

CULTURAL FEAST

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
Venue: Shawkat Osman Auditorium, Central Public Library
11am: Trumpets' Republic, Crab, The Omars Castle, Glaze of Cathexis
03pm: The Coyote's Waltz, Silent Night, Being and Nothingness, Foot-balls--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, Whims Sonata, 68 & Clear, Infinite Justice, The Last Trick, Daughters

International Art Exhibition

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

Theatre Festival

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

Solo Painting Exhibition

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

Exhibition

Organiser: Nityauphar
Title: Dhruvadi Bomomala
Venue: Gallery Nityauphar, Aziz Supermarket, Shahbag
Date: February 7-29
Time: 10am-8pm

Cultural Programme

Organiser: Sammito Shanskritik Jote
Title: Ekush Achhey Joydhoti
Venue: Central Shaheed Minar
Date: February 9-13
Time: 4:30pm-8pm

Photography Exhibition

Title: Turtle 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 Film Festival-Dhaka begins

JAMIL MAHMUD

THE 10th International Short and Independent Film Festival-Dhaka began on February 14 with much enthusiasm.

The inauguration of the festival was held at the Central Public Library premises.

Renowned litterateur and Chairperson of the festival, Hasnat Abdul Hye gave the vote of thanks at the programme.

Eminent filmmaker Soovas Dutt was awarded with the 'Hira Lal Sen Memorial Award' at the programme for his immense contribution to Bangladeshi cinema.



Soovas Dutt receives award from Hasnat Abdul Hye

President of BSFF, N. Rashed 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 Coordinator of General Programme, Oxfam GB, M.B. Akhter also spoke at the programme.

This year two films will be awarded -- in the feature film and documentary categories (one from each).

A three-member jury board in each category will select the best

film. Members of the jury boards 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', featuring 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 Shahrir 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 February 16 and 18 respectively.

A total of 170 films from 40 countries 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 festival.

Photography Exhibition

Battle scenes from Stalingrad

FAYZA HAQ

The recent black and white photography exhibition at the Russian Centre for Science and Culture is indeed a stirring one.

Although some of the pictures are grey with age, yet the bravery, suffering and constant battle of the people against the marauders are apparent.



Photographs seen at the display

Photographs portraying the havoc caused by the invading forces, the struggle of the defending soldiers and the average Russians, and the ultimate surrender of Field Marshal Friedrich Paulus are all included in the show.

The shattered buildings, the massing of weapons, the look of despair, the fluttering of flags evoke memories of Victory Day, 1971 among the local viewers.

The exhibition drew viewers with interest in history.

Most of Stalingrad had been captured by the invading army while the Red troops are seen in some of the shots -- spread out on a thin stretch of land along the Volga River.

Nikita Krushchev is seen in a photo with Lt. 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.

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ITI Theatre Festival '08 begins tomorrow

ERSHAD KAMOL

The Bangladesh Centre of the International Theatre Institute's (BCITI) ninth biennial theatre festival, titled 'Whither Theatre' begins tomorrow.

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, the Department of Theatre and 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.

Theatre troupes Nagorik Natyasampradaya, Dhaka Theatre, Theatre, Aranyak Natya Dal, Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy, Udichi, Padatik Natya Shangsad, Palakar, Niyadhara, Shubochon Natya Sangsad and Natyachakra from Dhaka; South Asian Ibsen Centre and Nandimukh from Chittagong; Biborton from Jessore; Shabdbolli from Barisal and Jibon Shonket from Hobiganj will stage



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

plays at the festival. Dance troupes -- Nrityadhara and Nrityanchal -- will also perform at the event.

Four international seminars and two workshops are included in the festival. Moreover, the directors will meet the press on the following day of staging their plays.

Commenting on the impact of arranging the festival in Bangladesh, Majumdar said, "It is certainly positive for the image of our country. Moreover, our publications are well appreciated amongst the foreign delegates."

of ninth arrangement of this, festival 'Whither Theatre' has significance. Theatre worldwide is in turmoil. This festival will hopefully foster cultural exchange.

"For the last few years we have been regularly arranging biennial theatre festivals in Dhaka. The title

Samay Theatre Festival '08 ends

"Bhager Manush": The last performance of the festival

CULTURAL CORRESPONDENT

The nine-day theatre festival organised by Samay Shanskritik Goshti, 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 Punorojibon, a translation of the Ibsen play When We Dead Awaken. Murshidabad based troupe Hrittik staged two plays -- Deshdrohi and Meghoboti.

Dhaka Theatre, Aranyak Natya Dal, Mahakal Natya Sampradaya, Theatre and Loko Natya Dal staged their popular productions Nimojon, Mayur Shinghashon, Shikhandi Katha, Meraj Fakir Maa and Kanjush respectively.

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

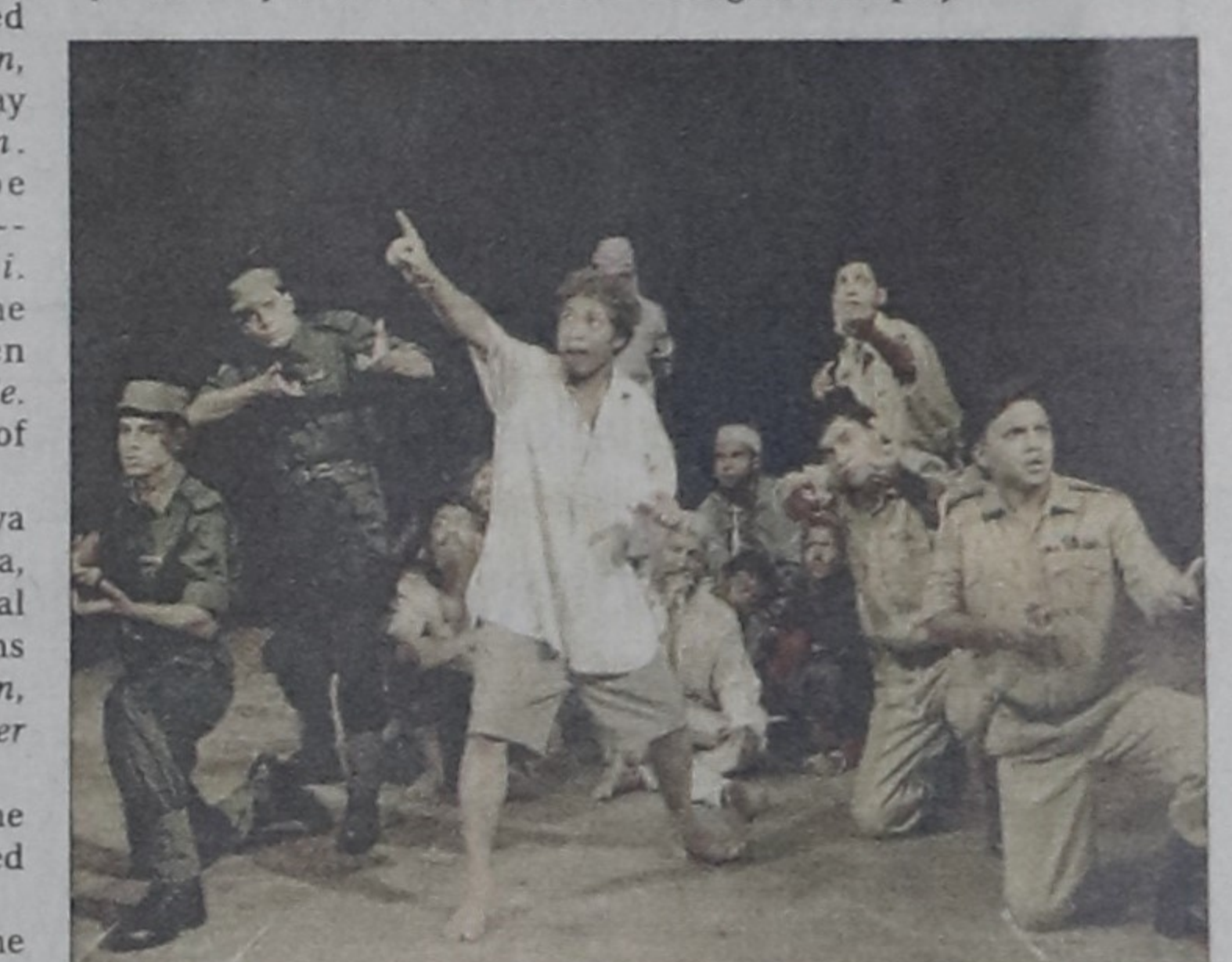
The festival ends today with the staging of Bhager Manush -- a Samay Shanskritik Goshti production.

Manann Heera has adapted the play from a well-known Urdu short story, Toba Tek 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, Manann has symbolically featured Toba Tek

Singh -- one of the oldest Pakistani towns in central Punjab -- as a mental asylum. Legendary Sikh religious figure Tek Singh is featured as one of the central characters in the play.

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



A scene from the play Bhager Manush

ON AIR

PICK OF THE DAY



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



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

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

News Bulletin

BTB 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).

BTB 08:45 Esho Gaan Shikhi 11:15 Documentary Programme: Swadesh/Desh-er Gaan 11:30 Shukri Porbaar 12:05 Agun Jhara Shondha 12:30 Mae O Shisor Katha 01:00 Mafi O Manush 01:30 Selected Programme 02:15 Sisimpur 02:40 Bangla Feature Film 05:25 Boimela 06:10 Ekush Amar Ohonkar 06:55 Amader Mukti/Jocho 07:25 Talk Show: Sha Diner Katha 08:35 Documentary Programme: Amar Bangladesh 09:00 Drama: Kau Pheno Na 10:30 Amader Katha 11:00 Talk Show: Date Line Dhaka 04:50 Sholyer Shondharay 05:30 Ward Boimela 06:00 Shorashon 06:00 Sisimpur 06:30 Rupantor 07:50 Ghar Kulum 08:20 Drama Serial: Nouka Dabi 09:35 Hrdoye Maio O Manush 10:00 Drama Serial: Phire Dekha 11:30 Live Drama Serial: Ashley Ashley 12:00 Gram Goriey Khorob 05:30 Special Programme 06:20 Aanas Shamney 08:00 Drama Serial: Alokogor 08:40 Drama Serial: Chor Kulkuri

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10:30 Mickey Mouse Club house 11:00 The Replacements 11:30 Sonpani 12:00 Kaho na year hai 01:00 Bidai 03:00 Raja Ki Aayegi Baraat 05:00 Dulhe Raja 08:00 Aek Chabhri Hai Padoss Mein 08:30 Jai Maa Durga 09:30 Pritivraaj Chauhan 10:00 Baa Bahoo Aur Baby 10:30 Star VOI Chhote Ustaad 12:00 Bidai 09:00 Encino Man 10:30 Garfield: A Tail Of Two Kitties 12:00 Marked For Death 03:30 Capote 03:30 Next 05:15 Little Miss Sunshine 07:00 Deja Vu 09:05 Big Momma's House 2 10:45 16 Blocks 12:30 Sniper 2

NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC 08:30 Big Bang 09:00 Crocs and Shocks 09:30 Sauna Belt 10:30 Arctic Oasis 11:30 Harry Enfield 12:30 How Foolish Can You Be? 01:00 Amazing Adv Of A No body USA 01:30 Vusi Mahlasela 02:00 Knaan 02:30 World's Deadliest Animals 03:30 Lufthansa Nat Geo Genius 04:00 Ball/ St. John's 04:30 I Didn't Know That 05:00 Chimp Diaries 05:30 Big Bang 06:00 Crittercam-WildTech Adv 07:30 Mega Thursday 08:30 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 12:30 Air Force To Air Power 01:30 Prison Break 03:30 Criminal Minds 04:30 Bones 05:30 Criss Angel Mindfreak 06:30 Most Shocking 07:30 Heroes 08:30 Kyle XY 09:30 Bones 10:30 Tru Xplosion 11:30 The Unit 12:30 Kyle XY

Radio Foorti 88.0 FM 7:00am Hello Dhaka 11:00am Amar 88 3:00pm Dhaka Calling 7:00pm Celebrity on the hot seat 10:00pm Back to Back music Radio Today 89.6 FM 07:15am Good Morning Dhaka (Biplob) 07:45am Today's Happy Moments 08:45am Shokaler Khabor 12:00pm Fatafati Adda (Nudrat & Sayfi) 01:45pm Dupurer Khabor 04:00pm U-tum (Tanla) 06:45pm Shondher Khabor 08:00pm Tobe Tai Hok (Sayem) 09:45pm Raater Khabor 11:45pm Moddho Raater Khabor 12:00am Today's Happy Moments 12:10am Raat Vor Gan (Nirob) 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 Mississippi Burning 01:00 Monster's Ball 03:12 Exposure 03:20 Dirty Dancing 05:20 Exposure 05:30 The Quisk And The Dead 08:00 The Hollywood Reporter 08:30 Crimson Tide 11:00 Say It Isn't So