

CULTURAL FEAST

Music Festival

Organisers: Centre for Education, Creative & Performing Arts, UNESCO Dhaka
Venue: Shaheed Zia Auditorium, Bangladesh National Museum

March 5
Classical, semi-classical and instrumental
Time: 6:30pm

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Folk and Lalon
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Film Festival
Organiser: Chalachitram Film Society

March 05
3:00 pm Turtles Can Fly (Iran)
5:00 pm Water (India)
7:00 pm Joy Jatra (Bangladesh)

March 06
3:00 pm Life is Beautiful (Italy)
5:00 pm Nirantor (Bangladesh)
7:00 pm Shan Bahar Rupkotha (India)

March 07
3:00 pm Stop Genocide and Mukti Gaan (Bangladesh)
5:00 pm Incident at Owl Creek Bridge (France)
7:00 pm Ballad of a Soldier (Russia)

March 08
3:00 pm Mr and Mrs Leyer (India)
5:00 pm Shorot 71 & Chaka (Bangladesh)
7:00 pm The Pianist (Poland)

March 09
3:00 pm The Motorcycle Diaries (Brazil)
5:00 pm Swapner Din (India)
7:00 pm Kholaghor (Bangladesh)
Venue: Shawkat Osman Auditorium, Central Public Library, Shahbagh

Art Exhibition

Title: Children Art Exhibition-2007
Venue: Nalini Kanta Bhattachari Exhibition Hall, National Museum
Date: March 3-7
Time: 10:30am- 4:30pm

International Women Art Exhibition

Title: Nirvana
Venue: La Galerie, Alliance Francaise de Decca
Date: March 1-8

Street Theatre Festival 2007

Organiser: Bangladesh Patho Natak Parishad
Venue: Central Shaheed Minar premises
Date: March 1-7
Time: 4:30pm

Samina (L) and Fahmida perform at the event

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Event

A musical end to Kalidas' exhibition

Kalidas Karmakar paints as musicians (in the background) play on

PHOTO: STAR

AHSAN HABIB

BENGAL Gallery of Fine Arts arranged a rather exceptional evening of collaboration between music and painting at Bengal Shilpalaya on March 2. Celebrity artist Kalidas Karmakar drew inspiration from traditional

music in around 60 canvases in a spellbinding one hour-long performance. On the concluding day of Kalidas' 64th solo art exhibition, titled *Alluvial dream and reality*, the programme was followed by a documentary, *Kalidas Karmakar: Portrait of an Alluvial Artist*.

This exceptional experience is

however, not a first for the artist. Kalidas had painted before with the tunes and beats of Ustad Amjad Ali Khan and Ustad Zakir Hossain respectively.

This time he painted over 60 portraits and *naksha* (motifs) with traditional instruments like *dotteda*, *dhol*, *clarinet* and *juri*. The

audience could see the artist at work in front of them and learn about his creative process. "There has always been an exchange between different art forms. Collaboration among them is very important," says Kalidas, explaining the concept behind the presentation. Though the works are not really complete and they may better be called 'lines' that need more touches, as he observes, the primary objective of this presentation is to entertain the audience. Kalidas hopes to exhibit such works in future.

Kalidas was accompanied by Faizur Rahman on *dotteda* and flute, Ganesh Chandramani Das on *dhol*, Dilip Das on *clarinet* and Milon Byapari on *juri*. The spontaneous artworks amazed the audiences as he drew different lines following the diverse tunes.

The performance was followed by the documentary *Kalidas Karmakar: Portrait of an Alluvial Artist* by Moshedul Islam. The film, produced by Bengal Foundation, is on the life and work of the artist. Speaking on the documentary, Moshedul Islam said, "I preferred details and made the film a bit fictional to avoid tedium. It was a great working experience." This is Islam's second documentary.

National Theatre Festival begins tomorrow

ERSHAD KAMOL

The National Theatre Festival, arranged by Bangladesh Group Theatre Federation (BGT) in association with Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy, begins tomorrow. In the 23-day festival, 46 troupes will stage one production each at two venues of the academy- National Theatre Stage and Experimental Theatre Stage. The slogan of the festival is *Kalibei Andhar Nobin Praner Srijon Tane*. Vice President of BGT, Keramat Moulia is the convener, while Probir Sardar is the member secretary of the festival committee. The festival will be inaugurated by Profes-

sor Zillur Rahman Siddiqui. Ferdausi Majumdar will be the special guest of the opening ceremony.

In this connection the Federation arranged a press conference at its office on March 3. Presided over by M Hamid, the chairperson of BGT, Jhuna Chowdhury, Liaquat Ali Lucky, Aktruzzaman, Ahmed Gias and Hafizur Rahman were present at the press conference.

M Hamid pointed out that besides 23 troupes from Dhaka, 20 members of BGT from outside Dhaka are participating at the festival. Moreover, one representative each from Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy University of Dhaka and

Jahangirnagar University will stage shows. To quote him, "We are grateful to Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy for providing its two venues free of cost. Experimental Theatre Stage is already very popular, but through the festivals we believe the National Theatre Stage will become an important venue for the theatregoers."

In future Hamid asserted that the Federation would regularly arrange national theatre festival biennially. "This year we plan to arrange the SAARC Theatre Festival," said Hamid.

Children display artistic skills through posters

CULTURAL CORRESPONDENT

To mark the occasion of International Women's Day 2007, Bangladesh Human Rights Advocacy Programme (BHRAP) under Academy for Educational Development (AED), with the support of USAID, organised a Children Poster Art Competition at the Art Gallery of the Bangladesh Shishu Academy on March 3.

Susan Ward, Chief of Party, AED/BHRAP and Dr Farida Zaman of the Institute of Fine Arts were the special guest and chief guest respectively. The Jury Committee comprised of Professor Qayum Chowdhury, Professor Hashem Khan, Dr Farida Zaman and Samina Nafis.

With the theme Gender Equality, the slogan was 'Equality for Women and Men in Development' the competition hosted at least 200 students from all levels of socio-economic background from 45 institutions. Differently-abled children from Underprivileged Children's Educational Programmes (UCEP), Podokkhep, Manobik Unnayan Kendra, the Deaf and Dumb School, Ain O Salish Kendra and others also participated in the competition. The participants were divided into three age groups.

In her message at the ceremony, special guest Susan Ward said that



Child artists participate at the competition

the primary focus of AED/BHRAP was child rights and their freedom of thought and expression. This competition gave a unique opportunity for children of all ages to express their views on equal rights for women, development of women, and women in different male-oriented professions. As Jasmine Jui, one of the child artists at the competition said, "I am drawing a courtroom scene with a female judge."

Out of each of the groups, three prizes will be given at an award ceremony on March 9 at Hotel Sonargaon. Other than that each of the registered children were given certificates and token gifts of books and poster colours.

Fifteen poster artworks will be selected from each group and a total of 45 posters will be published in an attractive catalogue.

'The Queen' star may have tea with queen

AP, London

Helena Mirren, who won the best actress Oscar for playing Queen Elizabeth II in *The Queen*, may be invited to tea, Buckingham Palace said recently.

The film's director, Stephen Frears, has already suggested that he, Mirren



Helen Mirren at the Oscars

which retells the aftermath of the death of Diana, Princess of Wales, in a car crash 10 years ago.

The Oscar ceremony began at 12:30 am Monday morning in England and was aired only on a pay-TV movie channel - making it difficult for most Britons to see it live.

But news of Mirren's win was inescapable Monday, dominating newspaper front pages and television newscasts.

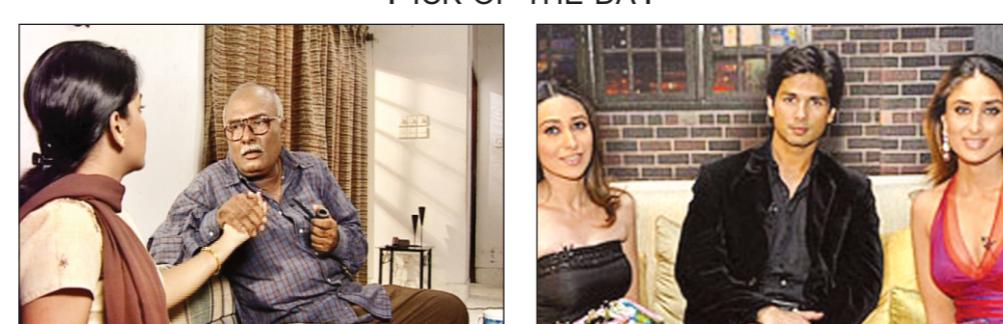
"I'm sure that the queen will be pleased," the palace spokeswoman said.

Mirren, 61, saluted the queen in her acceptance speech for maintaining "her dignity, her sense of duty and her hairstyle" for more than 50 years.

"She's had her feet planted firmly on the ground, her hat on her head, her handbag on her arm and she's weathered many, many storms... If it wasn't for her, I most certainly wouldn't be here. Ladies and gentlemen, I give you the queen," Mirren said to an applauding audience at the Oscars.

TV GUIDE

PICK OF THE DAY



Choitaly Jochhonay Eka Meyeti
On Banglavision at 8:15pm
Drama Serial
Cast: Dipa Khondokar, Amirul Islam Chowdhury

Koffee with Karan
On Star World at 9:30pm
Talk show hosted by Karan Johar
Tonight's guests: Karisma, Kareena and Shahid

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