

CULTURALFEAST

Musical Soiree

Organiser: Chhayanat Shangskriti Bhaban
Venue: Chhayanat Shangskriti Bhaban
Date: July 19
Time: 7pm

Theatre

Title: Abimisra Asundar
Venue: National Theatre Stage, Shilpakala Academy, Shegunbaghicha
Troupe: Natukay
Date: July 12
Time: 6:30pm

National Art Exhibition

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

Solo Print Exhibition

Artist: Rashid Amin
Venue: Shilpangan Art Gallery, House 26, Road 3, Dhanmondi
Date: July 10 to July 24
Time: 12am to 9pm

Film Screening

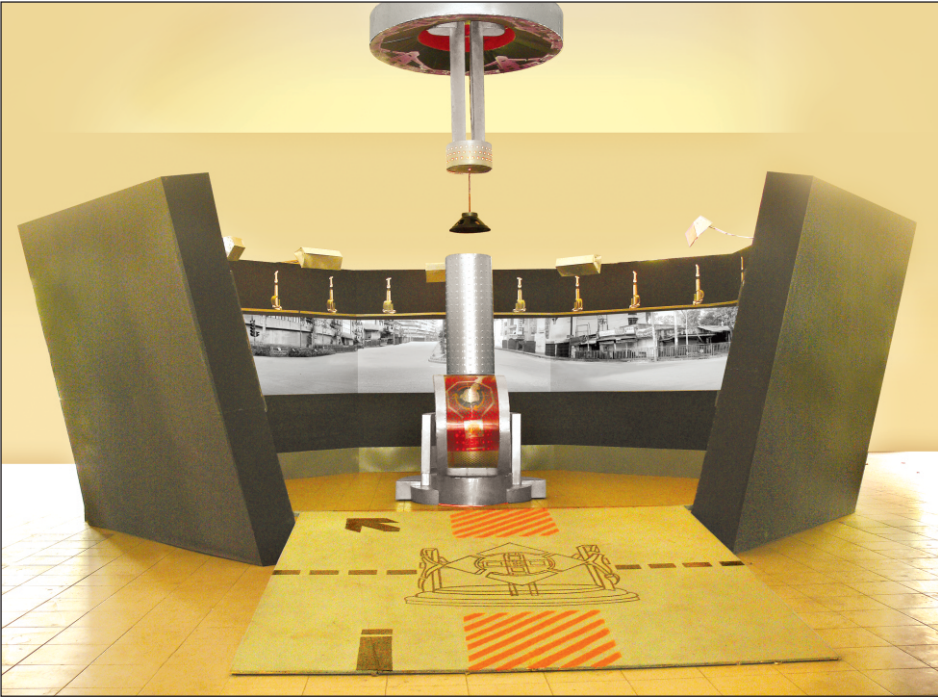
Title: Film Within A Film
Organiser: Zahir Raihan Film Society
Venue: German Cultural Centre, House 10, Road 9, Dhanmondi
Date: July 10
2:00pm: Akaler Sandhane (India)
4:00pm: A Slave of Love (Russia)
6:00pm: Day for Night (France)
8:00pm: Good Morning, Babylon (Italy)

Theatre Festival

Title: Nobo Anondo Jago Aji Nobo Robi Kirone
Organiser: Mohakal Natya Sampraday
Plays: Meraj Fakirer Ma, Rarang, Bhager Manush, Koinna, Jolodas, Projapoti, Rupoboti, Shomoyer Proyojoney, Nokshi Kantha and Bou Bosonti
Venue: Experimental Theatre Stage, Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy
Date: June 13-25

17th National Art Biennale

Shahinur Rahman: Winner of Bengal Foundation Award



Installation work by artist Shahinur Rahman: Zero: The Primary Unit on display at the exhibition (left), the artist

ERSHAD KAMOL

INSTALLATION has become a popular medium these days. At the 17th National Art Biennale, organised by the Department of Fine Arts of Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy, artist Shahinur Rahman won Bengal Foundation Award for his installation titled Zero: The Primary Unit.

Observing the installation, one finds that a mechanical figure is placed at the centre of an octagonal area. The headless figure is suspended upturned; energy is generated from its heart. Its eyes are open to the sights of the surroundings: Symbolically representing paths

towards ethics, wisdom, faith, thoughts, consciousness and mysticism; booming sound effects indicating cosmology.

'Zero Point', also known as 'Nur Hossain Chatter' -- geometrically the central point of Bangladesh -- has a special meaning to Shahin. He felt the urge to do something highlighting the site. To quote him, "The installation is an expression of optimism. I've tried to present the 'Zero Point' as a spot of convergence from where one can acquire rational ideas, abandoning all forms of evil. In my installation Zero: The Primary Unit, I've tried to incorporate physics and spirituality."

On his thought process while working on the installation, Shahin informs that scientifically,



the concept of 'zero point energy' developed following Einstein's 'theory of relativity'. Nowadays it is a well-used term in reference to the electromagnetic field. The idea is that 'zero-point energy' remains when all other forms of energy are removed from a system. Besides, 'zero' has a special meaning from spiritual point of view.

Shahin says, "I like to incorporate science in my artworks and the ultimate aim is to highlight spirituality. Currently I'm working on another installation dealing with the undesirable impact of genetic experiments."

Shahinur Rahman completed his BFA (in painting) and MFA (in graphic design) with outstanding results from the University of Chittagong. Currently Shahin is a freelance artist and CEO of a designing firm called 'Red-line'. The artist says, "I do a lot of drawings to hone my thoughts. But, I don't sell my paintings. Interior designing is my bread and butter. I prefer installations, as the art form was developed as a means to protest when art was being treated like a commodity."

M. Abdus Samad's 70th birth anniversary observed

JAMIL MAHMUD

Eminent cinematographer and director late M. Abdus Samad's 70th birth anniversary was observed at Bangladesh Film Archive's Projection Hall on July 8. Bangalee Shamagra Museum (BSM), an institution that preserves and displays works of eminent Bengalis in different fields, arranged the event.

Noted cultural personalities of the country including Baby Islam, filmmakers Soovas Dutt and Chashi Nazrul Islam spoke at the programme. Speakers reminisced their ties with Samad. Samad's

colleagues, relatives and students also spoke at the programme.

Eminent media personality Atiqul Haque Chowdhury presided over the programme.

At the programme Baby Islam announced the publication of a commemorative book on M. Abdus Samad titled *Praner Manush Achhey Praney*. Tariq Rahman, founder and executive director of BSM, delivered the welcome speech.

Samad began his career as a cinematographer in UK, after completing a diploma on cinematography from there. After returning home in 1963, Samad initially

worked as cinematographer. Eventually he emerged as a film director in 1973.

It should be mentioned that Samad worked as a trainee cinematographer in Academy Award winning movies *The Guns of Navarone* and *The Bridge on the River Kwai*.

Among Samad's notable works as a cinematographer in the country are *Aasiya*, *Roopban*, *Ora Egara Jon*, *Shangram* and more. Samad directed *Shurja Shangram* and *Shurjagrahan*.

Clips from his movies *Shurja Shangram* and *Shurjagrahan* and *Abirbhab* directed by Soovas Dutt were screened at the programme.



(From L-R)Baby Islam, Atiqul Haque Chowdhury and Chashi Nazrul Islam display the cover jacket of the commemorative book *Praner Manush Achhey Praney* on M. A. Samad

UNESCO slams new seven wonders list

The UN body for culture overnight blasted a private initiative that drew nearly 100 million Internet and telephone voters to choose seven "new" wonders of the world.

"This campaign responds to other criteria and objectives than that of UNESCO in the field of heritage," said Sue Williams, the spokeswoman for the UN cultural body that designates world heritage sites. "We have a much broader vision," she added.

Voters chose the Great Wall of China; India's Taj Mahal; the centuries-old pink ruins of Petra in Jordan; the Colosseum in Rome; the statue of Christ overlooking Rio de Janeiro; the Incan ruins of Machu Picchu in Peru; and the ancient Mayan city of Chichen Itza in Mexico.

British actor Ben Kingsley and US actress Hillary Swank hosted a ceremony at Lisbon's Stadium of Light, broadcast in more than 170 countries to an estimated 1.6 billion viewers.

A private Swiss foundation launched the contest in January, allowing voters to choose from 21 sites shortlisted out of 77.

According to its backers, the campaign aimed to update the original list of seven world wonders, drawn up about 200 BC, of which only the pyramids of Giza remain today.

Shortlisted sites that missed the final cut included Sydney Opera House; the Acropolis in Athens; Paris' Eiffel Tower; the Easter Island statues; Britain's Stonehenge; Cambodia's Angkor Wat temples; New York's Statue of Liberty; and the Alhambra in Spain. Christian Manhart, UNESCO's press officer, criticised the ballot, saying it sent out a "negative message to countries whose sites have not been retained".

"All of these wonders obviously deserve a place on the list, but what disturbs us is that the list is limited to just seven," he said, pointing out that "seven were adequate in antiquity because the antique world was

much smaller than today", only comprising the area surrounding the Mediterranean.

Egypt, home of the Giza pyramids, was also critical, dismissing the new list of wonders as worthless.

Source: Internet



The Giza pyramids

Genesis Theatre stages plays featuring Nazrul's works

CULTURAL CORRESPONDENT

Cultural organisation Genesis Theatre staged two short plays -- *Khuki O Kathbiral* and *Damal Chhele Nazrul* at the Experimental Theatre Stage, Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy on July 8.

Khuki O Kathbiral is based on a poem for children by Kazi Nazrul Islam. The script has been developed by Begum Mumtaz Hossain. The play features a playful squabble between a little girl and a squirrel, over guavas. When Khuki cannot reach juicy, ripe guavas,

she begs a squirrel on the tree to fetch her some. The squirrel does not oblige and Khuki can only watch the tree-hopper gloat while devouring the objects of her desire.

The second play *Damal Chhele Nazrul*, written by Mahmudullah, features early days of Kazi Nazrul Islam. The sudden death of his father brings economic constraints and Nazrul soon becomes a *muazzin* at a local mosque. Unable to bear the educational expenses, Nazrul is forced to leave the school and joins a *leto gaan-er dol*. After some time he leaves the group and starts working at a bakery as an apprentice.

Though he left school, a perpetual hunger for knowledge was always in his heart. Every day he would make some time for *puthipath*. One day he meets a police officer, Kazi Rafizullah, who is impressed by the youngster's talents. The officer takes Nazrul with him and enrolls him in a school. The plays were directed by Noor Hossain Rana.



Young actors perform in the play *Damal Chhele Nazrul*

Drama Serial "Alo Amar Alo" on BTV

CULTURAL CORRESPONDENT

BTV will start airing drama serial *Alo Amar Alo* from July 18.

The story revolves around the relationship that develops between Alo, an 11-year-old girl, and an actress who goes to Alo's village to shoot for a film.

Alo wants to go to secondary school. But her parents are not eager to let her continue her studies. The actress meets Alo and a cordial relationship develops between the two. Eventually the actress manages to convince Alo's parents to let her continue her education. Each episode of the series depicts issues that hinder education for young girls in rural areas. The series also addresses the contributions an educated girl can make.

Anisul Haq has penned the script for the serial. Directed by Abul Hayat, the series features Abul Hayat, Dolly Zahur, Champa, Aupi Karim, Jitu Ahsan, Tania Ahmed, Dilara Zaman, Jayanta Chattapadhyay, Sharmili Ahmed and Fazlur Rahman Babu in major roles. *Alo Amar Alo* will be aired every Wednesday at 8:30pm.



Aupi Karim in a scene from the TV serial

ON AIR

PICK OF THE DAY



Moner Janala
On ATN Bangla at 08:00pm
Drama Serial
Cast: Mir Sabbir, Bonna Mirza



Prison Break
On Star World at 10:30pm
TV Series
Cast: Wentworth Miller, Dominic Purcell

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

08:45 Bishwa Bichitra
11:15 Documentary
Programme
Educational
Programme
Maa O Shishur Kotha
11:40 Talk Show
12:05 Mafi O Manush
12:40 Selected Programme
03:05 Cartoon
03:30 Shukhi Poribar
04:00 Keshor
04:30 Geet Bitaan
05:05 Moner Kotha
05:30 Anushlon
06:10 Quiz Quiz
06:40 Special Programme
07:00 Jonotar Kotha
08:30 Protidin Bangladesh
08:35 Drama Serial: Rahu
09:00 Drama Serial:
Shongshaptak
09:30 Special Programme
10:30 Talk Show
11:00 Shomali Shondha
ATN Bangla
10:30 Talk show: Aktel Onyodristi
11:05 Three Stooges
11:35 Pahar Dhosht
12:15 Cinema Cinema
01:25 Shodapaiti
02:30 Nirob Koshto
03:15 Drama Serial: O Amar Cokkhhu Nai
03:45 Aha Ki Anondo
04:20 ATN Music
05:00 Gram Gorjier Khobor Ainar Shamney
05:20 Kotha Mala
06:20 Drama Serial: Moner Janala
08:45 Drama: Aainar Shatey Alingon
11:30 Weekly Cultural

Programme: Rang Moncho Taal
12:00 GrameenPhone Lead News
CHANNEL-i
09:30 Shongbad Potrey Bangladesh
09:45 Public Reaction
09:50 GrameenPhone Tritiyomatra
11:05 Cricket On Line
11:30 Amar Chhobi
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 i-Sports
03:30 Special Programme
04:05 Sa Re Ga Ma
04:30 Musical Programme
05:30 Mukti Judho Protidin
06:00 Drama Serial: Shukher Oshukh
06:20 Drama Serial: Oचना Adhar
07:50 DRockstar-2
09:35 Drama Serial: Kobi
10:00 RC Travel on
11:30 Ekanyo Barti
12:00 GrameenPhone Aiker Shangbadpotro
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08:30 Aiker Shokal
08:55 Chokkor
09:30 K Korbey Bajimaat
10:05 Bhinyo Swader Khobor
10:30 Music Express
11:00 Cine Gaan
11:30 Gambhira
12:10 Talk Show: Ei Shomoy
01:05 Japan Video Topic
02:30 Shanto Kutir

03:15 Kichhu Kotha Kichhu Gaan
03:50 Bhalobasha Mondobasha Gallery
04:25 Apnar Jigyasha
04:50 Gaaner Mala
06:45 Frankly Speaking
08:15 Chokkor
08:50 Magic Show
09:45 Neer
11:30 Ei Shomoy
ETV
08:00 Aiker Shokaal
01:30 Drishti
02:00 Drama Serial: Bondhon
03:30 Chirontoni
04:00 Dhinak Dhinak Ta

05:30 Baul Baul Mon
06:15 Ekusher Shondha
07:30 Chhondey Shurey Desh Jurey
08:00 Drama Serial: Biprotip
08:30 Amar Mukti Aloye
09:15 Ekusher Shomoy
10:00 Drama Serial: Bondhon
11:45 Reporter's File
BANGLAVISION
08:35 Shubho Shokal
09:05 Ebong Classer Bairey
09:30 Music Moment
10:10 Cinebeat Shada Kalo
10:40 Amar Ami
11:10 Public Forum
01:00 Drama Serial:

02:40 Swapnochura
04:15 Drama: Ek Onishchoyota
05:00 Desher Pathrey
05:40 Citycell Diner Sheshey
06:35 Shudhu Gaan
08:15 Drama Serial: Ei Shob Ondhokaar
08:55 Bhokaab
09:10 Agamir Kontho
11:30 Cinebit Shadakalo
12:00 Shangbad Protidin
STAR MOVIES
08:20 Independence Day
10:45 Dirty Work
12:10 Mighty Aphrodite
01:45 A Knights Tale
04:00 There's Something

06:00 About Mary
07:00 On The Lot
07:00 Hitchhiker's Guide To The Galaxy
08:50 The Patriot
11:35 On The Lot
12:35 Melinda And Melinda
03:15 Operation Dumbo Drop
STAR PLUS
09:30 Kunkum - Pyara Sa Bandhan
10:00 V Trailers - Star Plus
10:30 Ducktales
11:00 101 Dalmatians
11:30 V Trailers - Star Plus
12:00 Meri Awaz Ko Mil Gayi Roshni
08:00 Seinfeld

01:00 Kasauti Zindagi Kay
01:30 Kunkum - Pyara Sa Bandhan
02:00 Bhabhi
02:30 Karam Apnaa Apnaa
03:00 Saarthi
04:00 Kayamath
04:30 Thodi Si Zameen Thoda Sa Aasma
05:25 Bolly V - Star Plus
05:30 V Trailers - Star Plus
06:00 Meri Awaz Ko Mil Gayi Roshni
06:30 Kasturi
07:00 Kahaani Ghar Ghar Kii
07:30 Kayamath
08:00 Antakshari - The Gr8 Kids Spl
09:00 Kasauti Zindagi Kay
09:30 Meri Awaz Ko Mil Gayi Roshni
10:00 Kasturi
10:30 Kahaani Ghar Ghar Kii
11:00 Kyunki Saas Bhi Kabhi Bahu Thi
11:30 Kayamath
12:00 Karam Apnaa Apnaa
STAR WORLD
09:30 How I Met Your Mother
10:00 My Name Is Earl
10:30 Psych
11:30 Boston Legal
12:30 Still Standing
01:00 Yes Dear
01:30 Prison Break
02:30 The Ellen Degeneres Show
03:30 The Bold And The Beautiful
04:00 General Hospital
05:00 Ugly Betty
06:00 Scrubs
06:30 The Simpsons
07:00 My Wife And Kids
07:30 Friends
08:00 Seinfeld

08:30 Life As We Know It
09:30 The O.C.
10:30 Prison Break
11:30 Seinfeld
DISCOVERY CHANNEL
11:30 Man Made Marvels
12:30 In Therapy
01:00 Healthy Living
01:30 Wild Discovery
02:30 Discovery Showcase
04:30 Wild in the Ice Continent
05:30 Man Made Marvels
06:30 Impossible Heists
07:30 Wild Discovery
08:30 Flavours of India
09:30 Baby Story
10:00 Baby Whisperer
10:30 Extreme Engineering
11:30 Deadliest Catch
NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC
10:30 Sauna Belt
11:30 Deadly Dealy
12:30 Seconds From Disaster
01:30 The New Mafia
02:30 Search for the Supersnake
03:30 Crash Science
04:30 Mad Labs
05:00 Africa's Viper Giant
05:30 Backyard Science
06:00 Crops and Shocks
06:30 Crash Science
07:30 Hyenas Queen
08:30 Naked Science
09:30 Is It Real?
10:30 Crash Scene Investigation
11:30 Seconds From Disaster
HISTORY CHANNEL
11:30 Rishikesh
11:45 Brahmagyan

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
12:40 The Story of David
01:30 Hell over Hanoi
02:30 Streets of Fear
03:00 Vanishings
03:30 Leonardo de Vinci
04:30 Sharpe
05:30 Tactical to Practical
06:30 The Story of David
07:30 Body Snatchers
08:30 The Iraq War
09:30 Reilly: Ace of Spies
10:30 Modern Marvels
ESPN
12:30 English Premier Football League
02:30 Watkins Glen Indy
05:00 Tour De France 2007
05:30 Ironman 70.3 World Championship
06:30 X Games 11 Classic - Stammed/Sto
07:00 2006 Streetball (Espn Original E
07:30 1999 Bryant Gumbel
09:30 Classic Boxing - Henry Cooper V
10:30 Sportscenter India
11:00 Sportscenter Asia