

CULTURALFEAST

Art Exhibition

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

Title: Reviving Traditional techniques through contemporary art
Organiser: Art Club Bangladesh
Venue: Art Club Bangladesh Gallery, Suite: 3B, House: 4, Road: 104, Gulshan: 2
Date: May 12-18
Time: 11:00am- 8:00pm

Theatre

Play: Shikondi Kotha
Troupe: Natyadhara, Chittagong
Venue: National Theatre Stage, Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy
Date: May 17
Time: 6:30pm

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

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- March 28
Time: 9:00am to 7:00pm (Friday closed)

'Shadharon Meye':A tribute to Tagore

Solo recital by Nima Rahman



Nima Rahman performs at the event

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ERSHAD KAMOL

RECITING selected poems by the Nobel laureate poet, actor-recitor Nima Rahman paid homage to Rabindranath Tagore on the occasion of his 146th birth anniversary. After a gap of five years, Nima performed in a solo recitation programme titled

Shadharon Meye at the Shaokat Osman Memorial Hall, Public Library on May 11.

Tagore's poems, featuring different emotions of women, were recited by Nima. The recital was accompanied by violin, flute and *tabla*. Her voice modulation was apt according to the dramatic elements in the poems -- slow at times and picking up tempo when needed.

Based on the themes of the poems, clippings were projected on the cyclorama (the curtain used on the backstage). The major flaws of the presentation however, were: Nima sometimes fumbled and at times she under played the theme.

The performance began with a recitation of the devotional poem *Amar matha nato kore dao hey*, the first poem from Tagore's Nobel-winning *Geetanjali*. One after another she recited *Ami tomar matir konya*, *Shadharon meye*, *Nirjhorer swapno bhangso*, *Shomoy hara*, *Ami Chitrangada*, *Shamanya khotti*, *Brishti porey tapur tupur*, *Hariye jaowa*, *Mon-e porey*, *Africa*, *Shondhya o probhat*, *Banshiwala*, *Borshar din-e* and *Ek ganye*. Moreover, Nima Rahman presented two English poems -- *Light my light* and *When the heart is hard and parched* -- verses translated by Tagore.

The high point of Nima's performance was perhaps, recitation of *Shomoy Hara* accompanied by rhythms of *tabla*. Recitations of *Shamanya khotti* and the romantic poem *Borshar din-e* were also enjoyable.

Nima also recited a poem titled *Paribar-er chalchitra* by Swapnomoy Chakraborti, in which the poet narrates the upbringing of a girl in a surrounding, influenced by Tagore's literature. During the end of the performance, Mita Haq sang a few verses by Tagore (also included in Swapnomoy's poem) and Nima recited those lines. Incorporating Mita's vocals with Nima's recitation was quite interesting.

Mother's Day special on small screen

'Ma ke Mon-e Porey' on ATN Bangla

ATN Bangla will air Mother's Day special programme *Ma ke Mon-e Porey* today at 6:20pm.

The programme will feature six mothers who will talk elaborately about their experience regarding their children. Mother of six daughters -- Begum Nurjehan Khan will share her story about her children who have established themselves in respective fields; Freedom Fighter and social worker SM Monowara who is childless; Professor Mehtab Khanam, of the Department of Psychology, DU; mother of first test-tube babies in Bangladesh Firoza Khanam; Shiuli Kabir who struggled against adversities following her husband's untimely demise to raise her children; and Akibunnesa, a 90-year old helpless mother whose children have deserted her, will all share their motherly feelings in the programme.



Professor Mehtab Khanam hosts the programme

Ma ke Mon-e Porey is directed by

'Tomar Kachhe Phirey Ashi' on Channel 1



Tazeen, Tarin and child artiste in the TV play

Mother's Day special TV play *Tomar Kachhe Phirey Ashi* will be aired tonight at 8pm on Channel 1.

The story unfolds as Neela's tranquil life turns topsy-turvy when her sister Runa returns from America and claims her maternity right over Momo. Momo is an inseparable part of Neela ever since she was born. However, Runa now wants to take Momo away to the States with her, but Neela is dead against it. The play sets the conflict into focus from an emotional approach. The play is written by Emdadul Haque Milon and directed by Chayanika Chowdhury.

Sharmilee Ahmed, Tarin, Tazeen, Shagor and Protiti play the major roles in the play.

District town based theatre festival at Shilpakala

CULTURAL CORRESPONDENT

To encourage district town based theatre practitioners, Department of Theatre and Film of Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy has arranged a weeklong theatre festival at the National Theatre Stage. Begun on May 11, theatre troupes from Chandpur, Rangpur, Kurigram, Barguna, Khagrachhori, Bandarban and Moulvibazar are participating at the festival.

Co-ordinator of the festival

Golam Sarwar, the deputy director of Department of Theatre and Film, said, "The aim of the festival is to boost the promising troupes from district levels. The playwrights and directors of the theatre performances are locals. The academy sent trainers only to guide them."

Theatre troupes representing three ethnic minority groups-- *Chakma*, *Marma* and *Montipuri*-- will also stage their distinctive ritual and culture based performances in the festival.



A scene from the play *Bangon*, staged by Ananya Natya Goshthi, Chandpur

Workshop Serenely painting -- with sand and sun in the backdrop

FAYZA HAQ

When Gulshan Hossain went to the Sharjah Biennial in 2005, Emaar Properties of Dubai, that promotes art, asked her to send some of her art work. Recently, she was selected to go there for a workshop which was attended by 83 artists from all over the world.

"At Dubai we were given a reception by the Marhaba Service and driven in style to Nuran Residence which is a very sophisticated area there. Each artist was given an apartment. We had our work area in the Polo Club, under tents for 20 days. We ordered the sizes and types, and they provided the canvas, paints and brush. We had sumptuous lunches and dinners plus snacks, to be had in breaks, when we had the interchange of our ideas and experiences. After dinner we had seminars with slide shows on the works of the artists of our countries and our own individual work. We got \$ 1,400 as pocket money to spend as we liked," says Gulshan.

The group went for a desert safari. Gulshan says that with all her travels, this was something unique. They had dinner and dance amid the sands.

On the gala night Gulshan got a nomination and she had interviews in the TV channel, which she enjoyed. All three of her paintings in acrylic were bought. Her "Red dream" was not completed but this too was lapped up. The other



Gulshan Hussain working at will in Sharjah

two paintings were called 'Poetry of moonlit night' and 'The story of an old city'. The experience of seeing the works of artists the world over was also a wonderful

occasion for her. "Such experiences in workshops and symposiums helps us build our own confidence and also improve on our work," she added.

TV GUIDE

PICK OF THE DAY



Swapnochura
On Banglavisian at 9:30pm
Drama Serial
Cast: Srabonti, Joy



Angela's Eyes
On Star World at 10:30pm
TV Series
Cast: Abigail Spencer, Lyriq Bent

08:15	Special Drama	08:15	Drama Serial: <i>Kanch Ghor</i>	11:30	The Great Indian Laughter Challenge
09:30	Cine tune	09:30	<i>Chitro Geeti</i>	12:30	JI Pradhan Mantriji Zameen
11:00	Musical Programme	05:00	Cartoon	01:00	Bolly V - Star Plus
BANGLAVISION		05:30	<i>Shohoj Kotha</i>	04:05	V Trailers - Star Plus
09:05	Drama Serial: <i>Krishnopokho</i>	06:00	Documentary Programme	04:30	Musafir Hoon Yaaron
09:30	Bangla Feature Film	07:15	Talk Show	04:55	Bolly V - Star Plus
02:40	Drama Serial: <i>Bachelor Dompoti</i>	09:15	Drama Serial: <i>Shishir Chhoya Sheuli</i>	05:00	V Trailers - Star Plus
03:10	Talkshow	STAR PLUS		05:25	Bolly V - Star Plus
04:15	Musical Programme	08:30	Saans	05:30	Aladdin
05:40	<i>Diner Sheshey</i>	09:00	Yatra	06:00	Timon And Pumbaa
06:25	Sports Vision	09:30	Krishna Kathaiyen	06:25	Bolly V - Star Plus
06:45	<i>Bishwacup Protidin</i>	10:30	Khichdi	06:30	Kasturi
		01:25	Talk Show	08:30	Saibaba
				09:30	Prithviraj Chauhan

10:00 Baa Bahoo Aur Baby
10:30 Thodi Si Zameen
11:30 Colgate Star Parivar Awards 07

STAR WORLD

08:30 30 Rock
09:00 Scrubs
09:30 Desperate Housewives
10:30 Prison Break
11:30 Heroes
12:30 Angela's Eyes
01:30 Third Watch
02:30 Falcon Beach
03:30 The Apprentice
04:30 Grey's Anatomy
05:30 Hollywood Shootout
06:00 Travel Asia
06:30 Koffee With Karan
07:30 The Simpsons
08:00 The Kumars At No. 42

08:30 Wills India Fashion Week
09:30 Koffee With Karan
10:30 Angela's Eyes
11:30 Third Watch

DISCOVERY

CHANNEL

08:30 Wild Discovery
09:30 Discover India
10:30 Future Weapons
11:30 Baby Story
12:00 Baby Whisperer
12:30 Mother's Day

08:30 Discovery's Biggest Shows
10:30 Night Safari
11:30 Risk Takers

NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC

08:30 The Living Edens
09:30 Walking With Lions
10:30 Shipwreckers
11:30 Riddles Of The Dead
12:30 Light Speed
01:30 Brain Fingerprinting
02:30 Yellowstone
03:30 Flying Blind
04:30 Mad Labs
05:00 Nyack, Cinder, Clancy
05:30 Big Bang
06:00 Nurse Sharks
06:30 Harley Davidson
07:30 The Dragons of Galapagos
08:30 In The Womb:Twins
10:30 Warplanes
11:30 Interpol Investigates

STAR SPORTS

08:30 Friends Provident Trophy
10:30 Friends Provident Trophy
12:30 A1 Grand Prix
01:30 Season Review
03:00 Internationali Bnl D'Italia

04:30 Best Of Hitz (Cricket)
05:00 Race Day (Auto Racing)
06:00 2007 Formula One World Champions
07:30 Chequered Flag
07:54 English Premier
10:00 Football League
12:00 Internationali Bnl D'Italia

ESPN

11:00 Remember The Titans
11:30 India'S Best With Sunil Gavaskar
12:00 The Bermuda 20-20 Festival
01:00 Sultan Azlan Shah Cup 2007
02:30 Sportscenter Week In Review
03:00 Sultan Azlan Shah Cup 2007
04:30 Kfc Twenty20 International
07:25 Sportscenter Week-end
07:30 Super Sunday
07:55 English Premier
10:00 Final Score (Soccer/Futbol)
10:30 English Premier Football League