

CULTURAL FEAST

Exhibition

Title: Indigenous Textiles, Handicrafts and Food Exhibition
Venue: Design and technology Centre, Road # 10, House # 53, Block # E, Banani
Time: December 16-18 from 10 am to 8 pm

Book Launching

Title: Nari O Kavita
Venue: RC Majumdar Auditorium, Dhaka University
Date: December 8 at 3 pm

Photography Exhibition

Title: First Intra university photography exhibition
Venue: Drik Gallery, House 58, Road 15/A (new), Dhanmondi
Date: December 04-08, from 3pm to 8pm

Solo Art Exhibition

Organisation: Society for Promotion of Bangladesh Art(SPBA) in association with Alliance Francaise de Dacca
Artist: Wakilur Rahman
Title: Reading Space Seeing Space
Venue: 26 Satmasjid Road Dhanmondi RA
Date: December 3-15

Art Exhibition

Title: 10th Berger Young Painters' Art Exhibition 2005
Organiser: Berger Paints (BD) Ltd
Venue: Zainul Gallery, Institute of Fine Arts
Date: December 18-22
Time: 11:00am to 7:30pm

Theatre

Group Theatre Federation festival-2005
December 7
 Kanjush by Loko Natya Dal
December 8
 Circus Circus by Prachyanat
December 9
 Nityapuram by Desh Natok
December 10
 Raktokarobi by Nagorik Nityasampradaya
December 11
 Raarang by Aranyak Natya Dal
 All of the shows will staged at 6:30pm at the Experimental Theatre Stage, Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy

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

Film Festival

Organiser: Dhaka Chalochchitra Shobha
Title: Asian Film Festival 2005
Venue: Alamgir Kabir Film Centre, 62 Science Laboratory
Date: December 11
Film **Time**
 Blackboard 3:30pm
 Children of Heaven 6:00pm
Date: December 12
Film **Time**
 Cup 3:30pm
 Osama 6:00pm
Date: December 13
Film **Time**
 Suicide Club 3:30pm
 The Fast Runner 6:00pm
Date: December 14
Film **Time**
 Dukhai 3:30pm
 Kittankhola 6:00pm
Date: December 15
Film **Time**
 The Little Angel 3:30pm
 Puteri Gunung Ledang 6:00pm



Cultural programme on Victory Day

CULTURAL CORRESPONDENT

To celebrate our Victory Day, Shammito Shankskritik Jote (SSJ) announced a three-day cultural programme from December 14 to 16, at a press conference at Dhaka Reporters' Unity yesterday. The event was chaired by Nasiruddin Yousuff the president of SSJ.

"Air Vice Marshal AK Khondokar (Retd) will inaugurate the three-day cultural programme on December 14 at Central Shaheed Minar Premises," says Yousuff.
 Discussion, music, recitation and screening of films are included in the cultural programmes which will take place at two venues--Central Shaheed Minar Premises and Rabindra Sarobar, while documents and photographs of Liberation War will be exhibited at TSC Premises. Artists of Swadhin Bangla Betar Kendra, eminent and upcoming artists will perform in the Victory Day celebration programme.

Photography Exhibition on HIV and AIDS

Building awareness

KAVITA CHARANJI

"B ANGLADESHIS respond more to visual stimuli than the written or spoken word," says the young Bristi Chowdhury, a talented freelance photographer. Bristi's eye catching 58 black and white photographs, on display at Shilpangan Gallery, certainly speak for themselves. The exhibition, titled Our Hopes Our Fears Our Reality, organised by Voluntary Service Overseas (VSO), Bangladesh, aims to give a human angle to the scourge of HIV and AIDS, through the stories of ordinary people young or old, men or women and cutting across classes. Bristi adds a caveat: "These are just normal people, from the general population. We are not implying that they are HIV positive or sex workers."

One enters the photography exhibition to see the caption "Who is vulnerable?" Here are the faces of women happy, pensive, hopeful and sad and at the end of this section is a mirror in which one can see oneself. The implication? We are all vulnerable to HIV and AIDS and there is no room for complacency. As Bristi says, "Nobody lives in a vacuum. We are not directly talking about HIV but this is a spin off of the works on display."
 Other photographs are of a young street child in a cart, men reading and discussing literature on sexual health, HIV and AIDS and a young and old woman applying make-up.



One of the photographs on display

Among the hard-hitting captions are: "My family tried to poison me because I am HIV positive," "I thought that I was alone. I felt that my other friends are not like me," and "My wife is far away, so I visit sex workers." Bristi travelled to a number of VSO's HIV & AIDS Programme partners, such as YPSA, Aparajeyo and Ashar Alo Society, drawing on case studies to

relate the lives of those most vulnerable to HIV.
 Putting the HIV and AIDS issue in perspective is Danielle Fleur Alford, Programme Manager HIV& AIDS, VSO Bangladesh. Explaining the modus operandi of the organisation, she says, "We had to identify people who were willing to be photographed. We also gave an example of peer education on sexual health issues. Though the overall preva-

lence of HIV is quite low, it is increasing in high-risk groups. Once it spreads in the high-risk group they in turn interact with other people. And it becomes a generalised epidemic. We are confronted with the situation of a lack of knowledge and testing facilities, plus the stigma attached to the deadly disease. Exhibitions like this can go a long way in generating awareness and clearing misconceptions about HIV and AIDS."

This is Bristi's second solo exhibition. With a German mother and Bangladeshi father, she has been in the country for five years. The initial response from the public has been favourable. As she points out, on the opening of the exhibition on December 1, the organisers invited people from the street to see the photographs. Though they didn't know about the issue, they were interested in learning about it and how they could protect themselves from getting it and passing it on to others in the family.

Meanwhile, Bristi finds Bangladesh creatively stimulating in terms of subjects. She particularly enjoys doing portraits. "I enjoy the openness of the people. People on the street love having photographs taken. In UK, where I was previously, photographs are regarded more as an intrusion. Here there is no picture without the permission of the subject."

Those interested in getting a glimpse of these photographs would do well to head for Shilpangan. The exhibition is on till December 14.

BGTF Drama Festival '05

Kanjush: An adaption of Molier's play

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Preview of to night's play

As part of the ongoing theatre festival, viewers can enjoy another Moliere comedy tonight. Loko Natya Dal will stage *Kanjush*, an adaptation of Moliere's satirical play, *The Miser*, at the Experimental Theatre Stage.

Kanjush belongs to the Comedy of Morals genre, which is designed to ridicule and correct vices such as

hypocrisy, pride, avarice, social pretensions and nepotism.

Tariq Anam Khan's adaptation of Moliere's *The Miser* presents as the Dhaka city (an inhabitant of Old Dhaka city) protagonist, a rich old man named Haider Ali. Through Haider Ali's story, *Kanjush* attacks the hypocrisy, greediness, dishonesty and opportunistic tendency of the elite.

Liaquat Ali Lucky is the director, set and light designer of the play.



A light moment from the play Kanjush

Docu-Film on the differently-abled

To observe the International Disability Day a docu-film was screened at the German Cultural Centre on December 4. The film has been made on the life of an abused physically challenged girl struggling for justice. The event was organised by DRRRA, says a press release.

The event also featured a cultural programme participated by differently-abled children from

different parts of the 4 country. This was followed by a discussion on equal rights for the differently-abled, irrespective of age and socio-economic status.

The event was presided over by Managing Director of DRRRA Farida Yasmeen. Acting High Commissioner of Canada Robert Beadle attended as chief guest.

A taste of opera at Goethe Institut



Monica performs at the show

With Shanta P Gunasekara on the piano, the soprano then rendered an Italian composition, *O mio babbino caro*. As the pianist struck the first note, the minstrel seemed to transform into the character. Most of the listeners probably didn't understand the Italian number but the passion of the young woman in love, imploring her father to accept the love of her life, was apparent through her effective emoting.

Monica also performed a moving Russian aria which translates into "Do not sing to me my beauty", a romantic aria from *Le nozze di Figaro*, An American folk composition by Steven Foster -- *Beautiful dreamer and I could've danced all night from My Fair Lady*.

Monica's father, noted economist Dr Muhammad Yunus attended the performance. Dr Yunus said, "This is an emotionally charged moment for me, my family and friends. Monica has made me proud on many occasions. I've seen people moved to tears by her singing in Spain."

"I've started learning about music and in the process she has started learning about 'microcredit'," said a smiling Yunus.

Devaki comes out a winner at the Asheville Film Festival

Adding further acclaim to its already growing reputation, *Devaki* has won the Best Feature Film Award at the Asheville Film Festival, North Carolina, USA.

Devaki has participated in 10 International Film Festivals in the US, South America, Canada and Malta. It is touted as one of the important films to come out of Asia this year.

The film has a universal appeal because of its story, which parallels with every woman, irre-

spective of country, class or social status.

Amongst the films this year in the Asheville Film Festival, is the George Clooney directed *Good Night, And Good Luck* and Danny Green's *The Tenant*, which was the runner up at the festival.

Devaki is being released globally in the first week of January, 2006. The film has Perizad Zorabian and Suman Ranganathan in the lead roles.

Source: Internet



Perizad Zorabian



A scene from the film on the differently-abled

News Flash

Affleck, Garner -- and baby

Ben Affleck and Jennifer Garner's new favourite colour: Violet.

The shade of purple also happens to be the name of the baby girl born to Garner. The child made her debut at a Los Angeles hospital after labour was induced last Wednesday night, *US Weekly* reported Thursday morning, adding that Affleck "was with her the entire time."

The child is the first for both.

Affleck and Garner, both 33, wed June 29, almost two months after their expectant news was leaked.

In completing her labour day, Garner beats her prime-time alter ego to the nursery. Sydney Bristow, the Alias secret agent that made Garner a star, also is with child. Producers of the ABC spy series wrote in the pregnancy after Garner's was confirmed.

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, 9:00am, 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, 1:00 pm, 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.
 Tara News Bangladesh (Bangla) at 9:30 pm.
BBC WORLD
 Every hour on the hour

CHANNEL i

09:45 *Tritiya Matra*
 10:45 Sports Time (Live)
 12:30 *Aaj Dupurey O City Cell Tarokakothon* (live)
 01:00 *Ebong Cinemar Gaan*
 01:25 Public Reaction
 02:40 *Chithi Pelam*
 04:00 *Bansundhara Amader Gaan*
 04:20 X Music
 04:45 *Sa Re Ga Ma Ganer Oporey*
 05:30 Music Plus
 06:00 RC Travel On
 07:55 Drama Serial: *Ek Akasher Tara*
 08:25 Drama Serial: *Jhora Patar Kabbyo*
 10:00 Drama Serial: *Bela Obelar Golpo*

ATN BANGLA

09:25 Drama Serial: *Fiat No. 40*
 10:30 *Onnodrishti*
 11:05 *ATN Taroka* (music): *Dhaka Zone*
 12:15 Cinema Cinema Band Show: *Ganey Shurey Tarunney Motamot*
 01:25 *Muktijuddher Ei Diney*
 02:30 Musical Programme
 03:15 Drama Serial: *Nana Ronger Din*
 03:45 Puppet Show: *Khandumiar Khanaghor*
 04:20 *Islami Ki Boley Amra Ki Kori*
 04:45 *Isphani Pure Snax Quiz Jony*
 05:10 *Shobar Jony*
 05:45 *Islami Sawaal O*

06:20 *Jobab Live The Sword of Tipu Sultan*
 08:00 Drama Serial: *Pagol Pagol Manushgulo*
 08:30 Drama Serial: *Shukher Lagiya*
 09:00 Drama Serial: *Hoi Hoi Roi Roi*
 09:30 Drama Serial: *Shadakalo*
 10:35 *City Cell Face To Face* (live)
 08:35 *Aajker Shokal Ganer Shomoy*
 09:30 Colours Gallery
 10:05 Circus Lights
 12:05 *Shurer Jolsha Muktagong*
 02:35 Drama Serial: *Labonyoprobha Barighar Thikthak Chalachitra Katha*
 04:25 *Apnar Jigyasha Shubho Shondhaya*
 06:20 *Nari Gharey Bairay*
 08:25 Drama Serial: *Titumirer Bansher Kella*
 09:10 *Kichhu Kotha Kichhu Gaan*
 09:50 Drama Serial: *Amader Anondobari*

HBO

06:45 Tale of Two Wives
 08:30 Detonator
 10:15 Rumpelstiltskin
 12:00 Joe Versus the Volcano
 02:00 The Challenge (2003)
 04:00 Sea Ghost
 06:00 Love and a Bullet
 07:45 The Lone Ranger
 09:30 In the Line of Fire

PICK OF THE DAY

Shada Kalo
 On ATN Bangla at 9:30pm
 Drama Serial
 Cast: Zahid Hassan, Tarin, Jitu, Eishita

In the Line of Fire
 On HBO at 9:30pm
 Genre: Action/Adventure
 Cast: Clint Eastwood, John Malkovich, Rene Russo

12:00 Blue Demon	11:30 Ghost Hunters	10:30 Desperate Housewives	05:30 Instinct
02:00 21 Grams	12:30 TRU Calling	01:30 Desperate Housewives	06:30 Fun Zone Amazing Animal Videos
04:30 Our America	01:30 Desperate Housewives	02:30 The Oprah Winfrey Show	07:30 Jeff Corwin Experience
STAR MOVIES	02:30 The Oprah Winfrey Show	03:30 Bold And Beautiful	08:30 Lyndal's Lifeline
07:05 Escape From New York	03:30 Hollywood Squares	04:30 Hollywood Squares	09:30 World's Busiest Wildlife Hospital
09:00 Head Of State	05:00 Whose Line Is It Anyway	05:30 Buffy The Vampire Slayer	10:30 In The Wild Lions
10:55 Girl Interrupted	06:30 Buffy The Vampire Slayer	06:30 The Simpsons	11:30 Fun Zone Amazing Animal Videos
01:15 Iron Eagle-3	07:00 The King Of Queens	07:00 The King Of Queens	01:30 Austin Stevens: Most Dangerous Search for Ultimate Pit Viper
03:15 Minority Report	07:30 Friends	08:00 Friends	03:30 Miami Animal Police
06:00 Pulp Fiction	08:00 Seinfeld	08:30 Seinfeld	04:30 Tiger Trouble
08:55 The Tuxedo	08:30 Smallville	09:30 Medical Investigations	05:00 Perfect Timing
10:55 Chupacabra: Dark Seas	09:30 Medical Investigations		
STAR WORLD			
12:30 Challenge: The Last Disciple			
10:30 Kevin Hill			

12:00 Wild Rescues Puppy Mill

DISCOVERY

09:30 Discovery Rewind
 Ancinet Secrets Mummies
 10:30 Wild Discovery The Saltwater Buffalo
 11:30 Risk Takers
 Hurricanes
 12:30 Discovery Rewind
 Ancinet Secrets Treasures
 01:30 Extreme Machines
 Nuclear Submarines
 Truth Or Scare
 02:30 Living Pulse
 03:30 Amazing Baby Videos
 04:00 Baby Whisperer
 Sophia Calkins
 04:30 Wild Discovery Wild, Weird Curisotities
 05:30 New Detectives At close Range
 06:30 Dangerman
 Adventures of Geoff Mackley, The Perfect Storm
 07:30 WildDiscovery Shark
 Battlefield
 Ultimate Cars
 08:30 Supercars
 09:00 Building the Ultimate Roller Coaster
 09:30 Great Palaces of the World
 10:00 The Escorial- Spain
 10:30 Africa's Great Rivers
 Rufiji-The Perennial River
 11:30 Science Frontiers
 Cradle of Life
 Spy Stories Why Intelligence Falls
 Surprise Attack

STAR SPORT

09:00 Skins Game
 California: Ca Usa Day Two(T)
 11:30 X-Adventure Raid
 World Cup Oregon; Usa(R)
 12:00 English Premier
 Football League 2005/06
 Liverpool Vs Wigan Athletic(T)
 02:00 Watersports
 Programming Hot Water(T)
 03:00 Max Power
 2005(T)
 05:00 Uefa Champions
 League 2005/06
 Scotland Rangers Vs Internazionale Fc
 Group Phase 1; Matchday 6(R)
 07:00 Mrf National
 Motocross Championship 2005
 Episode
 08:30 Sportscenter India
 Update(L)
 09:00 Cricket Classics Close
 Encounters(R)
 09:30 Cricket Classics Great
 Indian Partnerships
 (L)
 10:00 Sportscenter India
 Update(L)
 10:02 Tna Impact(R)
ESPN
 10:00 Cricket Classics
 Dravid: The Wall(R)
 10:30 Australia Tour Of New
 Zealand Chappell-

Hadlee Trophy New Zealand Vs Australia

2nd Odi; 2nd Session(L)
 02:00 Football
 Focus(R)
 03:00 Uefa Champions
 League 2005/06
 Ac Milan Vs Fc Schalke
 Group Phase 1; Matchday 6(S)
 05:00 Goals(T)
 05:30 Uefa Champions
 League 2005/06
 Chelsea Vs Liverpool
 Group Phase 1; Matchday 6(R)
 07:30 Hitz(T)
 08:00 Sportscenter
 India(L)
 08:30 Australia Tour Of New
 Zealand Chappell-
 Hadlee Trophy New
 Zealand Vs Australia
 2nd Odi;
 Highlights(S)
 10:00 Cricket Classics Super
 Doubles(R)
 10:30 Sportscenter
 Sportscenter Asia(S)
TEN SPORTS
 08:00 WWE Smackdown
 Quaid-e-Azam
 10:20 Trophy: Day 4, 1st
 Session
 01:00 Quaid-e-Azam
 Trophy: Day 4, Lunch
 01:40 Quaid-e-Azam
 Trophy: Day 4, 2nd
 Session
 04:00 Quaid-e-Azam
 Trophy: Day 4, 3rd
 Session
 06:30 Legends: Height of
 Passion