

CULTURAL FEAST

Independence Day Celebration

Organiser: Liberation War Museum

Venue: Liberation War Museum

March 24 5:00pm

Dr. Mohammed Farashuddin on Education: Expectations and Achievements from Liberation War

Readings from collected witness accounts of Liberation War

Performance by students

Recitation by Shrot Abriti Sangsad

March 25 6:30pm

Solo recitation: Asaduzzaman Noor, Bhaswar Banerjee, Jhoma Sarkar, Shahidul Islam

Musical soiree by Rabindra Sangeet

Shilpi Shangstha

March 26 9:30am

Performance by children

March 27 7:00pm

Jatrapala: Borgi Elo Deshe by Desh Opera

March 28 7:00pm

Street theatre

Art Camp

Venue: National Museum premises

Date: March 26

Time: 3:00pm

National Theatre Festival

Organiser: Bangladesh Group

Theatre Federation in association with Bangladesh Shilpkala Academy

Time: 7pm

At National Theatre Stage

March 24

Nagorik Natyangan Ensemble: Khanchar

Bhitor Achin Pakhi

March 25

Shwattik Natya

Shomprodai

Muchiram gur

March 26

Oikik Theatre

Thikana

March 27

Natyokendra

Projapoti

The schedule is subject to change

Independence Day celebration begins at Liberation War Museum



Sanghamitra Desai (L) and Julian Francis speak at the programme



PHOTO: STAR

AHSAN HABIB

A weeklong celebration of Independence Day started from last Thursday at the Liberation War Museum. Incidentally, the museum has turned 11. The celebration features lectures, discussions, art camp, cultural shows and a book fair.

On behalf of the trustees, Dr Sarwar Ali read out the annual report of the museum at the inaugural programme.

Julian Francis, Oxfam's special representative in Kolkata in 1971

and Dr Sanghamitra Desai -- the then a medical student who volunteered at the refugee camps -- delivered lectures as part of the special anniversary arrangement. In his lecture titled *Remembering 1971 and How Bangladesh was Born*, Francis shared experiences of working with and for the people of Bangladesh who lived in very difficult conditions in the Indian refugee camps during the war.

In her lecture -- *1971 Everlasting Memory* -- Sanghamitra discussed her, along with her friends' efforts as volunteers at the refugee

camps. She hoped that memories of the war would guide the course of our national life and the Liberation War Museum would work as a tool to ensure justice and build an egalitarian society.

A book fair, displaying publications on the war, was also inaugurated at the auditorium of the museum. The fair is open till March 28.

Cultural organisation Nrityanandan performed dance, directed by Sharmin Bandyopadhyay. Young artistes through their group performance

gave physical expressions to the songs -- *Aguner poroshmoni chhonwao praney, Ami Banglar gaan gai, Hai rey amar mommatano desh, Oi ujolo din dakey* and *Bangladesh swadhinota lokhho praner dan*.

Shaeen Samad's solo rendition of songs wrapped up the day's programme. The seasoned artiste presented songs of various genres.

Tari desher shobuj dhanner shishey, Manush manusher jonyo, Nodir kuul nai kinar nai were among some of the songs she performed at the programme.

Nupur Dance Festival '07 to be organised by Shadhma

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Shadhma -- a centre for advancement of South Asian music and dance -- in association with UNESCO, Dhaka is organising a three-day dance festival at National Theatre Stage, Bangladesh Shilpkala Academy. The event will start from March 28.

Titled 'Nupur Dance Festival-2007' the event will feature the diverse genres of dance performed in the country.

To announce the upcoming festival a press conference was held at the VIP lounge, National Press Club on March 22. Alim-ur-Rahman Khan, chairperson, Shadhma; Lubna Mariam, general secretary, Shadhma; Kazi Shahriar, general manager, sales and marketing, GMG Airlines; Shamim Ahsan Khan representative, UNESCO, Dhaka and dance artistes Shamim Ara Nipa and Samina Hossain Prema were present at the conference.

UNESCO has been supporting cultural events in Bangladesh as part of its initiatives to promote and uphold the local intangible cultural heritage. Malama Meleisa, director and country representative of UNESCO, Bangladesh, will be present at the inauguration ceremony on March 28.

The opening day will feature Tagore's *Bhanushlinger Padabali* by 'Bhabna'. The presentation will be choreographed by Samina Hossain Prema; Azizur Rahman Tuhi is the music director. Laisa Ahmed Lisa will render the songs.

The second day will feature a Manipuri dance performance by students of Chayanat Nrityananchal will stage Kazi Nazrul Islam's *Babdol Borishone* on the third day. The recital will be choreographed by Shibli Muhammad and Shamim Ara Nipa; Khayrul Anam Shakil is the music director.

Chameenphone and GMG Airlines are the sponsors of the event.



Samina Hossain Prema in Bhanushlinger Padabali

\$250 Warhol Marilyn to fetch \$15 million

Gentlemen really do prefer blondes. As investments go, forget bricks and mortar or hedge funds. Marilyn Monroe is a much better banker.

A silk-screen painting by Andy Warhol, bought for US \$250 in November 1962 -- three months after Monroe's death -- is to be sold at Christie's in May with a guide price "in excess of US \$15 million (60,000 times its original price).

Warhol produced 13 almost identical portraits of the Hollywood icon -- each with a different coloured background -- for his first one-man show.

'Lemon Marilyn' was bought for what now seems a bargain price by an anonymous American who has kept it for 45 years. It will be auctioned in New York on May 16.

Source: Telegraph.co.uk



A scene from Manotong Kathon

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, 9:00 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.

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.

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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.

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09:35 Hridoye Mati O Manush

10:00 Annyodishiti

11:05 Swapner

Muthophone

12:15 Shurer Madhuri

12:45 Shatdin

01:30 Nari

03:45 Tele Film

05:00 Gramgonjer Khobor

06:20 Gondhoraj

Samsung Cine Aha

08:00 Mega Serial: The New Sabuj Opera

08:40 Drama Serial: Laal

Neel Beguni

09:20 Mega Serial: Ek Jonomey

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