

CULTURAL FEAST

Ekushey Book Fair

Organiser: Bangla Academy
Venue: Bangla Academy premises
Date: February 1-28
Month-long book fair

Bangla Calligraphy Exhibition

Artiste: Arham-ul-Huq Choudhury
Venue: British Council, 5 Fuller Road, Dhaka
Date: February 17-28
Time: 10:00am-8:00pm

Children's Art Exhibition

Title: Mitsubishi Asian Children's Enikki Festa
Organisers: Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy
Venue: National Art Gallery, Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy
Date: February 23- March 4
Time: 11:00am-7:00pm (On Friday 3:00pm-8:00pm)

Bead Jewellery Exhibition

Organisers: Bengal Gallery of Fine Arts
Venue: Bengal Café, House no-275/F, Road no-27 (Old), Dhanmondi
Date: February 24- March 2
Time: 12:00pm-8:00pm

Solo Painting Exhibition



Title: Alluvial Dream & Reality
Artist: Kaidas Karmakar
Venue: Bengal Gallery of Fine Arts, Bengal Shilpalaya, House no-275/F, Road no-27 (Old), Dhanmondi
Date: February 16-March 2
Time: 12:00pm-8:00pm

Indigenous Performing Art Festival

Organiser: Department of Theatre and Film, Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy
Venue: Experimental Theatre Hall
February 27-Royani
February 28-Kushan Gaan
Time: 6:00pm

Book Exhibition

Organiser: Bangladesh National Unesco Club Association
Venue: Central Public Library, Shahbagh
Date: February 27-28
Time: 11:30am

Indigenous Performing Art Festival
'Manik Pির Gaan' staged by Zahirul Islam and his troupe



Zahirul Islam and his troupe perform Manik Pির Gaan

PHOTO: STAR

ERSHAD KAMOL

The world's earliest report of a dramatic production comes from the banks of the Nile, which is known as Egyptian Passion Play. The art form was

performed annually in memory of legendary king-divinity Osiris -- who was worshipped both as a fertility god and as the Lord of the underworld, through whom rebirth occurred -- at Abydos, Busiris, Heliopolis, and elsewhere around

the year 2000 BC.

"The principal objective of the Egyptian Passion Play was to keep the sufferings and triumph of Osiris vivid in the minds of the faithful. During the presentation of the dramatic performance the choir

used to travel from the palace to the river Nile, which according to the myth symbolically represented Osiris.

"Similar type of dramatic performances is evident in many world heritages, even amongst the Hajong community in Bangladesh where a choir seeks birth of a child or fruitfulness, through song and dance. To me the presentation of Manik Pির Gaan is the similar kind of dramatic presentation", said Dr Afsar Ahmed, a professor of the Department of Drama and Dramatics of Jahangirnagar University, who was in the audience during staging of Manik Pির Gaan on February 25.

As part of the ongoing seven-day indigenous performing art form festival arranged by the Department of Theatre and Film of Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy, Zahirul Islam and his troupe from Kushtia presented Manik Pির Gaan, a traditional art form of the region, at the Experimental Theatre Stage.

With music, dance and instruments Zahir's troupe narrated the story of legendary Manik Pir, presented in the form, which they usually perform going from one house to another seeking birth to a child in Kushtia region. As the narrative is totally based on travelling from one place to another, song and dance were dominating elements compared to acting in the art form.

79th Annual Academy Awards
Martin Scorsese finally gets his Oscar

AP, Los Angeles

Martin Scorsese's mob epic The Departed won best picture at the Academy Awards on Sunday and earned the filmmaker the directing prize that had eluded him throughout his illustrious career.

"Could you double-check the envelope?" said Scorsese, who had been the greatest living American filmmaker without an Oscar. He also had never delivered a best-picture winner before, despite crafting such modern masterpieces as Raging Bull and Goodfellas.

In an evening when no one film dominated as the Oscars shared the love among a wide range of movies from around the world, three of the four acting front-runners won: best actress Helen Mirren as British monarch Elizabeth II in The Queen; best actor Forest Whitaker as Ugandan dictator Idi Amin in The Last King of Scotland; and best supporting actress Jennifer Hudson as a feisty soul singer in Dreamgirls.

The other front-runner, Eddie Murphy of Dreamgirls, lost the Oscar for best supporting actor to Alan Arkin for Little Miss Sunshine.

"For 50 years and more, Elizabeth Windsor has maintained her dignity, her sense of duty and her hairstyle," said Mirren, who has been on a remarkable roll since last fall as she won all major film and television prizes for playing both of Britain's Queen Elizabeths.

The Departed led the evening with four Oscars, also winning for adapted screenplay and editing.

The soft-spoken Whitaker won for an uncharacteristically flamboyant role as the barbarous yet mesmerising Amin. "When I was a kid the only way I saw movies was from



An ecstatic Scorsese after winning his Oscar

the back seat of my family's car at the drive-in movie," Whitaker said. "It wasn't my reality to think I would be acting in movies, so receiving

this honour tonight tells me it's possible."

Hudson won an Oscar for her first movie, playing a powerhouse vocalist who falls on hard times after she is booted from a 1960s girl group. The role came barely two years after she shot to celebrity as an American Idol finalist.

The nonfiction hit An Inconvenient Truth, a chronicle of Al Gore's campaign to warn the world about global warming, was picked as best documentary.

The fairy tale for adults Pan's Labyrinth took three Oscars. The Spanish-language film won for art direction, makeup and cinematography. Directed by Mexican filmmaker Guillermo del Toro, Pan's Labyrinth narrates the story of a girl who concocts an elaborate fantasy world to escape her harsh reality in 1940s fascist Spain.

The foreign-language Oscar, however, went to Germany's The Lives of Others, about a playwright and his actress-girlfriend who come under police surveillance in 1980s East Berlin.

The 79th Annual Academy Awards featured their most ethnically varied lineup ever, with stars and stories that reflect the growing multiculturalism taking root around the globe.

"What a wonderful night. Such diversity in the room," said Ellen DeGeneres, serving as Oscar host for the first time, "in a year when there's been so many negative things said about people's race, religion and sexual orientation."

"And I want to put this out there: If there weren't blacks, Jews and gays, there would be no Oscars," she said, adding: "Or anyone named Oscar, when you think about that."

Kranti honours Farida Parveen

MAINUL HASSAN

Cultural organisation, Kranti awarded Lalon exponent Farida Parveen on their 41st anniversary. Titled Sangskriti Hok Shomaj Bodoler Hatiaar, the programme was held at Sufia Kamal auditorium, National Museum on February 25.

Every year, on their anniversary, Kranti awards a cultural personality. Farida Parveen was born on 1954 in Natore. Though she started her career with Nazrul Geeti, Farida attained popularity in 1973 when she performed the patriotic song Ei Padma ei Meghna and the Lalon song Shatyo bol shupothey chol. Throughout an outstanding carrier she has enchanted music lovers with songs like Tomra bhulei geccho Mallikadir naam, Nindar kanta jodi and several Lalon classics. She had travelled to many countries promoting and upholding our heritage of rich folk music. As an ambassador of Lalon songs she has gained huge appreciation.

The programme was divided in three sessions, starting with a discussion. Eminent poet Mahbubul



Artistes of Kranti perform at the event

PHOTO: STAR

Alam Chowdhury was the chief guest and special guest was folklorist Shamsuzzaman Khan. Convenor of Kranti, Mahbubul Hyder Mohon presided over the programme.

Farida Parvin said, "Whatever my achievements are, have been possible for the songs of Lalon Shah and his philosophy."

During the second session, members of Kranti staged a musical recitation -- Shurer Michhile Muktir Gaan. It was followed by the third and final session featuring two performances by Farida Parvin. She rendered Pakhi kokhon jeno urey jaye and Shomoy gele shadhon hobeyna.

'Matir Moina' closes conference in Kolkata on Ekushey February



Tareque Masud speaks at the conference, Catherine Masud seen next to him

On Ekushey February, Tareque Masud's acclaimed film Matir Moina was shown at a special screening at Nandan in Kolkata, at the closing ceremony of the 6th International Cinema Conference, organised jointly by Nandan and Rupkala Kendro. West Bengal Chief Minister Buddhadeb Bhattacharya was Chief Guest on the occasion, according to a press release. Also present as speakers at the event were Tareque Masud, eminent Indian filmmaker Kumar Sahani, Nandan director Nilanjan Chattopadhyay, Roopkala Kendro director Professor Sanjoy Mukhopadhyay, and Chief Secretary to the West Bengal Government Shri Amit Kiran Deb.

Renowned filmmaker Mrinal Sen was also present on the occasion. In his address, Tareque Masud called for greater cultural links in the region, as a complement to strengthening economic ties.

In addition to Matir Moina, Tareque and Catherine Masud's Ontorjatra and Muktir Gaan were screened during the weeklong event. Tareque and Catherine were invited to the conference to present their films. Eminent theatre personalities Sara Zaker and Aly Zaker were also invited as delegates to present their children's popular TV show for children Sisimpur.

It may be mentioned that Tareque and Catherine Masud also held an interactive session with the students of Roopkala Kendro during the conference. Roopkala Kendro is a West Bengal Government funded institute for film training and production.

'Rang De Basanti' sweeps Filmfare awards

The 52nd Filmfare Awards belonged indisputably to three films, which divided the honours between them: Rang De Basanti, Rakeysh Omprakash Mehra's post-modern take on pre-independence revolutionaries; Omkara, Vishal Bhardwaj's dark and hard-hitting adaptation of Othello and Lage Raho Munnabhai, Raj Kumar Hirani's endearing look at Mahatma Gandhi's values through a reformed gangster's eyes.

While Rang De swept up five of the main awards (best film, best director, best music, best cinematography and best editing) as well as best actor (critics) for Aamir Khan, Omkara's tally was a staggering eight and Lage Raho Munnabhai's five.

The best actor and actress awards went to Hrithik Roshan for Dhoom 2 and Kajol for Fanaa.

Shah Rukh Khan was the MC of the show held at Yashraj Studios in the city and was joined by Karan Johar, Preity Zinta and Juhi Chawla.

While Rakeysh Mehra won the award for best director for the Rang De Basanti, the Critics award for the Best Film was given to Lage Raho Munnabhai.

The Critics award for the best actor was given to Aamir Khan for Rang De Basanti while Kareena Kapoor won the Critics Award for best actress for Omkara.

Abhishek Bachchan won the best supporting actor honour for Kabhi Alvida Na Kehna and his fiancé Aishwarya Rai gave away

the award to him.

The best supporting actress award was given to Konkona Sen Sharma for Omkara. Saif Ali Khan was honoured for his role in Omkara with the best actor in negative role award.

AR Rahman won the best music award for Rang De Basanti. Sunidhi Chauhan won the best playback female award for the song Beedi from Omkara; Shaan and Kailash Kher bagged the award in the male category of the same award.

Jaya Bachchan and Javed Akhtar were honoured with the Lifetime Achievement awards.

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, 10:00 pm, 11:00 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 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.

CHANNEL 1
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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 Shomapi
11:15 Shukhi Poribar
11:40 Desher Gaan
12:05 Maa O Shishur Kotha
12:30 Swapno Shonar Gaon
01:00 Shobar jonno Shikha
01:30 Mati O Manush
02:15 Musical Programme
03:05 Cartoon
03:30 Educational Programme
04:00 Amader Angina
04:30 Band Show
05:05 Moner Kotha
05:30 Onushilon
06:10 Shilpangon
07:00 Quiz Quiz
07:30 Drama Serial: Uzan
08:30 Protidin Bangladesh
08:35 Drama
09:25 Rang Berong
10:30 Probash Mela

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10:30 Aktel Anyodrishti
12:15 Amar Computer
01:30 Shur O Chhobi
02:30 Talk Show
03:15 Drama Serial: O Amar Chokhhu Nai
03:45 Children's Programme
04:20 Musical Programme
05:00 Gram Gonjor Khobor
05:45 Bangla Namer Desh
06:20 Kothamala
08:00 Drama Serial:

Shokal Shondha
08:45 Aj Kaal Porshu
CHANNEL-i
09:30 Shongbad Potrey Bangladesh
09:45 Public Reaction
09:50 Grameen-phone Tritiyomatra
11:05 Cricket Online (Live)
11:30 Amar Chhobi
12:30 Citycell Tarokakothon
01:05 Ebong Cinemar Gaan
01:30 Shangbad Potrey Bangladesh
01:45 Public Reaction
02:40 Selected Drama
04:05 Citycell Medha Bikash
04:35 Amader Gaan
04:50 Sa Re Ga Ma
05:30 Bol Mela Protidin
06:00 Drama Serial: Klanto Shomoy
06:20 Drama Serial: Ochena Adhar
07:50 RC Travel on
08:20 Special Programme
09:35 Drama Serial: Tin Tin
10:00 Shadha Ranger Swapno
12:00 Grameenphone Aiker Shangbadpotro
BANGLAVISION
08:35 Shubho Shokal
09:05 Ebong Classer Barrey
09:30 Music Moment
10:10 Drama Serial:

PICK OF THE DAY

Shonar Phool
On Banglavisión at 8:10pm
Drama Serial
Cast: Tania, Tonima

In Her Shoes
On Star Movies at 7:00pm
Genre: Drama
Cast: Cameron Diaz, Toni Collette

10:40 Krishna Pokho Amar Ami	12:40 Arrangement, The Life Is Not A	11:30 Kahaani Ghar Ghar Kii V Trailers - Star Plus	07:00 The Suite Life Of Zack And Cody
11:10 Public Forum	02:15 Fairytale	12:30 Kayamath	07:30 Prithviraj Chauhan
02:30 Drama: Shunyo	03:45 Harold & Kumar Go To White Castle	01:00 Kasautii Zindagii Kay	08:00 Baa Bahoo Aur Baby
04:20 Desher Pathay	05:15 Matador, The	01:30 Kumkum - Pyara Sa Bandhan	08:30 Karam Apnaa Apnaa
05:00 Protidiner Boimela	07:00 In Her Shoes	02:00 Bhabhi	09:00 Kasautii Zindagii Kay
05:30 Diner Sheshe	09:15 Species Iii	02:30 Kesar	09:30 Kaun Banega Crorepati- Srk
06:30 Talk Show	10:45 Rapid Fire	03:00 Saarthi	10:30 Kahaani Ghar Ghar Kii
08:10 Drama Serial: Shonar Phool		03:30 Kyunki Saas Bhi Kabhi Bahu Thi	11:00 Kyunki Saas Bhi Kabhi Bahu Thi
09:15 Agamir Kontho		04:00 Kayamath	11:30 Kayamath
STAR MOVIES		04:30 Karam Apnaa Apnaa	12:00 Paraya Dhan
08:00 Santa Baby		05:00 Thodi Si Zameen	
09:30 Solo		06:30 Thoda Sa Aasma	STAR WORLD
11:05 Baby Geniuses		06:30 Mickey Mouse And Friends	08:30 Cheers
			09:00 The Simpsons

09:30 The Oprah Winfrey Show	08:30 Honey We're Killing the Kids	10:30 Spanish Football League
10:30 My Wife And Kids	09:30 Bringing Home Baby	12:30 Royal Bank Of Scotland Six Natio
11:00 The King Of Queen	10:00 Amazing Baby Videos	02:30 English Premier Football League
11:30 Grey's Anatomy	10:30 Man Made Marvels Asia	04:30 Tna Archive
12:30 Everybody Loves Raymond	11:30 Dangerman Adventures With Geoff Mackley	05:30 International Motorsport News 20
01:00 Frasier		06:30 Tna Archive
01:30 Commander In Chief		07:30 Sports
02:30 Oprah Winfrey Show		08:00 Hitz
03:30 The Bold And The Beautiful		08:30 Yatra With Harsha
04:00 General Hospital		08:30 Ashes Heroes
05:00 Fashion House		09:00 Remember The Titans
06:00 Arrested Development		09:30 Cricket Crazy
06:30 The Simpsons		10:30 Tna Archive
07:00 Cheers		11:30 Scoop - Phl Special
07:30 Friends		
08:00 Seinfeld		
08:30 Falcon Beach		
09:30 The 2007 Bafta Awards		
11:30 Fashion House		
DISCOVERY CHANNEL		
09:30 Massive Engines with Chris Barrie		
10:00 Everything You Need to know		
10:30 The X Revolution		
11:00 Extreme Machines		
12:30 Honey We're Killing The Kids		
01:30 Tiger Week		
02:30 Detective Stories		
03:30 Future Weapons		
04:30 Wild Europe Special		
05:30 Extreme Engineering		
06:30 Life on the Edge		
07:30 Tiger Week		
08:30 Animals Like Us		
09:30 People & Places		
10:30 Global Sky Shop		
10:55 Bhagyashali Ratna		
11:00 Telemall: Sauna Belt		
11:30 Air Crash Investigations		
12:30 Seconds From Disaster		
01:30 Bioterror Alert		
02:30 Great White Shark		
03:30 People & Places		
04:30 Gharials go Home		
05:00 Nat Geo Genius		
05:30 Big Bang		
06:00 Copperhead Cannibals		
06:30 People & Places		
07:30 Triumph of Life		
08:30 Naked Science		
09:30 Nostradamus Effect		
10:30 Nat Geo Utsav		
11:30 Bloodsuckers		
STAR SPORTS		
08:30 Sports Max 2006/07 (Extreme Spor		
09:30 Engine Block (Magazine)		
10:00 2007 Euromilhoes Dakar		
08:30 Champions Of The World		
10:00 Indian Legends		
11:00 Winter X-Games X - Day		
12:30 Asean Football Championship 200		
04:30 2005 World Juggling Federation		
05:00 Cheerleading World Championships		
06:00 Football Focus With John Dykes		
07:00 Indian Premier Hockey League		
10:00 India'S Best With Sunil Gavaskar		
10:30 Sportscenter India		
11:00 Sportscenter Asia		
11:30 Mtn One Day International Series		