

CULTURAL FEAST

Fundraiser

Painting exhibition

Organiser: Gallery Chittrak and Try Foundation
Venue: Gallery Chittrak
House #21, Road#4 Dhanmondi RA Dhaka
Date: June 20-23
Time: 10am-9pm

Exhibition

Title: Tales of Pseudo Myth
Artist: Ronni Ahmed
Venue: Bangal Gallery of Fine Arts
Date: June 21-30
Time: 12am-8pm

Book Fair

Title: Barshar Boi Mela
Venue: Bashundhara City Shopping Mall
Date: June 15-30

Cinema

Organiser: Alliance Francaise of Dhaka
Venue: Alliance Francaise of Dhaka, Rd# 3, Dhanmondi
Film: Jeanne d'Arc
Date: June 23
Time: 10:30am and 6:00pm

Fete de la Musique

Organiser: Alliance Francaise, Dhaka
Venue: Alliance Francaise, Dhaka
Date: June 21
Event: Performance by Choir of Alliance Francaise
Time: 6:30pm

Date: June 22
Event: Music Night
Time: 8:30pm

Date: June 23
Event: Classical Guitar by Muktadir Hossain
Time: 7:00pm

Event: Modern song and Ghazal by John Sumit
Time: 7:30pm

Promoting awareness on classical dance

A buzz-worthy programme at Shilpakala Academy

CULTURAL CORRESPONDENT

JUNE 19 was the second of the three-day classical dance and instrumental programme organised by the Department of

Production, Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy (BSA). While the first day of the programme was dedicated to the teacher-student duo in classical dance, the second day was exclusively for the students to

showcase their solo flair in this magnificent form of art. The third day will be for the teachers of classical instrumental music.

According to Zinnat Barkatullah, director, Department of

Production, BSA, "Prior to 'Partition', Bangladesh, India and Pakistan shared a common culture. However, after 1947, the classical dance forms almost became exclusively Indian. Hence to reincarnate

the classical dance form in our country we have been sending many of our students to prestigious dance schools in India to learn the art. Today will be a display of their finesse."

True to her words, one by one the performers came on to a simple yet elegantly decorated stage, dazzling the audience with their vibrant choice of costumes and an array of graceful performances. They were selected from all over Bangladesh, not to mention the dancers exclusively trained in India. The numbers of spectators gradually picked up to a full house. With the auditorium resonating in classical beats and *taals*, the dancers presented splendid soul appetising solos.

There were four main dance forms, namely Odissi, Manipuri, Bharatnatyam and Kathak. The performers were Proma Obonti, Warda Rihab, Bebi Rozario, Sabbir Ahmed Khan, Sudeshna Swayamprabha, Shumaiya Chowdhury, Salma Begum, Shampreeti Rezwana Rahman, Bidhan Chandra, Rokeya Begum, Sarita Haidar, Mehraj Haque, Samina Hossain, Orno Komolika, Tahmina Islam, Trina Das, Sabrina Safi and Tabassum Ahmed.

In the words of Bharatnatyam dancer Rokeya Begum, "It is for the first time in Bangladesh that a government initiative has been taken to showcase exclusive classical dance. While there are many private organisations doing the same, an effort by the government should boost the art." Adds 17-year-old Kathak dancer Mehraj, "The number of classical dance enthusiasts in our country is limited. Such programmes will generate interest and appreciation for the art among the masses."



Graceful dancers charm the audience at the programme



PHOTO: STAR

Benuka Institute of Fine Arts celebrates 26th anniversary



Performers at the celebration

CULTURAL CORRESPONDENT

Benuka Institute of Fine Arts (BIFA) honoured three eminent artistes at the organisation's 26th anniversary programme on June 19. The ceremony took place at the Shishu Academy auditorium.

The event was divided into three sessions. In the first session, BIFA presented awards to the recipients. Then followed a short discussion, and then the main attraction--the cultural event, featuring songs, dance and recitation by students and teachers of BIFA.

These year's awardees are Azad Rahman, Amanul Haque and Rawshan Ara Mustafiz.

Cultural personality and composer Azad Rahman received the

National Film Award in 1977 and in 1993. He is the secretary of Bangladesh Federation of Film Societies.

Renowned dance teacher Amanul Haque received higher training in dance from Ghono Shyam Rhythmic Art Centre Karachi. Haque, also a composer, is a recipient of Bachshash award in 1985 for best music director for the film *Dohon*.

Rawshan Ara Mustafiz, an eminent Nazrul artiste is a recipient of the prestigious Ekushey Padak 2006.

The chief guest was ATM Ataur Rahman, secretary Ministry of Cultural Affairs. The ceremony was presided over by Abu Saleh, secretary of BIFA.

An evening of Nazrul songs by Chhayanat



Students of Chhayanat render a song

CULTURAL CORRESPONDENT

Nazrul is an integral part of the cultural life of Bangladesh. To uphold the essence of the songs of the maestro, Chhayanat, a cultural organisation, arranged a performance, at the National Museum, on June 19. The function included choral and solo renditions of Nazrul songs.

Deboss took the stage with a song *Keu bholoy na keu bholoy*. Munni performed *Potho hara*

pakhi. Nobonita rendered *Jak na nishi*. Proyoti's presentation of *Abar bhalobashar shadh* and Kalpana's *Mora chhinu ekela* were well appreciated. The other singers who performed in the programme were Bijon (*Bhori poran*), Julio (*Dolon champa boney doley*), Anandita (*Adho dhoroni alo*), Lucky (*Chokh gelo chokh gelo*) and Monira (*Beshuro binay bethar*). The event ended with a choral rendition of *Jago nari jago*.

Monsoon Book Fair in the city

CULTURAL CORRESPONDENT

A 15-day long *Borshar Boi Mela* (Monsoon Book Fair), organised by Amnity, is on at the Exhibition

Centre, Basundhara City shopping mall from June 15.

"Our main objective is to create new opportunities for the publishers and distributors to sell

their books during the monsoon," commented one of the organisers. The reason is evident--the Dhaka Book Fair and Amar Ekushey Book Fair are held between December and March. Apart from that, publishers go through a lean period when no major book fairs are held in the city. The situation worsens in the rainy season. "This has prompted us to plan the fair at this time," he added.

The fair has featured 80 stalls, allotted for 62 publishers. Some NGOs, newspapers and foreign cultural centres are among the participants. Foreign publications are available in some stalls. However, the sale of pirated books is prohibited.

Different stalls are offering discounts up to 25 per cent. Visitors have free access to the fair. The fair will remain open from 10 am to 9.30 pm.

Popular author Humayun Ahmed inaugurated the fair while novelist Emdadul Haque Milon was present as special guest.



Teen Paw-er Golpo, by Fazilatunnesa was launched at the book fair by Poet Rafiq Azad (3-L). Prominent writers and literateurs also attended the event

Shubarna Chowdhury

Depicting seasonal diversity in songs



Shubarna Chowdhury

Shubarna Chowdhury is an upcoming artiste whose first album featuring Tagore and Nazrul songs created a buzz. Very few albums combine works by both masters and to be able to render songs of both genres with panache, is a commendable feat.

In her own words: "I grew up with rich and melodious tunes of Bengali songs with its many facets. I have been training since I was six. However, I wanted to take my time and prepare myself to come to the forefront. I never believed in quick gains."

Shubarna's debut album, *Aporoop Roop-e* highlights the diversity of nature and the seasons of splendour. The audience also comes across an expert use of poetry throughout the album. Excerpts from poems have been selected as preludes to the songs. Combined they are put to make this *Ode to Nature*; a celebration of the six seasons.

While rendering the songs, the artiste experiments with different vocal styles. To the expert ear the changes in presentation are figured out instantly whereas an average listener finds her vocals simply soothing.

BY PROTIMA CHAKRABARTY

TV GUIDE

PICK OF THE DAY



Aloy Bhuvan Bhora
On Channel 1 at 09:35 pm
Talk Show
Host: Aly Zaker



FIFA World Cup 2006
On ESPN at 07:50pm
Group D: Portugal Vs Mexico
Live from Gelsenkirchen

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-1
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, 1:00pm, 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) at 8:30 am, 11:30 pm.
News (English) 8:20am, 7:00pm
TARA BANGLA
News Headlines (Bangla) at 5:30pm, 7:30pm.
Tara News (Bangla) at 8:30 am, 11:30 pm.
Tara News Bangladesh (Bangla) at 9:30 pm.
BBC WORLD
Every hour on the hour

BTV

10:00 Satellite Broadcast
12:15 Shongbadpotter Pata Thaka
12:30 Shastho Tathyo
02:40 Selected Programme
03:05 Hijo Tomal
03:30 Geet Bitan
04:00 Protashar Alo
04:30 Desh O Bigyan
05:05 World Cup 2006
05:05 Highlights
06:10 Melanchiya
07:00 Shushtho Thakun
08:35 Protidin Bangladesh
09:40 Drama Serial: Shap Lodu
09:25 Drama Serial: Meakey Chai
10:25 Tefnal Thekey Telula
ATN BANGLA
10:30 Onnadrishi
11:05 ATN Taroka (Gala Round)
12:15 Cinema Cinema
12:45 Drama Serial: Tarunyo
01:30 Shobar Jonyo
02:30 Shurochhoti
03:15 Drama Serial: Bhalobashar Rong
03:45 Drama Serial: Anondo Bedona Gantiboy
04:20 Islam Ki Boley Anira Ki Kon
04:45 Daily World Cup
05:10 Shobar Jonyo
05:45 Islami Sawal O Jobab
06:20 Sultan
08:00 Drama Serial: Sharadin Potichhol
08:30 Drama Serial: Shukher Legiya
09:00 Drama Serial: Hai Hai

Roi Roi

09:30 Drama Serial: Andharer Jalni
10:35 Citywall Face to Face (Live)
Channel-i
09:30 Shongbad Potrey Bangladesh
09:45 Public Reaction
09:50 Triloyomata
11:05 Sports Time (Live)
12:30 Aj Dapurey O Citywall
01:05 Ebon Gopomar Gaan
01:45 Public Reaction
02:40 Selected Drama
04:20 Bashundhara Amader Ghan
04:45 Sa Re Ga Ma
05:30 Gaaner Opore
06:00 Music Plus
06:20 Music Club
06:40 Bishwa Cup Special
07:50 RC Travel on
08:20 Drama Serial: Mounalar Shuloy
09:35 Talk Show: Aloy Bhuvan Bhora
10:00 Drama Serial: Beta Obelar Golpo
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08:35 Aiker Shakal
09:30 Gaaner Shomoy
10:05 Colours
10:30 Gallery
11:00 Circus Lights
12:05 Shurer Jolsha
01:00 Muktagon
02:35 Drama Serial: Labanya Prokha
03:15 Drama Serial: Ronger Manush
03:50 Drama Serial: Amader Anondo Bari

Channel 1

04:25 Tepantor Er
05:10 Ilitashar El Dine / Din Dorjon
05:20 Apner Jigasha
06:20 Shubho Shondhya
06:50 Ki Kotha Tehar Shathay
08:25 Siddiqua Kabir's Recipe
09:10 Kichhu Kotha Kichhu Gaan
09:50 Drama Serial: Amader Anondobari
11:25 Din Dorjon
Rtv
09:00 Tomer Bina Tarer Giti
09:30 Music Concert: Jaal
10:00 Aj Potrekay
10:30 Jibon Chorchha Concert
12:05 Drama Serial: Shimul Toir Ghat
01:00 Air Combat
02:30 Shoto Proshno
03:30 Technology Today
04:30 Swapna Diner Gaan
05:05 Bishwa Jurey
05:30 Football Carnival
06:00 Aiker Bangladesh
06:30 Rtv Exclusive
07:00 Jugol Bondi
08:00 Drama Serial: Shimul Toir Ghat
08:50 Griho Sholi
09:20 Drama Serial: Nawab Faizunnesa
09:30 Talk Show: Kael Kotha
09:15 Prashonghi

Channel 1

08:40 Shuprovat Bangladesh
10:00 Cartoon
10:30 Bangla Feature Film
11:30 Nonggor
02:00 Bishwa Jurey
03:00 Goalmele Germany
03:30 Drama Serial: Nokol Poshak
04:00 Drama Serial: Rodey Jabo
04:30 Expression
05:00 Zila Bulletin
05:15 Small Ville
06:00 Saaj Bela
06:30 Top News
06:45 Jonotar Ishthihar
07:00 Kael Kotha
08:15 Drama: Talkhonik
09:00 Drama Serial: Khaponer Kusum Koi
09:30 Game Show
11:00 Goalmele Germany
HBO
10:00 The Nutty Professor
12:00 13 Going on 30
02:00 Dreamcatcher
04:45 Tales from the Crypt 43
05:30 The Assassin Specials
07:30 A Cinderella Story
09:30 Twister
11:45 Sex and the City 77&78
The Perfect Specials
Present/Pick A Little, Talk a Little
Pterodactyl
01:00 The Birds II: Land's

End

04:45 Stella Street
STAR MOVIES
08:10 Rapid Fire
10:05 Fatal Error
11:55 Prince William
01:45 Diana: A Tribute...
03:55 Center Stage
06:15 Alexander
09:30 The Village
11:40 Confessions Of A Sociopathic Soc
STAR WORLD
08:00 Hollywood Squares
08:30 Whose Line Is It Anyway?
09:00 The Drew Carey Show
09:30 The Oprah Winfrey Show
10:30 Dance Fever
12:00 The O.C.
01:00 Seinfeld
01:30 The A Team
02:30 Oprah Winfrey Show
03:30 The Bold And The Beautiful
04:30 General Hospital
05:30 Ed
06:25 Sports Update
06:30 The Simpsons
07:00 King Of Queens
07:30 Friends
08:00 Seinfeld
08:30 Beauty And The Geek
09:30 Boston Legal
10:30 J.A.G.
11:25 Sports Update
11:30 Seinfeld
NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC
08:00 Wws
08:30 Nat Geo Junior
10:00 Croc Chronicles
10:30 Bug Attack
11:30 Wild Indonesia
12:30 Nat Geo Frontline
01:30 5 Weddings & Funerals
02:00 World Culture
02:30 Adventure Challenge
03:30 Wild Life Adventure
04:30 Nat Geo Junior
06:00 Croc Chronicles
06:30 Extinct
07:30 Storm Stories
08:30 Expeditions To The Edge
21:30 Megacities
10:30 Air Crash Investigation
11:30 When Dolphins Cry
STAR SPORTS
08:30 Tna Wrestling
09:30 Programming
10:30 Sri Lanka Tour Of England
12:00 HiZ
12:30 Cricket Classics
01:00 Malaysian Field Hockey
02:30 Super Centuries
03:00 Malaysian Field Hockey
04:30 The Impact
05:30 Wimbledon Library
07:30 Super Centuries
07:50 FIFA World Cup (Iran Vs Angola)
10:00 Sportscenter India
10:01 Cricket Classics
10:30 Tna Impact
11:30 Sportscenter India
11:31 The Golf Club
12:50 FIFA World Cup (Ivory Coast Vs Serbia and Montenegro)
ESPN
08:30 News Special
08:40 Cricket Classics

10:30

09:00 FIFA World Cup Programming
10:50 Cricket Classics
11:20 News Special
11:30 FIFA World Cup
01:30 Cricket Classics
02:00 Nba Finals
04:30 Cricket Classics
05:00 FIFA World Cup Programming
06:50 News Special
07:00 Germany 2006
07:50 FIFA World Cup (Portugal Vs Mexico)
10:00 Germany 2006
10:30 Sportscenter
11:00 Cricket Classics
11:30 HiZ
12:50 FIFA World Cup (Argentina Vs Netherlands)
TEN SPORTS
09:30 WWE: Smackdown
11:30 West Indies v India: 5th ODI Highlights
12:30 NFL Cheerleaders
01:00 Gamet TV
01:30 UIM Powerboat P1 World Champ: Anzio, Italy
02:00 India in West Indies
02:30 World of Athletics
03:00 Borderline
05:00 Cricket Classics
06:00 WWE: After Burn
07:00 Legends
09:50 West Indies v India: ODI Highlights
09:30 Chevrolet
10:30 NFL Cheerleaders
11:30 WWE: After Burn
12:00 Gillette World of Sports
12:30 Gamet TV