

CULTURAL FEAST

Theatre

Title: Chhayanoat
Troupe: Nagorik Natya Sampradaya
Venue: Experimental Theatre Stage
Time: December 14 at 6:30 pm

Group Exhibition

Title: Winter Art Exhibit
Venue: Art & Soul Gallery
Time: December 16-26 from 11 am to 8 pm

Australian Painting Exhibition

Title: Desert Voices
Venue: Shilpangan Gallery
Time: December 17-26

Group Photography Exhibition

Title: Chhoy Alok Chitri
Venue: Zainul Gallery, Institute of Fine Arts, Dhaka University
Time: December 9- 16, from 2 pm to 9 pm

Tri-Continental Film Festival Dhaka

Venue: Star Cineplex
Screening Schedule

Thursday, 15 December
4 favourite films of the festival will be screened on the closing day.

Asian Film Festival 2005

Organiser: Dhaka Chalochchitra Shobha
Venue: Alamgir Kabir Film Centre, 62 Science Laboratory

Date: December 14
Film **Time**
Dukhai 3:30pm
Kittankhola 6:00pm

Date: December 15
Film **Time**
The Little Angel 3:30pm
Puteri Gunung Lideng 6:00pm

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

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

Victory Day Celebration

Siraj-ud Dowla staged at Liberation War Museum



Sultan Selim (L) and Milon Kanti De of Desh Opera present Siraj-ud Dowla

ERSHAD KAMOL

THE Liberation War Museum has arranged a week-long cultural programme, titled Victory Celebration 2005. The function, which began on December 10 at the museum premises, is being held to celebrate our 35th Victory Day.

The cultural programmes include

musical soirees, stage plays, movie screenings, jatra, concert and others. Discussions on different topics at the beginning of programmes each day are an added attraction.

On the third day (December 12), the programme began with the discussion, titled National duty based on the spirit of Liberation War from youth's point of view, steered

by economist Sayeed Ahmed.

Following the discussion, popular Nazrul singer Khairul Anam Shakil rendered songs of Nazrul, DL Roy and Sachin Dev Burman.

The last attraction of the third day's arrangement was a jatra pala, Siraj-ud-Dowla. Professional jatra artists of popular troupe Desh Opera with their typical rhythmic high-pitched voice modulation

presented the historical events of the Battle of Plassey in 1757. The unfortunate last Nawab of Bengal, Bihar and Orissa, Siaraj-ud-Dawlah (played by Sultan Selim) fought gallantly to protect the independence of his country from the avicious British East India Company and its local collaborators.

Sachin Sen Gupta's jatra pala featured the events of conspiracy in a way that the audience could relate the historic British collaborators, such as Mir Zafar, Jagat Sheth, Urmi Chand, Rai Durlav, Ghoshoti Begum and others with the Pakistani collaborators during our Liberation War in 1971.

Certain dialogues in the jatra pala, such as, "Dark clouds of uncertainty loom over the sky of Bengal" reflect the uncertainty in March 1971.

However, the difference between the jatra-pala historical play and our Freedom Movement is that Siraj-ud-Dawlah's story ends with tragedy whereas our Liberation War is the story of a Victory.

Milon Kanti De is the director of the pala. Rikta Sultana in the role of Lutfa, Dulal Ghosh in the role of Mir Zafar, Purobi in the role of Aleya and Milon Kanti De in the role of Golam Hossain were impressive.

Alamgir Kumkum

A call for high quality films

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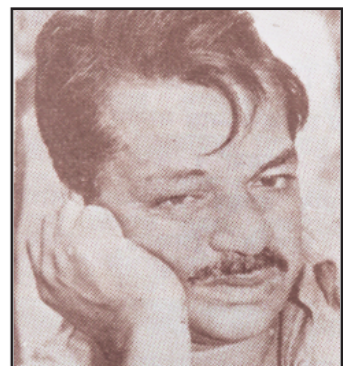
"In 1969 I directed my first film Padma Nadir Majhi because I fell in love with the river Padma," says popular film director Alamgir Kumkum. "But this film was not an adaptation of the classic novel by Manik Bandyopadhyay. The film featured popular actors of that time, including Kabori, Azim and Raju Ahmed. Based on the story by Zahirul Haque the film portrayed the struggle of the poor fishermen of river Padma.

Alamgir still remembers those days vividly. Says a nostalgic Alamgir, "We shot Padma Nadir Majhi beside the bank of Padma in Birkampur. I have fond memories of making the film. True, there was limited technical support and insuffi-

cient equipment compared to the present day scenario. However, we still had a lot of fun and the excitement of the unit members was palpable." The film was a hit, which inspired him to direct more films. In 1973, he directed a film on the Liberation War, titled Amar Jannabhum.

Among Alamgir's most popular films are Chabi, Aporajito Nayak, Amar Shangi, Jibon Chobi and Kabin. As he says, "I usually made films with a social message. I made many quality films that could have won national awards. Although I don't have any regrets on this score, I strongly feel that the authorities didn't do justice to my films."

The top artists of the '70s and '80s acted in his films. He recalls, "They were always very coopera-

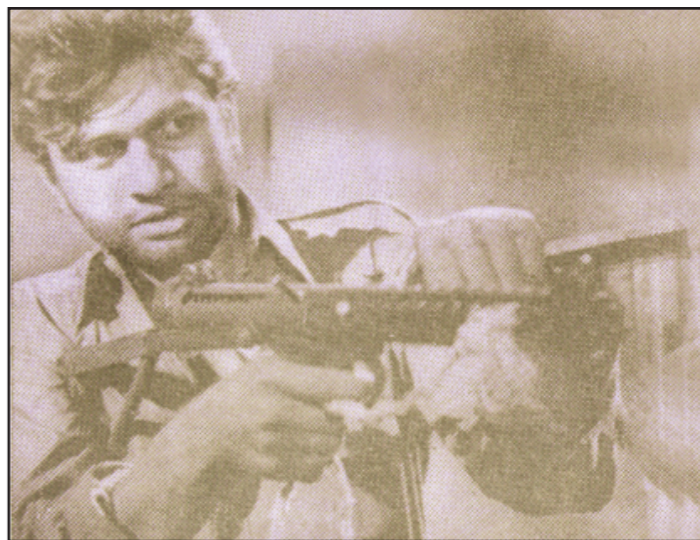


Alamgir Kumkum

tive, no matter how popular they were. Razzak and Kabori featured in many of my films. Their forte was that they could easily identify with their characters and I didn't have to explain every minute detail about their roles to them. Their professionalism and experience were definite plus points."

Alamgir has a regret about the present film scenario, "A film should be decent, by which I mean that a person should be able to view it with his family members. There should be an end to obscenity in films, so that viewers flock to cinema halls once again."

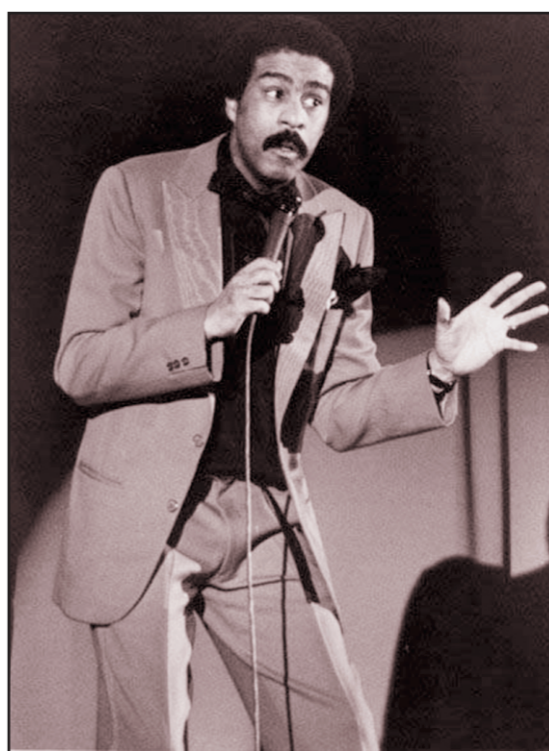
According to Alamgir, "The main feature of a good film is a good script that reveals a commitment to society. A director must develop his or her own distinctive style." At present Alamgir is not making any films for personal reasons. However, his long cherished dream to make a film on the Liberation War may materialise in the near future.



Alamgir in the film Amar Jannabhum.

Tribute

Richard Pryor: Admiration for a comedian who knew no limits



Richard Pryor

He was widely considered the greatest stand-up comedian ever, but what made Richard Pryor exceptional, many of his comic counterparts said, was his willingness to be completely, utterly unfunny.

Jerry Seinfeld, for example, who worked the same clubs as Pryor in the late 1970s and early 80s, said he distinctly recalled nights when Pryor would "walk the room," comedian lingo for driving patrons out into the streets.

Seinfeld was just one of the many comedians mourning yesterday for Pryor, who died of a heart attack on last Saturday after a long battle with multiple sclerosis. He was 65.

Pryor was considered both a fearless performer and a trailblazer onstage - an African-American man cracking wise about racism and other social ills in a supposedly integrated America. Sometimes, too, he was seen as an offstage cautionary tale, a man who included his rough times with a touch of humour in his stage acts.

"Richard Pryor was the Rosa Parks of comedy," said Chris Rock, in a statement. "He took risks and chances that made it possible for a whole generation of comics to exist."

Actor and comedian Bernie Mac was blunter: "Without Richard, there would be none."
At the Gotham Comedy Club in Manhattan, crowds gave rousing ovations to Pryor's memory on last Saturday night. At the Comedy Store in Los Angeles, where Pryor cut his teeth in the early 1970s and performed until his falling health ended his stand-up career in the early 1990s, proprietors put a message - "Rest in Peace, Richard" - on the club's marquee.

Source: The New York Times



ILLUSTRATION: SABHASACHI MISTRY

Hamin Ahmed is the lead guitarist and a vocalist of Miles, one of the leading bands in our country. Incidentally, Miles is celebrating their silver jubilee in music this month. Although Hamin is a celebrity in his own right, he can be recognised for his impressive lineage. Son of the talented composer Kamal Das Gupta and legendary Nazrul artiste Feroza Begum, music is in Hamin's blood. The Daily Star recently had a chance to catch up with the artiste. Excerpts from the conversation:

What would you do if you were marooned on a deserted island?

Do what Robinson Crusoe did. Build a house, look for ships to rescue me.

If you could have one object on the island, what would it be?

A guitar.

What gives you the greatest satisfaction as a musician?

I get the most satisfaction from the love and respect of Miles' fans.

Another feather in our cap is that you have been able to carve a niche in India. We have been performing regularly not only for the Bangalee audience but for the entire Indian community. Other satisfying achievements include my interview by CNN for their Q&A program.

What is the wildest thing you have done?

Sometimes one's ego gets the better of one. I was getting poked around by a car. I drive a BMW 318i. I accelerated to a speed of 120kmph in Dhaka. That was pretty wild...

Driving fast for fun is okay, but while driving one must realise that it is not a racing

track he is driving in, there are people around you. One must never do anything that could result in a tragedy for their own family or for someone else.

Who is your favourite fictional character?

Spiderman, for his ability to help others. However, I hate spiders.

Where do you see yourself 10 years from now?

I visualise myself as a successful business magnate. I will retire as a music performer and look forward to owning a music production company.

One person who means the most to you...

My son.

Three things you absolutely hate?

Hypocrisy, extremism and deceit.

What are your all time favourite songs?

Hey Jude (The Beatles), Black magic woman (Carlos Santana), Hotel California (Eagles), Little wings (Jimmy Hendrix), Jump (Van Halen), Winds of Change (Scorpions), Love of God (Steve Vai).

What type of dishes do you like?

Biryani (Bengali) and Vegetable Noodles Soup with prawn and crab (Chinese).

Who are your favourite actors?

From Bangladesh it is Humayun Faridi. I also admire Amitabh Bachchan and Al Pacino.

Which of your peers do you admire?

Ayub Bacchu for what he has achieved, Manam Ahmed for his arrangement/keyboard skills, Shafeen Ahmed, for his vocal abilities and Russel, former Warfaze guitarist, for what he has done as a Bangladeshi.

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, 11 pm.
News (English) 8:20 am, 7:00 pm.
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, 4:00 pm, 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 (English) (Bangla) at 9:30 pm.
BBC WORLD
Every hour on the hour

BTV
09:05 Smritimoy Archives
09:25 Shashwato Jibon
10:00 Satellite broadcast
12:30 Shasho Tathya
01:00 Amar Gaaner Bhubon
02:15 Sisimpur
03:05 Hijol Tomal
03:35 Geeto Bilan
04:00 Prottyashar Alo
04:30 Agrodoot
05:05 Mati O Manush
05:30 Lekha Pora
06:10 Malancha
06:55 News Headlines, Share Market, Weather Forecast
07:00 Amader Aain
07:30 Remembering the Martyred Intellectuals
07:55 Amader Bijoy Amader Ahonkar
08:30 Protidin Bangladesh
08:40 Drama Serial
09:25 Drama Serial: Sublet
10:25 Teknaf Theke Tetulia
10:35 Shoptoswar
CHANNEL i
09:45 Trityo 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 Special programme on Martyred Intellectuals Day
04:00 Bansundhara Amader Gaan
04:45 Sa Re Ga Ma
05:30 Aikitto Bangladesh Music Plus
06:00 Din Bodoler Gaan
07:50 RC Travel On
08:25 Drama Serial: Ek

09:35 Akasher Tara
Drama Serial: Jhora Patar Kabbyo
10:00 Drama Serial: Bela Obelar Golpo
ATN BANGLA
09:25 Drama Serial: Flat No. 40
10:30 Onnondrishi
11:05 ATN Taroka (music)
12:15 Cinema Cinema
12:50 Band Show: Ganey Shurey Tarunye Motamot
02:27 Muktiyudhder Ei Diney
02:30 Musical Programme
03:15 Drama Serial: Nana Ronger Din
03:45 Special programme on International Trade Fair
04:20 Islam Ki Boley Amra Ki Kori
04:45 Ispahani Pure Snax Quiz Time
05:10 Poraner Gaan
05:45 Islami Sawaal O Jobab Live
06:20 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
10:35 City Cell Face To Face (live)
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08:35 Aajker Shokal
09:05 Drama Serial: Labonyoprobha

PICK OF THE DAY
RC Travel ON
On Channel-i at 7:50pm
Travel Show
Host: Shahriar Shakil
09:30 Frankly Speaking
10:05 Colours
10:30 Gallery
11:00 Circus Lights
12:05 Shurer Jolsha
01:00 Muktagong
03:15 Barighar Thikthak
04:25 Chalachitra Katha
05:20 Apnar Jigyasha
06:20 Shubho Shondhya
06:50 Talk Show: Uchcharonguli Shoker
08:25 Drama Serial: Titumirer Bansher Kella
09:10 Kichhu Kotha Kichhu Gaan
09:50 Drama Serial: Amader Anondobari
HBO
09:45 Ripley's Game
12:00 Eight Legged Freaks
02:00 New Best Friend
03:45 Esther Khan
06:45 Hulk
09:30 Collateral Damage
11:45 Fear
01:45 Glass Trap
STAR MOVIES
10:15 The Whole Ten Yards
12:10 The Forsaken
02:00 The Object of My Affection
04:10 Reality Check
06:00 Charlie's Angels
08:00 The Scorpion King
09:55 Jeepers Creepers 2
11:45 Sonic Impact
STAR WORLD
10:30 Kevin Hill
11:30 WORLD'S MOST SHOCKING MOMENTS
12:30 TRU Calling
02:30 The Oprah Winfrey Show
03:30 Bold And Beautiful
04:30 Hollywood Squares
05:00 Whose Line Is It Anyway
05:30 Buffy The Vampire Slayer
06:30 The Simpsons
07:00 The King Of Queens
07:30 Friends
08:00 Seinfeld
08:30 Smallville
09:30 Medical Investigations
10:30 Desperate Housewives
ANIMAL PLANET
10:30 One Planet State of the Great Ape
11:30 One Planet Genesis II
12:30 Most Extreme Eaters
01:30 Fun Zone Amazing Animal Videos
02:30 Austin Stevens: Most Dangerous In Search of the Monster Rattler
03:30 Miami Animal Police Pit Bull Raid
04:30 Predator's Prey Agility
05:00 Young and Wild First Steps
06:30 Jeff Corwin Experience
Bridge Between The Americas

07:30 Lyndal's Lifeline Flight to Freedom
08:30 In The Wild Dolphins
09:30 Fun Zone Amazing Animal Videos
10:30 O'shea's Big Adventure Venom
11:30 Wild Rescues Resky Critters, Tiger Haven
12:00 Wild Rescues Flying Greyhounds.
DISCOVERY
10:30 Wild Discovery
Untamed Earth
11:30 2005 Retrospective
Pope John Paul II - Ambassador of Peace
12:30 Discovery Rewind
Ancient Secrets
01:30 Extreme Machines
Untamed Earth
02:30 Truth or Scare
03:00 Living Pulse
03:30 Amazing Baby Videos
04:00 Baby Whisperer
Primrose Lenon
04:30 Wild Discovery Tracking Deadly Vipers
05:30 New Detectives Lethal Encounter
06:30 Dangerman Adventures of Geoff Mackley The Deep Freeze
07:30 Wild Discovery Geat Siberian Grizzly
08:30 2005 Retrospective The Case Against Saddam
09:30 Great Palaces of the World The Summer Palace-Beijing
10:00 Africa's Great Rivers
Olfants-River of Treasures
10:30 Science Frontiers can Prayer Heal?

11:30 Spy Stories Why Intelligence Fails
STAR SPORTS
11:30 Inside The Pga Tour(R)
12:00 English Premier Football League 2005/06 Tottenham Hotspur Vs Portsmouth(T)
02:00 Australian Open Golf Championship 2005 Day Three(T)
04:00 Tna Impact(T)
05:00 Hitz(R)
05:30 Max Power 2005(T)
06:30 Samsung Superskills Semifinal #2(R)
07:00 National Motocross Championship 2005 Episode Eight(T)
08:30 Sportscenter India Update(L)
08:32 Icc Cricket
09:00 Cricket Classics Close Encounters(R)
09:30 Cricket Classics Great Indian Partnerships(R)
11:00 Golf Focus(S)
11:30 Motocross Programming Mfr National Motocross Championship 2005 Episode Eight(R)

10:00 Champions League Extra Group Phase 1; Matchweek 6(T)
12:00 Cricket Classics Draw: The Wall(R)
12:30 Women's Golf Lexus Cup 2005 Singapore
03:30 Fifa Club World Championship Japan Vs Sao Paulo Semifinal 1(L)
06:00 Cricket Classics Super Doubles(R)
07:30 Hitz(T)
08:00 SportscenterIndia(L)
08:30 Goals(T)
09:00 The Natwest International London; England Australia Vs Pakistan Odi; Highlights(R)
10:30 Sportscenter Asia(S)
11:00 Sportscenter India(R)
11:30 Goals!(R)
TEN SPORTS
10:00 Sahara Hockey Champions Trophy Australia vGermany
12:00 Sahara Hockey Champions Trophy Spain v Pakistan
02:00 Sahara Hockey Champions Trophy Netherlands v India
04:00 Speed
04:30 Sahara Hockey Champions Trophy Spain v Australia
06:30 Sahara Hockey Champions Trophy Germany vNetherlands

ESPN
08:00 Tri-Series In Zimbabwe Videocon Cup Zimbabwe Vs India 3rd Odi; Highlights(R)