

CULTURALFEAST

Nazrul Anniversary Celebration

Organiser: Nazrul Institute
Activities: Children's art and Nazrul song competition, cultural programme, book fair and discussion
Venue: Nazrul Institute Auditorium
Date: May 25-June 27

Nazrul Boimela

Organiser: Nazrul Institute
Venue: Central Public Library, Shahbag
Date: May 25-June 14

Ikebana Exhibition

Organiser: Embassy of Japan & Japan



Foundation
Title: Ikebana Demonstration and Seminar 2007

Venue: Shaheed Zia Auditorium & Nalinikanta Bhattashali Hall
Date: June 4-5
Time: 5:30pm

Photography Exhibition

Title: Bangladesh through the eyes of a Russian Youth
Venue: Russian Centre of Science & Culture
Date: May 27-June 3(Except Friday)

Cultural Evening

Organiser: Autism Welfare Foundation
Venue: Central Public Library
Date: May 31
Time: 5:15pm

Classical Music Soiree

Organiser: Shuddha Sangeet Proshar Goshthi
Artists: Karim Shahabuddin, Arju Akhter Baby and Shahinur Reza
Venue: Bishwa Shahitya Kendra, Dhaka
Date: May 31
Time: 7pm

Solo Art Exhibition

Title: Anadi Kumar Boiragi's Quest for Self-Entity
Venue: Gallery Zoom, Alliance Francaise, 26 Mirpur Road, Dhanmondi
Date: May 18-31
Time: 9am- 12pm, 5pm-9pm

Collage Workshop Exhibition

Title: Collagekalpa
Venue: Bengal Gallery of Fine Arts, House 275/F, Road 27 (old) Dhanmondi
Date: May 20-26
Time: 12pm-8pm

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)

108th birth anniversary

Trishal celebrates Nazrul

AMINUL ISLAM, Mymensingh

CELEBRATION of the 108th birth anniversary of our National Poet Kazi Nazrul Islam began at "Nazrul Mancha" at Darirampur, Trishal on May 25. The three-day programme arranged by Mymensingh District Administration will end today.

Different organisations, from within and outside Mymensingh participated at the programme. The three-day event included musical soiree, Nazrul songs, dance-drama, poetry recitation and more.

On the inaugural day (May 25), the cultural function started with renditions of popular Nazrul songs. The solo and chorus performances by artists received a warm response from the audience. Cultural organisations participating at the programme were Zila Shilpakala Academy, Lokasangskritik Academy, Saptasur Sangeet Academy, Trishal Shuktara Shangha, Phulbaria Kabi Nazrul Cultural Academy, Amar Bari, Nazrul Academy, Lokokrishti Sangstha, Darpan Natya Sangstha, Bidrohi Natya Goshthi and Police Line High School.

On the second day (May 26), a poets' convention was held. Trishal Kaladhani Shangha, Ustad Amjad Hossain Shilpi Goshthi, Trishal Alokdhara Shilpi Goshthi, Mymensingh Sangeet Bidalaya, Greater Mymensingh Sangskritik Forum, Trishal Dukhu Miah Theatre, Chhayana Sanskritik Dal,



Bahurupi Natya Sangstha, Trishal Dolanchanpa Shilpi Goshthi, Jhilik Natya Sangstha and others performed at the programme.Dhaka

Divisional Commissioner EkramAhmed inaugurated the function. Deputy Commissioner of Mymensingh, Md. Shamsul Alam chaired the event.

Among others, Vice-Chancellor of Jatiya Kabi Kazi Nazrul Islam University, Professor Shamsur Rahman; Professor Afzal Rahman Bhuiyan, Mymensingh Police Superintendent, Md. Rafiqul Islam and poet Shamsul Fayeze spoke on the occasion.

A discussion was held yesterday on the life and works of the 'Rebel Poet'. The speakers said that Nazrul raised his bold voice against all kinds of injustice, oppression and prejudice prevailing in the then society. He was a poet of the masses -- regardless of caste, creed and background, they added.

Colourful rallies were also brought out in the district town and at Trishal marking the occasion. A 'Nazrul Mela' is held at the venue every year marking the celebration. This year the mela drew thousands of people.

Through his powerful words, Nazrul had inspired the people of this Sub-continent to fight against the *Raj*. His poems and songs were also a great source of inspiration to the Freedom Fighters during the Liberation War.

Nazrul spent a few years at Darirampur in Trishal and studied at Darirampur High School.

'Alok-er Jhornadhara': Fireworks of music in Australia

SHAGOR SHOIKOT RAHMAN, Melbourne

Shurolok Music Appreciation and Performance Group of Melbourne staged its annual programme "Alok-er Jhornadhara" celebrating the Bangla Naboborsho 1414 and Rabindra Jayanti recently, at the Karralyka Theatre, one of the premier concert halls in Melbourne.

Members of Shurolok performed songs of Poncho Kobi (Tagore, Nazrul, Atul Prasad, DL Roy and Rajnikant), as well as traditional folks songs. The programme was directed by Chanchal Khan, a Rabindra Sangeet artiste and trainer. Noted *sitar* artiste Rahul Chatterjee (from Kolkata) and *tabla* player Farid Uddin (from Dhaka) performed at the event. Three cultural groups of Melbourne, Natya Kala Mandir, Kathak Abriti Kendra and Bangla Language and Cultural School also participated at the function. The programme was dedicated to the memory of music exponent and journalist Waheedul Haque. Chanchal Khan paid his homage to Haque through the rendition of a tappa *Jara Bihan*



Members of Shurolok perform at the programme



Belaye Gaan Enechilo Mon-e.

Shurolok, founded by Bangladeshi expatriates, aims to reach out to several facets of performing arts vocal and instrumental music, dance and overall appreciation of music -- as a means to harness creativity in the society. "Music will be the common thread in this link," remarked Chhobi Hossain, the President of Shurolok. Most Shurolok singers have had prior training at Chhayana, Robiraag, BAFA, Nazrul Academy and other reputed music schools in Bangladesh. Chanchal Khan, Nirupoma Rahman, Farzana Shathi, Mohsin Habib, Zakir Morshed, Nafisa Sheela, Shahid Rahman, Priyanka Khan and Rani Karmakar form the core Shurolok group of performers.

Shurolok aims to inspire the new generation of Bangladeshi Australians to take up and tread the track of authentic Bangladeshi culture.

Exhibition

Reaching out for peace

FAYZA HAQ

Within the frame of our restless society, Anadi Kumar Boiragi tries to find peace and freedom. This was seen recently in his solo exhibition at Zoom Gallery at Alliance Francaise. He takes a lot of his motifs and colours from nature around him, as he feels that nature has much to teach. With this, Anadi combines spiritual abstraction, expressing his thoughts in symbols. "I take elements from folk art to express my spiritual feelings," Anadi says. All this he puts in his exhibition called "Quest for self-entity".

Anadi painted as a child in Jessore, being inspired by SM Sultan. After studying in Khulna Art College, he joined the Institute of Fine Arts, DU, to complete his masters in Oriental Art. In his spare time, working with the Concord Group, he paints in his studio in Dhanmandi.

Many people in the country believe in spiritual protection with talismans and good luck charms of cowries, says Anadi and these he puts in his paintings. He also brings in impressions of urban life making us aware once more of the concrete jungle that surrounds us. He also uses the symbol of the "gamchha" so that the viewer can identify with the subcontinental origin of his work. His style is modern but the forms he uses in them, such as the birds and the talismans, have their origin in the east.

In one of the paintings we see cowries, medallions and talismans, hanging against a backdrop of vermilion and sap green. Touches of black and white have gone into the work too. In "Mythical composition-2" we see similar forms in indigo and gray against strips of black and brown, which go to delineate our beliefs in the mystical powers. This is acrylic on paper.

In another painting the artist brings in black to symbolise sorrow, while the circles of yellow and orange stand for joy. The rectangular "gamchha", in vermilion, blue and black stands for typical Bangali life. Swirls of white and gray depict the theme of joy at childbirth. This is seen against an orange setting of the womb, which is outlined by black.



Artwork by Anadi Kumar Boiragi

In another composition we see three large fish along with leaves and flowers. Dots, scallops and lines are the added motifs. Metropolitan life along with symbols of more traditional existence, in the form of the multicoloured rectangular "gamchaha", are brought into another piece. The blacks and yellows bring in the elements of sorrows and joys of life.

"Urban life-2" depicts birds sitting on electrical poles. They are seen against the setting of dilapidated buildings. Wheels of life in our mechanical existence are seen in another composition.

Although experimental, Anadi's work drew crowds because of the buoyant colours and thought provoking motifs.

Colourful procession, discussions and cultural shows were held in Comilla in observance of the 108th birth anniversary of Kazi Nazrul Islam. The three-day event held at the district Shishu Academy Auditorium was organised by Nazrul Janmo Barshiki Udjapon Committee. M Mokhesur Rahman, divisional commissioner of Chittagong, was the chief guest at the event



"The Sims" to move from PC screen to silver screen

REUTERS

Maybe they can call it "The Sims: The Movie."

Electronic Arts Inc. has sold the movie rights for "The



Sims," the best-selling computer game, of all time to 20th Century Fox, Variety said on Friday.

"The Sims" is one of EA's biggest franchises and, including sequels and expansions such as "The Sims: House Party" and "The Sims: Vacation," has sold nearly 85 million copies since it debuted seven years ago.

Often described as a "virtual dollhouse," the game puts players in charge of simulated people, helping them make friends, find satisfying jobs and buy household items in order to stay happy.

"The Sims has done an interactive version of an old story, which is what it's like to have infinite power and how do you deal with it," the Hollywood industry paper quoted Rod Humble, head of The Sims Studio at EA, as saying.

"The Sims" was created by legendary game designer Will Wright, known for his quirky titles that eschew linear storylines in favour of letting players create and explore their own worlds.

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-1
 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 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 10:00am, 12:00am, 4:00pm.
 News Headlines (English) at 8:05pm

Rtv
 News (Bangla) at 10:15pm, and 12:15am

BTV

08:15 Shubhechha Nin
 08:45 Bishwa Bichitra
 10:00 Cricket: Bangladesh Vs India

05:05 Debate
 06:10 Swasththo Kotha
 06:40 Musical Programme
 07:05 Shamprotik

Proshongo
 07:30 Dance Programme
 08:30 Protidin Bangladesh

08:35 Drama Serial: Shukh Shur
 09:00 Drama
 10:30 Musical Programme

ATN Bangla

10:30 Talk Show: Onnodrishti
 11:05 Drama: Rajbondir Chithi
 12:15 Shushtho Thakun

01:30 Shornali Shadakalo
 02:40 Bhalobashar Dukho
 03:15 Meril Prothom Alo Award-2006

05:00 Gram Gonjer
 05:05 Khobor
 05:10 Documentary

Programme: Prapok
 05:45 The Sword of Tipu Sultan
 06:25 Three Stooges

08:00 Drama Serial: Outdoor
 08:40 Drama Serial: Nir-e Taar Nil Dheu
 09:20 Drama Serial:

Pichhutan
 12:00 GrameenPhone
 Lead News

Channel i

08:30 Shokaler Gaan
 09:30 Shangbadpotre
 Bangladesh

09:45 Public Reaction
 09:50 Grameenphone
 Tritiomatra

11:05 Apollo Tele Prescription
 11:30 Hridoye Mati O Manush
 12:30 Citycell Taroka

Kathan
 01:05 Ebong Cinemar Gaan
 01:30 Shangbadpotre

Bangladesh
 01:45 Public Reaction
 02:40 Drama: Priobash

03:30 BBC Bangladesh
 Shanglap
 04:50 Sa Re Ga Ma

05:30 Muktiudho Protidin
 06:00 Anondodhara Chaser Ashor
 06:20 South Asian

07:50 Mega Serial: Bhober Haat
 09:35 Drama Serial: Mon Chhut-e Jay
 10:00 Drama Serial: Shada Ranger

Swapno
 11:30 Drama Serial: Ekanyobarti
 12:00 Grameenphone

PICK OF THE DAY

Outdoor
 On ATN Bangla at 8:00pm
 Drama Serial
 Cast: Apurbo, Sweety

Goal!
 On Star Movies at 7:00pm
 Genre: Drama
 Cast: Kuno Becker, Anna Friel

<p>Ajker Shangbad Potro</p> <p>12:10 Talkshow 01:05 Japan Video Topic 02:30 Shonkhobash 03:15 Drama 04:25 Apon Alo-e 05:15 Ithasher Ei Din-e 05:20 Apnar Jigyasha 06:00 Tepantorer Mathey 06:25 Shubho Shondha 08:15 Drama Serial: Shantokutir 08:50 Shomporko</p>	<p>09:45 Drama Serial: Bhalobasha Mondobasha Din Dorpon</p> <p>11:30 Rtv</p> <p>06:30 Documentary Programme: Phirey Dekha 07:30 Musical Programme 08:00 Telefilm: Hajar Poshakhi Rajar Golpo</p> <p>10:35 Rtv Exclusive</p> <p>BANGLAVISION N</p> <p>09:05 Drama Serial:</p>	<p>09:30 Krishna Kathaiyen 10:30 Star Parivaar Awards 2006</p> <p>02:30 Colgate Star Parivar Awards 07 07:30 Idea IIFA Award 2007 08:30 SAIBABA 09:30 Prithviraj Chauhan 10:00 Baa Bahoo Aur Baby 10:30 Aek Chabhi Hai Padoss Mein 11:30 Thodi Si Zameen Thoda Sa Aasma</p> <p>STAR WORLD</p> <p>08:30 30 Rock 09:00 Scrubs 09:30 On The Lot 11:05 30 Rock 11:30 Heroes 03:30 2007 Miss Usa 05:30 Hollywood Shootout 06:00 Travel Asia 06:30 Koffee With Karan 07:30 The Simpsons 08:30 Wills India Fashion Week 09:30 Koffee With Karan 10:30 Law & Order: S.V.U. 11:30 Third Watch</p> <p>DISCOVERY CHANNEL</p> <p>08:30 Wild Discovery 09:30 Discover India 10:30 Everest: Beyond the Limit 11:30 Baby Story</p>	<p>12:00 Equator 2:30 Zero Hour 3:30 Everest: Beyond the Limit 04:30 Wild Discovery 05:30 How do they do it? 06:30 Equator 07:30 Wild Discovery 08:30 Discovery's Biggest Shows 10:30 Night Safari 11:30 Risk Takers</p> <p>NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC</p> <p>09:30 Tigers Of The Snows 10:30 Realm of Muggger Crocodile 11:30 Super Snake 12:30 Titanic 01:30 Munich Olympic Massacre 02:30 Etosha 03:30 Racing the Storm 04:30 Mad Labs 05:00 Peewee, Zeke, Ozzy 05:30 Big Bang 06:00 Pilot Whales 06:30 John Deere 07:30 At Close Range With NG 08:30 Penguins, A love story 10:30 The Age Of Stealth 11:30 One Way Ticket 12:30 Sacred Geography</p>	<p>STAR SPORTS</p> <p>08:30 Friends Provident Trophy 10:30 Debutants 11:00 Super Doubles 11:30 Istanbul Cup 01:00 2007 Formula One Qualifying 02:00 Junior World Rally Championship 02:30 French Open Preview 03:00 French Open 2007 05:00 Race Day 06:00 2007 Formula One World Champions Chequered Flag 08:00 French Open 2007 11:00 Best Of Hitz 11:30 Debutants 12:00 Close Encounters</p> <p>ESPN</p> <p>09:30 Chappell-Hadlee Trophy 11:00 Epl Celebration 1:00 Sportscenter Week In Review 01:30 Kfc Twenty20 International 02:30 Npower Test Series 06:00 Debutants 06:25 Sportscenter Week-end 06:30 Npower Test Series 11:00 Indianapolis 500-Jip</p>
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