

CULTURALFEAST

Inauguration

Organiser: Liberation War Museum
Venue: Jalladkhana Badhyobhumi,
Block D, Avenue 1, Pallabi, Mirpur
Date: June 21
Time: 4pm

Musical Soiree

Organiser: Chhayana
Venue: Chhayana Sangskriti Bhaban
Date: June 20
Time: 7pm

National Art

Exhibition

Venue: National Art Gallery,
Shilpakala Academy
Date: June 17 to July 16
Organiser: Department of Art,
Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy

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
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 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

An evening of songs by popular bands

Concert at Shilpakala

ERSHAD KAMOL

ON the evening of June 17, leading and promising bands of the country rocked the audience at the National Theatre Stage, Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy (BSA). The event was a part of a two-day programme initiated by the Department of Dance and Music, BSA. This is for the first time that rock bands performed at BSA.

LRB, Feedback, Face to Face, Parthib and Stellar performed on the first day of the show.

The event began with the promising rock band Stellar. The band performed two original numbers - *Tomar chokher anginaye* and *Raatri amar phirey esho* - both romantic tunes. The compositions were influenced by the popular Latin musician Santana. Stellar also performed Happy Akhand's evergreen number *Abar elo jey shondhya* and fusion-based compositions *Orey neel doriya* and *Notun premey mon mojaiya*. Masudul Haque Liton's vocals were impressive.

Performance by the band Face to Face was next. Vocalist Si Tutul presented his popular compositions - *Keu prem korey*, *Amar e jibon keno emon holo*, *Ranger manush* (title song of the popular mega-serial *Ranger Manush*), *Jaye din* and *O pashani*. Desolation of the soul and frustration were expressed in an aggressive, hard-hitting



Bands LRB (top) and Face to Face perform at the concert

PHOTO: STAR



and raw style. The blazing tune *Amar e jibon keno emon holo* featured intricate work on the rhythm guitar. Bassist Partho Majumdar demonstrated his skills in *Ranger manush*. *Jaye Din* opened slowly and moved into a riff.

Parthib performed *Koto din ketey gelo*, *Chander aloy-e*, *Dumeeti* and *Nijhum raat-e esho re*

his vocals to achieve the standards set by Maksud, the first vocalist of Feedback.

The last band to perform was LRB. Ayub Bachchu's band began their performance with an instrumental, *Waiting*. One of the best musicians in the country, Bachchu rendered a guitar solo, which reflected barrenness of a soul. Performing *Neel Nayona*, *Ekhon onek raat*, *Amito prem-e porini*, *Shei tumi* and *Bangladesh*, LRB moved the audience.

A discussion was held prior to the concert. Director general of BSA Qamrul Hassan, ndc; director of Department of Theatre and Film, Abul Kamal Shafi Ahmed and director of Department of Dance and Music, Sunil Chandra Das spoke at the programme.

Speakers at the programme said that apart from the classical music forms, many music genres have attained popularity. They said that the rhythm of the younger generation should be recognised and healthy music practice should be encouraged. Discussants also claimed that concerts like this might be able to rescue the current band music scene from a lingering 'negative impression'. Rockstars, during their performances, also appreciated the endeavour by BSA and hoped to perform regularly at programmes arranged by the institution.

However, a major flaw of the event was the sound system. Sophisticated acoustics is not an ideal one for a band show. According to the audience it could have been arranged at the open space at BSA premises.



On the theme of "Splendour of Nature in Bangladesh", a 20-day long art camp is being held, says a press release. Along with noted artist Hamiduzzaman Khan, 18 young artists are taking part in the "Art Camp 2007". Beginning on June 9, the camp is being held at the hilly areas of Bandaran and Rangamati and will continue till July 6. Artworks from the camp will be on display at exhibitions at Rangamati Zilla Shilpakala Parishad (June 23-27) and Shilpangan Gallery in Dhaka (July 27-August 2). As a follow-up, an art camp will be held at Sculpture Park Studio in Gazipur on July 5 and 6

Learning with "Meena"

Educational programmes for children in Sylhet

MOHAMMAD SHAFIQUIL ISLAM

Bangladesh Shishu Academy, Sylhet, began a four-day programme based on "Meena", the popular cartoon character, to generate awareness among children on various issues, including the importance of education. The event was held at the Saifur Rahman Auditorium recently.

The academy chalked out the programmes with the assistance of Unicef. District Commissioner of Sylhet, Md. Harun-ur-Rashid, was the chief guest. "Children are the architect of our future; they will lead the nation with the knowledge they are provided with now. They should be nurtured in a congenial atmosphere so that they can grow up to be assets to the nation," Rashid said.

The chief guest also stressed on the importance of education programmes like "Meena", aimed to generate awareness among the children. The character Meena is conscious of the rights to education, healthcare, issues related to early marriage, discrimination between a male and female child and other social foibles and superstitions. The character can play a decisive role in bringing about changes in the society, he said.

Mahbubuzzaman Chowdhury, district organiser of Shishu Academy, presided over the function. Renowned cultural personality Hemchandra Bhattacharya

attended the programme as the special guest.

Hemchandra Bhattacharya said that "Meena" is very popular among the children. She is intelligent, liberal, well-informed and aware of human rights. She points out the discriminations young girls often face and educated people on social shortcomings.

The chief guest also handed out prizes and certificates among the winners of an art competition. A street theatre titled "Jibon O Srom" (Life and Labour) was staged by the children of 'Protection of Children at Risk'. The programme ended with the screening of an episode of "Meena".



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Children receive prizes at the programme

India's costliest film "Sivaji" opens

REUTERS,Mumbai

Rioting for tickets to the first show, frenzied fans bathing their hero's cut-out in milk -- India's most expensive film *Sivaji* -- *The Boss* opened to huge anticipation last Friday, and it's not from Bollywood.

Made at a cost of over \$15 million, a huge budget by Indian standards, the Tamil film *Sivaji*, has generated enormous interest with tickets sold out for weeks in the south.

The hero of the film is Rajinikanth, a regional star whose flamboyance is unequalled by Bollywood actors and who may have even more fans than India's best-known star Amitabh Bachchan.

The story of the film was kept a closely guarded secret, further piquing the curiosity of the 57-year-old actor's millions of followers.

Fans milled around cinemas screening *Sivaji* from early morning with cut-outs and posters of the dark-skinned, heavy-lidded hero whose unique acting style is characterised by a trademark gesture: toss a cigarette in the air, catch it in his lips, then light it with a match struck on a shirt sleeve.

Posters show the actor sporting various hairdos, including a blonde one, standing in a strutting pose beside a much younger heroine.

"First day, first show. Nothing less when it is Rajinikanth's film," said Mayilraj, a middle-aged fan of the actor waiting to watch the new film.

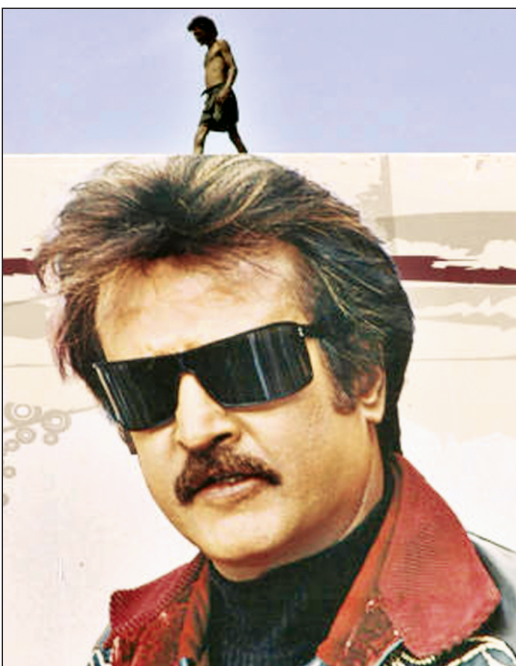
"I have tickets for every day for the next one week. I have different sets of friends to watch the film with."

But Rajinikanth's popularity remains largely restricted to southern India, partly because in the north the language of his films is not understood. He has acted in some Bollywood films as well, but he has never been able to replicate the success of his Tamil films in the Hindi language.

In southern India, fans collect opening day ticket stubs of his movies, which change hands for exorbitant prices. Directors cannot kill off his character in films because angry fans have threatened to burn down the theatres.

Even his personal life reads like a movie script -- he started as a poor bus conductor in Bangalore with a penchant for acting before making it big. The movie king has also dabbled in politics and once strongly influenced an election in Tamil Nadu.

His last film released in 2005 called *Chandramukhi* is completing 800 successive days in a theatre in south India.



A worker walks pass a cutout of Rajinikanth after the release of his new movie *Sivaji* in Chennai

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 8:00pm.

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
08:40 Bishwa Bichitra
11:15 Shukhi Poribar
11:40 Desher Gaan
12:05 Maa O Shishur Kotha
12:30 Selected Programme
01:00 Talk show
01:30 Mati O Manush
02:15 Dhrupadi
02:40 Geet Bilan
03:05 Cartoon
03:30 Educational Programme
04:00 Amader Angina
04:30 Band Show
05:05 Moner Kotha
05:30 Anushilan
06:10 Computer based
06:40 Selected Programme
07:00 Quiz Quiz
07:30 Drama
08:30 Protidin Bangladesh
08:35 Drama Serial: Rahu
09:00 Drama Serial: Shongshoptok
09:30 Prokiron
10:30 Talk Show
11:00 Sayer Sandhaney

ATN Bangla

08:15 Aikter Shangbadpotro
08:30 Pathamela-2007
09:15 Drama Serial: Syed Barir Bou
10:30 Talk Show: Aktel
11:05 Drama Serial: Pichhutaan
12:15 Amar Computer
01:25 Shopping based
02:30 Programme: Sadaipati
03:15 Drama Serial: O Amar Chokhu Nai
03:45 Hatimuddin Tim
04:20 ATN Music
05:00 Gram Gorjor Khabor
05:20 Aamar Sharme

06:20 Talk show: Kothamala
08:00 Drama Serial: Moner Janala
08:45 Drama: Matiborti
11:30 Weekly Cultural Programme: Rong Monnoho Tal
12:00 Grameenphone Lead News

CHANNEL-i

09:30 Shongbad Potrey Bangladesh
09:45 Public Reaction
09:50 GrameenPhone
11:05 Cricket Online (Live)
11:30 Amar Chiboi
12:30 Citycell Tarokathon
01:05 Ebong Cinemar Ganga
01:30 Shangbad Potrey Bangladesh
01:45 Public Reaction
02:40 Mega Serial: Probash
03:05 i Sports
03:30 Special Programme
04:05 Sa Re Ga Ma
04:30 Musical Programme
05:30 Multijuddho Protidin
06:00 Drama Serial: Kianto Shomoy
06:20 Shamokai
07:50 D Rockstar-2
09:35 Drama Serial: Kobi
10:00 RC Travel on
11:30 Ekanyo Bari
12:00 Grameenphone Aikter Shangbadpotro

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08:30 Aikter Shokal
08:55 Chokkor
09:30 Crime Watch
10:05 Bhinnio Swader Khabor
10:30 Music Express
11:00 Cine Gaan
11:30 Gambhira
12:10 Talk Show: Ei Shomoy
01:05 Japan Video Topic
02:30 Drama Serial: Shanto Kutir

PICK OF THE DAY

Moner Janala

On ATN Bangla at 08:00pm
Drama Serial
Cast: Abul Hayat, Agun

The O.C.

On Star World at 09:30pm
TV Series
Cast: Peter Gallagher, Kelly Rowan

03:15	Kichhu Kotha Kichhu Gaan	03:30	Chirononi Shotadid Alo	05:00	Deshar Pathay	06:45	Itihasher Poth Dhole
03:50	Drama Serial: Bhalobasha Mondobasha	04:00	Pathay Pantorey	05:40	Din-er Sheshey Shudhu Gaan	07:00	Olpo Sholpo Golpo
04:25	Gallery	04:30	Baul Baul Mon	06:35	Shesh Prohor	08:15	Drama Serial: Tahader Shesh Prohor
04:50	Apnar Jigyasha Gaaner Mala	06:15	Ekusher Sandya	08:15	Drama Serial: Ei Shob Andhokar	09:00	Kasauti Zindagi Kay
05:30	Shubho Sandya	07:30	Chhonday Shurey Desh Jurey	09:10	Agamir Korhito	09:30	Meri Awaz Ko Mil Gayi Roshni
06:45	Key Taharey Chintey Parey	08:00	Drama Serial: Biprotip	11:30	Agamir Korhito	10:00	Kasauti Zindagi Kay
08:15	Drama Serial: Chokkor	08:30	Amar Mukti Aloye Aloye	11:30	Agamir Korhito	10:30	Kasauti Zindagi Kay
08:50	Musical Programme	10:00	Drama Serial: Bondhon	11:30	Agamir Korhito	10:30	Kasauti Zindagi Kay
09:45	Drama Serial: Neer	11:30	Reporter's File	11:30	Agamir Korhito	10:30	Kasauti Zindagi Kay
11:30	Ei Shomoy	08:35	Shubho Shokal	12:00	Channel 1	11:30	Kasauti Zindagi Kay
08:00	Ekusher Sakal	09:05	Ebong Classer Bairey	08:40	Suprabhat Bangladesh	11:30	Kasauti Zindagi Kay
08:30	Desh Jurey	09:30	Musical Moment	09:40	Chok Mele Dekhi	11:30	Kasauti Zindagi Kay
12:00	Ekusher Dupur	10:10	Cinebit Shada Kalo	10:00	Bangla Movie	11:30	Kasauti Zindagi Kay
02:00	Amar Jela	10:40	Amar Ami	10:30	Sukhtara	11:30	Kasauti Zindagi Kay
		11:10	Japan Video Forum	11:00	Drama Serial: Tahader Shesh Prohor	11:30	Kasauti Zindagi Kay
		12:00	Drama	11:30	Agamir Korhito	11:30	Kasauti Zindagi Kay
		04:15	Shamol Bangla	12:00	Biroscope	11:30	Kasauti Zindagi Kay
				05:15	Stop n Rock	11:30	Kasauti Zindagi Kay
				06:00	Shanbela	11:30	Kasauti Zindagi Kay

03:45 Drama Serial: Rat Jaga Pakhi
04:20 Musical Programme
05:10 Talk Show
06:00 Din Pratinidin
06:35 Ei Desh
08:00 Serial: Biyer Golpo
08:50 R Ranna
09:20 Drama Serial: Nirantar
11:00 Travel Show: Prithibir Potho Potho

STAR PLUS

10:30 Aladdin
11:30 Kim Possible
12:00 Hatim
01:00 Kasauti Zindagi Kay
01:30 Kunkum - Pyara Sa Bandhan
02:00 Bhabhi
02:30 Karam Apnaa Apnaa Saarthi
03:00 Kayamath
04:00 Thodi Si Zameen Thoda Sa Aasma
04:30 Meri Awaz Ko Mil Gayi Roshni

07:00 Kahaani Ghar Ghar Ki
07:30 Prithviraj Chauhan
08:00 Antakshari - The Gr8 Kids Spl
09:00 Kasauti Zindagi Kay
09:30 Meri Awaz Ko Mil Gayi Roshni

10:00 Kasturi
11:00 Kahaani Ghar Ghar Ki
11:30 Kyunki Saas Bhi Kabhi Bahu Thi
11:30 Kayamath

STAR WORLD

09:00 The Simpsons
09:30 How I Met Your Mother
10:00 My Name Is Earl
10:30 Psych
11:30 Grey's Anatomy
12:30 Still Standing
01:00 Frasier
01:30 Prison Break
02:30 The Ellen Degeneres Show

03:30 The Bold And The Beautiful
04:30 General Hospital
05:00 Heroes
06:00 Scrubs
06:30 The Simpsons
07:00 My Wife And Kids
08:00 Seinfeld
08:30 Life As We Know It
09:30 The O.C.
10:30 Prison Break

STAR MOVIES

10:30 My Date With Drew
12:15 Red Heat
12:30 Life Aquatic With Steve Zissou
04:00 The Devil's Own
07:00 Never Been Kissed
08:45 The Thin Red Line
11:45 On The Lot
12:45 Hide And Seek

HISTORY CHANNEL

10:30 Tactical to Practical
12:00 Eye - Max + English Guru
12:30 Attila the Hun
01:30 Dogfights of Middle East
02:30 Royal Murders
03:00 Lost in the Sahara
03:30 Andre Agassi
04:30 Waterloo
05:30 Tactical to Practical
06:30 Attila the Hun
07:30 Human Combustion
08:30 At Baghdad's Doorsteps
09:30 Affair With Married Woman
10:30 Engines
11:30 RFK Assassination

NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC

11:00 Sauna Belt
11:15 Global Sky Shop
11:30 Hijacked
12:30 Texas Oil Explosion
01:30 Gargland
02:30 Oceans in Glass
04:30 Mad Labs
05:00 Fangs To Fortunes

05:30 Backyard Science
06:30 Expedition Unknown
06:30 NG's Amazing Moments
07:30 Thunder Beasts
08:30 Bermuda Triangle
09:30 Is It Real?
10:30 NG's Amazing Moments
11:30 Triple Trash Bears

DISCOVERY CHANNEL

10:30 Everest: Beyond the Limit
11:30 Extreme Machines
12:30 Bringing Home Baby
01:00 Runway Moms
01:30 Hunters Week
02:30 Detective Stories
03:30 Mythbusters
05:30 Kings of Construction
06:30 I Shouldn't be Alive
07:30 Hunters Week
08:30 Spiritual Nation
09:30 Baby Story
10:30 Baby Whisperer
10:30 Mega Builders

STAR SPORTS

10:30 Race Day
11:30 2007 Formula One World Champions
01:30 Chequered Flag
01:30 TNA Archive
03:58 Npower Test Series
06:00 India Down Under
06:30 Npower Test Series
11:00 Cricket Crazy

ESPN

11:00 The Ultimate Pool Party
12:00 Major League Baseball
03:00 Bwf Super Series - Swiss Open
04:00 2006/07 Nba Finals
06:30 X Games Global
07:30 U.S. Open Golf
09:30 2006/07 Spanish League
10:30 Sportscenter India
11:30 Sportscenter Asia