

CULTURAL FEAST



Korean Cultural Festival

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

Programmes

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

Photography Exhibition

Title: Beauty of Korea
Venue: National Museum
Date: October 05-12

Film Screening

Organiser: Alliance Francaise
Venue: La Gallery, Alliance Francaise
Date: October 07-28
Schedule: October 07 Subway, October 14 Le Cercle Rouge, October 21 Western, October 28 Yamakasi

Art Exhibition

Title: Les Illustres
Artist: 15 Contemporary artists of France
Venue: La Gallery, Alliance Francaise
Date: October 14-30

Photography Exhibition

Occasion: History of friendship between the people of Bangladesh and Russia and activities of RCSC
Venue: Russian Centre of Science and Culture, House 510, Road 7, Dhanmondi
Date: September 29- October 15

Photography Exhibition

Title: Gunter Grass: Photographs
Photographer: Nasir Ali Mamun
Venue: Exhibition Gallery, Goethe Institut, Dhanmondi Dhaka.
Date: October 14-30

Saree Exhibition

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

Ashraf-Uz-Zaman Khan

Behind the radio waves



Ashraf-Uz-Zaman Khan in his library

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OCTOBER 10 marks the 95th birthday of Ashraf-Uz-Zaman Khan. His name is interwoven with the history of our radio.

Ashraf joined the radio since its inception, during the British rule in 1940. He continued his career through Bangladesh Betar.

Ashraf was one of the 16 employees selected by the then British authority. He joined as the Programme Assistant at the Calcutta relay station of All India Radio in 1940.

To quote Ashraf, "Radio was the major source of entertainment in those days. At that time the aim of radio was to extend support to culture, including music and theatre. My field was music. News was broadcast from the Delhi station. We also relayed BBC

programmes in those days."

The early days with All India Radio are still etched in Ashraf's memory. According to him, "Music exponents like Sachin Dev Burman, Pankaj Mallick, Angur Bala, Indu Bala, Manobendra Mukhopadhyay and other noted singers regularly performed in the musical programmes produced by me. I also took auditions of renowned musicians like Kanika Bandyopadhyay, Hemanta Mukhopadhyay for their recruitment as modern singers.

"In those days both Rabindra Sangeet and Nazrul Geeti were also regarded as modern songs. Moreover, we used to broadcast live performances from theatre halls, as recording systems in studios were unavailable then. At that time there were six professional theatre troupes such as Natyamandir, Star and

Minarva Theatre in Calcutta, which staged Bangla plays. The plays continued throughout the night and using telephone wires we transferred the performance to the relay station. From the station we aired the live stage plays. We used live acoustics at the relay station as fillers between the scenes."

After Partition, Ashraf joined the then Pakistan Radio as the Director (programme). From then onwards there was a change in the programme patterns of radio as well as the government's approach to broadcasting. Ashraf says, "Broadcasting of Tagore songs was banned for three months by the then Pakistan government. Later, they allocated 15 minutes to broadcast Tagore songs each day. Genres like bhajan and kirtan were totally banned. And live broadcast of stage

plays were not possible as no professional theatre troupes were available at that time.

"Then Abu Hena Mostafa Kamal, me and a few others began writing lyrics to fill up the vacuum. Later, we began working on radio plays and I wrote a good number of them, which I'm still continuing."

Ashraf retired as the Director General (DG) of Bangladesh Radio in 1972. Commenting on a memorable incident during his kaleidoscopic journey at different positions of radio, Ashraf says, "In 1971, I was the Regional Director of Pakistan Radio. It was scheduled to broadcast the historic speech of 7th March delivered by Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman, live.

"All of a sudden Pakistani military regime ordered us to postpone the broadcast. However, the employees of radio wanted to broadcast the speech. At the risk of my life, I ordered to record the speech and as a protest against military regime we stopped broadcasting of radio service from then East Pakistan. Then the Advisor to the Governor of East Pakistan, Major General Rao Farman Ali ordered me to restart the broadcasting service immediately. I told him that unless the military allows us to broadcast the March 7 speech it would not be possible for me to resume the services. Later General Farman Ali Khan allowed us to broadcast the historic speech of Bagabandhu. We aired the speech on March 8 at 8:30 am."

Ashraf was the co-ordinator of the first talent hunt, titled Nabokallol. Many renowned singers of the country came in to the spotlight. To quote Ashraf, "Singers like Abdul Hadi, Rezwana Chowdhury Bannya, Subir Nandi and others were introduced through the programme."

Ashraf Uz-Zaman is also a novelist, playwright and freelance journalist.

The Culture Desk of The Daily Star wishes him the best on his birthday.

Minute Camera goes to Tehran

Intl' Short Film Festival

The short film Minute Camera has been selected for the international competition of Tehran International Short film Festival, says a press release. This is scheduled to begin from November 15 and will continue till November 20. Directed and cinematographed by Shahiduzzaman Badal, the documentary portrays the work and life sketch of photographer Noor Islam who has been in this profession for the last 40 years. Under the banner of Palash Visual Communication, the duration of the film is 4 minutes and 10 seconds.



Bangla feature film Shundori Beula: Off the beaten track



Jona and Sadek Siddique in the film

CULTURAL CORRESPONDENT

Anandabazar Multimedia continues to promote quality Bangla films. The latest work of this production house is Bangla feature film Shundori Beula, based on a story by noted poet Al-Mahmud.

The shooting of the film is in full swing at several spots in Aricha, beside the bank of the river Padma.

The film, Shundori Beula depicts the lives of the snake charmer (Bedey) community. The actors are Jona, Helal Khan, Shams Sumon, Koli, Abdul Keya Chowdhury, Zillur Rahman, Golam Ambia Nuri, Pinky, Mahela, Smriti, Mou, Sadek Siddique and others.

Sadek Siddique, the director of the movie said, "The members of the cast

have given a superb performance. I am trying to infuse a few humorous scenes to add some comic relief. Many Dhallywood movies follow the beaten track of songs and dances and are sometimes vulgar. Shundori Beula will prove to be an intelligent, exciting, and dramatic piece of filmmaking."

BTV will telecast the movie on Eid-Ul-Fitr.

Streisand sings anti-war tune



AP, New York

Barbra Streisand and Barry Gibb hadn't worked together in 25 years. But Gibb still knew the best way to express what Streisand was thinking -- especially when it came to the war in Iraq. The result was Stranger in a Strange Land, written by Gibb for Streisand's new album, Guilty Pleasures.

"I loved the first stanza, because to me this war is kind of senseless, and I don't know why we're there," Streisand was quoted. "Just the sadness of, we're there, but don't want to have those people in harm's way, and yet we do have to support (the troops). It's kind of painful, and I had always imagined just seeing footage of the troops, it's like history repeating itself."

Streisand and Gibb first worked together on her best-selling 1980 album Guilty, which contained hits like the title track and Woman In Love.

Their new collaboration debuted at No. 5 on the Billboard albums chart, selling more than 101,000 copies. When asked why it took so long

to reunite, Streisand had a simple answer: "Because times flies."

While the album contains romantic duets and ballads tailor-made for the legend's soaring voice, Stranger In a Strange Land may be the most compelling track simply because of its subject matter. Though it never mentions Iraq, its message is clear from the opening verse: You may be someone else's sweetheart, fighting someone else's war, and if you suffer for the millions, then it's what you're fighting for.

While few mainstream artistes infuse current political events in their music, Streisand wasn't worried about alienating anyone. "If I believe in something, than I just say it, let it out there," she says.

Her website is one of the few ways Streisand expresses herself in public these days. She rarely speaks to the media, and her artistic endeavours are limited: her appearance in last year's blockbuster comedy Meet the Fockers, with Ben Stiller, Robert De Niro and Dustin Hoffman, was the Oscar-winner's first movie since 1996.

Chocolate hits the silver screen

With its unusual title, the film Chocolate was released around a month ago. The movie stars an ensemble cast: Anil Kapoor, Sunil Shetty, Emraan Hashmi, Arshad Warsi, Irfaan Khan, Tanushree Dutta and Sushma Reddy.

Chocolate follows the fortunes of seven unfortunate Indians in London who find themselves on the wrong side of the law and made scapegoats for certain bizarre incidents that shatter the calm of the city around Christmas time.

In the film, Anil Kapoor plays Krish, a sharp and egotistical lawyer with superb legal skills. The macho Shetty



plays Rocker, an obsessed lover who never budges once he has set his mind on something.

Irfaan Khan plays Pipi, a soulful thinker who would always prefer to tread the hard but right path. Arshad Warsi plays Tubby, a playboy. Emraan Hashmi plays a musician.

Tanushree plays Simi, a temptress with a dubious past. Sushma Reddy plays an out-of-luck journalist.

Chocolate is produced by Vibha-Ragini and directed by Vivek Agnihotri. It has music by Pritam and lyrics by Dev Kohli, Mayur Puri and Ajeet Srivastava.

Source: Internet

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. Latest 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. 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. 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 pm, 10:30 pm. Telecast of BTV News (Bangla and English) at 11:30 pm. TARA BANGLA News Headlines (Bangla) at 5:30 pm, 7:30 pm. Tara News (Bangla) at 8:30 pm, 11:30 pm. News (English) Bangladesh (Bangla) at 9:30 pm. BBC WORLD Every hour on the hour

CHANNEL i

09:45 Tritiyo Matra
10:45 Live Educational Programme
12:00 TVC sky shop
12:30 Aaj Dupurey O Citycell Tarokakothon
01:00 Ebong Cinemar Gaan
01:25 Public Reaction
01:30 Shangkbadporey Bangladesh
02:40 Special Programme
03:40 Channel-i viewers forum
04:00 Bashundhara Amader Gaan
04:15 Banjiyo O Orthoniti
04:40 Janopoder Khabor
04:50 Kalam O Kolom
05:05 Ramadanal Mubarak
05:48 Hamd O Naat
05:55 Hardom Manohar Iftar
06:10 Music Plus
06:50 Business show
07:50 Drama Serial: Hattiya
09:35 Drama Serial: Shampurna Rangeen
10:00 Drama Serial: Aarshee
10:00 Ntv
09:30 Agrojo
10:00 Grammen Phone
10:05 Matsho Ummayoney Nari
10:30 Dhakar Cinema
10:05 Muktanggan
01:30 TVC
02:35 Drama serial: Kacher Manush
03:15 Bhinno Shader Khobor
04:25 Rhidoye Ramadan
05:10 Apnar Jiggasha
05:50 Islam Shikhar Ashor
06:00 Desher Khobar
06:20 Shubho Shandhaya
06:50 Khaborer Shandhaney

08:25 Drama Serial: Bela Bhumi
09:20 Shajghar
10:00 Drama serial: Akash Chhonya
11:25 Dindarpan
ATN BANGLA
10:30 Annodrishti
11:00 Drama Serial: Ek Janamey
11:35 Drama: Dujoner Duti Path
12:50 Sonali Din
01:30 Drama Serial: Dhan Shaliker Desh
02:27 Mukjuddher Ei diney
02:30 Drama Serial: GhunPoka
03:15 Drama Serial: O Amar Chokkhu Nai
04:05 Quiz Show
04:20 Islami Sawaal O Jawab
04:50 Mubarak Ho Mahe Ramadan
06:20 Education Zone
08:00 Drama Serial: Shukhnagar Apartment
08:30 Drama Serial: Flat Number Forty
09:00 ATN Taroka(music)
10:40 Katha Mala
12:20 Adibashi Janopad
HBO
8:45 Friday the 13th Part VII-The New Blood
10:30 Forbidden sins
12:00 International Affairs
2:15 Obsessed
4:00 American Pie: The Wedding
6:00 Nick of Time
7:45 The Wild Thornberrys Movie
9:30 Assassins
12:15 Huff 12-13: All The King's Horses/Crazy Nuts and all up

PICK OF THE DAY
ATN Taroka
On ATN Bangla at 9:00 pm
Genre: Talent Hunt
Host: Khondokar Ismail and Kona

Assassins
On HBO at 9:30pm
Genre: Action/Thriller
Cast: Sylvester Stallone, Antonio Banderas, Julianne Moore

2:30 Friday the 13th Part VII-The New Blood
4:15 Clear and present Danger
STAR MOVIES
08:30 Ever After: A Cinderella Story
10:30 River Wild The
12:30 Hope Floats
02:25 Man In The Mirror
03:55 Ozzie
05:25 Target Of Opportunity
07:00 Long Time Dead
08:35 Snowman's Pass
10:15 River Wild The
12:15 Chasing Papi
STAR PLUS
09:05 Hit Filmlein Hit Sangeet- 20 M
09:30 Kunkum - Pyara Sa Bandhan
10:30 Meri Saheli
11:00 Patang
11:30 Shanti
12:00 Zindagi Milke Bitayenge
01:00 Kasauti Zindagi Kay Bhabhi
02:30 Kesar
03:00 Saarthi
03:30 Kyunki Saas Bhi Kabhi Bahu Thi
04:00 Kahiin To Hoga K.Street Pali Hill
05:00 Piya Bina
06:00 Zindagi Milke Bitayenge
06:30 Goof Troop
07:00 Timon And Pumbaa
07:30 Kunkum - Pyara Sa
09:00 Bandhan Princess
08:30 Dollieauruskamagichag
09:00 Mum Tum Aur Hum
09:30 Millie
10:30 Kavyanjali
11:30 Kahaani Ghar Ghar Kii
12:00 Kahiin To Hoga K.Street Pali Hill
05:30 Anyway?
06:30 Buffy The Vampire Slayer
07:00 The Simpsons
07:30 The King Of Queens
08:00 Friends
08:30 Seinfeld
09:30 Married To The Kellys
10:00 Everybody Loves Raymond
10:30 Yes Dear
10:00 Becker
10:30 Wonderfalls
11:30 Seinfeld
12:00 Friends
ANIMAL PLANET
08:30 Whole Story
09:30 Fun Zone
10:30 Crocodile Hunter Diaries
05:30 Croc Chronicles
06:00 Crittercam-Wildtech Adventures
06:30 Ng Explorer
07:30 Animal Nightmares
08:00 Extinct
08:30 Catastrophe
09:30 Catastrophe
10:30 Seconds From Disaster
11:30 Catastrophe
STAR SPORTS
09:00 India Tour Of Zimbabwe Zimbabwe Vs India 2nd Test Day 1
02:00 The Golf Club The Ubs Golf Club
02:30 Asian World Cup Qualifiers 2006 Uzbekistan Vs Bahrain
04:30 Race Day Suzuka Japan Fuji Television
05:15 Formula One 2005 Grand Prix
07:30 Chequered Flag Grand Prix
08:00 Gillette World Sports Special
08:30 Cricket Classics Great Indian Partnerships
09:00 Sportscenter India (L)
09:02 Australia Tour Of England Vs Australia 4th Test Day 4
10:30 Sportscenter India (L)
10:32 Gillette World Sports Special Gillette World Sports 2005
11:00 Hitz
11:30 PGA Tour Highlights
ESPN
09:00 ICC Cricket World (R)
09:30 Asian X Games Highlights
10:00 Great Outdoor
12:00 Major League Baseball Division Series
03:00 NFL Football Jacksonville FI USA Cincinnati Bengals Vs Jacksonville Jaguars (S)
06:00 Motorsport Asia (R)
06:30 Asian X Games Highlights
07:00 Bull Riding Pro
08:00 UEFA Champions League Magazine Sportscenter India (L)
09:00 Cricket Classics Indian Legends
10:00 Cricket Classics Super Doubles (T)
10:30 Super Spells
11:00 Sportscenter Asia (S)
12:00 Sportscenter India Hitz (R)
TEN SPORTS
08:00 Gillette World Sport
09:00 WWE Heat
09:30 Total Rugby SAWCO: Bolivia v Brazil:
11:30 Gamer TV
12:00 Trans World Sports
01:30 Gillette World Sport
02:30 EPGA HSBC Womens World Match Play Champ 05
04:30 South American WC Qualifiers:Argentina v Peru
05:30 Legends: Ali v Frazier
07:30 WWE Raw
08:00 Great Centuries
09:00 EPGA HSBC Womens World Match Play Champ 05
09:30 Inside Grand Prix
10:00 Gamer TV
11:00 Barcelona Tour of Asia
12:00 WWE Raw