

CULTURAL FEAST

National Theatre Festival

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

March 14
Natyajon
Onyo Gajir Onyo Kissa

March 15
Jahangirnagar University
Gazi Miar Bostani

March 16
Subochon Natya Sangshad
Rupoboti

March 17
Desh Natak
Jonome Jonmantor

March 18
Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy
Eksho Bosta Chal

March 19
Podokhep
Kalapani

March 20
Cox's Bazar Theatre
Neel Shomudrer Jhor
Venue: Experimental Theatre Hall

March 14
Ananya 79 Natyadol
Rajkobi

March 15
Govindagonj Theatre
Shondor Alir Pala

March 16
Theatre (Tophkana)
Shonar Boron Koinya

March 17
Theatre (Arambag)
Bolid

March 18
Dhaka Podatik
Joidas

March 19
Rangpur Natyakendra
Mukto dhara

March 20
Faridpur Theatre
Matial

The schedule is subject to change

Painting Exhibition

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

Group Exhibition

Organiser: SHAKO
Venue: La Galerie, Alliance Francaise de Dacca
Date: March 9-14

Solo Painting Exhibition

Artist: Zinat Sattar
Title: Secrets of Nature
Organiser: Art & Soul Gallery
Venue: Art & Soul Gallery
Date: March 9-18

Baha Festival

Date: March 13-15
Venue: Sundorpur, Kakonhat, Godagari, Rajshahi

Photography Exhibition

Title: Justice for Nurjahan
Photographer: Shahidul Alam
Venue: Drik Gallery, House 58, Road 15A, Dhanmondi
Date: Mach 12-22
Time: 3:00pm-8pm

Art exhibition

Zinat Sattar's works rooted in nature



KAVITA CHARANJI

Nature in all its infinite glory is a perennial source of inspiration to artist Zinat Sattar. In her fourth solo

painting exhibition, titled 'Secrets of Nature', at Art & Soul Gallery many of her 34 works are replete with elements from nature—the depths of the blue sea and flowers, foliage,

butterflies and birds in dazzling hues. One arresting semi-abstract painting in mixed media, titled *My Childhood* is awash with vibrant colours—orange, green, blue, white, yellow and red. The work catches the eye with its delineation of kites, paper boats and paper birds. "I particularly go for blue because it is a mild and sophisticated colour," says the unassuming Zinat, pointing out, "I love and enjoy being in the midst of nature."

Another of her imaginative pieces is *Seashore*, also in mixed media. Green, brown, white and red go into this eye catching work. The painting is embellished with stones and shells which she picked up in Cox's Bazar. Some of Zinat's works have a distinctive technique—in several pieces she has poured oils or water colour on to the canvas to make it flow over the canvases.

The wonder of Zinat's talent is that she has no formal education or degree in art. Though she has studied with artists such as Hassan Mahmud, Iftekaruddin, Samarjit Roy and Kanak Chanpa, she is largely self taught. This could be a handicap. In Zinat's words, "Critics say I am not a real artiste and therefore do not take me seriously."

Nevertheless, Zinat continues to pour her emotions of joy and happiness on to the canvases. "The images of childhood, nature, lost songs have found their way into my creations," she says. There is also another side to the artist—she is a



Artworks by Zinat Sattar

great lover of flowers and greenery. In 1987 she won an award for her rose plants from the Sylhet district authorities.

The current exhibition, which concludes on March 18, has had a positive response. According to the gallery personnel, 50 per cent of the paintings on display have already been sold and the rest should find a market in the near future.

Among her forthcoming projects is a solo exhibition in the US this year. Her passion for painting will most certainly take her places.

Chhayanat celebrates birth anniversary of Wahidul Haq

CULTURAL CORRESPONDENT

Chhayanat will hold daylong special programmes on March 16 and 17 to mark the 74th birth anniversary of late Wahidul Haq.

One of the founding members of Chhayanat, Wahidul Haq passed away on January 27.

The first day will feature Lalon, Bhawaiya and Radharomon songs as well as other folk genres. Artists from Mymensingh, Sherpur, Sylhet, Rangpur, Jaipurhat and other parts of the country will perform in the programme. Later that evening, artist Rafiqun Nabi will inaugurate a children's art exhibition. The presentation will highlight paintings by students of *Nalonda*, an art school founded by Wahidul Haq. The exhibition will continue till March 20.

On March 17, a children's handwriting competition will be held at 10:00am. All the events will be held at Chhayanat Sangskritik Bhaban, Dhanmondi.



National Theatre Festival '07 'Neel Mayurer Jouban' : Recording historical struggle

The Bengalis' struggle for the right of language and freedom against the ruling Pakistanis is widely known. For that matter one is also well versed with the heroism of ancestors against the British and Mughal invaders. However, going back in time, few are acquainted with language and freedom movements during the 8th-12th century.

Neel Mayurer Jouban, a Shabdbaboli, Barisal production features the historical struggle of the Tantric Buddhist mendicants to expound their religious doctrine to the lay populace. The verses are compiled in the *Charyapada*, an antique palm-leaf manuscript featuring 8th-12th century Buddhist poems from eastern India. The *Charyapada* language is referred to as *Alo-Andhari* (light and shadow), which provides early examples of Assamese, Oriya and Bengali languages. However, to write the verses in their own language these poets had to struggle against the ruling Brahmin class, who wanted to continue with Sanskrit as the only language.

Shunanda Bashar has dramatised Selina's novel with the same title *Neel Mayurer Jouban*. In the play, the manuscript of *Charyapada*-- having 47 verses, written by 23 poets-- has been



Actors of Shabdbaboli perform in *Neel Mayurer Jouban*

PHOTO: STAR

featured as the glorious resistance of the poets to write in their own language against the rulers who also compelled them to write in Sanskrit.

Director Syed Dulal's presentation style of the *Neel Mayurer Jouban* is interesting. He has successfully created the ambience of the play set against the backdrop of about 1,000 years ago. Animesh Saha Litu's three-layer artistic set has been aptly used by the directorial compositions, where

actors make movements in stances. Jasimuddin's light design is also simple and effective.

Most of the actors of the troupe are young and energetic.

Shabdbaboli staged the play at the National Theatre Stage on March 12 as part of the ongoing National Theatre Festival arranged by Bangladesh Group Theatre Federation in association with Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy.

'Shiddhidata' staged



A scene from *Shiddhidata* staged by Loko Nattyadal

Loko Nattyadal staged *Shiddhidata* at the Experimental Theatre Stage on the same evening. Mohit Chattapadhyaya's play carries the message that one can only overcome crises by abiding by religious doctrines.

The story of the play is centred around a pseudo *sanyasi* and his disciple who struggle to eke out a living. Once the duo finds a dilapidated Ganesha temple in a forest. Ganesha tells them that if they can repair the temple, he will grant them a wish and thus solve all their problems. The *sanyasi* agrees to fulfil Ganesha's wish. Taking on a pious way of life, the duo live happily thereafter.

Directed by Liaquat Ali Lucky, Ali Ahmed Mukul is the set designer and Thandu Raihan is the light designer of the play. Background music is composed by Yasmin Ali.

By Ershad Kamol

Adoor to churn out two films from Thakazhi's stories

PTI

Noted Malayalam film director Adoor Gopalakrishnan has decided to make two feature films based on short stories written by Jnanpith award-winning writer Thakazhi Sivasankara Pillai.

The two films, *Moonnu Pennungal* (Three Women) and *Kallante Makan* (Thief's Son) are based on six short stories by Pillai.

The idea of shooting the two films at the same time struck him after he wrote screenplays based on six short stories of Thakazhi for Doordarshan, Gopalakrishnan said. "All the stories were dear to me and I could not abandon any of



the scripts. Then I thought of making two films out of the stories," he said.

Three of the stories had a common thread as they dealt with different shades of women. The

other three were woven into a script as they dealt with the theme of how society provided justice to the average citizen.

The new venture, being co-produced by Doordarshan, is Adoor's third attempt at translating literary works into screen language, after *Mathilukal* (Walls-1989) based on a novel by Vaikom Mohammed Basheer and *Vidheyan* (The Servile-1993), screen adaptation of a Paul Zachariah story.

The Dadasaheb Phalke award-winning director said the film would be a tribute of a film-maker to a great writer. The stories, though written around 50 years back, had contemporary relevance, he said.

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, 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, 12:15am.

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.

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

BTV

11:15 *Doctor Jokhon Durey*
12:05 *Koishor*
12:05 *Maa O Shishur Kotha*
12:30 *Swapno Shonar Gaon*
01:00 *Shukhi Poribar*
01:30 *Selected Programme*
02:15 *Sisimpur*
03:05 *Cartoon*
03:30 *Cricket Shekha*
04:30 *Shopnil Agami*
05:05 *Dance Programme*
05:30 *Oi Notuner Keton Urey*
06:40 *Shondha Maloti*
07:15 *ICC World Cup 2007: Kenya Vs Canada*
08:30 *ATN Bangla*
08:30 *Ashley Pasher Manush*
09:20 *ATN Commentary BOX*
10:30 *Talk show: Aktel Onyodristi*
11:05 *Talk show: Meet the press*
12:15 *Cinema Cinema*
01:30 *Gane Shure Taruney*
02:30 *Notun Chhobir Gaan*
03:10 *Bhalobashar Rang*
03:45 *Children's Programme: Shapla Shaluk*
04:20 *Cookery Show*
05:00 *Gram Gonjer Khobor*
05:10 *Nijeke Jano*
05:45 *Shapholyo Ano*
06:20 *Char Deyaler Kabyo*
08:00 *Drama Serial: Nayan*

08:40 *Tara*
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09:20 *Drama: Udhur*
09:30 *Shongbad Potrey Bangladesh*
09:45 *Public Reaction*
09:50 *Tritiyomatra*
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04:15 *Agamir Kontho*

PICK OF THE DAY



Aloye Bhubon Bhora

On Channel i at 9:35pm

Talk Show hosted by Aly Zaker

Tonight's Guest: Professor Serajul Islam



Rupantor

On Banglavisian at 9:30pm

Drama Serial

Cast: Golam Farida Chhonda, Mahmudur Rahman

09:30 *The Oprah Winfrey Show*
10:30 *Commander In Chief*
11:30 *Falcon Beach*
12:30 *The O.C.*
01:30 *Koffee With Karan*
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*
06:30 *The Simpsons*
07:00 *Cheers*
07:30 *Friends*
08:00 *Seinfeld*
08:30 *American Idol*
10:30 *Heroes*
11:30 *Fashion House*

AXN

09:30 *Pensacola*
10:30 *Numbers*
12:00 *Maximum Exposure*
01:00 *Puinness World Records: Primetime*
02:00 *Pouse*
04:00 *Paximum Exposure*
05:00 *Pitmate Guinness World Records*
06:30 *Pamazon*
07:30 *Pumbers*
08:30 *Paximum Exposure*
10:00 *Pitmate Guinness World Records*
11:30 *Pupematural*
12:30 *Ultimate Guinness World Records*

DISCOVERY CHANNEL

09:30 *Honey We're Killing The Kids*

10:30 *Bringing Home Baby*
11:00 *Amazing Baby Videos*
11:30 *Life On The Edge*
12:30 *Body Basics*
01:30 *Wild Discovery*
02:30 *Detective Stories*
03:30 *Everything You Need To Know*
04:00 *Million 2 One*
05:30 *Journey of Life*
06:30 *Dangerman Adventures With Geoff Mackley*
07:30 *Wild Discovery*
08:30 *I Should be Alive*
09:30 *African Adventures*
10:00 *Stuntdaws*
10:30 *Building The Biggest*

NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC

09:00 *Heroes of High Frontier*
10:00 *Global Sky Shop*
10:15 *Bhagayashali Ratna*
11:00 *Telemail*
11:30 *Naked Science*
12:30 *Is It Real ?*
01:30 *One Way Ticket*
02:30 *Sharks, Snakes & Stuff*
03:00 *Wild Safari*
03:30 *Heroes of High Frontier*
04:30 *Lizard Kings*
05:00 *Nat Geo Genius*
05:30 *Big Bang*
06:00 *Serpents Of The Sea*
06:30 *Heroes of High Frontier*
07:30 *White Shark*
08:30 *Hollywood Science*
09:30 *Hong Kong's Big Bet*
10:30 *Realm of Great White Bear*
11:30 *Hunter Hunted S2*

STAR SPORTS

09:30 *Cricket Crazy*
10:30 *Fa Cup 2006/07*

12:30 *2007 Fia World Touring Cars Cham*
02:30 *Fa Cup 2006/07*
05:30 *Max Power 2007*
06:30 *Tna Impact*
07:30 *Gillette World Sport 2007*
08:30 *Sports Yatra With Harsha*
09:00 *Shaz & Waz Caribbean Special*
09:30 *Ashes 2005 (Cricket)*
10:00 *Full Toss? Haste Rehna Boss*
10:30 *Tna Impact*
11:30 *The Ubs Golf Club*
12:00 *Asian Tour Weekly 2007*

ESPN

09:00 *Taking Guard - West Indies Speci*
09:30 *2006/07 Spanish League Highlight*
10:30 *Champions Of The World*
11:00 *Bangladesh Tour Of Zimbabwe*
12:30 *Castle Test Series*
02:30 *Atlantic Coast Conference Basketball*
04:00 *Champions Of The World*
04:30 *Fa Cup Highlights*
05:30 *Toyota Football Up Close*
06:00 *Taking Guard - West Indies Speci*
06:30 *Winter X Games Nine All Access*
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