

CULTURALFEAST

Children's Theatre Festival
Organiser: Rakhal
Venue: Shawket 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: Debator 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*

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 Jessor, Alpana Shahityo Sangskritik Sangsads 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.

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; Golam Kuddus, general secretary of

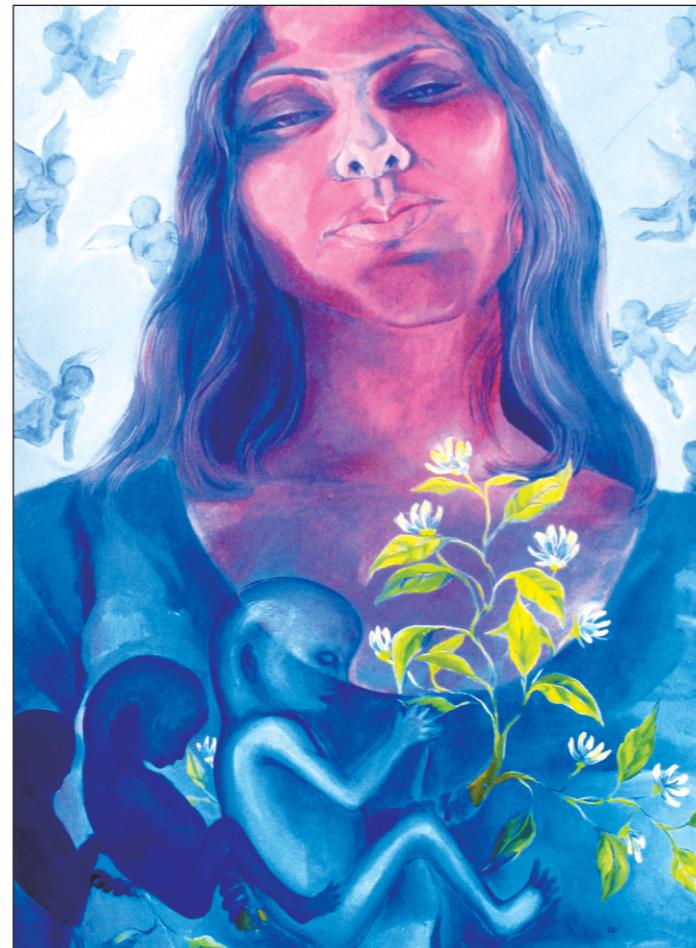
Of feminine forms, memories and expressions

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 two being Nepali artists. She went

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 foetuses 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.

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

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 Sohel 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 Sohel and Riya with the song *Brishti porey tapurupur*.

Rupa Chakrabarty recited two poems by Tagore -- *Brishti Porey Tapur Tupur* and *Ashadha*. 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 ashadha*, *Badola dinor prothom kodom phool* and *Mon mor meghe shongi*.

Ferdous Ara was the last per-



PHOTO: STAR

Riya and Sohel perform at the programme

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



Afzal Hossain and co-actors in the TV play

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.

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TV GUIDE

All programmes are in local time. The Daily Star will not be responsible for any change in the programme.

BTV

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

Channel i

08:30 *Shokaler Gaan*
09:00 *Shangbadpore Bangladesh*
09:45 Public Reaction
10:00 *Debate*
10:15 *Prescription*
10:40 *Tagore Song*
11:05 *Apollo Tele Prescription*
11:30 *Nriter Taley Taley*
11:30 *Hridoy Mati O Manush*
12:30 *Citycell Taroka Kathan*

ETV

01:05 *Ebong Cinemar Gaan*
01:30 *Shangbadpore Bangladesh*

Channel 1

01:45 *Onnodrishti*
02:40 *Drama: Priobash*
03:30 *BBC Bangladesh*

ATN Bangla

10:30 Talk Show: *AKTEL*

BANGLAVISION

10:30 *News (Bangla)* at 7:00 am. 10:00am. 2:00 pm. 7:00 pm. 10:00 pm. 11pm. News (English) at 3:00pm. 10:00pm. Late Night News (Bangla) at 10:00pm. 11:30pm. (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 9:00am. 10:00 am. 11:00 am. 1:00pm. 3:00pm. 4:00pm. 6:00pm 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) at 7:30am. 12:02pm. 2:00pm. 7:30pm. 10:30pm. 1:00am

ETV

News (Bangla) at 1:00pm. 3:00pm. 5:00pm. 7:00pm. 9:00pm. 11:00pm

PICK OF THE DAY



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

ETV

09:05 *Shuprobhath*
10:00 *Drama: Kuhak*
09:30 *Chokh Mele Dekhi*
02:00 *Amar Jela*
03:30 *Olpo Sholpo Golpo*
04:00 *Shondhikhonon*
04:30 *Shomoyer Swad*
05:15 *Expression*
06:00 *Saaj Bela*
06:45 *Itihasher Path*
09:35 *Drama: Shosthika Ki Je Oshosthi*
05:45 *The Sword of Tipu*

BOISHAKHI

08:00 *Din Protidin*
09:00 *Cartoon*
09:30 *Documentary Programme*
09:45 *Drama Serial: Shesh Odhay*

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*