

CULTURAL FEAST

National Theatre Festival

**Organiser:** Bangladesh Group Theatre Federation  
In association with Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy  
**Time:** 7pm  
**Venue:** National Theatre Stage

- March 5**  
Theatre Art Unit  
Shomoyer Proyojone
- March 6**  
Konthoshilon  
Raja-Rani
- March 7**  
Padatik Natya Sangshad  
(Bangladesh), Jolbalika
- March 8**  
Padatik Natya Sangshad (TSC)  
Mousetrap
- March 9**  
Prachyanat  
Mandar
- March 10**  
Natyachakra  
Cyclewala
- March 11**  
Natyakol  
Dhisor Gatha
- March 12**  
Shobdaboli Group  
Theatre
- Neel Moyurer Joubon

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
- March 6**  
Folk and Lalon  
**Time:** 6:30pm

Film Festival

**Organiser:** Chalachitram Film Society

- March 05**  
3:00 pm Turtles Can Fly (Iran)  
am.12:10 pm. 2:00 pm. 3:00 pm. 4:00 pm.7:00 pm
- March 06**  
3:00 pm Life is Beautiful (Italy)  
5:00 pm Nirantor (Bangladesh)  
7:00 pm Shanji Batir 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 Lyer (India)  
5:00 pm Shorot '71 & Chaka (Bangladesh)  
7:00 pm The Pianist (Poland)

National Theatre Festival '07 begins

Two plays to be staged today

ERSHAD KAMOL

TWO theatre performances-- *Raarang*, an Aranyak Natya Dal production and *Samayer Proyojone*, a Theatre Art Unit production -- will be staged on the opening day of the National Theatre Festival '07. Arranged by Bangladesh Group Theatre Federation in association with Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy, the 23-day theatre festival begins today at the National Theatre Stage and the Experimental Theatre Stage.

Raarang: A saga of oppression on ethnic minorities

*Raarang*, a Santal word meaning battle cry, depicts the strife of the impoverished Santals -- an indigenous community living in the northern part of Bangladesh -- against oppression, such as feudalism, bigotry and so on, imposed by the dominating Bengalis. Through the true story of Alfred Shoren, playwright Mamunur Rashid has portrayed an attempt at a revolution against discrimination. However, the 'battle cry' fails in the face of treachery of the Bengalis.

Faiz Zahir is the set and light designer of the play. *Raarang*, an Aranyak Natya Dal production,



Scenes from (Top) Samayer Proyojone and Raarang

will be staged today at the Experimental Theatre Stage at 7 pm.

Theatre Art Unit stages Samayer Proyojone

Adapted by Mohammed Bari from Zahir Raihan's well-known short story *Samayer Proyojone*, the play is based on a concept that nothing in this world can be achieved by a premeditated mindset. *Samayer Proyojone* takes place at a camp in 1971 where the Freedom Fighters from different corners of the country have taken to arms against the Pakistani military regime and their collaborators. Reading the diary of a missing Freedom Fighter, named Mamun, his comrades try to analyse the logic behind their role in the war. They realise that it is neither leadership nor patriotism, rather the call of the times that have propelled them to fight for the nation.

Directed by Bari, *Samayer Proyojone* will be staged this evening at 7pm at the National Theatre Stage.

A cultural fiesta

Natya Utsab at Jahangir University

EMRAN HOSSAIN, JU

A seven-day-long drama festival, titled *Natya Utsab 2007*, organised by Jahangirnagar Theatre (JT), began on March 3 at the campus. The aim is to voice protest against rampant terrorism and socio-political unrest in the country.

With the slogan *Ekta Mancho Onek Akash*, the festival was inaugurated by renowned poet Mohammad Rafique. A colourful rally was taken out on the campus following the inauguration ceremony.

A total of seven plays will be staged at Mukta Manch (Amphitheatre) at 7pm everyday during the festival till March 9.

*Rater Atithi*, written by Utpal Dutta and directed by Shafiqul Islam Sohel, was staged on March 3 by Theatre Centre. Enthusiastic students and teachers flocked the venue. *Deyal*, scripted by Selim Al Deen and directed by Roland Nathan Mondol, was staged yesterday by the organiser.



Participants at a rally after inauguration of the Natya Utsab

Desh Opera, a prominent *Jatra* troupe, will stage a *jatrapala* titled *Anarkoli*, written by Prasad Krishna

Bhattyacharya and directed by Milon Kanti Day, on March 5. Subachan Natya Sangsad and Prachyanat will

stage respective street plays titled *Normedh*, written by Asadul Islam Asad and directed by Chondon Paul, and *Bishpanchali*, written by Rahul Anand and directed by Kazi Touhidul Islam Imon, on the following day.

Udichi will stage *Bouboshonti*, written by Ratan Siddique and directed by Azad Abul Kalam, on March 7 while Nagarik Natyangon will perform the play titled *Janatar Rangoshala*, written by Bertolt Brecht and directed by Dr Enamul Huque, on March 8.

A reception was accorded yesterday to Professor Selim Al Deen for receiving the Ekushey Padak. Eminent theatre personalities Shimul Yousuff and Jatin Sarker will be accorded a reception for their contribution to theatre and education on March 6 and 8 respectively.

The festival will round off on March 9 with a reunion of the former members of JT.

Zonta Club IV's annual fundraiser  
An evening of music by Habib

CULTURAL CORRESPONDENT

Zonta Club IV organised a concert, featuring popular artiste Habib, at Bashundhara Convention Centre on March 3. The concert was part of Zonta Club IV's annual fundraising event aimed at the betterment of women. Proceeds from the sales of tickets will be used to educate children and provide health care to underprivileged women.

The event began with a few words from the president of the organisation, Salma Masud, who warmly welcomed all and shared how Zonta has been dedicated to the development of the poor, providing education for underprivileged children and health assistance to the needy as well working for gender equality.

A documentary on the different projects run by Zonta Club IV was screened. The four major sectors where Zonta extends their support are technology, medical services, agriculture and information technology development. Some of the successful projects run by Zonta are the Nabokoli Girls' School in Badda where the organisation bears the cost of providing education to the poor; the breast cancer awareness programme where Dr Suraiya



Habib performs at the concert

PHOTO: STAR

Rahman worked along with the organisation to provide free consultation, treatment and medical assistance to the needy, the City Hospital Ltd project to provide free medical treatment for acid victims and the Islamia Eye Hospital project to restore the sight of underprivileged patients.

Habib himself had donated Taka 70,000 to Zonta's charity programmes. He shared with the audience his reaction when he was approached for the concert: "It struck me instantly. I thought

it's one of those good things that we should all do."

The artiste rendered some of his all-time favourites including Shah Abdul Karim's *Kemone bhuilbo ami* and *Maya*. Among other songs performed at the concert were *Din gela*, *Ekhoni nambe brishti* and Habib's claim to fame *Krishno*. An enthusiastic audience cheered on and sang along with their favourite singer-musician.

The event finished off with a sumptuous dinner and a raffle draw.

Star Cineplex's second anniversary and award giving ceremony



(R-L)Mahbubur Rahman, Kabori Sarwar, Mirka Christina Rahman, Rezanur Rahman and Tareque Masud(extreme left) at the celebration

CULTURAL CORRESPONDENT

An award giving ceremony for the best movies, directors and actors was organised by Star Cineplex (SC) at Bashudhara City, Dhaka on March 3. Simultaneously the organ-

isers celebrated the second anniversary of the theatre hall. The event attracted a number of major Bangladeshi movie stars and cultural personalities.

Among the personalities who took part in the programme were

veteran actress Kabori Sarwar, directors Tareque Masud and Catherine Masud, Mirka Christina Rahman, managing director of SC and Mahbubur Rahman, chairman of the SC, Rezanur Rahman, editor of *Anando Alo* and others.

The event was held to recognise excellence in the Bangladeshi film industry and honour artists and movies in various categories. The nomination for the best movies went to *Nirantor*, *Nandito Narokey*, *Ontorjatra*, *Rani Kutbir Baki Itihas*, *Nacholer Rani*, *Hridoyer Kotha* and *Rupkothar Golpo*.

Directors Abu Sayeed, Tareque Masud, Catherine Masud and Diamond received awards for their works. Ferdous, Poppy, Chanchal Chowdhury and Sumona Shoma won award for the best actors. Channel i and *Anando Alo* won the awards in the visual media and print media category respectively.

The star-studded event ended with the screening of the clippings of some blockbuster Hollywood movies.

Solo musical evening at National Museum

Cultural organisation Surodhuni held a solo musical soiree featuring Monir Chowdhury at National Museum auditorium recently, says a press release.

In the two-and-half-hour-long programme, Monir Chowdhury performed 30 songs of yesteryears -- including those of popular artistes such as Sachin Dev Burman, Satinath Mukhopadhyay, Shyamal Mitra, Manabendra Mukhopadhyay, Manna De, Subir Nandi, Saiful Islam and others. He entertained the listeners with his skilled vocals and impressive style.

Presided over by music exponent AKM Hasan Jamal, the programme was attended by Professor Syed Azizul Haque as the chief guest. Dr Khaleda Begum, general secretary of Surodhuni; Professor Mozaffar Hossain, columnist, writer and advisor of Surodhuni also delivered speeches.



Monir Chowdhury performs at the programme

TV GUIDE

PICK OF THE DAY



Kath Koylar Chhobi

On ATN Bangla at 8:00pm

Drama Serial

Cast: Tauquir Ahmed, Bipasha Hayat



Frasier

On Star World at 10:00pm

TV Series

Cast: Kelsey Grammer, John Mahoney

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- 09:30 Raat Biraatey  
10:10 Article 39  
11:10 Drama Serial: Sukher Kanta  
11:40 Cinebeat Shada Kalo  
12:30 Drama Serial: Choitali Jochhonay Meyeti  
03:05 Apnar Agami  
04:15 Drama Serial: Swapno Chura  
05:00 Drama Serial: Guest

STAR PLUS

- 05:40 Diner Sheshey  
06:30 Amader Rannaghar  
08:15 Desher Pathy  
08:55 Drama: Uchcharon  
09:30 Kumkum - Pyara Sa Bandhan  
10:00 V Trailers - Star Plus  
11:00 Shaka Laka Boom Boom  
11:30 Kahaani Ghar Ghar Kii  
12:00 V Trailers - Star Plus  
12:30 Kayamath

STAR MOVIES

- 01:00 Kasautii Zindagii Kay  
01:30 Kumkum - Pyara Sa Bandhan  
02:00 Bhabhi  
02:30 Kesar  
03:00 Saarrthi  
04:00 Kayamath  
05:00 Aek Chhabhi Hai  
06:30 Padoss Mein  
07:00 Mickey Mouse And Friends  
07:30 The Legend Of Trazan  
08:00 Prithviraj Chauhan  
08:30 Baa Bahoo Aur Baby Karam Apnaa Apnaa

STAR WORLD

- 09:00 Kasautii Zindagii Kay  
09:30 Kaun Banega Crorepati- Srk  
10:30 Kahaani Ghar Ghar Kii  
11:00 Kyunki Saas Bhi Kabhi Bahu Thi  
11:30 Kayamath  
12:00 Paraya Dhan  
12:30 Murder On Pleasant Drive  
03:05 Mr. And Mrs. Smith  
11:45 Mad Love  
01:30 The Ticket  
03:05 Guess Who?

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STAR WORLD

- 09:30 The Oprah Winfrey Show  
10:30 The Apprentice  
11:30 Crumbs  
12:00 8 Simple Rules  
12:30 Koffee With Karan  
01:30 Angela's Eyes  
02:30 Oprah Winfrey Show  
03:30 The Bold And The Beautiful  
04:00 General Hospital  
05:00 Fashion House  
06:00 Less Than Perfect

NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC

- 09:30 Evil Spirits  
10:30 Global Sky Shop  
11:00 Telemall  
11:30 Witchcraft  
12:30 Voodoo  
01:30 Science Safari  
02:30 Monkey Business  
03:00 Wrinkled Lipped Bats  
03:30 Evil Spirits  
04:30 Nat Geo Junior  
05:30 Big Bang  
06:00 Snake Savior  
06:30 Evil Spirits  
07:30 Animals Like Us  
08:30 Air Crash Investigations  
09:30 Seconds From Disaster  
11:00 Storm Stories  
11:30 Rated

ESPN

- 09:30 Final Score  
10:00 Nba Basketball  
12:30 English Premier Football League  
02:30 Indian Premier Hockey League  
04:30 Winter X-Games X - Day 4  
06:00 English Premier League Highlight  
07:00 Indian Premier Hockey League  
07:30 Sportscenter India  
08:00 Champions Of The World

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News Bulletin

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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, 12:15am.  
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