

CULTURAL FEAS



Ekushey Boi Mela

Organiser: BanglaAcademy
Venue: BanglaAcademy premises
Date: February 1-28
Month-long book fair to be inaugurated today at 2:30pm

National Street Theatre Festival

Organisers: Bangladesh Group Theatre Federation & Bengal Foundation
Venue: Central Shaheed Minar
Date: February 2-7
Time: 4:00pm

Screening of International Award winning Bangla Films

February 3
4:00pm Matir Moina
6:00pm Nirontor
Venue: Alamgir Kabir Chalachitra Kendro, 62, Science Laboratory

Solo Art Exhibition

Title: In Quest of Truth and Beauty
Artist: Samarjit Roy Choudhury
Venue: Bengal Gallery of Fine Arts, Bengal Shilpalaya, House no-275/F, Road no-27 (Old), Dhanmondi
Date: January 28-February 10
Time: 12:00pm-8:00pm

Theatre

Play: Cyclewala
Troupe: Natyachokro
Venue: Experimental Hall, Shilpakala Academy
Date: February 3
Time: 6:00pm

Folk Festival 2007

Organiser: Bangladesh Folk Arts and Crafts Foundation
Venue: Bangladesh Folk Arts and Crafts Foundation, Sonargaon
Date: February 3-17

Group Art Show

Title: Appointment 2007
Venue: Shilpangan, Road 3, House 26
Date: February 5-18
Time: 10:00am-1:00pm & 5:00pm-9:00pm

Environmental Films Screening

Venue: German Cultural Centre, House-10, Road-9, Dhanmondi
Date: February 4-8
Time: 4pm onwards

Homage to Waheedul Haq

Music and recitation at Chhayanat Sangskriti Bhaban

CULTURAL CORRESPONDENT

WAHEEDUL HAQ: Veteran journalist, Tagore exponent, teacher, social-cultural activist and organiser. Haq played a key role in the revival of the Bengali identity and tirelessly worked to maintain a secular spirit in the country. He was the founder of Chhayanat, which played a significant role in the political-cultural movements during late 1960s, prior to the country's Liberation War. Apart from establishing Chhayanat in 1961, Haq also founded a number prominent cultural organisations like Kanthashilon, Nalonda, Anandadhani, Fulki, Bratochari Samity and Bashanto Utsab Udjapon Parishad. He formed Jatiya Rabindra Sangeet Sammilan Parishad in 1980. A multifaceted talent, Haq was also involved with filmmaking and film movements.

The cultural icon passed away on January 27 and his body has been donated for medical research.

On February 1, Chhayanat along with 7 other leading cultural organisations, paid homage to Waheedul Haq. The event was held at Chhayanat Sangskriti Bhaban.

Teachers, students of Chhayanat, eminent cultural personalities and members of organisations expressed their individual and collective emotions through songs and recitation.

The event started with a chorus rendition of *Shurer Guru, daogo shurer deekha*. In between, records of Tagore songs by Waheedul Haq were played.

Renowned cultural personality Aly Zaker reminisced on Haq, calling him "Shurer feriwala" (vendor of tunes). Zaker said, "Waheed



Sanjida Khatun renders a song at the programme

bhai's inspiration was the masses. He had always encouraged collective efforts. He is known for his impeccable knowledge on Tagore songs and literature and his profession was journalism, however he was equally passionate about science. Walking around, he could name any tree (including scientific names) at random. His demise is a personal loss."

Noted Tagore exponent Sanjida Khatun rendered *Akhono gelo na aandhar*. A chorus rendition of *Tumi jey shurer agoon lagiy diley mor praney* by young students was next. Ifat Ara Dewan sang *Ei kothati mon-e-rekha*.

The evening moved ahead with recitation by noted cultural personality Asaduzzaman Noor, along with Bhashwar Bandyopadhyay, Hasan Arif, Golam Sarwar and others. Solo performances by leading artistes - Khayrul Anam Shakil, Mita Haq, Subir Nandi, Chandana Majumdar, Papaya Sarwar, Tapan Mahmud -- and chorus renditions by students, teachers of Chhayanat, artistes of Jatiya Rabindra Sangeet Sammilan Parishad, Bratochari and Anandadhani followed. The programme ended with a 10-minute documentary on Haq and the National Anthem.

The auditorium was packed from brim to brim; the air heavy with the aroma of flowers and tears sparkled even in the soft light of candles. Waheedul Haq lives on in the convictions of his admirers, students and friends.

'System Error': War is a force that gives us meaning

Exhibition curated by Lorenzo Fusi & Naeem Mohaiemen



One of Shishir Bhattacharjee's drawings for the show

Palazzo delle Papesse in Siena, Italy, opens the first exhibition cycle of 2007 introducing the group show *System Error: War Is A Force That Gives Us Meaning* (February 3-May 6), according to a press release. The show is co-curated by Siena-based Lorenzo Fusi and Dhaka/New York based Naeem Mohaiemen.

Featuring the artwork of more than 40 international artists, the show will explore the response to the current period of expanded and endless wars, both intense cross-border battles, and the quiet violence of "disappearances". The project set out to explore this fundamental question: if war is universally opposed, why do new conflicts keep breaking out? Is there an addiction to warfare in the human psyche? Has it become a drug we cannot quit? These and many other questions regarding the nature of "soft" conflict; the poisonous allure of flags, national anthems and nationalism; and global media's pornographic fascination with violence are explored in this

project.

The show includes artists originating from Lebanon, Italy, Poland, Colombia, Australia, Palestine, Iraq, Malta, Korea, Mexico, Germany, France, South Africa, US, and UK. From Bangladesh, the show includes the works of Shishir Bhattacharjee. Discussing his work, Naeem Mohaiemen wrote in the show catalogue: "Many Bengalis know his work through his other life as a leading editorial cartoonist, and that style has bled into his artwork. In this new series created for Papesse, he tackles the gun culture and violence endemic in Dhallywood, the Bangladesh film industry that is a bastardisation of Bombay and Los Angeles. This series was completed in January 2007, just as Bangladesh went through a prolonged period of violent political confrontation, ending in the installation of a new interim government. It seems the daily news is never far from his studio process."

Kishoreganj Theatre observes 46th anniversary

'Ora Kodom Ali' staged

MUKLESUR RAHMAN LITON, Kishoreganj

Kishoreganj Theatre organised a discussion on cultural activities, felicitated eminent playwright and dramatists with crests and staged a play 'Ora Kadam Ali'. The aim behind the functions was to mark the 46th anniversary of Kishoreganj theatre at Kishoreganj Shilpakala stage recently.

Dr J B Roy (86), recipient of an award for his contribution to group theatre and his theatrical performance, said, "Kishoreganj Theatre has produced many artists who have won fame home and abroad. In their ranks are Shamim Ara Nipa, Shukla Sarker and many others."

In the course of his address, Roy also pointed out that after 1947 cultural activities almost came to a halt, but he and his fellow artists continued their activities under the banner of Kishoreganj Theatre. The troupe also took part in social activities, attended by dignitaries such as Ramendu Majumdar and Abdullah Al Mamun, apart from many eminent national and international personalities.

Among the other three award



Dr J B Roy (2-R) receiving his crest

recipients are regular performer Shudhendru Biswas (65), playwright and novelist Professor Zia Uddin and Ashim Sarker Badhan, a young social and cultural activist in the district.

Following the award function, the play *Ora Kadam Ali* by Mamunur Rashid was staged. The play hinges on how the oppressed take a stance against social injustice. In the course

of the play, Kadam Ali had a speaking impediment, which symbolised the inability of the weaker segment of the society in speaking out against oppression.

The cast included Rita, Sohrab Hossain, Kalpana and Emdadul Islam.

The play was directed by MA Aziz, president of Kishoreganj Theatre.

Ustad Momtaz Ali Khan Sangeet Academy celebrates fourth anniversary



Young dancers of Ustad Momtaz Ali Khan Sangeet Academy

CULTURAL CORRESPONDENT

On the occasion of its fourth anniversary, Ustad Momtaz Ali Khan Sangeet Academy honoured poet Khan Muhammad Moinuddin (posthumous) and artist Hafizur Rahman recently. The programme was held at Sufia Kamal auditorium, National Museum.

The event was divided into three sessions. The first session featured the felicitation ceremony and discussion. The chief guest of the occasion was folklorist Dr Ashraf Siddique. Special guests were Dr Raijib Humayun and Artist Rafiqun Nabi. General secretary of Shammilito Sangskritik Jote, Golam Quddus also attended the event.

After the prize giving ceremony the second session featured songs. The third session of the programme included theatrical and dance performances by students of the academy.

Al Gore's 'Inconvenient Truth' receives Oscar nod

An *Inconvenient Truth*, former US Vice President Al Gore's film on the perils of global warming, scored two Oscar nominations: for best documentary feature and best original song.

While he is not technically a nominee, the film's director, Davis Guggenheim, won the nod, as did singer Melissa Etheridge for the song *I Need to Wake Up*. Gore said last Tuesday he was "thrilled" that his movie was honoured.

"The film ... has brought awareness of the climate crisis to people in the United States and all over the world," Gore said in an e-mail statement. "I am so grateful to the entire team and pleased that the Academy has recognised their work. This film proves that movies really can make a difference." Aides say the former vice president plans to walk the red carpet alongside Hollywood's rich and famous at the 79th Academy Awards ceremony next month. Guggenheim said he was not expecting a nomination but welcomed the fresh attention from the Academy's recognition. He said he spoke to Gore and asked him, "Are you ready to go to the show?" I think he's ready. For years he's been in the wilderness on

global warming. Now he's ready for his grand walk. Now he's at the Academy Awards. It's a hero's return."

Source: Internet

Al Gore in *An Inconvenient Truth*

TV GUIDE

All programmes are in local time. The Daily Star will not be responsible for any change in the programme.

News Bulletin

BTB
News Headlines (Bangla) at 8:55 am, 12:00 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, 9:00pm
Latest News (Bangla) at 9:00 am, 10:00 am, 11:00 am, 1:00pm, 3:00 pm, 4:00pm, 6:00pm and 8:00pm.

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

ATN BANGLA

10:30 Talk Show: Anyodrishti
11:05 Drama: Shokal Shondha
12:15 Shurer Madhuri
12:45 Shathdin
01:30 Nari
02:30 Islamic Programme
03:45 Musical Programme
04:20 Shesh Okhor
05:30 Grameenphone Nari O Rajniti
06:20 Gondhorrage
08:00 Samsung Cine A Ha
08:40 Mega Serial: The New Sabuj Opera
Drama Serial: Laal
Neel Beguni
09:20 Mega Serial: Ek Jonomey

Channel i

08:30 Shokaler Gaan
09:30 Shangbadpotre Bangladesh
09:45 Public Reaction
09:50 Tritiomatra
12:30 Citycell Taroka Kathana
01:05 Ebong Cinemar Gaan
01:30 Shangbadpotre Bangladesh
01:45 Public Reaction
02:40 Magazine
Programme: Shath Rang
03:20 Dhaka Guide
03:30 Banglalink Money Talk
04:05 F M Method
04:25 Nirbachoni Olympiad

04:30 Shoter Shondhaney
05:30 Boimela Protdin
06:00 Aktel sms Doradori
06:20 Drama Serial: Shath Goenda
07:50 Drama Serial: Bhober Haat
09:35 Hridoye Mati O Manush
10:00 Drama Serial: Nishidho Bonobhumi
12:00 GrameenPhone
Aijker Shanbad Potro
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08:35 Aajker Shokal
09:00 Megh Bolechhey
Jabo Jabo
09:30 Right Click
10:05 Apun Aloy
10:30 Aktel Hip Hip Hurrah
01:05 Japan Video Topic
02:35 Megh Bolechhey
Jabo Jabo
03:15 Tomader Pelo
Bangladesh
04:25 Nupur
05:20 Alokat
06:20 Shubho Shondha
06:50 Shangskriti Ei Shoptaho
08:25 Drama Serial: Ramjier Aaina
Single Episode
Drama: Konkaboti
09:10
11:25 Din Dorpon
CHANNEL 1
08:40 Shuprobhat
Bangladesh
09:30 Chokh Mele Dekhi
10:00 Cartoon
10:30 Bagaan Bilash
11:00 Drama: Mysterious

PICK OF THE DAY



Hridoye Mati O Manush
On Channel i at 9:35pm
Agricultural Programme
Host: Shykh Seraj

12:05 Journey
Telefilm: Bhramyoman
Golpokar
03:30 Drama: Two in One
04:30 Drama Serial: Godhuli Belay
05:15 Fusion for Baul
06:00 Saaj Bela
06:30 Top News
06:45 lithasher Path
Dhorey
07:00 Bishwa Jurey
Shath Din
08:15 Drama Serial: Shunney Boshobash
09:00 Shondhi Khoney



Braveheart
On Star Movies at 9:50pm
Genre: Action
Cast: Mel Gibson, Sandy Nelson

09:30 Drama Serial: Godhuli Belay
Rtv
09:05 Aj Potrikai
09:10 Children's Programme
09:35 Ami, Tumi, Ar.....
10:00 Naam Nai Daam Nai
10:35 Alok Dhara
03:45 Bangla Feature Film
06:00 Aijker Bangladesh
06:30 Bishwa Jurey
08:00 Atel Gopshop
08:50 Musical Programme: Citycell R music
BANGLAVISION
10:10 Talkshow: Apnar Ki

12:25 Bolly V - Star Plus
12:30 V Trailers - Star Plus
12:55 Bolly V - Star Plus
01:00 Musafir Hoon Yaaron
01:30 Kabhi Khushi Kabhi Dhoom
01:55 Bolly V - Star Plus
02:00 V Trailers - Star Plus
02:25 Bolly V - Star Plus
02:30 Kalash
03:00 Kahaani Ghar Ghar Kii
05:00 V Trailers - Star Plus
05:25 Bolly V - Star Plus
05:30 Krishna Kathaiyen
06:30 Mickey Mouse And Friends
07:00 The Suite Life Of Zack And Cod
07:25 Bolly V - Star Plus
07:30 Golu Ke Goggles
08:00 Saarthi
08:30 Lucky
09:30 Prithviraj Chauhan
10:00 Baa Bahoo Aur Baby
10:30 Aek Chabhi Hai
10:30 Padoss Mein
11:30 Thegreatindia-laughtertchampion2

STAR WORLD

08:30 Enterprise
09:30 The Apprentice
10:30 The Bold And The Beautiful
12:30 The Kumars At No. 42
01:00 Travel Asia
01:30 13th Annual Screen Actors Guild
03:30 Malcolm In The Middle
04:00 Hope & Faith
04:30 Criminal Minds
06:30 Table For Three
07:30 Ghost Whisperer
The Simple Life

08:30 Tna Xplosion
09:30 World's Most Amazing Videos
10:30 Heroes
11:30 Table For Three
DISCOVERY CHANNEL
08:30 Wild Discovery
09:30 Discovery Spotlight
11:30 Animal Camera
12:00 Amazing Baby Videos
12:30 African Adventures
01:00 Meerkat Manor
01:30 Africa Week
02:30 Massive Engines With Chris Barrie
03:00 Mean Machines
03:30 How do they do it?
04:30 Wildest Week
05:30 Beyond Tomorrow
06:30 Serengeti is Alive
07:30 Wild Discovery
08:30 Discover India
09:30 Sacred India
10:30 How do they do it?
11:30 Serengeti is Alive
NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC
08:30 Four Billion Year War
09:30 Hyenas Queen
10:30 The New Mafia
11:30 The Godfathers
12:30 The New Mafia
01:30 Going Global
02:30 Monkey Business
03:00 Lesser Flamingos
03:30 Shark Attacks
04:30 Winds Of Victory
05:00 Dogs With Jobs
05:30 Big Bang
06:00 Nat Geo Junior
06:30 Crash Scene

Investigation
Rated W
08:30 Forgotten Rhino
09:30 Elephant Rage
10:30 The Godfathers
11:30 NG Investigates
Terrorism
ESPN
09:30 Here We Go (Soccer/Futbol)
10:30 Sportscenter Week In Review (Spo)
11:00 Hitz (Cricket)
11:30 First Edition (Soccer/Futbol)
12:00 Indian Premier Hockey League (Fi)
02:00 India'S Best With Sunil Gavaskar
02:30 Commonwealth Bank Series 2006-07
04:00 First Edition (Soccer/Futbol)
04:30 Sportscenter Week In Review (Spo)
05:00 Sports Yatra (Cricket)
05:30 India Down Under (Cricket)
05:55 Sportscenter Weekend (Sport News)
06:00 Premiership Saturday (Soccer/Fut)
06:40 English Premier Football League
08:45 Premiership Saturday (Soccer/Fut)
08:55 English Premier Football League
11:00 Final Score (Soccer/Futbol)
11:30 English Premier Football League