

CULTURAL FEAS

Theatre
Group Theatre Federation festival- 2005
Date
December 3
Projapati by Natyakendra
December 4
Gharjamai by Dhaka Theatre Mancha
December 5
Bhaddomok by Natyachakra
December 6
Binodini by Dhaka Theatre
December 7
Kanjush by Loko Natya Dal
December 8
Circus Circus by Prachyanat
December 9
Nityapuran by Desh Natok
December 10
Raktokarobi by Nagorik Nityasampadaya
December 11
Raarang by Aranyak Natya Dal
All of the shows will staged at 6:30pm at the Experimental Theatre Stage, Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy

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

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
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Bangladesh Group Theatre Federation Drama Festival '05

ERSHAD KAMOL

NATYAKENDRA stages *Projapati* today at 6:30pm at the Experimental Theatre Stage, as part of the drama festival arranged by Bangladesh Group Theatre Federation (BGTF)

A preview of Projapati: *Projapati*, the translation of popular American playwright Thornton Wilder's *Matchmaker*, is based on Austrian playwright Johan Nestroy's drama *A Day Well Spent*. Tariq Anam Khan has translated *Projapati* maintaining the authenticity of the original comedy.

The protagonist of the play is a matchmaker. The antagonist, a shrewd man named Horas, thinks that everything in the world can be achieved by money. Through a change of approach in the antagonist's observations of life, the play reveals that money is not the sole driving force in the world.

Tariq Anam Khan is the director as well as the set and light designer of the play.



Tariq Anam Khan in Projapati



Comments from Keramat Moula:

Again Keramat Moula has been selected as the convener of the ongoing theatre festival titled "For the welfare of Mujibur Rahman Dilu and other theatre activists". Moula is the presidium member of the current committee of Bangladesh Group Theatre Federation (BGTF).

Moula said, "I am the convener of most of the programmes like festivals, workshops and others initiated by BGTF. Last year we successfully completed 37-day Dhaka Drama Festival 2004 and popularised the Experimental Theatre Stage as a theatre venue. I was the convener of that festival. I am again selected as the convener of the current theatre

festival. We have arranged this festival for a good cause. Mujibur Rahman Dilu has been suffering from GBS and we believe we should give a hand to his treatment. As it is a fundraising effort of BGTF, all the popular stage plays have been included in the festival"

"My troupe, Theatre (Natok Sarani) is not participating in the festival. BGTF selection committee invited our production *Shat Ghatir Kanakori*. However, our group is not in a convenient position to stage the play right at this moment", added Moula.

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Theatre

A Little Night Music

Dysfunctional relationships under the microscope

KAVITA CHARANJI

The angst of dysfunctional relationships, the universal search for love and the subordinate position of women all come together in the Dhaka Stage play, *A Little Night Music*. Staged from November 30 to December 3 at the American International School, Dhaka, the play is a delightful musical, complete with wit as well as a serious look at the foibles of upper crust society.

"The play looks at the problems and struggles of relationships, which is relevant even today. It is about dysfunctional couples that are able to find a way out of their problems. In sum, the theme revolves around people looking for that one person who will keep them down to earth," says Teri Khan, co-producer and co-director of *A Little Night Music*. Teri, the president of Dhaka Stage, has also done the music direction, along with pianist Saad Chowdhury and Dawne Warkentin.

Gareth, the other producer and director in his brochure note, echoes the same sentiment. He questions, "Is Desiree any more 'right' in wanting to settle down and find 'some sort of coherent existence after so many years of muddle', than Petra is, who wants to experience as many lovers as she can before she resigns herself to a humdrum marriage and family?"

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married to the young and beautiful Anne Egerman. The words go: "Isn't it rich? Are we a pair? Me here at last on the ground, You in mid-air. Send in the clowns."

Another facet of the play is the theme of gender inequality. As Kirk Mitchell (who enacts the role of the autocratic Count Carl Magnus Malcom, also involved with Desiree and Charlotte's husband) sees it, "My character is a caricature of the chauvinistic male. This is relevant even in today's world."

By the end of the play, the jigsaw

Warkentin, who plays Desiree's daughter).

Among the Bangladeshis who worked behind the curtains are Bokul Rosario (lights/ sound) and Tony Mazumder (stage hand). For Mazumder, *A Little Night Music* has been a wonderful break. "I am thankful for the exposure to sets, design and production in a western musical," he says. Likewise Rosario enthuses, "I welcome the opportunity to work with the highly professional Dhaka Stage."



Actors performing in A Little Night Music

puzzle of the characters' lives falls into place. It is not just a question of the characters living happily ever after, many questions arise: Will the young Henrik Egerman, Fredrik's son and his stepmother Anne live in eternal bliss after their elopement? Will the uneasy truce between Count Carl Magnus and his wife Charlotte last?

The musical was marked by superb performances, particularly the characters of Desiree (played by Sheilani Nandy), Count Carl Magnus (Kirk Mitchell) and the young Fredrika Armfeldt (Tiahna

As in previous Dhaka Stage productions, the proceeds of ticket sales will go to charity. This time the funds will go to the Gonokbari Centre for Women, an affiliate of the renowned Centre for Rehabilitation of the Paralysed (CRP).

There is, however, a downside: The lengthy (three-hour) musical attracted mostly expats and was not fully attended on the first day. Possibly at the weekend more theatre goers would flock to see this commendable Dhaka Stage production.

Channel click

Atoppar Nurul Huda on BTV

CULTURAL CORRESPONDENT

BTV is all set to telecast a new serial, titled *Atoppar Nurul Huda*, from December 5 at 9pm every Monday. The serial features Mahfuz Ahmed, Azizul Hakim, Meer Sabbir, ATM Shamsuzzaman, Tarin, Sheema Dasgupta and Parvin Nusrat Imroz Tisha. The playwright and director is Aranya Anwar.

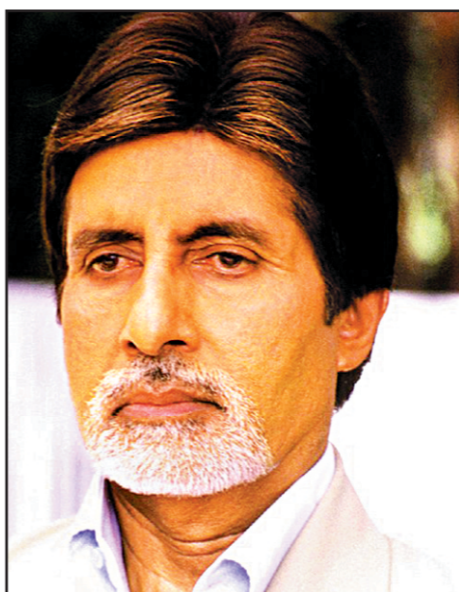
The story is about Nuru, who has the rare capability of picking up beautiful tunes on leaves. When his best friend Solaiman marries Nuru's beloved, Shefali, a heart broken Nuru decides to leave the village. After walking all day and night, Nuru reaches an unknown village and falls unconscious beside a river. A beautiful girl, Rumman, saves his life and Nuru falls for her.



Tarin and Mahfuz Ahmed in Atoppar Nurul Huda

Amitabh all well

Superstar Amitabh Bachchan is said to be in stable condition after undergoing surgery for intestinal inflammation. However he is advised complete bed-rest for the next 8-10 days and may not be discharged till then. He was operated on by gastro-intestinal surgeon Dr P Jagannath of Leelavati Hospital. The surgery lasted for over four hours and now Bachchan is said to be responding to treatment well. By his side were his family members Jaya Bachchan, Abhishek and Shweta as well as friend and politician Amar Singh. Others on the well-wishers list included Ram Gopal Varma, Anil Ambani, Uddhav Thackeray and actress Jayaprada.



Source: Internet

Thieves make way with Peck's star

Sometime within the last two weeks, determined saw-wielding thieves managed to remove Gregory Peck's star from Hollywood's Walk of Fame and make off with it—no small feat, considering the bronze stars weigh in at 300 pounds and happen to be located in a tourist-heavy area of Los Angeles.

After it was realised that the tribute to the Academy Award-winning thespian had vanished, a replacement star was unveiled last Wednesday afternoon.

Anthony Peck, son of the late actor, attended the ceremony, which was led by honorary Hollywood Mayor Johnny Grant. "Ladies and gentlemen, we proudly welcome back to the Hollywood Walk of Fame, Gregory Peck," Grant said as he knelt on the ground and unveiled the replacement.

Peck's 43-year-old star was one of the original 1,558 stars on the Walk of Fame, which was created on February 8, 1960.



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.
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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.
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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 5:30pm, 7:30pm.
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 Shubhechhcha Nin
10:00 Satellite Programme
02:15 Sisimpur
02:40 Bangla Feature Film
05:05 Nabo Anondoy Jago
06:10 Wrestling
06:55 News Headlines, Share Market, Weather Forecast
07:00 Laukik Bangla
07:30 Drama Serial:
08:40 Documentary: Shapholye Gartha
08:50 Weekly Drama: Rodela Akashey Megh
10:25 Teknaf Theke Tetulia
10:35 Talk Show: Kothar Pithay Kotha
12:05 Satellite Programme
ATN BANGLA
08:10 Musical Programme on Nazrul: Bulbul
08:45 Drama Serial: Ferrari Siren
09:25 Drama Serial: Britto Feather Touch Char Deyaler Kabbyo
12:15 Bangla Film: Protinidha Muktiyudher Ei Diney Shurer Madhuri
03:45 Children's Programme: Cholo Gaan Gai
04:20 Gram Ganjer Khabor Ishkul Bela
05:10 Islami Sawal O Jobab (live)
06:20 Travel Show: Amar Danish Amar Bangladesh
08:00 Drama Serial: Jol Porey Pala Norey
08:30 Drama Serial: The New Shabuj Opera
09:00 Drama Serial: Lal Neel Beguni
09:30 Drama Serial: Ek Jonomey

10:35 Citycell Shusthya Thakun (live)
ntv
08:35 Aajker Shokal
09:00 Drama Serial: Kachher Manush
09:30 Ki Kotha Tahar Shathay
10:05 Glamour World
10:30 Dhakar Cinema: Garam Hawaa Mukhtangan
03:15 Closeup 1: Tomakei Khunjichhey Bangladesh
04:25 Tepantorer Mathey Alokpat
06:20 Shubho Shondha
06:50 Right Click
08:25 Drama serial: Romizer Aaina
09:10 Weekly drama: Both Dindarpan
11:25 Dindarpan
HBO
06:45 The Godfather Part III
10:15 Collateral Damage
12:30 Tremors II Aftershocks
02:30 For Richer or Poorer Caught in the Headlights
06:45 The Matrix Reloaded
09:30 Freddy vs. Jason
11:30 Legend of a Fighter
01:30 Kiss the Girls
03:45 Sunshine State
STAR MOVIES
9:10 Out For A Kill
11:00 Death Wish V
01:00 Drunken Monkey
03:05 The Firm
06:00 Terminator 2
08:35 Chupacabra: Dark Seas
10:25 Reality Check
11:55 The Forsaken
05:15 The Metro Chase
07:05 The Finlistones
09:00 The Object Of My

PICK OF THE DAY

Lal Neel Beguni
On ATN Bangla at 09:00pm
Drama Serial
Cast: Zahid Hasan, Purnima, Tisa

Freddy Vs Jason
On HBO at 9:30pm
Genre: Horror
Cast: Robert Englund, Kelly Rowland, Ken Kirzinger

11:10 Affection
11:10 Bad Santa
01:10 Terminator 2
STAR PLUS
10:30 Dharam Aur Hum
11:25 Film Toppers
11:30 Jai Ganga Maiya
12:30 Hit Filmein Hit Sangeet Entertainment
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04:30 Kora Kagaz
05:00 Hit Filmein Hit Sangeet Entertainment
05:30 Sshhh...Koi Hai
06:30 Disney Time
07:25 Film Toppers
07:30 Meri Mrs Chanchala
08:00 Pardey Ke Peechey
08:30 Kaboom
09:30 Kaun Banega Crorepati 2
10:30 Baa Bahoo Aur Baby
11:00 Loc
11:30 India Calling
12:00 India Calling
STAR WORLD
08:30 Smallville
09:30 Parkinson

12:30 Hollywood Shootouts
01:00 Travel Asia
01:30 Married To The Kellys
02:00 The King Of Queens
02:30 The Office
03:00 Coupling
04:00 Arrested Development
04:30 Desperate Housewives
05:30 Life As We Know It
06:30 Tru Calling
07:30 The Collector
08:30 Tna Xplosion
09:30 What Were You Thinking?
10:30 The Robinsons
11:00 Human Remains
11:30 Cops Reality
12:00 Totally Outrageous Behavior

NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC
09:00 Monkey Business: Episode 5
Dogs With Jobs: Part-Ex, Bing & Morgan:
09:30 Nat Geo Junior: Doc Eureka: Automatic Doors
10:00 Dogs With Jobs: Vernon, Bodhi And Baron:
10:30 Nat Geo Junior: Backyard Science: Episode 37
10:45 Nat Geo Junior: Doc Eureka: Silk
11:00 Nat Geo Junior: Serious: Desert: Episode 2
11:30 Nat Geo Junior: Backyard Science: Episode 38

02:30 Champions League Football Asia(T)
03:00 Locker Room(R)
03:30 Iifa Shield Semifinal 1(R)
05:30 Fa Cup Fa Cup 2005/06 Nottinghamshire; Uk Mansfield Town Vs Grays Athletic Round 2(R)
07:30 Asian Tour Magazine Show Asian Tour Weekly 2005(T)
08:00 Gillette World Sports Special Gillette World Sports 2005(T)
08:24 English Premier Football League English Premier Football League 2005/06 London; England Chelsea Vs Middlesbrough(L)
10:30 English Premier Football League English Premier Football League 2005/06 Manchester; England Manchester United Vs Portsmouth(L)
10:40 English Premier Football League English Premier Football League 2005/06 Manchester; England Manchester United Vs Aston Villa(S)

02:30 Football Asia(T)
03:00 Locker Room(R)
03:30 Iifa Shield Semifinal 1(R)
05:30 Fa Cup Fa Cup 2005/06 Nottinghamshire; Uk Mansfield Town Vs Grays Athletic Round 2(R)
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10:30 English Premier Football League English Premier Football League 2005/06 Manchester; England Manchester United Vs Portsmouth(L)

TEN SPORTS
07:30 Winning Post Ep 24
08:30 Wwe Velocity
10:50 Pakistan V England: 3rd Test Day 4 H/Ls
01:00 Pakistan V England: 3rd Test Day 5 (1st Session)
01:40 Pakistan V England: 3rd Test Day 5 (Interval)
04:00 Pakistan V England: 3rd Test Day 5 (2nd Session)
06:00 Pakistan V England: 3rd Test Day 5 (3rd Session)
07:00 Wwe Experience
08:00 Legends: Height Of Passion
08:30 Winning Post
09:00 Chevrolet Cricket Show
11:00 Pakistan V England: 3rd Test Day 5 H/Ls
12:00 Wwe Experience
01:00 Trans World Sports

ESPN
10:00 Sportscenter Week In Review(T)
10:30 Australia Tour Of New Zealand Chappell-Hadlee Trophy Auckland; New Zealand New Zealand Vs Australia 1st Odi; 2nd Session(L)
2:00 Soccer Fifa Fever(R)
2:30 Born To Play: Masters Of Football(R)
3:00 Sportscenter Week In Review(T)
3:30 Cricket Classics Indian Legends(R)
4:30 Cricket Classics Indian Legends(R)
5:30 Sportscenter Week-End(T)
5:30 Epl Saturday Premier-