CULTURALFEAST

Dance Festival

Organiser: Nrityanchal Venue: National Theatre Stage, Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy Dance Drama: Teen Konyar Daan

Dance Troupe: Nrityanchal Date: January 25 Time: 6:30 pm

Dance Drama: Bhanushingher Pedabeli Dance Troupe: Bhabna Date: January 26

Dance Drama: Parijayi Dance Troupe: Sukalyan and Entourage Date: January 27 Time: 6:30 pm

Time: 6:30 pm

Dance Drama: Mohua Dance Troupe: Nrityanchal Date: January 28 Time: 7:00 pm

Reminiscence

On K.M Sobhan Organiser: Bangladesh-Rush Moltn

Venue: Russian Cultural Centre, House 510, Road 7, Dhanmondi Date: January 24 Time: 5:30 pm

Felicitation To poet Syed Shamsul Hag and

cultural programme Organiser: Amra Surjomukhi Venue: Poet Sufia Kamal Auditorium National Museum Date: January 25 Time: 5 pm

Sculpture and Art Exhibition

Title: Brave World of Structure Artist Ivy Zaman Venue: Shilpangan Gallery, House 26, road 3, Dhanmondi Date: January 19-February 2 Time: 12pm-8pm

Solo Painting Exhibition

Title: In Search of light Artist: Rafique Siddiqui Venue: National Art Gallery, Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy Date: January 18-25 Time: 12pm-8pm

Solo Art Exhibition

Title: Written Image Artist: Wakilur Rahman Venue: Gallari Kaya, House 20, Road 16, Sector 4, Uttara Date: January 18-29 Time: 11am-8pm

The Making of Kuhu Art Artist: Kuhu

Venue: Gallery Chitrak, Road 4, House

Hollywood is in a bleak mood this

year, and the Oscar nominees

announced Tuesday morning

the ruthless aftermath of a botched

drug deal, and There Will Be Blood,

starring Daniel Day-Lewis as a

scheming oil man in an epic about

American capitalism, took the lead

in the Oscar race with eight nomi-

nations each, including best pic-

Meanwhile, Michael Clayton, a

reflected that state of mind.

ture and best director.

21. Dhanmondi R/A Date: January 18-February 15 Time: 10am-8pm

Theatre Festival '08

"Shesh Anker Sheshey": Adaptation of an Agatha Christie thriller

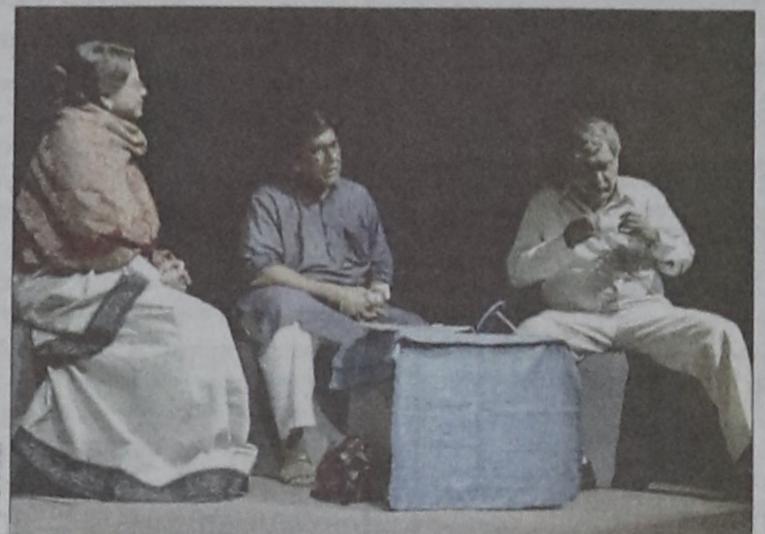
ERSHAD KAMOL

OLKATA based theatre troupe Anya Pesha Natya Nesha's production Shesh Anker Sheshey is an adaptation of Agatha Christie's popular thriller Witness for the Prosecution, which deals with the trial of a man accused of murder. Adapted and directed by Dev Kumar Ghosh, Shesh Anker Sheshey was staged on January 22 as part of the ongoing Theatre Festival '08, arranged by Theatre (Natok Sarani).

Pratap Narayan Roy (Bishwajit Chakroborti), an ailing senior barrister, takes Bholanath Sen 9 (Dhrobo Narayan Kundo) as a client, who is accused of murdering Bimola Devi (Devjani). Apparently Bholanath was having an affair with Bimola, a rich older lady, who had the main beneficiary in her will. Strong circumstantial evidence point to Bholanath as the

When Barrister Roy speaks with Bholanath's Bangladeshi wife Tamalika (Boishakhi Ghosh), he finds her rather cold and selfpossessed, but she does provide an alibi. Therefore, he is greatly surprised when she is unexpectedly called as a witness for the prosecution. It is disclosed that Tamalika was in fact still married to another man when she wed Bholanath. On the stand, she testifies that Bholanath admitted to her that he had killed Bimola Devi, and that her conscience forced her to finally

contacted by a mysterious woman, rushes into the room. When



Actors of Anya Pesha Natya Nesha in the play

who provides him with letters Bholanath admits that they are written by Tamalika to a mysterious lover named Aslam. This corre-Tamalika as a liar and the Judge finds Bholanath innocent.

After the acquittal, Tamalika reveals to Barrister Roy that she had played the part of the mystery woman. She knew that Bholanath was guilty; her testimony was actually true. Her letters however, were fraudulent; Aslam never existed. When asked why she did it, she confesses that she had done everything to save her husband.

Ironically Bholanath appears and, now protected by double jeopardy, dispassionately confirms what Tamalika had said in her confession. A young woman During the trial, Barrister Roy is named Dola (Rima Ghosh) then

going away together, Tamalika kills him with a knife in a fit of fury. This spondence helps to establish time Barrister Roy vows to save Tamalika to establish the truth.

Director Dev Kumar Ghosh successfully created a court setting at the Mahila Samity Stage Another important aspect of his directorial composition is the brilliant use of multimedia to create a realistic indoor ambiance. However, repeatedly and unnecessarily he has used many flashback scenes, which interrupt the flow of the play. His handling of two scenes simultaneously on a small stage did not work either.

Most of the actors, especially Dev Kumar Ghosh as Inspector Haldar, and Bishwajit Chakroborti as Pratap Narayan Roy, performed spontaneously on the stage.

"Our troupe is an exception in Kolkata" -- Udayan Sen



picture, best actor (Clooney) and

best supporting actress (Tilda

Swinton). Atonement, the adapta-

No Country For Old Men, about betrayal-filled novel, also captured

throwback thriller to the 1970s, nominations feature dark themes

starring George Clooney as a cor- and unconventional endings that,

porate fixer, received seven nomi- for the most part, have failed to

nations, including nods for best attract broad audiences.

tion of Ian McEwan's time-shifting,

seven nominations, including for

best picture and best supporting

Unlike last year, when flashy

mainstream hits like The Departed

and Dreamgirls dominated, the

2008 Oscar race swings back

toward critic-driven films. Many of

the movies that received multiple

actress (Saoirse Ronan).

Udayan Sen is one of the founder ceeds from the ticket sales we have members of the theatre troupe Anya Pesha Natya Nesha, which staged two plays -- Shesh Anker Sheshey and Ekti Obastob Natok -at the Theatre Festival '08, arranged by Theatre (Natok Sarani). During the visit, Udayan Sen spoke to The Daily Star.

of the troupe are successful professionals in various sectors. Theatre present diverse stories. Moreover, is a passion to them, hence the our production style is different name 'Anya Pesha Natya Nesha'. Their intention is to lend a hand to the cultural activists. "With the pro- is an exception in Kolkata."

One of the more upbeat films of

the year and a hit Juno, the tale of a

quirky teenager who gives her baby

up for adoption -- received four

nominations, including best pic-

ture, best director, best actress and

were expected. Daniel Day-Lewis,

whose fierce portrayal of an oil man

in There Will Be Blood has already

won him a wheelbarrow full of

accolades, continued his march to

the ultimate awards podium with a

Cotillard, who won respective best

actress plaudits at the Golden

Julie Christie and Marion

Still, many of the nominations

best original screenplay.

best actor nomination.

created a fund to aid the cultural activists in need," said Sen.

So far, Anya Pesha Natya Nesha has produced six theatre performances. Most of these plays are quite different from the contemporary theatre trend in Kolkata. Udayan Sen said, "Basically Sen informed that all members Kolkata based theatre troupes stage social plays. But, we try to from the others. We use multimedia in our productions. Our troupe

"No Country" and "There Will Be Blood" lead Oscars Globe Awards for playing an Alzheimer's victim in Away From Her and the French diva Edith Piafin La Vie en Rose, will vie for the academy's top female acting honour.

One of the biggest questions about this year's Oscar race -- how a continuing writers strike will affect the ceremony -- went unanswered. Sid Ganis, president of the academy, did not address the matter during the nominations announcement. The academy has said it has contingency plans in case the writers' strike is not settled by the ceremony, scheduled for Feb. 24.

Source: Internet

Pitha Utshob at Shilpakala

MAINUL HASSAN

Pitha (rice cakes) occupies an important place in our culinary culture. For Bengalis it has been a long tradition to make varieties of pitha, particularly in the winter. As the grandmother makes delectable pitha, the children await eagerly, the air gets heavy with the aroma of khejurer rosh -- a familiar picture in almost all rural households. Busy city-dwellers however do not have the time to make pitha; many grandmothers do not live with their grandparents either. To relish this scrumptious treat, an urbanite has to make a stop at a pitha store on his/her way home.

On the evening of January 22 foodies gathered at Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy (BSA) to taste a range of the pitha at a festival currently held there. The event has been organised by Coffee House in association with BSA.

The event, Pitha Utshob 2008, was inaugurated by veteran journalist Kamal Lohani. A minute of



Delectable pitha at the festival

silence was observed in memory of ality Ramendu Majumder and poet the late dramatist Selim Al Deen. Asad Chowdhury spoke at the Among others, cultural personality event. Director general of BSA, Mamunur Rashid, theatre person- Quamrul Hassan, ndc presided

over the session.

The speakers discussed the place of pitha in our culture, emphasising on the importance of preserving and popularising this

art form. Festival-goers were quite pleased to try out Pakon, Shaipuli, Nakshi Pitha, Khejur Pitha, Poa, Puli, Rosh Goja, Bibikhan, Patishapta and several types of Naaru. Though there were many types of pitha, an integral part of our winter, steaming bhapa pitha, could not be found in any stall. As an added attraction, a short cultural programme was also held later in the evening featuring recitation and songs.

The prices of the pitha ranged from Tk 10 to 50 per piece, which is a bit beyond the affordability of most people. The participants blamed the rising prices of the ingredients necessary for pitha

The festival will continue till January 26.

Three-day Science Fair concludes in Tangail

MIRZA SHAKIL, Tangail

A three-day Science Fair concluded here last Monday amidst much festivity.

Students of the Belayet Hossain Bahumukhi High School in Delduar upazila, Tangail organised the Science Fair featuring science and agricultural projects.

Former Chief Justice Muhammad Habibur Rahman inaugurated the fair. Former vicechancellor of Jahangirnagar University, Professor Zillur Rahman Siddiqui and noted economist and founder president of Centre for Policy Dialogue (CPD) Rehman Sobahan attended the function as special guests.

Founder of the school Delwar Hossain presided over the function.

Among others, Tangail Deputy Commissioner (DC), Akhter Ali Sarkar; Upazila Nirbahi Officer (UNO) in Delduar, Rekha Rani Balo; school managing committee vice president, Shakhawat Hossain and headmaster of the school Golam Rabbani were also present.

Earlier, over 2,000 students of the school participated at a cultural function. Performances included classical dance, jari songs and more.

In the concluding session, the guests distributed prizes among the students of the school



Students perform jari gaan at the event

who received GPA-5 and primary scholarship

Speakers said that science has provided a vast scope for the circulation of education, technology and training. The scopes will remain unutilised if basic education is not extended to all sections of people in rural areas.

The programme drew a massive crowd from the village and adjacent areas that included guardians and family members of the students.

Actor Heath Ledger found dead

Grim end to a promising career



A young movie star dies and the mind automatically cues up the clip reel: Here is Heath Ledger -fresh and unknown -- singing Can't Take My Eyes

Off You and dancing on the school stadium bleachers in a teen flick adaptation of Shakespeare (10 Things I Hate About You, a reworking of The Taming of the Shrew). Here is Heath Ledger caressing that empty, soiled cowboy shirt kept by his dead lover in Brokeback Mountain. And Heath Ledger as one of the Bob Dylans in I'm Not There, in sunglasses and a dour expression. A sneak peek of Heath Ledger from this sum-

mer's upcoming Batman movie as the Joker, fully unhinged, erasing in a few seconds any ownership Jack Nicholson may have claimed to that role. Working backward now, here is Heath Ledger in period pieces, wooing women or fighting in the Revolution. Heath Ledger in a knighthood fantasy, with swords. Heath Ledger as the unhappy prison guard in Monster's Ball who shoots himself in front of his father...

Edit that, rewind, start again: Video suddenly from someone's phone of the curious crowd that gathered in the early evening yesterday, at the SoHo apartment where Ledger was found dead at 28 by the housekeeper and the massage therapist. He was in bed, with prescription sleeping pills reportedly found nearby fame's tragic tableau mort. Next he is carried to the gauzy and reverential place that is reserved for such men: James Dean in a roadster on the

The Muslim

She's The Man

The Lost World:

Jurassic Park

In The Spider's Web

Where The Truth Lies

Tremors

The Relic

Domino

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STAR PLUS

highway, River Phoenix at a nightclub.

There can only be so many articles about a young actor's understatement, about his steeliness and cool. Here you had a man who got a decent chance at everything a young actor could hope for, starting from Australian TV and leading to an Academy Award nomination for Brokeback Mountain -- a part that, by conventional Hollywood wisdom, had just as much potential to kill a leading man's career.

Had he lived to old age, Ledger would have never stopped hearing "I wish I knew how to quit you" jokes. What got lost in all that is how good Ledger was as Ennis Del Mar, the pent-up ranch hand with a broken heart. It was a role about not talking, about the unsaid. Easier said than done.

Some of Ledger's movies worked, and many of them did not, but all along, a viewer could sense that he went about the craft with almost too much seriousness, with pain. In almost every interview he downplayed celebrityhood, tried to deny its meaning and place in his life, shrugged the usual serious-actor shrugs -- often while lighting his cigarette, creating a mood of nonchalance.

ON AIR

PICK OF THE DAY

All programmes are in local time. The Daily Star will not be responsible for any change in the programme.

News Bulletin

pm.8:00 pm.

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

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).

News (Bangla) at 7:15 am. 9:00am, 2:00pm, 7:00pm, 9:00pm, 10:30pm, 12:15 am.

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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.

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BANGLAVISION

News (Bangla) at 8:00am. 12:00pm. 2:30pm. 6:30pm. 7:30pm. 10:00pm. 12:30am

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Rtv News (Bangla) at 10:15pm. and 12:15am

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Unbreakable 01:30 Dhallywood Beats Bangla Feature Film

On Zee Studio at 8:40 pm Genre: Action/Thriller Cast: Bruce Willis, Samuel L. Jackson 03:50 Drama Senal: Neer 04:25 Drama Serial: Teen Bon-er Kashida 05:30 Mohilangaan Shubho Shondhya 06:45 Amar O Gaitey Ichhey Holo 08:15 Drama Serial: Swapnojaal Glamour World 09:00 09:45 Drama Serial: 111 A

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Mohanagar X Crime 09:05 Drama Serial: Shilbhia 09:45 March 16 11:25 Shudhu Gaan 12:00 Shongbad Protidin STAR MOVIES 11:30 Looking For Comedy In 1 11:30 Two & A Half Men

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The Jane Show

Most Haunted

Seinfeld

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Mumbai

Backyard Python

I Didn't Know That

Lions Behaving Badly

Python Attack

Taipan Reign

Of Terror

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Dino Death Trap

Best Of 2007

Pantanal

05:30 Big Bang

06:30 Python Attack

09:30 Megastructures

12:30 Animal Extractors

HISTORY CHANNEL

12:30 The Story of David

The Universe

11:30 Sauna Belt

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03:00pm Dhaka Calling (Sakib) General Hospital 07:00pm Seven Eleven (Sadia) Enterprise 11:00pm Late Night Show Malcolm In The Middle The Simpsons (Shuvo) 03:00am Back to Back music My Wile And Kids Friends Radio Today 89.6 FM Seinfeld 07:15am Good Morning American Idol

> 07:45am Today's Happy Moments 08:45am Shokaler Khabor 12:00pm Today's Adda (Nudrat) 01:45pm Dupurer Khabor 04:00pm U-tum (Kibria & Tania)

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04:30 Nickel/Taylor 05:30 The Pirate Ships 06:30 The Story of David 07:30 Quest for Fountain

08:30 Breakout from

Normandy 09:30 Gold 10:30 Ancient Discoveries 11:30 Going Ballistic 12:30 Gold ZEE STUDIO

01:30 Infinity 03:30 Men Of Honor 06:20 E! News

Under Cover Brother Unbreakable 08:40 11:00 Gigli

10:40 Stolen Innocence 06:50