

CULTURAL FEAST



Nazrul Sangeet Soiree & Recitation Programme

Organiser: Nazrul Sangeet Shilpi Parishad
Date: August 27-29
Venue: Nazrul Institute, Road no-28, Dhanmondi
Time: 6:00pm

Exhibition

Save Shankhari Bazar
Organiser: Urban Study Group
Venue: Nolinikanta Bhotoshali Gallery, National Museum
Date: August 27-30
Time: 10:00am-8:00pm

Solo Art Exhibition

Artist: Syed Mohammad Shamim
Venue: Art & Soul Gallery, Road-36, House-16, Gulshan
Date: September 01-14
Time: 11:00 am- 8:00 pm

Theatre

Play: Chardewal
Troupe: Palakar
Venue: Studio Theatre, Palakar, 133 Natok Sarani
Date: August 31
Time: 7:00pm

Harold Peter Week

Organisers: Theatre and Music Department, Dhaka University and British Council
Venue: British Council Auditorium

Play: Caretaker
Date: September 4
Starts: 6:30pm

Play: Betrayal
Date: September 5
Starts: 7:00pm

Plays: Old Times & Night
Date: September 6
Starts: 6:00pm

Plays: The Lover and Dumb Waiter
Date: September 7
Starts: 6:00pm

Plays: Monologue and Dwarfs
Date: September 7
Starts: 6:00pm

Odissi Dance

Artists: Chandana Raul and troupe
Venue: National Museum auditorium
Organiser: High Commission of India
Date: September 1
Time: 7 pm
 Complementary passes can be collected from Indian Cultural Centre RD. 142 H No. 2 or High Commission of India RD 96. H no 25 Gulshan 2

Classical Musical Soiree

Artist: Shaheer Reza and Rezwan Ali
Organiser: Shuddha Sangeet Prosar Goshthi

Fakir Anwar Hossain

Preserving authentic Lalon lyrics

ERSHAD KAMOL, back from Kushtia

Fakir Lalon Shah's (1774-1890) songs are unique for their humanistic message. Hundred and sixteen years after the death of Lalon, we are yet to preserve all of Lalon's songs.

So far, only a few of Fakir Lalon Shah's verses have been documented by well-known names such as Kanganal Harinath, Rabindranath Tagore and Mohammad Monsuruddin. Along the way there has been much deliberate and accidental distortion of Lalon's verses.

Fakir Anwar Hossain, known as Mantu Shah amongst the Lalon devotees, has preserved authentic lyrics of Fakir Lalon Shah in his book titled *Lalon Sangeet* (three volumes). He is using the manuscripts of Fakir Maniruddin Shah, a direct disciple of Fakir Lalon Shah. Maniruddin Shah was authorised by Lalon to note down the verses, for the documentation.

Professor Dr. Abul Ahsan Choudhury, a Lalon expert said, "Most of Fakir Maniruddin Shah's manuscripts are now untraceable. It is an appreciable effort by Mantu Shah, who under the guidance of seasoned Fakirs and Lalon singers is documenting the authentic lyrics of



Fakir Anwar Hossain

Lalon. He has so far presented over 800 songs, which is the largest

documentation of Lalon songs in the country"

In fact Mantu Shah has been doing the documentation since 1960. To quote him, "My guru Fakir Kokil Shah instructed me to preserve all of the verses. Since then I've travelled the areas both in Bangladesh and India where the Lalon devotees live in search of Fakir Maniruddin Shah's manuscripts. So far I've found 20 manuscripts in the personal collection of the Fakirs as well as scholars and common people."

And Mantu Shah had to struggle a great deal in his endeavour to preserve this priceless heritage. The main problem was that many refused to part with the manuscripts. In addition, many manuscripts have been lost forever. Mantu Shah said, "I've published the verses that I could collect. And during documentation I took the help of a panel of Fakirs and Lalon singers such as Fakir Abdul Gani Shah (Bader Shah), Fakir Durlav Shah, Fakir Abdul Karim Shah and Fakir Bazul Rahman Shah."

Mantu Shah stressed the need for the government to collect and preserve the manuscripts of Fakir Maniruddin Shah from personal collections. He also called for the publication of Lalon verses to avoid controversy about their authenticity.

Palakar's Studio Theatre Lab: Scope for experiments

CULTURAL CORRESPONDENT

Palakar, a theatre troupe, has set up a Studio Theatre Lab at Natok Sarani (Baily Road) to practice Studio Theatre on Thursdays and Fridays. On the other days of the week, Palakar activists experiment on script writing, directorial composition, set design, light design and other technical aspects of theatre at the Studio Theatre Lab.

Aminur Rahman Mukul, the chief of the troupe, said, "We have taken up theatre professionally. To meet this objective, we opened a Studio Theatre Lab at Dilu Road on October 10, 2003, in which Palakar continued Studio Theatre, an intimate theatre form for a limited audience, for three years. And the initiative taken by the troupe is successful in the sense that Palakar

has popularised Studio Theatre in Dhaka. To extend facilities to the audiences we have shifted the theatre lab to Natok Sarani."

At its new Studio Theatre Lab, Palakar offers books and journals on theatre. Interested people can peruse these publications.

So far the troupe has staged seven Studio Theatre performances. Currently the troupe is staging two Studio Theatre performances, *Chardeyal* and *Project 100 Plus* at its Studio Theatre Lab. And in October next, Palakar plans to arrange a Studio Theatre Festival in collaboration with Shabdaboli, a troupe from Barisal.

Besides staging Studio Theatre, Palakar stages regular theatre productions at different popular theatre venues such as Mahila Samity Stage and Experimental Theatre Stage.



Celebrating the 21st founding anniversary of Shabda Aabriti Charcha Kendra (a recitation practice centre) a discussion meeting was held at the local Muslim Institute Auditorium in Mymensingh recently. The programme was followed by a recitation session. The participants were the members of the organisation



Drama serial *Bohemian* will be aired every Wednesday at 6:00 pm on ATN Bangla from August 30. The play is written by Mohiuddin Ahmed and directed by Diponkar Dipon. The play revolves around three bohemians: Nazirullah, a successful businessman, Munta, a middleman working for the land grabbers and Raisa Khatun, a physically challenged woman. The trio is unique in its relationships, expectations, goals and views. The play features Abul Hayat, Dolly Zahur, Shirin Alam, Fazlur Rahman Babu, Chandni, Anisur Rahman Milon, Mukti, Apurbo, Alif and others



A scene from Project 100 Plus

A tribute to Hrishikesh Mukherjee: The master filmmaker



Hrishikesh Mukherjee

SHAHNOOR WAHID

Perhaps it would not be an overstatement to say that Hrishikesh Mukherjee came as a whiff of fresh air in the Bombay (now Mumbai) film world with his out-of-the-ordinary movies. He had an uncanny sense for box office-friendly stories and a unique directorial skill that set him apart from his contemporaries.

As far as I can remember, it was in 1958-59 that he made the film *Anari* with Raj Kapoor and Nutan. It was a box office hit film that also bagged some Filmfare awards. Since that film, producers began to look with interest at this talented young 'Bangaali babu' from Calcutta, and it was not long that Hrishikesh Mukherjee became a name worth reckoning.

From the '60s onward he made a number of good films totally bypassing the prevailing trend of film making in Bombay. His films were subtle in tone, delicate in treatment and intellectually rich. Many of his films were based on popular short stories and novels by the talented writers of Calcutta.

Breaking away from the typical 'Bombay formula comedy', he made humorous movies that took entire India by a storm. These were healthy, simple and outright comedies that families could enjoy. Off hand I can remember hilarious comedies like *Chupke Chupke*, *Golmaal* and *Namkeen*.

But how can one write on

Hrishikesh Mukherjee without mentioning the film *Anand*? I fondly recall the thrill of seeing this film in Calcutta in 1975 on big screen. The film left an indelible impression on my mind, which is still as vivid today as it was that rainy evening. Hrishikesh Mukherjee showed the Hindi film viewers his mastery in handling a poignant story that had the potential of evoking deep emotional outpouring. The then superstar Rajesh Khanna and a superstar-in-the-making Amitabh Bachchan delivered stellar performances in the film to make it a classic.

Hrishikesh Mukherjee will also be remembered for two beautiful romantic films *Guddi* and



Jaya and Amitabh Bachchan in *Abhimaan*

Emmy 2006 highlights

The groundbreaking action series 24, which turns one dangerous day into a season, ended Sunday with a bang as it won Emmys for best drama series and best actor for Kiefer Sutherland.

The Office was honoured as best comedy although its star, Steve Carell, lost the award for best actor in a comedy series to Tony Shalhoub of *Monk*.

One Emmy front-runner, medical drama *Grey's Anatomy*, was shut out in the awards.

Although Emmy nominations rule changes left some grumbling about snubbed shows including *Lost*, the revisions may have opened the door for an offbeat series like *The Office* to be nominated and for 24 to prevail.

Mariska Hargitay of *Law & Order: Special Victims Unit* and Julia Louis-Dreyfus of the freshman comedy *The New Adventures of Old Christine* struck Emmy gold with lead actress awards for drama and comedy, respectively.

The Emmy ceremony initially followed a predictable path Sunday as Tony Shalhoub won his third acting trophy for *Monk* and departed series *Will & Grace*, *The West*

Wing and *Huff* earned bittersweet toasts.

Until the finale, the surprises in the ceremony were courtesy of host Conan O'Brien and his inventive comedy bits, including a running gag that had Bob Newhart's life threatened if the show ran long.

Megan Mullally was honoured for her supporting actress work in the sitcom *Will & Grace*, which wrapped up its eight-year run.

Aaron Spelling, the prolific producer who died in June at 83, was paid a special tribute by his one-time stars, including Jaclyn Smith, Farrah Fawcett and Kate Jackson of *Charlie's Angels* and Joan Collins and Heather Locklear of *Dynasty*.

The Daily Show with Jon Stewart, the satirical newscast, reaped two Emmys, for best variety, music or comedy and the writing award for that category.

American Idol, the blockbuster TV talent show, lost again in the reality-competition category as *The Amazing Race* picked up its fourth award.

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.

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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 a.m, 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) 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

08:30 Open University
 11:15 Shukhi Poribar
 12:05 Songbad Potrer Pata Thake
 12:30 Mao O Shishur Kotha
 01:00 Shobar Jonyo Shikhya
 01:30 Mati O Manush
 02:15 Selected Programme
 02:40 Cartoon
 04:00 Selected Programme
 04:30 Band Show
 05:05 Selected Programme
 06:40 Tagore Song
 07:30 Gaan Shudhu Gaan
 08:35 Protidin Bangladesh
 08:45 Drama Serial: Shap Ludu
 09:25 Drama Serial: Polatoka Prem
 10:25 Teknaf Theke Tetulia
 12:30 Shongbad Potrey Bangladesh
 09:45 Public Reaction
 09:50 Grameen Phone Trilijomatra
 11:05 Cricket Online
 11:30 Amar Chhobi
 12:30 Aaj Dupurey O Citycell Tarokakothon
 01:05 Ebong Cinemar Gaan
 01:45 Public Reaction
 02:40 Selected Drama
 04:05 Amader Gaan
 04:30 Sharif Melamine Shangeet Mela
 05:30 i Sports
 06:00 Talk Show on Citycell Music Award 2006
 06:20 Mirror
 07:50 Rup Roshosyo
 08:20 Drama: Chhuti
 09:35 LUX Channel i Superstar 2006
 12:00 Grammephone Aikar Shangkhatpatro

ATN BANGLA

10:30 Anyodishti
 12:15 Amar Computer
 01:30 Cine Gaan
 02:30 Drama Serial: Teen Tekka
 03:15 Drama Serial: O Amar Chokkhu Nai
 04:20 Talk Show: Somosomoyik
 05:10 Talk Show: Nari
 05:45 Islami Sawal O Jobab
 06:20 Aynar Shamney
 07:50 Drama Serial: Jollad
 08:00 Drama Serial: Ferari Siren
 10:35 Mukto Shonglap
 08:35 Aajker Shokal
 10:30 Music Express
 11:00 Cine Gaan
 11:30 Gambhira
 12:02 Single Episode Drama
 01:00 Muktangon
 02:30 Ramizer Aina
 03:50 Drama: Bibarno Bhalobasha
 04:25 Gallery
 05:15 Din Dorpon
 05:20 Apnar Jigyasha
 06:20 Shubho Shondhya
 06:50 Ke Tahare Chinite Pare
 08:25 Drama Serial: Labonyo Prokha
 09:00 Drama Serial: Joyitar Joyjatra
 09:50 Amader Anondo Bari
 11:25 Din Dorpon
 08:40 Shuprobhat Bangladesh
 10:00 Bangla Feature Film
 01:00 Talk Show
 03:30 Drama Serial: Daar Kaak

PICK OF THE DAY



Lux Channel i Superstar '06

On Channel i at 9:35pm

On going Beauty Pageant

Scouting for an actress



Rockstar Supernova

On Star World at 8:30pm

Search for lead singer

of the band Supernova continues

04:00 Gaaner Khata	12:05 ICT Today and Tomorrow	10:00 Raat Birate	10:00 Music Mantra Music
04:30 Bioscope	02:30 Islamic Programme	10:30 Public Forum	11:00 Yeh Meri Life Hai
05:15 Suktara	03:30 Drama Serial: Aguntak	11:30 Jibon Dhara	Drama
06:00 Saaj Bela	04:20 Cinema Ar Gaan	12:00 Ebong Classer Bairey	11:30 Kkusum Drama
06:30 Top News	05:05 Tomar Bina Tarer Giti	02:30 Apnar Agami	12:00 Jassi Jaissi Koi Nahin
06:45 Jonotar Ishthihar	05:30 Aikjer Bangladesh	03:00 Cine Bit	12:30 Kaisa Yeh Pyar Hai
07:00 Nonggor	06:00 Amar Desh	03:30 Ki Jadu Bangla Gaaney	Drama
08:15 Drama Serial: Daar Kaak	06:35 Rajar Bangladesh	04:00 Cine Bit Shada Kalo	12:30 Thodi Khushi Thode
09:00 Rupantoror Golpo	07:00 Bhawal Shanyashi	04:30 Shudhu Gaan	Gham Drama
09:30 Musical Programme: Ekti Tara Duiti Tara Expression	08:00 Char Deyal	05:00 Music Rhythm	10:30 Akela Thriller/Horror
11:00	09:20 Drama Serial: Akash Ki Chhoo Jay	05:30 Amader Olithi	11:30 Kaisa Ye Pyar Hai
	10:45 BANGLAVISIO N	06:25 Diner Sheshey	Drama
	09:30 Rastra Bonam Eka Didi	08:10 Drama Serial: Sonar Fhooh	12:00 Music Beats Music
		09:20 Agamir Kontho	STAR PLUS
			09:00 V First Day First
			Show-Startlu
			09:30 Kunkum - Pyara Sa Bandhan
			10:00 V Trailers - Star Plus
			10:30 Shaka Laka Boom Boom
			11:30 Des Mein Niklla Hoga Chan
			12:30 V Trailers - Star Plus
			01:00 Kasauti Zindagi Kay
			01:30 Kunkum - Pyara Sa Bandhan
			02:00 Bhabhi
			02:30 Kesar
			03:00 Saarthi
			03:30 Kyunki Saas Bhi Kabhi Bahu Thi
			04:00 Kahini To Hoga
			04:30 Pyar Ke Do Naam
			05:00 EkRadhaEkShyam
			05:30 Prithviraj Chauhan
			06:00 V Trailers - Star Plus
			06:30 Mum Tum Aur Hum
			07:00 American Dragon: Jack Long
			07:30 Buzz Light Year of StarCommand
			08:00 Hatim
			08:30 Pyar Ke Do Naam

06:00 Contd. Movie	09:00 EkRadhaEkShyam	07:00 Cheers
06:30 Current Bollywood	09:30 Kasauti Zindagi Kay	07:30 Friends
Movie Based	10:00 Viraasat	08:00 Seinfeld
07:00 Music Mantra Music	10:30 Karm Apna Apna	08:30 Rockstar: Supernova
07:30 Chartbusters Music	11:00 Kahani Ghar Ghar Kii	09:00 Criss Angel Mindfreak
08:00 Rishiton Ki Dor Drama	11:30 Kyunki Saas Bhi Kabhi Bahu Thi	09:30 One Tree Hill
08:30 Kaisa Ye Pyar Hai	12:00 Kahini To Hoga	10:30 Ghost Whisperer
Drama	12:30 K.Street Pali Hill.	11:30 Seinfeld
09:00 Ek Ladki Anjaani Si	HBO	NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC
Drama	9:00 The Last Samurai	08:45 Nat Geo Junior
09:30 Aisa Des Hai Mera	12:00 An Officer and a Gentleman	10:00 Nat Geo Junior
Drama	02:30 Fahrenheit 9/11	10:30 The Ultimate Crocodile
10:00 Thodi Khushi Thode	05:00 Tales From the Crypt	11:30 Air Crash Investigation
Gham Drama	29: House of Horror	12:30 Capturing Hearts
10:30 Akela Thriller/Horror	07:30 Man-Thing	01:30 Ecstasy
11:30 Kaisa Ye Pyar Hai	09:30 Rambo: First Blood Part II	01:30 F.I.R
Drama	11:30 Mean Girls	02:00 Tales Of The Living Dead
12:00 Music Beats Music	01:30 Final Descent	02:30 No Borders
STAR PLUS	03:30 The Spider and The Fly	04:30 Nat Geo Junior
09:00 V First Day First	05:15 Highwaymen	05:30 No Borders
Show-Startlu	STAR MOVIES	07:30 Leopard Seal:Lords Of Ice
09:30 Kunkum - Pyara Sa Bandhan	08:45 Evel Knievel	08:30 Naked Science
10:00 V Trailers - Star Plus	10:15 8 Mile	09:30 Is It Real?
10:30 Shaka Laka Boom Boom	12:00 Assassination Of Richard Nixon	10:30 No Borders
11:30 Des Mein Niklla Hoga Chan	01:40 Piccadilly Jim	11:30 Creatures Of The Night
12:30 V Trailers - Star Plus	03:20 Raging Sharks	12:00 Insects From Hell
01:00 Kasauti Zindagi Kay	04:55 De-Lovely	DISCOVERY CHANNEL
01:30 Kunkum - Pyara Sa Bandhan	07:00 Hollow Man	08:30 Tiger Week
02:00 Bhabhi	08:45 Agent Cody Banks 2: Destination	09:30 History in Colour
02:30 Kesar	STAR WORLD	10:30 Final 24
03:00 Saarthi	09:30 the oprah winfrey show	11:30 Extreme Machines
03:30 Kyunki Saas Bhi Kabhi Bahu Thi	11:00 my wife and kids	12:30 Discovery Health Diary
04:00 Kahini To Hoga	11:30 yes dear	01:30 Wild Discovery
04:30 Pyar Ke Do Naam	12:30 Still Standing	02:30 Detective Stories
05:00 EkRadhaEkShyam	01:00 Becker	03:30 Zuch's Ultimate Guide
05:30 Prithviraj Chauhan	01:30 Knight Rider	04:00 Tiger Week
06:00 American Dragon: Jack Long	02:30 Oprah Winfrey Show	05:30 Extreme Engineering
06:30 Buzz Light Year of StarCommand	03:30 The Bold And The Beautiful	06:30 Risk Takers
07:00 Hatim	04:30 General Hospital	08:30 Sci Zone
08:00 Pyar Ke Do Naam	06:30 The Simpsons	09:30 Mythbusters