

CULTURALFEAST

Premier show of Documentaries

Title: Phoenix: Surviving SIRD & Coordination of SIRD Response... Organiser: Bangladesh Disaster Preparedness Centre (BDPC)...

10th Dhaka International Film Festival

Organiser: Rainbow Film Society... Venues: Central Public Library Auditorium, National Museum Auditorium, Russian Centre for Science and Culture and Indian Cultural Centre...

Sculpture and Art Exhibition

Title: Brave New World... Artist: Ivy Zaman... Venue: Shilpangan Gallery, House 26, road 3, Dhanmondi...

Solo Photography Exhibition

Title: Drishokal... Photographer: Shankor Sawjal... Venue: National Art Gallery, Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy, Segun Bagicha...

Solo Art Exhibition

Title: Written Image... Artist: Wakilur Rahman... Venue: Gallari Kaya, House 20, Road 16, Sector 4, Uttara...

Solo Art Exhibition

Title: The Making of Kuhu Art... Artist: Kuhu... Venue: Gallery Chitrak, Road 4, House 21, Dhanmondi R/A...

Title: Art in Mind... Artist: Arif Al Karim Bhuiyan... Venue: Galoria Zappa, Alliance Francaise de Dacca, 26, Mirpur Road, Dhanmondi...

Sculpture Exhibition

Title: Ecology of Mind-2... Sculptor: Alak Roy... Venue: Bengal Gallery of Fine Arts, Bengal Shilpalaya, H 275/F, Road 27 (old), Dhanmondi and British Council, 5 Fuller Road, Dhaka University...

Solo Recitation

Artist: Belayet Hossain... Organiser: Bangladesh Udichi Shilpigosthi... Venue: National Theatre Stage, Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy... Date: January 19... Time: 6:30 pm

10th Dhaka International Film Festival Boosting the Sri Lankan film industry

In conversation with Somaratne Dissanayake

ERSHAD KAMOL

FOR the fourth consecutive time renowned Sri Lankan director-writer-producer Somaratne Dissanayake has come to Dhaka to participate at the Dhaka International Film Festival...



Somaratne Dissanayake

Commenting on the reason behind producing a movie, Dissanayake said, "I'm quite popular at home and abroad. Now, I believe, is the right time to do something for the development of the Sri Lankan film industry..."

Sharing his observation on the 10th Dhaka International Film Festival Dissanayake said that he has special interest in the festival, as it pro-

vides Asian filmmakers. But, this year's arrangement does not strike him as "attractive". According to Dissanayake, "This year not many films are being screened like the previous years. And the number of the viewers is also fewer. I talked to the organisers and they just said that they are facing some problems. However, I'm still optimistic regarding the festival."

Dissanayake believes that the Sri Lankan film industry has potentials. In his words, "Though there is no functioning film institute and no proper technical support available in Sri Lanka, young filmmakers who have studied cinema at foreign institutions, are winning awards at prestigious international film festivals like Cannes and Toronto. I believe this is high time to work together and boost the film industry in Sri Lanka. At present we produce around 25 movies a year."

While working in the medical field in Australia, Dissanayake studied film and television in depth, and obtained a post-graduate Diploma in Professional Arts from the University of New South Wales and a Master of Arts (M.A.) in Directing from Sydney University. Returning home Dissanayake started making films, TV plays and writing stage plays. All of his films have won scores of national and international awards, and most interestingly, all the films have set new box office records in his country. He is in a habit of setting a new record every time with a new film.

On the secret behind the success of his films Dissanayake said, "Though I touch social or political issues in my movies, I can communicate with the audience through my films in an uncomplicated format, which is very important for the popularity of a movie. I always try to strike a chord with the viewers. Moreover, I'm aware of self-censorship. I think that is the secret behind the success of my films."

Today's films

On the seventh day of the ongoing 10th Dhaka International Film Festival nine movies will be screened at two venues -- Central Public Library Auditorium and National Museum Auditorium.

Four films in the 'Cinema of the World' Section will be screened today. Mexican film Mezcalt, directed by Ignacio Ortiz Cruz, will

be screened at the National Museum Auditorium at 3:00 pm. Iranian films Another Morning and Nocturnal, and Mexican film The Girl on the Stone will be screened at the Central Public Library Auditorium from 3:30 pm onwards.

Indians in Brazil, in the 'Independent Movie' section, will be screened at the Central Public Library Auditorium at 12:30 pm. Latin American film One Star and Two Coffees will be screened at 5 pm and spiritual film M for Mother, at 7 pm at the Central Public Library Auditorium. Moreover, Ontorjatta and Those Three will be repeated at 11 am and 1 pm respectively at the same

venue. The festival is arranged by Rainbow Film Society in association with European Union, Embassy of the Kingdom of the Netherlands, Royal Norwegian Embassy, SIGNIS, Religion Today Film Festival and GMG Airlines.

Recalling January 6, 1972

Cultural programme highlighting the mine blast tragedy in Dinajpur

KONGKON KARMAKAR, Dinajpur

THE people of Dinajpur recently observed the January 6th mine blast tragedy, where hundreds of freedom fighters were killed at a transit camp set up at Maharaja Girijanath High School premises.

Marking the day, the 6th January Smriti Parishad organised a three-day programme at Dinajpur Lokhaban auditorium holding discussions on the tragedy, dances, drama and recitation on the Liberation War. On the last day of the event, an art competition was held where at least 600 students participated.

The discussion was presided over by Md. Shafiqul Haque, Chairman of Dinajpur Municipality and a freedom fighter. Md. Anwarul Islam Tanu, Md. Abdul Kalam Azad, Chitta Ghosh and Md. Rezaur Rahman Rezu spoke at the discussion.

On the concluding day, Udichi Shilpi Gosthi held a cultural

programme that included a play on the Liberation War.

What happened on 6th January, 1972:

According to witnesses, after celebrating the Victory Day (December 16) in 1971, the freedom fighters of sector 6 and 7 of EBR set up a Transit Camp at the Maharaja Girijanath High School premises where freedom fighters of Dinajpur Thakurgaon, Panchagarh, Joypurhat and adjacent areas could congregate. At least 7,000 freedom fighters were residing at the camp.

The freedom fighters of the camp decided to search for hidden explosives placed by the Pakistani army in the area.

After a massive search the freedom fighters recovered explosives including mines, anti-tank mines, mortars and piled them up at the school premises safely.

On January 6, 1972, two trucks loaded with recovered mines and ammunitions were brought from Goraghat upazila of Dinajpur in



Artists present songs at the cultural programme

the afternoon at the Transit Camp and some freedom fighters were unloading them from the truck.

The recovered mines exploded as one of the landmines went off,

killing at least 200 freedom fighters on the spot. The explosion vibrated at least an area of 100 km radius and the blaze was seen from 50 km away, according to a survivor.

POWERSURGE

Promoting thrash metal in Bangladeshi music scene

MAINUL HASSAN

POWERSURGE (vocalist: Jamshed, guitars: Nahian and Samir, bass: Arefin, drums: Samiul) is a band with a strong thrash metal influence on their music. The band first came to spotlight after winning the DRockstars contest.

Thrash metal music is not a very familiar sound in the Bangla band music scene. The genre is characterised by high speed riffing and scathing lyrics. The genre is however quite popular in the underground band music scene.

Powersurge was formed in 2006 by Nahian and Samiul, both ardent followers of thrash metal. "We wanted to promote and popularise this genre in our music scene," says Nahian, one of the founding members.

Jamshed joined the band in March 2006. Next was Samir and the fifth and final member Arefin joined the band during the DRockstars contest.

"We wanted to generate some energetic, electrifying performances on stage, so we picked the name Powersurge," Nahian says.

"We staged our first show in 2006 and received much appreciation and support from the audience, which was very important because at that point we were unsure about how they would react to our music," he continues.

Talking about DRockstars, the band members recalled how they first came to know about the contest, their experiences and so on.

For the band, the most interesting part was the audition rounds. Apparently they had nothing to do then -- no shows, no exams and they were getting bored. So when they saw the advertisement for the contest, they just decided to check it out.

It was only after they auditioned that they really understood the gravity of the situation. That's when they started to take matters seriously, says the band members.

"I consider DRockstars a major step forward for us. We performed metal songs throughout the contest. It was something different to a section of the audience who are used to the traditional mellow sounds," says Nahian.

As the contest moved forward our confidence grew. The SMS votes from the audience decided the outcome of the contest so there was no doubt that the audience accepted their music, say the band members.

The band is now gearing up for its first music album. The recording is

While asked about the subjects, Nahian, who has written all the songs, says that the numbers address contemporary social and political issues -- some contain anti-drug messages, while some are simply influenced by philosophy.

According to the band members the unreleased tracks -- Mither agrashon, Auprostut judhao and Shesh Shimana -- are already getting a good response from the audience when performed at concerts.

Talking about their muse, Nahian



Members of the band

scheduled to start this month.

Talking about the album, Jamshed, vocalist of Powersurge, says, "We are very optimistic about our upcoming album, which is likely to hit the market in April this year."

"Most of the songs have strong thrash metal influences. The album also features some experimental rock numbers," informs Nahian.

shares, "We draw inspiration from the music of Metallica, Sepultura, Kreator, Lamb of God, Dream Theater and Pink Floyd. We are also interested in German thrash metal."

The band members have a busy schedule ahead. After the album release, the band will be touring the country and has plans of doing some shows abroad.

Workshop on school theatre

To inspire the creative activities among children all over the country, People's Theatre Association and RAKHAL (Regenerative Action for Kaleidoscopic Human Activity and Learning) arranged a five-day long workshop on school theatre at different institutions in Nababganj, says a press release.

Mohabbatpur High School, Begum Hasiba High School, Horey Krishna Kushum Koli High School, Kolakopa K. P. High School, Daudpur High School, Baruakhali High School and Shikari Paar T. K. M High School participated in the workshop.

Liaquat Ali Lucky, Secretary General of People's Theatre association and the chief instructor of the workshop inaugurated the event. The participants were given certificates after the completion of the workshop. That was followed by cultural programmes, discussions and plays staged by students trained at the workshop.

"Rupali Manush" on ATN Bangla today

CULTURAL CORRESPONDENT

The 18th episode of drama serial Rupali Manush will be aired at 3:10 pm on ATN Bangla today. Written by Fazlul Karim, the serial is directed by Fakhru Abedin.

The plot of the serial revolves around Imran Chowdhury and his three daughters. Having lost their mother when they were very young,

the sisters have grown up into three curious young women. They are always into some mischievous act. The sisters decide never to marry, yet they have to part with each other. Incidentally, the sisters meet people whom they find quite interesting.

Queen Ruma, Suborna Debnath Tahpa, Ehsanul Haque Selim and others play the lead roles in the serial.



A scene from the drama serial

ON AIR

PICK OF THE DAY



Abduttarey On Channel-i at 08:20 pm Drama Serial Cast: Shahed, Ishita



Mr. Deeds On Star Movies at 7:00 pm Genre: Comedy/Romance Cast: Adam Sandler, Winona Ryder

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).

BTV 08:15 Shuprobhat Drama Serial: Shangshapalak 11:15 Mea o Shishur Katha Musical Programme: Bul Bul 01:30 Hijo Tomal 02:15 Nabo Anonidya Jago Cartoon 03:00 Shukhi Poribar 04:05 Shondha Maloti 04:30 Cookery Show: Amader Rainna 05:05 Sisstipur 05:30 Mithoshkritya 06:10 Konye, Jaya, Jononi 06:30 Gontho Kathan 06:50 Mali O Manush 07:30 Protidin Bangladesh 08:30 Drama Serial: Aka Amar Alo 09:05 Drama Serial: Tumi Kemon Achho 09:30 Talk Show: Poriborton 10:30 Protidin Ontora 11:00 Talk Show: Date Line Dhaka

05:40 Talk Show: Prashongo 06:20 Documentary Programme: Bhul-er Mashul Drama Serial: Jagey Theko 08:35 Drama Serial: Khaje Beral Tarey 09:00 Drama Serial: Rangla Bao 11:30 Talking Point 12:00 Gramsephone Lead News CHANNEL i 09:30 Shangbadporey Bangladesh Public Reaction 09:50 Gramsephone Tribomatra 11:05 Sports Time 12:30 Citysol Tarokakathan 01:05 Ebonj Cinemas Gaan 01:30 Mega Serial: Probash 02:40 Sa Re Ga Ma Gambhira 03:05 Sa Re Ga Ma Hridoyar Gaan 04:30 Ipsahani NCL Roundup Musical Programme: Tomar Shur-er Dhara 06:00 Mega Serial: Shath Goinda 06:20 Cookery Show: Desh Bideshy Rainna Gourab Gatha 07:50 Drama Serial: Aabdhutary 08:20 Drama Serial: Poran 09:35 Aloye Bhobon Bhora 10:00 Drama Serial: Poran 11:30 Mega Serial: 69 12:00 Cookery Show: Aaker Shangbadporey ntv 08:30 Aker Shokasol 08:55 Drama Serial: To-let 09:30 Nityo Lohon 10:05 Music Jam 10:30 Drama Serial: Teen 11:30

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09:05 Drishyo Kalpo 09:35 Kathay Kathay 10:00 Drama Serial: Anon 11:00 Taroka Alap 11:30 Drama Serial: Modhyobarti 12:15 Special Programme 01:00 Gaanchil Ei Din 01:30 Dhallywood Beats 02:30 Bangla Feature Film Protidin 06:30 Special Programme 08:00 Drama Serial: Modhyobarti 08:35 Special Programme 09:20 Anondoyatra 11:00 Prithibir Pathay Pathay 11:30 News Watch 12:00 RTV Exclusive

CHANNEL 1 08:40 Shuprobhat Bangladesh 10:30 Bangla Feature Film Rang Berong 02:00 Drama Serial: Danguil 04:00 Drama Serial: Gupob Concert 04:30 Sangam 05:00 Santaan 05:30 V Trailers - Star Plus 06:00 KASTURI 06:30 Bidaai 07:00 Baa Bahoo Aur Baby 07:30 Sangam 08:00 Santaan 08:30 Meri awaz ko mi gayi roshni 09:00 Kasauti Zindagi Kay 09:30 Bidaai 10:00 KASTURI 10:30 Kahani Ghar Ghar Ki

STAR PLUS 11:00 Little Einsteins 11:30 V Trailers - Star Plus 12:00 Santaan 12:30 Bidaai 01:00 Kasauti Zindagi Kay 01:30 Mumuk - Pyara Sa Bandhan 02:00 Bhabhi 02:30 Karam Apna Apna 03:00 Saantni 03:30 Kyunki Saas Bhi Kabhi Bahu Thi 04:00 Kayamath 04:30 Sangam 05:00 Santaan 05:30 V Trailers - Star Plus 06:00 KASTURI 06:30 Bidaai 07:00 Baa Bahoo Aur Baby 07:30 Sangam 08:00 Santaan 08:30 Meri awaz ko mi gayi roshni 09:00 Kasauti Zindagi Kay 09:30 Bidaai 10:00 KASTURI 10:30 Kahani Ghar Ghar Ki

STAR WORLD 08:30 The Ellen Degeneres Show 09:30 Imagine The Beatles In Love 10:30 Who Wants To Be A Superhero? 11:00 Amar 88 0 (Nusrat) 11:30 Seven Eleven (Sadia) 12:00 The Simpsons 12:30 Seinfeld 01:00 Friends 01:30 Desire: Table For Three 02:30 The Ellen Degeneres Show 03:30 The Bold And The Beautiful 04:00 General Hospital 05:00 Enterprise 06:00 Malcolm In The Middle 06:30 The Simpsons 07:00 My Wife And Kids 07:30 Friends 08:00 Seinfeld 08:30 American Idol 09:30 Bones 10:30 Most Shocking 12:30 Seinfeld

NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC 08:30 Backyard Python 09:30 Suicide Web 10:30 Sauna Belt 11:15 Wonder Armour 12:30 Mad Labs 11:30 Is It Real? 01:30 Tracks of a Stalker 02:30 Power Of Play 03:30 Suicide Web 04:30 I Didn't Know That 05:00 Fangs Of The Forest 05:30 Big Bang 06:00 Trouble In Cancun 06:30 Suicade Web 07:30 Triumph Of Life 08:30 FIFA Club Championship 09:30 Speed Week 10:30 Talban Upsing

Radio Foorti 88.0 FM 07:00am Hello Dhaka (Apu) 11:00am Amar 88 0 (Nusrat) 03:00pm Dhaka Calling (Sakib) 07:00pm Seven Eleven (Sadia) 11:00pm Late Night Show (Shuvo) 03:00am Back to Back music 03:00am Radio Today 89.6 FM 07:15am Good Morning Dhaka (Biplob) 07:45 am Today's Happy Moments 08:45am Shokaler Khabor 12:00pm Today's Adda (Nudrat) 01:45pm Dupurer Khabor 04:00pm UJum (Kibria & Tania) 06:45pm Shondher Khabor 08:00pm Tobe Tai Hok (Sayem) 09:45pm Raater Khabor 11:45pm Modho Raater Khabor 12:00am Today's Happy Moments 12:10am Raat Vor Gan (Nirob)

HISTORY

09:30 Luzon 10:30 Porsche 911 11:30 Sauna Belt 12:30 Augustus: First Emperor 01:30 Enemy 02:30 Modern Marvels 03:30 Benjamin Franklin 04:30 UFO Hunters 05:30 1985 Buick Grand National 06:30 Augustus: First Emperor 07:30 FBI's Ten Most Wanted 08:30 North Africa 09:30 Enemy 10:30 The Universe