

CULTURALFEAST

Children's Theatre Festival

Organiser: Rakhal
Venue: Shawkot Osman Memorial Auditorium, Central Public Library
Date: June 15-29
Time: 10:00am onwards

Theatre

Troupe: Friday Theatre School, Alliance Francaise Dhaka
Play: Aladdin
Play Language: English
Venue: Goethe-Institut Bangladesh Auditorium, House 10. Road 9 (new), Dhanmondi R/A
Date: June 18-22
Time: 7:00pm

Theatre Festival

Organiser: Sanglap Group Theatre
Venue: Experimental Theatre Stage, Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy
Time: 7pm
June 18
Troupe: Sanglap Group Theatre
Play: Debatar Grash
June 20
Troupe: Jolshiri
Play: Three Penny Opera
June 21
Troupe: Theatre
Play: Meraj Fakirer Ma

Group Art Exhibition

Artists: Mahabubul Islam Babu, Zahir Hossain Newton, Rajaul Islam Lovlu, Abdul Aziz, Syed Mohammad Shamim, Uttam Kumar Roy
Venue: Radius Centre, Bay's Galleria (5th Floor), 57 Gulshan Avenue
Date: June 15-30
Time: 10am 8pm

Title: Thoh Shun
Venue: Art Club Bangladesh Gallery, Suite 3B, House 4, Road 104, Gulshan 2
Date: June 15-20
Time: 11am-8pm

Painting Exhibition

Artist: Tayeba Begum Lipi
Title: Feminine
Venue: Bengal Shilpalaya, House 275/F, Road 27 (old) Dhanmondi
Date: June 15-28
Time: 12pm 8pm

Photography Exhibition

Artist: Shamsunnahar Lovely
Venue: Zainul Gallery-1, Institute of Fine Arts, Dhaka University
Date: June 17-22
Time: 11am 6pm

National Children's Theatre Festival '07 begins with fanfare

Participation by 80 theatre troupes



Young actors from Thakurgaon perform in the play Uchchango Sangeet

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CULTURAL CORRESPONDENT

EIGHTH National Children's Theatre Festival 2007 kicked off on June 15 at

Shaokat Osman Memorial Auditorium, Public Library. National Professor Kabir Chowdhury inaugurated the festival. Noted theatre personalities Ramendu Majumdar,

president, Bangladesh centre of International Theatre Institute ; M Hamid, president of Bangladesh Group Theatre Federation; Golan Kuddus, general secretary of

Sammilito Sangskritik Jote; Ali Ahmed, adviser to Peoples Theatre Association and SM Mohsin were the special guests.

After the inauguration a cultural programme was held where member troupes of Peoples Theatre Association performed. Eighty member troupes from all corners of the country are taking part at the festival.

On the first day of the festival Bandhumahal Shilpi Sangastha from Gazipur, Bahurupi Little Theatre from Faridpur, Diamond Club from Jessore, Alpana Shahitya O Sangskritik Sangsad from Thakurgaon, Bidrohi Shishu Theatre from Panchagarh and Nirman Theatre from Dhaka staged their productions.

Liaquat Ali Lucky, convenor of the festival and also secretary general of Peoples Theatre Association, said, "Our ultimate goal is to boost the creative growth of children through a sound practice of theatre."

Everyday some five or six theatres will stage their productions at the festival. The festival will continue till June 29.

Of feminine forms, memories and expressions

FAYZA HAQ

Tayeba Begum Lipi's ongoing exhibition at Bengal Gallery deals with feminine subjects and is also titled "Feminine". The works are in oil, acrylic and mixed media. She draws from both her imagination and surroundings. Past experiences have become the subject of some of her works. Lipi says that although there are relatively few women artists in Bangladesh, they are far from being suppressed. Artists -- male or female -- are bound to receive recognition if they persevere, says Lipi.

"My husband Mahbub always encourages me. My teachers including Rafiqun Nabi, Abdul Baset and Aminul Islam have guided me. Works of Nisar Hussain and Shishir Bhattacharjee inspire me too," she says. A lot of her work involves symbols, for instance when she painted with the Mithila artists in Janakpur, near the India-Nepal border of India, her art brings in the Modhuboni style. Motifs of flowers, birds and animals are included in the canvas along with inclusions of torsos and hips. Quite a few portray the artist herself.

The paintings bring in myth, religion and pastoral life cycle. The female artists, with whom she has worked, have done their intricate paintings on walls and floors. Lipi was also greatly moved by the tattoos on their hands, neck and chest. She has elaborated the motifs. She had gone there earlier last year, to attend an art camp with



Madonna, an Artwork by Tayeba Begum Lipi

Mahbub, Jupiter and Sunil, the latter there again in February this year. Paintings of Queen Elizabeth I,

and Queen Victoria, bring in the artist's portrait too, symbolising the people of the Subcontinent. These were once a part of a painting-based installation on indigo cultivation in India during the British Raj. She painted these while doing a residency in UK. She brings in Elizabeth I as the East India Company was formed during her time; Victoria becomes the subject of another painting as the British power over India was at its peak during her reign.

The work, which won her a Grand Prize during a recent Asian Biennale, is included at the exhibit too. The little dolls are from her childhood. The face of a girl is covered with glass as Lipi feels that when one grows up, the past is preserved in memory as in a showcase. The girl's face appears to be floating in the watery memories of childhood. The painting of Madonna, has floating cupids in the backdrop and three swirling foetus in the front along with a growing plant.

When Lipi deals with female images they delineate charm and sexuality. In the installation of fibre-glass, "bindi" and matchsticks, distortion of the human figure is meant to shock the viewer. The installation with the double imaged bodies and inverted heads convey a strong feeling by which one can't help but be moved.

The exhibition, which ends on June 25th, is interesting and thought provoking.

Ushering in monsoon with music and dance

CULTURAL CORRESPONDENT

Tapur Tupur Entertainment arranged a cultural programme titled "Barsha Mangal 1414" at Natmandal, Dhaka University on June 15. The programme featured dance, music and recitation celebrating the rainy season. Noted singers Ferdous Ara and Mahiuzzaman Chowdhury; dancers Soheli and Riya; reciters Mahidul Islam and Rupa Chakrabarty along with other artistes performed at the programme.

The event started with a group dance accompanied with the popular Tagore song *Pagla hawar badol din-e* followed by a dance by Soheli and Riya with the song *Brishti porey tapur tupur*.

Rupa Chakrabarty recited two poems by Tagore -- *Bristi Porey Tapur Tupur* and *Asadh*. That was followed by a duet recitation of *Tomakey bhalobeshey*, by Rupa and Mahidul Islam. The latter also recited Tagore's *Ekti din* and Shakti Chattopadhyay's *Anando Bhairabi*.

Singer Mahiuzzaman Chowdhury performed Tagore songs including, *Abar eshechhey ashadh*, *Badolo diner prothom kodom phool* and *Mon mor meghe shongi*.

Ferdous Ara was the last per-



Riya and Soheli perform at the programme

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former of the evening. The artiste rendered Nazrul and modern songs including *Barasha ritu elo elo*, *Shaoano raat-e jodi* and *Ek boroshar brishti-te bhijey*, a song made popular by late Nilufar Yasmin.

Saiful Bari, chief adviser of ATN Bangla was the chief guest at the programme. Acclaimed filmmaker Tareque Masud was the special guest at the event.

"Baba-r Kotha Shuni" on Ekushey Television



James to sing in the TV show

CULTURAL CORRESPONDENT

On the occasion of Father's Day, Ekushey Television will air a special programme "Baba-r Kotha Shuni" tonight at 8:30pm.

Noted cultural personalities will talk about the bond between father and offspring in the TV show. Dancer Shibli Muhammed will reminisce his father, who died in the Liberation War. Asaduzzaman Noor will recite a poem on his father. Actor Mahfuz Ahmed will recall fond memories of his recently deceased father. Ayub Bachchu will talk about his song "Retired Father" that became hugely popular. "Baba", a song by James, would also be featured in the programme.

Dinat Jahan Munni has planned and hosted the programme.

Special TV play on Father's Day on Channel-i

On the occasion of Father's Day, Channel-i will air *Shoshthika Kijey Oshosthi*, a single episode TV play tonight at 9:35pm.

The story revolves around Refaz Choudhury -- a businessman and a caring father. His only son is Ontu. Since separation with his wife Shosthika, Ontu is all Refaz has. The father and son share a healthy relationship and understand each other very well. One day Refaz discovers that his son loves a girl named Shoptoshi. After becoming aware of sons love interest, Refaz decides to find out more about the girl.

The play is written and directed by Mashud Hassan Ujjol. Afzal Hossain, Elora Gauhar, Apurbo and Tisha play the lead roles.



Afzal Hossain and co-actors in the TV play

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, 12:15am.

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 a.m, 10:00 am, 11:00 am, 1:00pm, 3:00 pm, 4:00pm, 6:00 pm and 8:00pm.

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

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News (Bangla): 7:30am, 12:02pm, 2:00pm, 7:30pm, 10:30pm, 1:00am

ETV
News (Bangla): 1:00pm, 3:00pm, 5:00pm, 7:00pm, 9:00pm, 11:00pm

BTv

08:15 Musical Programme
08:45 Bishwa Bichitra
11:15 Drama: Tanggo Ranggo
12:30 Selected Programme
01:00 Maa O Shishur Kotha
01:30 Mati O Manush
02:15 Laukik Bangla
02:40 Cartoon
03:05 Educational Programme
03:30 Shilpo O Shahityo
04:00 Shotorupa
04:30 Khela Dhula
05:05 Debate
06:10 Prescription
06:40 Tagore Song
07:00 Shomoyer Shanglap
07:30 Nittir Taley Taley
08:30 Protidin Bangladesh
08:35 Drama Serial: Shukh Shur
09:00 Drama
10:30 English Talk show

ATN Bangla
10:30 Talk Show: AKTEL Onnodrishti
11:05 Drama: Kushum Purer Jobonika
12:15 Special Programme: Protikriti
01:30 Shomali Shadakalo
02:40 International Bangali Festival in London
05:00 Gram Gonjer Khobor
05:10 Documentary Programme: Prapok The Sword of Tipu

06:25 Sultan
08:00 Three Stooges
08:00 Drama Serial: Outdoor
08:40 Drama Serial: Soiyod Barir Bou
09:20 Drama Serial: Pichhutan
11:30 Musical Programme
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 Muktiyudho Protidin
06:00 Special Programme on Father's Day
06:20 South Asian
07:50 Mega Serial: Bhober Haat
09:35 Drama: Shosthika Ki Je Oshosthithi
11:30 Drama Serial:

PICK OF THE DAY

Protikriti
On ATN Bangla at 12:15pm
Special Programme on Father's Day
Guests: Abul Hayat, Zahid Hassan

Elton John Concert
On Star World at 7:30pm
Sir Elton John performs at Madison Square Garden, New York on his 60th birthday

12:00 Ekanyobarti
Grameenphone
Ajker Shangbad
Potro
Channel 1
08:40 Shuprobhath Bangladesh
09:30 Chokh Mele Dekhi
10:30 Bangla Feature Film
03:30 Olpo Sholpo Golpo
04:00 Shondhikhonbey
04:30 Shomoyer Swad
05:15 Expression
05:30 Saaj Bela
06:45 Itihasheer Path
Dhorey
07:00 Ekti Tara Duiti Tara
08:15 Drama: Shohoshro Theke Shunney
09:30 Cine tune
11:00 Music Music
11:30 Music Station
ETV
10:00 Drama: Kuhak
01:30 Drishti
02:00 Amar Jela
02:30 Swapno Chhuye Jay
03:30 Chirontoni
04:00 Shotabdir Alo
04:30 Dhinak Dhinak Ta
05:30 Ta Na Na Na
07:30 Desh Jurey
08:00 Drama Serial: Shukhi Manush

10:00 Project
Drama Serial: Bondhon
BANGLAVISION
09:05 Drama Serial: Shesh Odhay
09:30 Bangla Feature Film
02:40 Drama Serial: Bachelor Dompoti
03:10 Nodi O Jibon
04:15 Music Moments
05:00 Cine bit
05:40 Diner Sheshey
06:35 Sports Vision
08:15 Drama Serial: Projapoti Din
Apar Agami
09:30 Drama Serial: Swapnochura
BOISHAKHI
08:00 Din Protidin
09:00 Cartoon
09:30 Documentary Programme
10:25 Talk Show: Law and Development
12:00 Amar Bangla Gaan
12:30 Cartoon
Quiz Show
01:25 Drama Serial: Polatok
02:00 Nazrul Song
05:00 Musical Programme

06:00 Documentary
Programme: Jei Dikey Takai
07:15 Talk Show
09:15 Game Show: Campus Challenger
09:45 Drama Serial: Nijhum Shimantey Bolaka
STAR PLUS
09:30 Krishna Kathaiyen
05:00 Star Voice Of India
08:00 Kasturi
08:30 Idea Iifa Award 2007
STAR WORLD
09:30 Desperate Housewives
10:30 Prison Break
11:30 Heroes
12:30 On The Lot
01:30 Life As We Know It
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 Elton John
09:30 Koffee With Karan
10:30 Law & Order: S.V.U.
11:30 Third Watch
STAR MOVIES
09:30 Ind Me Guilty: The Jackie Dee Story
11:30 Pening Night
10:00 The Perfect Catch
01:45 Live And Let Die
03:50 N The Lot
05:50 The Ticket
05:20 Undiscovered
07:00 Eeping Mum

08:45 The Pacifier
10:30 Leeping With The Enemy
12:15 Mafia
01:45 The Long Weekend
03:15 Leepover
HISTORY
CHANNEL
09:30 Special
10:30 H Factor
11:30 The Final Problem
01:15 Yes Minister S1
02:00 The Economy Drive
02:45 Big Brother
03:30 The Doors
09:30 Twist of Fate
10:30 Santana Blues
12:00 Lost in the Arctic
NATIONAL
GEOGRAPHIC
09:30 Countdown Crocs
10:30 The Serpent
11:30 Great Indian Witch Hunt
12:30 Is It Real?
01:30 Kakadu
02:30 Blowout
03:30 Mad Labs
05:00 Jassel, Ingrid, Hogan
05:30 Big Bang
06:00 Loggerhead & Green Turtle
06:30 Air Force Transport
07:30 Bite Force
08:00 Micro Safari
10:30 Hauntings
11:30 Stealing History
DISCOVERY

CHANNEL
09:30 Discover India
10:30 Everest: Beyond the Limit
11:30 Baby Story
12:00 Baby Whisperer
01:30 Everest beyond the Limit
06:30 Equator
07:30 Wildest Week
08:30 Discovery's Biggest Shows
10:30 Night Safari
11:30 Risk Takers
STAR SPORTS
09:30 Guinness 9 Ball Tour 2007, Kuala
12:30 Spanish Football League
03:58 Npower Test Series
06:00 Hitz (Cricket)
06:30 Npower Test Series
10:00 Race Day
11:00 2007 Formula One World Champions
ESPN
10:30 Friends: Provident Trophy
12:30 Sportscenter At The U.S. Open
01:30 Sportscenter Week In Review
02:00 India Down Under
02:30 Major League Baseball
05:30 India Glorious - Headingley Spec
06:55 Sportscenter Weekend
08:30 The Artois Championships