderful* (in the best traditional R&B category).

Emulated by numerous aspiring divas, a list that includes recent British phenomenon Joss Stone, the popularity of 'the Queen' still remains intact.

Compiled by Cultural Correspondent

Nazrul's Death Anniversary observed in Comilla

A CORRESPONDENT, Comilla

The 29th death anniversary of our National Poet Kazi Nazrul Islam was recently observed in Comilla. To mark the occasion, the Jatiya Rabindra Sangeet Sammilan Parishad Comilla arranged a discussion and cultural programme in the evening at the Comilla Shyolonari Girls School auditorium recently. The president of the Parishad Professor Shantanu Kaiser presided over the event. Artists rendered Nazrul songs at the programme.

For his patriotic poems and songs, Nazrul became a source of inspiration to the common people and the freedom fighters during movements against the then British era and later during the Liberation War of Bangladesh.

Speakers at a seminar said that Nazrul was an integral part of Bangladesh in the spheres of literature



Artistes performing at the programme

and culture. Among others, Professor Shanti Ranjan Bhounik, Nipan Chatterji and Mominul Hoq, Headmaster of the Shyolonari Girls School, took part in the discussion. Professor Shantanu Kaiser in his speech said that the poets are a

perennial source of inspiration. The discussion was followed by a cultural show participated by Sani Borua, Anonna Kor, Anamika Dey, Rina Dattu, Litubroto Dey, Guru Das Bhattachariya, Gowri and Gulzar Hossain Ujjal, among others.

Fusion Music London Film and Music School's jam session



PHOTO: STAR

(L-R) Joanne Kemp, Gabriella, Ustad Wajahat Ali Khan and Zubaer Malik at the event

KARIM WAHEED

The visiting team of London Film and Music School (LFMS) held a jam session titled *East meets West* at British Council Auditorium on August 30. The programme featured performances by local musicians along with members of the LFMS team. As Sharmin Murshid, CEO of Brotee (Communications) put it: "Musicians who joined the workshop held earlier, worked on some tunes with the artistes from the LFMS team and this evening they're going to perform those numbers. Keep this in mind, they had very little time to practice. All the numbers to be performed this evening are basically a fusion of Eastern and Western music." Brotee is the representative of LFMS in Dhaka.

In the first part of the programme, Zubaer Malik was on the flute. On the keyboards were Martin Keating, principal and director of London Music School (LMS) and Gabriella, a talented student of LMS. Joanne Kemp, general manager of LMS and a singer/songwriter lent her vocals.

As the first composition began, the melancholy tune of *bansi* (flute), accompanied by the keyboards

created a serene ambience. Joanne and Gabriella's vocals added to the captivating composition. The tune eventually changed its tempo as it became fast paced. The bass guitar, the beats of *tabla* and drums helped. The climax of the number left everyone awed as if all the instruments and the vocals conjured a storm. Kudos to the flutist. If he maintains his standard, he'll go places.

The next composition *Desert nights* was another delight. Martin and Gabriella performed the duet. Following that was a rendition of a George Gershwin classic *Summertime*. The sultry jazz number recreated a hype when American Idol '04 Fantasia Barrino performed this song, which was considered by many to be the best performance in the history of *American Idol*. Gabriella and Joanne's version, accompanied by *tabla* and flute, certainly sounded different. However, the passion that added soul to the Fantasia version was absent.

The next number was a classic as well. *Killing me softly*, a song popularised by a number of talented artistes including 'soul diva' Roberta Flack, 'country crooner' Anne

Murray and in the recent times, a soul/hip hop phenomenon Lauryn Hill. Gabriella's version was a bit timid but it was easy on the ears.

Bangla, a popular band, performed in the latter part of the programme. Vocalist of the band Anushey started with a rendition of *Amar lagi keu kandey na*. Anushey's earthy, spirited performance rarely fails to make one feel the essence of a song and this time it was no different. "This song is special to me. It's written by Uttam Ghosh and composed by Lokman, an 11-year-old," shared Anushey. Traditional *dhol* added authenticity to the folk song. Bangla ended their performance with a *Lalan geeti*, *Eshob dekhi kanar haat-bajar*.

The programme wrapped up with a performance focusing on the *dhol*. The skill and zeal demonstrated by the *dholi* (*dhol* player) received several rounds of applause from a cheering crowd.

The informal jam session with a moderate crowd was a commendable effort. The programme was organised by Brotee, along with media partners The Daily Star and Channel I.

TV GUIDE

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

★ 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. 1:1pm. 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) 7:30 am. 2:00 pm. 5:00 pm. 7:30 am. 10:30 pm.  
Telecast of BTV News (Bangla and English) at 11:30 pm.

**TARA BANGLA**  
News Headlines (Bangla) at 5:30 pm. 7:30pm.  
Tara News (Bangla) at 8:30 pm. 11:30 pm.  
Tara News Bangladesh (Bangla) at 9:30 pm.

CHANNEL i		Conquest
09:30	Shongbad Potrey Bangladesh and Public Reaction	Drama Serial: Char Deyalar Chand
09:45	Tritiyo Matra	Drama Serial: Feryar Siren
11:30	Drama Serial: Din Choley Jai	Drama Serial: Britto
12:00	TVC sky shop	Drama Serial: Mohona
12:30	Aaj Dupurey O Citicell	Char Deyalar Kabbyo
01:00	Tarokakothon (live)	Cinema Cinema
01:25	Ebong Cinemar Gaan	
03:10	Hridoye Mati O Manusher Daak	
04:00	Bashudhara amader gaan	
04:20	Agora Shopping Guide	
04:45	Sa Re Ga Ma	
05:30	RC Brain Storming	
06:00	Musik Plus	
06:30	Amar Chhobi	
07:50	Drama Serial: Fanush	
08:25	Drama Serial: Albatross	
09:35	Drama Serial: Shompurna Rangin	
10:00	Drama Serial: PI	
ATN BANGLA		ntv
10:30	Annodrishti	08:35 Aajker Shokal
11:05	ATN Taroka(acting)	09:00 Drama Serial: Titumirer Basher Kella
12:20	Bangla Feature Film: Notun Prithibi	09:30 Drama Serial: Nari Ghorey Bairey
03:50	ATN Ranna Ghar Shundar Jiboner Jonno	10:05 Chalachchitra Katha
04:25	Live Quiz Show Purakirtir Bangladesh Islami Sawal O Jawab (live)	11:30 Dhakar Cinema
05:45	Mortal Combat	01:05 Mukhtangan
		02:35 Drama Serial: Belabhum
		03:15 Kichhu Katha
		03:50 Drama Serial: Ranganthuri
		04:25 Shapla Kuri
		05:15 Din Darpan
		05:20 Mohila Angan
		06:20 Shubho Shondha
		06:50 Biz Week
		08:25 Drama Serial: Kachher Manush
		09:20 Music Express
		10:00 Quiz Show
		11:25 Dindarpan
		12:10 Shangkriti Ei Shaptaho
HBO		
8:15	Jason X	
10:00	Uncle Buck	
12:00	Chaos	
2:15	Exquisite Tenderness	
4:15	Run Ronnie Run	
6:00	Hey Arnold! The	

PICK OF THE DAY

**Medhabi**  
On ntv at 10:00pm  
Quiz Show  
Hosted by Subarna Mustafa

**Coming to America**  
On HBO at 9:30pm  
Genre: Comedy  
Cast: Eddie Murphy, James Earl Jones

7:30 Movie Honey	8:35 Joe Dirt	6:00 Shaadi Number One	12:00 K.Street Pali Hill
9:30 Coming to America	10:10 Rob Roy	6:30 Goof Troop	7:00 Friends
11:45 Dante's Peak	12:30 American Ninja 4	7:00 Teamo Supremo	7:30 Newsradio
2:00 The Godfather Part II		7:25 Film Topper	8:00 Hollywood Squares
STAR MOVIES		7:30 Kumkum - Pyara Sa Bandhan	8:30 Whose Line Is It Anyway
8:15 Behind The Camera: The Unauthorized Story Of Three's Company		7:55 Film Topper	9:00 The Drew Carey Show
9:45 Hannah And Her Sisters		8:00 Princess Dollieaurus-kamagicbag	9:30 Oprah Winfrey Show
11:40 Vertical Limit		8:30 Dekkho Magar Pyar Se	10:30 The Practice
1:45 Igby Goes Down		9:00 Kasautii Zindagii Kay	11:30 Rockstar: Inxs
3:25 It Runs In The Family		9:30 Millee	12:30 J.A.G.
5:15 Bruce Almighty		10:00 Kavyanjali	1:30 The A Team
		10:30 Kahaani Ghar Ghar Kii	2:28 Star Asia Travel
		11:00 Kyunki Saas Bhi Kabhi Bahu Thi	3:30 Bold And Beautiful
		12:30 Saarrthi	4:30 Hollywood Squares
			5:00 Whose Line Is It

5:30	Anyway	10:30	Seconds From Disaster	Programming India Glorious (R)			
6:30	Buffy The Vampire Slayer	11:30	National Geographic Special	10:30	Sportscenter India Sportscenter Update (L)		
7:00	The Simpsons	<b>STAR SPORTS</b>			10:32	Tna Xplosion (R)	
7:30	That 70s Show	7:30	Strongman	11:30	Inside The Pga Tour (T)		
8:00	Friends		Programming United	12:00	Cayton Boxing Films		
8:30	Newsradio		Strongman Series		Mike Tyson Greatest Hits (T)		
9:00	Scrubs		2005 Moscow, Russia (R)	<b>ESPN</b>			
9:30	Growing Up Gotti	8:00	Tna Impact (R)	8:00	Tri-Series In Zimbabwe Videocon Cup Zimbabwe Vs New Zealand 4th Odi, Highlights(R)		
10:00	Rockstar: Inxs	9:00	Golden 4 Track & Field / Golden League Tdk Golden League- Weltklasse Zurich Zurich, Switzerland Highlights(T)	10:00	International Ironman Triathlon (T)		
10:30	Arrested Development			11:00	Nfl's Greatest Moments Blue Diamond (T)		
11:30	Angel	10:00	Max Power Max Power 2005 (R)	12:00	X-Games Files 2004 X Games Classic, Moto X Freestyle Los Angeles, Ca Usa (T)		
11:28	Star Asia Travel	11:00	Pga Europro Tour Pga Europro Tour 2005 Leeds, England Highlights(T)	12:30	Wnba Playoffs 2005 Wnba Playoffs First Round, Game 1(R)		
12:00	Friends	12:30	Cricket Gold (R)	1:00	English Premier Football League 2005/06		
<b>NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC</b>			3:30	Ladies European Tour Otp Bank Ladies Central European Open Highlights (R)	5:00	Manchester, England Manchester City Vs Portsmouth (T)	
7:30	Twenty (20) Years With The Dolphins			4:30	Tna Xplosion (T)	5:30	Football Crazy Nokia Football Crazy Nokia
8:30	Cheating Death			5:30	Extreme Programming Sports Mania (T)	6:00	Winter X Games Classic Winter X Games Viii Classic Stomped & Slammed Mt. Aspen, Co Usa (R)
9:30	Expeditions To The Edge			6:30	Motorcycle Programming Firm Speedway World Cup 2005 Wrocław, Poland Race Off (T)		
10:30	Air Crash			7:30	Super Centuries (R)		
11:30	Investigation S2			8:00	Tna Xplosion (R)		
12:30	National Geographic Special			9:00	Sportscenter India Sportscenter Update (L)		
1:30	Interpol Investigates			9:02	Team India		
2:30	Air Crash						
3:30	Investigation S2						
4:30	Twenty (20) Years						
5:30	With The Dolphins						
6:30	Backyard Science						
7:30	Show						
8:30	Eureka						
9:30	Serious: Arctic						
10:30	Groc Chronicles S2						
11:30	Planet Wild						
12:30	Ng Explorer						
1:30	On Assignment						
2:30	On Assignment						
3:30	Frontlines Of Construction						
4:30	Frontlines Of Construction						