CULTURE

CULTURAL FEAST

Theatre

Play: Janatar Rango Shala Playwright: Mujibur Rahman Dilu Group: Nagorik Nattyangan Venue: Mahila Shamiti Satge, Baily Date: September 16, at 7pm

Play: Macbeth Organiser: Department of Theatre and Music, Dhaka University Venue: Nat Mandal, Dhaka University Date: September 09-13, at 7pm

Plav: Brand Group: Centre for Asian Theatre Venue: National Theatre Stage, Shilpakala Academy

Date: September 11, at 7pm

Theatre Festival Title: Kachi Smriti Pathanatok Utshab 2005 Organiser: Padatic Nattya Sangsad Venue: Central Shaheed Minar Date: September 10-12, at 5pm

Solo Exhibition

Title: The Sweet and The Sublime Artist: Hashem Khan Venue: Bengal Gallery of Fine Arts, Dhanmondi Date: September 04-17

Artist: Mohammed Younus Venue: Art & Soul Gallery, Road 36, House 16, Gulshan Date: September 09-18, from 11am

Title: Terra Cotta Ornaments Artist: Ashik Hasan Venue: Zainul Gallery, Institute of Fine Date: September 08-14, from 10am

Group Exhibition

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 Date: September 02-15, 11am to

Artists: Artists of Bhashkar, Contemporary Sculptors' Society Venue: La Gallery, Alliance Francaise Date: September 01-15, from 5pm to

Film Screening Organiser: High Commission of India

Venue: Indian Cultural Centre, House 25. Road 96. Gulshan 2 Time: 6pm Schedule September 16 Anand Bewaffa Page 3 September 23 September 26 Raincoat

Hum Tum

Cultural **Programme**

September 30

Artistes: Lubna Mariam, Mustafa Manwar, Alv Zaker, Rizwana Chowdhury Bonya, Saniida Khatun, Sharmila Bandyapadhyay Venue: WVA Auditorium, Road 27 Dhanmondi Date: September 12, at 7pm

Book Publication

Title: Directory of Women Rights Material (Print and electronic) Organiser: Yukta Venue: British Council auditorium 5 Fuller Road Date: September 12, at 4pm

Musical soiree of Dakkhini

Under the spell of the great bard

NOVERA DEEPITA

musical treat awaited the audience at the National Theatre Stage, Shilpakala Academy on Friday last. Dakkhini Rabindra Sangeetangan, a cultural group, organised a musical soiree featuring eminent Tagore singers Rizwana Chowdhury Bonnya, Tapan Mahmud, Fahim Hossain Chowdhury and Nargis Chowdhury.

Formed in January 7, 1995, the members of Dakkhini Rabindra Sangeetangan are dedicated to promoting Tagore songs. Through the initiative of chairperson Fahim Hossain Chowdhury, the organisation promotes eminent as well as promising artistes of this genre.

Compered by reciter Bhaswar Bandyopadhyay, the opening singer of the show was Nargis Chowdhury. Nargis learned the ABCs of music from Ustad Gajendralal Ray. Her other mentors in music are Ajit Ray, Nilufar Yasmeen and Shanjib Dey. A member of Geetanjali, a cultural organisation and Bangladesh Rabindra Sangeet Shilpi Shangstha (BRSS), Nargis Chowdhury is a regular singer of TV, radio and stage. She rendered Megh bolechhey jabo jabo, Pathohara tumi, Shudhu jawa asha, Olo shoi and Shokhi bhabona kaharev bolev.

Next on stage was Fahim, who learned to sing under Pranbandhu Shaha and Selim Majumdar. The co-chairperson of BRSS, he is a popular artiste of Bangladesh Betar, TV channels and stage



Rizwana Chowdhury Bonnya rendering a song at the programme

shows. With his melodious voice he rendered some classic numbers that enthralled the audience. Among the songs he presented were Tumi shondhyar meghomala, Amar din phuralo, Shei bhalo shei bhalo, Ami tomar premey, Aji joto tara tobo akashey, Naho mata naho konya, Jiboney amar jato

anando and Amar hridoy.

Before the performance of much-awaited artiste of the evening Rizwana Chowdhury Bonnya. Bhaswar Bandyapadhyay recited Tagore's poem Ami.

The recipient of Ananda Sangeet Award twice, Bonnya learned music in Chhayanaut and

Bulbul Lalito Kala Academy in her early years. Later she went to Biswabharati for a higher degree in music, where she trained under legendary Tagore exponents Konika Bandyopadhyay, Shailojaranjan Majumdar, Shantideb Ghosh, Nilima Sen and others. She has established a music school Shurer Dhara and also teaches music in Dhaka Univer-

Dedicating her performance to her mentor, Konika Bandyopadhyay, Bonnya said, "Steered by Chairperson Fahim Hossain Chowdhury, Dakkhini Rabindra Sangeetangan's efforts are commendable." She began with a devotional song, Amar hiar majhey lukiye chhiley. She also rendered Emono diney tarey bola jay, Aji tomay and Rupey tomay bholabo

The last artiste to perform was Tapan Mahmud, who learned the basics of music under Narayan Chandra Shaha, Fazle Nizami and Arabinda Biswas. He is the recipient of a gold medal in the category of Tagore songs in the then East Pakistan Provincial Music Competition in 1969. Since then he has been performing on TV and radio. In the show he rendered Diner sheshey, Shudhu tomar bani, Bhalobeshey shakhi and Jani tomar ajana nahigo.

The artistically decorated stage and well-organised show of Dakkhini Rabindra Sangeetangan deserves kudos. Here's hoping more such shows would be held

A film on Anish Kapoor

The essence of a sculptor

KAVITA CHARANJI

There is a story behind British sculptor Anish Kapoor's gargantuan installation titled Marsyas on display at London's Tate Gallery. Apparently the title was derived from a character of Greek mythology, a satyr flayed by the god Apollo for rendering a more melodious piece of music on the flute. The central message was that artists daren't make a piece of art more beautiful than the gods could make.

In an interview with The Guardian, Anish amplified on his Marsyas: 'The sculpture is in a sense a flayed object, made of skin stretched, revealing a complex network of interior and exterior." The work was a vast red PVC membrane stretched between three massive rings.

The artist and his work were the focal point a documentary film screened by the British Council on August 8 at the Council's premises. The film follows the making of Marsyas, from the earliest models to its completion in October 2002. Anish comments on the various stages of the process and his philosophy of sculpture. Also included in the film are a range of his other works and two recent large works: Sky Mirror in Nottingham and Taratantara, created for the empty shell of Baltic as this new art centre was being built in

The film attracted a wide variety of people--ranging from artists, sculptors, students to teachers and



(Top) Anish Kapoor (bottom) A view of Marsyas

critics. In conversation with some of the viewers, one came across wide appreciation for Anish and his innovative works. In the words of sculptor and artist Professor Hamiduzzaman Khan, "Anish's Marsyas is huge in scale about 155 metres long. Anish says that this is the longest structure ever made. The work has a spiritual element; it is poetic and dramatic because he has taken some sequences from Greek mythology.

Another admirer of Anish's installations is Lala Rukh Selim, sculptor, "I heard that the film would depict contemporary sculpture, so I was interested in seeing it. I wanted to know more about a sculptor's thought process in the course of creating a work of art," she says.

Art critic Moinuddin Khaled, gives his own interpretation of Anish's works. As he says, "Anish tries to make us understand that matter has power. Matter can move us just like colour." The film on Anish is one in a sequence of

documentaries on contemporary British artisits. It follows on the heels of a documentary on Barbara Hepworth. Obviously there is an audience for such a film as was in evidence in a lively question-answer session on Anish and his works.

Exhibition

Terra cotta ornaments by Ashik Hasan

CULTURAL CORRESPONDENT

A weeklong exhibition on terra cotta omaments is on at the Zainul Gallery-2. The first solo exhibition of artist Ashik Hasan, a student of Chittagong Government Art College, the event was inaugurated by eminent artist Abdus Sattar. The special guest of the inaugural programme was Farida Zaman, Director, Institute of Fine Arts, Dhaka University.

Sattar said. "After the establishment of a separate department for pottery, students and artists of this artment have done manv experi mental works. Ashik has come up with the innovative idea of making colourful ornaments out of clay. In his work, one sees the influence of the traditional ornaments worn by indigenous peo-Appreciating Ashik's ideas and

artistic application of colours on ornaments, Farida Zaman said, "Clay ornaments are the symbol of our culture. This exhibition displays the bright and colourful ornaments that are much in demand by stylish women. If



colour, the ornaments would have had a exclusive look. However, I am sure that the exhibition will be successful."

Ashik has been working on the terra



rary taste, Ashik used bright colours and gave uncommon shapes to his Landscapes and geometric forms

are seen in Ashik's ornaments. As he says, "I wanted to bring in an element of nature and portray it in my designs. For example, I have imitated the shape of the three-armed net that the fishermen use in rural areas. I have designed some traditional ornaments of different areas. I have made a traditional ornament called Lakkhishora that the potters of Manikganj usually make."

In making the ornaments Ashik has used clay, metal, oil colour and stones. The ornaments were moderately priced. Ashik said, "Like many designers I prefer not to reproduce thousands of copies of an ornament. That is why my ornaments are exclusive."

Stars gather for hurricane relief

With the floodwaters of Katrina yet to recede, Randy Newman sang about a long-ago hurricane in Louisiana 1927 to open a benefit programme spread across dozens of television networks Friday last.

The hour-long "Shelter from the Storm" appeal was an echo of a sombre event held four years ago to benefit victims of the September 11 terrorist attack, with the same producer. This time the telethon had more determination than shock and featured native jazz, gospel and swamp-rock sounds. "Tonight let's show people on the Gulf Coast that they

have friends all over the world, friends who care, who understand and are there to give them shelter from the storm," said stand-up comedian Ellen DeGeneres, who was raised in New Orleans. ABC, CBS, NBC, Fox, UPN and the WB -- the six

biggest broadcast networks in US -- aired the programme along with several cable networks. Viewers in nearly 100 countries were able to tune in. Contributions were being solicited for the American Red Cross or the Salvation It was the most high-profile of several such televised

benefits. NBC stations televised an appeal last week. marked by rapper Kanye West's off-script comment that "George Bush doesn't care about black people." The performers largely stuck to scripts during the "Shelter from the Storm" appeal Friday, including West, who sang Jesus Walks with a gospel choir. "We've all heard the question," actor/comedian Chris

Rock said. "Why didn't these people just leave when they had the chance? But now we realise that not everybody can just jump into their SUVs and drive to a nice hotel These people depend on public transportation, and these



Mary J Blige and Bono performing at the programme

people can't afford a nice hotel, because some of them work there. Now it's your chance to help them.

Rock singer John Fogerty, who sang passionately about the Mississippi Delta a generation ago, wasn't there but his music was: the Foo Fighters sang Born on the Bayou and Garth Brooks did Who'll Stop the Rain. Mariah Carey and Neil Young were also backed by

gospel singers and Alicia Keys was joined by several gospel stars. U2 needed only one powerful voice, singer Mary J Blige's, to enliven the rock band's anthem One. Keys sang her hit If I Ain't Got You, and Patti LaBelle sang the Pretenders' song I'll Stand By You.

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Wild Discovery

Endurance

Shows

Lifetime

STAR SPORTS

Mystery Hunters

Adventure Crazy

Wild Discovery

Journey Of A

America's Most

Haunted Places

Malaysia Airlines

Football Extra (L)

Asian Tour Weekly

Asian Tour Singapore

Open Day Four(L)

Tna Xplosion (R)

Final Score (S)

Saturday Qualifying

Belgian Grand Prix

Super Sunday (L)

Formula One

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African Adventures

Discovery's Biggest

TV GUIDE

PICK OF THE DAY

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Drama Serial

On Channel i at 9:35pm

The Dawn

Rings: The Fellow-

ship of The Ring

HBO Sneak Peek

That Thing You Do!

The Long Kiss

Goodnight

Bad Boys II

STAR MOVIES

Avatar

11:00 Urban Legend

12:40 Air Force One

Joe Dirt

Twisted

Nine Lives

Runaway Jury

Opening Night

12:00 The Lord of The

Cast: Srabonti, Jaya, Tisha, Ishita, Ahmed Rubel

10:15 Avatar

STAR GOLD

Kuch Hit Kuch

WWS Sky Shop

Yeh Dil Aashiqana

Drunken Monkey

Kuch Hit Kuch

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Out of Control

GOLDEN G

Superhit

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Mehndi

(Hindi)

10:00 The Transporter

Superhit

12:00 Fall

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

News Bulletin

News Headlines (Bangla) at 8:55

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. 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) 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 4:00pm.6:00 pm and 8:00 pm.

News Headlines (Bangla) at 10:00

am. 12:00 am. 6:15 pm. 9:30 News (Bangla) 7:30 am. 2:00 pm. 5:00 pm.7:30 pm.10:30 pm.

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Telecast of BTV News (Bangla and **TARA BANGLA** News Headlines (Bangla) at 5:30 pm

Tara News (Bangla) at 8:30 pm. Tara News Bangladesh (Bangla) at 9:30 pm.

BTV 07:30 Shubhechha Nin Musical 08:15

Programme Satellite Programme 12:30 Shasthva Tatthva 01:05 Khela Dhula

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Banshori 04:05 Boipotro 04:30 Angana

05:05 TV Debate Competition Geetanjali Programme From

Chittagong Centre 07:00 Mati O Manush Drama Serial: Teroi April 09:00 Drama Serial:

Swapno Shonar Gaon Teknaf Theke Tetulia

11:00 Amar Joto Gaan 12:05 Satellite Programmes **CHANNEL-i**

10:30 Durey Kothao

09:45 Tritiyo Matra Tele Prescription 11:30 Hridoye Mati O Manush 12:00 TVC Sky Shop

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01:00 Ebong Cinemar Gaan

Public Reaction

02:40 Special Programme 04:45 Sa Re Ga Ma 05:30 Janala 06:00 Music Plus 06:30 Chhaya Jhangka

Jibon Jekhaney Jemon Roopkotha 09:35 Drama Serial: 69 10:00 Drama Serial: Aarshi

ntv 08:35 Aaiker Shakal 09:30 Right Click

06:50

10:30 Natoker Gaan 11:00 Baul Gaan: Mon Amar Shondhan 11:30 Ki Kotha Tahar

Shathey 12:05 World of Art 01:05 Muktangan TVC 01:30 02:35 Drama Serial-Kachher Manush

03:15 Manush Manusher Putulnaach 05:20 Apnar Jigyasha Shubho Shondhya

Agrojo

08:25 Drama Serial: Jhut Jhamela 09:20 Closeup 1 Tomakei Khujchhey Bangladesh 11:25 Dindarpan

ATN BANGLA 10:30 Annodrishti 11:05 Drama Serial: Ek Janamey

12:50 Smritir

Programme 05:45 Islami Sawal 0 Jawab 06:20 Three Stooges Drama Serial: Jol 11:35 Gandharaj Porey Pata Norey Samsung Cine Aha 08:30 Drama Serial: The 12:15 Adibashi Janapad

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Nirey Taar Neel Dheu

Cast: Richi Solaiman, Taqquir Ahmed, Dolly

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New Best Friend

Phantom Force

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The Long Kiss

Jerry Maguire

Tales From The

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Goodnight

Dead Calm

Jaws III

Movie

Drama Serial:

Mohona

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Drama Serial

Monikothaev

Drama Serial:

Shapla Shaluk

Music Box

04:45 Ispahani Pure Snax

Quiz Time

Musical

Amar Chokkhu Nai

New Shabuj Opera

Ghunpoka

03:15 Drama Serial: 0

01:25 Shornali Shadakalo

cotta ornaments for the last five years Ashik says, "After many experiments and encouragement from senior artistes, I finally decided to hold an exhibition." With an eye on contempo-

The exhibition will be open to the

public from 10am to 8pm till September 14.

STAR PLUS

11:00 Meri Mrs Chanchala Goof Troop Teamo Supremo Shanno Ki Shaadi 12:30 Saalam Namaste Preview 1:30 Mirch Masala

2:30 Pardey Ke Peechey 3:00 Loc- Life Out Of Control 3:30 Maal Hai To Taal Hai

4:00 Jeet Kismey Kitnaa Hai Dam Aaj Dekk 6:30 Zameen

9:30 Kaun Banega Crorepati 2 Baa Bahoo Aur Baby 11:00 Shanno Ki Shaadi

11:30 Shararat - Thoda

Jadu Todi Naz STAR WORLD

12:30 The Practice 1:30 Tru Calling 2:30 Ed The Apprentice

J.A.G.

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5:30 Fashion Tv 6:30 Baywatch Hawaii 7:30 The Simpsons Parkinson Oprah Prime Time One Tree Hill 11:00 The Kumars At No.

11:30 Desperate House-**NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC**

11:30 Backyard Science 11:45 Doc Eureka 11:00 Serious: Jungle

12:30 Be The Creature Air Crash Investiga-Seconds From

Disaster Interpol Investigates Air Crash Investiga-5:30 Seconds From

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Disaster 6:30 Men Of Iron 7:30 National Geographic Seconds From

Disaster 9:30 The Fbi 10:30 Built For The Kill 11:30 Red Space

ANIMAL **PLANET** 10:30 Growing Up Wild

11: 30 Amazing Animal Videos 12:30 The Natural World 1:30 The Crocodile Hunter **Animals Planet**

Showcase 4:30 One Planet Growing Up Wild 5:30 6:30 Amazing Animal Videos

7:30 Animal Planet TV with Teeth 11:30 Animal X **DISCOVERY**

12:30 Junkyard Wars Journey Of A Lifetime 2:30 72 Hours 3:00 Casino Diaries Amazing Baby

Videos

4:00 Healthy Living

Race Day Belgian Grand Prix(L) Formula One World Championship Belgian Grand Prix(L) 8:00 Chequered Flag: Formula One Belgian Grand Prix(L)

8:30 **English Premier** Football League

2005/06 Bolton Wanderers Vs Blackburn Rovers (L) 11:00 Final Score (L)

11:30 Asian Tour Weekly