

CULTURALFEAST

Grand Group Art Exhibition

145 art works of renowned Bangladeshi artists on display
Venue: Saju Art Gallery, F/40-41, D.C.C. North Super Market 2nd Circle, Gulshan
Date: April 28- May 28
Time: 9:00am to 7:00pm (Friday closed)

Group Theatre Festival 2007

Organiser: Group Theatre Forum, Chittagong
Venue: Chittagong Shilpakala Academy Auditorium

Date: May 10
Play: Pagla Ghora
Troupe: Protinidhi Natyo Shomproday

Date: May 11
Play: Chhayabrta
Troupe: Shobdo Natyo Chorchha Kendro

Date: May 12
Play: Chader Omabosya
Troupe: Theatre Guild

European Union Cultural Festival

Title: Celebrating EU-Bangladesh Relationship
Organiser: European Commission, in association with partner organisations
Photographic display
Title: Bangladesh Matters: Capturing the EU's Development Co-operation
Venue: Drik Gallery
Date: May 8-12

Art Exhibition

Title: Mukti
Organiser: Liberation War Museum
Venue: Liberation War Museum
Date: May 7-20
Time: 10:00am- 8:00pm

Classical and Folk music evening

Organiser: The Royal Norwegian Embassy, Dhaka
Venue: The British Council Bangladesh, 5 Fuller Road, Dhaka
Date: May 18
Time: 6:30pm

Asian Film Session

Organiser: Cinepal Film Society, Rush Film Society, Satyajit Ray Film Society, Bioscope Film Society.
Venue: World Literacy Centre, Bishwa Shahityo Kendro, 14 Kazi Nazrul Islam Avenue
Date: May 9 & 10

Theatre

Play: The Miser
Troupe: Loko Natyadal
Venue: Mahila Shomiti Milonayaton, Bailroad
Date: May11
Time: 7:00pm

Play: Lilaboti Akhyan
Troupe: Loko Natyadal
Venue: Experimental Theatre Stage of Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy.
Date: May9-10

Tagore's birth anniversary celebration at National level

Music, dance and drama at Shilpakala



Fahim Hossain Chowdhury and Iffat Ara Dewan sing at the programme



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Artistes of Jago Art Centre perform their dance composition

ERSHAD KAMOL

He made his presence felt everywhere: Rabindranath Tagore was a great poet, author, playwright, lyricist, composer, painter and much more. Almost all forms of art that Tagore had contributed to were presented at the National Theatre Stage, Shilpakala Academy on May 8 to mark the 146th birth anniversary of Kobiguru. As part of Tagore's birth anniversary celebration at National level, Ministry of Cultural Affairs and Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy (BSA) jointly organised the event. Performing dance, music, poetry recitation and dance-drama, leading artists and troupes of the country paid homage to Tagore. Ayub Quadri, advisor to -- Ministry of Education, Primary and Mass Education and Cultural Affairs -- was the chief guest of the programme.

The event began with presentation of two choral renditions by Sangeet Bhaban. Noted singers including Ajit Roy, Fahim Hossain Chowdhury, Lily Islam, Iffat Ara Dewan, Mahiuzzaman Chowdhury and Hashi Biswas rendered some evergreen Tagore songs. However, melancholy songs at a birth anniversary celebration by some artistes seemed quite inappropriate to the audience. Perhaps, these songs would be apt for special programmes on death anniversaries.

Kazi Arif, Nur-e-Hafza, Rezaul Hasan Titu, Mahmudul Hassan and others recited excerpts from Tagore poems. Moreover troupes -- Srishti Cultural Centre, Nandan Kala Kendra, Jago Art Centre and Sarara Sangskritik Sangathan -- staged group dance at the event.

Another attraction of the evening was the staging of Tagore's dance-drama *Chitrangada* by Bulbul Academy of Fine Arts (BAFA).

Illustrating the love story (a brief reference in *Mahabharat*) between legendary Pandava hero Arjun and Chitrangada, the princess of Manipur, Tagore's dance-drama addresses that one's true identity and realisation of self-worth is more important than assuming a false front just to please others. The dance-drama was directed by Rahija Khanom Jhunu. Sohail Rahman, Farhana Chowdhury Baby, Farzana Ria Chowdhury and Abdur Rashid Chowdhury performed leading roles in *Chitrangada*. Sadi Mohammed, Rezwana Chowdhury Bonna and Sajed Akbar rendered songs used as background music.

A publication featuring Tagore's paintings and articles, evaluated by leading scholars of the country, was also launched at the programme.

Chhayanat's Rabindra Jayanti celebration

CULTURAL CORRESPONDENT

To celebrate Tagore's 146th birth anniversary, one of the leading music schools in the country, Chhayanat organised an evening of music and poetry at its Sangskriti Bhaban auditorium on May 8.

Dr. Sanjida Khatun, president of Chhayanat, shared her views on what Tagore means to the world. "Did Tagore exclusively write for aristocrats? Was he only a poet of progressive urbanites? Those who have properly studied his work know that he was a writer for the masses. His message was universal."

In the carefully manipulated light and shadow, the Tagore exponent then narrated the story of *Bishorjon*: the King of Tripura, Govindamanikya, and his queen

have no heir. Craving to become a mother, the queen decides to sacrifice hundreds of animals to appease the deity the royal family worships. One day, the king came across a destitute little girl, Aporna, who was looking for her only possession -- her goat. The animal was as close as a blood relative to the young one. Aporna made her fears known by saying, "I've heard my goat was taken away to be sacrificed." This makes a profound impact on Govindamanikya and he decides to put an end to this cruel practice.

The king decrees that anyone killing animals in the land would be banished forever. The high priest, Raghupati, feels his status is being threatened and starts conspiring against the king. Eventually, through an ultimate sacrifice of the

person who was closest to him, Raghupati realises how wrong he was. And Govindamanikya places his offerings -- meant for the deity -- at the feet of the individual who has sacrificed himself for the sake of others. "Throughout his life Rabindranath placed humankind on top of everything; even religion," said Sanjida Khatun.

The musical programme started with a chorus, *Akash bhora shurjo tara*. Other renditions at the event included *Darun agnibaney* (chorus), *Chokkhey amar trishna* (solo by Brinda), *Nai rosh nai* (solo by Nilufar), *Esho shyamoloto shundoro* (chorus), *Gahano ghanu chhallo* (chorus), *Khela bhangar khela* (chorus) and more.

The programme ended with a rendition of the National Anthem.



Artistes of Chhayanat sing at the programme

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Celebration at Shilaidah Kuthibari

AMANUR AMAN, Kushtia

The two-day long celebration of Nobel laureate poet Rabindranath Tagore's 146th birth anniversary ended yesterday at the Shilaidah Kuthibari, also known as Rabindra Kuthibari. Kushtia district administration arranged the programme.

Additional deputy commissioner of Khulna division, Shamima Sultana inaugurated the programme on the first day. Professor Fayeze Mohammad Serajul Haque, vice-chancellor of Islamic University, was the chief guest on the second day.

The event included discussion, cultural programme and a 'Rabindra Mela'. The discussion included two seminars -- 'Hu-



manism and Rabindranath' on the first day and 'Global Thinking of Rabindranath' on the second day. Deputy commissioner of Kushtia, Talukdar Shamsur Rahman presided over the seminars.

Noted folk researcher Professor Dr. Abul Ahsan Chowdhury, Principal of Kushtia Government Girls College Professor Habib Anisur Rahman, Dean of Faculty of Humanities and Social Science (IU) Professor Dr. Sahinor Rahman, Pulok Ranjan Saha and Noot-ur-Rahman -- additional deputy commissioners of Kushtia and others participated at the discussion.

At least 33 different cultural organisations from the district took part in the cul-

National Rabindra Sangeet Festival ends

CULTURAL CORRESPONDENT

The eighteenth National Rabindra Sangeet Festival organised by Bangladesh Rabindra Sangeet Shilpi Sangstha (BRSSS) ended on May 8. The event was held at Shaokat Osman Auditorium, Central Public Library at Shahbagh.

The five-day festival, which began on May 4, featured solo performances by around 150 noted and upcoming Tagore artistes as well as group presentations by 10 cultural organisations from all over of the country.

This year the festival was dedicated to the memory of noted Tagore exponent Waheedul Haque. BRSSS hopes it can carry on the movement



Mita Haq sings on the last day of the festival

PHOTO: STAR

initiated by Haque to encourage young talented Tagore singers.

On the last day of the festival, programmes were held in two sessions -- at morning and evening. Artistes of BRSSS staged a musical performance titled *Kobi Bondona* in the morning featuring Tagore songs by 34 artistes.

In the evening, artistes celebrated 84th birthday of Kalim Sharafi -- renowned Tagore exponent and president of BRSSS.

Organisations including Shurotirtho, Sangeet Bhaban, Bishwa Bina, Robi Roshmi, Robi Raag, Geeto Shudha, Dhrubotan also participated at the programme. Fahim Hassan Chowdhury and Mita Haq were among artistes who performed solo songs at the 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 a.m, 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

BTV
09:05 Bangladesh Vs India one day cricket match
05:05 Doctor Jokhon Durey
06:40 Islamic Programme
07:00 Musical Programme
07:30 Talk Show
08:30 Protidin Bangladesh
08:40 Drama: Kobi O Ekti Meye
ATN Bangla
08:15 Ajker Shangbad
Potro
08:30 Musical Programme
09:15 Drama: Shama
10:30 Talk Show
11:05 Drama: Oporichita
12:15 Bangla Feature Film Shundar Jiboner Jonno
04:20 Cooking Programme
05:10 Amader Joto Kotha
05:40 Islamic Programme
06:20 TV Serial: Mugly
08:00 Drama Serial: Shokal Shondha
08:45 Drama: Koto Chena Koto Ochena
09:20 Drama Serial: Chhayamukh
Drama Serial: Gramphone
Lead News
CHANNEL-i
08:30 Shokaler Gaan
09:30 Shanbad Potre Bangladesh
09:45 Public Reaction
09:50 Tritimatra
12:30 Citycell
Tarokathan

01:05 Ebong Cinemar Gaan
01:30 Shangbad Potery Bangladesh
01:45 Public Reaction
02:40 Tritimatra Apni
03:05 Hridoye Mati O Manush
04:50 Sa Re Ga Ma
05:30 Muktiudho Protidin
06:00 Aktel sms Doradori
06:20 Amar Chhobi
07:50 D Rock Stars 2
09:35 Drama Serial: Modhurenu Shomapeo
10:00 Drama Serial: Nishidho Bonobhumi
12:00 Gramphone
Ajker Shongbadpotro
ntv
04:10 Drama Serial: Mon-e Mon-e
04:50 Ranger Manush
05:20 Drama Serial: Neer
06:50 Gaaner Shomoy
08:15 Shonkhobash
08:50 Special Programme
09:45 Shokhina Bibi
BANGLAVISION
09:05 Media Bhubon
09:30 Drama Serial: Swapno Chura
Deshar Pathay
10:10 Drama Serial: Chaitali Jochhonay
Eka Meyeti
11:10 Cinebit Shada Kalo
11:40 Nana Ranger Din
Guli
02:40 Drama Serial: Krishna Pokho



03:10 Drama Serial: Dokhinayon
04:15 Sports vision
05:00 Children's Programme
05:40 Diner Sheshey
06:25 Shurer Bhubon
08:15 Drama Serial: Dokhinayon
Bhokab
09:10 Article Thirty Nine
STAR MOVIES
08:00 Million Dollar Baby
10:15 Species iii
11:45 Last Exit
01:30 Big
03:15 The Man With The

Golden Gun
Teen Wolf
Be Cool
Robots
The Chumscribbler
The Sixth Sense
The Wedding Date
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Kasturi
Bolly V - Star Plus
Meri Awaz Ko Mil Gayi
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Kahaani Ghar Ghar Kii
Bolly V - Star Plus
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V Trailers - Star Plus
Bolly V - Star Plus

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11:00 Kyunki Saas Bhi Kabhi Bahu Thi
11:30 Kayamath
12:00 Paraya Dhan
STAR WORLD
09:30 Oprah Winfrey Show
10:30 American Idol
11:30 Heroes
12:30 Grey's Anatomy
01:30 Third Watch
02:30 Oprah Winfrey Show
03:30 The Bold And The Beautiful
04:00 General Hospital
05:00 Angela's Eyes
06:00 Scrubs
06:30 The Simpsons
07:00 Cheers
07:30 Friends
08:00 Seinfeld
08:30 American Idol
09:30 30 Rock
10:00 Scrubs
10:30 Arrested Development
11:00 8 Simple Rules
11:30 Seinfeld
12:00 Friends
DISCOVERY CHANNEL
09:30 Destination India
10:30 Drama On Discovery
11:30 Impact Stories of Survival
12:30 Yatra-Indian Travels
01:00 Finest Hotels In The World
01:30 Wild Discovery
02:30 Detective Stories
03:30 Around The World With Tippi
04:00 Mystery Hunters
04:30 Wild Europe Special

05:30 Extreme Engineering
06:30 Planet Action
07:30 Wild Discovery
08:30 Wild India
09:30 Wildest
10:30 Future Perfect
11:30 Future Weapons
NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC
09:30 In The Womb:Twins,Triplets & Qua
10:30 Sauna Belt
11:15 Global Sky Shop
11:30 Outbreak Investigation
12:30 Airplane To Air Force
01:30 Mangrove Maneaters
02:30 Yellowstone
03:30 In The Womb:Twins,Triplets & Qua
04:30 Mad Labs
05:00 Copperhead Cannibals
05:30 Nat Geo Junior
06:00 School of Hard Crocs
06:30 In The Womb: Twins, Triplets & Qua
07:30 Bite Force
08:30 Harley Davidson
09:30 Frontline Of Construction
10:30 In The Womb: Twins, Triplets & Qua
11:30 Deadly Summer
ESPN
09:30 Planet Speed
2006/2007
10:00 Nba Playoffs 2006/07
12:30 Toyota Football Up Close (Soccer)

01:00 English Premier Football League
03:00 Football Focus With John Dykes
04:00 Sultan Azlan Shah Cup 2007
05:30 Debutants
06:00 Sultan Azlan Shah Cup 2007
07:30 Goals!
08:00 Toyota Football Up Close
09:30 Planet Speed
2006/2007
10:00 Nba Action
10:30 Sportscenter India
11:00 Sportscenter Asia
11:30 Npower Test Series
STAR SPORTS
09:30 English Premier Football League
11:30 Internazionali Bnl D'Italia
02:30 Estoril Open
04:00 Rally Argentina
04:30 Tna Xplosion
05:30 Hot Water 2006/07
06:30 Tna Xplosion
07:30 Nokia Football Crazy
08:30 Cricket Crazy
09:30 Debutants
10:00 The Top Corner
10:30 Tna Xplosion
11:30 Ace By Sony Ericsson
12:00 Internazionali Bnl D'Italia