

CULTURALFEAST

Children's Literature Award 2006 & 2007

Organiser: Bangladesh Shishusahitya Songstha
Venue: Liberation War Museum
Date: July 25
Time: 4:30pm

Charity Dinner with Ghazal

Organiser: Self Salvation Bangladesh
Venue: Spectra Convention Centre, House 19, Road 7, Gulshan 1
Date: July 26
Time: 8:00pm

Live Musical Performance at Kozmo

With Stale Cigar
Venue: Kozmo Lounge, Bikalpa Tower, Plot 74, Road 5/A, Sat Masjid Rd, Dhanmondi
Date: July 27
Time: 6pm

Musical Soiree

Artiste: Lopa Hossain
Venue: Bengal Café, House 275/F, Road 27 (Old), Dhanmondi
Date: July 25
Time: 6pm

Theatre

Play: Muntasir
Troupe: Prachyanat School of Acting and Design
Venue: Shawkat Osman Auditorium, Public Library
Date: July 25
Time: 7pm

Play: Project Hundred Plus
Troupe: Palakar
Venue: Palakar Studio, 133, Natok Swarani, New Bailey Road
Date: July 26 & 27
Time: 7pm

Art Exhibition

Title: Colours from Hills
Venue: Drik Gallery, House 58, Road 15A (new), 26 (old), Dhanmondi R/A
Date: July 19 to August 1
Time: 3pm to 8pm

Venue: Shilpangan Gallery, House 26, Road 3, Dhanmondi
Date: July 27 to August 7
Time: 12pm to 8pm

Theatre Festival

Title: Nobo anonde jago aji nobo robi kirone
Organiser: Mohakal Natya Sampraday
Venue: Experimental Theatre Stage, Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy
Play: Rarang
Troupe: Aranyak Natyadal
Date & Time: July 25, 7pm

Film Screening

Organiser: Dhaka University Film Society
Title: Contemporary Far Eastern Cinema
Venue: Russian Center of Science & Culture, House 510, Road 7, Dhanmondi
Time: everyday 3pm onwards
Date: July 25
Film: Come and See (Russia)
Director: Elem Klimov
Film: Burnt by the Sun (Russia)
Director: Nikita Mikhalkov

Making piano notes popular

In conversation with Mira Mongoush

FAYZA HAQ

FOR Mira Mongoush piano notes are her life and living. Growing up in a village where her father was a veterinary surgeon— 40 kilometers from the Mongolian border— in the Republic of Tuva, and her mother was the principal of the music school, she learnt the piano. Today she teaches music at the Russian Centre for Science and Culture. Mira's school had only three musical instruments to offer: domra, a stringed instrument, concertina, and the piano. For a girl, her mother thought, the piano was most suitable. She attended the music school after her regular school in the morning for seven years, twice a week. She also studied choral singing, theory of music and music literature.

Mira says she likes Spivakov from Russia. "Apart from that my favourite composers include Bach as his music is polyphonic which has profound effect being played on the organ in the church: he has many preludes and nocturnes. I also admire Austrian composers like Chopin, Litz, Schumann and Schubert. I like their waltz, polka and mazurka." Her selection of music is also motivated by her moods.

She has been teaching here for 18 months. Before that she taught music and singing at the British School in Dhaka for three years. Her pupils ranged from Play Group to Class VI. At the Russian Culture Centre her students are from 10 to 15 in number. The pupils range from the age of nine to the school leaving stage.



PHOTO: STAR

Mira Mongoush at the piano

Before her Elena Iqbal taught here and she was very popular. "Many students come here, eager to study, but unfortunately, as they go along, they cannot devote the time necessary for piano music. Learning piano is not easy and means dedicated practice. They usually have a keyboard to practice at home. Pianos are expensive to buy and even hire, which many students do from the Notre Dame College. "Mira teaches on the weekends and in

the afternoons.

Being in Bangladesh for seven years, she has acquired a taste for Rabindra sangeet, Nazrul sangeet and folk music. "This is although I do not comprehend the meaning of all the words; I like the tunes. The local band music appeals to me specially singers like Ayub Bachchu and Partho Borua. I also like Shakila Zafar, Ferdous Ara, Samina Chowdhury and Kumar Bishajit—they all have powerful voices. I admire Mumtaz

whose songs are moving despite their simple language," Mira says. She adds, "Bangladeshi culture is very rich. This is although not everybody sings as they do in Russia. Perhaps this is due to the lifestyle and the fact that training for formal music and dancing requires financial backing, going to schools like Chhayana and BAFA. Today, I live in Bangladesh and feel that I myself am hundred per cent Bangladeshi."

Exhibition by Bangladeshi artist in Beijing



Artworks on display

A solo painting exhibition by New York-based Bangladeshi artist Khurshid Alam Saleem was held recently at the Capital Library Gallery in Beijing, according to a press release. The exhibition titled "Images of Nature" features 22 paintings done in acrylic. The exhibition has been jointly organised by the Ministry of Culture of the People's Republic of China and the Embassy of Bangladesh to China under the remit of the bilateral Cultural Agreement. China International Exhibition Agency has been in charge of the overall arrangements.

Khandakar Abdus Sattar, Charge d'Affaires of Bangladesh

Embassy in Beijing and Li Xin, Deputy Director of the Bureau of External Cultural Relations under the Chinese Ministry of Culture jointly inaugurated the exhibition on July 18. The opening ceremony was attended by Chinese art enthusiasts and students, foreign diplomats and members of the Bangladeshi community in Beijing.

Born in 1951 in Mymensingh, artist Khurshid Alam Saleem graduated from the Institute of Fine Arts, DU in 1976. He took part in a Special Course in Advanced Colour Print at New York University in 1987-88. He has had 13 solo painting exhibitions to his credit, mostly in the US and Bangladesh.

Saleem's works mirror a mature abstract style where colours become the most important element in the creative process. Saleem says he intends to capture the essential harmony in nature through a rhythmic expression of colours.

Saleem has created some occasional geometrical patterns to signify the "grand design" of nature that inspires his vision. The patterns emerge in an organic fashion to add further depth to the overall colour scheme. In some of his works, Saleem heightens the texture by dabbing a thick coat of paint on the canvas, plastering a coloured piece of net in the middle, or creating a subtle, grainy effect as if to suggest the underlying

sensitivities of natural elements.

The artist finished one of the paintings in Beijing immediately before the exhibition, where he incorporated dominant colours like red, green, blue and golden seen on architectural landmarks like the Forbidden City or the Temple of Heaven. Some of the works done in his studio at his Long Island residence evoke the impression of a sea or a waterfall with linear blue and white shades in a fluid movement. Saleem avows that his works are deeply influenced by the ideas and styles of American artist Mark Rothko and veteran Bangladeshi artist Mohammad Kibria.

The exhibition ended yesterday.



The artist seen with other dignitaries at the inaugural ceremony

Citycell-Mahakal Theatre Festival ends 'Raarang' to be staged on the last evening



CULTURAL CORRESPONDENT

The 11-day theatre festival titled Citycell-Mahakal Theatre Festival '07 ends today at the Experimental Theatre Stage. To celebrate its 24th anniversary, theatre troupe Mahakal Natyasampradaya arranged the festival, in which 10 popular plays from the country and one theatre performance from Tripura, India participated. On the last day of the festival, Aranyak Natya Dal will stage *Raarang* today.

Raarang, a Santal word meaning battle cry, depicts the strife of the impoverished Santals -- an indigenous community living in the northern part of Bangladesh -- against oppression, such as feudalism, bigotry and so on, imposed by the dominating Bengalis. Through the true story of Alfred Shoren, playwright Mamunur Rashid has portrayed an attempt at



Actors of Aranyak Natya Dal stage a dramatic scene

a revolution against discrimination. Faiz Zahir is the set and light designer of the play.

TV Watch

'Prithibir Pothey Pothey' on Rtv



Director Shakur Majid in the TV show

CULTURAL CORRESPONDENT

Travel show *Prithibir Pothey Pothey* will be aired tonight on Rtv at 11pm. Tonight's episode titled *Shanghai-er Raat* will feature colourful nights of the Chinese city of Shanghai. This episode was shot in August last year.

The show, directed by Shakur Majid, is aired every Wednesday since the first week of Rtv. Television Reporters' Association of Bangladesh recently awarded *Prithibir Pothey Pothey* as the best travel

Potter sells out with record figures across the globe

The seventh and final volume of Harry Potter has become the fastest-selling book in history, with 11 million copies sold in three markets within 24 hours, its publishers said on July 23. After its launch on Saturday, the eagerly awaited volume, *Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows*, flew off the shelves around the world.

In the UK, Bloomsbury said it sold record 2.7 million copies in the first 24 hours, the final volume selling 700,000 more than *Harry Potter and the Half-Blood Prince*. In the US, meanwhile 8.3 million sales were recorded in the first day, almost 1.5 million more than the previous instalment. It said 400,000 English-language editions of the book sold in Germany in the same period.

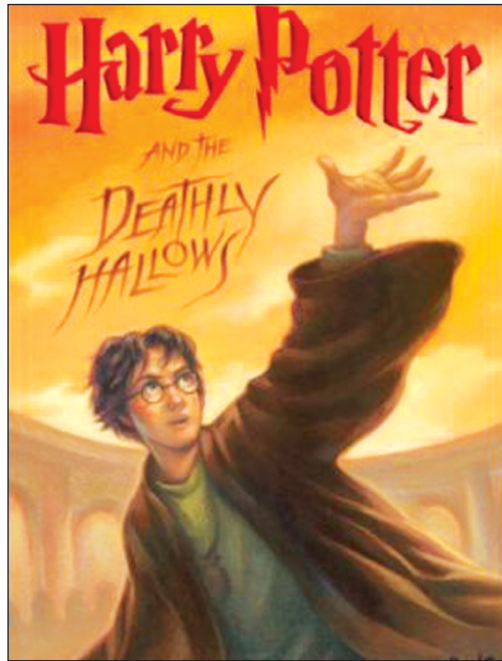
Harry Potter mania reached its peak over the weekend as millions queued overnight to get their hands on an early copy of the book, which answers those crucial questions after 10 years of twists and turns: who dies, and does Harry survive?

It is being released in 93 countries, with a print run of 12 million in the US and more than 2.2 million ordered in advance from the Internet retailer Amazon.

Rowling, who gave a midnight reading at the Natural History Museum on Saturday night, said at the weekend: "All the secrets I have been carrying around for so long will be yours, too ... Those who guessed correctly will be vindicated, and those who guessed wrongly will not, I hope, be too disappointed!"

She said children and adults had been united by the experience of reading the new volume.

Source: Internet



The cover-jacket of the book

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, 12:15 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

ntv
 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

10:15 One-Day Cricket Match: Bangladesh Vs Sri Lanka
 06:10 Samprotik
 07:00 Proshongo
 06:40 Shondha Maloti
 07:00 Mati O Manush
 07:30 Grontho Kothon
 08:30 Protidin Bangladesh
 08:35 Drama Serial: Alo Amar Alo
 09:05 Drama Serial: Swapno Lokar Chabi
 09:30 Chena Jana
 10:30 Agun Jhora
 11:00 Shur Torongo

ATN Bangla

10:30 Talk show: Aktel Onyodristi
 11:05 Meet the Press
 12:15 Amar Computer
 01:30 Gane Shure Taruney
 02:30 Notun Chhobir Gaan
 03:10 Drama Serial: Bhalobashar Rang
 03:45 Shapla Shaluk
 04:20 Football Match
 05:00 Gram Gonjor Khobor
 06:20 Thrakur Mar Jhuli
 08:00 Drama Serial: Jeye Theko
 08:45 Drama Serial: Bohemian
 09:20 Drama Serial
 11:30 Talking Point
 12:00 GrameenPhone Lead News

CHANNEL-i

09:30 Shongbad Potrey

Bangladesh Public Reaction
 09:45 GrameenPhone Triloyomatra
 09:50 Sports Time
 11:05 Citycell Tarokathan
 12:30 Ebong Cinemar Gaan
 01:05 Shangbadpotrey Bangladesh
 01:30 Protidin Bangladesh
 01:45 Drama Serial: Alo Amar Alo
 02:40 Bash
 03:05 Talk show: Microcredit
 03:30 Agrotolitey Bangladesh
 04:05 Sa Re Ga Ma
 04:05 Music Club
 05:30 Mukti Judho Protidin
 06:00 Drama Serial: Shat Goenda
 06:20 Cooking Programme
 07:50 Jibon Jekhaney Jemon
 08:20 Mega Serial: Adbhutire
 09:35 Talk Show: Aloye Bhubon Bhora
 10:00 Drama Serial: Mon Chhute Jay
 11:30 Ekanyo Barti
 12:00 GrameenPhone Aiker Shangbadpotro

ntv
 08:30 Aiker Shokal
 08:55 Chokkor
 09:30 Ke Tharey Chintey Parey
 10:05 Science Workshop
 10:30 Gallery
 11:00 American Cinema
 12:10 Talk Show: Ei Shomoy
 01:05 Japan Video Topic



Aloye Bhubon Bhora

On Channel-i at 9:35pm

Talk Show

Tonight's Guest: Kamal Lohani

02:30 Chokkor
 03:15 Ranger Manush
 03:50 Neer
 04:25 Enechhi Shurjer Hashi
 04:50 Apnar Jigyasha
 05:30 Tagore Song
 06:45 Ki Kotha Tahar Shathey
 08:15 Siddiq Kabil's Recipe
 08:50 Kichu Kotha Kichu Gaan
 09:45 Neer
 11:30 Ei Shomoy

ETV
 08:00 Ekusher Shokal
 01:30 Drishti
 02:00 Drama Serial:



Terminator 3: Rise of the Machines

On Star movies 8:45pm

Genre: Action/ Sci-fi

Cast: Arnold Schwarzenegger, Kristanna Loken

09:30 Kothay Kothay
 10:00 Cinema ar Cinema
 11:30 Drama Serial: Dohon
 12:00 Cooking Programme: R Ranna
 12:35 Nirontor
 01:00 Gaan ar Gaan
 03:45 Documentary Programme
 04:20 Swapno Diner Gaan
 05:10 Borne Borne Rochito
 06:00 Protidin
 06:35 Witch Blade
 08:00 Drama Serial: Dohon
 08:40 Akbar the Great
 09:20 Drama Serial: Lukochuri
 11:00 Prithibir Pathay Pathay
 11:30 News Watch

01:30 Kumkum - Pyara Sa Bandhan
 02:00 Bhabhi
 02:30 Karam Apnaa Apnaa
 03:00 Saarthi
 03:30 Kyunki Saas Bhi Kabhi Bahu Thi
 04:00 Kayamath
 04:30 Saibaba
 07:00 Kahaani Ghar Ghar Kii
 07:30 Kayamath
 07:55 Bolly V - Star Plus
 08:00 Antakshari - The Gr8
 09:00 Kids Spl
 09:00 Kasautii Zindagii Kay
 09:30 Meri Awaz Ko Mil Gayi
 10:00 Roshni
 10:00 Kasturi
 10:30 Kahaani Ghar Ghar Kii
 11:00 Kyunki Saas Bhi Kabhi Bahu Thi
 11:30 Kayamath

STAR WORLD

09:00 The Simpsons
 09:30 Ugly Betty
 10:30 Life As We Know It
 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
 07:30 Friends
 08:00 Seinfeld
 08:30 On The Lot
 09:30 Ugly Betty
 10:30 Boston Legal
 11:30 Seinfeld
 12:00 Friends

STAR PLUS
 10:30 Ducktales
 11:00 101 Dalmatians
 01:00 Kasautii Zindagii Kay

12:30 Scrubs
DISCOVERY CHANNEL
 09:30 Flavours of India
 10:00 Baby Story
 11:00 Baby Whisperer
 11:30 Extreme Engineering
 12:30 Bringing Home Baby
 01:00 Baby Story
 01:30 Wild Discovery
 02:30 Discovery Showcase
 03:30 Beyond Tomorrow
 04:30 Wildest Week
 05:30 Extreme Engineering
 06:30 Life on the Edge
 08:30 India Unleashed
 09:30 I Shouldn't Be Alive
 10:30 Mean Machines
 11:00 Extreme Evidence
 11:30 A Huaning

NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC

10:30 Sauna Belt
 11:00 Shop 24 Seven
 11:30 Landslide
 12:30 Is It Real?
 01:30 Tracks of a Stalker
 02:30 Earthpulse
 03:00 Hornets Vs Bees
 04:30 Mad Labs
 05:00 Fangs To Fortunes
 05:30 Backyard Science
 06:00 The Morelet's Last Refuge
 07:30 Oceans in Glass
 08:30 Everyday Things
 09:30 Megacities
 10:30 Machines Of War
 11:30 Landslide
 09:30 HISTORY CHANNEL
 09:30 Story of Black Hawk

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)

Down
 10:30 Tactical to Practical
 11:30 Rishikesh
 11:45 Brahmagyan
 12:30 Jack the Ripper
 01:30 Modern Marvels
 02:30 Kecksburg UFO
 03:30 Max Factor
 04:30 Reilly: Ace of Spies
 05:30 Ultimate Cars
 06:30 Jack the Ripper
 07:30 Sports: Taming the games
 08:30 Iraq's Most Wanted
 09:30 Jewel in the Crown
 10:30 Engineering an Empire
 11:30 Leopold & Leob/D B Cooper

ESPN

11:00 Indian Legends
 12:00 Tour De France 2007
 12:30 English Premier Football League
 02:30 The Open Championship 2007
 03:30 2003 X Games Ix - Bike Classix ()
 07:30 2005 Women's Trick Shot Magic Bi
 09:30 Superbouts
 10:30 Sportscenter India
 11:00 Sportscenter Asia
 11:30 Hitz