

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 Shilpakala Academy
Time: 7pm

At National Theatre Stage
March 24
Nagorik Natyangan Ensemble: Khanchar
Bhitor Achin Pakhi
March 25
Shwattik Natya Shomprodye
Kusum Kabyo
March 26
Udichi
Chilekotha Sepoy
March 27
Shanlap Group Theatre
Debotar Grash

Experimental Theatre Hall
March 24
Theatre (Baily Road)
Mukti
March 25
Kothok Natyo
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

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



PHOTO: STAR

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 Nriyandandan performed dance, directed by Sharmila Bandyopadhyay. Young artists through their group performance

gave physical expressions to the songs -- *Aguner poroshmoni chhonwao praney*, *Ami Banglar gaan gai*, *Hai rey amar monmatano desh*, *Oi ujolo din dakey* and *Bangladesher swadhinota lokkho praner dan*.
Shaheen Samad's solo rendition of songs wrapped up the day's programme. The seasoned artiste presented songs of various genres. *Tarai desher shobuj dhaner 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 Shadhona

CULTURAL CORRESPONDENT

Shadhona -- 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 Shilpakala 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, Shadhona; Lubna Mariam, general secretary, Shadhona; 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.



Samina Hossain Prema in *Bhanushingher Padabali*

UNESCO has been supporting cultural events in Bangladesh as part of its initiatives to promote and uphold the local intangible cultural heritage.
Malama Meleisea, director and country representative of UNESCO, Bangladesh, will be present at the inauguration ceremony on March 28.
The opening day will feature Tagore's *Bhanushingher Padabali* by 'Bhabna'. The presentation will be choreographed by Samina Hossain Prema; Azizur Rahman Tuhin is the music director. Laisa Ahmed Lisa will render the songs.
The second day will feature a Manipuri dance performance by students of Chhayana. Nriyanchal will stage Kazi Nazrul Islam's *Badolo Borishone* on the third day. The recital will be choreographed by Shibli Muhammad and Shamim Ara Nipa; Khayrul Anam Shakil is the music director.
Gramophone and GMG Airlines are the sponsors of the event.

\$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



National Theatre Festival '07 'Nakshi Kanthar Math': A Bangladesh Theatre production

Most Bangladeshis are acquainted with Palli-kabi Jasimuddin's popular narrative poem *Nakshi Kanthar Math*. Featuring the tragic love story between Shaju and Rupai, Jasimuddin has drawn a wonderful portrayal of rural Bangladesh: culture, struggles and way of living as a whole. Adapted and directed by Khondokar Shah Alam, Bangladesh Theatre staged *Nakshi Kanthar Math* on March 22.

Using the narrative technique, story of the play is unfolded. Rural games and elements of the culture have been used as directorial devices in the play. However, there is room for development in the directorial compositions.

As the play is set in Gaforgaon, Mymensingh, like the traditional theatre forms of the region, music plays an important role in the play. The decision of staging the play through dance-dialogue-music is quite a gamble on the director's part. Two narrators -- Khondokar Shah Alam and Rupkatha -- render songs and the rest of the actors lip-sing on the stage. The major problem with the troupe is that none of the actors can sing tolerably.



Actors of Bangladesh Theatre stage *Nakshi Kanthar Math*

Nurshat Jahan Jennifer as the beautiful village belle Shaju performs well. Khondokar Shah Alam in the role of Maolana is impressive. Rest of the actors, except Masuda Khan as Shaju's mother, need to develop their acting skills.

Nakshi Kanthar Math was staged at the National Theatre Stage, as part of the ongoing National Theatre Festival arranged by Bangladesh Group Theatre Federation in association with Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy.

'Manotong Kathon' staged



On the same evening Kheyali Group Theatre, Barisal, staged *Manotong Kathon* at the Experimental Theatre Stage. Written and directed by Mintu Basu, *Manotong Kathon* features the plights of the Bede (gypsy) community.

Basu's ethnographic script features the saga of the community: Since their arrival in this land (migrating from Myanmar some 400 years back) to their current state. The play points out that this community, being neglected by the ruling ethnic group, Bengalis, are deprived of many fundamental rights.

BY ERSHAD KAMOL

A scene from *Manotong Kathon*

Khulna Regional Poetry Recitation Festival started yesterday at Asaduzzaman Auditorium in Magura.
Titled *Gorje Otho Swadhinota Jegey Otho Bangladesh*; the festival will feature hundreds of reciters from all over the country. Eight cultural organisations from Khulna division as well as organisations from Dhaka are participating at the two-day long programme



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, 12:15 am.

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 am, 10:00 am, 11:00 am, 1:00pm, 3:00 pm, 4:00pm, 6:00 pm and 8:00 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

ATN BANGLA
10:30 Talk Show: Annyodrishti
11:05 Swapner
12:15 Shurer Madhuri
12:45 Shathdin
01:30 Nari
03:45 Tele Film
05:00 Gramgonjer Khobor
06:20 Gondhoraj
08:00 Samsung Cine Aha
08:40 Drama Serial: The New Sabuj Opera
09:20 Mega Serial: Ek Jonomey

Channel i
08:30 Shokaler Gaan
09:30 Shangbadpotre Bangladesh
09:45 Public Reaction
09:50 Tritomatra
11:05 Na Bola Kotha
12:30 Citycell Taroka Kathana

01:05 Ebong Cinemar Gaan
01:30 Shangbadpotre Bangladesh
01:45 Public Reaction
02:40 Talkshow
04:05 Crictalk Bishwa Cup Special
04:40 Oakathan
05:30 Muktiudho Protidin
06:00 Aktel Bishwa Cup Protidin
06:20 Drama Serial: Shath Goenda
07:50 Drama Serial: Bhober Haat

09:35 Hridoye Mati O Manush
10:00 Drama Serial: Nishidho Bonobhumi
12:00 GramenPhone
Aiker Shanbad Potro

CHANNEL 1
08:40 Shuprobhat Bangladesh
09:30 Chokh Mele Dekhi
10:00 Cartoon
10:30 Bagan Bilash
11:00 Drama: Ja Kichhu Chai Ei Jiboney
12:05 The Third Eye
02:00 Olpo Sholpo Golpo
03:30 Drama: Ghormai
05:15 Fusion for Baul
06:00 Saaj Bela
06:30 Top News
06:45 Mukti Judo
07:00 Shurela Lagan
08:15 Drama Serial: Shunney Boshobash
09:00 Shondhi Khoney
09:30 Expression

BANGLAVISIO N
10:10 Talkshow: Apnar Ki Kichhu Bolar Achhey
11:10 Shomoy Oshomoy
11:40 Media Bhuban
12:40 Kachhey Durey
03:05 Drama Serial: Guest
04:15 Agni Jhora Din
05:00 Ebong Classer Bairey
05:40 Diner Sheshey
06:25 Sports Vision
08:15 Drama Serial:

PICK OF THE DAY

ICC World Cup 2007
Australia Vs South Africa
On BTV at 7:15pm
Live from Warner Park, Basseterre, St Kitts

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| 08:55 Krishno Pokho | 04:00 My Name Is Earl | 10:00 V Trailers - Star Plus | 06:30 Mickey Mouse And Friends |
| 09:30 Amar Ami | 04:30 Frasier | 10:30 Shararat | 07:00 Ducktales |
| Drama Serial: Bachelor Dompoti | 05:00 Fashion House | 11:00 Akkad Bakkad | 07:25 Bolly V - Star Plus |
| | 06:00 Hope & Faith | Bambey Bo | 07:30 Kyunki Saas Bhi Kabhi Bahu Thi |
| | 06:30 The O.C. | Sonpary | |
| | 07:30 Tna Xplosion | Golu Ke Goggles | 08:00 Kasauti Zindagi Kay Lucky |
| | 08:30 Desperate Housewives | 12:25 Bolly V - Star Plus | 08:30 Lucky |
| | 09:30 World's Most Shocking Moments | 12:30 Bolly V - Star Plus | 09:30 Prithviraj Chauhan |
| | 10:30 Heroes | 01:00 Yeh Jo Hai Zindagi | 10:00 Baa Bahoo Aur Baby |
| | 11:30 Fashion House | 01:30 Yeh Jo Hai Zindagi | 10:30 Aek Chabhi Hai |
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| STAR WORLD | | 02:00 V Trailers - Star Plus | 11:30 Thegreatindialaughterchampion2 |
| 08:30 Enterprise | 08:30 Hum Saath Aath | 02:25 Bolly V - Star Plus | |
| 09:30 The Apprentice | Hain | 02:30 Kalash | |
| 10:30 The Bold And The Beautiful | 09:00 Bolly V - Star Plus | 03:00 Kahaani Ghar Ghar Kii | |
| 12:30 The Kumars At No. 42 | 09:05 V Trailers - Star Plus | 05:00 V Trailers - Star Plus | |
| 01:00 Travel Asia | 09:30 Saans | 05:30 Krishna Kathaiyen | |
| 01:30 My Wife And Kids | | | |
| 02:00 The King Of Queen | | | |
| 02:30 Crumbs | | | |
| 03:00 8 Simple Rules | | | |
| 03:30 Malcolm In The Middle | | | |

09:30 Discovery Spotlight
11:30 Animal Camera
12:00 Amazing Baby Videos
12:30 African Adventures
01:00 Meerkat Manor
01:30 Tiger Week
02:30 Million 2 One
3:00 Everything you Need to Know
3:30 How Do they do it
4:30 Wild Discovery
5:30 Beyond Tomorrow
6:30 Planet Earth
7:30 Wild Discovery
8:30 Discover India
9:30 Sacred India
10:30 How Do They Do It?
11:30 Planet Earth

NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC
08:30 Winning Teams
09:30 Deadly Obsession
10:30 Land of the Tiger
11:30 Artic Kingdom
12:30 Man-Eaters of India
01:30 Heroes of High Frontier
02:30 Monkey Business
03:00 Wildbeest
03:30 Who Built Stonehenge?
04:30 Winds Of Victory
05:00 Cooper, Wasabe, Frito
05:30 Big Bang
06:00 Humpack Whales
06:30 Science Safari
07:30 Wonders Of The Sea
08:30 Untamed
09:30 Indyeahl
10:30 Land of the Tiger
11:30 The New Mafia

AXN

08:30 Numb3rs (Season 1)
09:30 Ripley's Believe It Or Not! (Season 2)
10:30 AXN Xtreme Macau
11:00 E Buzz
11:30 Guinness World Records: Primetime (Season III)
12:30 House (Season 1)
01:30 House (Season 1)
02:30 Numb3rs (Season 1)
03:30 The Amazing Race Asia
04:30 Amazing Race Asia Memories
05:30 Guinness World Records: Primetime (Season III)
06:30 Maximum Exposure (Season 1)
07:30 Fear Factor (Season 6)
08:30 Hollywood Homicide
11:00 E Buzz
11:30 The Ultimate Fighter (Season 2)
12:30 The Ultimate Fighter (Season 2)

STAR SPORTS
08:30 Black Tie Fight Night II (Boxing)
10:30 Tna Impact (Wrestling)
11:30 The Ubs Golf Club (Golf)
12:00 Motorola International
03:00 The Masters Official Films 2004
04:00 Wrc Magazine Show (Auto Racing)
04:30 Nike Football Locker Room (Socce Football Asia)

05:00

(Soccer/Futbol)
Close Encounters (Cricket)
06:00 Close Encounters (Cricket)
06:25 England U-21 (Soccer/Futbol)
08:30 The Natwest Series (Cricket)
10:00 Australia Tour Of England (Crick Ashes Heroes (Cricket)
11:30 Ashes Heroes (Cricket)
12:00 Ashes Heroes (Cricket)

ESPN
08:30 First Edition (Soccer/Futbol)
09:00 Taking Guard - West Indies Speci
09:30 Sportscenter Week In Review (Spo
10:00 World Grand Prix Thailand Open B
11:30 Hitz (Cricket)
12:00 Cricket Gold (Cricket)
02:30 Indian Legends (Cricket)

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05:30 Debutants (Cricket)
06:00 Taking Guard - West Indies Speci
06:30 Sportscenter Weekend (Sport News
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08:30 Standard Bank One Day Internatio