

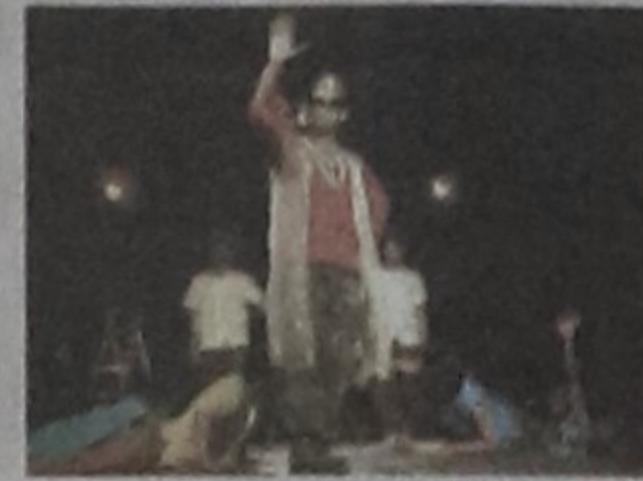
WHAT'S ON THIS WEEK

Group Art Exhibition
Featuring 167 artworks by 107 Bangladeshi artists
Venue: Saju Art Gallery, F 40-41, D.C.C North Super Market, 2nd Circle, Gulshan
Date: April 11-May 12
Time: 10am-8pm



Theatre

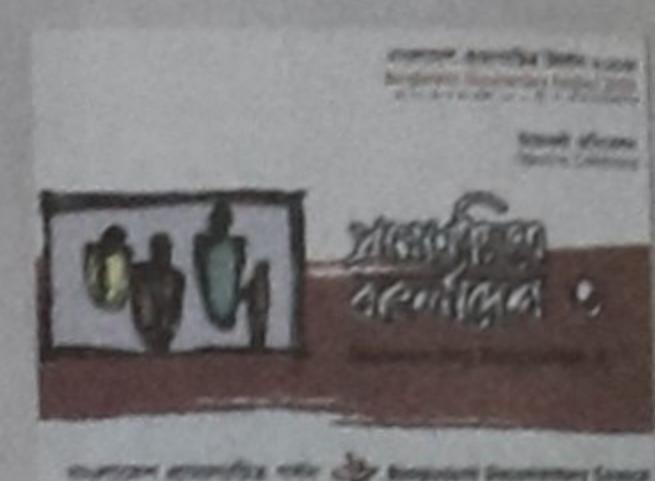
Play: Raja...ebong Onyano
Troupe: Prachyanat
Venue: Experimental Theatre Hall, BSA
Date: April 17
Time: 7pm



Baishakhi Fair
Organiser: BSCC
Venue: Bangla Academy premises
Date: April 14-20



Bangladesh Documentary Festival '09
Organiser: Bangladesh Documentary Council
Venue: Shawkat Osman Auditorium, Central Public Library, Shahbag
Date: April 16-19
Time: 6pm



A touch of France

International French Drama Festival '09 at BSA



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Simeo performs at the International French Drama Festival '09.

NADIA SARWAT

International French Drama Festival 2009, featuring eight popular French plays translated in Bengali, is on at the National Theatre Stage, Bangladesh Shilpkala Academy (BSA). Inaugurated on April 12, the festival has been organised jointly by Alliance Française de Dhaka, Natukey Theatre Dhaka and Fame School of Dance, Drama and Music, Chittagong. Supported by the French Embassy in Dhaka, this is the second International French Drama Festival.

National Professor Kabir Chowdhury inaugurated the festival, saying, "France for many years has been the global capital of art and culture. French

literature has influenced the world throughout decades. In Bangladesh also, our literary taste has been shaped by reading leading French litterateurs and dramatists."

Foreign Affairs Minister Dipu Moni was the chief guest at the event while Charley Causeret, the French Ambassador, was present as special guest. The

guests of honour at the inaugural event included Ramendu Majumder, president of IIT world; Poet Syed Shamsul Haque; Nasiruddin Yousuf, president of Shammilito Shangskritik Jote and Professor Khan Sarwar Murshid. Jaquis Bounin, deputy director of Alliance Française de Dhaka, presided over the event.

"Bengalies are in general avid theatre enthusiasts; hundreds of plays

are staged here every year. Major French playwrights and their works are quite familiar to the Bangladeshi audience. This festival aims at highlighting works by some new playwrights as well as the classic ones," said Bounin in his speech.

The opening ceremony included the staging of "Roméo et Jeannette" by Jean Anouilh. A production by the Indian theatre troupe Kalyani Kalamandalam (Kolkata), the play was translated by Basudeb Chakrabarti and directed by Santanu Das.

Though the title reminds one of the famous Shakespearean romantic tragedy, "Roméo et Jeannette" is not a story of star-crossed lovers. Jeannette, a rude, yet spontaneous girl who does not care what others think of her, with her idiosyncrasies, immediately attracts her would-be brother-in-law, Frederick. Frederick came to see his fiancée Julia and her family with his mother -- a formality, before their marriage. Overpowered by the irresistible attraction toward each other, Frederick and Jeannette decide to be honest about their relationship, only to discover that it's hard to cope with guilt, jealousy and lack of trust. Failing to deal with the reality together, they decide to die together instead.

The second day's programme featured a musical performance by contemporary French artiste, Simeo. Simeo barged onto the stage with his instruments, putting on a real show. His performance was heavily pop-reggae accented with guitar, al-bass, a fingerboard, a snar drum and a chisel; there was even a glass of champagne. The combination of the instruments produced a unique music.

The festival will continue till April 19.



Swapno Galpo
Solo album featuring Fahmida Nabi, songs composed by Tomal, Source: Laser Vision

Poth Chola
Seventh album of Warfaze
Source: G-Series, Agniveena



Paar Koro
Solo album of folk songs by Labik Kamal Gourab
Source: Bengal Music Company



Matir Ghar
Solo album featuring Bari Siddiqui
Source: Laser Vision



News Bulletin

BTY
News Headlines (Bangla) at 9:00 am.
News (Bangla) at 8:00 am 2:00 pm.
5:00 pm-8:00 pm.
News (English) at 10:00 am, 4:00 pm,
10:00 pm.
Late Night News (Bangla and English)
11:30 pm. (To be telecast on all
Bangla channels).

CHANNEL-1
News (Bangla): 7:00 am, 9:00 am,
2:00 pm, 9:00 pm, 10:30 pm, 12:30 am
Jonopad-er Khobor: 5:15 pm

ATN BANGLA

NEWS (Bangla): 8:00 am, 10:00 am,
2:00 pm, 7:00 pm, 10:00 pm, 11:00 pm,
1:00 am, 4:00 am

News Every Hour: 7:00 am, 11:00 am,
12:00 pm, 01:00 pm, 3:00 pm, 4:00 pm

News (English): 9:00 am, 6:00 pm.

Gram-Ganjer Khobor: 5:00 pm

BANGLAVISION

News (Bangla): 7:30 am, 1:30 pm,

5:00 pm, 7:15 pm, 10:30 pm.

News Headlines (Bangla) at 10:00 am,
12:00 pm, 4:00 pm.

News (English) at 6:00 pm

Rtv

News (Bangla): 2:30 pm, 4:30 pm,

6:30 pm, 8:30 pm, 10:30 pm, 12:30
am

ntv

News (Bangla): 7:30 am, 12:02 pm,

2:00 pm, 7:30 pm, 10:30 pm, 1:00 am

ETV

News (Bangla): 9:00 am, 11:00 am,

1:00 pm, 3:00 pm, 5:00 pm, 7:00 pm,

9:00 pm, 11:00 pm

abc radio

News: 08:00 am, 12:00 pm, 03:00 pm,

06:00 pm, 09:00 pm, 12:00 am

English Bulletin: 1:30 pm

RADIO TODAY

News: 08:45 am, 01:45 pm, 06:45 pm,

09:45 pm, 11:45 pm

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

On Air

ATN BANGLA

08:15 Ajker Shanbaadpotro
08:30 Shushto Thakun
09:20 Educational Programme: BSB
Cambrian Education Zone

10:30 Cookery Show: ATN
Rannaghlar

11:05 Islamic Programme

02:30 Bangla Feature Film

05:00 Gram Gonjer Khobor

06:20 Amra Korbo Joy

06:45 Documentary Programme:

Kaandey Amar Maa

08:00 Drama: 674 Din

09:20 Drama Serial: Tomaar Doa-e

Bhalo Achhi Ma

10:40 Bibekor Kachhey Proshno

11:30 Daily Soap: Doll's House

12:00 Grameenphone Lead News

CHANNEL-1

09:30 Shangbadpotrey Bangladesh

09:45 Public Reaction

09:50 Grameenphone Trilio Matra

10:30 Grameenphone Teleshomoy

11:30 Islamic Programme

12:05 Talk Show: Kora Alap

12:30 Musical Programme: Sa Re Ga Ma

01:30 Grameenphone Tritiomatray

Apni

02:35 Telefilm: Hai Hai Chan Dhuli

05:30 Muktidhuddho Protidin

06:00 Talk Show: Aloye Bhurban

Bhora

07:50 Channel 1 Abriti Chhondey

Chhondey

09:35 Drama Serial: Dainik Tolpaar

10:00 Drama Serial: Nine Months in

Brick Lane

11:30 Drama Serial: Chhayabithi

Toley

12:00 Grameenphone Ajker

Shangbadpotro

09:30

Ajker Shokaal

08:55 Ekhane Amar Desh

09:30 Bhalobesho Mor Gaan

10:30 Apnaa Jigyastra

11:30 Marks All Rounder '09
01:05 Chetonay Islam
01:25 Daarshey Hadish
02:00 Tele-film: Nishad
04:10 Cookery Show: Siddiqua
Kabir's Recipe
05:35 Pran Junior Tifiner Phakey
06:15 Shubho Shondha
06:45 Shaajhi Mon-er Moto
08:15 Drama Serial: House Full
09:00 Super Hero Super Heroine
11:25 Talk Show

10:02 Shonamoni Shukhey Ashukhey
11:30 Job Line
12:30 Dhurna Ta Na Na
02:00 Bangla Feature Film
05:30 Sports Plus
05:45 Ekusher Shondha
06:30 Mukto Khobor
07:45 Naachey Gaaney Number One

RTV
10:00 Musical Programme: Tomaar
Jonyo Amar Ei gaan
09:50 Drama Serial: Alta Shundori
11:03 Talk Show: Taroka Alap
11:30 Drama Serial: FDC
01:00 Griho Sholli
02:03 Documentary Programme

Nari
01:30 Drama Serial: Gulshan Avenue
02:40 Family Show: Ghar Sangsar
03:20 The Family
04:10 Dhormo O Jibon
05:20 Talk Show: Choturango
06:00 Citycell Din-er Sheshey
06:20 Shamol Bangla Exclusive
06:45 Drama Serial: Onterikhyo
07:05 Drama Serial: Bijli Moholla
09:05 Drama Serial: Gulshan Avenue
11:15 Talk Show: Onno Nayan
12:00 Shangbaad Protidin

12:30 Islamic Programme: Islam O
Nari
03:05 Drama Serial: Shobuj Kanon
Boys' Hostel
03:30 24 Frame
04:30 Bob the Builder
05:30 Shindu Hillol
06:05 Sports Week
06:30 Jibon Onnesha
08:05 Drama Serial: Shesh Kotay
08:30 Aain O Jibon
09:30 Bigyanmoy Quran
11:05 Ekantu Shanglaap

CHANNEL 1
08:40 Shuprobaat Bangladesh
10:30 Special play: Thua
11:30 Islamic Programme
01:00 Drama: Subarno Rekha
Dekhete Giye
02:00 Gollachut
03:30 Drama serial: Dosh Hajar Ek

Taka
04:00 Drama: Ekoda Ek Bagher
Golay Badhla Chhilo Har
05:15 Doctor's Voice
07:00 Shapta Sheshey
08:15 Drama: 143
09:30 Show Case
11:00 Aamar Ghar

01:45 Sport Today
02:00 BBC World News
02:30 Peshchard's People (r)
03:00 Drama Serial: Shuvro
Baroder Bibaha
Sashro
12:00 Kol-er Gaan

BBC WORLD NEWS
08:00 World News Today
09:00 BBC World News
10:00 Asia Business Report
11:30 Asia Today (r)
12:00 BBC World News
13:30 World Business Report
14:45 Sport Today
15:00 BBC World News
16:30 World Business Report
17:00 BBC World News
18:30 World Business Report
19:00 BBC World News
20:00 World Business Report
21:30 BBC World News
22:30 BBC World News
23:30 BBC World News
24:00 BBC World News

STAR MOVIES
08:55 School For Scoundrels
11:00 Rambo II
01:00 Reign Of Fire
03:00 From Dusk Till Dawn 3
04:50 Pulp Fiction
07:40 The Simpsons Movie
09:30 House Of Fury
11:35 Kickin' It Old Skool

STAR WORLD
09:30 According To Jim
10:30 Hope & Faith<br