

CULTURAL FEAST

National Theatre Festival

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

March 7
Padatik Natya Sangshad (Bangladesh), Jolbalika

March 8
Padatik Natya Sangshad (TSC) Moustrap

March 9
Prachyanat Mandar

March 10
Natyachakra Cyclewala

March 11
Natyalok Dhior Gatha

March 12
Shobdaboli Group Theatre

Neel Moyurer Joubon
Venue: Experimental Theatre Hall

March 7
Bohrupuri Natya Shongstha Ekhono Mirzafar

March 8
Chottola Theatre Mahabidya

March 9
Onushilon Natyadol Chena Gayer Kechchha

March 10
Tirjok Natyagosthi Shottandho

March 11
Dhaka University The Dwarfs

March 12
Loko Natyadol Shiddhidata

The schedule is subject to change

Painting Exhibition

Artist: Qayum Chowdhury
Title: Recent Past
Organiser: Bengal Gallery of Fine Arts
Venue: March 9-24

Film Festival

Organiser: Chalachitram Film Society

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)

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; 9:00 am, 2:00 pm; 7:00 pm; 9:00 pm; 10:30 pm; 12:15 am.

ATN BANGLA
News (Bangla) at 7:00 am; 10:00 am; 2:00 pm; 7:00 pm; 10:00 pm; 11pm. News (English) 8:20 am; 7:00 pm; Latest News (Bangla) at 9:00 am; 10:00 am; 11:00 am; 1:00 pm; 3:00 pm; 4:00 pm; 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
News (Bangla) at 8:00 am; 12:00 pm; 2:30 pm; 6:30 pm; 7:30 pm; 10:00 pm; 12:30 pm.

BANGLAVISION
News (Bangla) at 8:00 am; 2:00 pm; 6:00 pm; 7:15 pm; 10:30 pm. News Headlines (Bangla) at 9:00 pm. News Headlines (English) at 9:05 pm.

RTV
News (Bangla) at 7:00 am; 3:00 pm; 7:15 pm; 10:00 pm. News Headlines (Bangla) at 10:30 am.

Music Festival at National Museum

Classical, semi-classical and instrumental music on the first day

KHALID-BIN-HABIB

THE Centre for Education, Creative and Performing Arts (CECPA) organised a two-day music festival in association with UNESCO Dhaka. It was a convergence of classical, semi-classical vocal and instrumental music at the National Museum auditorium in the city on March 5.

In his welcoming speech Azad Rahman, eminent music director and president of CECPA, said, "Music has the power to inspire compassion and foster understanding between cultures while strengthening the bonds that form our communities. Music can be a tool in the effort to achieve global peace. As we invited several cultural personalities from abroad, the music festival intends to promote peace and cultural understanding."

In his speech, Malama Meleisea, representative of UNESCO Bangladesh said, "UNESCO's primary role is to work for providing education for all; understanding natural, social and human sciences; promoting and upholding local cultures through access to communication and information; preserving heritage, promoting diversity and attempts to bridge communities and nations. UNESCO will continue its support to preserve and develop cultural heritage such as music, art and theatre of Bangladesh. We encourage popularising the classical music form as well. The music festival offers a veritable bonanza for music lovers."

The singers of the event presented a series of beautiful compositions in Bangla, covering ragas



Dr Ashit Roy (L) performs at the music festival

in dhrupad, khayal, ghazal and thumri.

At the event, Dr Ashit Roy began with a dhrupad in slow tempo in raag Maikash ending with tarana in a faster tempo. Skillfully and intricately he mesmerised all with his enchanting voice. Next Shamma Parveen took the stage and performed a Bangla thumri in raag Tilong. Dr Harun-ur-Rashid rendered a romantic semi-classical Bangla ghazal titled Shobai boley ami

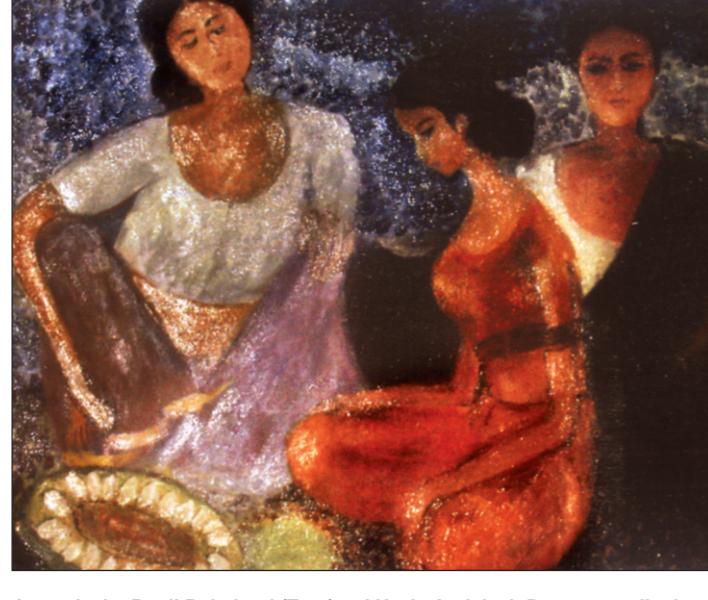
naki tomar preme pagol. Ustad Yasin Khan displayed an excellent command over the raag

The second part of the event concluded with an instrumental presentation in sarod by Ustad Shahdat Hossain Khan, Afsana Khan and Rukhsana Khan.

Today at the festival artistes will perform folk songs of different genres, including Lalon.

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Celebrating women's zeal



Artworks by Ranji Rajadurai (Top) and Nazia Andaleeb Preema on display

FAYZA HAQ

To celebrate International Women's Day, 'Nirvana', an exhibition of women artists from world over, is being held at Alliance Francaise. The chief guests at the inaugural ceremony were the high commissioner of Canada, Barbara Richardson and ambassador of Turkey Ferit Ergin. Selina Hossian, the eminent writer, was the special guest.

Gulshan Hussain has taken light as a symbol for women and painted hurricanes. "I want to explain that women's lives are full of struggle but that somehow they fight through life," she says. She normally does semi abstracts and is just back from an international art symposium in Dubai. Ifat Ara Dewan brought in her still life. "The way I paint my flowers carry a message. The one in the left is about last summer or about missing a friend. The flowers symbolise beauty."

Ivy Zaman in her sculpture piece Dream has brought it in a face. "While in my sleep I see a head like a part of a house, with windows and doors. Thus in this work we see a portrait in many different ways. The other one is Moonlit night, in which I show my surroundings in simplified forms. The sculpture pieces are done from sheets of steel that have been welded together," Nahid Niazi says, "I deal with broken wooden images. The paintings are in oil on wood, one in green and the other in red. I used canvas before but now I paint directly on wood. My subject is our heritage."

Ferdousi Priyobhashini has been dealing with windows too for a long time. "These bring in memories. I have brought in old rotten wood, rejected iron bars, steel rings. Windows, doors and the backdrop of trees have all been put together in a collage formation. Wood dust and tea leaves have been used too. It has taken me a year to work out the concept," says Ferdousi. Laila Sharmin has brought in delicate compositions with boats, paddy fields, fish, duck, paddy fields, grass and words from the poems of Jibanananda Das. She wants a peaceful world, away from the grind of industrialism and mechanism.

Denise Hudon from Canada has made images from handmade paper that has been printed over by traditional Bangladeshi block print. One is called autumn and brings in the fallen leaves. She has now been in Bangladesh for 18 months. "I've tried to use the materials and

colours that I find around me," says Denise. Nazia Andaleeb, who has organised the show, has included two of her pieces. "In my series Staring women I want to say that women can only look on and have no say in important matters," says Andaleeb.

Atiya Islam Anne has depicted the political upheaval of the country. Everything is in a state of distrust and confusion as shown by the snakes and ladder depiction of people being manipulated or stranded.

Apart from the Bangladeshi artists there were like Jiska Hartog (Netherlands), Rose Boucher (USA), Kate Faulds (Australia), Sanae Watanabe (Japan), Gul Basara (Turkey) and Vera Stanarcevic (Serbia).



TV GUIDE

PICK OF THE DAY



Aloy Bhobon Bhora
On Channel i at 7:50pm
Talk Show
Tonight's Guest: Jochhona Biswas



Uddhar
On ATN Bangla at 8:00pm
Drama Serial
Cast: Shams Shumon, Mousumi Biswas

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

BTV

11:15 Doctor Jokhon
Durey
Koisor
Maa O Shishur Kotha
Swapno Shonar Gaon

01:00 Shukhi Poribar
Selected Programme

02:15 Sisimpur
Khelti Kelle

Computer
Cartoon

03:30 Cricket Shekha

04:30 Shopni Agami

05:05 Smritimoy Dhaka

05:30 Oi Notuner Keton Urey

06:40 Shondu Maloti

07:00 Mati O Manush

07:20 Geet Gunjor

08:35 Protidin Bangladeshi

08:45 Musical Programme

09:05 Drama Serial:
Obhiman

09:30 Musical Programme

05:45 Islamic Programme

06:20 Char Deyaler Kabyo

08:00 Drama Serial: Nayan Tara

08:40 Drama Serial:
Bohemian

09:20 Drama: Udhbar

09:30 Shongbad Potrey

09:45 Public Reaction

09:50 Tritiyomatra

11:05 Sports Time

12:30 Citycell Tarokathan

12:45 Ebong Cinemar Gaan

01:05 Shangbadhafotrey

01:30 Shangbadhafotrey

01:45 Public Reaction

01:50 Tritiyomatra

02:00 Sports Time

02:10 Citycell Tarokathan

02:20 Citycell Medha Bikash

02:30 Amader Gaan

02:40 Sa Re Ga Ma

02:50 Chhaya Jhankar

03:00 Music Club

06:20 Drama Serial:
Shompon

06:30 Upapaddo

06:40 Upapaddo

06:50 Hello Minister

07:00 Drama Serial:
Koyla Chobi

10:00 Talk show: Aktel

10:00 Drama Serial: Jog
Onyodristi

12:00 Grameenphone Ajker
Shangbadpotro

12:15 Cinema Cinema

09:00 Concert

08:40 Shuprobhat

09:30 Shubho Shokal

03:10 Drama Serial:
Bhalobashor Rang

03:45 Children's
Programme: Shapla
Slakul

04:20 Islamic Program

05:00 Granjor Khobor

05:10 Nijke Jano

04:00 Rupantor Golpo

04:30 Fusion Bits

05:15 Expression

06:00 Saaj Bela

06:30 Top News

06:45 Mukir Judho

07:00 Baker Pathay

08:15 Drama: Ghughur
Basha

09:00 Concert

08:40 Shuprobhat

09:30 Bangla Feature Film