

CULTURAL FEAST

Musical Soiree

Title: Badol Diner Gaan
Organiser: Bengal Foundation
Venue: Bengal Shilpalaya, 175/F Road no-27, Dhanmondi
Date: Classical songs -- July 15
Tagore songs -- July 16
Songs of Nazrul, Rajanikant, DL Roy and Atul Prasad -- July 17
Time: 7pm

Film Screening

Title: Shankhanad
Organiser: Alamgir Kabir Chalachitra Kendra
Venue: Alamgir Kabir Chalachitra Kendro, 62 Science Laboratory Road
Date: July 15
Time: 5pm and 7pm

Children's Art Competition and Exhibition

Title: 4th International Children-Art Biennale Bangladesh-2006
Venue: Ziaur Rahman Auditorium, Bangladesh Shishu Academy
Date: July 11-25
Time: 11:00am to 6:30pm

Film Screening

Title: Juliette Binoche Retrospective
Organiser: Zahir Raihan Film Society and the Alliance Francaise of Dhaka
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
Venue: Alliance Francaise, Dhaka

Contemporary Indian Art

Artists: M F Hussain, Jogen Chowdhury, Sanat Kar, Niren Sen and others
Title: Contemporary Indian Art
Venue: Shipangan, Road 3, House 13/A, Dhanmondi, Dhaka
Date: July 14-28
Time: 10am to 1pm and 5pm to 8pm

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: Running 2nd week from July 17
Time: 5:00pm and 7:00pm (except Sundays)

Photography Exhibition

Artist: Tuhin Samaddar
Title: Language of Lens
Venue: Alliance Francaise de Dacca
Date: July 13-19

Modern and moving

Indian art extravaganza at Shilpangan



Clockwise (from left): Works by MF Hussain, Asim Pal and Amitabh Bhowmic on display

FAYZA HAQ

FIFTY paintings are on display at Shilpangan in the exhibition titled "Contemporary Indian Art". The exhibition, organised jointly by Bandhan Art and Culture Society and Shilpangan, features works of well-known Indian artists and opened on the weekend.

Maqsoodul Ahsan, the curator of the exhibition says, "Art has no limitation. The exchange of works of artists can take place any time with success. The language of visual art is easily accessible. An earlier exhibition by 'Bandhan' was in 2004 and included works of Bangladeshi and Indian artists. In this display there are artworks ranging from that of well-known artists to more recent ones. We hope to arrange an exhibition of Bangladeshi paintings in

Delhi." The exhibition includes works of MF Hussain, Jogen Chowdhury, Sanat Kar, Niren Sen and others.

A major attraction of the exhibit is MF Hussain's "Madhuri" series. In one of the paintings the viewer sees popular Indian actress Madhuri Dixit's face as a collage, with her dressed up in a dancing costume, surrounded by images such as a horse, a crow and a hand holding up a tiny flame. In 1996 there had been an exhibit of the "Madhuri" series in "Art Today", in Delhi. Different facets of Madhuri have been presented in the series.

In Amitabh Bhowmic's "Woman and lizard", mixed media, contrasts beauty with unpleasantness. There are details of the woman done in pen, ink and colour. Portrayal of traditional clothes, jewellery and hairstyle has been included. Avijit

Roy's "The bull", charcoal on paper, is a part of a series and shows an angry bull, pounding the earth restlessly. Asim Pal's "Traditional touch", an etching in red, yellow and green brings in a meditating Buddhist priest, sitting on a lotus. Biswajit Mandal's "Untitled", an etching, brings in a tribal warrior, surrounded by lotus.

Chandan Das' "Blossom", wood engraving, is something modern and moving. Dattatraya Apte's untitled silkscreen highlights two birds. Hema Guha in "No identity", a wood carving, depicts rows of men with guns, helmets and flowing robes. This is done in black, gray and white. Jayant Gajera brings in abstract forms in his etching. Jogen Chowdhury's "Creepers and flowers", serigraph, in black and white, is interesting. KR Subbanna's "Untitled" in lithograph is based on erotic drawings.

Manikanta Chowdhury's "Betrayal", an etching-aquatint, brings in a human figure with horns and wings, with the chest being pierced

by two arrows. Niren Sen's "Moksha-5" has a profile with a hand offering a flower bud. This is in blue, pink and brown. Rajen Fuleri's etching introduces a portrait with texture work around it. Rajib Roy's "Coming soon in India", in litho, works on texture. Rama Krishna Vedala's "Sankranti" portrays the festival of kites. Tiny kites are depicted on the background of a large vermilion kite.

Salil Sahani's mixed print brings in a resting nude female figure, done in splashes of raw colours; a large masked monster is seen approaching to ravish her. Sanat Kar's cardboard intaglio shows two portraits blended together, with four hands and a flower. The gray figure is done against an olive green backdrop.

Apart from the paintings mentioned above there are many more remarkable pieces.

The group exhibition is meant to be a bridge of harmony and understanding between people in Bangladesh and India. The exhibit will be on till July 28.



The refreshing rhythm of tabla

In conversation with Meher Hossain

ERSHAD KAMOL

In a departure from the norm, tabla player Meher Hossain often performs 'solo' at the classical instrumental music soirees in the country. He composes instrumentals for solo and group presentations for the concerts. As filler items, TV channels such as BTV World, ATN Bangla, ntv and others air instrumentals performed and composed by him.

A staff artiste of Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy, Meher began to play the tabla in his boyhood. In 1978 he took training from Milon Bhattacharjee and later went to Kolkata for further training. Meher said, "In Kolkata, I took training on *Rampura Gharana*, a style of classical tabla playing, from Ustad Shawkat Ali Khan, whom I consider as my mentor. Till 1995 I continued to train in various techniques in tabla."

Meher prefers performing instrumental to performing with the singers. In his words, "I enjoy improvising with sitar, *santoor* and other classical instruments. Most of the time I compose the instrumentals in which I perform. In course of doing that I fuse *Rampura* style with different beats of Kathak dance compositions such as *tehai*, *toppa* and others

"Three/four frequently used classical beats such as *trital*, *kaharba* and others are incorporated in songs. Since many singers in our country do not have adequate training in classical music, it is difficult for them to improvise with



Meher Hossain on tabla

uncommon beats of tabla. I enjoy playing tabla only with the singers who have sound knowledge on classical music."

What's the response from the audience? Meher replied, "I enjoy playing uncommon beats such as 'seven beat', '14 beat', 'seven and quarter beat', 'four and half beat' during my solo performances. And I've noticed most of the viewers of the classical instrument concerts in Bangladesh are not well versed in the medium. As a result they have little understanding about the quality of the compositions."

Nowadays, Meher teaches tabla. On the response of the younger generation, Meher said, "The scenario for classical instrumental music is very poor. Tabla players in Bangladesh do not get due respect, as classical instrumental concerts hardly take places. As a result there is not much scope for taking tabla playing as profession. Moreover, the learning process is very laborious and much effort goes into mastering the rhythmic instrument. That's why, in many cases, students frequently drop out. Only a handful of artistes who continue to learn, perform with singers."

Despite such obstacles, Meher has a niche in the musical arena of Bangladesh. He has also played the tabla in USA, Canada, Germany, France, England, Russia, Holland, Myanmar and other countries with government and non-government teams.

Protnonari

Selim Al Din's work comes to the small screen



Sumaiya Shimu (R) and co-artist in a scene from *Protnonari*

CULTURAL CORRESPONDENT

Playwright Selim Al Din's work has a distinctive style and quality. He is known as one of the most talented playwrights in Bangladesh.

Upcoming TV serial *Protnonari*, set to air on Channel 1, is based on a well-known novel by Selim Al Din. The 20-episode drama serial features a complex story: The vivid imagination of the protagonist; a writer obsessed with an

illusive female character. He dreams of this woman and considers her existence in his imagination to be real. In his fantasy, the character often takes different identities -- Paromita, Promiti, Boukali, Dombi -- all related to different ages in history. However, he eventually realises that she is not alive.

About the serial, director Rafi Hossain said, "*Protnonari* belongs to a genre of mythology-related

plays which interweave stories in contemporary times. The shooting of *Protnonari* was a very satisfying experience for me as I had the chance to work with prominent playwright Selim Al Din as well as with a cast of skilled actors."

Dilara Zaman, Sumaiya Shimu, Jitu Ahsan, Apurba, Monimala, Shumi, Vashwar Badhopaddhay, among others, don the major roles in the serial.

Buzz

'Shrek' returns, again

One of the most hilarious and successful animated film franchises, *Shrek* from DreamWorks Animation, will continue to delightfully tease and treat its audiences to another installment come next summer. With an all-star cast of voice actors and with a complex and involving story, the *Shrek* franchise is poised to make another attempt at topping itself.

Shrek the Third is the name of the new installment.

The returning cast members are: Mike Myers, Eddie Murphy, Cameron Diaz, Antonio Banderas, Rupert Everett and Julie Andrews. New voices include Justin Timberlake in the role of Fiona's rebellious teenage cousin Artie.

Making up a new fighting force of fairy tale princesses are: Cheri Oteri (*Saturday Night Live*) as "Sleeping Beauty," Amy Poehler (*Mean Girls*) as "Snow White," Maya Rudolph (*Saturday Night Live*) as "Rapunzel," and Amy Sedaris (*Strangers with Candy*) as "Cinderella."

The plot provided by DreamWorks Animation: When Shrek married Princess Fiona, becoming the next King and Queen of Far, Far Away wasn't part of the plan. So when his father-in-law, King Harold,



Shrek 2

falls ill, it is up to Shrek to find a suitable heir or he will be forced to give up his beloved swamp for the throne. Shrek sets out to bring back the rightful heir to the throne, Fiona's rebellious cousin Artie.

Back in Far, Far Away, Fiona's jilted Prince Charming storms the city with an army of fairy tale villains to seize the throne. But they have a surprise in store because Fiona and her mother, Queen Lillian, has

drafted her fellow fairy tale heroines to defend their 'happily ever afters.'

As Shrek, Donkey and Puss work on changing Artie from a royal pain in the neck into a future king, Fiona and her band of princesses must stop Prince Charming to ensure there will be a kingdom left to rule.

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) 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.
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 Bangladesh (Bangla) at 9:30 pm.
BBC WORLD
Every hour on the hour

CHANNEL i

09:45 Public Reaction
09:50 Grameenphone Tritiyo Matra
11:05 Grameenphone Na Bola Kotha
11:30 Mukto Bazar
12:30 Aj Durepy O Citycell Tarokakothon (Live)
01:05 Ebong Cinemar Gaan
01:30 Shangbadpotrey Bangladesh
01:45 Public Reaction
02:40 Shath Rong
03:20 Dhaka Guide
03:30 Banglalink Money Talk
04:05 Educational Programme
04:25 Shothyer Shondhane
06:00 Music Plus
06:20 Drama Serial: Shath Goenda
07:50 Drama Serial: Bishuddho Onuprobesh
08:20 Drama Serial: Ar Holo Na Jaowa
09:35 Hridoye Mati O Manush
10:00 Jhora Patar Kabyo
12:00 Grameenphone Aikker Shongbad Potro
ATN BANGLA
08:30 Pala Gaan
09:15 Nobin Mela
12:15 Anyodrishti
01:30 Dujonay
02:40 Tele Film: Ekhone Bhor Hoy
05:10 Documentary
Programme: Boyosh Jokhon Dosh
05:45 Special Musical
Programme
Participated by ATN Taroka
08:00 Rakader Adda
09:00 Special Musical

Programme on anniversary of ATN Bangla: Moner Moto Gaan

ntv

08:35 Aikker 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 Bangladesh
03:50 Drama Serial: Kuhak
04:25 Horlicks Genius Bangladesh
05:15 Din Darpan/ Itihasher Ei Diney
05:20 Alokpat
06:20 Shubho Shondhya
06:50 Amra Ekn Unish Kuri
08:25 Drama Serial: Ramizer Aaina
09:10 Third Anniversary of ntv
11:25 Dindarpan
CHANNEL 1
08:40 Shuprobhat Bangladesh
09:30 Chokh Maley Dekhi
10:00 Shoptaho Sheshey
10:30 Taka Ana Pai
11:15 Drama: Shath Panch Baro
12:30 Tele Film: Nilanjona
01:30 Dujonay
02:40 Tele Film: Ekhone Bhor Hoy
05:15 Shoptaho Sheshey
06:00 Saaj Bela
06:30 Top News
06:45 Jonatar Ishthar
07:00 Bishwa Jurey Shath Din
08:15 Baker Panchay
09:00 Shondhi Khoney
09:30 Drama Serial: Dui Duguney Panch

PICK OF THE DAY



Ramizer Aaina
On ntv at 08:25pm
Drama Serial
Cast: Pran Roy, Tinni, Ahsanul Haque Minu

Assault On Precinct
On HBO at 09:30pm
Genre: Suspense/ Thriller
Starring: Ethan Hawke, Laurence Fishburne

BANGLAVISION
08:35 Shuvo Shokal
09:00 Bishwa Cup Football
09:00 Drama Serial: Krishno Pokkho
09:30 Drama Serial: Sheidin Chaitro Mash
10:00 Talk Show: Shomoy Ashomoy
10:30 Drama Serial: Projapoti Din
11:00 Music Rhythm
11:30 Shath Shodai
12:00 Game Show
02:30 Crown Tickets: Gouro Chondrika
03:00 Desher Polthey
03:30 Cine Bit Shada Kalo
04:00 Shath Shotero
04:30 Amader Atithi
05:00 Jibondhara
05:30 Ebong Classer Bairoy
06:25 Diner Sheshey
06:50 Bishwa Cup Football
08:05 Drama Serial: Krishno Pokkho
08:35 Banglavisoin Golden Boot
09:20 Amar Ami
09:50 Drama Serial: Tobuo Bhalobashi
HBO
8:30 The Godfather Part III
12:00 No Way Up
1:45 The Lord of the Rings: The Two Towers
5:15 Something the Lord Made
7:30 Nowhere to Run
09:30 Assault on Precinct 13
11:45 Queen of the Damned

STAR MOVIES
09:40 The Good Shepherd
11:35 Shrek 2
01:30 Employee Of The Month
03:30 The Evil Cult
05:35 Grudge, The
07:30 O
09:30 Evolution
11:35 Tales From The Crypt
STAR WORLD
08:30 Smallville
09:30 Wonderfalls
10:30 The Bold And The Beautiful
12:30 Rendezvous With Simi Garewal
01:00 Travel Asia
01:30 My Wife And Kids
02:00 Yes Dear
02:30 For Better Or Worse
03:30 The Simpsons
04:00 The Drew Carey Show
04:30 Smallville
05:30 Desperate Housewives
06:30 Sports Illustrated Swimsuit Model Search
07:30 Philly
08:30 Tna Xplosion
09:30 World's Most Amazing Videos
10:30 Sports Illustrated Swimsuit Model Search
11:30 Lost: The Journey
NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC
08:00 WWS
08:30 Dangerous Encounters
09:30 Untamed

11:00 Dogs With Jobs
12:00 Nat Geo Junior
12:30 Nat Geo Investigates
01:30 Air Crash Investigation
02:30 Naked Science
03:30 Is It Real?
04:30 Nat Geo Reveals
05:30 Megastructures
06:30 Nat Geo Wild
07:30 Capturing The Killer
08:30 Fc Barcelona
09:30 Confidential
09:30 Footballer & Beauty Queen
11:00 Human Edge
11:30 Nat Geo Investigates
STAR SPORTS
9:00 Pride Fc Archives Pride Fighting Championship(R)
10:00 Tna Impact(R)
11:00 Icc Cricket World(T)
11:30 The Golf Club The Ubs
12:00 Golf Club(R)
12:00 Cricket Gold(R)
02:00 Golf Programming
Jakarta Asian Junior Golf Championship
2006 Jakarta;
Indonesia Highlights # 1(T)
02:30 Football Asia(T)
03:00 Wimbledon Lawn Tennis Championships London; Uk Day #9 Highlights(R)
04:00 Wimbledon Lawn Tennis Championships London; Uk Day #10 Highlights(R)
05:00 Cricket Classics Dravid: The Wall(R)
05:27 Formula One Qualifying
2006 Formula One Qualifying Magny Cours; France
French Grand Prix Qualifying(L)
06:30 Wimbledon Lawn Tennis
Championships London; Uk Day #11 Highlights(R)
07:30 Wimbledon Lawn Tennis Championships London; Uk Day #12 Highlights(R)
08:30 Wimbledon Lawn Tennis Championships London; Uk Day #13 Highlights(R)
09:30 Wimbledon Lawn Tennis Championships London; Uk Ladies Singles Final(T)
11:30 Wimbledon Lawn Tennis Championships London; Uk Men's Singles Final(T)
ESPN
8:00 Cheerleading National Dance Team
Championship (Part 1)
Orlando; F1 Usa(T)
9:00 Awards Portraits Of Courage: Best Of The Espy's Ashe Award(R)
10:00 Motorsport Asia(R)
10:30 Tour De France Tour De France
11:00 England Npower Test Series London; England England Vs Pakistan 1st Test; Day 3; Highlights(S)
12:30 Cricket Classics Close Encounters(R)
13:00 Tour De France Tour De France
13:30 France 2006 Stage #12(S)
14:00 Pakistan Tour Of England Npower Test Series London; England England Vs Pakistan 1st Test; Day 2; Highlights(R)
15:28 Pakistan Tour Of England Npower Test Series London; England England Vs Pakistan 1st Test; Day 3; 1st Session(L)
17:30 Cricket Classics Close Encounters(R)
18:00 Pakistan Tour Of England Npower Test Series London; England England Vs Pakistan 1st Test; Day 3; 2nd & 3rd Session(L)
22:30 Sportscenter
Sportscenter Weekend(T)
22:35 National Spelling Bee
2006 Scripps Howard National Spelling Bee
Washington; Dc Usa
Early Round(T)
TEN SPORTS
08:30 NFL Superbowl
09:00 Gillette World of Sports
12:00 Tour De France: Stage 12
12:30 Winning Post
01:00 NFL Superbowl
01:30 Rally World
02:00 Chevrolet Cricket Show
03:00 Mountain Dew Himalayan Challenge : Ep 5
05:00 AAF Golden League: Rome
06:00 WWE: Experience
09:30 Tour De France: Stage 13
11:00 Champions Trophy Highlights
12:00 WWE: Experience
05:00 US PGA Tour : John Deere Classic