

CULTURAL FEAST

Cultural Programme

Organiser: High Commission of India
Artist: Sarathi Chatterjee and his trainees
Venue: Indian Cultural Centre, House 25, Road 96, Gulshan 2
Date: September 15, at 7pm

Artist: Sarathi Chatterjee
Venue: Biswa Shahilya Kendra auditorium
Date: September 16, at 7pm

Title: Peye Keno Nahi Pai
Organiser: Panchaswar
Artists: Shuman Chowdhury, Nasima Shahin, Shuman Majumdar
Venue: Goethe-Institut, House 10 Road 9, Dhanmondi
Date: September 15, at 7pm

Concert

Bands: Warfaze, Miles, LRB, Nagarbaul, Aurthohin, Artcell, Black
Venue: Women's Complex, Dhanmondi
Date: September 16, from 10am

Solo Flute Recital

Artist: Captain Azizul Islam
Venue: Shaheed Zia Auditorium, National Museum
Date: September 16, at 7pm

Theatre

Title: Projapati
Group: Nattya Kendra
Venue: Experimental Theatre Stage, Shilpakala Academy
Date: September 16, at 7pm

Play: Shonai Bibir Bala
Group: Centre for Asian Theatre
Venue: Mahila Shamiti Satge, Baily Road
Date: September 17, at 7pm

Title: Fand
Group: Mukhtalay Nattyanagan
Venue: Mahila Shamiti auditorium, Baily Road
Date: September 18, at 7pm

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 to 8pm

Title: Portrait and watercolour show
Artist: Hamiduzzaman Khan
Venue: Shilpangan Gallery, House 25, Road 5, Dhanmondi
Date: September 17-October 01, from 10am to 1pm and 5pm to 8pm

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

Artists: Artists of Bhashkar, Contemporary Sculptors' Society
Venue: La Gallery, Alliance Francaise
Date: September 01-15, from 5pm to 8pm

Musical Soiree

Organiser: Bangladesh Loko Sangeet Parishad
Occasion: Commemorating Kanailal Shil, Ustad Mumtaz Ali, Abdul Alim
Venue: Biswa Shahilya Kendra auditorium
Date: September 15, at 5pm

Honours

Shyamol Chhaya going to the Oscars



Riaz in a dramatic scene from the movie

ERSHAD KAMOL

HUMAYUN Ahmed's movie 'Shyamol Chhaya' has been nominated to compete in 'Best Foreign Language Film' category in the 78th Oscar, 2006.

On September 13, in a press conference at Hotel Sheraton, Bangladesh Federation of Film

Societies (BFFS), announced the nomination. Earlier in the 2003 Oscars, Tareque Masud's movie 'Matir Moyna' was a contestant in the same criteria.

Golam Rabbani Biplab, the vice president of the organisation said, "The Motion Film Picture, the organiser of the Oscars, calls for the nomination from different countries

of the world. BFFS selects the Bangladeshi film to compete in the Oscars."

In his speech the chairman of the selection committee, Azad Rahman, who is also the chairman of BFFS, said, "Primarily we selected three movies: Humayun Ahmed's 'Shyamol Chhaya', Tauqir Ahmed's 'Joy Jatra' and Murshedul

Islam's 'Duratta'. Tauqir Ahmed has not submitted the print of his movie. Finally, we have nominated Ahmed's movie for the Oscar 2006."

Asked for his reaction, the elated screen playwright and director of the movie Humayun Ahmed said, "I am really glad that my fifth movie will participate in the prestigious Oscars. I thank BFFS for taking this commendable responsibility, which I believe, will encourage the filmmakers to make better films in the coming days."

Released last November, 'Shyamol Chhaya' won the appreciation of viewers. The story of the feature film revolves around the sufferings of the war-ravaged people of Bangladesh in 1971. Pitambar, his blind father and grandmother, Karim with his daughter-in-law Ratri, Fuli with her mother, Mowlana Munshi Muslim and his wife Begum, Gourango with his mother and wife are the passengers on board. The boatmen are taking them to safety, far away from the fierce clutches of war. All the people on board are devastated by the horrors of war. As the story advances, different events unravel.

The 110-minute duration film 'Shyamol Chhaya' is produced by Impress Tele Films. The cast of the film includes Humayun Fareedi, Shimul, Shaon, Riaz, Swadhini, Syed Akhtar Ali, Tania Ahmed, Ahmed Rubel, Ejazul Islam, Faruque Ahmed, Shamima Nazneen, Jesmine Parvez and others.

Concert for Miraz



Tony of the band Black speaks at the press conference (L-R) Jahan, John, Najmul Huq Bhuiya, Tipu, Hamin Ahmed and Ayub Bachchu also seen at the event

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Members of the band Black and Transcom Beverage Ltd are set to organise a charity concert on September 16 at Dhanmondi Women's Complex (DWC). 'Black ke bachatey Miraz ke bachan' is the slogan of the event. Popular bands Miles, LRB, Arthohin, Black, Artcell, Warfaze, Shironamin and Striking will perform in the concert. The sale's proceeds will be donated for the medical treatment of Miraz who was critically injured

in a road accident. The concert will start from 2pm.

Black's fans still recall the horrific road accident in April which claimed the life of Mobin, one of the best sound engineers in the country. Members of the band, bassist Miraz and drummer Tony, were severely injured in the accident. Although the latter recovered quickly, Miraz's condition was serious. He received a major concussion and suffered injuries to his left leg and hand as well. He was taken abroad for medical

treatment. With the aim of bringing him back to the music scene, Black decided in favour of a fundraiser concert.

The concert has the backing of the Pepsi brandname. In a press conference organised by the company at the Dhaka Reporter's Unity on September 13, Black announced their return to the world of alternative rock.

Channel i is the media partner of the event.

Bengal Bikash: A launching pad for musical talents

NOVERA DEEPIA

The names of selected contestants of Bengal Bikash, the talent hunt organised by Bengal Foundation, will be announced on September 30. The lucky ones will get an invitation to participate in the selection at the district level.

This announcement was made at a press conference arranged by the organisers at the Bengal Gallery of Fine Arts in Dhanmondi yesterday. The Director of Bengal Foundation Luva Nahid Chowdhury, Director of the Bengal Gallery of Fine Arts, Subir Chowdhury, artists Mita Haque, Bulbul Islam, Khayrul Aman Shakil and Khalid Hassan of Bengal Foundation were present at the press conference.

Presenting a survey report, the organisers said that about 20,000 singers from 20 districts have participated in the talent hunt programme. The survey was prepared considering four key issues: district level participation, age group, male and female participation and educational qualification.

The most important findings of the survey are: about 4060 audio cassettes have been received, among the contestants 2234 are men and 1826 are women while a majority of contestants are 18-year-old. Further more, in all the five categories of the competition the majority are graduates, modern song category has received the highest number of entries and the least number of contestants, that is 124, are from Barisal.

Luva Nahid Chowdhury said, "The response of this talent hunt is beyond our expectation. We have taken five categories: folk, modern, Tagore, Nazrul and three poets (DL Roy, Rajanikanto, Atulproshad). And the reason behind this statistical analysis is to update people on our progress." She also said that music lovers and researchers might get some cues from this analysis.

The organisers of Bengal Bikash have received audiocassettes containing five songs recorded without musical instruments from all over the country from May to August. Soon after the selection is over, the district level round will begin.

Workshop of Bangladesh Gram Theatre



Upcoming artistes learn the elements of theatre

On the occasion of the silver jubilee of Bangladesh Gram Theatre, the group has organised a special month-long workshop on producing a play and improving body language, says a press release. In eight units of the group established in different districts all over the country, the workshop started this month.

The inaugural session of the workshop was held at Srimongal, Maulavibazar. Local theatre activists along with the activists from Dhaka participated in the discussion session. The other sessions of the workshop will be held soon in Barguna, Comilla, Jamalpur, Rajshahi, Nawabganj and Dhaka.

ALL TIME GREATS

Patsy Cline: Country magic

If you get a chance to listen to 'Faded love' (1963) by Patsy Cline and you listen carefully at the end, especially when she breathes before the final word, you hear that she has almost started to cry. That was probably because the song was so close to her own life at the time, or maybe it just shows Patsy's genuine feeling and emotion. In 'I fall to pieces' (1961) when Patsy croons -- 'You tell me to find someone else to love, someone who loves me too, the way you used to do... But each time I go out with someone new, you walk by and I fall to pieces -- you can just feel the frailty in her voice. These classics as well as several others of her songs, takes hold of the listeners, evoking strings of emotions. And that's Patsy's magic.

Patsy's recording career divides into two periods: 51 tracks for Four Star Records between 1955-1960 and 51 tracks for Decca between 1960-1963.

In the beginning of her career she was completely into country music, and recorded mostly up-tempo songs, and sometimes used to yodel and growl when she sang. But later on she increasingly ended up singing slower ballads, more pop than country. This accounted for her success,



but she was always making sure that she didn't get too much "uptown" pop into her recordings, because she was really a country girl at heart. Regardless, she was one of the pioneering country artists who crossed over successfully into the pop music genre, making way for a breed of country/pop crossover singers

like Shania Twain, Leann Rimes and Garth Brooks. Cline's first four singles flopped, but the "hillbilly with oomph" act she developed on TV and in personal appearances earned her regional fame. Her recording stalemate ended when she made her national TV debut on Arthur Godfrey's Talent Scouts

show on January 21, 1957, singing 'Walkin' after midnight, which hit #2 country and #12 pop. She remained hot through 1961 and 1962, with 'Crazy and She's got you' both becoming big country and pop hits. Among her personal favourites were: 'A poor man's roses (or a rich man's gold)' and 'Life's railway to heaven.'

Unfortunately the diva could only enjoy her super-stardom for a couple of years. She was still at the top of her game when she died in a plane crash on March 5, 1963, at the age of 30. Her influence was and remains huge. While the standards of professionalism on her recordings have been emulated ever since, they've rarely been complemented by as much palpable, at times heartbreaking emotion in the performances. Patsy's legacy continues as dejected, lonesome hearts still render: 'You don't love me, it's plain I should know I'll never wear your ring' 'I should hate you the whole night through' 'Instead of having sweet dreams about you'

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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., 1:0:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m., 1:0:00 p.m., 3:00 p.m., 4:00pm, 6:00 pm and 8:00 pm.

ATN BANGLA 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 5:30 pm, 7:30pm. Tara News (Bangla) at 8:30 pm, 11:30 pm. Tara News Bangladesh (Bangla) at 9:30 pm.

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09:30 Shongbad Potrey Bangladesh and Public Reaction
09:45 Trito Matra
11:30 Drama Serial: Din Choley Jal
12:00 TVC spy shop
12:30 Aaj Dupurey O Citicell
Tarokakothon (live)
01:00 Ebong Cinemar Gaan
01:25 Public Reaction
03:10 Hridoye Mati O Manusher Daak
04:00 Bashudhara amader gaan
04:20 Agora Shopping Guide
04:45 Sa Re Ga Ma X Music
06:00 Music 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

ANNODRISHI ATN Taroka (acting): Faridpur Zone
12:20 Feature Film: Shohag Milan
02:27 MuktiJuddher Aye Diney
03:50 ATN Ranna Ghar
04:25 Shundar Jiboner Jonno
04:45 Ispahani Pure Snax Quiz Time

05:10 Purakirtir Bangladesh
05:45 Islami Sawal O Jawab (live)
06:20 Mortal Combat Conquest
08:00 Drama Serial: Char Deyaler Chand
08:30 Drama Serial: Ferrary Siren
09:00 Drama Serial: Britto
09:30 Drama Serial: Mohona
10:35 Char Deyaler Kabbyo
12:20 Cinema Cinema

08:35 Aajker Shokal
09:00 Drama Serial: Titumirer Bashher Kella
09:30 Nari Gharey Bairey
10:05 Chalachchitra Katha
11:30 Bangla Cinema
01:05 Muktagan
02:35 Drama Serial: Belabhumii
03:15 Kichhu Katha
03:50 Kichhu Gaan
04:25 Shapla Kdri 2004
05:15 Din Darpan
05:20 Mohila Angan
06:20 Shubho Shondhya
06:50 Biz Week
08:25 Drama Serial: Kachher Manush
09:20 Music Express
10:00 Quiz Show: Medhabi
11:25 Dindarpan
12:10 Shangkriti Ei Shaptaho

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PICK OF THE DAY

Advertisement for 'Arrested Development' featuring a photo of the main cast and text: 'PI On Channel i at 10:00pm Genre: Drama Serial Cast: Mahfuz, Tamalika, Joy, Bijori, Sumaiya' and 'Arrested Development On Star World at 10:00pm Genre: Sitcom Cast: Jason Bateman, Jessica Walter, Portia'

Table listing TV programs for STAR PLUS, STAR MOVIES, STAR WORLD, and NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC with their respective times and titles.

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