

CULTURALFEAST

Jasim Uddin Utshab

Organiser: Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy
Venue: National Theatre Stage, Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy
Date: June 3-5
Time: 7:00pm

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

Title: Chitral Varendra

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

Ikebana Exhibition

Organiser: Embassy of Japan & Japan



Foundation
Title: Ikebana Demonstration and Seminar 2007
Venue: Main Auditorium & Nalinikanta Bhattacharya Hall, National Museum
Date: June 4-5
Time: 5:30pm

Dilip Kumar Retrospective

Organiser: The High Commission of India in Dhaka
June 7
Mazdoor
June 9
Mashaal
June 10
Dunia
Time: 6pm
Venue: Indian Cultural Centre, House 25, Road 96, Gulshan-2
Complementary passes can be collected from the High Commission of India, House 2 Road 142 Gulshan 1 & the Indian Cultural Centre House 25 Road 96, Gulshan 2

Palli-kobi Jasimuddin Festival begins

“Nakshi Kanthar Math” staged



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(L-R) Shamim Ara Nipa, Zinnat Barkatullah and Shibly Mohammed in a scene from Nakshi Kanthar Math

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THE narratives of the rustic Bengal and its people have always been presented artistically in Palli-kobi Jasimuddin's poetry, touching the soul of readers. To pay homage to the poet, Department of Production of Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy (BSA) has arranged a three-day programme at the National Theatre Stage.

Secretary of the academy, Ashrafur Musaddeq inaugurated the programme on June 3. Media personality Muhammad Jahangir, also the coordinator of dance troupe Nriyanchal, was the special guest. Director, Department of Production, Zinnat Barkatullah delivered the

welcome speech.

Muhammad Jahangir said, "Besides academic curriculum at school and college levels, Jasimuddin's works do not get the exposure they deserve. While most of the 20th century Bengali poets are highly influenced by Rabindranath Tagore, Jasimuddin is one of the few who have developed their distinct styles. I believe that by labelling the poet 'Palli-kobi', the urban literature enthusiasts have 'subconsciously' sidelined his creativity. I appreciate the current endeavour of the academy and expect more such elaborate programmes in future."

Ashrafur Musaddeq said, "If a poet doesn't offer any new 'form' or

'idea', he/she can never survive the test of time. Jasimuddin is successful in presenting our rural culture in a modern light. To promote his work we will take more initiatives."

After the discussion, Nriyanchal staged a dance-drama titled *Nakshi Kanthar Math*, based on Jasimuddin's popular narrative poem with the same title. Under the guidance of Zinnat Barkatullah, the troupe revived the show, which was premiered in 1981. Zinnat Barkatullah informed, "In 1981, BSA sent *Nakshi Kanthar Math* to Italy. Shibly Mohammed, Shamim Ara Nipa and I were the lead performers in the dance-drama. The poem is dramatised by Golam Mujtaba and the dance-drama is directed by

Mostafa Manowar. Veteran dancer GA Mannan is the choreographer and Ustad Khadem Hossain Khan is the music composer. Indramohan Rajbongshi and Nina Hamid render the playback for the tunes. Tonight's show maintains the same presentation style of the premier performance."

Featuring the tragic love story between Shaju and Rupai, portrayal of rural Bangladesh -- traditions, struggles and way of living as a whole -- is presented eloquently in *Nakshi Kanthar Math*.

The dance-drama begins with a drought scene. The villagers arrange a socio-religious ritual praying for rain. At the event Rupai (Shibly Mohammed) meets Shaju (Shamim Ara Nipa); it's a classic case of love at first sight.

The lovers get married but the bliss does not last long. Tragedy occurs when thugs come to loot the crops of the villagers, resulting in a conflict. Five die and Rupai is wrongly accused. To evade the situation, he sees no other way but to flee.

Rural customs and festivities like harvest, fishing and wedding, have been emphasised, rather than focusing on just the love-story. The dramatisation of solitude by Shibly and Nipa embodied the melancholy of the character Shaju, who pines away for her beloved and succumbs to death.

The story ends with Shibly as Rupai, delivering a remarkable performance when the character returns home and finds a *nakshi kantha* (embroidered quilt), in which Shaju had delineated moments from her lonesome life.

Paribesh Utshab '07

Call for environmental conservation through local knowledge and cultural practices

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"Recognition of and support to local knowledge and cultural practices can make environmental conservation more meaningful and effective," said Professor Mozafer Ahmed on the inauguration of the two-day "Paribesh Utshab 2007" on June 3. The event was organised by BARCIK, an NGO, at Chhayanaut Sangskritik Bhavan.

The festival included children's art competition, exhibition of posters, publications and news-clippings with comments, staging of plays, screening of documentaries and discussions. The slogan of the festival was "Environmental conservation through local knowledge and practice".

Professor Ahmed, also an organiser of environmental movement in Bangladesh, inaugurated the festival by signing a canvas. The inaugural song was Protul Mukhopadhyay's *Ami Banglar gaan gai*, rendered by Abhijeet. It was followed by a children's art competition and a discussion.

The painting exhibition inspired by and expressing the local biodiversity, focusing the various threats to

environment, were categorised under three criteria -- *Ghashphoring* (grasshopper), *Lotkon* (a local fruit, on the verge of extinction) and *Karnaphuli* (a river in South-east Bangladesh that has undergone massive environmental degradation in recent times).

Children -- ranging from 6-14 years of age -- took part at the art competition. The outcome of the competition was the visual expressions of their favourite subjects like flowers, dream gardens, water and life.

The discussion presided over by Ashek Elahi was on "Water for life, project for water: What is the solution?". The keynote paper was presented by Pavel Partha. Kamrul Islam Siddiqui, Enamul Haque, Mihir Biswas were the discussants. The discussion specifically highlighted "water as a common resource, not for sale".

In the evening, *Mandar*, a play featuring environmental issues, was staged by Prachyanat.

The programme of May 3 ended with screenings of two documentaries -- Anand Patwardhan and Simantini Dhuru's *A Narmada Diary* and Ronald Halder's *Amader Salbon*.



Children take part in the art competition

Mega-serial “Adbhuturey” on Channel-i

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Taher Shipon's mega-serial *Adbhuturey* will be aired on June 6 at 8:20pm on Channel-i. Written by Anisul Haque, the serial features Eshita, Shahed, Shoeb, Fazlur Rahman Babu, Diti, Al Mamun, Dilara Zaman and Amirul Haque Choudhury in the lead roles.

The story revolves around mundane events from the shared life of an urban middle-class family. The head of the family is a cheerful man. A



Dilara Zaman and Fazlur Rahman Babu in the serial *Adbhuturey* who has some "extra income". The youngest son is a news presenter, who has recently fallen for a girl named Kobita. Jhumur, the daughter, who lives with the family, is busy with her research. Not-so-usual events often take place in the very usual lives of these individuals as the serial progresses.

Paul Newman bids farewell to movie career

Much-loved movie veteran Paul Newman has revealed that he is retiring to spend more time with his salad cream business. The 82-year-old Oscar winner said in an interview with *Good Morning America* that he was calling it quits after 50 years and countless iconic roles, from Butch Cassidy to Fast Eddie Felson.

"I'm not able to work anymore as an actor at the level I would want to," he said.

Source: Internet



Lux Channel-i Superstar '07 launched

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The popular talent hunt "Lux Channel-i Superstar" is back once again. Officials of Channel-i and Unilever Bangladesh Ltd, yesterday announced the comeback of the show at a launching ceremony at Hotel Sheraton, Dhaka.

The programme aims to bring out talented young women from all corners of the country, providing one of them with the opportunity of a lifetime.

Naushad Chowdhury, Brands and Development Manager, Unilever Bangladesh Ltd; Faridur Reza Shagor, Managing Director, Impress Telefilm Ltd; Asaduzzaman Noor, cultural personality and DMD, Asiatic MCL; were present at the conference.

Speaking at the event, Faridur Reza Shagor said, "Channel-i, along with Lux, is proud to be a part of this journey for the last two years."

Naushad Chowdhury said " Lux has played a pioneering role in discovering talents who have gone on to become some of the most successful stars in the country. This year's endeavour will hopefully inspire young talents to come forward and win hearts of millions."



(L-R, front row) Faridur Reza Shagor, Naushad Chowdhury and Asaduzzaman Noor with the contestants at the event

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 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
12:05 Maa O Shishur Kotha
12:30 Selected Programme
01:30 Mati O Manush
02:40 Selected Programme
03:05 Cartoon
03:30 Educational Programme
04:30 Band Show
05:05 Moner Kotha
05:30 Anushlon
06:40 Tagore Song
07:00 Quiz Quiz
07:30 Selected Programme
08:30 Protidin Bangladesh
09:00 Drama Serial: Shongshoptok
09:00 Protikhon

ATN BANGLA
08:15 Aker Shangbadpotro
08:30 Drama Serial: Outdoor
09:15 Drama Serial: Nirey Taar
09:15 Nesi Dhuu
10:30 Talk Show: Aktel
11:05 Drama Serial: Pichhutaan
12:15 Amar Computer
01:25 Musical Programme: Pubali Batasahey
02:30 Talk show: Shomoshomok
03:15 Drama Serial: O Amar Chokhu Nai
03:45 Budget Purbo Bhabna
05:00 Gram Gonjer Khorob
05:20 Aainar Shanne
06:20 Talk show: Kothamala
08:00 Drama Serial: Moner Janala
08:45 Magazine Programme: Aj Kaal Porshu
12:00 Grameenphone Lead News

CHANNEL-i
09:30 Shongbad Potrey
09:30 Bangladesh
09:45 Public Reaction
09:50 GrameenPhone Trityoma
11:05 Cricket Online (Live)
11:30 Amar Chhobi
12:30 Citycell Tarokakothon

01:05 Ebong Cinemar Gaan
01:30 Shangbad Potrey
01:30 Bangladesh
01:45 Public Reaction
02:40 Mega Serial: Priobash
04:30 Sa Re Ga Ma
05:15 Jonopoder Khobor
06:00 Muktiuddho Protidin
07:50 D Rockstar-2
09:35 Mega Serial: Kobi
10:00 RC Travel On
12:00 Grameenphone Aker Shangbadpotro

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08:30 Aker Shokal
08:55 Chokkor
10:05 Bhinnno Swader Khobor
10:30 Musical Programme
11:00 Cine Gaan
12:10 Talk Show
01:05 Japan Video Topic
02:30 Drama Serial: Shanto Kutir
03:15 Kichhu Kotha Kichhu Gaan
03:50 Drama Serial: Bhalobasha
04:25 Mondobasha
05:30 Gaaner Mala
06:45 Frankly Speaking
08:15 Drama Serial: Chokkor
08:50 Shobato Bhalobasha
09:45 Drama Serial: Neer

RTV
01:00 Raat Jaga Pakhi
01:30 Drama Serial: Biyer Golpo
02:30 Musical Programme: Gaan Gaan
03:40 Akbar the Great
04:20 HSBG Concert
05:15 Musical Programme: Praner Manush Achhey
05:55 Rty Exclusive
06:35 Agricultural Programme: Ei Desh
08:00 Drama Serial: Biyer Golpo
08:40 Cooking Programme: R Ranna

PICK OF THE DAY

Kothamala
On ATN Bangla at 6:20pm
Talk Show
Host: Mustafa Nurul Islam

09:20 Drama Serial: Nirontor
11:30 Pithibir Pathay Pathay

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
12:40 Drama: Transition Girl
04:15 Shamol Bangla
05:00 Desher Pathay
05:40 Diner Sheshey
08:15 Drama Serial: Ei Shob Andhokar
09:10 Agamir Kontho
09:45 Din Protidin
09:00 Cartoon
09:30 Musical Programme

10:25 Talkshow
12:00 Amar Bangla Gaan
12:30 Cartoon
01:25 Dance Programme
02:00 Drama: Aikaler Golpo
03:30 Tagore Song
04:00 Musical Programme
05:00 Cartoon
05:30 Musical Programme
06:00 Documentary Programme
09:15 Drama Serial: Phera Halo

STAR PLUS
08:00 Bolly V - Star Plus
08:05 V Trailers - Star Plus
08:30 Yeh Ho Hai Zindagi
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09:30 Kurnum - Pyara Sa
10:00 V Trailers - Star Plus
10:30 Aladdin
11:00 Kim Possible
11:25 Bolly V - Star Plus

02:45 I'm Gonna Git You Sucka
04:15 Elektra
06:00 On The Lot
07:00 Happy Gilmore
08:35 Cruel Intentions 2
10:10 On The Lot
11:15 Ginger Snaps: Unleashed
12:45 Sleeping With The Enemy
02:25 Lockdown

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05:55 Meri Awaz Ko Mil Gayi Roshni
06:00 Bolly V - Star Plus
06:30 Kasuri
07:00 Kahaani Ghar Ghar Ki

World Environment Day
On Discovery Channel at 12:30pm
Special programme on World Environment Day

07:25 Bolly V - Star Plus
07:30 Prithviraj Chauhan
07:55 Bolly V - Star Plus
08:00 Antakshari - The Gr8 Kids
08:00 Spl
09:00 Kasauti Zindagi Kay
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11:30 Kayamath
12:00 Paraya Dhan

STAR WORLD
07:30 Seinfeld
08:00 Hollywood Squares
08:00 Amazing Baby Videos
08:30 My Wife And Kids
09:00 The Simpsons
09:30 Oprah Winfrey Show
10:30 Psych
11:30 Grey's Anatomy
12:00 Still Standing
12:30 Frasier
01:30 Prison Break
02:30 Oprah Winfrey Show
03:30 The Bold And The Beautiful
04:00 General Hospital
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02:30 Strange Days
03:30 Telebrands
04:30 Baby Story Baby Andrews
05:00 Amazing Baby Videos
05:30 Nat Geo Junior
06:00 Snake People
06:30 Is It Real?
07:30 Giant Panda
08:30 Naked Science
09:30 Is It Real?
10:30 Is It Real?
11:30 Animal Extractors

DISCOVERY CHANNEL
07:00 Telebrands
07:30 Baby Story Baby Andrews
08:00 Amazing Baby Videos
08:30 Wild Discovery The Haunted Moor
09:30 Colours of India
10:30 Chhatisgarh The Tribal Planet
11:30 Everest: Beyond The Limit To the Summit
12:30 Extreme Machines 4-Wheel Force
01:00 World Environment Day
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10:30 Mega Builders Madrid's Big Dig
11:30 Planet Earth Mountains

STAR SPORTS
07:30 Pakistan Legends (Cricket)
08:30 Sports Max 2006/07
09:30 Roland Garros Highlights (Tennis)
10:30 Pakistan Legends (Cricket)
11:30 Pakistan Legends (Cricket)
12:30 Engine Block (Magazine)
01:00 International Motorsport News 20
02:00 Tna Archive (Wrestling)
03:00 Roland Garros Highlights (Tennis)
04:00 Roland Garros (Tennis)
10:00 Full Toss' Haste Rehna Boss (The
10:30 Tna Archive (Wrestling)
11:30 Cricket Crazy (Cricket)
12:30 Hitz (Cricket)

ESPN
07:30 Kiana's Flex Appeal (Aerobics)
08:00 Ashes 2005 (Cricket)
08:30 Kia X Games Asia 2007 - Show 2
09:30 Ironman New Zealand (Triathlon)
10:30 Tbf World Grand Prix - German League
11:30 Major League Baseball (Baseball)
12:30 Bangladesh Tour Of Zimbabwe (Cricket)
01:00 Afro-Asia Cup 2007 (Twenty20 Ma
02:30 Afro-Asia Cup 2007 (Twenty20 Ma
03:55 Caribbean Kings (Cricket)
04:00 Afro-Asia Cup 2007 (Twenty20 Ma
05:40 Afro-Asia Cup 2007 (Twenty20 Ma
07:00 Sportscenter Asia (Sport News)
07:55 Sportscenter Asia (Sport News)
11:00 Vb Series (Cricket)
12:00