

CULTURAL FEAST

Exhibition

Title: Alluvial Pain And Salvation
Artist: Kalidas Karmakar
Venue: Alliance Franciase, Dhanmondi
Date: November 17-30, from 9am to 12pm, 5pm to 9pm
Artist: Anisur Rahman
Venue: Art & Soul Gallery, Road 36 House 16, Gulshan
Date: November 18-27, from 11am to 8pm

Title: Along with Chaos
Artist: Imtiaz Islam Shohag
Venue: Nolini Kanto Vottashali Gallery, National Museum
Date: November 23-30, from 10:30am to 4:30pm

Title: Iffat 2005
Artist: Iffat Ara Dewan
Venue: Shilpanagan Gallery, Road 05, House 25, Dhanmondi
Date: November 17-30, from 10 am to 1pm and 5pm to 8pm

Title: Enlightenment
Artist: Kanak Chanpa Chakma
Venue: Bengal Shilpalay, Dhanmondi
Date: November 20 - December 03, from 12pm to 8pm

Artist: Nagarbashi Barman
Venue: Gallery Kaya, House 20, Road 16, Sector 4, Uttara
Date: November 25 - December 04, from 11pm to 8pm

Film Screening

Organiser: Dhaka Film Society
Venue: Russian Cultural Centre
Date: November 29-30
Schedule
November 29
 2:30pm King Lear
 5:30pm Hamlet
November 30
 2:30pm Crime And Punishment
 5:30pm Anna Karenina

Cultural Programme

Title: Shetubandhan: Ma, Mati and Konya
Organiser: Spectra Group
Venue: Shaheed Zia Auditorium, National Museum, Shahbagh
Date: December 02, at 4pm

Guests: Shamsur Rahman, Ramendu Majumder
Organiser: Banhishikha
Date: November 26, at 5pm
Venue: Liberation War Museum, Shegun Bagicha

Programme: Award Giving Ceremony followed by solo violin recital by Nusrat Mumtaz Ruposhi
Occasion: Birth anniversary of Munir Chowdhury
Organiser: Theatre
Date: November 27, at 7pm
Venue: Mahila Shamiti Stage, Baily Road

Commemoration

Occasion: Death anniversary of Noren Biswas
Organiser: Kanthoshilon
Date: November 27, at 6:30pm
Venue: Experimental Theatre Stage, Shilpakala Academy

Festivity

Nabanno Utshab '05 celebrated



Artistes performing at the Nabanno Utshab

PHOTO: STAR

NOVERA DEEPTA

JATIYO Nabanno Utshab Udjapon Porshad' held a day-long programme on the occasion of *Nobanno* (harvest) festival at the Bakultola, Institute of Fine Arts yesterday. This is the seventh time the organisation has arranged such programme at the same venue.

The event was inaugurated by noted language activist Abdul Matin early in the morning. Abdul Matin said, "Although such festivals are deeply rooted in rural Bangladesh

life, the celebrations have become Dhaka-centric. The organisers should arrange such programmes in the rural areas to ensure inclusion of the people living in villages."

After the welcoming speech by the convener of the organisation, Shahriar Salam, cultural activists Kamal Lohani, Hasian Mumtaz, Golum Kuddus, Habibur Rahman Khan, Professor Jatin Sarkar, Dr Ashraf Siddiqui and social activist Khushi Kabir also spoke on the occasion.

The cultural programme started its morning session with the solo flute

recital of Murtaja Bashir Murad. Laila Afroz and Bhaswar Bandyopadhyay recited poetry and artistes Aniket Acharya, Abul Fatah Polash, Sharmin Shathi Moyna, Altaf Hossain rendered songs at the occasion. The members of Bangladesh Udichi Shilpi Goshthi performed chorus songs. Choreographed by Anik Bashu, cultural organisation Spandan presented a group dance.

The members of Nrityanandan presented a dance piece choreographed by Sharmila Bandyopadhyay. Recitation group Muktaadhara Shangkriti Charcha Kendra

presented a group recitation of *Hemonto Nandita Bango*. Bashar Abbasi and his group performed *Shari Gaan*. Jari Gaan by Saidur Rahman Boyati and his group followed.

The art works by children were on display at the Institute premises. An exhibition of *Pithas* (rice cakes) was also held at the festival. Earlier the organisers brought out a rally with colourful festoons from the venue.

Singers, including Jhuma Khondokar, Mahbulul Haydar Mohan, Rabeya Borsha, Jannatul Ferdous Lucky, Bijon Chandra Mistri, Kalpona Rajbonshi, Nirgis Chowdhury, Mamun Zahid Khan, Bulbul Moholanobish, Arif Rahman, Biswajit Ray, Lily Islam, Biman Chandra Biswas, Rupu Khan, Fahim Hossain Chowdhury, Mahzabin Rahman, Tapon Majumder, Sajed Akbar, Fakir Shahabuddin, Nasima Shahin Fancy, Shamar Barua, Shyama Rahman, Shelu Barua, Khayrul Anam Shakil, Rebeka Sultana and others rendered songs in the afternoon session of the programme.

Members of cultural group Kranti, Rishigo, Protiti, Dhruvatan and Ustad Momtaz Ali Academy rendered group songs. Group dances were performed by dance groups Khelaghar, Ananya, Benuka, Nrityalok and Sukonya. Mohibul Islam Mahi, Shimul Mustafa, Rafiqul Islam, Ahkamullah and Gulam Sarwar recited poetry at the event. The day-long programme ended with group songs.

Chayanika Chowdhury

A new directorial venture

CULTURAL CORRESPONDENT

Chayanika Chowdhury has a new offering -- a one-hour play titled *Shonar Kathi Rupar Kathi*. Scripted by Bipasha Hayat, the story of the play revolves around the endangered life of a young woman. The protagonist, played by Tarin, leaves home because she doesn't want to marry the man chosen by her parents. The plot follows her struggles through the walk of life. The other lead character is played by Mahfuz Ahmed who protects her like a guardian angel.

Ekushey Betar, a radio station operated by the expatriate Bangladeshes in Sydney, aired a live interview of Chayanika Chowdhury recently. Interviewed by Faruq Iqbal, Chayanika talked about her TV play *Kasho Kashto Shukh*, which won the Best Critic Award in the direction category in 2004 from Cultural Journalist Forum of Bangladesh. An elated Chayanika added, after the interview most of the VCDs of *Kasho Kashto Shukh* were sold out in Sydney.

Theatre

Three Bangladeshi plays to participate at NSD Festival

(L-R) Scenes from *Shonai Bibir Pala*, *Raarang* and *Behular Bhashan*

ERSHAD KAMOL

For the first time three Bangladeshi stage plays are participating at the National School of Drama Festival (NSD) known as *Bharat Rang Mahautsava*, which is incidentally, the biggest theatre festival in South Asia. The participating plays are *Shonai Bibir Pala*, a Centre for Asian Theatre (CAT) production, *Raarang*, an Aranyak Natya Dal production and *Behular Bhashan*, a production of Department of Theatre and Music, Dhaka University.

Each year NSD theatre festival begins on January 3, in Delhi in which

selected Indian as well as theatre troupes from other countries, stage plays.

During her Dhaka visit, NSD Chairperson Amal Allana watched a few of the Bangladeshi stage plays. She was impressed with the contemporary Bangladeshi theatre scene. That appreciation became apparent when NSD selection committee officially invited three plays from Bangladesh, while only one troupe from other foreign countries will participate in the festival which will continue from January 3 to 12, 2006.

CAT will stage *Shonai Bibir Pala* directed by Kamaluddin Nilu on the

inaugural day at Sriram Centre, Delhi. Later the group will stage the same play at Bangalore on January 6, where 10 selected plays of the festival will be staged.

Earlier CAT participated three times -- in 2002, 2004 and 2005 at the NSD Festival.

Aranyak Natya Dal will stage *Raarang* on the following day of the inauguration at Abhimanch Auditorium at NSD campus. Mamunur Rashid is dramatist as well as director of *Raarang*.

Behular Bhashan directed by Syed Jamil Ahmed will be staged on January 10 at Circulation Unit, Delhi.

Celluloid

Taj Mahal shimmers...

Attempting a historical film in these times is as rare as having thunder showers in January. Akbar Khan not only attempts a historical work, but makes a colossal film on one of the seven wonders of the world, *Taj Mahal*. Naturally, the expectations are as monumental as the subject matter.

Akbar Khan's interpretation of the story is far more engaging than those attempted in the past. *Taj Mahal* has gloss, sequences that make a sweeping impact and most importantly, soul.

Taj Mahal begins with an ageing Shahjahan (Kabir Bedi) being held captive by his son Aurangzeb (Arbaaz Khan). After killing his elder brother Dara Shikoh (Vaquar Sheikh) and his other brother, Aurangzeb not only keeps his father in captivity, but also confines his elder sister Jahan Ara (Manisha Koirala) to house arrest. In the sunset of his life, Shahjahan begins to narrate his legendary tale to daughter Jahan Ara.

It's love at first sight for the two youngsters, Prince Khurram AKA Shahjahan (Zulfi Syed) and Arjumand AKA Mumtaz Mahal (Sonya Jehan), in a jungle. But Shahjahan's stepmother Noorjehan (Pooja Batra) has her own agenda: She wants Shahjahan to

Sonya Jehan and Zulfi Syed in *Taj Mahal*

marry her daughter from her earlier marriage, Ladli Begum (Kim Sharma).

Shahjahan and Mumtaz Mahal's romance and subsequent marriage isn't without its share of hiccups. While breathing her last, Mumtaz Mahal takes a promise from her beloved to build an edifice in memory of their love. And thus begins work on a monument that continues to attract millions of people even today.

Khan narrates the story in the most

simplicistic fashion. Generally, with so many characters involved as also the fact that the generation of today may not be fully aware of the intricacies of the subject, it could be a daunting task to compress the facts in two-and-a-half-hours and in a manner the average moviegoer could decipher. It is a great feather in his cap that he has succeeded in this challenging job.

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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 am, 10:00 am, 11:00 am, 1:00pm, 3:00 pm, 4:00pm, 6:00 pm and 8:00 pm.

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

BBC WORLD

Every hour on the hour

BTV

08:15 Shubhechhhha Nin
 10:00 Satellite Programme
 12:15 Sisimpur
 02:30 Bangla Feature Film
 05:05 Debate
 06:10 Wrestling
 06:55 News Headlines, Share Market, Weather Forecast
 07:00 Documentary
 Programme
 07:30 Drama Serial: Gaaner Pakhi
 08:40 Shapholya Gatha
 08:50 Weekly Drama
 10:25 Teknaf Theke Tetulia
 10:35 Talk Show
 12:05 Satellite Programme

CHANNEL i

09:30 Shongbad Potrey Bangladesh and Public Reaction
 09:45 Trityo Matra
 10:45 Na Bola Kotah (Live)
 12:00 TVC Sky Shop
 12:30 Aj Dupurey
 01:00 Ebong Cinemar Gaan
 01:25 Public Reaction
 02:30 Special Programme
 04:00 Bashundhara Amader Gaan
 05:15 Janapader Khabor
 06:00 Music Plus
 06:30 Drama Serial: Dui Prohor
 07:50 Drama Serial: Swapnoloker
 08:25 Kalpokatha
 09:35 Ekdusher Por
 10:00 Hrodoye Mati O Manush
 10:00 Drama Serial: Rongila Manush

ATN BANGLA

12:15 Bangla Film
 03:45 Shurer Madhuri

04:20 Hatima Tim Tim
 05:00 Gram Ganjer Khabor
 05:45 Islami Sawal O Jawab
 06:20 Special Programme
 08:00 Drama Serial: Jol
 08:30 Porey Pata Norey
 09:00 Drama Serial: The New Shabuj Opera
 09:30 Drama Serial: Lal Neel Beguni
 10:35 Drama Serial: Ek Jonomey
 10:35 Shusthya Thakun Live

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08:35 Aajker Shokal
 09:00 Drama Serial: Kachher Manush
 09:30 Ki Kotah Tahar Shathey
 10:05 Glamour World
 10:30 Dhakar Cinema
 01:05 Mukhtangan
 03:15 Tomakei Khunichhey Bangladesh
 04:25 Tepantorer Mathey
 05:15 Din Darpan
 05:20 Alokpat
 06:20 Shubho Shondha
 06:50 Right Click
 08:25 Drama serial: Romizer
 09:10 Ayna
 11:25 Bhalobasho
 11:25 Mor Gaan
 11:25 Dindarpan

HBO

8:30 Seeing Double
 10:30 Swept Away
 12:30 The Sweetest Thing
 2:15 Magnolia
 5:45 The Trumpet of the Swan
 7:15 The Hunted
 9:30 Blood Work
 11:45 13 Poles of Shaolin
 1:45 Bloodlust: Subspecies III
 3:30 paper Soldiers
 5:15 The Sweetest Thing



Rongila Manush

On Channel i at 10:00pm

Drama Serial

Cast: Chumki, Shahiduzzaman Selim

STAR MOVIES

9:50 Sister Act
 11:30 Stuck On You
 1:30 Big Lebowski The
 3:30 Dick
 5:10 Imagining Argentina
 10:30 Hidalgo
 9:15 Die Hard
 11:30 Rocky V
 9:30 Kahani Jurm Ki
 10:30 Dharum Aur Hum
 11:30 Jai Ganga Maiya
 12:55 Taaza Hits
 1:00 Star Bestsellers
 2:00 Taaza Hits
 2:05 Hit Filmlein Hit
 2:25 Sangeet- 20 M Film Topper

STAR PLUS

2:30 Mirch Masala
 3:00 Kora Kagaz
 5:00 Hit Filmlein Hit
 5:25 Sangeet- 20 M
 5:30 Taaza Hits
 6:30 Sssshhh... Koi Hai...
 7:00 Talespin
 7:30 Kim Possible
 7:25 Film Topper
 8:30 Meri Mrs Chanchala
 8:00 Pardey Ke Peechey
 8:30 Kaboom
 9:30 Kaun Banega Crorepati 2
 10:30 Baa Bahoo Aur Baby
 11:30 Loc: Life Out Of Control
 11:30 Ji Mantriji
 12:00 Kahani Jurm Ki
 8:30 Smallville

PICK OF THE DAY



Blood Work

On HBO at 9:30pm

Genre: Crime/Thriller/Drama/Mystery

Cast: Clint Eastwood, Jeff Daniels, Anjelica Huston

MISS WORLD

12:00 The Bold & The Beautiful
 10:30 Miss World
 1:00 Travel Asia
 1:30 Married To The Kellys
 2:00 King Of Queens
 2:30 The Office
 3:00 Coupling
 3:30 The Kumars At No. 42
 4:00 Arrested Development
 4:30 Desperate Housewives
 5:30 Life As We Know It
 6:30 Tru Calling
 7:30 The Collector
 8:30 Tna Xplosion
 9:30 What Were You Thinking?
 10:30 According To Bex
 11:30 Cops

DISCOVERY

11:30 Ultimate Discovery

12:30 Unsolved History
 1:30 Speed Week
 2:30 Timeblazers
 3:00 In Therapy
 3:30 Baby Whisperer
 4:00 Celebrity Doubles
 4:30 Wild Discovery
 5:30 Guilty or Innocent
 6:30 Great Ideas
 7:30 Wild Discovery
 8:30 Discover India
 9:30 Urban Explorers
 10:30 Discovery Wings
 11:30 Extreme Evidence
 12:00 Conspiracies on Trial

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GEOGRAPHIC

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