

CULTURAL FEAST

Classical Music Soiree

Organiser: Shuddha Sangeet Proshar Goshthi

Artists: Leena Taposhi Khan & Pujon Kumar Das

Venue: Bishwa Shahitya Kendra, Dhaka

Date: January 25

Time: 6:30

Film Screening

Programme: Kids First!

Organisers: Goethe-Institut Bangladesh & Children's Film Society

Films: Finding Nema & Peter Pan

Venue: German Cultural Centre, House-10, Road-9, Dhanmondi

Date: January 25

Time: 4pm onwards

Solo Painting Exhibition

Artist: Kamrul Islam Nadim

Venue: Russian Centre of Science & Culture

Inauguration: January 25, at 5:30pm

Theatre

Play: Chhayanat

Troupe: Nagorik Natya Sampradaya

Venue: Experimental Theatre Stage, Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy

Date: January 25

Time: 6:30pm

Film Screening

Organiser: Indian Cultural Centre

Venue: House#25, Road#96, Gulshan 2

Date: January 27

Title: Bialish-42 (Bangla)

Date: January 28

Title: Legend of Bhagat Singh

Date: January 29

Title: Fanaa

Making headway in the dance firmament

In conversation with Anik Bose



Anik Bose in a graceful stance

KAVITA CHARANJI

AMONG the few male dance artistes in Bangladesh is creative and folk dancer Anik Bose. Complaining of the stepmotherly treatment accorded to dance in comparison with music, theatre and art, he points out that male dancers are often scoffed

at. In his words, "When a man dances, people laugh and question why he is dancing on stage. Basically they subscribe to the view that dance is reserved for women."

Nevertheless Bose has made considerable headway in the dance firmament. He is a dance teacher of Bulbul Academy of Fine Arts (BAFA) and Bangladesh International Tutorial (BIT). A

regular dance artist of BTV, he has participated in various programmes in government and non-government level both nationally and internationally. Among his achievements is his performance as an artiste in China, Thailand, Indonesia, Bhutan and India as a member of the Bangladesh Government cultural team.

In the course of the last year, his compositions have been aired on Baishakhi TV, Rtv, BTV, ATN and staged by BIT and BAFA. "The taste for dance is not yet fully developed," says Bose, asserting that through the schools and TV channels he has spread the dance culture in the country.

Bose ventured into studying dance at the tender age of six years. Encouraged by his late father actor Arun Bose, he was enrolled for training in dance. In the course of the years he has trained under a variety of masters from BAFA Rahiza Khanom Jhono (folk and creative), Kartik Sinha (Kathak), Humayun Kabir (basic dance) and Chitra (creative dance).

Today his forte is folk dance. "Folk dance is popular in Bangladesh. I find the dance postures very attractive. For instance, there is the fishermen's, tea garden workers' and snake charmers' dances," points out Bose.

Yet there is still a long way to go. His dream is to see dance established as a separate subject in all the schools in Bangladesh. In his view while English medium schools such as Green Dale, Salvation, Scholastica and Red Beat have dance classes, he would like to see a more pervasive dance culture.

Bose has made an impact on the dance scenario in Bangladesh. As for the future, he has no plans to retire. "Dance is in my blood and I can't imagine a life without it," concludes Bose.

TV Watch 'Sisimpur': Taking a leaf from 'Apur Sansar'

CULTURAL CORRESPONDENT

Sisimpur, the Bangladeshi adaptation of TV series *Sesame Street* is catching the interest of young ones. Through muppets Halum, Shiku, Tuktuki and Ikri, *Sisimpur* offers viewers educational yet entertaining fare.

"Family" is the subject of the upcoming episode, which will be aired Friday on BTV at 9:05 am. Tuktuki dreams of being a doctor, teacher, bus driver—all rolled into one. There will also be an interesting story similar to the famous film *Apur Sansar*. In Ikri's world one will witness the adventures of Gaanwala and Bhuto in a deep forest.

In live action, the viewer will see a touching segment of a young orphan boy fortunate to have loving foster parents. In animation, the number 11 and the letter 'paw' is seen.

For those who miss an episode, it is possible to see a re-telecast on the following Saturday, Monday and Wednesday at 2:05 pm.



A scene from Sisimpur



TV series *Shonar Phool* will be aired today on Banglavisian at 2:30pm. Based on the literary work of Shomores Majumdar, the serial is directed by Falguni Hamid and features Raisul Islam Asad, Pijush Bandyopadhyay, Dolly Zahur, Shahiduzzaman Selim, Tauqir Ahmed, Eshita, Tania, Mahfuz, Tanima Hamid and Shahed in major roles.

Profile Najma : A dynamic painter of semi-abstracts

FAYZA HAQ

Najma Akhter, who had her recent solo at Shilpangan, did drawings and paintings as a child, as she belonged to a family where music, drawing and other cultural activities were the run of the mill incidents. So rapt was she in her drawing as a child of three, that she still bears burn marks though that early episode. "I can best express myself in painting, specially in semi-abstracts, in mixed-media. Through my works I express myself. My slant is towards the West, although I pick my subjects around me, whether it be nostalgic or an optimistic forward looking experiment."

At the outset she worked in the style of Abanindra Nath in water-colour. She graduated to the Oriental style. Feeling stultified there, she varied her form, textures and colours. Her experimental work began in 2003. Enjoying that experience she continued in that vein. She says she paints, at the outset for her own satisfaction, but she is not impervious to the taste of the buyers and connoisseurs. However, she says, "I'll not stop painting even if no one likes my work. In my earlier joint exhibits, I felt I'd become a

viewer myself."

Talking about whether the viewer will comprehend her work, she says, "Painting is like music. Often we don't quite comprehend lyrics but the tune might persuade us to listen to the song

which she mixes and mingles with the forms that she sees around her today in the metropolis. Sometimes, she says that the form overlaps the colours, when the colour takes precedence. "The colour is the life of the painting, I believe. Earthy colours, such as saffron, midnight blue with variations of that hue. The dramatic and dynamic black cannot be overlooked."

Her outlook is a sunny one, although is not an easy one, combining teaching with freelance painting, along with home-making. Today her university-going son is her Rock of Gibraltar, inspiring and egging her on. As a child, her father Abdul Jabbar, a Freedom Fighter and a World War 11 veteran — was the fountainhead of her motivation. As a student she had Abdus Sattar, Hashem Khan, Samarjit Roy Chowdhury, Farida Zaman and Rafiqun Nabi who guided her and coaxed her on to the success that she is today.

She paints in her home in a tiny room, set apart as in her studio. She works as the mood takes her, especially when there's nobody at home. She sets out her sheets and paints ad lib. She works on various sheets, the basic forms being in her mind from the beginning.

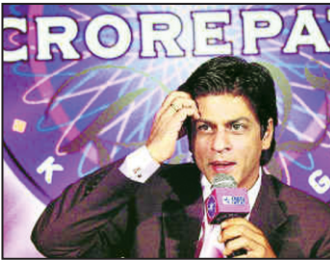


Artwork by Najma Akhter

repeatedly. If the viewer likes the painting he will like to see more." She believes that her colours draw the gallery goers.

Asked to speak about her style and theme, she says that she works on paper with acrylic, bringing in her childhood memories of the countryside,

'Kaun Banega Crorepati' gets a new look



The first episode of the new season of *Kaun Banega Crorepati* (KBC) went on air on January 22 and Shah Rukh Khan made all necessary arrangements to make his mark as KBC's favourite host.

In an attempt to be different from ex-host Amitabh Bachchan, Khan has changed the popular lingo of the show. Bachchan's catchphrase "Lock Kiya Jaye?" (Should we lock) is now being replaced with "Freeze Kiya Jaye?" (Should we freeze). Khan wants to ensure that, although the basic format of the quiz show is maintained, his individual style comes through evidently.

In Amitabh Bachchan's *KBC*, those who wanted to quit would simply say "I Quit". But Shah Rukh just made this deed a wee bit special for contestants, who will now have to say "Shah Rukh, main apko galey lagana चाहता हूँ" (Shah Rukh I want to hug you).

Source: Internet

'Grace Is Gone' moves Sundance audience

Last year's big road-trip tale at the Sundance Film Festival was greeted with guffaws. This year's has met with sobbs.

Both *Little Miss Sunshine* from last year and the current Sundance entry *Grace Is Gone* are highway heartbreakers, *Sunshine* showing a family that comes together through hilarious adversity, *Grace* depicting a family shattered by the cruellest of tragedies.

Starring John Cusack, *Grace* tells the story of a stern, loving but emotionally distant father who learns his wife, an Army sergeant, has been killed in Iraq. Unable to tell his two young daughters, he takes them on a trip to an amusement park, buying a few days before he has to break the news.

First-time director James C Strouse's script came Cusack's way at just the right moment. Angry that the Bush administration had banned media footage of coffins coming home bearing soldiers killed in Iraq, Cusack had been looking to tell the story behind one of those coffins.

"I thought it was the most brazen, cowardly, egregious political act I'd seen in my lifetime," Cusack said in an interview. "Do you think if you don't show the coffins we won't find out?"

Cusack's character in the film, Stanley Phillips, is a humble family man, an atypical role for the actor whose credits include plenty of misfits and fringe players in such films as *The Grifters*, *Being John Malkovich* and *High Fidelity*.

Stanley is a true believer in the Iraq war who feels the United States has to take action overseas to protect itself, a man who wanted to serve in the military himself if not for his bad eyesight.

Grace Is Gone is one of several Iraq-themed films at Sundance, which runs through Sunday, including the documentaries *Ghosts of Abu Ghraib*, Rory Kennedy's

examination of abuses by US jailers at the prison, and *No End in Sight*, Charles Ferguson's analysis of President Bush's handling of the war.

Grace Is Gone, with its simple yet powerful story, immersed viewers in one family's sorrow while resonating with Americans' growing sentiment against the war.

The film connected with buyers as well as audiences. The Weinstein Co. bought the film just hours after the film's premiere.

With company founder and savvy Academy Awards campaigner Harvey Weinstein behind it, the film could earn Cusack the Oscar attention that has eluded him so far.

Source: Internet



John Cusack (C) with co-actors in the film

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, 12:00pm, 7:00pm, 9:00pm, 10:30pm, 12:15 am.

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

08:40 Bishwa Protidin
09:05 Shomapti
12:05 Maa O Shishur Kotha
Drama Serial:
12:30 Swapno Shonar Gaon
01:00 Shukhi Poribar
01:30 Selected Programme
02:15 Sisimpur
03:05 Cartoon
04:30 Cricket Shekha
04:00 Hijo Tomar
04:30 Oi Notuner Ketan Urey
05:30 Cartoon
06:40 Shondha Maloti
07:00 Mati O Manush
07:30 Musical Programme
09:00 Drama
09:30 Musical Programme
10:30 Talkshow

ATN BANGLA

10:30 Anyodrishti
11:05 Talk Show: Meet the Press
12:15 Cinema Cinema
01:30 Gaane Surey Tarunne
02:30 Musical Programme
03:10 Drama Serial: Bhola Bashar Rang
04:20 Islamic Programme
05:10 Nijey Jano Shafalyo Ano
05:45 Islamic Programme
06:20 Aktel Protidin
08:00 Drama Serial: Noyontara
08:40 Drama Serial: Bohemian
09:20 Drama Serial
09:30 Shongbad Potrey Bangladesh

09:45 Public Reaction
09:50 Trityomatra
11:05 Sports Time (Live)
12:30 Citycell Tarokakothon
01:05 Ebong Cinemar Gaan
01:30 Shangbad Potrey Bangladesh
01:45 Public Reaction
02:40 Selected Drama
04:05 Amader Gaan
04:25 Nirbachoni Olympiad
04:35 Sa Re Ga Ma
05:30 Alokito Bangladesh
06:00 Music Club
Drama Serial:
06:20 Shompadho Upopadho
07:50 Hello Minister
09:35 Talk Show: Aloye Bhuban Bhora
10:00 Mega Serial: Jog Blog
12:00 Grameenphone Akjer Shangbadpotro

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08:30 Aajker Shokal
09:30 K Taharey Chinite Parey
10:05 Colours
10:30 Gallery
11:00 Circus Lights
12:05 Ei Diney
12:30 Shiray Shonite
01:00 Japan Video Topic
03:15 Drama Serial: Shaola
03:50 Drama Serial: Neer
04:25 Joyitar Joyjatra
05:10 Din Dorpon/ Itihasher Ei Diney
06:20 Shubho Shondhya
06:50 Ki Kotha Tahir Sathay
08:25 Siddika Kabi's Recipe
09:10 Musical Programme: Kichhu Kotha Kichhu Gaan

PICK OF THE DAY

Neer
On ntv at 9:50pm
Drama serial
Cast: Anwara, Richi, Azad Abul Kalam

The Mummy Returns
On Star Movies at 7:00pm
Action/Adventure/Fantasy
Cast: Brendan Fraser, Rachel Weisz, John Hannah

09:50 Drama Serial: Neer
11:25 Din Dorpon
CHANNEL 1
08:40 Shuprobhat Bangladesh
09:30 Chokh Mele Dekhi
10:00 Bagan Bilash
10:30 Channel 1 Shondha Nongor
02:00 Olpo Sholpo Golpo
04:00 Rupantror Golpo
04:30 Fusion Biz
05:15 Special Programme
06:00 Saaj Bela
06:30 Top News
06:45 Itihasher Path Dhorey
07:00 Baker Pathay
08:15 Telefilm: Ei Opekha

BANGLAVISION
08:35 Shubho Shokal
09:05 Ki Jadu Bangla Gaaney
09:30 Bangla Feature Film
02:30 Drama Serial: Shonar Phool
03:00 Raat Birasety
03:45 Agamir Kontyo
05:00 Gel Sit Fit
05:30 Diner Sheshey
06:30 Media Bhuvan
08:10 Drama Serial: Joba Kushum
09:15 Drama: Khola Money
HBO
09:15 The Corruptor
11:30 The making of

06:00 Arrested Development
06:30 The Simpsons
07:00 Cheers
07:30 Friends
08:00 Seinfeld
08:30 American Idol
09:30 Heroes
10:30 Grey's Anatomy
11:30 Table For Three
STAR PLUS
09:30 Kumkum - Pyara Sa Bandhan
10:00 V Trailers - Star Plus
10:30 Shaka Laka Boom Boom
11:30 Kahaani Ghar Ghar Kii
12:30 Karam Apnaa Apnaa
01:00 Kasautii Zindagii Kay
01:30 Kumkum - Pyara Sa Bandhan
02:00 Bhabhi
02:30 Kesari
03:00 Saarthi
03:30 Kyunki Saas Bhi Kabhi Bahu Thi
04:00 Kahiin To Hoga
04:30 Karam Apnaa Apnaa
05:00 Saibaba
06:30 Mickey Mouse And Friends
06:30 The Legend Of Trazan
07:30 Prithviraj Chauhan
08:00 Baa Bahoo Aur Baby
08:30 Karam Apnaa Apnaa
09:00 Kasautii Zindagii Kay
09:30 Kaun Banega Crorepati- Srk
10:00 Kahaani Ghar Ghar Kii
11:00 Kyunki Saas Bhi Kabhi Bahu Thi
11:30 Kahiin To Hoga
12:00 Paraya Dhan
DISCOVERY CHANNEL
9:30 Honey We're Killing The

Kids
Bringing Home Baby
11:00 Amazing Baby Videos
11:30 Life On The Edge
12:30 Body Basics
01:30 Wild India Week
02:30 Detective Stories
03:30 Mean Machines
04:00 Massive Engines With Chris Barrie
04:30 Nigel Specials
05:30 Man Made Marvels Asia
06:30 Dangernam Adventures with Geoff Mackley
07:30 Wild India Week
08:30 Life On The Edge
09:30 African Adventures
10:30 Stuntaws
10:30 Building the Biggest
11:30 Finals 24
NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC
09:30 Going Global
10:30 Telemall: Sauna Belt
11:00 Shop 24 Seven
11:25 Global Sky Shop
11:30 Naked Human
12:30 Science Combustion
01:30 Terror in the Skies
02:30 Wild Safari
03:00 Sea Eagles Whirl
03:30 Going Global
04:30 Arizona Rattlers
05:00 Nat Geo Genius
05:30 Big Bang
06:30 Fangs To Fortunes
07:30 Going Global
08:30 The Ultimate Crocodile
09:30 Space Launch
10:30 Ultimate Disaster
11:30 The Great Betrayal
12:30 Mangrove Maneaters
STAR SPORTS
12:30 Na Archive (Wrestling)

01:30 Ax Power 2007 (Auto Racing)
02:30 Australian Open 2007
06:00 Dventure Tn Series
06:30 Na Impact (Wrestling)
07:00 007 Euromilhoes Dakar (Auto RaC)
07:30 Australian Open 2007
08:00 Fc Twenty20
09:30 Itz (Cricket)
10:00 Uil Toss? Haste Rehna Boss (The)
10:30 Nustralian Open 2007
ESPN
09:30 2006/07 Spanish League Highlight
10:30 English Premier Football League
12:30 2005 World Juggling Federation C
01:00 Nba Action (Basketball)
01:30 Nba Basketball (Basketball)
04:00 English Premier Football League
06:00 Football Focus With John Dykes
07:00 Indian Premier Hockey League
07:30 Sportscenter India (Sport News)
08:00 Close Encounters (Cricket)
10:30 Sportscenter India (Sport News)
11:00 Sportscenter Asia (Sport News)
11:30 Hitz (Cricket)
12:00 Indian Legends (Cricket)