

WHAT'S ON THIS WEEK

265th birth anniversary of Russian poet Gavrili Derzhavin

Display of books and materials
Venue: Library, Russian Centre of Science and Culture, H 510, Rd 7, Dhanmondi
Date: July 3-14



Aromatic Gold Dhaka Fashion Week '08

Celebrating 400 years of Dhaka
Organiser: Marico Bangladesh
Venue: Gulshan Club
Date: July 6-12



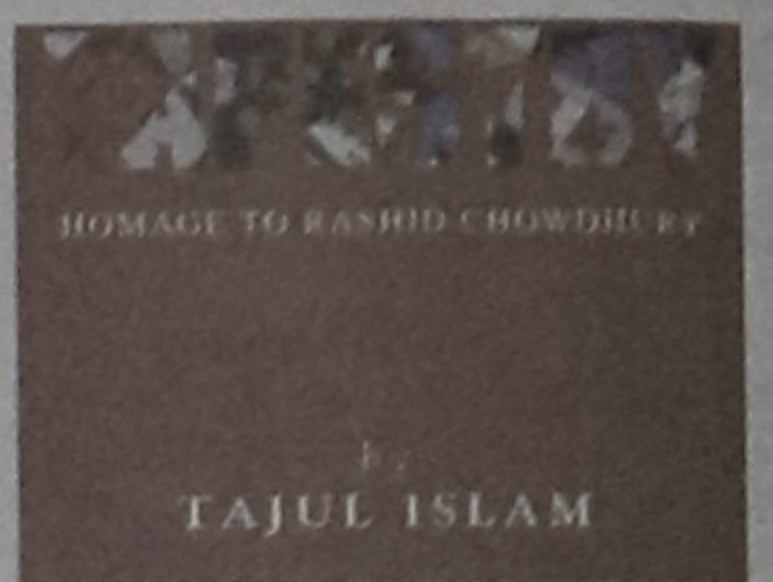
African Film Festival

Organiser: Zahir Raihan Film Society & the Alliance Francaise de Dacca
Venue: Alliance Francaise de Dacca, Road No 3, Dhanmondi.
Date: July 11
Casablanca (1942)
Director: Michael Curtiz
Time: 5:00 pm



Solo Exhibition

Title: Tapestry: Homage to Rashid Chowdhury
Artist: Tajul Islam
Venue: Galleri Kaya, H 20, Rd 16, Sec 4, Uttara
Date: June 27-July 11
Time: 11am-8pm



Abdul Wadud: A gifted, yet underexposed artiste

KARIM WAHEED

Though he has been one of the most enthusiastic cultural activists and involved in organising many Rabindra Sangeet programmes and festivals since the '70s, it seems that as an artiste Abdul Wadud did not get the kind of major exposure he deserves. Listening to him sing *Andhojon-e deho alo, mritojon-e deho praan*, one wonders why.

His enunciation is immaculate, execution of the subtle melodic twists and turns precise but not flat, and intonation bold -- proving wrong the oft-heard allegation that male Tagore singers at times don't sound masculine enough.

Wadud's initiation in music happened in 1968. In 1973, he enrolled in Chhayana's Rabindra Sangeet section. Among his teachers were renowned Tagore artistes, the late Zahidur Rahim, late Wahidul Haque, Sanjida Khatun and Selina Malek Chowdhury. Wadud trained in classical music under Ahsan Morshed, Narayan Chandra Basak and the late Ustad Phool Muhammad.

In his last year (during the five-year course) as a student of Chhayana, he started teaching the children's classes at the institution. Since 1977, Wadud taught different classes at Chhayana for 20 years without any remuneration.

For about 15 years, he was the joint-secretary of Chhayana's directory board. When the organisation 'Zahidur Rahim Smriti Parishad' was extended and 'Rabindra Sangeet Sammelan Parishad' (RSSP) was formed, Wadud was actively involved in the process. For nearly 15 years, the artiste worked as the joint-



Abdul Wadud performs at a programme

secretary of the central committee, RSSP.

However, due to unresolved differences, Wadud left both Chhayana and RSSP 10 years back. At present he is the programme secretary of Bangladesh Rabindra Sangeet Shilpi Sangstha (BRSSS).

The first recorded song by the artiste is *Tumi nabo nabo roop-e esho praan-e*. The song was included in a long play (LP) record titled *Bishwabeena Robey*, produced by Bengal Foundation, 1994 and *Poush Phagun-er Paala* (Bengal Foundation, 1996).

Going over the contrasts between musical programmes and festivals back in day and now, from the perspective of an organiser-activist, Wadud says, "Arranging programmes in the '70s and '80s were not expensive affairs. For the organisers and activists it was a labour of love. Everyone would come together and the arrangements would

always be collective efforts. Now many activists are moving away from that tradition. Corporate giants are getting involved. The informal approach is being replaced with rigid and often pointless formalities."

Changes are creeping in other quarters of the cultural arena as well, according to the seasoned artiste. "Many singers on BTB nowadays don't want to record live performances. They insist on lip-synching with tracks/ CDs," says Wadud, who has been an enlisted artiste at both radio and BTB since the early '80s.

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"Swapner Joto Ghuri": Dreaming of a positive world

MAHTABI ZAMAN

"Swapner Joto Ghuri," the 1st album featuring recitation by Shakila Matin Mridula was launched recently.

The concept of the album involves a journal of a Bengali girl, Nila. She likes to dream and firmly believes that the world will go through a positive change one day even though negativity hounds the society and her life.

Senior recitor Joyonto Roy read excerpts from Nila's journal in the album and Taposh Hawladar was co-recitor of Mridula. Asheq, a well-known music director for stage plays and television, has done the background scores for the album.

Mridula has been active in the cultural field for about 13 years. She has completed her 1st MS from the University of Dhaka on International Relations and the 2nd MS on Social Work from Gothenburg University in Sweden. Mridula was born and brought up in a cultural oriented family. Her father, Abdul Matin is a journalist and mother Nazneen Mahal Anjana is a Nazrul singer. Mridula's maternal grandfather Asafud-Daula Reza, was a noted journalist and her paternal grandfather, Syed Ismail Hossain Siraj was an eminent writer and poet.

"I wanted to convey a message through this album that the ability to dream of a positive world can help change the negative environment," said Mridula.



Poet Asad Chowdhury (left) with Mridula (centre) at the album launch

Cultural programme marking birth registration in Khagrachhari

JASIM MAJUMDER, Khagrachhari

brought-out by Khagrachhari district administration. The function was chaired by Additional Deputy Commissioner, Mohammad Khalilur Rahman. Deputy Commissioner, Mohammad Shahadat Hossein was chief guest.

In his speech, the latter pointed out that 6,95,000 people had completed the birth registration procedure up until July 2, 2008 -- a major

leap from 2,47,663 registered in 2007.

"People realised the necessity of birth certificates and they need assistance for the success of the programme," he said. "The registration has to be undertaken within three months of the child's birth as per the law," he added. He also urged the government to declare Khagrachhari an area with a 100 percent success rate.

Among others, Pourashabha Mayor Joyal Abedin; Sadar UNO Mohammad Rahed Hossein; UNICEF district coordinator Mong Yai and Khagrachhari Government High School headmistress, Srila Talukder also spoke on the occasion.

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

On Air

BTB

- 09:05 Talk Show
- 09:30 Musical Programme: Loko Geeti
- 10:05 Open University
- 10:30 Loukik Bangla
- 10:55 Selected Programme
- 11:30 Amader Rannaghar
- 12:05 Shur-er Murchhona
- 12:30 Maa O Shishur Katha
- 01:30 Shukhi Ponbaer
- 02:15 Agricultural Programme
- 03:00 Cartoon
- 03:30 Jiban-er Jonno
- 04:05 Swadesh Shombhabona
- 04:30 Saangeta
- 05:05 Sisimpur
- 05:30 Udbhao O Jibon
- 06:15 Dharma O Jibon
- 07:00 Bai Potro
- 07:20 Shondhani Shonglap
- 07:40 Esho Bangladesh Gori
- 08:40 Drama: Nironjon-er Kheya
- 10:30 Gaan-er Jhomatolaye

ATN BANGLA

- 08:15 Aikor Shangbadpoto
- 09:15 Drama Serial: Mouchakey Dil
- 10:30 Talk Show: Onyodrishti
- 11:10 Drama
- 12:15 Musical Programme: Shur-er Madhuri
- 12:45 Shodapati
- 01:30 Cinema Cinema
- 02:30 Daily Soap: Doll's House
- 03:10 Shundor Jibaner Jonno
- 04:10 Debate Programme: BSB Cambrian Jukti Kolhon
- 05:00 Gram Ganjer Khorob
- 05:20 Islamic Programme
- 06:20 Priojon
- 08:00 Drama Serial: Mouchakey Dil
- 08:40 Drama Serial: Nupur
- 09:20 Drama Serial: Amader Nunul Huda
- 11:30 Daily Soap: Doll's House
- 12:00 Gramphone Lead News

CHANNEL-i

- 09:30 Shangbadpotoy Bangladesh
- 09:45 Public Reaction
- 09:50 Talk Show: Gramphone Tritomatra
- 11:05 Selected Programme
- 11:30 Citycell Taroka Kathan
- 01:05 Ebong Cinema Gaan
- 01:30 Musical Programme: Sa Re Ga Ma
- 02:35 Special Programme
- 03:05 Agricultural Programme: Hindoye Mati O Manush
- 04:30 Educational Programme: FM Method
- 05:30 Mukujudho Protidin
- 06:00 Amar Chhobi
- 06:30 Talk Show: Shikhhkar Chalchitra
- 07:50 Cookery Show: Shera Radhuni 1414
- 08:20 Drama Serial: Chhayabari
- 09:35 Drama Serial: Doink Tolpaar
- 10:00 RC Travel On
- 11:30 Musical Programme: Citycell Sa 2 Sa
- 12:00 Gramphone Aikor Shangbadpoto

ETV

- 08:00 Aikor Potrikay
- 08:30 Ekush-er Shokhaal
- 09:15 Drama Serial: Tomtom
- 10:00 Ekushey Business
- 01:30 Ekushey Business
- 02:30 Drama Serial: Tomtom
- 03:30 Ashar Chor
- 04:00 Talk Show: Tini
- 05:45 Ekush-er Shondha
- 06:30 Desh Jurey
- 07:45 Ekush-er Chokh
- 08:30 Drama
- 09:30 Ta Na Na Na
- 10:10 Amar Gaan

Rtv

- 08:40 Musical Programme: Saanget Ongon
- 09:00 Drama Serial: Dohon
- 09:30 Health Show: Heart Beat
- 10:03 Drama Serial: Raat Jaga Pakhi
- 10:55 News Update
- 11:00 Kingfisher Taroka Alap
- 11:30 Just Band
- 12:35 Children's Programme: Sa Sa Dhin Tai
- 01:03 Made In Bangladesh
- 01:30 Dhallywood Boats
- 02:30 Bangla Feature Film
- 06:00 Prolidin
- 06:30 Cartoon
- 07:55 Mukti Lorai
- 08:00 Just Band
- 08:30 Griho Sholli

- 09:10 Drama Serial: Lukochun
- 11:00 Drama Serial: Raat Jaga Pakhi
- 11:30 Biz Event
- 12:00 Editor's Comment

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- 08:30 Aikor Shokhaal
- 08:55 Drama Serial: Eit Kather Khacha
- 10:30 Drama

Mohilangan

- 06:15 Shubho Shondha
- 06:45 Musical Programme: Amaro Gaitay Ichhey Holo
- 08:15 Drama Serial: House Full
- 09:00 Glamour World
- 11:35 Music Jam

BANGLAVISION

- 08:30 Drama Serial: Swapnochura

- 03:05 Amader Ranna Ghar
- Daily Soap: Gulshan Avenue
- 04:20 Musical Programme: Pran-er Gaan
- 05:30 Talk Show: Top Story
- 06:05 Citycell Din-er Sheshey
- 06:20 Children's Programme: Ichhhchey Ghuri
- 06:50 Musical Programme: Shur-er Bhubon

ZEE STUDIO

- 08:30 The Patriot
- 11:20 The Lizzie McGuire Movie
- 01:30 Double Team
- 03:30 The Piano Player
- 05:30 Hollywood's 10 Best
- 06:00 Mighty Aphrodite
- 08:30 The Village
- 11:00 Ruthless People

HBO

- 08:45 Children Of Men
- 10:45 Baseball
- 12:30 Wild Things: Diamonds In The Rough
- 02:15 Gndiok'd
- 04:15 The Land Before Time XII: Great Day Of The Flyers
- 06:00 How To Eat Fried Worms
- 07:45 Over The Hedge
- 09:30 Ultraviolet
- 10:15 Blood Work

STAR MOVIES

- 08:45 History Boys, The
- 10:35 Illusionist, The
- 12:25 Ice Age 2
- 02:00 Lost Colony
- 03:35 Past Sins
- 05:10 Great Expectations
- 07:00 Garfield: A Tail Of Two Kitties
- 08:25 Devil Wears Prada, The
- 10:20 Something Beneath
- 11:55 U.S.A Vs John Lennon

STAR PLUS

- 10:30 Kis Desh me Hai Meraa Dil
- 11:00 Hamari Devrani
- 11:30 Gnihasi
- 12:00 Raja Ki Aayegi Baraat
- 12:30 Bidaai
- 01:00 Kis Desh me Hai Meraa Dil
- 01:30 Kumkum - Pyara Sa Bandhan
- 02:00 Hamari Devrani
- 02:30 Karam Apnaa Apnaa
- 03:00 Gnihasi
- 03:30 Kyunki Saas Bhi Kabhi Bahu Thi
- 04:00 Kayamath
- 04:30 Sangam
- 05:00 Santaan
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- 11:30 Kayamath
- 12:00 Saibaa

STAR WORLD

- 08:30 Seinfeld
- 09:00 Friends
- 09:30 That '70s Show
- 10:00 Hope And Faith
- 10:30 Most Haunted
- 11:30 America's Got Talent
- 12:30 Bones
- 01:30 Northern Exposure
- 02:30 The Ellen Degeneres Show
- 03:30 The Bold And The Beautiful
- 04:00 General Hospital
- 05:00 Koffee With Karan
- 05:30 Kyle XY
- 07:00 Crumbs
- 07:30 Friends
- 08:00 Seinfeld
- 08:30 The It Crowd
- 09:00 Jake In Progress
- 09:30 30 Rock
- 10:00 Scrubs
- 10:30 Beauty And The Geek
- 11:30 Most Haunted
- 12:30 Friends

NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC CHANNEL

- 11:30 Dangerous Encounters With Brad
- 12:30 Super Cat
- 01:30 Hunter Hunted
- 02:30 Fire Fighters
- 03:30 Taipei
- 04:30 I Didn't Know That
- 05:00 Snake Wranglers
- 05:30 Big Bang
- 06:00 Mugger Madness
- 06:30 I Didn't Know That
- 07:00 Mad Labs
- 07:30 Hunter Hunted
- 08:30 Megastructures
- 09:30 Super Factories
- 10:30 Megastructures
- 11:30 Super Factories
- 12:30 Hunter Hunted

THE HISTORY CHANNEL

- 12:30 Casanova
- 01:30 New York
- 02:30 Palenque
- 03:30 Deadliest Mission
- 04:30 Bathroom Tech
- 05:30 The Aircraft Carriers
- 06:30 Casanova
- 07:30 Victory At Sea
- 08:30 Christmas Tech
- 09:30 Classic Albums
- 10:30 Ice Road Truckers
- 11:30 Palenque
- 12:30 Real UFOs



Citycell Sa 2 Sa
On Channel i at 11:30 pm
Musical Programme
Tonight's Guest: Sunil Chandra Das
Host: Ayub Bachchu



Mighty Aphrodite
On Zee Studio at 6:00 pm
Genre: Comedy
Cast: Mira Sorvino, Woody Allen

- 01:05 Cartoon
- 02:35 Drama Serial: Eit Kaacher Khacha
- 03:20 Teen Purush
- 03:50 Drama Serial: Neer
- 09:00 Talk Show
- 10:10 Agamir Kontho
- 11:35 Nana Rang-er Dinguli
- 12:30 Home Care
- 02:30 Cookery Show: Confidence Salt