

WHAT'S ON THIS WEEK

Kheyal and Thumri
Artist: Shubhra Guha
Organiser: Shadonna
Venue: Radius Centre, 5th floor, Bay's Galleria, 57, Gulshan Avenue
Date: March 25
Time: 7pm



Mirpur Utshab
To celebrate Mirpur Free Day
Organiser: Shattik
Venue: Studio Theatre, BSA
Date: March 19-23
Inauguration: March 19 at 6pm



7th Children's Painting Exhibition
Organised by artist Md. Abu Salim
Venue: Orik Gallery, H 58, Rd 15A (new), Dharmundi
Date: March 20-24
Time: 3-8pm



Solo Art Exhibition
Title: Saga of the Padma
Artist: Monsur Ul Karim
Venue: Bengal Galery of Fine Arts, H 275/F, Rd 27 (old), Dharmundi
Date: March 20-31
Time: 12-8pm



Sculpture on Liberation War in Barisal

"Mukto Bihango" to be unveiled on March 23



'Mukto Bihango' is the first sculpture on Liberation War in Barisal.

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RAFIQUL ISLAM, Barisal

'Mukto Bihango,' the first sculpture on Liberation War in Barisal, will be unveiled at Amtala crossing in the city on March 23.

Construction of the steel sculpture that features eight soaring birds -- a reference to December 8, 1971 when Barisal was liberated -- has been completed at a cost of approximately Tk 10 lakh, funded by Barisal City Corporation.

Barisal Shangskritik Shangothan Shamannay Parishad (BSSSP) and Charukala provided assistance to the project designed by sculptors Hamiduzzaman Khan and Aminul Hassan and implemented by State

Communication Firm of Dhaka.

Syed Dulal, president of BSSSP, told The Daily Star that the first attempt to construct a sculpture on Liberation War in the city was taken in 1996 and local people initiating a movement and forced the authorities to lay a foundation for that at the Zilla Parshad Nagar Bhaban area.

However that project was abandoned by the authorities later. Through initiatives of Barisal Charukala, the present site was selected and Awlad Hossain Dilu, former Mayor of BCC on May 24, 2008, laid the foundation.

Later, Advocate Shawkat Hossain Hiron, BCC Mayor, formally inaugurated the construction.

Capturing the disparities

National Pantomime Festival in Chittagong

DWAIPAYAN BARUAH,
Chittagong

Pantomime is a non-verbal creative art form which uses dramatic expression to convey its message. A three-day pantomime festival, titled 'National Pantomime Festival 2009' began here on Friday with a view to capture the inequity in our society.

The organiser of the festival is Pantomime Movement, a local group which celebrates its 14th founding anniversary. The theme of the festival is 'Internationality in the practice of Pantomime'.

President of International

Theatre Institute, Ramendu Majumdar inaugurated the festival by lighting candles at the Theatre Institute of Chittagong.

Playwright, director and actor Azad Abul Kalam was the special guest at the ceremony, while among those who addressed the gathering were presidium member of Bangladesh Group Theatre Federation M Saiful Alam, TIC director Ahmed Iqbal Haider; Dr Tajmi Nur and theatre personality Abhijit Sengupta Apu.

President of the group, Rizwan Rajon gave a welcome speech. In turn, Majumdar said cultural activists in the

country had to face many obstacles but they continued to forge ahead and had many accomplishments to their credit.

In the post-Liberation era, he added, theatre had acquired impetus and the audience had grown rapidly. "Our activists could not take up cultural activities as a profession due to lack of financial prospects. However, they could manage to achieve professional skills," said Majumdar. He called upon the government to facilitate the visits of foreign artists and troupes which would make for a rich exchange of art and culture.



Azad Abul Kalam speaks at the opening of the festival.

Azad Abul Kalam said that pantomime can express a great deal without words.

Speakers called on the activists and leaders of Bangladesh Group Theatre Federation to aid local theatre groups in different parts of the country so that they could fine tune their skills.

Later, artistes of Pantomime Movement performed a mime, titled 'Freedom', depicting the run up to freedom since 1952. Rizwan Rajon was the writer and director, while Raj edited the work. The pantomime played to a large and enthusiastic

audience at the TIC Laboratory Hall.

The solo performance of Nur-e-Akbar also attracted attention.

A seminar on "Crisis and Prospects of Pantomime practice: Bangladeshi perspective" was held yesterday on the second day of the festival. Sapnodal, troupe from Dhaka, performed 'Jadur Pradip' on Saturday.

The festival ends today. Presidium Member of Bangladesh Group Theatre Federation, Liakat Ali Lucky is the chief guest at the closing ceremony.



A scene from "Freedom," staged at the inaugural.

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

On Air

ATN BANGLA

08:30 Drama Serial: Sagai
09:15 Asian City Top Spin
10:30 Hello Bangladesh
11:15 Shah Din
12:15 Cookery Show: Dekko Gura
Moshla ATN Ranna Ghar
01:25 Khelar Jotot
02:30 Special Programme: Pan
Korbo Nirapad Pani
03:15 Closing Ceremony of Dhaka
City Premier & 1st Division
Volleyball (Live)
05:10 Selected Programme
06:20 An Exclusive Interview with UK
Minister
06:45 Kandey Aamar Maa
08:00 Drama Serial: Shoa Paanch
Arai Lane
08:40 Drama Serial: Syed Babir Bou
09:20 Drama Serial: Bharbari
Barbari
11:30 Daily Soap: Doll's House
12:00 Gramophone Lead News

CHANNEL 1

08:05 Rabindra Sangeet
08:30 Shokher Gaan
Shanabdpotrey Bangladesh
09:45 Public Reaction
09:50 Gramophone Tribu Matra
11:05 Tele Prescription
11:30 Agricultural Programme: Hridoye Mati O Manush
12:30 Talk Show: Citycell Taraka Kathan
01:05 Musical Programme: Ebong
Cinemat Gaan
01:30 Musical Programme: Sa Re Ga Ma
02:30 Musical Programme: Hridoyer Gaan
03:05 Educational Programme: Medha Bikash
04:30 Aktel Money Talk
05:30 Mukt Juddho Protidin
I Speed
06:00 Superman
07:50 Mega Serial: Sakin Shanishuri
09:35 Bangalink Bangla Pathay
10:00 Drama Serial: Shongshar
11:30 Special Programme
12:00 Gramophone Ajker Shangbadpofro

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08:55 Bangla Feature Film
12:10 Talk Show: El Shomoy
01:05 Japan Video Topic
02:30 Drama Serial: Chena Chena
Lagey

03:15 Nokia Music Lounge

04:10 Ispahani Janar Achhey Bolaar Achhey
05:25 Ithasher Ei Diney
05:35 Apnaar Jigyasha
06:15 Shubho Shondhya Shamparko
07:15 Nokia Take Four
08:15 Drama Serial: Bari Bari Shari
Shari
09:30 Super Hero Super Heroine
11:40 Single Episode TV play

BANGLAVISION

08:00 Shubho Shokal
08:30 Drama Serial: Mama Bhagney
09:00 Drama Serial: Shomrudo Jaal
09:30 Bangla Feature Film
12:30 Raat Biraatey
01:30 Media Bhurban
02:40 Drama Serial: Bijli Moholla
03:20 Nodi O Jibon

DIGANTA TELEVISION

08:05 Swashtho Diganta
08:30 Amar Desh
09:05 Shoba Aagey Desh
09:30 Shindhu Hillol
10:30 Desh Diganta
03:05 Drama Serial: Mohor
03:30 Career Line
04:30 School Angina
05:30 Ekti Phulkey Bachabo Boley
06:03 Shathdin Shara Desh

06:30 Ekushey Business Spondon Ei Shoptaho Dhum Ta Na Deshijure Sports plus Musical Programme: The Total Music

07:00 Protidin Cookery Show: R Ranna Road To Democracy Drama Serial: Meyeti Ekhon Kothaye Jabej
09:50 Drama Serial: Neel Nirjoney
11:00 Trade Talk

BBC WORLD NEWS

10:30 India Business Report (r) BBC World News

ESPN

11:00 ICC Women's World Cup 2009 Match 7 (Live)

12:30 India Down Under Programme 7

13:00 ICC Women's World Cup 2009 Match 7

14:30 Uda College Dance Championships

15:00 World Of Gymnastics Final Score

16:00 Sportscenter Week In Review 2009

17:30 Uca National High School Cheerleading Championship

18:00 Sportscenter Weekend 2009

18:30 Super Sunday

19:00 Barclays Premier League 08/09 (Live) Wigan Athletic vs. Hull City

19:30 Super Sunday

20:00 Barclays Premier League 08/09 (Live) Liverpool vs. Chelsea

20:30 08:30 Bnp Paribas Open - Semifinal #1

21:00 08:40 Bnp Paribas Open - Semifinal #2

21:30 08:50 Maxi Football Extra 2008/09

22:00 09:00 Masters Official Films 2005

22:30 09:30 Golf Focus 2009

23:00 09:00 Engine Block 2009

23:30 09:30 Hit 0809 47

24:00 09:00 Barclays Premier League 08/09 (Live) Manchester City vs. Sunderland

24:30 09:30 Bnp Paribas Open - Semifinal #1

25:00 09:55 Bnp Paribas Open - Semifinal #2

25:30 10:30 STAR MOVIES

26:00 10:45 Last Hero In China

26:30 11:15 Primeval

27:00 11:45 Species II

27:30 03:00 Vip Access: Confessions Of A Shopaholic

28:00 03:30 Death Defying Acts

28:30 03:55 Until Death

29:00 07:30 Romance & Cigarettes

29:30 09:30 Notting Hill

30:00 10:30 STAR WORLD

30:30 10:45 Smallville

31:00 11:15 Koffee With Karan

31:30 11:45 Friends

32:00 03:30 The Simpsons

32:30 04:00 The Simpsons

33:00 04:30 Shark

33:30 05:30 Boston Legal

34:00 06:30 Smallville

34:30 07:30 90210

35:00 08:30 Monk

35:30 09:30 Boston Legal

36:00 10:30 Psych

36:30 11:30 Notting Hill

37:00 12:30 ZEE STUDIO

37:30 08:30 Shanghai Knights



Shamparko
On ntv at 6:45 pm
Talk Show
Tonight's Guests: Professor Kabir Chowdhury and Ferdousi Majumdar



abc radio 89.2 FM
09:00 Moshorito Jiboney
12:00 Danun Dupurey
03:00 Durando Bokley
05:00 Shondhalar
07:00 Shayer Mays
09:00 Rayer-Er Akash
11:00 Golper Sheesh Nei
Radio Feeril 88.0 FM
07:30 Hello Dhaka
10:00 Morning Express
12:00 My Time
01:00 No Tension
04:00 Dhaka Calling
09:00 Night Rider
Radio Today 88.8 FM
07:15 Good Morning Dhaka
11:00 Must Undrilled
01:00 Today's Andha
04:00 U Turn
08:00 Tobeey Tai Huk
11:00 Rast Bhor Gaan
12:00 Today's Happy Moments



Notting Hill
JULIA ROBERTS HUGH GRANT
09:30 Inventing The Abbotts
11:35 The Brothers Grimm

HBO

09:30 Head Over Heels

11:15 The Making Of Bee Movie