

Concert

Music to combat HIV and drug abuse



Azam Khan (R) sings to the audience



Model Nobel (L) performs along with Ayub Bachchu

PHOTO: STAR

KHALID-BIN-HABIB

Each and every day many around the world are infected with HIV, the virus that causes AIDS -- most of them young and more than half young women and children. It's time for everyone to beef up measures to combat this scourge.

With the aim to generate awareness among the youth of Bangladesh about the growing risks of HIV/AIDS and to observe the World AIDS Day, daily *Prothom Alo* organ-

ised a concert titled *Shochetonotar Utshob* at the Rabindra Sarobar Amphitheatre (Dhanmondi) on December 4. The theme of the musical extravaganza was to empower humanity to take personal responsibility in their fight against AIDS and also to raise awareness on drug abuse. Though the event was part of an awareness programme, the venue had a festive feel.

Popular names in the country's contemporary rock music scenario

featured in the concert and their performances created a cheerful ambience. Azam Khan, Ayub Bachchu and Mahmduzzaman Babu sang the all-time favourite patriotic song *Ami Bangla-e gaan gai*.

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began singing.

The audience sang along with the rocker. Complying with a request from the public, he sang seven of his popular songs from different music albums. Bachchu's all time hit songs -- *Ekdin ghum bhangsha shohorey*, *Ural dibo akashey*, *Meye, Mon chailey mon*, *Shei tumi keno eto ochenale holey*, received a warm response from the audience.

Bachchu delivered a short speech on HIV and drug abuse and

Taking 'Chandalika' to the West

In conversation with Sharmila Bandopadhyay

KAVITA CHARANJI

East met West recently when dancer Sharmila Bandopadhyay winged her way to New Jersey. She went at the invitation of Bengali expatriates to choreograph *Chandalika*, a dance-drama by Tagore. She was responsible for training 12 students, members of a club called Prantik.

Sharmila admits to being a little shaky initially because she had choreographed and performed *Chandalika* only in Bangladesh. Explains Sharmila, "Students here know my style of teaching. I took up the challenge only because I wanted to take Bangladeshi culture to Bengali children overseas, who otherwise are not fully conversant with their heritage."

Sharmila is quick to give credit to Bengali expatriate and a former batch mate from Dhaka University, Nazneen Hossain. Apparently Nazneen was instrumental in the formation of Prantik, of which she is the general secretary.

The performance turned out superbly, says Sharmila. "I have a distinctive style of movement and hand gestures. However, the students worked very hard to learn from me."

Much effort went into the nitty gritty, she points out. The carefully selected costumes went from Bangladesh, while some were organised in New Jersey. Also for the first scene of *Chandalika* the female characters were required to wear ornaments fashioned out of flowers. Since the requisite flowers were not available in the US,

Sharmila (who played the role of Chandalika's mother, Maya) used plastic flowers.

"The support from the Bengali expatriate community was overwhelming," asserts Sharmila. Many of the parents had to balance their jobs, their children's rehearsals and other commitments -- often covering huge distances. "The barriers completely broke down on the final day," says an upbeat Sharmila who points out that in the first scene, which she

watched from the wings, she couldn't distinguish whether she was in Dhaka or New Jersey.

Sharmila has carved a niche in the Bangladeshi dance arena including Manipuri, Odissi, Bharatnatyam, Kathakali and creative dance. She is also the director of Nritya Nandan and teaches Manipuri dance at Chayyanaut.



Participants of Chandalika along with Nazneen Hossain (2-R)

CULTURAL FEAST

Exhibition

Celebrating 400th birth anniversary of the Dutch Master Painter Rembrandt.

Organiser: The Embassy of Kingdom of Netherlands & Society for Promotion of Bangladesh Art
Venue: Art and Soul Gallery, Road 36, House 16, Gulshan-2
Date: December 6-12
Time: 11:00am to 8:00pm

Solo Art Exhibition

Artist: Jaillur Rabbi Tamim
Venue: Alliance Française de Dacca, 26 Mirpur Road, Dhanmondi
Date: November 24-December 7
Time: Sunday to Friday 9:00am-12:00pm and 5:00pm-9:00pm, Saturday 5:00pm to 8:00pm

Artist: Hasibur Rahman Kiron
Organiser: Alliance Française de Dacca
Venue: La Galerie, 26 Mirpur Road, Dhanmondi Dhaka
Date: December 7-13
Time: 9:00am to 12:00pm and 5:00pm-8:00pm
Except Saturday 5:00pm-8:00pm

Solo Exhibition

Artist: Hamiduzzaman Khan
Organiser: British Council
Venue: British Council 5 Fuller Road, Dhaka
Date: December 3-21
Time: 10:00am to 7:00pm

Channel Click

Talk show 'Ekhoni Shomoy' on Channel i



Guests Apon Ahsan (L) and Sara Zaker (C) with the host of the show Brownia

CULTURAL CORRESPONDENT

Ekhoni Shomoy, a talk show featuring renowned personalities from the cultural, sport and journalistic worlds, is currently running on Channel i.

The latest episode of the show is set to air at 9:35pm on December 7.

In the course of the programme, the participants from different sec-

tors will share their experiences related to current issues.

Popular TV actress and theatre personality Sara Zaker along with the other celebrities of the country is the guest artiste of the show. She has also done several memorabilia campaigns with some international organisations.

The show is hosted by Farzana Brownia and directed by Raju Alim.

Aishwarya and Hrithik in legal muddle

A case has been filed against Aishwarya Rai and Hrithik Roshan, owing to their on-screen kiss in Sanjay Gadhvi's *Dhoom 2*.

Alleged as an "obscene sequence", the atypically Bollywood lip-lock has got Hrithik and Ash into legal trouble.

The case was filed in the court of judicial magistrate first class R K Batham by advocate Shailendra Dwivedi under Sections 292 (vulgarity) and 509 (derogatory to women) of the Indian Penal Code.

As Dwivedi's complaint has it, women

have felt offended after watching the scene as it has promoted vulgarity in the society, especially among the youth.

The date of recording the evidence has been fixed as December 11, 2006. The actors have to face this legal issue merely two weeks after the film's release. The kiss will especially take its toll on Aishwarya Rai, who was recently held in a customs scuffle over a parcel with 23000 Euros.

Source: Internet



Hrithik Roshan and Aishwarya Rai in *Dhoom 2*.

Bush administration to be cartoon



A scene from Lil' Bush: Resident of the United States

Comedy Central has ordered *Lil' Bush: Resident of the United States*, a cartoon satire that re-imagines President Bush and key executives in his administration as elementary school misfits.

The title character is surrounded by close pals like Lil' Cheney, who grumbles unintelligibly, and Lil' Condi, who pines for Lil' Bush and does his homework for him.

Bush is not without its risqué moments. When Lil' Bush's school serves falafel instead of hot dogs for lunch in one episode, he and his pals torture the cafeteria employees with methods made famous during the Abu Ghraib prison scandal.

Six episodes from writer-producer Donick Cary (*The Simpsons*) have been ordered to air on Comedy Central next year.

Bush got its start in September as six five-minute clips offered by Amp'd Mobile, a US-based wireless service that packages video entertainment programming with cell phone service.

It won't be Comedy Central's first foray into devoting an entire series to poking fun at Bush. In 2001, the live-action spoof *That's My Bush*, from *South Park* creators Trey Parker and Matt Stone, had a short-lived run on the network.

Source: CNN.com

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. (To be telecast on all Bangla channels).

CHANNEL-i
News (Bangla) at 7:15 am, 9:00am, 2:00pm, 7:00pm, 9:00pm, 10:30pm, 12:15 am.

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.
Latest News (Bangla) at 9:00 am, 10:00 am, 11:00 am, 1:00 pm, 3:00 pm, 4:00pm, 6:00 pm and 8:00 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.

CHANNEL 1
News (Bangla) at 8:00am, 12:00pm, 2:30pm, 6:30pm, 7:30pm, 10:00pm, 12:30am.

BANGLAVISION
News (Bangla) at 8:00am, 2:00pm, 6:00pm, 7:15pm, 10:30pm.
News Headlines (Bangla) at 9:00pm
News Headlines (English) at 9:05pm

RTV
News (Bangla) at 7:00am, 3:00pm, 7:15pm, 10:00pm.
News Headlines (Bangla) at 10:30am

BTV

08:30 Open University
09:15 Satellite Broadcast
09:30 Maa O Shishur Kottha
10:00 Shukhi Poribar
10:30 Hijo Toral
10:45 Sisimur
11:00 Selected Programme
11:30 Cartoon
12:00 Cricket Shekha
12:30 Esho Computer Shikhi
13:00 Oi Notuner Ketan Urey
13:30 Cartoon
14:00 Shondha Maloti
14:30 Mati O Manush
15:00 Protidin Bangladesh
15:30 Drama
16:00 Teknaf Thekey Tetulia

ATN

BANGLA

10:30 Anyodrishti
11:00 Meet the Press
11:30 Gaane Surey Tarunne
12:00 Musical Programme
12:30 Drama Serial: Bhalo Bishar Rang
13:10 Drama Serial: Bhalo Bishar Rang
14:20 Open University
15:00 Programme
15:30 Job Vacancy
16:00 Islamic Programme
16:30 The Sword of Tipu Sultan
17:00 Drama Serial: Sharabela Pothochola
17:30 Drama Serial: Bohemian
18:00 Drama Serial: Tushar Rohosyo
18:30 Talk Show: Protidin
19:00 Drama Serial: Shongbad Potrey Bangladesh
19:30 Public Reaction
19:45 Tritiyomatra
20:00 Sports Time (Live)
20:30 Citycell Tarokakothon

01:05 Ebong Cinemar Gaan
01:30 Shangbad Potrey Bangladesh
02:00 Public Reaction
02:40 Selected Drama
04:05 Amader Gaan
04:25 Sa Re Ga Ma
05:00 Sisimur
05:30 Gaaner Oparey
06:00 Halo Minister
06:30 Talk Show: Aloy Bhuvan Bhora
07:00 Mega Serial: Jog Biog
07:30 Gramphone Aker
08:00 Shangbadpotro

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08:30 Aajker Shokal
09:30 K Tahare Chinite Parey
10:05 Colours
10:30 Gallery
11:00 Circus Lights
12:05 Saaj Ghor
12:30 Shiray Shonite
13:00 Mukangan
13:10 Drama: Rang Er Manush
14:25 Joyitra Joyitra
15:10 Din Dorpon/Ithasher Ei Diney
15:20 Apnar Jigyasha
16:20 Shubho Shondhya
16:50 Ki Kottha Tahar Sathay
18:25 Siddiqua Kabir's Recipe
19:10 Musical Programme: Kichhu Kottha Kichhu Gaan
19:50 Drama Serial: Amader Anadobari
20:00 Din Dorpon
11:25
19:10 Talk Show: Ei mon
19:30 Tagor Song
19:45 Amar Desh
19:50 Shoto Proshno
20:00 Drama: Lottery
20:30 Aker Bangladesh
06:00



Meet the Press
On ATN Bangla at 11:05am
Talk Show
Host: Manzurul Ahsan Bulbul

06:35 Drishwa Kalpo
08:00 Drama: Lottery
08:50 Gihno Sholoi
09:20 Drama Serial: Kagojer Manush
10:45 Rtv Exclusive
10:50 Prithibir Pothey Pothey
08:40 Shuprovat Bangladesh
09:00 Chokh Mele Dekhi
09:30 Cartoon
10:30 Bangla Feature Film Nongor
12:00 Drama Serial: Daar Kaak
04:00 Rupantor Golpo
04:30 Fusion Biz
05:15 Expression
06:00 Saaj Bela



Tomorrow Never Dies
On Star Movies at 10:15pm
Genre: Action / Adventure
Cast: Pierce Brosnan, Teri Hatcher, Michelle Yeoh

04:00 Amader Rannaghar
04:30 Drama Serial: Uro Chithi
05:00 Get Sit Fit
05:40 Din Er Sheshey
06:30 Surer Bhuvan
08:10 Drama Serial: Joba Kushum
09:15 Media Bhuvan
09:50 Drama Serial: Rupantor
09:00 Telebrands Tele Shopping
09:30 Chartbusters Music
10:00 Music Mantra Music
10:30 Music Beats Music
11:00 Boogie Woogie Dance
12:00 Kaajjal - Sabbki Ankhon Mein Basi Drama
12:30 Ek Ladki Anjaani Si Drama

10:30 Bigg Boss Reality Based
11:00 Vaidehi Drama
11:30 Music Beats Music
12:00 Kaajjal - Sabbki Ankhon Mein Basi Drama
08:30 Kyun Hota Hai Pyarr
09:30 V First Day First Show- Starplus
09:05 V Trailers - Star Plus
09:30 Kumkum - Pyara Sa Bandhan
10:00 V Trailers - Star Plus
10:30 Shaka Laka Boom Boom
11:30 Karam Apnaa Apnaa
11:55 V First Day First Show- Starplus
12:00 V Trailers - Star Plus
12:25 Bolly V - Star Plus
12:30 Resham Dankh
01:00 Kasautii Zindagi Kay
01:30 Kumkum - Pyara Sa Bandhan
02:00 Bhabhi
02:30 Kesar
03:00 Saarthi
03:30 Kyunki Saas Bhi Kabhi Bahu Thi

04:00 Kaahin To Hoga
04:30 Karam Apnaa Apnaa
05:00 Prithviraj Chauhan
05:30 Antarkash
05:55 V First Day First Show- Starplus
06:00 V Trailers - Star Plus
06:25 Bolly V - Star Plus
06:30 Aladdin
07:00 The Emperor's New Groove
07:25 Bolly V - Star Plus
07:30 Sonpari
07:55 Bolly V - Star Plus
08:00 Karishma Ka Karishma
08:30 Antarkash
09:00 Kasautii Zindagi Kay

09:30 Viraasat
10:00 Karam Apnaa Apnaa
10:30 Kaahani Ghar Ghar Kii
11:00 Kyunki Saas Bhi Kabhi Bahu Thi
11:30 Kaahin To Hoga
12:00 Paraya Dhan
09:15 Unforgiven
10:00 Lethal Weapon 3
10:30 Nowhere To Run
10:45 Tales From the Crypt 37: Only Skin Deep
11:00 Collateral
11:30 Wayne's World
11:55 Thirt13en Ghosts
12:00 Deadwood 20: Childish Things

STAR MOVIES

08:45 I, Robot
10:45 Dead Man Walking
11:00 Heavyweights
12:45 Sideways
04:55 Tomorrow Never Dies
07:00 Thirt13en Ghosts
08:35 Raging Sharks
10:15 Tomorrow Never Dies
12:15 Control
09:00 The Simpsons
09:30 The Oprah Winfrey Show
10:30 Commander In Chief
11:30 One Tree Hill
12:30 Ghost Whisperer
01:30 Hope & Faith
02:00 According To Jim
02:30 Oprah Winfrey Show
03:30 The Bold And The Beautiful
04:30 General Hospital
05:30 Desire: Table For Three
06:30 The Simpsons
07:00 Cheers
07:30 Friends

STAR WORLD

08:00 Seinfeld
08:30 Ed
10:30 Grey's Anatomy
11:30 Desire: Table For Three
08:30 Wild Discovery
09:30 Honey We're Killing The Kids
10:30 Bringing Home Baby
11:00 Runway Moms
11:30 Secrets To Survival
12:30 Body Basics
01:30 Wild Discovery
02:30 Detective Stories
03:30 Dinosaur Planet
04:30 Wild Discovery
05:30 Samsung Ultra Life
06:30 Junkyard Wars
07:30 Wild Discovery
08:30 Secrets To Survival
09:30 I Shouldn't Be Alive
10:30 Samsung Ultra Life
11:30 A Haunting Week

DISCOVERY CHANNEL

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09:30 I Shouldn't Be Alive
10:30 Samsung Ultra Life
11:30 A Haunting Week
09:30 Evolution
10:30 The White Elephant
11:30 Naked Science
12:30 Is It Real?
01:30 Tracks Of A Stalker
02:30 Totally Wild
03:30 Evolution
04:30 Nat Geo Junior
05:30 Nat Geo Genius
06:30 Big Bang
06:30 Nat Geo Junior
07:30 Evolution
07:30 Face To Face With Bears
08:30 Secrets Of Viking Warrior
08:30 Evolution

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