

CULTURAL FEAST

Theatre Festival

Organiser: Loko Natyadal

Play: Majhrater Manusherha

Group: Loko Natyadal

Venue: National Theatre Stage, Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy

Date: July 6

Time: 7:00pm

Play: Yatrapala-Raja o Rajdrohi

Group: Peoples Little Theatre

Venue: Mahila Samity Auditorium

Date: July 6

Time: 7:00pm

Play: Akti Shiter Ratri

Group: Peoples Repertory Theatre

Venue: Mahila Samity Auditorium

Date: July 6

Time: 7:45pm

Theatre Photography Exhibition

Photographer: Kamaluddin Kabir

Title: Light and Discourse

Organiser: Bengal Gallery of Fine Arts

Venue: Bengal Shilpalaya, House 275/F, road 27(old), Dhanmondi R/A

Date: July 03-12

Time: 12pm-8pm

Debate

Organiser: Dhaka Christian Chhatra Kalyan Sangha

Venue: Tejgaon Church Community Centre (Near Holy Cross College)

Date: July 6 and 7

Time: 9:30am

Film Screening

Title: Juliette Binoche Retrospective

Organiser: Zahir Raihan Film Society and the Alliance Francaise of Dhaka

July 06: 5:00pm Hail Mary!

6:45pm The Lovers on the Bridge

July 11: 6:00pm The Unbearable Lightness of Being

July 12: 5:00pm Wuthering Heights

7:00pm Damage

July 13: 5:00pm The Horseman on the Roof

7:15pm Three Colours: Blue

July 16: 5:00pm The English Patient

7:30pm Jet Lag

July 18: 5:00pm The Children of the Century

7:15pm The Widow of St. Pierre

July 19: 5:00pm Chocolate

7:00pm The Country of My Skull

July 20: 6:00pm Hidden

Venue: the Alliance Francaise of Dhaka, Road # 3, Dhanmondi, Dhaka-1205

Painting Exhibition

Artist: Nahid Sultana Juthi

Title: 1st Solo Oil Painting Exhibition

Venue: Auditorium of Bangladesh National Federation of the Deaf, 62, Bijoy Nagar, Dhaka

Date: July 07-21

Time: 3:00pm to 8:30pm

Film Screening

Title: Ontorjatra

Venue: British Council Auditorium

Date: Regular screening from July 07

Time: 5:00pm and 7:00pm (except Sundays)

Born to dance

Tête-à-tête with Tabassum Ahmed

CULTURAL CORRESPONDENT

Kathak and folk dancer Tabassum Ahmed lives and breathes dance. Be it performing on stage or TV, or just dancing rigorously everyday in the course of teaching dance and practice, her world completely revolves around this performing art. Indeed Tabassum has her hands full: She teaches at Benuka Lalitkala Kendra, Shristi dance school and the Dhaka City Corporation school in addition to her own school, Nikkan Lalitkala Academy in DOHS Baridhara, where she lives.

This is quite apart from her numerous performances in Dhaka and overseas. Among the laurels that have come her way recently is the enthusiastic response to her Kathak solo dance at the Classical Dance Festival held at Shilpakala Academy. A full hall cheered as she performed a Kathak dance in *Chautaal* (12 beats). "The audience appreciated my performance, even though it is a difficult *taal*," asserts Tabassum.

And Tabassum is not purely Dhaka-centric. Last year she conducted a 15-day dance workshop in Bandarban, organised by Shilpakala Academy. "It was a chance for indigenous people to learn Kathak and folk dance. About 40-50 people participated in the workshop," says Tabassum. After the workshop, she gave a performance for her students, while the latter performed on prize distribution and certificate-giving day.

Another landmark was when she went to Sri Lanka as part of a government delegation at a SAARC cultural programme. Likewise, she cites the case of a private tour to Switzerland in 1996.



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Tabassum's CV is impressive by any yardstick. After her HSC from Kendriya College, Dhaka, she completed five years training in folk

dance from Jhankar Lalitkala Academy, Dhaka in 1984. Then she began learning pure Kathak dance under the guidance of Syed Abul Kalam from 1985. Next on the cards was a one year training in Kathak from Pandit Sunderlal Gangani while studying in MS University, Vadodara, India. To cap it all, she bagged an Indian government scholarship to do her three-year diploma (honours) in Kathak from the Delhi Kathak Kendra under the aegis of Guru Munna Lal Shukla. Here she also had the opportunity to come in contact with the famous Kathak dancer Pandit Birju Maharaj. Finally, she completed a two-year post diploma in Kathak and one year teachers training course from the same institute in 1994.

India has been a major stop for Tabassum. She has done choreographies of Pandit Birju Maharaj, Guru Munna Lal Shukla and Aditi Mangaldas, among others. Tabassum cites a few examples, such as *Ang Mukti*, *Mughal Darbari*, *Kumar Sambhar* and *Roopmati Baz Bahadur*.

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One of Tabassum's dreams is to run a school with residential facilities for outstation students from far off places such as Barisal and Chittagong. In the meanwhile, she remains optimistic about the future of Kathak in Bangladesh and believes it will go from strength to strength.

ntv's third anniversary

A cultural extravaganza

KHALID-BIN-HABIB

The Bangladesh China Friendship Conference Centre (BCFCC) resounded with a cultural event on July 4, on the occasion of the third anniversary of ntv. The colourful cultural evening, was marked by myriad songs and dances by popular Bangladeshi artistes.

The widely appreciated opening event included a dance number by popular artiste Mummun Ahmed and her troupe, to the tune of a 'special' flute, crafted and played by renowned magician Jewel Aich.

Popular actresses, models and dancers Sadia Islam Mou, Aupee Karim, Tarin, Farhana Chowdhury and eminent Manipuri dancer Tamanna Rahman presented *Pancho Konnya*, a traditional dance drama portraying historical characters along with around 50 dancers of Nrityalok. This was followed by a glitzy dance number presented by popular dance artistes Nadia and Likhon.

Eminent singers Syed Abdul Hadi and Kanak Champa jived to the patriotic number *Bangladesh Tomay Bhalobashi*.

Model Tinni, Alif, Fardeen, Lara Lotus, Tisha, Chandni, Shajol rendered some foot tapping numbers based on popular Dhallywood movie songs through the ages.

A captivating music number, titled *Tomader hath dhorey* was rendered by three judges of *Close Up*, Kumar Bishwajit, Samina Chowdhury and Ahmed Imliaz Bulbul along with the 10 finalists. Nolok, Rajib and



Beauty's beautiful rendition of *Ek poshla bhalobashar brishtiley* also received a big applause.

Three popular bands, LRB, Renaissance and Shironamhin, presented a choral rendition of an inspirational song, *Eki pothey amra pothochari*. Another attraction was a dazzling dance sequence by Ferdous and Moushumi from their upcoming film, *Swampanwala*.

The audience also responded warmly to performances by veteran singers Sabina Yasmin, Runa Laila, Shakila Zafar, Subir Nandi and Momtaz.

Dancers Shibli Mohammed, Shamim Ara Nipa and their group had the audience tapping their feet and loudly clapping.

Ultimately, the event underscored Bangladesh's rich and vibrant culture through the mix of dance and music.



Runa Laila (Top), (L-R)Nolok, Beauty and Rajib perform at the event

Golam Rabbani elected GS, Int'l Federation of Film Societies

Golam Rabbani Biplob, vice-president of Bangladesh Federation of Film Societies (BFFS), was elected General Secretary of International Federation of Film Societies (IFFS) at a grand assembly of the organisation in Matero, Italy on June 17, says a press release. Members from 43 countries assembled on the occasion.



TV serial *Anando Bedona Gontabto* featuring actors Khalil, Dilara Zaman, Mita Noor, Kabir Ahmed, Oindrila, Faria, Rakitima and others is aired every Wednesday at 3.45pm on ATN Bangla. Under the direction of Habibul Islam, the serial was recently extended from 26 to 39, says a press release. The focal point of the serial is a contended family.

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, 11:30pm.

Telecast of BTV News (Bangla and English) at 11:30pm.

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

09:30

Drama Serial: *Mon Tui Badhahin*

10:35

Char Deyalar Kabyo

CHANNEL i

09:45

Public Reaction

09:50

Grameen Phone Tritiyomatra

12:30

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01:05

Ebong Cinemar Gaan

01:30

Shongbadpotrey Dorpon

01:45

Public Reaction

02:40

Tritiyo Matray Apni

03:05

Hridoye Mati O Manusher Daak

04:05

Bashundhara Amader Gaan

04:25

Sa Re Ga Ma X Music

05:30

Musical Plus

06:00

Amar Chhobi

06:40

World Cup Special

07:50

Drama Serial: *Akashi Ronger Rumal*

08:20

Drama Serial: *Shutuy Badha Projapoti*

09:35

Lux Channel i Super Star

10:00

Drama Serial: *Bishakha Resort*

ntv

08:35

Ajker Shokal

09:00

Siddiqua Kabir's Recipe

09:30

Ki Kotha Tahar Shathey

10:05

Chalochchitro Kotha Dhakar Cinema

10:30

Muktangan

02:35

Drama Serial: *Labonyoprobha*

03:15

Drama Serial: *Ronger Manush*

03:50

Amader Anondo Bari

04:25

Shapla Kuri

05:15

Dindarpan

05:20

Mohilangan

06:20

Shubho Shondhya

06:50

Right Click

08:25

Drama Serial: *Kachher Manush*

09:10

FIFA Fever

10:00

Drama Serial: *Groho Konya*

11:25

Dindarpan

Rtv

09:00

Ontorongo Alap

10:30

Prithibir Pathay

11:00

Greho Sholli

11:30

Talk Show: *Khola Chokhey*

Drama Serial:

05:30

Shimul Tolir Ghat

06:00

Human Nature

06:30

Shoto Proshno

07:00

Technology Today

07:30

Cine Dhoom

08:00

Human Nature

08:30

Childrens Programme

09:00

Ajker Bangladesh

09:30

Riv Exclusive

10:00

Antorango Alap

10:30

Drama Serial: *Blyer Golpo*

11:00

Cookery Show

11:30

Shurey Aka Chhobi

12:00

Riv Exclusive

12:30

Health Show: *Heartbeat*

CHANNEL 1

08:40

Shuprobhat Banglades

09:00

Cartoon

09:30

Bangla Feature Film

10:00

Expression

10:30

Kaal Kotha

11:00

Goalmelme Germany

11:30

Drama Serial: *Kanone Kushum Koli*

12:00

Chokh Maley Dekhi

12:30

Small Ville

13:00

Saaj Bela

13:30

Top News

14:00

Jonotar Ishthihar

14:30

Bangladesh

15:00

Amar Nayokera

15:30

Drama Serial: *Kanoney Kushum Koli*

16:00

The One

11:00

Goalmelme Germany

BANGLAVISION

09:00

Cartoon

09:30

Drama Serial: *Gaurochandrika*

10:00

Media Bhubon

10:30

Drama Serial: *Ghorchhara*

11:00

Cine Beat

11:30

Drama Serial: *Meghrong Meye*

12:00

Amader Atithi

12:30

Drama Serial: *Shonar Phool*

03:00

Korai Khunti

03:30

Game Show

04:00

Ki Jadu Bangla Gaaney

04:30

Cine Bit Shada Kalo

05:00

Childrens Programme

11:30

Seconds from Disaster

01:30

Guardians of Angkor

02:30

Planet Wild

03:00

Totally Wild

03:30

Footballer & Beauty Queen

04:30

Nat Geo Junior

06:30

Footballer & Beauty Queen

07:30

Nat Geo Wild

08:30

MegaStructures

10:30

The Other Final

ESPN

08:30

FIFA World Cup Programming 2006

10:00

Fifa World Cup Germany Highlights (T)

10:30

International Ironman Triathlon

11:00

Ironman South Africa

11:30

South Africa: South Africa(T)

12:00

News Special

12:30

Sportscenter Update - Germany(R)

13:00

U.S. Senior Open Golf Championship Preview(R)

13:30

U.S. Senior Open Golf Championship Hutchinson; Ks Usa First Round (L)

STAR SPORTS

09:00

Wimbledon Lawn Tennis Championships London; Uk Day #9 Highlights (R)

10:00

Wimbledon Lawn Tennis Championships London; Uk Men's/Ladies Singles Quarterfinals(R)

10:30

Wimbledon Lawn Tennis Championships London; Uk Men's/Ladies Singles Quarterfinals(R)

11:00

Wimbledon Lawn Tennis Championships London; Uk Men's/Ladies Singles Quarterfinals(R)

11:30

Wimbledon Lawn Tennis Championships London; Uk Men's/Ladies Singles Quarterfinals(R)

TEN SPORTS

10:30

West Indies v India: 4th Test Day 5 Highlights

11:30

Trans World Sports

12:30

Tour De France: Stage 4

13:30

Chevrolet Cricket Show

14:30

Martini World Circuit

15:30

This is the PGA Tour

16:30

NFL Superbowl

17:30

WWE: The Bottom Line

18:30

Tour De France: Stage 5

19:30

Trans World Sports