

CULTURAL FEAST

Theatre Festival

Organiser: Loko Natyadal

Play: Shiddhidata

Group: Loko Natyadal

Venue: National Theatre Stage, Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy

Date: July 8

Time: 7:00pm

Film Screening

Title: Juliette Binoche Retrospective

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

July 08: 6:00pm The Unbearable Lightness of Being

July 11: 5:00pm Wuthering Heights 7:00pm Damage

July 12: 5:00pm The Horseman on the Roof 7:15pm Three Colours: Blue

July 13: 5:00pm The English Patient 7:30pm Jet Lag

July 16: 5:00pm The Children of the Century 7:15pm The Widow of St. Pierre

July 18: 5:00pm Chocolate 7:00pm The Country of My Skull

July 19: 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

Theatre Photography Exhibition

Promoting pristine piano music

Ecole de Musique: A school for budding musicians



Mehjabeen (C) with her students

FAYZA HAQ

MEHJABEEN Rahman and her group of ten young pianists, ranging from seven to seventeen and a bit over, played to a captivated audience last evening. This was at the gallery of Alliance Francaise. Ecole de Musique, Mehjabeen's piano school gives regular performances as part of the Fete de la Musique every summer. Free of charge, the audience is provided with a feast of Mozart, Beethoven and Bach. A few

of the students have been trained elsewhere too, but most of them owe their piano skills entirely to Mehjabeen.

The pieces that the children played were from the repertoire and some classical pieces like Mozart's Sonata 545, Bach's Prelude, Chopin's Opus 18, Haydn's Minuet. "This gives the student an exposure to public performance and creates an awareness of western classical music among the audience. Some of the students have been here for a few months while others have been

training for several years," Mehjabeen says. What the students receive is an intensive basic course. The school follows the methods of Alfred, Beyer, Czerene and Rose. Mehjabeen herself was trained by Korean teachers, Haan and Ji Hyon Rio. She hopes to do research in music associated with language learning in New York.

Adittyo Noman Khan enjoyed piano music as a little boy, and today loves Chopin, Mozart and Beethoven. Adittyo, who has just completed his SSC, practices from

half an hour to an hour every day. Besides western classical, he also likes rock and heavy metal. Tabassum, another student in Mehjabeen's school, is always encouraged by her mother. She began taking music lessons at Dhaka Int'l School and has been with Ecole de Musique for last five years. She is a student of BBA. Her favourites composers are Beethoven and Mozart. She likes modern Bangla songs too along with Nazrul Sangeet.

Masima Kamal is another devoted student of the piano. She trained initially at the Yamaha School in Malaysia, beginning in 2001. Her favourite pieces are the ones by Mozart and Chopin. She listens to Bangla music too along with her parents. Marilyn Shirley Louis, a IX-grade student, enjoys Strauss and Beethoven most of all. She hopes to carry on with music into her adult life. Sadia Zaman, another teenager, says that she was motivated by her mother and that her favourites are Beethoven and Mozart. At the same time, she likes Tagore songs as well.

Ayaz, Abrar and Maisha are seven, nine and eleven, respectively. They too flourished their fingers on the piano keyboard, although their selection of the pieces played at the Alliance Francaise programme were meant for beginners. Maisha likes Bach's minuets and has been a student for 18 months. Ayaz hopes to be a pianist in future. Faizah, the youngest of all, made her own vital contribution to the concert

The fresh strains of piano notes by the young enthusiasts were refreshing indeed.

Loko Natyadal Theatre Festival begins



A scene from Majhrater Manushera

CULTURAL CORRESPONDENT

A three-day theatre festival organised by Loko Natyadal started on July 6 at the National Theatre Stage, Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy. As part of the silver jubilee celebration of the organisation, seven plays directed by Liyaqat Ali Lucky will be staged at three different venues -- National Theatre Stage, Mahila Samity Auditorium and Experimental Theatre Hall (BSA) from July 6 to 8.

Eminent educationist Sirajul Islam Chowdhury inaugurated the festival. General secretary of ITI, Bangladesh, Ataur Rahman; noted theatre activists Mamunur Rashid and SM Mohsin; chairman of Bangladesh Group Theatre Federation, M Hamid; advisor of Loko Natyadal, Ali Ahmed; General Secretary of Sammilito Shangskritik

Jote Golam Kuddus and general secretary of Bangladesh Group Theatre Federation, Jhuna Chowdhury were the special guests at the event. Liyaqat Ali Lucky presided over the programme.

In his speech M Hamid said, "Loko Natyadal is working tirelessly in diverse fields of theatre for 25 years. It's a great achievement for any group." He also emphasised on the need for government support and patronisation.

Mamunur Rashid said, "Honesty and cultural integrity are essential to any cultural activist. Our theatre is constantly fighting against social injustice and corruption. It is inspiring for all that Loko Natyadal is working all over the country in this regard for such an extended period."

Ataur Rahman said, "Our theatre has become capable of making

great impact on the society. The momentum of that impact will lead us forward."

Sirajul Islam Chowdhury said, "Alienation has become a prevalent issue in our society. Festivals give us relief from this situation." He thanked theatre groups for their contribution in cultural development of the country.

Liyaqat Ali Lucky expressed his gratitude to all who helped his group in the last 25 years. He said, "Without their support we would not be able to come here." He also demanded more support and patronisation from the Government for cultural activities.

After the inaugural programme, Loko Natyadal performed *Majhrater Manushera*, a play written by Gao Sing Xian; translated by Abdus Selim and directed by Liyaqat Ali Lucky.

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

Palakar's new theatre studio inaugurated

CULTURAL CORRESPONDENT

Palakar's new theatre studio at Natok Soroni (formerly known as Bailey road) was inaugurated on July 6. Noted theatre personality Ramendu Majumder inaugurated the studio. The studio is the first of its kind in Dhaka.

In his speech Ramendu Majumder complimented Palakar for its efforts and said, "Similar initiatives should have been taken earlier. This theatre studio is yet another step forward for creating professionalism in our theatre."

The speech was followed by a performance of Char Dewal, a workshop production of Palakar. Char Dewal is written by Aminur Rahman Mukul and Eva Khan and directed by Aminur Rahman Mukul.



(L-R) Judges Alamgir, Subarna Mustafa and Tarik Anam Khan at the audition and selection round of Lux Channel i Super Star '06 held at the auditorium, Institute of Engineers Bangladesh (IEB), Chittagong. The audition in Chittagong was held on July 6. The winner of the contest will get an opportunity to play the lead role in the upcoming movie Daruchini Dvip

Bipasha Basu on "Corporate" and more

Off late, the audience has seen Bipasha Basu adopt various looks. She looked gorgeous in *Humko Deewana Kar Gaye* and *Darna Zaroori Hai*, and quite simple in *Phir Hera Pheri*.

For her next film, *Corporate*, Bipasha leaves her make-up at home and dons a very natural look. She's back to her glam avatar in Vishal Bharadwaj's *Omkara*, releasing later this month.

In a recent interview, the actress talked about her roles in the much talked about *Corporate* and *Omkara*. Excerpts from the interview:

You play an ambitious employee at a firm in Corporate. Do you relate to your role?

Completely. She is respected in a man's world because she knows the business. The film portrays ambitious women in the right light. In Hindi cinema, an ambitious woman is usually a vamp and wants to achieve her goals by any means. But, in this film, it is shown that you don't have to be horrid to become successful.

Your character in the film is quite de-glamourised...

My character Nishigandha Dasgupta is not a de-glamourised woman. She wears Armani and other brands. The suits emphasise that she means business and, in that world, she is equal to the men.

What was working with Madhur Bhandarkar like?

He is a fantastic director! The best thing about him is he is very clear about his characters and the work he wants from an artiste. He makes topical films that portray emotions common people can identify with.

Tell us about Omkara

When Vishal Bharadwaj narrated the story to me, I was impressed. After that, I couldn't bear to keep myself



Bipasha and co-actor KK in Corporate

from the project. People say the film has a rural background, but I don't think it's a question of being rural or urban. *Omkara* has a grass-roots feel to it.

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) at 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.

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

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

BTv

09:05 Open University

10:00 Satellite Broadcast

12:15 Shangbad Potrer Pata Thekey

12:30 Shawastho Tatthya

01:00 Nebedon

01:30 Cartoon

02:15 Sisimpur

02:40 Bangla Feature Film

05:05 English TV Debate

06:10 Wrestling

07:00 Ei Prithibi

08:40 Shafolyo Gatha

08:50 Drama

10:25 Teknaf Thekey Tetulia

CHANNEL i

09:45 Public Reaction

09:50 Grameenphone Tritiyo Matra

11:05 Grameenphone Na Bola Kotha

11:30 Mukto Bazar

12:30 Aj Dupurey O Citycell Tarokakothon (Live)

01:05 Ebong Cinemar Gaan

01:30 Shangbadpotrey Bangladesh

01:45 Public Reaction

02:40 Shath Rang

03:20 Dhaka Guide

04:05 Educational Programme

04:25 Shothyer Shondhane

06:00 Music Plus

06:20 Drama Serial: Shath Goenda

06:40 Bishwa Cup Special

07:50 Drama Serial: Bishuddho Onuprobesh

08:20 Drama Serial: Ar Holo Na Jaowa

09:35 Hridoye Mati O Manush

10:00 Jhora Patar Kabryo

12:00 Grameenphone Aikker Shangbad Potro

ATN BANGLA

10:30 Onyodishti

11:05 Drama Serial: Hortoner Bibi

11:35 Char Dealer Kabryo

12:15 Bangla Feature Film

03:45 Shurer Madhuri

04:20 Children's Programme

05:10 Dailly World Cup

05:45 Asey Pasher Manush

05:45 Islami Sawal O Jowab

06:20 Danish Bangla Namer Desh

08:00 Drama Serial: Jol Pore Pata Nore

08:30 Drama Serial: The New Shabuj Opera

09:00 Drama Serial: Lal Neel Bagune

09:30 Drama Serial: Ek Jonome

10:35 Citycell Shustho Thakun(Live)

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08:35 Aiker Shokal

10:05 Magic Magic O Washington Barta

10:30 Aktel Hip Hip Hurrah

01:05 Mukhtangan

02:35 Drama Serial: Kachher Manush

03:15 Tomader Pelo

03:50 Drama Serial: Kuhak

04:25 Horlicks Genius

05:15 Din Darpan/Itihasher Ei Dinney

05:20 Alokpat

06:20 Shubho Shondhya

06:50 Amra Ekon

08:25 Drama Serial: Romizer Aaina

09:10 Third Anniversary of ntv

11:25 Dindarpan

PICK OF THE DAY

Grameenphone Na Bola Kotha

On Channel i at 11:05am

Talk Show

Host: Dilruba Hyder

Mona Lisa Smile

On HBO at 9:30pm

Genre: Drama

Starring: Julia Roberts, Kirsten Dunst, Julia Stiles

CHANNEL 1

08:40 Shuprobhat

09:30 Bangladesh

10:00 Chokh Maley Dekhi

10:30 Shoptaho Sheshey

11:15 Taka Ana Pai

12:30 Drama Serial: Koshai Bou O Dondo

13:00 Tele Film: Ghor Nai

03:00 Goalmele Germany

03:30 Drama Serial: Faul

04:30 Drama Serial: Dui Dugune Panch

05:15 Shoptaho Sheshey

06:00 Saaj Bela

06:30 Top News

06:45 Jonotar Ishitihar

07:00 Bishwa Jurey Shath Din

08:15 Baker Pathhey

09:00 Drama Serial: Dui Dugune Panch

09:30 Talk Show

11:00 Goalmele Germany

11:30 Drama Serial: Projapoti Din

12:00 Music Rhythim

12:30 Shath Shodai

03:00 Game Show

03:30 Drama Serial: Gouro Chondrika

04:00 Desher Pothey

04:30 Cine Bit Shada Kalo

04:00 Shath Shotero

04:30 Amader Atithi

05:00 Jibondhara

05:30 Ebong Classer Bairey

06:25 Diner Sheshey

06:50 Bishwa Cup Protidin

08:05 Drama Serial: Krishno Pokkho

08:35 Banglavisian Golden Boot

09:20 Amar Ami

09:50 Drama Serial: Tobuo Bhalobashi

11:00 Sports Round-up

04:30 Monia Lisa Smile

12:00 Cradle 2 The Grave

02:00 Triggermen

09:20 Teaching Mrs Tingle

09:30 Honey, I Blew Up The Kid

11:20 Smoke

01:15 The Tai Chi Master

03:30 Sudden Death

07:40 Fortress 2: Re-Entry

09:30 Men In Black II

11:20 Creep

08:30 Rockstar

09:30 Luxury Unveiled

10:30 The Bold And The Beautiful

12:30 Rendezvous With Simi

Semifinals(R)

01:30 The Golf Club The Ubs

02:30 Golf Club(R)

03:30 Tna Impact(R)

04:00 Football Asia(T)

04:00 Formula One Highlights

05:00 2006 Formula One Highlights Indianapolis

05:30 In Usa United States Grand Prix(T)

06:30 Wimbledon Lawn Tennis Championships London

07:30 Uk Day #11

08:30 Highlights(R)

09:30 Wimbledon Lawn Tennis Championships London

10:30 Uk Ladies Singles/Men's & Mixed Dbles Final(L)

11:30 Australia Cricket Down Under - India's Tour Of Australia 2003/04 Part I(R)

ESPN

8:30 I'd Do Anything(R)

9:30 Cheerleading Uca College Cheerleading (Part 1) Orlando; FI Usa(R)

10:30 Hitz(R)

11:00 Cricket Classics

12:00 Caribbean Kings

01:00 England Vs West Indies(R)

01:30 Cricket Classics

02:00 Caribbean Kings

03:00 England Vs West Indies(R)

04:00 Tour De France Tour De France 2006 Stage #6(S)

05:00 U.S. Senior Open Golf

06:00 Championship

07:00 Hutchinsson; Ks Usa

08:00 Second Round(R)

09:00 Team India

10:00 Programming India

Glorious - Headingley

06:00 Special Yorkshire; England(R)

07:30 Team India

08:30 Programming India

09:00 Glorious - Headingley

09:30 Special Yorkshire; England(R)

10:00 Australia Tour Of South Africa Standard Bank

10:30 One Day International Series

11:00 Johannesburg: South Africa South Africa Vs Australia 5th Odi; Highlights(R)

12:50 Super Centuries(R)

09:00 Team India

09:30 Programming India

11:00 Glorious - Headingley

12:50 Special Yorkshire; England(R)

11:00 Duniya Goal Hail(L)

12:50 FIFA World Cup 2006

09:00 Germany (3rd position: Germany vs Portugal)

TEN SPORTS

08:30 NFL Superbowl

09:00 Winning Post

12:30 Tour De France: Stage 6

02:30 IAAF Golden League: Paris (SDD)

04:15 Champions

05:00 Trophy(Womens): Germany v. China

06:30 Rally World

07:00 Champions

08:00 Trophy(Womens): New Zealand v. Argentina

09:00 Tour De France: Stage 7

11:00 Champions Trophy H/Ls (Women)

12:00 WWE: Experience

02:00 IAAF Golden League: Paris (SDD)