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Korean Cultural Festival

Organisers: Embassy of Republic of Korea, Bangladesh-Korea Friendship Association and Bangladesh-Korea Cultural Friendship Association

Korean Film Festival Venue: National Museum Date: October 05-08

Korean Speech Contest Venue: Embassy of Republic of Korea Date: October 09

2005 Korean Taekwondo Tournament Venue: Mirpur Sports Stadium Date: November 18

Photography Exhibition Title: Reauty of Korea Venue: National Museum Date: October 05-12

Film Screening

Organiser: Alliance Française Venue: La Gallery, Alliance Francaise 26, Mirpur Road, Dhanmondi Date: October 07-28

October 14 Le Cercle Rouge

Art Exhibition

Artist: 15 Contemporary artists of Venue: La Gallery, Alliance Francaise 26, Mirpur Road, Dhanmondi Date: October 14-30

Theatre

Play: Raraag Group: Aryanak Venue: Experimental Theatre Hall, Shilpakala Academy Date: October 08, at 7pm

Play: Mangula Group: Palakai Venue: Experimental Theatre Hall, Shilpakala Academy Date: October 09, at 7:15pm

Saree Exhibition

Title: Shoilpic Fashion and Design Artist: Nahida Sharmeen Venue: Gallery Chitrak, House 21, Road 4, Dhanmondi Date: September 30- October 14. from 10am to 8pm

Photography Exhibition

Occasion: History of friendship between the people of Bangladesh and Venue: Russian Centre of Science and Culture, House 510, Road 7, Dhanmondi

Date: September 29-October 15

A passion for Tagore songs

In conversation with Lily Islam

NOVERA DEEPITA

ILY Islam is among the leading Tagore artistes of the country. Her three-decade career as a Tagore singer and successful organiser has been capped by her present persona: as assistant professor of the Shanto-Mariam University of Creative Technology and the director of Student Welfare and Culture of the same institution. She is an active member of Jatiyo Rabindra Sangeet Shammilon Parishad (JRSSP), Bangladesh Rabindra Sangeet Shilpi Sangshtha (BRSSS) and Rabiraag.

Dwelling on the Shanto-Mariam University, she says, "This university stands apart from the rest as there is no general subject here: all are specialised subjects like fashion designing, fine arts and performing arts. So, I have to concentrate on the cultural facets of the university."

The university, she says, celebrates the national and cultural days such as Pahela Baishakh, Language Martyrs' Day, Independence Day and Victory Day. Likewise, the orientation programmes are celebrated with much enthusiasm. "We have an advantage that we have a music faculty so we don't have to bring in artistes from outside. Our students perform songs on these programmes. We usually arrange a cultural show every two months," says Lily.

The university's musical faculty offers three subjects: Rabindra Sangeet, Nazrul Sangeet and classical music. In order to give all the students



an overall concept of music, they have to study all genres of music in the four-year honours course. Later in the master's programme, they specialise on a specific genre.

Going down memory lane, Lily recalls learning music at the age of five. Her mother used to train under

performed at a number of programmes at the Rabindra Sadan in Kolkata. Lily also wears the mantle of a

music. On her return home she was enlisted as a regular performer on TV

and radio. Besides, she has also

member of IRSSP. In this role she travels out of Dhaka to conduct workshops. Every two years there is a countrywide competition among the talented Tagore singers. In the alternate years the conference is held among the 45 different districts where BRSSP has branches. From this year the Indian High Commission has offered the winners, scholarships from the Indian Council for Cultural Relations (ICCR). The next conference will be held in Comilla.

Rabiraag is a cultural organisation that teaches and promotes Tagore songs. The group organises a special festival every year.

About her future plans, Lily says, "The Shanto-Mariam University plans to set up an audio studio in our university, from where we will release CDs and conduct other tasks related with music production." The students and teachers, she says, also go outside Dhaka to stage cultural programmes.

Lily concludes on an optimistic note. As she says, "Outside Dhaka the practise of Tagore songs is widespread. The people are very enthusiastic about music, indicated by the huge participation in the workshops They also perform at our festivals."



Paintings by Taufiqul Islam Bhuiyan (L) and Shafayet Khan

In search of peace

Painting exhibition in Chittagong

CULTURAL CORRESPONDENT

On the occasion of World Peace Day, Chattagram Charushilpi Shammilan and Nonviolence International organised a painting exhibition recently at Chittagong Shilpakala Academy. The exhibi-tion featured works of 20 artists who participated in the six-day artists' camp. The theme and slogan of the camp was "For peace let the world be mine

During wars, the wide use of land

mines have cost many unsus-pecting and innocent civilians their lives or have left them permanently crippled. Countries have been working

incessantly for a world free of land mines. Bangladesh is not lagging behind either. Bangladesh is one the countries that have signed the Land mine Ban Treaty. Artists throughout the world are

continuing their efforts against the demons of war and the weapons that are still taking lives of millions.

devastation caused by land mines The artists who have participated in the camp and exhibition are: Ansar Ali, Khaza Quayyum, Nasima Masud Ruby, Sanjib Datta, Kanai Lal Mazumder, Tasaddek Hossain Dulu, Osman Pasha, Taufiqul Islam Bhuiyan, Sumon Haldar, Shafayet Khan, Pijush Dastidar, Pradvut Majumdar, Abesh Kumar Indu, Tapan Das, Gautam Pal, Uttam Kumar Talukder, Zia Sikdar, Partha Pratim, Ashraful Alam and Subash



Social welfare organisation Sramajibi Shishuder Janyo Amara, arranged a two-day cultural show on the occasion of the Working Children's Rights week 2005 at the Rabindra Sharobar recently. The children, belonging to NGOs such as Nari Moitri, CPD and UCEP, rendered songs while renowned artistes Azam Khan, Hassan, popular bands Black, Warfaze and other promising singers including Shahed and Haidar Hussain performed on stage.

Ashoktaru Bandyapadhyay, which

inspired her to take music lessons

from the same guru. She was admit-

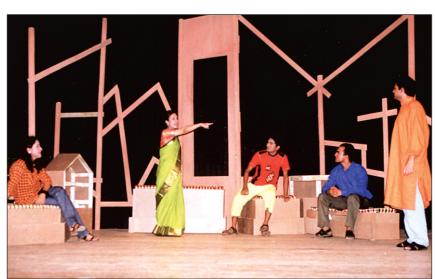
ted to Geetobitan, the first music

school of Kolkata, when she was

merely a child. Later, she went to

Shantiniketan to take music lessons.

There she received a diploma in





Double dance to the Oscars for Farah Khan

year, Rani Mukherjee had the most number of her films considered with Black, Veer-Zaara, Mangal Pandey and Paheli on the list. Others close by were Shah Rukh Khan (*Paheli, Veer Zaara* and Swades) and Amitabh Bachchan (Black. Paheliand Veer Zaara).

But the person who has scored over everybody else this year is none other than choreographer Farah Khan. Paheli was choreographed by her. But another

It has been confirmed that Paheli is film of which she was a part, has also India's entry to the Oscars. Of all the been sent to the Oscars. Apparently also choreographed by her. The film is $considered \,to\,be\,one\,of\,the\,most\,unique$ films of Hong Kong in the recent times and was chosen over Jackie Chan's The

So what if Farah herself is not nominated? At least she bags the honour of being a part of two films being considered for Oscars this year.

Baby on the way for Tom and Katie

Tom Cruise and fiancee Katie Holmes are expecting a baby, according to Cruise's publicist.

News of the pregnancy was first reported by People magazine Wednesday last. A statement from Cruise's publicist added: "Tom and Katie are very excited, and the entire family is very excited." Holmes, she said, "has never felt better."

No wedding date for the couple has been set and no details about the sex of the baby or the due date were available. The child would be Cruise's first biological child. He adopted two children with actress Nicole Kidman before their mar riage ended in divorce in 2001.

Twice married Cruise, 43, and

Holmes, 27, began dating in mid-April but far from keeping their relation ship low key, Cruise became the butt of jokes in May after he jumped over a couch in a manic appearance on The Oprah Winfrey Show and declared his passion for his new girlfriend.

He proposed to Holmes in June at the Eiffel Tower in Paris and announced their engagement the next day at a news conference. Cruise's first marriage, to actress Mimi Rogers, ended in divorce in

1990. After his divorce from Nicole Kidman, he had a two-year relationship with Spanish actress Penelope Cruz.

Cruise is currently filming the action movie Mission: Impossible III, in

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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

11:30 pm.

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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)

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,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.

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BBC WORLD

Every hour on the hour

CHANNEL i

Kanthashilon

staged their latest

production Raja-

Rani at the

Experimental

Theatre Stage

recently. The play

Gangopadhaya is

a living room-

based comedy.

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a fantasy world in

the play. Meer

Barkat is the

director of Raja

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Swapnoloker Kalpokatha Hrodove Mati O Drama Serial: Rongila

ATN BANGLA

10:30 Annodrishti 11:05 Mohona 02:27 Muktijuddher Ei Diney Shurer Madhuri 04:20 Islami Sawal O Jawal 05:00 Gram Ganjer Khabor 06:20 Amar Danish Amar Bangladesh Drama Serial: Jol Porey Pata Norey

Drama Serial: The New Shabuj Opera 09:00 Drama Serial: Lal Nee 09:30 Drama Serial: Ek Jonomey Shusthya Thakun Live

Amar Danish Amar

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Bangladesh ntv Aajker Shokal Drama Serial: Kachher 09:30 Horlicks Poribar

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HBO 8:45 Switchback 11:00 Beetleiuice 1:00 Air America First Daughter 5:15 Analyze That Chasing Liberty 7:15 9:30 Dawn of the Dead 11:30 Master with Cracked Fingers

STAR MOVIES

Three Men And A America's Sweethearts The Dead Will Tell Dying Young Opening Night Apollo 13 Armageddon Gang Related Extreme Dating Apollo 13

Hit Filmein Hit

Film Topper

Hit Filmein Hit

STAR PLUS

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Jhut Jhamela On ntv at 8:15pm **Drama Serial** Cast: Romana, Tisa, Intekhab Dinar

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Mirch Masala

Kora Kagaz

Goof Troop

Film Topper

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Crorepati 2

Kaboom

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Sangeet- 20 M

Ssshhhh...Koi Hai.

Timon And Pumbaa

Meri Mrs Chanchala

Pardey Ke Peechey

Baa Bahoo Aur Baby

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Hollywood Shootouts 1:00 Travel Asia 1:30 Married To The Kellys 2:00 Yes Dear 2:30 Wonderfalls 3:30 The Kumars At No. 42 4:00 Arrested Developmen 4:30 Desperate One Tree Hill 6:30

The Collector

Tna Xplosion

I Dare You

Nighty Night

Armageddon On Star Movies at 7:00pm

Genre: Action / Sci-Fi / Thriller Cast: Bruce Willis, Ben Affleck, Liv Tyler Stark Raving Mad

12:00 **STAR GOLD** 10:00 Hum Hai Bemisa Dulhan Hum Le Apradhi

4:30 8:00 5 Lucky Stars 10:00 Rocky 2 **NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC**

8:30 Special Dogs With Jobs 10:30 Backyard Science Doc Eureka 10:45 11:00

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National Geographic Serious: Desert

Backyard Science

12:00 Serious: Jungle 12:30 Wildlife Detectives 1:00 Monkey Business 1:30 When Nature Strikes 2:30 Violent Earth (Aka

Death By..) 3:30 Frontlines Of Construction Gladiator Wars 6:30 7:30 Holy Cow 8:30 Chasing Time

9:30 10:30 The Swenkas 12:00 Running For Freedom **ANIMAL PLANET** 10:30 Growing up Wild

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Amazing Animal Videos

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Qualifying 2005

Suzuka Japan Fuji

The Natural World

Meerkat Manor

Animals A-Z

One Planet

Videos

Growing up Wild

Amazing Animal

Meerkat Manor

TV With Teeth

Animal X

DISCOVERY

Attenborough Presents

Lords Of The Animals

The Planet's Funniest

Mummy Autopsy

In Therapy

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72 Hours

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Helsinki Finland Day 4 Highlights (R) Cricket Classics Indian Legends (R) Formula One

Motorcycle World Endurance Championship 2005 Oschersleben Germany 1:30 Gillette World Sports 2005 (T) Football Asia (T) Formula One Qualifying 2005 Suzuka Japan Fuji Television Japanes E Grand Prix Qual (R) Nba Inside Stuff (R)

12:30

1:00

Asian Tour Weekly 2005 (T) Locker Room (R) **Uefa Champions** League Magazine Show (T) Gillette World Sports 2005 (R)

A1 Grand Prix Qualifying Berlin Germany (L) Brazilian Goal (R) Fifa World Cup

Qualifiers (England) Fifa World Cup Qualifiers (England) England Vs Austria (L) Pga Tour Highlights

Formula One Qualifying 2005 Suzuka Japan Fuii Television Japanes E Grand Prix Qual (R)

ESPN Sportscenter Week In Review (T) I'd Do Anything (R)

Hitz (R) Soccer Fifa Fever (R)

Born To Play: Masters

9:00

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Legends Trans World Sports 3:00 World Rally Indian Golf Show 4:30 Gillette World Sport 5:00 Chevrolet Cricket Show 5:30 6:30 Winning Post WWE Experience 7:00 Indian Golf Show Italian League Highlights

9:00 Maradona: Downfall of 9:30

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Of Football (R)

Legends (R)

Semifinal 1(R)

Review (R)

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Cricket Classics Indian

Uk Domestic Cricket

Twenty20 Cup 2005

Lancashire Vs Surrey

Sportscenter Week Ir

Uk Domestic Cricket

Twenty20 Cup 2005

India Glorious (R)

India Glorious (R)

Lamotta Vi (R)

Gamer TV

WWE Velocity

ODI H/Ls Final

Indian Golf Show

Winning Post Ep 17

Sri Lanka v India 7th

Gillette World Sport: Ep

World Rally

TEN SPORTS

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Classic Boxing Sugar

Ray Robinson Vs Jake

Leicestershire Semifinal

Sportscenter Weekend

10:00 11:00 **WWE Experience**