

CULTURALFEAST

Ekushey Book Fair

Venue: Bangla Academy
Date: February 1-29
Time: 4pm onwards
11:00am onwards on weekly holidays

10th International Short and Independent Film Festival, Dhaka '08

Date: February 14-22
February 20
Venue: Shawkat Osman Auditorium, Central Public Library
11am: Intimidad, Rang Pencil
03pm: Gaze, Serving on the Premises, Venerianian, Tale of Transformation
05pm: Chapter XV: 12, The Hazard, The Garden, Video Game, The Dante Quartet
07pm: One of Many Drops, The Promised Land
Venue: Seminar Room, Central Public Library
11am: Retour A La Rue, Circle of View, Cycle
03pm: Deja Jadisi, Small Arms are no Longer Small, Alicia Wonderland
05pm: The Haldar Crisis, 68 & Clear
07pm: The Big Duran

Seminar on Digital Filmmaking

10th Int'l Short and Independent Film Festival

JAMIL MAHMUD

As part of ongoing 10th International Short and Independent Film Festival, Dhaka-2008, a national seminar on "Filmmaking in Digital Medium: Bangladesh Perspective" was held at the Sufia Kamal Auditorium, National Museum on February 18. Short and independent filmmakers, film society activists and film enthusiasts participated at the seminar. Speakers focused on filmmaking in the digital format and the possibility of its screening and distribution all over the country.

President of Bangladesh Short Film Forum (BSFF), N. Rashed Chowdhury was the coordinator of the seminar. He also read out the

keynote paper. In his paper, Rashed Chowdhury focused on ten issues including forming a jury board under BSFF to select films for screening and distribution all over the country. The board can also showcase a package (about one and a half hour long) of shorter films.

A local cultural organisation in every district can be selected as an associate that would screen films in district level. District Central Auditorium or the local Shilpakala Academy can be the ideal place for screening these films.

In his paper, Rashed Chowdhury also focused on the role of TV Channels. He pointed that in most of the developed countries, private TV Channels highlight short and independent films. He urged the

local TV Channels to come forward and screen noteworthy short and independent films.

Other participants at the discussion talked about the possibilities of issues addressed in the keynote paper. Cinematographer and film instructor Zahidur Rahim Anjan said, "Throughout the history of cinema, the popular format has been changing with time. Besides, the digital format is important as it lowers the cost of filmmaking."

Regarding the distribution of digital cinema, film enthusiast Ishtiaq Ahmed pointed about the use of Internet. "In this regard, YouTube can be an ideal platform," he said.

Festival director and independent filmmaker Manzarehasin Murad concluded the seminar.

In aid of Sidr victims Manna Dey in Dhaka

CULTURAL CORRESPONDENT

Renowned Indian singer Manna Dey is in town. The artist performed at the Bangladesh-China Friendship Conference Centre yesterday.

At a press conference held at the Dhaka Sheraton Hotel on Monday, the singer seemed delighted to be in Dhaka, showered with adulation of admirers.

Embrasure Films Inc and Priyanti Edit and Effects have jointly organised two shows titled 'Manna Dey Night' to raise funds for Sidr-victims.

Sheraton Hotel will host the second show this evening at the Winter Garden at 6:30pm. Half of the proceeds of the shows will be donated to the Chief Adviser's Relief Fund for the rehabilitation of the Sidr-victims.

Noted Indian singer Arundhati Holme Chowdhury will accompany Manna Dey in the shows.

ITI Theatre Festival '08 "Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy providing necessary support"

-- DG of BSA



Quamrul Hassan

PHOTO: STAR

ERSHAD KAMOL

For the second time Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy (BSA) and Bangladesh Centre of International Theatre Institute (BCITI) are jointly organising ITI theatre festival with the Bangladesh Centre.

Speaking on the reason behind organising the festival jointly with BCITI, Director General of Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy, Quamrul Hassan, ndc, said, "We are delighted to be a part of an internationally recognised theatre festival. At present, it is not possible for BSA to arrange this type of festival by itself. We admire the initiative of BCITI and want to be a part of it."

On the mode of support provided by BSA, the DG said,

"We are providing the venues -- National Theatre Stage and the Experimental Theatre Stage -- absolutely free of charge throughout the festival. BSA is also supporting in organisational activities. The Director of Department of Theatre and

Film, BSA is a member of the festival's steering committee.

"We are trying to provide every possible support to the BCITI," he added.

Ekushey programme by Padatik Natya Sangsad

Padatik Natya Sangsad-Bangladesh has been arranging cultural programmes on February 21, for the last nine years at Bokultola, Charukola premises. However, due to unavoidable circumstances, this year the programme will be held at the Plaza, Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy, says a press release. Cultural personality Mustafa Monwar will be present as the chief guest.

The programme will start at 10:30 am with the Padatik Natya Sangsad artists rendering chorus songs on Ekushey February. The programme will also feature songs, dance, recitation and street theatre performances by well-known artists of our country. Language movement veterans National Professor Sufia Ahmed and Syed Badruddin Hussain will be honoured at the event.

Discussion marking Ekushey in Pabna

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Pabna

'Nilmon Gallery', a research based organisation recently held a discussion at the Pabna Central Shaheed Minar premises, marking 'Ekushey February'. It was the first programme on Ekushey in the district this year.

Former head of Bangla Depart-

ment, Pabna Edward College, Professor Md. Monwar Hossain Zahedi chaired the meeting while Assistant Superintendent of Police, Ehsan Shah was the chief guest. Veteran Journalist Ranaish Maitroy, Secretary of Pabna Press Club, Utpal Mirza; Professor of History, Pabna Edward College, Dr. Habibullah;

Convenor of Shammilito Sangshritik Jote, Abul Kasem and head of Nilmon Gallery, Sheikh Md. Sumon were among others who spoke at the discussion.

The speakers agreed on the opinion that the Language Movement veterans are mostly deprived of the honour and appreciation they deserve. Major streets or other important venues in the district have not been named after them in the last six decades.

A T-shirt with the imprint of the first Shaheed Minar of the country, which was built on February 23, 1952, was launched at the programme. The shirt also features the first poem on the Language Movement by Mahbub Alam Chowdhury, *Kandite ashini, phashir dabinieyeshechhi*.

A cultural programme was later held at the Shaheed Minar premises. Nilmon Gallery will pay tribute to the Language Movement veterans of the district on February 25, according to sources.



The T-shirt featuring imprint of the first Shaheed Minar being launched

Theatre festival begins at JU

CULTURAL CORRESPONDENT

Jahangirnagar Theatre (JT), one of the leading cultural organisations of Jahangirnagar University (JU), has arranged a ten-day long theatre festival titled *Natyo Parbon 2008*, starting from February 16, at the Mukta Mancha (open stage) on the JU campus. Renowned theatre troupes will stage their popular productions at the festival.

Vice Chancellor of JU, Professor Khandakar Mustahidur Rahman inaugurated the festival near the sculpture *Amor Ekushey*. A colourful procession circled the campus.

In the evening, a discussion was held at the Mukta Mancha.

Moinuddin Pathan, Convenor of the festival, gave the welcome speech. Pathan said that the festival is dedicated to the memory of the recently deceased theatre icon and a key figure of the cultural movement at JU, Selim Al Deen.

Professor A.K.M. Shahnewaz, President of JT, chaired the programme. In his speech, Professor Shahnewaz reminisced on Al Deen. He said that, every year Selim Al Deen inaugurated the festival and this year he will be missed. "Al Deen will always remain an inspiration to us," he added.

Among others, Mohammad Bari, Chief Coordinator of Theatre Art Unit and Ferdousur Rahman, DGM of Market Communications of Grameenphone, spoke at the programme.



A scene from Amina Sundari

PHOTO: STAR

Grameenphone is the sponsor of the festival.

On the opening day, Theatre Art Unit staged *Amina Sundari*. Based on a 300-year-old folk tale from the Chittagong region, *Nachhar Malum O Bheula Sundari*, the play focuses on love, dedication and the agonies in the lives of women in our society.

The central character of the play is Amina Sundari. After her husband Nachhar Malum leaves for Burma, Amina enduring solitude, hoping that he would come back someday. Meanwhile in Burma, Nachhar marries a local merchant's daughter Ekhin. Several years later, when Nachhar returns home, he finds Amina has moved. Nachhar finds Amina at Bhola Shawdagar's house but does not realise what circumstances put her there.

Adapted by renowned theatre personality S.M. Solaiman, the play is directed by Rokeya Rafiq Baby. Shimul Khan, Farida Lima and Anu took turns in playing the role of Amina Sundari. Selim Mahub has directed the music.

Throughout the festival, Jahangirnagar Theatre, Prachyanat, Udichi, Pranganey Mor and Subachan Natya Sangsad staged *Jol Taranga*, *Dorir Khela*, *Chilekothar Sepai*, *Rokto Karobi* and *Khonr* respectively. Prachyanat will perform a musical ensemble and Samageet Shangkriti Prangan will stage a musical soiree in the festival. The festival ends on February 25. Everyday the programme begins at 7 pm.

Iranian Film Festival held



A scene from Children of Heaven

Department of Persian, University of Dhaka and the Iranian Cultural Centre have jointly organised a film festival at the TSC Auditorium that began from February 17. The festival is an initiative to help raise money for Sidr-affected school children and to rebuild schools, says a press release. Films screened at the festival included *Children of Heaven*, *Ami Baachay Chai*, *Mister Juju* and *Kandahar*. The shows started at 11am everyday and continued till 8pm. The festival ended yesterday.

Banglalink's donation

Banglalink donated an amount of BDT 37 lac generated through fund raising activities, in aid of the Sidr affected people, says a press release.

CEO of Banglalink Rashid Khan handed over the cheque to the Chief Adviser Dr. Fakhruddin Ahmed at his office recently.

Banglalink organised two fund-raising activities immediately after Cyclone Sidr titled Desh Music Fest concert at Kamlapur Stadium and the SMS donation campaign.

Banglalink also participated in organising relief operations in some of the worst affected areas of Sidr.

"Swapno Dhekhbo Bole": Tele-film on acid violence

AMINUL ISLAM, Mymensingh

The premier show of a tele-film titled *Swapno Dhekhbo Bole* was held at the local Shilpakala Academy auditorium recently. The tele-film directed by Rajat Chowdhury Joy, highlights acid violence.

Ekrumul Hoque Titu, Panel Chairman-1 of Mymensingh municipality inaugurated the programme. The function was also attended by the principal of Mymensingh Polytechnic Institute, Md. Abdur Razzaq; journalist Ataul Karim Khokon; headmistress of Sunflower Ideal School Protiva Rani Talukder and coordinator of Ain O Salish Kendra, Zahedul Alam Hiti.

Rajat Chowdhury Joy delivered the welcome speech.

The tele-film was screened at different locations in Mymensingh. Litu Anam and newcomer Smriti Dutta have played the central roles in the tele-film.

Director of the tele-film, Rajat Chowdhury Joy, said that the tele-film has been submitted to a private TV channel and it should be aired soon.



The cast and crew of the tele-film with the guests at the premier

ON AIR

PICK OF THE DAY



Apur Pathshala
On Channel-i at 7:50 pm
Drama Serial
Cast: Apurbo, Nishat



Anondojatra
On Rtv at 9:20 pm
Drama Serial
Cast: Dr Enamul Haque, Sweetie

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, 7:00pm, 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 am, 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 7:30am, 1:30pm, 5:00pm, 7:15pm, 10:30pm.
News Headlines (Bangla) at 10:00am, 12:00am, 4:00pm.
News (English) at 6:00pm

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

ntv
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
08:15 Shuprobhaat
08:30 Selected Programme
09:05 Selected Programme
11:15 Drama Serial: Shangsaptak
12:05 Maa o Shishur Katha
12:30 Bul Bul
01:30 Hjol Tomal
02:15 Nabo Anondoy Jago
03:00 Cartoon
03:30 Shukhi Porbar
04:05 Shondha Maloti
04:30 Cookery Show
05:05 Scimpur
05:30 Mitho Cria
06:10 Ekush Amor Ohonkaar
06:35 Gynitho Kathan
06:50 Melli O Manush
07:30 Selected Programme
08:30 Proditin Bangladesh
08:35 Drama Serial: Alo Amar Alo
09:05 Drama Serial: Tumi Kemon Achho
09:30 Poriborton
10:30 Musical Programme: Proditin Onitara
11:00 Talk Show: Date Line Dhaka

ATN BANGLA
08:15 Aikor Shingbadpotro
08:30 Ashley Pasher Manush
09:15 Drama Serial: Shopnomongol
10:30 Ekusher Padak
12:15 IT Zone
01:30 Band View
02:30 Daily Soap: Doli's House
03:10 Drama Serial: Rupali Manush
03:45 Children's Programme: Shishu Shikhar Ullashey
04:20 Islamic Programme: Gram Gorier
05:00 Khorob

CHANNEL-i
05:20 Islamic Programme
05:40 Talk Show: Proshongo
06:20 Musical Programme
06:30 Drama Serial: Master Da Shurjo Shen
08:35 Drama Serial: Khujle Berai Tary
09:00 Drama Serial: Rangila Bao
11:30 Talking Point
12:00 Grameenphone Lead News

CHANNEL 1
09:30 Shingbadpotro Bangladesh
09:45 Public Reaction
09:50 Grameenphone Tricommata
11:05 Sports Time
12:30 Cicyell Tarokakathan
01:05 Ebong Cinamar Gaan
01:30 Sa Re Ga Ma
02:35 Selected Programme
03:05 Gambhira
03:30 Sa Re Ga Ma
04:05 Hindoyar Gaan
05:30 World Shorashori Boimela
06:00 Mega Serial: Shath Goenda
06:20 Cookery Show: Desh Bideshey Ranna
07:50 Drama: Opar Pathshala
09:35 Aloy-e Bhubon Bhora
10:00 Drama Serial: Poran Kandeey Dukhey
11:30 Musical Programme: Sa 2 Sa
12:00 Grameenphone Aikor Shingbadpotro

ntv
08:30 Aikor Shokaal
08:55 Drama Serial: To-Let
09:30 Nitya Lohon
10:05 Gallery
10:30 Music Jam
11:30 Golpo Katha Natak
12:10 Talk Show: Ei Shomoy

Rtv
08:00 Gaanchil Ei Din
09:00 Drishwa Kalpo
09:05 Prio Mukh
10:00 Drama Serial: Pritihir Pathy

Paanbahar
08:40 Amader Oitih
09:45 Shingbad Potro
11:25 Amader Oitih
12:00 Shingbad Potro

ZEE STUDIO
10:55 Fuli Disclosure
11:05 Waking Ned Davine
11:30 Man About Town
11:50 Dungeons And Dragons
12:00 Hollywood's 10 Best
12:40 Snatch
11:00 The Lost City

HISTORY CHANNEL
10:15 Sauna Belt
10:30 Mercedes
12:00 Swama Heera
12:15 Eye Max
10:30 Siege
10:30 Modem Marvels
10:30 Rudolf Valentino
10:30 The Outer Planets
10:30 1967 VW Beetle
10:30 St. Peter
10:30 War on Terror
10:30 The Great Raid
10:30 Justice
10:30 The Universe
10:30 Mega Machines

STAR PLUS
10:30 Mickey Mouse Clubhouse
11:00 The Replacements
01:30 Kumkum - Pyara Sa

BANGLAVISION
08:30 Children's Programme:

Radio Foorti 88.0 FM
07:00am Hello Dhaka
11:00am Amar 88
03:00pm Dhaka Calling
12:00am Back to Back music
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 U-tum (Kibria & Tania)
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

STAR WORLD
09:30 Heroes
10:30 Who Wants To Be A Superhero
11:30 8 Simple Rules
12:00 The Simpsons
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
10:30 Bones
11:00 Most Shocking

STAR MOVIES
12:35 Just Friends
02:15 Enrico Man
03:45 Little Man Sunshine
05:25 Jurassic Park II
07:00 Raise Your Voice
08:50 Rebound
10:20 The Hills Have Eyes
12:05 Undisputed 2

NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC
09:00 Crows Of Darkness
10:15 Sauna Belt

Patagonia
10:30 What Would Happen If I Didn't Know That
12:00 Naked Science
12:30 Nat Geo Wild
01:30 My Brilliant Brain
03:30 Shanghai
05:00 Bad-Rap Rattleknakes
05:30 Big Bang
06:00 Calling All Crows
06:30 Luthiansa Nat Geo
07:00 St. Petersburg
07:30 Hogzilla
09:30 Inside: North Korea
10:30 Warplanes
11:30 Best Of 2007