

CULTURAL FEAST

Exhibition



Title: Enlightenment
Artist: Kanak Champa 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

Photography

Exhibition

Title: Our Hopes Our Fears Our Reality
Theme: HIV/AIDS and gender related issues
Photographer: Bristi Chowdhury
Venue: Shilpangan, House 25, Road 05, Dhanmondi
Date: December 01-14

Theatre

Play: A Little Night Music
Playwright: Stephen Sondheim
Group: Dhaka Stage
Date: November 30- December 03, at 7:30pm
Venue: American International School, Dhaka
Play: Khudhito Pashan
Group: Shubochan Natya Shongshod
Venue: Mahila Samity Stage
Date: December 03 at 7 pm

Watercolour Art Competition

Organiser: Shako
Venue: Country Office, DHL Worldwid Express, House 1, Road 95
Date: December 02, at 1pm

Film Screening

Title: Parineeta
Organiser: High Commission of India
Venue: Indian Cultural Centre, Road 96, house 2, Gulshan 2
Date: December 02, at 6pm

Event

Group Theatre Federation's silver jubilee celebration begins

ERSHAD KAMOL

ON November 29, theatre activists thronged to the Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy campus on the occasion of the silver jubilee celebration of the Bangladesh Group Theatre Federation (BGTF).
Amidst colourful festoons and placards, the celebration began with the hoisting of the National Flag and BGTF flag to the accompaniment of the National Anthem. Language movement veteran Gaziul Haque and freedom fighter Air Vice Marshal AK Khandokar (Retd) jointly unfurled the National Flag, while the current chairperson of BGTF, Mamunur Rashid, hoisted the BGTF flag. Later, the participants observed a one-minute silence to pay respect to renowned journalist Shahadat Chowdhury, who passed away recently, as well as those whose lives were cut short by the carnage at the courts in Gazipur and Chittagong.

Lighting 25 lamps, members of the civil society Faiz Ahmed, Mahabubul Alam Chowdhury, Sayeed Ahmed, Abdullah Al Mamun, Dr Anisuzzaman, Abed Khan, Dr Sanjida Khatun, Kamal Lohani and others inaugurated the celebration. The second part of the programme featured felicitations, speeches and cultural events.
Theatre activists and members of



Eminent members of the civil society light lamps at the inaugural ceremony

PHOTO: STAR

the civil society exchanged *urtorios* (scarves) and medals. Later, the current chairperson of BGTF, Mamunur Rashid along with the previous chairpersons of BGTF: Ramendu Majumdar, Aatur Rahman, Nasiruddin Yousuff and Sara Zaker delivered speeches.

Theatre leaders focused on the background as well as the aim of forming BGTF. Leaders discouraged the involvement of those who are not directly associated with theatre.
The cultural events began with a dance presentation by Nrittanchal. Shamim Ara Nipa and Shibli Mohammad were the choreographers of the dance piece. After a long interval, the audience saw Aly Zaker and Asaduzzaman Noor together on

stage. The duo recited excerpts from Syed Shamsul Haq's popular play *Nurul Diner Sharajibon*, followed by Shimul Yousuff's presentation of an excerpt from *Binodini*.

Later, Nusrat Mumtaz Ruposhi gave a violin recital. The final event of the evening was Bari Siddiqui's flute and songs.

Closeup 1 talent hunt countdown starts



Contestants of the talent hunt

KARIM WAHEED
It's been quite a journey for the *Closeup 1* contestants who made it to the 'Top 10'. After months of grueling practice and competition,

11 hopefuls were selected by the TV audiences and the three judges. Unfortunately for four of them, the voyage stopped here. Only seven of them are going to the 'Lucky 7' round. It's a 'dog eat dog' world after

all and the only *crème de la crème* will make it to the peak.

Some may be confused with the part of 11 contestants making it to 'Top 10'. Since both Nourin and Rumi received 51 points, which was the benchmark for making it to that round, the regulation was curved just a little to honour the audiences' votes and give another opportunity to a talented singer to prove her worth.

In the last round (Bangla Cinema Oldies), more or less all the contestants delivered crowd-pleasing performances. Thanks to famed make-up artiste, Farzana Shakil's magnificent make-overs, the contestants not only sounded great but also looked like stars from the bygone era.

However, when last Tuesday night the results were announced, Rumi, Nourin, Abid and Mahdi were eliminated. Rashed, Nolak, Beauty, Mehrab, Sonya, Razib and Rinku made it to the 'Lucky 7' round. Now these seven will fight it out in the next round and the competition will move forward towards finding the voice Bangladesh is looking for.

Animation Film Festival 2005



The Incredibles

The Animation Film Festival 2005, organised by the Dhaka University Film Society, began Monday last, says a press release. On the second day of the festival, films like *Iron Giants*, *The Incredibles*, *Chicken Run* and *Final Fantasy* were screened. The third day of the festival was inaugurated by screening the animated film *Tarzan* by Walt Disney Pictures. The organisers said although there is a general strike, the schedule for December 01 will remain unchanged.

Music

James impresses Bhatt and gang in Gangster

Somehow Mahesh Bhatt always manages to start a trend with his movies. He popularised many a Pakistani songs with his recent movies. Now his forthcoming film, *Gangster*, has a rock number sung by Bangladeshi singer James. The lyrics have been penned by Gautam Chattopadhyay.

The process of making this song wasn't all smooth sailing. It was quite a task to get in touch with the singer as none in Bhatt's camp was sure how to contact the artiste. However, they managed to do so and apparently Bhatt is delighted with James' performance. Hopefully this will create a window of opportunity for talented Bangladeshi singers.

The film stars Emraan Hashmi and Shiney Ahuja and is currently being shot in Mumbai.



Source: Internet

Rajshahi University reverberates to a drama festival

RU CORRESPONDENT

Somokal Natyochokro, a theatre group of Rajshahi University, observed their 24th founding anniversary at the campus on November 27. To celebrate this momentous milestone, a colourful three-day drama festival was organised.

Early on, Somokal artistes and workers brought out a colourful rally and paraded through the campus. Chief guest, eminent litterateur, Professor Hassan Azizul Haque, inaugurated the rally. In his speech, Professor Haque asserted that theatre is a protest against dictatorship and we must incorporate

theatre in our educational system. Later, the artistes staged the play *Shokontola* at Kazi Nazrul Islam auditorium. Professor Salim -Al-Din is the playwright while the director was Monwarul Karim Tuhin.

On November 27, theatre group Thorthok staged a play, titled *Mohonyat* at the Shahidullah Arts Building premises. In the evening, Gonoshilpi Sanghata of Rajshahi University presented *Gono Sangeet* at the Shaheed Memorial archives building premises. Shanon (a poetry recitation organisation) presented a group recitation.

Shomokal presented *Mohabidda*, a street play, while Thorthok

presented a street play *Ochena Shomoy* at the same venue.

The concluding day was marked by theatre group Bithira's presentation of *Sat Ek Bonam Shunno Panch* in front of the Shahidullah Arts Building. Likewise, Anushilon presented a street play, titled *Bhabmurthi*, at the Shaheed Memorial archives building premises. This was followed by Ruda's play, *Oshamapto* and Shomokal's *Mohabidda* at the same venue.

Silver Screen

Urmila the new "Helen" in Varma's Sholay

All speculations about Ram Gopal Varma and Urmila Matondkar having a fallout can be put to rest. The duo is coming together for Varma's *Sholay*. Urmila will be performing the evergreen track *Mehbooba Mehbooba* in the film. This track will be a remix version. The last time Urmila worked with Varma was in the critically acclaimed film, *Ek Haseena Thi*. Varma thought no one would suit the bill more perfectly than Urmila for the number made memorable by the legendary vixen of yesteryears, Helen.

Although a cabaret number, the original couldn't be considered sleazy in any way. Being a diehard Helen fan, Urmila hopes she will be able to do justice to the song.

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.
Late Night News (Bangla and English) 11:30 pm.
CHANNEL-i
News (Bangla) at 7:15 am, 9:00 am, 2:00 pm, 7:00 pm, 9:00 pm, 10:30 pm, 12:15 am.
Telecast of BTV news (Bangla and English) at 11:30 pm.
ATN BANGLA
News (Bangla) at 7:00 am, 10:00 am, 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.
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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

CHANNEL i

09:30 *Shongbad Potrey Bangladesh and Public Reaction*
09:45 *Tritiyo Matra*
12:30 *Aaj Dupurey O Citicell Tarakakothon*
01:00 *Ebong Cinemar Gaan*
01:25 *Public Reaction*
02:40 *Tritiyo Matra Apni*
04:00 *Bashudhara Amader Gaan*
04:20 *Agora Shopping Guide*
04:45 *Sa Re Ga Ma*
05:15 *Janopader Khabor*
05:30 *RC Tones and Tunes*
06:00 *Music Plus*
06:30 *Amar Chhobi*
07:50 *Albatross*
08:25 *Selected programme*
09:35 *Drama Serial: Shampurno Rangin*
10:00 *Drama Serial: Pothey Jetye Jetye*

ATN BANGLA

10:30 *Annodrishti*
11:05 *ATN Tarok(Acting): Comilla Zone*
12:20 *Bangla Feature Film: Meghla Aakash*
02:27 *Muktijudher Ei Diney*
03:45 *ATN Rannaghor*
04:25 *Shundor Jiboner Jonno*
04:45 *Ispahani Pure Snax Quiz Time*
05:45 *Islami Sawaal O Jobab (Live)*
06:20 *Mortal Combat*

08:00 *Conquest*
Drama Serial: Char Deyalar Chand
08:30 *Drama Serial: Ferari Cyren*
09:00 *Drama Serial: Britto*
10:35 *Feather Touch Char Deyalar Kabbyo*

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08:35 *Aajker Shokal*
09:00 *Drama Serial: Titumirer Bansher Kella*
09:30 *Nari Gharey Bairey*
10:05 *Chalachitra Kotha*
11:30 *Bangla Cinema: Nishpatti*
01:05 *Muktangan*
02:35 *Drama Serial: Belabhumii*
03:15 *Kichhu Kotha Kichhu Gaan*
03:50 *Drama Serial: Amader Anondo Bari*
05:20 *Mahilangan*
06:20 *Shubho Shondhya*
06:50 *Biz Week*
08:25 *Drama Serial: Kachher Manush*
09:10 *Talk Show*
10:00 *Drama Serial: Chithi*
11:25 *Dindarpan*
12:10 *Shangskriti Ei Sheptaho*

STAR MOVIES

9:30 *The Ticket*
10:00 *Starsky & Hutch*
11:40 *Double Impact*
1:30 *Den Of Lions*
3:15 *Alien*
5:10 *Grosse Pointe Blank*

PICK OF THE DAY



Albatross
On Channel-i at 7:50pm
Genre: Drama Serial
Cast: Tamalika Karmakar, Litu Anam



Bicentennial Man
On Star Movies at 7:00
Genre: Sci-fi/Romance (more)
Cast: Robin Williams, Embeth Davidtz

7:00 *Bicentennial Man*
STAR WORLD
8:00 *Hollywood Squares*
8:30 *Whose Line Is It Anyway*
9:00 *The Drew Carey Show*
9:30 *Oprah Winfrey Show*
10:30 *Smallville*
11:30 *Medical Investigations*
12:30 *Life As We Know It*
1:30 *The A Team*
2:30 *Oprah Winfrey Show*
3:30 *Bold And Beautiful*
4:30 *Hollywood Squares*
5:00 *Whose Line Is It Anyway*

5:30 *Buffy The Vampire Slayer*
6:30 *The Simpsons*
7:00 *The King Of Queens*
7:30 *Friends*
8:00 *Seinfeld*
8:30 *Scrubs*
9:00 *8 Simple Rules*
9:30 *Miss World*
10:00 *Miss World*
10:30 *Angel*
11:30 *Seinfeld*
12:00 *Friends*

CHANNEL V

5:27 *Ringtone Tv*
5:30 *[V] Back To Back*
6:00 *[V] Latesht*
6:27 *General Knowledge*
6:30 *[V] Back To Back*
7:00 *[V] Fdfs*
7:27 *V Next Big Thing*
7:30 *[V] Back To Back*
8:27 *[V] Buzz*
8:30 *[V] Practice With Bappi*
9:00 *[V] Double Shot*
9:27 *Ringtone Tv*
9:30 *[V] Back To Back*
10:27 *Whazzat Noise*
10:30 *Pop Diaries*

STAR GOLD

9:50 *Telebrands*
10:10 *Itihaas*
1:50 *Tu Chor Main Sipahi*
5:30 *Muqabla*
9:00 *Takkar*
12:15 *Roja*

NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC

8:00 *Telebrands*
8:30 *Cheating Death*
9:30 *Mission Udaan*
10:00 *Seismic Seconds*
10:30 *Seconds From Disaster*
11:30 *Storm Stories*
12:00 *Storm Stories*
12:30 *Built For Destruction*
1:30 *Hong Kong's Big Bet*
2:30 *Seconds From Disaster*
3:30 *National Geographic Special*
4:30 *Backyard Science*
4:45 *Doc Eureka*
5:00 *Serious: Jungle*
5:30 *Croc Chronicles*
6:00 *Planet Wild*
6:30 *Ng Explorer*
7:30 *A Tale Of Three Chimps*
8:30 *Frontlines Of Construction*
9:30 *Frontlines Of Construction*
10:30 *Interpol Investigates*
11:30 *Global Wolf*

10:30 *Sportscenter India*
10:32 *Tna Xplosion (R)*
11:30 *Inside The Pga Tour (T)*
12:00 *Horseshow Jumping Spruce Meadows Show Jumping Highlights(T)*
ESPN
8:00 *Hitz (R)*
8:30 *English Premier Football League Sunderland Vs Birmingham City (T)*
10:30 *Grand Slam Of Golf Pga Grand Slam Of Golf 2005 Kauai, Hawaii Day Two(R)*
1:30 *Yachting Swedish Match Tour 2005/2006 Kuala Terengganu, Malaysia Monsoon Cup(R)*
2:00 *Super Centuries (R)*
2:30 *English Premier Football League Wigan Athletic Vs Tottenham Hotspur (T)*
4:30 *Goals! (R)*
5:00 *Football Crazy Nokia Football Crazy (L)*
6:00 *X-Games*
8:00 *Cricket Classics Australia India Vs Pakistan World C'ship Of Cricket (Group Stage)(R)*
9:00 *Football Crazy Nokia Football Crazy (R)*
10:00 *Australia Cricket International Australia Vs Pakistan 1st Odi, Highlights(R)*
11:00 *Sportscenter Asia (S)*
11:30 *Sportscenter India (R)*
12:00 *Cricket Classics India*