



Chobi Mela IV
International Festival of Photography 2006

Beyond boundaries

Int'l festival of photography inaugurated



Rashid Talukder (L) receives his award from the guest of honour



Sultana Kamal speaks at the event

PHOTO: STAR

KARIM WAHEED

CHOBIMela IV, the international festival of photography kicked off on November 9. The theme of this year's festival is "Boundaries". The festival includes 49 exhibitions highlighting works of photographers from 23 countries, seminars, workshops and more.

The festival was inaugurated at the National Museum. CM Shafi Sami, Adviser to the Caretaker Government, was the guest of honour at the event. Sultana Kamal, Adviser to the Caretaker Government; Robert Pledge, President of Contact Press Images and Douglas Foskett, the Australian High Commissioner attended the event as special

guests.

The programme started with a song *Ei ami*, on what boundaries mean to a common man. Australian photographer Trent Parke, a participant in the festival, shared his views. Parke also talked about his collection of images taken during a road trip in his native country. Norwegian photographer Morten Krogvold also spoke at the event.

Robert Pledge said, "I get asked about *Chobi Mela* at major international events. People are usually amazed that an event of this scale is held in Bangladesh and I tell them the reason is Shahidul Alam (Director of the festival). It's his dedication and tireless efforts that made *Chobi Mela IV* possible."

Sultana Kamal said, "I'm here as a human rights activist and Drik has

played a major role in portraying the lives of Bangladeshis to the world. I believe festivals are manifestations of human existence. Drik has done a wonderful job with *Chobi Mela*."

This year the festival is honouring two noted photographers with Lifetime Achievement Awards. Peter Magubane of South Africa and Rashid Talukder of Bangladesh are the recipients of the award this year. The awards are given as recognition to photographers who have made outstanding contribution to the field of photography.

Magubane is South Africa's best known photographer and has documented the country's struggle against Apartheid. He was tortured, detained and kept in solitary con-

finement for 586 days and his house was burnt down. But that did not stop him from demonstrating with his camera. He was awarded the American National Professional Photographers Association Humanistic Award in 1986 in recognition of one of the several incidents in which he put his camera aside and intervened to help prevent people from being killed. His photographs have appeared in *National Geographic*, the *New York Times* and *Time* magazine. Magubane could not attend the event due to ailment.

Talukder is the first conveyer of Bangladesh Photo Journalists' Association and is a veteran photojournalist. He is most noted for visual documentation of the Liberation War in 1971. One of the

most revered photographers of the country, Talukder has received several awards at home and abroad including honours from UNESCO, UNICEF and the Japan Photographers Association. As Shahidul Alam put it: "When I teach classes, I always give references of Rashid bhai's work."

The Chobi Mela Lifetime Achievement Awards given in collaboration with the Prince Claus Fund are allocated through scholarships in the name of the award recipients to aspiring photographers from rural areas, who want to study photography at Pathshala, the South Asian Institute of Photography.

The Daily Star is a media partner of the festival.

Dance-drama presents traditional culture of Chittagong

ERSHAD KAMOL

With beats of *dhak dholak* and attired in traditional colourful costumes, artistes of Theatre Institute Chattagram appeared on stage and presented five dance-drama performances on the traditional folk form of Chittagong at National Museum Auditorium on November 8.

There are many myths and fables regarding the natural beauty of Chittagong -- sea, hills and the river Karnaphuli. Through the ages a diverse cultural heritage developed in this region, which features the inter-relationship between man and nature. The dance performances also represented the heroic deeds of the inhabitants of the region. And these aspects were eloquently presented through the

dialect of the region.

In the first performance titled *Anra Chantgaiyya nawjoan*, the chorus presented a chronological history of the Chittagongians against the foreign invaders.

As Karnaphuli has a major impact on the people of Chittagong, the second performance highlighted the river and life around it. Through the colourful choreography, artistes staged the relationship between man and the river in the performance titled *Sodo sodo dheo tuli*.

Natin baroi kha was a folk performance by the choir. Another performance titled *Bodor bodor heya* presented the tumultuous lives of fishermen frequenting the sea.

The last performance featured renowned folk artiste Shefali Ghoshi's song *Malka banur deshe rey*.

All of the dance-drama performances were directed and designed by Ahmed Iqbal Haider.

The event celebrated 80th birthday of Mahbub-Ul-Alam Chowdhury, famed for *Kandey ashini kandatey eshechhi*, the first published poem protesting the brutal action generated by the Pakistani regime on the 21st February 1952 on the mass who sacrificed their lives for our mother language Bangla.

The programme was presided over by Professor Kabir Chowdhury. Cultural personalities and organisations greeted Mahbub-Ul-Alam Chowdhury on his birthday.



Artistes perform *Sodo sodo dheo tuli* at the programme

CULTURAL FEAS

Chobi Mela IV
Theme: "Boundaries"
Duration: November 9-30

Inauguration
Venue: Bangladesh National Museum Auditorium
Date & time: November 9 at 4 pm

Exhibition Venues: National Museum, Bangladesh Shipakala Academy, Bengal Gallery, British Council, Alliance Francaise, Goethe Institut, Russian Centre for Science and Cultural and Drik

Moving Exhibition (on rickshaw vans)
Venues: Mirpur to Mohammadpur, Bahadur Shah Park, Sadarghat to Dhaka University

Workshops and portfolio reviews
Venues: Pathshala-South Asian Institute of Photography, The British Council and Drik

Evening session
Date: November 9-15
Venue: Goethe Institut, Dhaka

Solo Exhibition
Title: In Colours, In Letters
Artist: Najma Akhter
Venue: Shilpangan Gallery, Road 3, House 13/A, Dhanmondi
Date: November 10-18
Time: 10:00pm-1:00pm & 5:00pm-8:00pm

Habib and Sonalp perform at the Swiss Festival

MAHMUDA AFROZ

Celebrating 35 years of friendship between Switzerland and Bangladesh, the Embassy of Switzerland in Dhaka, Switzerland-Bangladesh Business Forum (SBBF) and Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation (SDC) jointly organised a three-day exhibition on cooperation, trade and culture at the Bangladesh-China Friendship Conference Center. The event started on November 8.

On the second day of the programme a concert was held at the venue featuring performances by popular Bangladeshi musician Habib and the Swiss band Sonalp.

Habib started with the folk song *Keno piriti baraila* re amidst polite claps from the audience. He then performed a Sylheti folk song. Third in line was *Amar bondhua bithoney*. The audience was warming up to the energetic beats when Habib performed his hit numbers -- *Din gelo* and *Bhalobashbo bashborey bondhua*.

Habib then sang a few lines from the song *Swapney tar shathey hoy dekha*, from his latest album. He apologised for not being able to perform the whole song as his team was yet to pick up and synchronise their act for the new album.

Ashi boley gelo bondhua, Maya lagaise, Lokey boley, Baula ke banailo rey got the crowd in frenzy. Diplomats and members of the business community soon got over their stiff formal attitude and were singing away amidst screams of appreciation and requests for more.

To add icing to the already pulsating performance came veteran singer Ferdous Wahid on stage. He performed the romantic number *Agey jodi jantam*.

After Habib, Sonalp came on stage and the audience gave an equally warm welcome to the Swiss band. Sonalp blends traditional Swiss sounds with rhythms found all over the world. A bass guitar joined the voices of yodellers that mingled with the vibrations of cowbells and Alpine horn. The crowd seemed

engrossed in the Swiss fusion.

The members of the band are Guillaume, Marc, Laurent, John, Remy, Chris, Vincent and Fred. Their manager is Aldo. *Sonalp change de cremerie* (Sonalp spreads and shares) is their second album and they are soon releasing their third. They performed the numbers *Wiesel, Naalp, Biennoise* and a few more.

The band members shared their joy at being invited to perform in Bangladesh. In their words: "We are very happy being able to visit Bangladesh. This was a unique opportunity for us as tourism is limited here. Generally foreign bands visit India but coming to Bangladesh was a good choice. Such events should happen more. The people are very open, hospitable and seem to have a passion for life. We would like to thank Sudipta Choudhury for making our trip easier and pleasant. We would love to visit Bangladesh again."

The festival ended yesterday. *The Daily Star* was the media partner of the festival.

Jackson set to thrill fans at WMA : Urmila Matondkar turns singer



Michael Jackson

Michael Jackson is to recreate his classic *Thriller* video at the World Music Awards. The singer will celebrate the 25th anniversary of the *Thriller* album by performing the classic graveyard scene with an army of 'zombie' dancers.

A source told Britain's *The Sun* newspaper: "Jackson has definitely told organisers he will be performing. His dancers have already started rehearsals. He will close the show with *Thriller*. It will be a complete recreation of the video."

The 48-year-old singer has not performed live in the UK since he sang *Earth Song* at the 1996 BRIT Awards, where his performance was mocked by Pulp singer Jarvis Cocker.

Jackson is to be honoured with the Diamond Award which is given to artists who have sold more than 100 million albums. His costumes for the show will be designed by fashion designer Roberto Cavalli.

Thriller is the biggest-selling album of all time and has sold 40 million copies since its 1981 release. Jackson recently said he was interested in recording a sequel to the worldwide hit LP.

The 2006 World Music Awards will take place at London's Earls Court on November 15 and will be hosted by actress Lindsay Lohan.

Seems like Urmila is planning to change her profession. The actress will now be singing for a private music album.

Recently, veteran singer Asha Bhonsle asked Urmila to sing a duet with her for Asha's next music album. According to the actress, Asha the ageless wonder was telling someone that she had sung for Urmila in *Rangeela* but then Urmila reminded her that she had also sung for her in *Chamatkar*, which was much before *Rangeela*.

The very next day, she received a call from Asha asking her to sing with the diva for her next album.

Last month Asha Bhonsle had recorded a song with Sanjay Dutt for her album *Asha and Friends*, in which she plans to sing with her Bollywood friends. The song with Urmila will probably be a part of the same album.

Source: Internet



Urmila Matondkar

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
08:30 Esho Gaan Dekhi
11:40 Shukhi Poribar
12:05 Fera
12:30 Ma O Shishur Kotha
01:30 Mati O Manush
02:15 Sisimpur
02:40 Bangla Feature Film
05:05 English Debate
07:00 Shei Gaan Guli
08:35 Documentary Programme
09:00 Drama
10:25 Tekhnaf Theke Tetulia

ATN BANGLA
09:15 Koto China Koto Ochina
10:30 Talk Show
11:05 Drama Serial: Hortoner Bibi
12:15 Shurer Madhuri
01:30 Talk Show: Nari
02:30 Bangla Feature Film
05:00 Gramgonjer Khobor
05:45 Islamic Programme
06:20 Business this Week
08:00 Drama Serial: Jol Pore Pata Nore
08:30 Drama Serial: The New Sabuj Opera
09:00 Mega Serial: Laal
09:30 Drama Serial: Ek Jonome
10:40 Shushtho Thakun

CHANNEL-i
08:05 Nazrul Song
08:30 Shokaler Gaan
09:30 Shingbadpotrey Bangladesh

09:50 Grameenphone Tritomatra
11:05 Na Bola Kolha
11:30 Mukto Bazar
12:30 Citycell Taroka Kathan
01:05 Ebong Cinemar Gaan
01:30 Shingbad Potre Bangladesh
01:45 Public Reaction
02:40 Shath Rang
04:05 Educational Programme
04:25 Shoyer Shondhaney
06:00 Music Plus
06:35 Shath Goenda
07:50 Mega Serial: Bhober Haat
09:35 Hridoye Mati O Manush
10:00 Drama Serial: Jhora Patar Kabyo

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09:30 Japan Video Topics
10:05 Magic Magic
10:30 Aktel Hip Hip Hurrah
02:30 Drama Serial: Megh Bolechhe Jabo Jabo
05:15 Din Dorpon/thasher Ei Diney
06:50 Amra Ekhon Unish Kuri
08:25 Drama Serial: Ramizer Aaina
09:10 Special Talk Show: Nirbachon
09:30 Commission O Nirbachon Podhoti
11:25 Din Darpan
08:00 Rtv
09:30 Ei Shokal

Bhober Haat
On Channel i at 7:50pm
Drama Serial
Cast: ATM Shamsuzzaman, Salauddin Lavlu

09:30 Children's Programme
10:00 *Antorongo Alap*
01:30 Islamic Programme
03:40 Dorshok Forum Film Award
05:10 Dance Show: ChihondoyJagoo Pran
06:00 *Ajker Bangladesh*
06:35 Talk Show: Prasangik
06:40 Wide Angle
08:00 *Antorongo Alap*
08:50 R Music
BANGLAVISION
08:40 Shubho Shokal
09:05 Get Set Fit

PICK OF THE DAY

The Guru
On HBO at 11:45pm
Genre: Comedy
Cast: Jimi Mistry, Heather Graham

08:10 Drama Serial: *Krioshpokho Amar Ami*
09:15 **HBO**
08:30 Prime Gig
10:30 Street Fighter -- The Ultimate Battle
12:30 Birth
02:30 Final Destination 2
04:15 HBO Sneak Peek: The Lord the Rings: The Two Towers
05:15 Citizen Cohn
07:30 Mortal Kombat
09:30 Annihilation
09:30 Against the Ropes
11:45 The Guru
01:45 Carloti's Way

10:00 V Trailers - Star Plus
12:00 Antariksh
12:25 Bolly V - Star Plus
12:30 V Trailers - Star Plus
12:55 V First Day First
01:00 Mirch Masala
01:30 Shararat - Thoda Jadu
Todi Naz
01:55 V First Day First Show- Starplu
02:00 V Trailers - Star Plus
02:25 Bolly V - Star Plus
02:30 Kora Kagaz
03:00 Kahaani Ghar Ghar Kii
05:00 V Trailers - Star Plus
05:25 V First Day First Show- Starplu
05:30 Krishna Kathaiyen
06:30 Aladdin
07:00 Timon And Pumbaa
07:25 Bolly V - Star Plus
07:30 Innova Ke Hazaaron Rang
08:30 Lucky
09:30 Prithviraj Chauhan
10:00 Baa Bahoo Aur Baby
11:00 Nach Baliye 2
12:00 Thegreatindialaughterchampion2

STAR MOVIES
08:50 Max Rules: Adv Of A Super Spy
10:15 Tomcats
11:45 Sahara
11:45 Twisted
03:30 Animal, The
05:55 Mrs Doubtfire
07:00 Robots
08:35 Dr. No
10:25 From Russia With Love

STAR PLUS
09:00 V First Day First Show- Starplu
09:05 V Trailers - Star Plus
09:30 Saans

05:30 Desire: Table For Three
06:30 Ghost Whisperer
07:30 The Simple Life
08:30 Tna Xplosion
09:30 World's Most Amazing Videos
10:30 Enterprise
11:30 Desire: Table For Three

SONY
07:00 Amrit Varsha Spiritual
07:30 Sant Asaram Wani Spiritual
08:00 Om Namah Shivay Spiritual
09:00 Telebrands
09:30 Chart Busters Movie Based
10:00 Music Mantra Music
10:30 Music Beats Music
11:00 Cadburys Bourvita
11:30 Quiz Contest Drama
11:30 Current Bollywood Others
12:00 Man Mein Hai Visswas Spiritual
12:30 Contd. Contd.
10:30 Akela Thriller
01:30 Contd. Thriller
02:00 Boogie Woogie
03:00 Maitnee - Murder Movie
04:00 Contd. Contd.
06:30 Music Beats Music
07:00 Music Mantra Music
07:30 Chart Busters Others
08:00 Khushi Ki Duniya Drama

08:30 Boogie Woogie Dance
09:30 Best of Jhalak Dikhlaa Jaa Dance
10:00 Contd. Contd.
10:30 Akela Contd.
11:30 Khauffnaak Contd.

DISCOVERY
08:30 Wild Discovery
10:30 Discovery Spotlight
11:30 Honey We're Killing The Kids
12:30 Stunt Junkies
01:00 Discovery Week
01:30 Wild Discovery
02:30 Discovery's Biggest Shows
04:30 Wild Discovery Raw Weapons
05:30 Discovery Marquee
07:30 Wild Discovery
08:30 Discover India
09:30 Destination India
10:30 Discovery Week
11:00 Feast India
11:30 Deadliest Catch

NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC
09:30 Wild
11:30 Sunday Night Special
01:30 Triumph of Life
03:00 Wild Safari
03:30 Naked Science
06:30 Nat Geo Junior
06:30 Seconds From Disaster
07:30 Wild
09:30 Indyeah!
10:30 Nat Geo Utsav
11:30 Crime Night