## CULTURALFEAST

#### **Ekushey Book Fair** Venue: Bangla Academy Date: February 1-29

Time: 4pm onwards 11:00am onwards on weekly holidays 10th International

### Short & Independent Film Festival, Dhaka'08 Date: February 14-22

February 16 Venue: Shawkat Osman Auditorium, Central Public Library 11am: Trumpets' Republic, Crab, The Otrants Castle, Glaze of Cathexis 03pm: The Coyote's Waltz, Slient Night, Being and Nothingness, Foot-

ball-That's All 05pm: Abel's Black Dog, Shut Eye Hotel, Two Sides of the Mirror, Sometimes Love's Beautiful, Now You See Me Now You Don't

07pm: Before You Hit the Ground, White Sonata, 68 & Clear, Infinite Justice, The Last Trick, Daughters

Venue: Seminar Room, Central Public 11am: How We Celebrate Freedom 03pm: The Bridges Ballads, Two Colours of Numbness, The Great

05pm: Woman With a Video Camera, 07pm: The Beautiful Washing Machine

Venue: Sufia Kamal Auditorium, National Museum 04pm: Alamgir Kabir Memorial Lecture by R V Ramani (India)

#### International Art Exhibition

Escape, Silent Night

Organiser: Asiatic Society of Bangla-

Venue: Auditorium, Asiatic Society of Bangladesh, 5 Old Secretariat Road, Nimtali, Ramna Date: February 9-24 Time: 2pm-8pm

#### Theatre Festival

Title: Natyo Parban 2008 Orgnasir: Jahangimagar Theatre Venue: Mukta Mancha, Jahangimaga University, Savar Date: February 16-25 Time: 7pm everyday

February 16 Play: Amina Sundari Troupe: Theatre Art Unit

February 17 Play: Chhayahin Kaya

## Solo Painting Exhibition

Troupe: Jahangimagar Theatre

Title: Natural Affection Artist: Kazi Kamrul Islam Venue: Drik Gallery, House 58, Road 15A(New), Dhanmond Date: February 13-23 Time: 3pm-8pm

#### Exhibition

Organiser: Nityaupahar Title: Dhrupadi Bomomala Venue: Gallery Nityaupahar, Aziz Super Market, Shahbag Date: February 7-29 Time: 10am-8pm

## Cultural Programme

Organiser: Sammilito Shanskritik Jote Title: Ekush Achhey Joyodholo Ekush Banchey Obiroto Venue: Central Shaheed Minar Date: February 9-19 Time: 4:30pm 9pm

## Photography Exhibition

Title: Turtie neck Mt. Rubal Kang Organiser: Bengal Gallery of Fine Arts Venue: Bengal Gallery of Fine Arts, House 275/F, Road 27 (old), Dhanmondi Date: February 15-21 Time: 12 to 8 pm

# 10th Int'l Short and Independent | ITI Theatre Festival '08 begins Film Festival-Dhaka begins

JAMIL MAHMUD

HE 10th International Short and Independent Film Festival-Dhaka began on February 14 with much enthusiasm. Bangladesh Short Film Forum (BSFF) has been arranging the festival biennially since 1988 and it is the largest festival highlighting works by independent filmmakers in Bangladesh.

The inauguration of the festival was held at the Central Public Library premises. Eminent playwright Sayeed Ahmed inaugurated the festival.

Renowned litterateur and Chairperson of the festival, Hasnat Abdul Hye gave the vote of thanks at the programme. He said, "It is a composite programme where film screenings, seminars, lectures and discussions will be held. This festival provides a great opportunity for film enthusiasts who will be able to exchange their views with acclaimed filmmakers."

Eminent filmmaker Soovas Dutt was awarded with the 'Hira Lal Sen Memorial Award' at the programme for his immense contribution to Bangladeshi cinema. Hasnat Abdul Hye handed over the crest to the veteran filmmaker.

FAYZA HAQ

Photography Exhibition

The recent black and white photography exhibi-

tion at the Russian Centre for Science and Cul-

ture is indeed a stirring one. A few coloured

posters are also included. The display is to mark

the victory of the Russians over the invading

Germans in the Battle of Stalingrad (17 July

1942-2 February 1943), the most crucial battle of

Although some of the pictures are grey with

age, yet the bravery, suffering and constant

battle of the people against the marauders are

apparent. The snow, cold, hunger and anguish

of the people in siege are obvious. Seen in the

images are not only the armed soldiers with

their winter gear, but also the average Russians,

gallantly working away to stave off the hunger

and need of the time. Some of the pictures are

from Moscow and the others are gathered from

World War II for the Russians.



at the programme.

awarded -- in the feature film and

documentary categories (one from

A three-member jury board in

each category will select the best

Soovas Dutt receives award from Hasnat Abdul Hye

President of BSFF, N. Rashed nator of General Programme, Chowdhury delivered the welcome speech. He said, "Since its inception, BSFF has been arranging this festival that features independent films from all around the world for our audience."

Director of the festival, Manzarehasin Murad and Coordi-

Battle scenes from Stalingrad

are, for feature film category Tareque Masud (Bangladesh), Morshedul Islam (Bangladesh) and Girish Kasaravalli (India) and for the documentary category -- Amir Mohammed (Malaysia), Faridur Rahman (Bangladesh) and Shaheen Dill-Riaz (Bangladesh/Germany). Other important sections in the festival are, 'Country Focus', fea-

film. Members of the jury boards

turing films from Malaysia; 'Retrospective', highlighting films by three internationally acclaimed independent filmmakers and 'Independent Shots', featuring films under 10-minutes by young Bangladeshi filmmakers.

'Independent Shots' is also a competitive section. The best film from this section will receive the Tareque Shahriar Memorial Award.

A lecture on "Digital Media and the Possibility of New Cinema" and a national seminar on "Filmmaking in Digital Format: Bangladesh Perspective" will be held on Febru-Oxfam GB, M.B. Akhter also spoke ary 16 and 18 respectively.

A total of 170 films from 40 coun-This year two films will be tries will be screened at four venues throughout the nine-day long festival.

Oxfam GB is the partial sponsor and ntv is the media partner of the

# tomorrow

ERSHAD KAMOL

The Bangladesh Centre of the International Theatre Institute's (BCITI) ninth biennial theatre festival, titled 'Whither Theatre' begins tomorrow. Adviser to the Ministry of Cultural Affairs, Rasheda K Chowdhury will inaugurate the festival at the National Theatre Stage, Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy (BSA). BSA is co-organising the festival.

The weeklong festival will run simultaneously at three venues --National Theatre Stage and Experimental Theatre stage at BSA, and Mahila Samity Stage. Moreover, as part of the festival, 3 the Department of Theatre and 3 Music, University of Dhaka will stage a show of Urubhangam at Natmandol everyday throughout the festival.

In this connection BCITI organised a press conference at Dhaka Reporters Unity on February 14. At the conference, said that apart from staging plays, seminars will also be held at the festival.

Theatre, Aranyak Natya Dal, Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy, Udichi, Padatik Natya Shangsad, plays. Palakar, Ntyadhara, Shubochon Natya Sangsad and Natyachakra also the Vice President of the from Dhaka; South Asian Ibsen International Theatre Institute Centre and Nandimukh from (ITI) Worldwide Committee, said, Shabdaboli from Barisal and Jibon



(L-R) Ramendu Majumdar, Ataur Rahman and Nasiruddin Yousuff seen at the press conference

plays at the festival. Dance troupes of ninth arrangement of this, Ramendu Majumder, the founder -- Nrityadhara and Nrityanchal -- festival 'Whither Theatre' has and current President of BCITI, will also perform at the event. A Shongpala troupe is set to participate as well.

Theatre troupes Nagorik and two workshops are included Natyasampradaya, Dhaka Theatre, in the festival. Moreover, the direc- Worldwide Executive council tors will meet the press on the following day of staging their

Ramendu Majumder, who is Shonket from Hobiganj will stage theatre festivals in Dhaka. The title

significance. Theatre worldwide is in turmoil. This festival will hopefully foster cultural exchange. It Four international seminars should to be mentioned that for the third consecutive time the Meeting of central ITI is going to be held during the festival, which is quite prestigious for us."

Commenting on the impact of arranging the festival in Bangladesh, Majumder said, "It is certainly positive for the image of our Chittagong; Bibortan from Jessore; "For the last few years we have country. Moreover, our publicabeen regularly arranging biennial tions are well appreciated amongst the foreign delegates."

# Samay Theatre Festival '08 ends

## "Bhager Manush": The last performance of the festival

**CULTURAL CORRESPONDENT** 

The nine-day theatre festival organised by Samay Shanskritik Goshthi, celebrating the troupe's 30th anniversary, ends today at the National Theatre Stage, Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy.

Along with the local popular productions, two troupes from India staged three western classics at the festival. Kolkata based troupe Anik staged Punorojjibon, a translation of the Ibsen play When We Dead Awaken. Murshidabad based troupe Hrittik staged two plays --Deshdrohi and Meghoboti. Deshdrohi is an adaptation of the most frequently staged Ibsen play, An Enemy of the People. Meghoboti is an adaptation of Sophocles' Antigone.

Dhaka Theatre, Aranyak Natya Dal, Mahakal Natya Sampradaya, Theatre and Loko Natya Dal staged their popular productions Nimojjon, Mayur Shinghashon, Shikhondi Katha, Meraj Fakirer Maa and Kanjush respectively.

The festival is dedicated to the memory of the recently deceased dramatist Selim Al Deen. The festival ends today with the

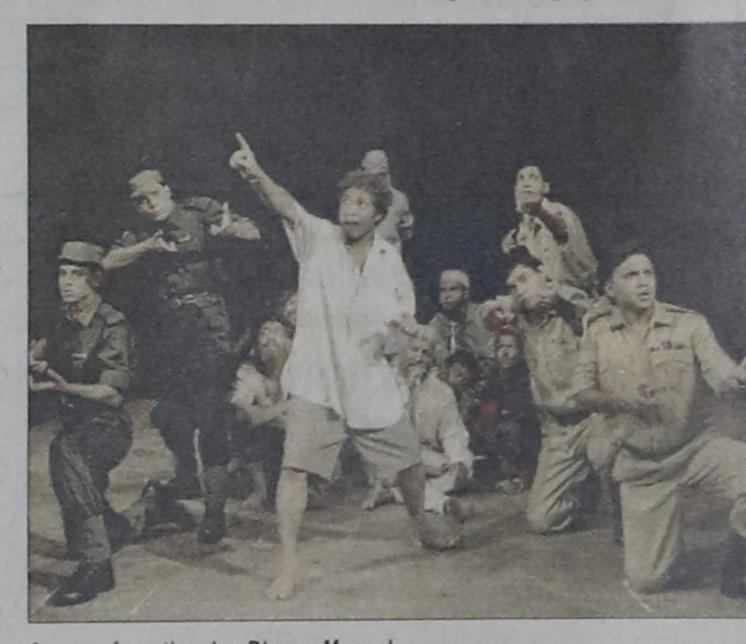
staging of Bhager Manush -- a Samay Shanskritik Goshthi pro- A scene from the play Bhager Manush

duction. Mannan Heera has Singh -- one of the oldest Pakiadapted the play from a well-Singh by Saadat Hasan Manto. Toba Tek Singh is a satire on the "exchange agreement of the lunatics" between the governments of India and Pakistan, two/three years after the Partition (1947)

In the adaptation, Mannan has symbolically featured Toba Tek

stani towns in central Punjab -- as known Urdu short story, Toba Tek a mental asylum. Legendary Sikh religious figure Tek Singh is featured as one of the central characters in the play. Singh strongly opposes the partition that divided a nation in the name of religion.

Aly Zaker is the director and set designer of the play.



NATIONAL

GEOGRAPHIC

08:30 Big Bang

09:30 Sauna Belt

10:30

09:00 Crocs and Shocks

Arctic Oasis

Harry Enfield

12:30 How Foolish Can You

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

## News Bulletin

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 8:00 pm. CHANNEL 1

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

News (English) at 6:00pm

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

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5:00pm, 7:00pm, 9:00pm, 11:00pm

Esho Gaan Shikhi 11:15 Documentary Programme: Swadesh/ Desh-er

Gaan Shukhi Poribaar Agun Jhora Shondha 12:30 Mae O Shisur Katha 01:00 Mati O Manush Sisimour

Selected Programme Bangla Feature Film Boimela 06:10 Ekush Amar Ohonkaar Amader Mukhtijudho Talk Show: Shei Din-

er Katha

08:35 Documentary Programme: Amar Bangladesh Drama: Keu Phere Na 04:05 10:30 Amader Katha 11:00 Talk Show: Date Line

#### Dhaka ATN BANGLA

08:15 Ajker Shanbadpotro 08:30 Nupurer Chhondey 09:15 Musical Programme: Man Poboner Ghuri Talk Show: Onyodnishti 11:05 Shath Din

12:15 Musical Programme: Shesh Okhkhor 01:30 Documentary Programme: Prapok Bangla Feature Film 05:00 Gram Gonjer Khobor Special Programme

Aainar Shamney

Drama Serial Chor

Aloknogor

Kuthuri

08:00 Drama Serial:

12:00 Grameenphone Ajker Shangbadpotro Rtv 08:15 Gaanchil El Din 09:00 Rtv Exclusive 09:05 Drama Senal: Ebong

## Drama Serial: Ek Jonomey 11:30 Daily Soap: Doll's

House 12:00 Grameenphone Lead News

#### CHANNEL i 08:30 Shokaaler Gaan 09:30 Shangbadpotrey

Bangladesh

09:45 Public Reaction 09:50 Grameenphone Tritiomatra 11:05 Talk Show: Amader Aaina 12:05 Mukto Bazar 12:30 Citycell Taroka Kathan 01:05 Ebong Cinemal Gaan 01:30 Musical Programme:

03:05 Hndoyer Gean Educational Programme: F.M. Method 04:50 Shotyer Shondhaney

Sa Re Ga Ma

05:30 Wand Boimela Shorashori Sisimpur 06:00 06:30 Rupantor 07:50 Ghar Kulum

08:20 Drama Serial: Nouka Dubi 09:35 Hridoye Matio O Manush 10:00 Drama Serial: Phire Dekha 11:30 Live Drama Serial: Astey Astey Astey

> 12:00 Rtv Exclusive CHANNEL 1 08:40 Shuprobhaat Bangladesh Rohashyer Golpo 10:30 Aakar Ekaar

11:30 News Watch

11:30

12:15

01:00

Photographs seen at the display Most of Stalingrad had been captured by the Photographs portraying the havoc caused by invading army while the Red troops are seen in the invading forces, the struggle of the defend- some of the shots -- spread out on a thin stretch of land along the Volga River. "The assault of ing soldiers and the average Russians, and the infantry units" depicts details of the boots, belts ultimate surrender of Field Marshal Friedrich and caps of the Russian soldiers. Paulus are all included in the show. The aim of Nikita Kruschev is seen in a photo with Lt. the marauding forces was to disrupt the oil supplies coming from the city of Baku on the Caspain Sea, as well as the food supplies from southern Russia. The shattered buildings, the massing of weap-

General Andrey Andreimenko. The tension, concern and anxiety are marked on their faces. The photographs also depict heavy fighting in every street in Stalingrad, with soldiers guarding the houses with scarred walls and barren trees in the backdrop. Wounded soldiers are shown defending their country despite their own suflocal viewers. Dhaka and its far-flung districts fering and pain. The captured troops are also have similarly witnessed hunger, suffering, fear included in the battle saga of the valiant Rus-

The exhibition drew viewers with interest in history.

## ON AIR



FM Songbed On ntv at 9:00 pm Single Episode TV play Cast: Joya Ahsan, Nirob, Emon

ons, the look of despair, the fluttering of flags

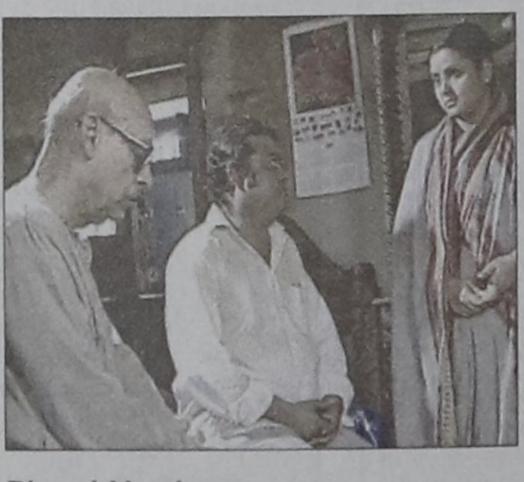
evoke memories of Victory Day, 1971 among the

and anguish during the Liberation War. The

bayonets, the helmets, the chugging lorries full

of soldiers and arms are reminiscent of our

troubled times.



Pingol Akash On Banglavision at 8:25 pm Drama Serial Cast: Abul Hayat, Chitralekha Guha

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Taroka Alap	12:05	Tele Film: Khela Khela	05:45	Ekush-er Shor
Children's Programme	02:00	Shoptaho Sheshey	06:15	Sms Mania
Indian Idol Concert	03:30	Ek Ticket-e Dui	06:30	Shoptaho Ghu
Gaanchil Ei Din		Chhobi		Jurey
Bangla Feature Film	04:30	Shukh Tara	07:30	Explosive
	05:15	Fusion for Baul	08:30	Total Music
Problin Chur o Poth	06:00	Saaj Bela	09:30	Ekusher Shon
Shur-e Shur-e Path	06:45	Ami Ki Bhulitey Pan	10:30	Binodon Bishy
Chola	07:00	Shomoyer Swad	11:45	Amader Boim
Drama: Shotolir Alo	08:15	Drama: Ochena Apon	12:00	Ekusher Roat
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08:00 Ekush-er Shokal

12:00 Ekush-er Dupur

02:30 Bangla Feature Film

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09:00 Children's Programme: Ichhchhey Ghuri

10:10 Banglavision Cafe

11:35 Media Bhubon

09:30 Cinebit

02:00 X Crime

rey Desh 04:20 Banijyomela Protidin 05:30 Sports Vision 06:05 Din-er Sheshey 06:20 Amader Otithi 06:50 08:25 Drama Serial: Pingol Akash

09:45 Drama Senal: Shomokutir 11:25 Raat Beraatey STAR PLUS 10:00 Shararat

02:40 Drama Serial: Shunyo Pata 03:05 Drama Serial: Tarik Ali

Hadari Shamol Bangla

09:05 Musical Programme 12:00 Shangbad Protidin

12:30 Cops 01:30 Prison Break 04:30 Bones 07:30 Heroes 08:30 Kyle Xy

11:30 The Unit

12:30 Kyle Xy

10:30 JA.G.

11:30 Invasion

03:30 Criminal Minds 05:30 Criss Angel Mindfreak 06:30 Most Shocking 09:30 Bones 10:30 Tha Xplosion

10:30 Mickey Mouse Club

house

Sonpari

Bidaai

Mein

12:00 Bidaai

STAR MOVIES

09:00 Encino Man

03:30 Capote

07:00 Deja Vu

10:45 16 Blocks

12:30 Sniper 2

STAR WORLD

08:30 The Apprentice

09:30 Who Wants To Be A

Superhero

03:30 Next

10:30 Garfield: A Tail Of Two

Kitties

12:00 Marked For Death

05:15 Little Miss Sunshine

09:05 Big Momma's House 2

Dulhe Raja

Jai Maa Durga

09:30 Prithviral Chauhan

11:30

01:00

03:00

11:00 The Replacements

Kaho na yaar hai

Raja Ki Aayegi Baraat

Aek Chabhi Hai Padoss

Baa Bahoo Aur Baby

Star VOI Chhote Ustaad

01:00 Amazing Adv Of A No body USA 01:30 Vusi Mahlasela Knaan 02:00 02:30 World's Deadliest Animals

Genius 04:00 Ball/ St. John's 04:30 | Didn't Know That Chimp Diaries Big Bang 06:00 Crittercam-WildTech 06:30 Mega Thursday

03:30 Lufthansa Nat Geo

07:30 World's Deadliest Animals 08:30 Head On! 09:30 Lufthansa Nat Geo Genius

10:00 Unwind 10:30 Hunter Hunted 11:30 Geo Sessions 12:00 Vusi Mahlasela THE HISTORY

12:30 Air Force To Air Power 10:30 Engineering an Empire 11:30 Official Secrets 12:00 Conquest 12:30 The Resident Patient 01:30 The Outer Planets

Wall

04:30 A Legacy Of Terror

02:30 Rise And Fall Of The 03:30 Cold Cuts

05:30 Casanova 06:30 The Dying of the Light 08:30 Witness to the Mob 10:30 Che Guevara 11:30 Oskar Schindler 12:30 - The Dying of the Light ZEE STUDIO 10:05 Mississipi Burning 01:00 Monster's Ball

Radio Foorti 88.0 FM

7:00am Hello Dhaka

3:00pm Dhaka Calling

Radio Today 89.6 FM

07:15am Good Morning

07:45am Today's Happy

08:45am Shokaler Khabor

12:00pm Fatafati Adda

01:45pm Dupurer Khabor

04:00pm U-turn (Tania)

09:45pm Raater Khabor

11:45pm Moddho Raater

12:00am Today's Happy

06:45pm Shondher Khabor

08:00pm Tobe Tai Hok (Sayem)

Moments

12:10am Raat Vor Gan (Nirob)

Moments

7:00pm Celebrity on the

hot seat

10:00pm Back to Back music

Dhaka (Biplob)

(Nudrat & Sayfi)

11:00am Amar 88

03:12 Exposure 03:20 Dirty Dancing 05:20 Exposure 05:30 The Quick And The Dead

08:00 The Hollywood Reporter 08:30 Crimson Tide 11:00 Say It Isn't So