

CULTURAL FEAST

Cultural Programme

Title: Shahshor Pochish Bochor
Organiser: Nijera Kori
Featuring: Patho Natak, Gono Sangeet and Pater Gaen
Venue: Rabindra Sarobar (near Dhanmondi Lake)
Date: January 27-28 from 3 pm

Photo Exhibition

Title: Visible
Organiser: Bangladesh Street Children
Venue: National Museum
Date: January 22- February 4

Exhibition

Title: Forms and elements: Unity and diversity
Organiser: Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy
Venue: National Art Gallery
Date: January 27- February 27



Title: The Language of Joy
Organiser: Bengal Gallery of Fine Arts
Venue: Royal Orchard, H# 60, R# 131, Gulshan 1
Date: January 25- 27

Cultural Programme

Title: Mukujuddho O Nari
Organiser: Woman Studies Department
Venue: Liberation War Museum
Date: January 13-31 at 4:30 pm

Theatre Festival

Venue: National Theatre Stage, Shilpakala Academy
Schedule:

Play	Troupe	Date
Birodini	Dhaka Theatre	February 1
Nayapuran	Desh Natak	February 2
Chitoy	Theatre	February 3
Behar		
Pakhi		
Korjush	Loko Natyadal	February 4
Shyampram	Prangona Mor	Feb 5
Salmayer	Theatre Art	February 6
Prangona	Unit	
Rasidun	Ananyak	Feb 7
	Natyadal	
Prangoni	Natyakendra	February 8
Circus Circus	Prachyanaut	February 9
Chhayanaut	nagorik	Feb 10

Kathak Dance

Troupe: Shobhana Narayan and her troupe
Organiser: High Commission on India
Venue: Osmani Memorial Hall
Date: January 31 at 7:00 pm

Exhibition

Title: Antorbikshon
Artist: Swapan Chowdhury
Venue: Bengal Gallery of Fine Arts
Date: January 22- February 5

Theatre

Play: Raklokorobi
Troupe: Nagorik Natya Sampradaya
Venue: Mahila Samity Stage
Date: January 26 at 6:30 pm

Concert

Eric's irresistible jazz notes

FAYZA HAQ

ERIC Lohrer's Jazz Quartet mesmerised the audience on January 24 evening. This was at the Alliance Francaise Gallery, which seated a sea of listeners, despite the continual cold wave, political insecurity and other pervading distractions such as the end of the International Film Festival. The 90-minute performance on the guitar, bass, saxophone and drums transported one from a mundane existence to a western world, that sometimes ushered in eastern influences, as the mood took the players.

Eric's quartet bore his name as he was its leader. With flashing eyes and a mop of dark hair, he spoke about himself and his band from Paris -- which had flown in the day they played. Asked how his group had come together, Eric said that there was Jean-Charles Richard on the soprano saxophone, Eric Surmenian on the electric bass guitar, and Patrick Goraguer on the drums. "We're friends and have been playing together for a while. We originally played in other bands, and then played as a group. I was earlier in another group with Jean-Charles Richard. Eric Surmenian and I played in jam sessions. The drummer too was my earlier partner, although there he played the piano."

Eric and his band mainly play their own compositions, along with one or two covers (compositions by others). He said that what he was searching for was a "collective sound" of players who listened to each other and then responded extemporé. "I aim at interaction and improvisation, with a resulting mellow, combination of smooth sounds. We play modern jazz. Our music has the impact of players like Miles Davies, Herby Hancock and the modern musicians of that genre. At the same time we don't close our

minds to pop music. Jazz is a music where you can be comparatively free; you can relate to different influences, whether it be pop or classical music," said Eric.

Asked if the musicians' families had musical leanings, Eric said that he himself didn't, but that his parents and friends encouraged him to take up music. His wife who had accompanied him was a great source of strength -- as one could gather at the concert. Eric had studied philosophy and had picked up music as a hobby at the age of five -- which eventually led to his present profession. The bass and sax player, studied both jazz and classical music. The drummer came from a family of musicians.

Dwelling on the origin of the players, Eric said that all the members now live in Paris, and originate from there except the bass and sax players. Talking about whether they confine themselves to playing only, Eric said that they taught too, to supplement their income as performing musicians. "I like teaching but it's not easy, as I myself am self-taught. I think that what makes a successful musician is constant practice and dedication to music. One has to trust oneself. When we come together to practice for our shows, we play for hours at a stretch together, apart from playing on our own."

Eric's band has performed in Paris, Kolkata, Chittagong, Delhi, Pune, Ahmedabad and Pondicherry. "I admire the way of the subcontinent people, as they are open and warm-hearted. I've listened to flute, sitar and tabla gurus, while in Paris, and find them remarkable."



Eric Lohrer's jazz band performing at Alliance Francaise

ALL TIME GREATS

Europe and US plan to celebrate 250th birth anniversary of Mozart tomorrow

"Up to now he is the most complete manifestation of musical giants. Every genuine musician looks up to him, happy and disarmed...He disposes of light and shadow, but his light does not pain and his darkness still shows clear outlines. Even in the most tragic situations he still has a witicism ready; in the most cheerful, he is able to draw a thoughtful furrow in his brow. He is young as a boy and wise as an old man--never old-fashioned and never modern, carried to the grave and always alive."

A series of aphorisms on Wolfgang Mozart by pianist and composer Ferruccio Busoni (1906)

On January 27 the world celebrates the 250th birth anniversary of the great composer Mozart. In Europe and the US a series of events is being held to mark the occasion. In Europe the birth festivities will reflect a somewhat neglected aspect of his career--his wide range of travels.

Apparently Mozart (1756-1791) had an itinerant life. He spent over 10 of 35 years away from home--that is outside Salzburg or Vienna. He visited more than 200 towns and other sites. Now, 250 years after his birth, more than 75 partner towns have joined hands on 'Mozart's European Routes'. In sum, there will be varied forms of commemoration for the composer in almost everywhere he passed through his short and rocky life. The hub of the celebrations are 10



Wolfgang Mozart

countries--Belgium, Germany, Britain, Italy, Netherlands, Austria, Switzerland and the Czech Republic.

The festival, 'Mozart Prague 2006' will include more than 150 concerts, opera performances, exhibitions and other events. On the cards is a festival performance of *Don Giovanni* in the

Prague Staendetheater, exactly 219 years after the great composer conducted the premiere at the same venue. Likewise, from January 27 to February 14, the Bavarian State Opera will perform six major operas, including *La Clemenza di Tito*, *Così fan tutte* and *Don Giovanni*, among others. A memorial concert is scheduled to be conducted by Zubin Mehta alongside other events.

The US too is abuzz with activity. Among the celebrations are the National Symphony Orchestra's semi-staged rendition of Mozart's early opera *Abduction from the Seraglio*. Then the duo Misha and Cipa Dichter will play Mozart works for piano four-hands as well as for two pianos at the Kennedy Centre Terrace Theatre.

Explaining Mozart's continued appeal, Tim Page, staff writer for the *Washington Post*, states, "I suspect that a principal reason for Mozart's popularity is his universality. He speaks to almost everybody (the only convinced Mozart-haters who come to mind are Noel Coward and Glenn Gould) and he never pushes us. If all you want from one of his compositions are some good tunes and seraphic harmonies, he will surely provide them. If you want much, much more, Mozart, in virtually all of his mature pieces, will provide that too."

Compiled by Cultural Correspondent

Closeup1 stars join online chat session



Razib, Beauty and Nolo Babu

CULTURAL CORRESPONDENT

The top three performers of *Closeup 1*, Nolo Babu, Razib and Beauty, are set to join a live online chat session. These three new sensations are coming to the chat room of country's popular web portal Bangladeshinfo.com on January 26.

Just a few days ago, the country

was hit by a music talent hunt fever, titled *Closeup 1*. After tense efforts and wait, Nolo Babu, Razib and Beauty, emerged as the top contender in *Closeup 1*. Born in Jamalpur, Nolo Babu has become one of the most popular music idols of Bangladesh. Alongside him, two close contestants have won the hearts of millions. They are Razib from Jamalpur and Beauty from Chuadanga.

How did they make the long journey to fame? What are their future plans and what are their questions will come to their chat session from 4 pm to 6 pm online. This unique opportunity to exchange notes with them can be availed by logging on to www.bangladeshinfo.com and www.Closeup1.com.

National Music Festival to be held soon

The Centre for Education, Creative and Performing Arts (Sanskriti Kendra) in association with UNESCO Dhaka and Bangladesh National Commission for UNESCO (BNCU) will be organising the National Music Festival, Bangladesh, says a press release. The programme will focus on three major categories of Bangladeshi music: Baul and Lok Sangeet, Classical music, Rabindra and Nazrul sangeet. The programme will be held from January 29-31 at the Shaheed Ziaur Rahman Auditorium, National Museum. Renowned artists of the country will perform at the festival.



Kathak dancer Shovana Narayan in town

Shovana Narayan, famous Kathak dancer (the recipient of the Padamashri and Sangeet Akademi awards) from India is set to visit Bangladesh from January 26-February 1. She and her troupe will perform in Rajshahi on January 28, Chittagong on January 30 and at the Osmani Memorial Hall in Dhaka on January 31, says a press release.

Shovana is committed to her art form. An outstanding dancer, a consummate artiste and choreographer, she is a trailblazer in Kathak.

Da Vinci Code to open at Cannes

Case cracked: *The Da Vinci Code* will be the opening-night movie at the Cannes Film Festival in May, organisers said. Based on Dan Brown's esoteric thriller about



Tom Hanks in Da Vinci Code

code-breaking and conspiracy, the film will debut at the Riviera festival and in French theatres on May 17, the festival said Saturday. The rest of the world will have to wait two days, until May 19.

The adaptation by Oscar-winning director Ron Howard (of *A Beautiful Mind* fame) has an international cast led by Tom Hanks and Audrey Tautou.

Like the novel, the movie is set largely in France: The story line opens with the murder of the curator of the Louvre Museum in Paris.

Early this month, the Louvre said the movie's producers were trying to decide between the museum and the Cannes festival as a site for the European premiere. The movie will not be in the running for prizes at Cannes.

Hong Kong's Wong Kar-wai, director of *In the Mood for Love*, presides over this year's jury at the festival, which runs May 17-28. Organisers at the glitzy festival try to strike a balance between crowd-pleasers and critically acclaimed films, and between Hollywood blockbusters and art house flicks.

Source: Internet

TV GUIDE

PICK OF THE DAY



Britto
On ATN Bangla at 09:30 pm
Genre: Action/Adventure
Cast: Mamun-Ur-Rashid, Nadia



The Last Samurai
On HBO at 9:30 pm
Genre: Action/Adventure
Cast: Tom Cruise, Ken Watanabe

All programmes are in local time.
The Daily Star will not be responsible for any change in the programme.

News Bulletin

BTB
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) at 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 BTB 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, 11:00 pm, 11:00 am, 1:00 pm, 3:00 pm, 4:00 pm, 6:00 pm and 8:00 pm.
Telecast of BTB 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 BTB 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

ATN BANGLA

09:25 Drama Serial: Andharer Jatri
10:30 Onnondishit
11:05 ATN Taroka
12:25 Bangla Feature Film: Amar Anore Tumi
03:45 ATN Rannaghar
04:20 Shundor Jiboner Jonjo
04:45 Ispahani Pure Snax
05:10 Quiz Time
05:45 Purakirtir Bangladesh Islami Sawaal O Jobab (Live)
06:20 Musical Programme
08:00 Drama Serial: Char Deyaler Chand
08:30 Drama Serial: Ferrari Sironi
09:00 Drama Serial: Hortoner Bibi
09:30 Drama Serial: Britto
10:35 Char Deyaler Kabir
CHANNEL i
09:30 Shongbadpatriy Bangladesh and Public Reaction
09:45 Triloyo Matra
12:30 Aaj Dupurey O Citcel Tarokakobhon
01:00 Ebon Cinemaer Gaan
01:25 Public Reaction
02:40 Triloyo Matra Apni Hidaye Mat O Manusher Daak
04:10 Bashudhara Anader Gaan
04:50 Sa Re Ga Ma
05:00 Music Plus
05:30 Amar Ohhobi
07:50 Drama Serial: Albotross
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08:00 Human Nature
08:00 Aker Bangladesh Quiz Time
08:30 Tomar Bina Tarar Geol
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10:30 Akkad Bakkad	07:00 Hercules	10:30 American Idol	12:00 Friends
11:00 Shagun	07:30 Kumkum - Pyara Sa Bandhan	11:30 Medical Investigations	
11:30 Shanti	7:55 Film Topper	12:30 Life As We Know It	
12:00 Maan	08:00 Akkad Bakkad	01:30 The A Team	
12:25 Film Topper	08:30 Mum Tum Aur Hum	02:30 Oprah Winfrey Show	
12:55 Taaza Hits	09:00 Kasauti Zindagi Kay Milee	03:30 Bold And Beautiful	
02:00 Bhabhi	10:00 Kavyanjali	04:30 Hollywood Squares	
02:30 Kesar	10:30 Kahaani Gar	05:00 Whose Line Is It Anyway	
03:00 Saamrhi	11:00 Kyunki Saas Bhi Kabhi Bahu Thi	05:30 Angel	
04:00 Kahin To Hoga	11:30 Shagun	06:30 The Simpsons	
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