

Rangamaton Solaiman Mela

A tribute to the theatre personality

ERSHAD KAMOL

It was a huge gathering of young theatre enthusiasts at the National Theatre Stage, Shilpakala Academy on September 28. All day long, through staging plays, music and dance they paid homage to S.M. Solaiman, a multi-faceted theatre personality at the 'Rangamaton Solaiman Mela'. To celebrate the sixth death anniversary of Solaiman the programme was organised by *Theatrewala*, a monthly magazine on theatre.

S.M. Solaiman was a noted playwright, director, actor, music composer, singer and an organiser. Moreover, he was a trendsetter, who had re-introduced 'music' as an important device in the neo-theatre



A portrait of S.M. Solaiman

movement in Bangladesh. His plays (30 in number) have the potential to generate political consciousness among the middle class.

Solaiman's concern for fellow theatre activists as well as his dedication for the art form made him a leader. He was the founder of several theatre troupes in the country such as Kalantar, Padatik Natya Sangsad, Dhaka Padatik, Anyadal and Theatre Art Unit. Moreover, he formed a theatre troupe in USA named Bangladesh Theatre of America, which staged shows at the Off-Broadway theatres. *Amina Shundori*, written and directed by Solaiman, is the first Bangla play staged in the US. He was the General Secretary of Bangladesh Group Theatre Federation as well as the convening member of Shammilito Sanskritik Jote.

Convenor of the 'Rangamaton Solaiman Mela', Azad Abul Kalam said, "For his rebellious nature S.M. Solaiman is our inspiration. We need figures like Solaiman to take the art form ahead when everyone around is losing passion for theatre and interpreting the society from a materialistic point of view. It's not a mere gathering of young talents, rather an arrangement to boost their creativity. In future we hope to include more colourful events based on his works at the 'Solaiman Mela'."

Commenting on the zeal of the participants at the programme, Editor of *Theatrewala* and also the coordinator of 'Rangamaton



Theatre enthusiasts gather at a pavilion at the National Theatre Stage, Shilpakala Academy to pay homage to S.M. Solaiman

Solaiman Mela', Hasan Shahriar said, "It's not like a regular commemoration programme. Theatre troupes through their innovative ideas are paying homage to Solaiman's contributions and presenting 'Natorek Gaan' as well as selected parts of plays written and directed by Solaiman."

Aranyak Natya Dal, Padatik Natya Sangsad (TSC), Udichi,

Shubachan Natya Sangsad, Prachyanat, Theatre Art Unit, Palakar, Mahakal Natya Sampradaya, Oikik Theatre and Prangone Mor presented drama, dance, music and installation at the programme. Moreover, a documentary on S. M. Solaiman titled *Khyapa*, jointly directed by Manirul Ahsan and Abu Sufian, was screened. The programme ended

with the staging of *Golapjaan*, written and directed by Solaiman. Rokeya Rafiq Baby, Solaiman's widow, performs the title character in the play.

Baby said, "I can sense Solaiman's passion for theatre shared by the enthusiastic participants. He remains alive through his works."

Discussion on "Meena" and art competition in Khagrachhari

JASIM MAJUMDER, Khagrachhari

Speakers at a meeting said the popular animation *Meena* is inspirational. The animation generates awareness on equal rights, education, health and environment. Watching *Meena* our children can become more aware of their rights.

Meena also addresses issues like discrimination of the girl child, child marriage, acid violence, super-

stitutions and more, they said.

The discussion was held at the Khagrachhari district Shishu Academy recently to mark *Meena* day.

Chief Executive of Khagrachhari Hill District Council (KHDC) Syed M.A. Hashim was present as chief guest while Bangladesh Shishu Academy's Khagrachhari District Officer Ushan Chowdhury presided over the function.

Among others, educationist

Ananta Bihari Khisha and Khagrachhari Government High School headmistress Srila Talukder were present as special guests.

Before the discussion, an art competition for children was held where some 200 students participated. After the discussion, prizes were given to children and a cultural function was held.



Young competitors express their outlook on canvas celebrating Meena Day

PHOTO: STAR

Madonna nominated for Rock Hall of Fame

REUTERS, New York

Madonna and disco queen Donna Summer are among nine acts nominated for the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame as the hall embraces more musical genres.

Other nominees include U.S. rock singer John Mellencamp, Canadian poet-singer-songwriter Leonard Cohen, 1960s English band The Dave Clark Five and instrumental rock band The Ventures.

Also nominated are New York-based funk group Chic, rap pioneer Afrika Bambaataa and hip-hop group The Beastie Boys, reflecting the Hall of Fame's willingness to accept a diversity of genres.

Five-hundred music industry professionals will choose five of the nominees to be inducted at a ceremony at the Waldorf Astoria Hotel next March.

Last year, rap group Grandmaster Flash and the Furious Five were the first hip-hop artists to be inducted.

Chic, the Dave Clark Five and Mellencamp have been nominated previously.

Artists become eligible for the Hall of Fame induction 25 years after the release of their first record and are represented at a permanent exhibition at the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame museum in Cleveland, Ohio.

Madonna, 49, made her debut in 1982 and her first album *Madonna* included hits such as *Holiday*, *Borderline* and *Lucky Star* which helped her become one of the best-selling pop artistes, with more than 200 million albums sold worldwide.



Madonna

Cultural programme
Generating awareness on disaster management

AMINUL ISLAM, Mymensingh

World Vision Bangladesh, Mymensingh ADP for Disaster Management organised essay, quiz, debate and paintings competitions at its auditorium on September 28 to create awareness among children about the disaster management programme. The participants came from different schools sponsored by World Vision. A total of 120 children took part in the day long competitions.

The children took part in the painting competition in three groups. The theme was 'disaster and necessary measures before or after a natural disaster takes place'.

Later a discussion was held with Disaster Management official of World Vision, Md. Abdul Barez in the chair. Samarendra Sangma, manager of Mymensingh ADP, was the chief guest. Assistant Keeper of Zainul Abedin Sangrahashala Dulal Chandra Gain, Professor Pradip Kumar Biswas, journalist Fazlur



Children participate at the art competition

PHOTO: STAR

Rahman Siddiqui, Professor Shamsul Fayeaz and art teacher of Mymensingh Zila School, Hasan Masud also spoke at the event.

The speakers said that since Bangladesh is a country troubled

with natural calamities, our youngsters should be more aware of how to deal with the situation.

At the end of the programme the chief guest distributed prizes among the winners.



PHOTO: STAR

Members of children organisation "Phulkuri Ashor" celebrated their 33rd anniversary through a colourful rally in Bogra on September 28

New entertainment programme "Aaina" on BTV

CULTURAL CORRESPONDENT

A new entertainment programme *Aaina* will be aired tonight at 9pm on BTV. The show will highlight several contemporary issues.

A special feature on Shona Mian, a 97-year-old musician, is one of the highlights of the programme. The programme also includes an insight into Dr. Manabendra of Rahimpur village, Muradnagar upazila, Comilla, who has dedicated his life for the welfare of mankind; former captain of the national football team Arif Khan Joy expresses his views on why a popular sport like football is taking a nose-dive in our country.

The *Chitrakarigar* part of the show will feature technical hands of BTV. Film actress Purnima will share her experience in the tinsel town. Popular singer Kumar Bishwajit and Sonia will sing songs written by Asif Iqbal and Safiuddin



Sonia performs at the TV show

Sikder respectively. Ariful Islam Mithu will perform a classic, *Chokh je moner kotha bole*, with a new approach.

Directed by Benu Sharma *Aaina* will be aired on the fourth Sunday every month.

ON AIR

PICK OF THE DAY



Syed Barir Bou

On ATN Bangla at 8:40pm

Drama Serial

Cast: Pijush Bandyopadhyay, Chitrolekha Guhu



The Sentinel

On Star Movies at 7:00pm

Genre: Action

Cast: Michael Douglas, Eva Longoria, Kiefer Sutherland

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, 7:15pm, 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 8:00 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

Musical Programme

08:40 Bishwa Bichitra

11:15 Documentary

Programme

11:40 Lok Lokalay

12:30 Selected

Programme

01:00 Ma O Shishur Kotha

01:30 Selected

Programme

02:15 Drama: Baba

Achhey Baba Nei

03:05 Cartoon

03:30 Educational

Programme

04:05 Shotorupa

04:30 Khela Dhula

05:20 Documentary

Programme

05:25 Mahe Ramjan

06:10 Selected

Programme

06:40 Geetimalyo

07:05 Mati O Manush

07:30 Shomoyer Shonglap

08:35 Shesh Prishthay

Dekhun

09:00 Aaina

10:30 Talk Show: Heritage

ATN Bangla

09:15 Drama Serial:

Amader Nurul Huda

Musical Programme

11:05 Smile Show

12:15 Shornali Din

Prapok

02:40 Proshongyo

03:10 The Sword of Tipu

Sultan

03:45 Char Deyalar Kabyo

04:20

Islamic Programme

05:10 Khotomey Quran

05:30 Islamic Programme

06:20 Hamd Nath

06:25 Three Stooges

08:00 Drama Serial: Out

Door

08:40 Drama Serial: Syed

Barir Bou

09:20 Drama Serial:

Prothom Shokal

11:30 Drama Serial: Doll's

House

12:00 Grameenphone

Lead News

Channel-i

08:30 Shokaler Gaan

09:30 Selected

Programme

11:05 Apollo Tele Pre-

scription

11:30 Hridoye Mati O

Manush

12:30 Citycell Taroka

Kathan

01:05 Tax Helpline

01:15 Ebong Cinemar

Gaan

01:30 Selected

Programme

02:40 Drama Serial:

Prnobash

03:05 Chance 50-50

03:30 Anondo Utshobey

Channel i

04:05 Ek Bochhorey

Cholochitro

04:30 Eid Anondo

05:20 Shroshrat

Shakhikhor

Islamic Programme

06:10

Cookery Show

06:30 Children's

Programme

07:50 Amar Channel i

Bishwajurey

08:20 Bhober Haat

Selected

Programme

09:35 Amar Channel i

10:00 Channel i

11:30 Drama Serial:

Ekanyo Borti

12:00 Phirey Dekha Ekti

Bochhor

Rtv

09:00 Rtv Exclusive

09:05 Tarzan

09:30 Documentary

10:00

Look at Me

10:30 Protidin

11:30 Drama: Je Bhuley

Tomay Bhuli

02:30 Dhaliwood Beats

03:45 Japito Jibon

05:20 Alokmo Mahe

Ramjan

06:00 Hamd-Nath

06:35 Tarzan

08:00 Drama Serial:

Dohon

08:40 Wide Angle

09:20 Drama Serial:

Akash Ki Chhoya

Jay

11:00 Bazar Update

11:30

News Watch

Channel 1

08:40 Shuprobhat Bangla-

desh

09:30 Chokh Mele Dekhi

10:30 Bangla Feature Film

03:30 Drama Serial: Ghor

Phera

04:00 Gaaner Kotha Kothar

Gaan

04:30 Shondhi Khoney

05:15 Islamic Programme

06:45 Iltihaser Path Dhoirey

07:00 Cookery Show

08:15 Drama Serial: