

CULTURALFEAST

Art Exhibition

Title: Lines of Madness
Venue: Goethe Institute Gallery
Date: June 4-14
Time: 10am-8pm (closed Friday and Saturday)

Group Art Exhibition

Title: Chitra Mela: Art Fair 2007
Venue: Shipangan, Road 3, House 26, Dhanmondi
Date: May 31-June 14
Time: 10am-8pm

Theatre

Troupe: Jibon Sanket Natya Gosthi Hobigonj
Title: Bibhajan
Venue: Theatre Institute Chattogram
Date: June 1
Time: 5:00pm/7:00pm
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

Cultural Show

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

Film Screening

Organiser: Bangladesh Federation of Film Societies
Venue: Alamgir Kabir Chalachitra Kendro, 62, Science Laboratory
Date: June 2
4:30pm Nirontor
6:30pm Shonkhonad

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 7:30 PM
June 1 Matinee 2:00 PM, Evening Performance 7:30 PM

Ikebana Exhibition

Organiser: Embassy of Japan & Japan Foundation
Title: Ikebana Demonstration and Seminar 2007
Venue: Shaheed Zia Auditorium & Nalinikanta Bhattacharya Hall
Date: June 4-5
Time: 5:30pm

Discussion

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

Jago Art Centre's tribute to Gaohar Jamil

Dance programme ends

ERSHAD KAMOL

ARTISTES of Jago Art Centre, one of the leading dance schools of the country, founded by noted dancer Gaohar Jamil in 1959, paid homage to their guru by staging his compositions on May 28 at the National Theatre Stage, Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy (BSA). The event wrapped up the two-day dance programme arranged by the Department of Production, BSA.

Guided by Kanta Jamil and Belayet Hossain Khan, young artistes of the school presented dances composed by Gaohar Jamil between 1954-1980. They

performed 10 compositions -- *Srodhdhanjoli*, *Fishing in Shallow Water*, *Jhumur*, *The Snake charmers*, *Hunting by the Garos*, *Dancing with Tambourine*, *Murong*, *Mother's Love*, *A Village Fair* and a scene from the dance drama *Shamanyo Khoti*.

Dancer Kanta Jamil, adviser-director of the Jago Art Centre, who is also the daughter of Gaohar Jamil said, "Gaohar Jamil trained under the legendary dancer Pandit Uday Shankar. Jamil introduced a unique style, which blends elements of Bharat Natyam with our folk dance. The genre is otherwise known as the 'Gowhar Jamil style'. This explains our focus on Bharat Natyam and folk dance."



Artistes of Jago Art Centre (top and bottom) perform at the show

The first composition, *Srodhdhanjoli*, a semi-classical composition, was a homage to Gaohar Jamil. *Fishing in Shallow Water* portrayed how men in the villages fish with a simple tool *paolo*.

Choreographed by Gaohar Jamil in 1954, *Jhumur* is a folk dance. *Murong* and *Hunting by the Garos*, composed by Jamil in 1976, feature the colourful lifestyles of the ethnic communities - Murong and Garo.

Students also performed a dance based on Tagore's poem *Shamanyo Khoti*.

The other compositions performed at the programme -- *The Snake charmers*, *Dancing with Tambourine*, *Mother's Love*, *A Village Fair* -- featured the colourful lifestyle of Bengal.

Noted dancers Lubna Marium, Sharmila Bandyopadhyaya, Shibly Mohammed and Shamim Ara Nipa spoke on Gaohar Jamil at the programme.



Photo exhibition

Bangladesh through Russian eyes

FAYZA HAQ

To mark the International Day of Child Protection, the Russian Centre of Science and Culture is holding a weeklong photo exhibition featuring works by Alexander Komorov Sasha. The exhibit is called "Bangladesh through the eyes of a Russian youth". Sixteen year-old Sasha is a Russian student living in Dhaka. Photography is his hobby, along with painting and sports. He is self-taught, although at times he is guided by his local order friends. His photos mainly deal with nature and at times bring in people too.

"I wanted to capture the beauty of forms and colours of trees, birds and insects and I felt that photography was a good way to do that," says Sasha. "I'd brought in

cityscape and portraits too, at times, apart from the tranquil Bangladeshi rivers. When I first came to Bangladesh I was not mesmerized by the charm of nature around me right away, but gradually I grew to appreciate it. Now I long to record it so that when I'm away I'll carry these memories with me. I usually take colour photos," adds Sasha.

In one photo one sees a delightful greenish bird, sitting on an electric cable. Next is a close-up of a butterfly sitting on a cluster of blue flowers. The subject is black and gold with lines and dots across it, seen against a pale grey backdrop. A picture of sunset in Rajshahi brings in a river with bushes and trees. The picture is buoyant with colours of a dying day.



Photographs by Alexander Komorov Sasha

Several people are seen on a boat in another photograph. Along with other fauna are the typical banana trees and haystacks seen in the Bangladeshi countryside. The sky is bluish pink while the water is a scintillating mauve. The trees appear like a line of paper cut-outs seen against the sky. The scene speaks of peace and harmony. In another scene is a man rowing a boat while behind him, on the river-bank, are bricks from a kiln nearby.

Men cleaning fishing nets and sorting fish with some onlookers are seen in another photograph.

Houses and trees are seen in pale impressions in purple and grey in the back. An old lady carrying twigs and branches is seen in one entry while a little girl loaded with such tree branches, wending her way home is seen in another picture.

A picture of the setting sun has purple clouds with the stream of river in front. Another has the same subject with variation of colours from the land, trees and sky.

Considering Sasha's age, the works are fairly impressive, and should encourage other potential shutter-buggers.

Kalidas Karmakar receives French grant

Celebrated artist Kalidas Karmakar has been awarded a special grant from the French government, which will allow him to learn and research on stained glass art at the famous *atelier* (studio) *Maison du Vitrail Andrieux* in Paris for two months (June and July this year), says a press release.

This is for the first time a Bangladeshi artist has been offered this opportunity. Earlier, Kalidas obtained another grant (in 1981) to learn the French coloured technique gravure at the famous *Atelier 17* in Paris. After moving back, Karmakar introduced the technique to young Bangladeshi artists. Kalidas plans to introduce the technique of stained glass to young artistes in the country upon his return.



Kalidas Karmakar

Tête-à-tête

Shikha Rouf: A promising Nazrul singer



Shikha Rouf

AHSAN HABIB

Talented upcoming Nazrul singer Shikha Rouf started taking music lessons in her school days. She completed a five-year course in Classical and Nazrul songs in 1986 from Chhayana. Eminent artistes Sohrab Hossain, Narayan Chandra Bosak, Anjali Roy, Shudhin Das, Shaheen Samad are among her gurus. She also received *taalim*

from Ustad Phool Muhammad in classical music. She prefers Nazrul's *ghazals*, *kirtan*, *Islamic* and romantic songs.

Shikha has an album of Nazrul songs to her credit to date. The album *Anjali Laho Mor* was released in 2003. Production of the album was done in Kolkata. In 2002 she had been to Kolkata on a cultural exchange tour along with Yaqub Ali Khan.

Explaining the limited number of released Nazrul *sangeet* albums, she says, "The music companies are hesitant to release albums of Nazrul songs as they don't consider the genre lucrative. They are more enthusiastic about popular artistes. Young artistes have to face several impediments." She is also cynical about the current situation of Nazrul songs, as taking it professionally has become an arduous job for young artistes. She is now working on an album of *adhunik gaan*.

She won the first prize in a national *hamd* and *naat* competition organised by BTV. In 1992, during her university days, she became the champion in a music competition organised by DUCSU.

Sikha Rouf is currently working as an Assistant Professor of music at University Laboratory School and College. She is also involved with Nazrul Sangeet Shilpi Sangstha. She practices *adhunik* and folk songs along with Nazrul songs. She is an enlisted Grade A artiste in *adhunik* and Nazrul song category at BTV.

On her future plan she says, "I want to work towards popularising the melodious tunes of Nazrul maintaining the original *gaayaki*."

Reunited Police start world tour

Reunited rock group The Police began a five-month world tour in front of 20,000 fans in Vancouver last Monday, 21 years after their last major concert.

Singer Sting, drummer Stewart Copeland and guitarist Andy Summers drifted apart in the mid-1980s but have been rehearsing together since March.

"I'd like to introduce the band. Andy, this is Stewart." Sting joked to the crowd, including actress Penelope Cruz.

They arrive in the UK on 8 September, playing at London's Twickenham Stadium.

The release of a 30-track greatest hits album -- available globally in the week of 11 June -- has also been confirmed. Many of those classic singles -- including *Message in a Bottle*, *Roxanne* and *Spirits in the Material World* -- were aired at Monday's concert.

Meanwhile Stewart Copeland has revealed that there was still tension between the band members at times, with their strong personal-

ties leading to arguments as they developed their musical ideas.

"We play nicely for two or three days, and then we start to get on each others' nerves," he told *Reuters*. "Then we have a screaming match, and then we hug and kiss, and then we play even better."

The group never officially split up in

the 1980s but huge creative tensions meant that relations were difficult between the trio for many years.

The world tour, which runs until 2008, will touch down in North America, Europe, Latin America, Japan, Australia and New Zealand.

Source: Internet



The Police, from left, Andy Summers, Sting and Stewart Copeland

TV GUIDE

PICK OF THE DAY



Adbhutorey
On Channel-i at 8:25pm
Drama Serial:
Cast: Shahed, Ishita



Grey's Anatomy
On Star World at 10:30pm
TV Series
Cast: Ellen Pompeo, Sandra Oh

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, 12:15am.

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

08:45 *Bishwa Bichitra*
11:15 Drama Serial: *Shong Shoptok*
12:05 *Maa O Shishur Kotha*
12:30 Selected Programme
01:00 Selected Programme
01:30 *Shukhi Poribar*
02:15 *Sisimpur*
02:40 Quiz Quiz
03:05 Cartoon
03:30 *Kichu Shekha*
04:00 *Shilpo Prangon*
04:30 *Shonnil Agami*
05:05 Selected Programme
05:30 *Hijol Tomal*
06:40 Musical Programme
07:00 *Mati O Manush*
07:30 Selected Programme
08:30 *Protidin Bangladesh*
08:35 Musical Programme
09:05 Drama Serial: *Obhiman Porbo*
09:30 Talk show: *Ei Shomoy*
10:30 *Shomoyer Shonglap*
11:00 *ATN Bangla*
10:30 Talk show: *Aktel Onyodristi*
11:05 Talk show: Meet the press
12:15 Cinema Cinema
01:30 *Gane Shure Taraney*
02:30 *Notun Chhobir Gaan*
03:10 Drama Serial: *Bhalobashar Rang*
03:45 *Shapla Shaluk*
04:20 Cooking Show

05:20 Islamic Programme
06:20 Talk Show: *Dumiti Mukto Orthoniti*
08:00 Drama Serial: *Noyontara*
08:45 Drama Serial: *Bohemian*
09:20 Drama Serial: *Khancha*
11:30 Musical Programme
12:00 *GrameenPhone* Lead News
CHANNEL-i
09:30 *Shongbad Potrey Bangladesh*
09:45 Public Reaction
09:50 *Tritiyomatra*
11:05 Sports Time
12:30 *Citycell Tarokathan*
01:05 *Ebong Cinemar Gaan*
01:30 *Shangbadpotrey Bangladesh*
01:45 Public Reaction
02:40 Mega Serial: *Prio Bash*
03:05 Talk show: *Microcredit Agrotitity*
04:05 *Mukti Judho Protidin*
05:30 Special Programme
07:50 Mega Serial: *Abdultorey*
08:25 *Alo-e Bhubon Bhora*
10:00 Drama Serial: *Nishidho Bonobhumi*
12:00 *GrameenPhone* *Ajker Shangbadpotro*
ntv
01:05 Japan Video Topic
02:30 *Chokkor*

03:15 Drama Serial: *Ranger Manush*
03:50 Drama Serial: *Neer*
04:25 *Enechhi Shurjer Hashi*
05:20 *Apar Jigyasha*
06:50 *Ki Kotha Tahar Shatey*
08:15 Cooking Show
08:50 *Kichhu Gaan*
09:45 Drama Serial: *Neer*
11:30 *Ei Shomoy*
Rtv
06:15 Musical Programme
07:30 *Gaan Ar Gaan*
08:00 Drama Serial: *Biyyer Golpo*

08:40 *Griho Shoili*
09:30 Drama Serial: *Raater Golpo*
10:35 Rtv Exclusive
BANGLAVISION
08:35 *Shubho Shokal*
09:05 *Amader Ranna Ghar*
09:30 *Bangla Feature Film*
02:40 Conan
04:20 *Raaf Biraatey*
05:00 *Cinebit Shadakalo*
05:40 *Diner Sheshey*
06:25 *Nanan Ranger Din Guli*
08:15 Drama Serial: *Dokhinayon*
08:55 Media Bhuvan
09:30 Drama Serial:

Rupantor Amar Ami
11:30 **STAR MOVIES**
09:30 On The Lot
11:30 Be Cool
01:30 Hostage
03:25 Junebug
05:10 Chain Reaction
07:00 On The Lot
08:00 Charlie's Angels: Full Throttle
09:55 On The Lot
10:55 Saw
12:45 For Your Eyes Only
03:00 The Ticket
03:30 Return To The Batcave
STAR PLUS
09:30 Kumkum - Pyara Sa Bandhan
10:00 V Trailers - Star Plus
10:30 Aladdin
11:00 Timon And Pumbaa
11:25 Bolly V - Star Plus
11:30 V Trailers - Star Plus
11:55 Bolly V - Star Plus
12:00 Hatim
12:55 Bolly V - Star Plus
01:00 Kasauti Zindagi Kay Kumkum - Pyara Sa Bandhan
01:30 Bhabhi
02:00 Kesar
03:00 Saarrthi
03:30 Kyunki Saas Bhi Kabhi Bahu Thi
04:00 Kayamath

04:30 Karam Apnaa Apnaa
05:00 Paraya Dhan
05:30 V Trailers - Star Plus
05:55 Bolly V - Star Plus
06:00 Meri Awaz Ko Mil Gayi Roshni
06:25 Bolly V - Star Plus
06:30 Kasturi
07:00 Kahaani Ghar Ghar Kii
07:25 Bolly V - Star Plus
07:30 Prithviraj Chauhan
07:55 Bolly V - Star Plus
08:00 Baa Bahoo Aur Baby
08:30 Karam Apnaa Apnaa
09:00 Kasauti Zindagi Kay 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 WORLD
09:30 Oprah Winfrey Show
10:30 On The Lot
12:30 The O.C.
01:30 Koffee With Karan
02:30 Oprah Winfrey Show
03:30 The Bold And The Beautiful
04:00 General Hospital
05:00 Prison Break
06:00 Scrubs
06:30 The Simpsons
07:00 My Wife And Kids
07:30 Friends
08:00 Seinfeld
08:30 On The Lot
09:30 Heroes
10:30 Grey's Anatomy
11:30 Seinfeld

12:00 Friends
DISCOVERY CHANNEL
09:30 Spiritual Nation
10:30 Baby Story
11:00 Baby Whisperer
11:30 Deadliest Catch
12:30 Body Basics
01:30 Wild Discovery
02:30 Detective Stories
03:30 Million 2 One
4:00 Everything You Need to Know
04:30 Leopard Week
05:30 Mega Builders
06:30 Impact Stories of Survival
07:30 Wild Discovery
08:30 Destination India
09:30 Drama on Discovery
10:30 Engineering the World's Rally
11:30 Deadliest Catch
NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC
09:30 Deadly Design
10:30 Sauna Belt
11:15 Global Sky Shop
11:30 Shark Attacks
12:30 Is It Real?
01:30 One Way Ticket
02:30 Unwind
03:00 Snail Zombies
03:30 Deadly Design
04:30 Mad Labs
05:00 Taipan Reign Of Terror
05:30 Nat Geo Junior
06:00 Sacrifice on the Shire
06:30 Deadly Design
07:30 Voyage To Kure

08:30 Outbreak Investigation
9:30 The Age Of Stealth
10:30 Driving Dreams
11:30 Shark Invasion
STAR SPORTS
09:30 French Open Highlights
10:30 Spanish Football League
12:30 World Hockey Magazine
01:00 Tna Impact
02:00 French Open Highlights
03:00 French Open 2007
11:00 Tna Impact
12:30 The Ubs Golf Club
12:30 Asian Tour Weekly 2007
ESPN
09:30 2006/07 Spanish League Highlight
10:30 Sultan Azlan Shah Cup 2007
12:00 2006/07 Nba Western Conference F
02:30 Friends Provident Trophy
06:30 Dubai X Games - Highlights
07:30 2006/07 Spanish League Highlight
08:30 Sportscenter India
09:00 Sportscenter Asia
09:30 Remember The Titans
10:00 Great Finishes
10:30 Sportscenter India
11:00 Sportscenter Asia
11:30 Best Of Hitz
12:00 Commonwealth Bank Series 2006-07