CULTURALFEAST

Group Exhibition
Title: Chitral Varendra
Venue: Bengal Gallery of Fine Arts, House 275/F, Road 27 (old) Dhanmondi
Date: May 30-June 10
Time: 12pm-8pm

Musical
Presented by: Dhaka Stage
Title: Working
Venue: American International School, Dhaka Theatre
May 30 at 7:30 PM
June 1 Matinee at 2:00 PM, Evening Performance at 7:30 PM

Theatre
Organiser: Space & Acting Research Centre
Title: Short Theatre Festival-2007
Venue: Goethe Institut
Date: May 29-30
Time: 7:00pm

Troupe: Palakar
Title: Dakghor
Venue: Palakar Theatre Studio, 133, Natok Shorony, New Bailey Road
Date: May 31 & June 1
Time: 7:00pm

Play: A Birthday Party
Organiser: Department of Theatre and Music, University of Dhaka
Venue: Naat Mondol, Dhaka University Campus
Date: May 28-31
Time: 7:00pm

Discussion
Title: Munier Chowdhury Shoroney
Organiser: Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy
Venue: National Theatre Stage, Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy
Date: May 31
Time: 5:00pm

Dance Recital

Homage to GA Mannan and Gaohar Jamil

ERSHAD KAMOL

DEPARTMENT of Production, Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy arranged a two-day dance programme at the National Theatre Stage as a tribute to two dance legends of Bangladesh: GA Mannan and Gauhar Jamil. Dances composed by the gurus were staged at the event.

Secretary, Ministry of Cultural Affairs, ABM Abdul Haque Chowdhury was the chief guest at the inauguration on May 27. The programme was presided over by the director general of the Academy, Quamrul Hassan, ndc. Eminent dancer Rahija Khanom Jhunu and Kanka Jamil, daughter of Gauhar Jamil, were special guests at the programme. Director, Department of Production, BSA, Zinnat Barkatullah also spoke at the occasion.

Discussants focused on the importance of revival and practice of the dances composed by the gurus. Speakers also discussed on lives and works of both Mannan and Jamil.

Dances choreographed by Mannan were staged on the first day of the programme. Under the guidance of choreographer Deepa Khondokar, a disciple of Mannan, students from different dance schools performed the compositions. According to Khondokar the main feature of dances composed by her guru is the fusion of traditional Bangladeshi folk elements with classical forms. She added that she had tried her best to maintain the originality of the compositions.

Artistes perform Manipuri dance at the show

PHOTO: STAR

The performances began with a Manipuri dance. Mannan composed the piece in 1978, fusing Manipuri (which was not recognised as a classical form before that time) with the classical *lashya* style. Decked in traditional Manipuri attire, artistes performed the composition.

Among other pieces composed by Mannan presented at the programme were *Dhol dance, Fishermen's dance, Tea Garden dance, Wedding dance, Snake Charmer's dance, Dhankata dance* and *Flag dance.*

The *Dhankata dance* is part of a dance-drama titled *Nakshi Kanthar Math*, one of Mannan's most popular creations. Artistes depicted harvest in the rural areas through the recital.

Accompanied with a popular *Chatka* song of the Sylhet region -- *Aaji bahal koriya bajanrey dotara,* dancers presented the piece.

Lives of tea garden workers were presented in the *Tea Garden dance.*

The programme wrapped up with the *Flag dance.* Carrying the National Flag of Bangladesh dancers presented the composition.

Exhibition

Maksud's art displayed in India

FAYZA HAQ

Artist Maksudul Ahsan has had several shows of his works recently in several Indian cities. The first one was at Dhumimal Art Gallery in New Delhi. This was a show featuring works of Artists from all over India and Maksud was the only Bangladeshi artist. This gallery celebrates its 70th birthday this October and Maksud will participate in this too.

His figurative work in acrylic along with charcoal drawing with the subject of an angry bull was on display. "I received good response in Delhi. Another show in Ahmedabad in a gallery owned by Dhanvi Jain went down quite well too. I had dealt with traditional Indian figures. The Rajasthani painting had a camel in the backdrop while the Bangladeshi one had banana trees and a river at the back and a woman in a traditional white sari with a red border on the front. I do abstracts along with figurative work. However, figurative works attract me most. Wherever I go I study faces and forms for inspiration. It is our joys and sorrows that I enjoy delineating most," says Maksud.

In the bull series that he did in India, he tried to bring out the energy and strength of the animal. He also represented the aggressive qualities of mankind in the animal portrayal. Arrogance and anger prevails throughout the world, Maksud feels.

In another series he has depicted people mourning with Mahatma Gandhi's image looming in the backdrop. Figures like that of Gandhi or Mother Teresa stand for humanity amidst turmoil and insecurity. He has a *Black* series too where everything is dark to portray the troublesome period that we are engulfed in.

An artwork by Maksudul Ahsan

Maksud has also participated in a print camp in Kolkata with artists like Prokash Karmakar and Nirmulendu Das. His works have also been displayed at Mumbai galleries.

In August he will have a solo show at Shilpangan. In October, his artworks will be on display at the Kolkata Academy of Fine Arts and the Bangladesh Deputy High Commissioner's Office Gallery. He will also work as a curator for a show jointly organised by Bangladesh and India shortly. In November he will have a solo show in New Delhi and in January 2008, his works will be displayed at exhibits in Ahmedabad and Mumbai.

Veteran filmmaker Rebeca terminally ill

CULTURAL CORRESPONDENT

Rebeca, the first female filmmaker (*Bindu Thekey Britto*) of the country has been hospitalised with serious kidney ailment. The terminally ill filmmaker is now at Dhaka Community Hospital, Maghbazar. Her relatives, friends, well-wishers and acquaintances are requested to pray for her.

Before making the film *Bindu Thekey Britto* (1970), Rebeca (real name Monjon Ara Begum) appeared as a character artiste in a number of Bangla and Urdu films including *Aito Jeeban, Chhota Sahib, Mala, Chakori, No 3 Feku Ostagar Lane* and more.

In fact films has been her lifelong passion. She was an employee of the Shilpa Bank. Rebeca was also a self-taught sculptor and poet. However, she never had an exhibition of her sculptures. She published some books of her poems, including *Nodi Bujhi Dakey, Byakul Brishti, Bhalobasar Bhukhandey* and *Samoy Bhengechhe Sangshay.*

PHOTO: STAR

Renowned music exponent Dr. Karunamaya Goswami speaks at a discussion on "Folk Elements in Nazrul's Works" at the Nazrul Institute Auditorium on May 27. Professor Rafiqul Islam, chairman of Nazrul Institute Trustee Board, presided over the programme. Professor Mohammad Abdul Quayyum, Professor Abdul Mannan Syed, Asadul Haque and Khilkhil Kazi also spoke at the event. The discussion was followed by a cultural programme

As part of the celebration of Kazi Nazrul Islam's 108th birth anniversary, Sangskriti Shomonnoy Kendra Bangladesh arranged a musical soiree featuring Nazrul songs rendered by Zannat-E-Ferdousi. The event was held at Poet Sufia Kamal Auditorium, National Museum on May 27. Advocate Sultana Kamal, former adviser to the caretaker government, was the chief guest at the programme. Mezbah Kamal, president of Sangskriti Shomonnoy Kendra Bangladesh also spoke at the occasion. Zannat-E-Ferdousi rendered over 20 Nazrul songs throughout the evening, including *Tumi amar Shokal belar shur, Naiba pelam amar golaye, Shaono ashilo phirey, Priyo amono raat* and *Padmar dheu rey*

Gritty Romanian film wins Palme d'Or at Cannes

The message from the Cannes Film Festival juries was clear: Romania rules.

In its closing ceremony last Sunday the festival bestowed two of its most important prizes on Romanian films, affirming the vitality of this recently emerging cinema. The top award, the Palme d'Or, went to Cristian Mungiu for *4 Months, 3 Weeks and 2 Days*, an unsparing yet humane look at life during the dictatorship of Nicolae Ceausescu. Additionally the jury for Un Certain Regard, a sidebar to the main competition, gave its highest honour to *California Dreamin'*, a first feature by Cristian Nemescu set in Romania during the Kosovo war of 1999. It was a poignant victory, because Nemescu died in an automobile accident last year at the age of 27.

The audience in the Palais des Festivals was audibly delighted by Mungiu's victory. His film, shown early in the festival, had enjoyed ardent critical support from the start. It follows the ordeal of two female university students as one tries to help the other obtain an illegal abortion. Harrowing and brilliantly acted, the movie presents a stark image of life under totalitarian rule without political grandstanding or sentimentality. At times it feels like a horror movie. Through meticulous formal control, Mungiu generates almost unbearable suspense and also shows, in sometimes graphic detail, the consequences of abortion and also of banning it.

While most of the other awards went to films that had received wide critical acclaim, the biggest surprise of the evening was the Grand Prix (the second prize, in spite of its name) for *The Mourning Forest* by the Japanese director Naomi Kawase. A quiet film, full of nature imagery, about a woman who goes to work in a retirement home after the death of her child and befriends an old man, *The Mourning Forest* played late in the festival as momentum seemed to be flagging.

Source: Internet

Cristian Mungiu with his Palme d'Or prize, gets a kiss from Jane Fonda

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

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

ATN Bangla
- 08:15 *Ajker Shangbadpotro*
- 08:30 Drama Serial: *Outdoor*
- 09:15 ATN Commentary Box
- 10:30 Talk Show: *Aktel Onyodrishti*
- 11:05 Drama Serial: *Pichhutaan*
- 11:35 Three Stooges
- 12:15 *Damal Chhele Nazrul*
- 12:45 *Shur O Chhobi*
- 02:30 Talk show: *Shomoshamoik*
- 03:15 Drama Serial: *O Amar Chokhu Nai*
- 03:45 Children's Programme: *Aha Ki Anondo*
- 05:00 *Gram Gonjer Khobor*
- 05:20 *Aainar Shamne*
- 06:20 Talk show: *Kothamala*
- 08:00 Drama Serial: *Moner Janala*
- 08:45 Round Table: *Nirbachon Commissioner-er Koronio*
- 12:00 Grameenphone Lead News

CHANNEL-i
- 09:30 *Shongbad Potrey Bangladesh*
- 09:45 Public Reaction
- 09:50 *GrameenPhoneTritiy omatra*
- 11:05 Cricket Online (Live)
- 11:30 *Amar Chhobi*
- 12:30 *Citycell Tarokakothon*
- 01:05 *Ebong Cinemar Gaan*
- 01:30 *Shanghbad Potrey Bangladesh*
- 01:45 Public Reaction
- 02:40 Mega Serial: *Priobash*
- 05:15 *Jonopoder Khobor*
- 06:00 *Muktijuddho Protidin*
- 06:20 Drama Serial: *Ochena Adhar*
- 07:50 D Rockstar-2
- 09:35 Mega Serial: *Kobi*
- 10:00 RC Travel On
- 12:00 *Grameenphone Ajker Shangbadpotro*

Channel 1
- 08:40 *Shuprobhat Bangladesh*
- 09:30 *Chokh Mele Dekhi*
- 10:00 Cartoon
- 10:30 Bangla Feature Film
- 02:00 *Shuktara*
- 03:30 Drama Serial: *Keu Kachhey Keu Durey*
- 04:00 *Gaaner Khata*
- 04:30 Bioscope
- 05:15 Stop n Rock
- 06:00 *Saaj Bela*
- 06:45 *Itihasher Path Dhorey*
- 07:00 *Alpo Sholpo Golpo*
- 08:15 Drama Serial: *Keo Kachhe Keo Dure*
- 09:00 *Rupantorer Golpo*
- 09:30 Expression
- 10:50 *Gaaner Kotha Kothar Gaan*

Rtv
- 06:30 Agricultural Programme: *Ei Desh*
- 07:00 Heart Beat
- 07:30 Musical Programme: Just Band
- 08:00 Drama Serial: *Biyer Golpo*
- 08:40 *Prithibir Pathey Pathey*
- 09:20 Drama Serial: *Bhorer Swapno*
- 10:35 RTV Exclusive

BANGLAVISION
- 08:35 *Shubho Shokal*
- 09:05 *Ebong Classer Bairey*
- 09:30 Musical Programme
- 10:10 *Cinebit Shada Kalo*
- 10:40 *Amar Ami*
- 11:10 Public Forum
- 02:40 Drama: *Chondrahoto*
- 04:15 *Shamol Bangla*
- 05:00 *Desher Pathey*
- 05:40 *Diner Sheshey*
- 08:15 Drama Serial: *Ei Shob Andhokar*
- 09:10 *Agamir Kontho*

BOISHAKHI
- 08:00 *Din Protidin*
- 09:00 Cartoon
- 09:30 Documentary Programme
- 10:25 Talkshow
- 12:00 Dance Programme
- 12:30 Cartoon
- 01:25 Tagore Song
- 02:00 Drama
- 03:40 Musical Programme
- 04:10 Documentary Programme
- 05:00 Cartoon: Mina
- 05:30 Documentary Programme
- 06:00 *Metho Pather Gaan*
- 09:15 Drama Serial: *Phera Holo Na*
- 09:45 Musical Programme
- 11:15 Talkshow: *Onnomukh*

STAR PLUS
- 09:30 Kumkum - Pyara Sa Bandhan
- 10:30 Aladdin
- 11:00 Timon And Pumbaa
- 11:30 V Trailers - Star Plus
- 12:00 Hatim
- 01:00 Kasautii Zindagii Kay
- 01:30 Kumkum - Pyara Sa Bandhan
- 02:00 Bhabhi
- 02:30 Kesar
- 03:00 Saarrthi
- 03:30 Kyunki Saas Bhi Kabhi Bahu Thi
- 04:00 Kayamath
- 04:30 Karam Apnaa Apnaa
- 05:00 Paraya Dhan
- 06:00 Meri Awaz Ko Mil Gayi Roshni
- 06:30 Kasturi
- 07:00 Kahaani Ghar Ghar Kii
- 07:30 Prithviraj Chauhan
- 08:00 Baa Bahoo Aur Baby
- 08:30 Karam Apnaa Apnaa
- 09:00 Kasautii Zindagii Kay
- 09:30 Meri Awaz Ko Mil Gayi Roshni
- 10:00 Kasturi
- 10:30 Kahaani Ghar Ghar Kii
- 11:00 Kyunki Saas Bhi Kabhi Bahu Thi
- 11:30 Kayamath
- 12:00 Paraya Dhan

STAR MOVIES
- 08:00 From Russia With Love
- 10:00 Halflight
- 11:50 Fat Albert
- 01:30 Company Business
- 03:15 The Greatest Game Ever Played
- 05:20 The Lazarus Child
- 09:00 American Pie 2
- 10:45 On The Lot
- 12:45 The Grudge

STAR WORLD
- 09:30 Oprah Winfrey Show
- 10:30 Psych
- 11:30 Grey's Anatomy
- 12:30 Still Standing
- 01:00 Frasier
- 01:30 Prison Break
- 02:30 Oprah Winfrey Show
- 03:30 The Bold And The Beautiful
- 04:00 General Hospital
- 05:00 Heroes
- 06:00 Scrubs
- 06:30 The Simpsons
- 07:00 My Wife And Kids
- 07:30 Friends
- 08:00 Seinfeld
- 08:30 2007 Miss Universe
- 10:30 On The Lot
- 12:30 Scrubs

NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC
- 09:30 Robo Human
- 11:00 Sauna Belt
- 11:15 Global Sky Shop
- 11:30 Air Crash Investigation
- 12:30 Titanic
- 01:30 End Game
- 02:30 Mating Game
- 03:30 Robo Human
- 04:30 Mad Labs
- 05:00 Mission To Malaysia
- 05:30 Nat Geo Junior
- 06:00 Gators High and Dry
- 06:30 Robo Human
- 07:30 Land of the Tiger
- 08:30 Shark Attacks
- 09:30 Is It Real?
- 10:30 Deadly Design
- 11:30 Animal Extractors
- 12:30 Is It Real?

DISCOVERY CHANNEL
- 09:30 Colours of India
- 10:30 Everest: Beyond the Limit
- 11:30 Extreme Machines
- 12:30 Baby It's You
- 01:00 Runway Moms
- 01:30 Wild Week
- 02:30 Detective Stories
- 03:30 Mythbusters
- 04:30 Leopard Discovery
- 05:30 Kings of Construction
- 06:30 Deadliest Catch
- 07:30 Wild Discovery
- 08:30 Spiritual Nation
- 09:30 Baby Story
- 10:00 Baby Whisperer
- 10:30 Mega Builders
- 11:30 Extreme Machines

STAR SPORTS
- 09:30 French Open Highlights
- 10:30 Spanish Football League
- 12:30 Best Of Hitz
- 01:00 Tna Archive
- 02:00 French Open Highlights
- 03:00 French Open 2007
- 11:00 Tna Archive
- 12:00 Cricket Crazy

ESPN
- 09:30 Sultan Azlan Shah Cup 2007
- 11:00 Indianapolis 500
- 06:00 Debutants
- 06:30 Npower Test Series
- 11:00 Sportscenter India
- 11:30 Sportscenter Asia
- 12:00 Debutants
- 12:30 Npower Test Series

PICK OF THE DAY

Kobi
On Channel-i at 9:35pm
Drama Serial
Cast: Rupok, Tanzika

Miss Universe: 2007
On Star World at 8:00pm
Beauty pageant
Aired form Mexico City