

CULTURALFEAST

Fete de la Musique

Organiser: Alliance Francaise de Dacca
Venue: Alliance Francaise, 26, Mirpur Road, Dhanmondi

Date: June 27
Time: 6:00pm
Artistes: Nriyram Nriyashaelon Kendro

Date: June 29
Time: 6:00pm
Artist: Ecole de danse
Date: June 30
Time: 6:00pm
Artist: Ecole de musique

Mask Exhibition

Organiser: Department of Fine Art and Praktirajon Projonmo
Venue: Art Club Bangladesh, House No.4, Road No. 104, Gulshan 2
Date: June 25-29

National Art Exhibition

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

Art Exhibition

Artist: Bipul Shah
Title: Journey with Wreckage
Venue: Galleri Kaya
House 20, Road 16, Sector 4, Uttara
Date: June 21-July 4
Time: 11am-8pm

Short Play Festival

Organiser: Space and Acting Research Centre
Venue: Experimental Hall, Shilpakala Academy
Date: June 27
Time: 7:00pm

Photography Exhibition

Title: Ability and Inclusion
Artist: Shumon Ahmed
Organiser: Centre for Disability in Development
Venue: Shilpangan, House 26, Road 3, Dhanmondi
Date: June 27 to July 7
Time: 12pm to 8pm

Theatre

Title: Koina
Troupe: Prachyanat
Venue: Mahila Samity Auditorium
Date: June 28 Thursday
Time: 7 pm

Children's Theatre Festival

Organiser:Rakhal
Venue: Shawkot Osman Memorial Auditorium, Central Public Library
Date: June 27
Time:4:30pm
Title: Operation Jalpietali
Troupe: Gobindaganj Shishu-Kishor Theatre, Gobindaganj
Time:5:15pm
Title:Rojina Upakyan
Troupe: Tokai Natyadal, Dhaka
Time:6:45pm
Title: Stop Bugle
Troupe: Kids Cultural Institute, Chittagang
Time:7:30pm
Title: Zamalaya Shishu
Troupe: Jagarani Shishu Kishor Theatre, Setabganj

Fête de la Musique '07

Anup Barua and his impressive repertoire

KARIM WAHEED

ON the fifth day (June 25) of the ongoing Fête de la Musique 2007, a musical programme at Alliance Francaise, Dhaka featured an array of songs by Anup Barua. It was a cosy affair and had more of an "ashor" feel; music enthusiasts huddled on the floor surrounding the artiste and the instrumentalists. Richard Kishore on guitar, Rabi on tabla, Nikhilesh on keyboard, Alam on percussion and Jalal on flute provided "sangat" to the vocalist. Barua, a 'Sangeet Visharad' degree holder (from Gandharva Mahavidyalaya, India), has been teaching classical music at Chhayanat since 1998. Considering his background, Barua's flair for Nazrul Sangeet and semi-classical forms like *thumri*, is understandable. The artiste started his performance with a Nazrul Sangeet, *Kholo khologo duar*. Renditions of *Kar banshori bajey*, *Boroshia oi elo boroshia* and *Amar sampan jatri na loy (in bhatiali style)* gave the audience a taste of diversity in Nazrul songs.

Barua then moved on to *adhunik* songs with *Sharadin tomaye bhebey*. The artiste turned out to be an ardent fan of Niaz Mohammad Chowdhury whose songs attained much popularity in the '80s. Barua said, "I make it a point to sing Niaz bhai's songs at every programme." Renditions of *Aaj ei brishtir kanna* and *Ek phonta bish aaj amar tiyash* received rounds of applause from the rapt audience. A Nazrul song with the same feel -- *Ami pothomanjori* -- followed. After performing songs of Manna Dey and Anup Jalota -- *Aaj nisheethey kachhei thako* and *Jiboner jalshaghorey* respectively -- Barua delighted the audience with all-time favourite S.D Burman numbers *Borney gondhey chhondey*



Anup Barua sings on the fifth day of Fête de la Musique '07

geetitey, *Nitol paye rinik jhinik*, *Tumi eshechhiley porshu* and *Ke jashrey bhatigang baiya*. The versatile singer also rendered a Mehdi Hasan *ghazal*, *Aye duniya kya tuihse kahun* and another Niaz Mohammad song, *Dukkho amar parini ekhono tomakey bojhatay*. The evening wrapped up with Barua's performance of a Nazrul song -- *Anjoli loho mor* -- blended with a *thumri* and Hason Raja song -- *Nisha laagilo rey* -- fused with *raga bhairavi*. The

latter, according to Barua, was "an effort to distinguish the bond between the 'raw' or 'earthy' and the 'most evolved' or 'finest' forms of music." Flutist Jalal deserves a special mention. The instrumentalist's authority on flute and spontaneity were lauded by the audience.

Cultural programme by indigenous communities

AMINUL ISLAM, Mymensingh

Cultural groups from ethnic communities living in Mymensingh, Tangail, Jamalpur, Sherpur, Netrokona and Sunamganj district held a programme at the CARITAS Regional Auditorium in Mymensingh town recently. The cultural programme titled "Hai un Ching an, Ching Dak Bewalko Rak Kina" (Come to practice and revive our traditional indigenous culture) indicates a positive meaning. The event was attended by hundreds of indigenous artistes in colourful traditional attire. Several indigenous groups including Garo (traditionally known as "Mandi"), Kooch, Hajang, Banai, Dhalu and Barman took part at the function. *Guri Boua* and *Chambil* dance of the Garos entertained the



Indigenous artistes perform at the event

PHOTO: STAR

audience. Traditional *Kooch*, *Hajang* and others dances as well as songs followed.

Earlier a discussion was held. Garo intellectual Subash Gengcham chaired the discussion. Among others, Zobayedur Rahman (additional deputy commissioner), Robert Mankin (acting director of Birishiri Cultural Academy), Uttam Richil, Father Monindra Chiram, Yunus Shangma and Diliya Hagidak were also present at the programme.

The speakers stressed on the revival of indigenous traditions, some of which are on the verge of extinction. This would benefit the future generations, they reiterated.

Musical soiree at Shilpakala Promising artistes present Tagore songs

CULTURAL CORRESPONDENT

To encourage upcoming singers of the country, Department of Music and Dance, Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy (BSA) arranged a two-day musical soiree featuring Tagore and Nazrul song. On the first day (June 25) of the programme, upcoming singers presented Tagore songs at the newly opened National Music and Dance Centre.

Claiming Tagore and Nazrul as "legends", director of the department, Sunil Chandra Das said, "Songs composed by Tagore and Nazrul have enriched our culture. This programme aims to encourage talented young artistes of both genres.

Music director at the Department, Ali Asgor Khokon said, "We

Dhaka Padatik honours Raisul Islam Asad

Jalodash staged

CULTURAL CORRESPONDENT

Theatre group Dhaka Padatik honoured noted actor Raisul Islam Asad with the "Abul Kasem Dulal Smriti Padak '07" on June 25. Theatre personality Nasiruddin Yousuff received the award on Asad's behalf as the actor could not appear at the programme due to ailment. The event was held at Mahila Samiti auditorium.

Eminent writer, Syed Shamsul Haq was the chief guest at the programme. *Jalodash*, a Dhaka Padatik production, was later staged at the venue.

"I've witnessed performances by several actors in many countries but amongst them Asad is very special," said Syed Shamsul Haq.

"Asad has received several awards but very few of those for his stage performances. He certainly deserves more," said Nasiruddin Yousuff, President of Sammilita Sangskritik Jote, who was also the special guest at the programme.

Golam Kuddus, president of Dhaka Padatik and general secretary of Sammilita Sangskritik Jote presided over the programme. Ataur Rahman, general secretary of Bangladesh Centre of International Theatre Institute; Jhuna Chowdhury, secretary general of Bangladesh Group Theatre Federation; Nader Chowdhury, vice president of Dhaka Padatik and Gazi Zakir Hossain, general secretary of Dhaka Padatik were also present at the programme.

Abul Kasem Dulal was one of founder members of Dhaka Padatik



(From left): Golam Kuddus, Syed Shamsul Haq, Nasiruddin Yousuff and Jhuna Chowdhury at the programme

(others include Golam Kuddus and Late SM Solaiman). To mark his death anniversary every year Dhaka Padatik awards a prominent artiste who has made significant contribution to his/her respective field. The award includes a crest and an amount of BDT 10,000. Ferdousi Majumder, Mamunur Rashid, late SM Solaiman, Nasiruddin Yousuff, Syed Jamil Ahmed and Gaziul Haque are the previous recipients of the award. Dhaka Padatik's production *Jalodash* was staged after the award giving ceremony. Written by Harun-ur-Rashid and directed by Nader Chowdhury, the play features the miseries of the 'fisherman' community and brings to light the various ways hoarders manipulate and exploit these people. The play also touches the issue of exploitation of the poor by several NGOs in the name of 'community development'. Fundamentalism and complexity of village politics appear as an undercurrent in *Jalodash*. Many among these unfortunate ones leave their ancestral profession, many lean towards crime, many are forced to move and many die as consequences. *Jalodash* is one of the remarkable tragedies in Bangla that analyses and portrays the mode of oppression and the plight of the proletariat class.

Tom Cruise's film shoot banned in Germany

Tom Cruise's obsession with Scientology just moved from being blog-fodder and material for stand-up comedians, to a far more pressing problem.

The German government has barred the shooting on location of a film about a plot to kill Adolf Hitler, *Entertainment Weekly* and other media outlets report, because of Cruise's connections with the Church of Scientology.

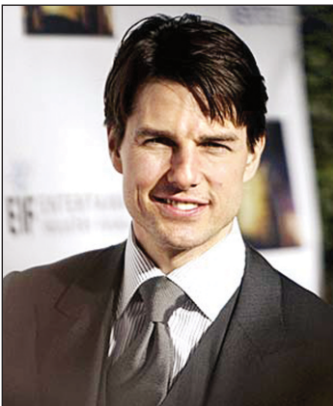
The film, to be directed by Bryan Singer and to co-star Kenneth Branagh, was planned to be filmed at various German military sites. Cruise is one of the producers.

Cruise was slated to play Count Claus Graf Schenk von Stauffenberg who, by way of opposing the Nazi treatment of Jews, on July 20, 1944, planted a bomb hidden in a suitcase in the Fuhrer's fabled Wolf's Lair, the East Prussian military headquarters.

The bomb exploded on schedule and killed four of Hitler's military advisors. A heavy table behind which the Fuhrer was seated at the time however saved his life.

Von Stauffenberg was arrested by the Gestapo and after a show-trial, hanged to death with piano wire.

Media outlets quote Germany's defense ministry spokesman Harald Kammerbauer as saying the filmmakers "will not be allowed to film at German military sites if Count Stauffenberg is played by Tom Cruise, who has publicly professed to being a member of the Scientology cult.



"In general, the Bundeswehr (German military) has a special interest in the serious and authentic portrayal of the events of July 20, 1944 and Stauffenberg's person," Kammerbauer said. Germany does not recognise Scientology as a religion, and has argued that the cult masquerades as a religion in order to make money.

One of the main areas of interest for the filmmakers will be the 'Benderblock' memorial inside the defense ministry complex in Berlin, where Stauffenberg and his co-conspirators hatched the plot. The failed conspirators were later executed at the same spot.

The film, titled *Valkyrie* (after Operation Valkyrie, the code-name of Stauffenberg's plot) is slated for a 2008 release.

Source: Internet

ON AIR

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 8:00 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
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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

08:45 *Bishwa Bichitra*
11:15 Drama Serial: *Shong Shoptok*
12:05 *Maa O Shishur Kotha*
12:30 Selected Programme
01:00 Musical Programme
01:30 *Shukhi Poribar*
02:15 *Sisimpur*
02:40 Quiz Quiz
03:05 Cartoon: *Bananas in Pyjamas*
03:30 *Cricket Shekha*
04:30 *Hijol Tomal*
05:05 *Ovjatri*
05:30 Selected Programme
06:40 *Shondha Maloti*
07:00 *Mati O Manush*
07:30 *Ottijer Colochitro*
08:30 *Protidin Bangladesh*
08:35 Drama Serial: *Alo Amar Alo*
09:00 Talk Show: *Shomoyer Kotha*
11:00 *Shur Torongo*
ATN Bangla
10:30 Talk show: *Aktel Onyodristi*
11:05 Talk Show: *Meet the press*
12:15 *Cinema Cinema*
01:30 *Gane Shure Taruney*
02:30 *Nutum Chhobir Gaan*
03:10 Drama Serial: *Bhalobashar Rang Shapla Shaluk*
03:45 *Shapla Shaluk*
04:20 Cooking Programme: *ATN Rannaghar*
05:00 *Gram Gonjer Khobor*
05:20 Islamic Programme: *Islami Sawal O Jobab*
06:20 *Thakur Mar Jhuli*
08:00 Drama Serial:

08:45 *Noyontara* Drama Serial: *Bohemian*
09:20 Musical Programme
11:30 Talking Point
12:00 *GrameenPhone* Lead News
CHANNEL-i
09:30 *Shongbad Potrey Bangladesh*
09:45 Public Reaction
09:50 *GrameenPhone* *Tritiyomatra*
11:05 Sports Time
12:30 *Citycell Tarokathan*
01:05 *Ebong Cinemar Gaan*
01:30 *Shangbhadpotrey Bangladesh*
01:45 Public Reaction
02:40 Mega Serial: *Prio Bash*
03:05 Talk show: *Microcredit Agrogithey Bangladesh*
03:30 *Sa Re Ga Ma*
04:05 Music Club
05:30 *Mukti Judho Protidin*
06:00 Drama Serial: *Shath Goenda*
06:20 Cooking Programme
07:50 *Jibon Jekhaney Jemon*
08:20 Mega Serial: *Adhbutore*
09:35 *Alo-e Bhubon Bhora*
10:00 Drama
11:30 *Ekanyo Barti*
12:00 *GrameenPhone* *Ajker Shangbadpotro*
ntv
08:30 *Ajker Shokal Chokkor*
08:55 *K Tahare Chinitley Parey*
09:30 Science workshop
10:05



Shomoyer Kotha On BTV at 9:00pm Talk Show Host: Syed Munir Khasru

PICK OF THE DAY



The Patriot On Star Movies at 7:00pm Genre: Action Cast: Mel Gibson, Joely Richardson

10:30 Gallery
11:00 American Cinema
12:10 Talk Show: *Ei Shomoy*
01:05 Japan Video Topic
02:30 *Chokkor*
03:15 Drama Serial: *Ranger Manush*
03:50 Drama Serial: *Neer Dibidho*
04:25 *Bhalobasha Karey Koy*
04:50 *Apnar Jigyasha*
05:30 *Togore Song*
06:50 *Ki Kotha Tahar Shatey*
08:15 Cooking Programme
08:50 *Kichhu Kotha Kichhu Gaan*
09:45 Drama Serial: *Neer*

11:30 *Ei Shomoy*
ETV
08:30 *Chondey Chondey Desh Jurey*
01:30 *Drishit Shoyong*
05:30 *Deshjurey Shonglap*
08:00 Drama Serial: *Biyer Golpo*
01:00 Travel Show
01:30 *Aj Potrikay*
03:45 *Nirontor*
04:20 *Prachir Ghera China*
05:10 *Borney Borney Rokkhakoti*
06:00 *Din Protidin*
06:35 *Drishya Kolpo*
08:00 Drama Serial: *Biyer Golpo*
08:40 Akbar the Great
09:20 Drama Serial: *Bridya Asram*

11:00 *Griho Sholli*
BANGLAVISION
08:35 *Shubho Shokal*
09:05 *Amader Ranna Ghar*
09:30 *Bangla Feature Film*
02:40 *Conan*
04:15 *Raat Biraatey*
05:00 *Cinebit Shadakalo*
05:40 *Diner Sheshley*
06:35 *Nana Ranger Din Guli*
08:15 Drama Serial: *Rokkhakoti*
08:55 Media Bhuban
09:30 Drama Serial: *Rupantor Amar Ami*
11:30 **BOISHAKHI**
08:00 *Din Protidin*

09:00 Cartoon
09:30 Talk Show: *Tobu Monerekho*
10:25 Talk Show
01:25 *Metho Pather Gaan*
02:00 Drama Serial: *Phera Holo Na*
03:30 Musical Programme
05:00 Cartoon
06:00 Mouse TV
09:15 Drama Serial: *Shey To Chirontoni*
09:45 Talk Show: *Prio Jon*
STAR MOVIES
11:45 *Star Wars: Ep. Iii - Revenge Of The Sith*
02:00 *Flight Of The Phoenix*
04:00 *Night Watch*
07:00 *The Patriot*
09:45 *Hide And Seek*
11:30 *On The Lot*
12:30 *Night Watch*
02:30 *Me And Luke*
STAR PLUS
12:00 *Halim*
01:30 *Kasautii Zindagii Kay*
02:00 *Bhabhi*
03:00 *Saarthi*
04:00 *Kayamath*
04:30 *Saibaba*
07:00 *Kahaani Ghar Ghar Kii*
07:30 *Prithviraj Chauhan*
08:00 *Antakshari - The Gr8*
09:00 *Kasautii Zindagii Kay*
09:30 *Meri Awaz Ko Mil Gayi*
Roshni
10:30 *Kasturi*
10:30 *Kahaani Ghar Ghar Kii*
11:00 *Kyunki Saas Bhi Kabhi Bahu Thi*
11:30 *Kayamath*
STAR WORLD
11:30 *Prison Break*
12:30 *The O.C.*

01:30 *Koffee With Karan*
02:30 *The Ellen Degeneres 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*
08:30 *On The Lot*
09:30 *Heroes*
10:30 *Grey's Anatomy*
11:30 *Seinfeld*
12:00 *Friends*
HISTORY
CHANNEL
12:00 *Eye - Max + English Guru*
01:30 *Modern Marvels*
02:30 *CIA and the Nazis*
03:30 *Katarina Witt*
04:30 *Reilly: Ace of Spies*
05:30 *Presidential Movers*
06:30 *St. Peter*
07:30 *History's Mysteries*
08:30 *Battle of the Bulge*
09:30 *Jewel in the Crown*
10:30 *Engineering an Empire*
11:30 *Hawkins and Boggs*
NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC
11:30 *Atlantis*
12:30 *Is It Real?*
01:30 *Dangerous Company*
02:30 *Unwind*
03:00 *Dung Beetles*
03:30 *Amazing Moments*
4:30 *Mad Labs*
05:00 *Fangs Of The Forest*
05:30 *Backyard Science*
06:00 *South Africa*
06:30 *Amazing Moments*
07:30 *Jean-Michel Cousteau In The Womb: Twins*

FM radio
Radio Foorti
07:00am Hello Dhaka (Apu)
11:00am Amar 98.4 (Nusrat)
03:00pm Dhaka Calling (Sakib)
07:00pm Seven Eleven (Sadia)
11:00pm Late Night Show (Shuvo)
03:00am Back to Back music
99.30 The Living Edens
10:30 Amazing Moments
11:30 Ambushed
DISCOVERY CHANNEL
11:30 Build It Bigger
01:30 Extreme Wild
02:30 Discovery Showcase
03:30 Beyond Tomorrow
04:30 Extreme Wild
06:30 Life on the Edge
08:30 India Unlimited
09:30 We Can Rebuild You
10:30 Mean Machines
11:00 Extreme Evidence
11:30 True Horror
ESPN
12:00 Major League Baseball
03:00 Uca High-School Cheerleading - P
04:00 23rd Memorial Arthur Gander
06:30 Latin X Games
07:30 Caribbean Kings
09:30 Ashes Heroes
10:30 Great Finishes
11:30 Sportscenter India