

WHAT'S ON THIS WEEK

Fracophonie Festival '10
Organiser: Alliance Francaise de Dhaka
Venue: Alliance Francaise, 26, Mirpur Road, Dhanmondi
Date: March 20-27
Time: 5pm onwards



Int'l Theatre Festival 2010

Organiser: Dhaka Padatik
Venue: National Theatre Hall, BSA
Date: March 19-25
Time: 7pm



Solo Photography Exhibition

Title: The Dockyard
Artist: Yask Desai
Venue: Drik Gallery, H-58, R-15A (New), Dhanmondi
Date: March 18-24
Time: 3pm-8pm



Solo Art Exhibition

Artist: Anukul Mojumdar
Title: Tales of Dreams
Venue: Shilpangan Art Gallery, H-26, R-3, Dhanmondi
Date: March 19-April 3
Time: 12pm-8pm



Generating awareness on rivers through art and music

Cultural programme at Rabindra Sharobar



Highlight of the programme was an art competition for street children and rendition of songs by youngsters.

A CORRESPONDENT

As rivers are gradually disappearing from Bangladesh, which used to be known as a "country of rivers," social and environmental activists have come forward with campaigns and movements. To propagate awareness on the devastating state of rivers, a daylong cultural programme -- led by Amy Rahman -- was held at Rabindra Sharobar on March 18.

The campaign was primarily organised by Amy's Workshop but later other groups like Assurance, Virgin Cola, Esha Consultancy Team and JAAGO volunteers offered help.

The programme commenced with an art competition for 20 street

children.

Around 4 pm the children sat in a semi-circle, surrounding the podium. They were wearing white caps and received gifts from the organisers.

Seven-year-old Meem, who won the first prize at the art competition, said, "I'm thrilled to be a part of this programme." Her prize-winning entry was a picture of a mermaid.

Mustafa Monwar, one of the judges, said, "All children -- whether they come from educated families or underprivileged -- think alike. They have the potential to change the world with their beautiful thoughts."

"The theme of today's competition was 'rivers'. The children did really

well, even without institutional training. The girl who won the first prize had a very good concept -- a mermaid cannot survive in polluted water," he added.

Participating children were selected through a programme of JAAGO. Amy Rahman said that she would sponsor art lessons for these children if they are interested.

There were solo music performances by Nasir, S.M. Tarek, Dalim Kumar Barua, Shojol, and also by twelve-year-old Dhruvo and five-year-old Aruni. A group of children also presented a dance on traditional boat race. There was recitation by veteran newscaster Kafi Khan as well.

Amy Rahman said, "This is the first time we have taken such an initiative. Our rivers are in a miserable state now and immediate actions are needed."

A documentary was screened at

the event, which showed the slow poisoning of water in random ways.

"To film this documentary, I had travelled to different places -- just me and the cameraman in a taxi. I'm glad the message has reached hundreds of people today," said cultural activist Amy Rahman.

The documentary, titled "Amar Kanna Jodi Shono", also showed how the diverse lives of rural people, urbanites and flora and fauna are connected to the rivers and how important they are to all these groups.

A special attraction at the programme was a breathtaking 'fire dance' by the fire spinners of NAUR.

A group of Japanese tourists who happened to be on the spot liked the programme so much that they volunteered to render a song.



Competition on inspirational songs



A contestant sings at the programme.

PHOTO: STAR

HOSSAIN SERAJ, Magura

Khulna divisional gano sangeet (inspirational songs) competition was held yesterday at the Shilpakala Academy auditorium in Magura with the participation of 60 competitors of nine south-western districts. The participants were divided into 'ka' and 'kha' groups.

The day-long competition, titled 'Gao Jiboner Gaan, Math-e Math-e Ghar-e', was organised by the Khulna divisional unit of Udichi Shilpi Goshthi under the management of the organisation's Magura unit.

Famed gano sangeet artiste Sharif Shah Dewan Ali Mehedi formally inaugurated the competition. Chairman of Bangladesh Red Crescent Society, lawmaker Dr. Mohammad Serajul Akbar, spoke at the inaugural session as the chief guest. Deputy Commissioner of Magura Mohammad Dilwar Bakht attended the event as the special guest.

Among others, additional deputy commissioner of Magura Mohammad Tarikul Alam; Khulna divisional secretary of Udichi BM Shahiduzzaman; Jessore unit of Udichi's president Professor Sukumar Das; secretary, Meherpur Udichi Shilpi Goshthi Advocate Ibrahim Shaheen; Magura Udichi officials Dr. Kazi Tarifuzzaman, ABM Asadur Rahman, Rupak Aich and Biswajit Chakrabarti spoke on the occasion.

Through the competition, six singers from 'ka' and 'kha' groups were selected for the final round to be held in Dhaka on March 27.

From group 'ka', Maimuna Nasrin Oishee from Jessore attained the first position. Suparna Roy Payel of Magura came second and Partha Tarafdar from Khulna was adjudged third. From group 'kha', Satyajit Kumar Mondal from Jhenidah became first, Prottyasha Haldar of Jessore secured second position and Rupak Aich from Magura was adjudged third.

Buzz

"Eat, Pray, Love" with Julia Roberts

Nearly 20 years after shining in "Pretty Woman", Julia Roberts is preparing to return to her box-office perch with "Eat, Pray, Love".

In the big-screen adaptation of Elizabeth Gilbert's 2006 bestseller -- a globetrotting memoir following a divorcee travelling to Italy, India and Bali in search of fulfilment -- Roberts divorces Billy Crudup, rebounds with James Franco and finds an exotic lover in Javier Bardem.

"I think she has never looked more beautiful," director Ryan Murphy told PEOPLE of the movie star. "She is so happy and fulfilled in her personal life -- and it shows."

"Eat, Pray, Love" will be released worldwide in August.



James Franco and Julia Roberts in the film.

Source: Internet

Special programme for Independence Day begins in Pabna

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Pabna

The district administration has started a ten-day long cultural programme in the district headquarters marking the upcoming Independence Day (March 26). The programme is being held at Pabna Town Hall premise. The State Minister for Home, Advocate Shamsul Haque Tuku, inaugurated the programme

last Wednesday.

Deputy Commissioner of Pabna Dr. AFM Monjur Kadir chaired the inauguration programme. Among others, Pabna Police Superintendent Jamil Ahmed; convener of Muktijodha Shangshad's Pabna unit Habibur Rahman and veteran journalist Ranesh Maitra spoke at the event.

The speakers emphasised the

value of independence. The spirit of liberation encouraged Bengalis to fight the occupying forces, they said.

Independence Day is not just about celebrating a certain day of the year. It conveys a spirit. This spirit encouraged the nation to free the motherland from oppression. Today we are a free nation but the values of the Liberation War have

not been fulfilled completely, they were of the view.

Later, artistes of Pabna Shilpakala Academy and Pabna Shishu Academy presented patriotic songs, dances and recitation. The district administration sources informed that artistes of nine upazilas of the district will perform at the ten-day long cultural programme.



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

ATN BANGLA

01:30 Documentary Programme: Prapok
 02:30 Bangla Feature Film
 06:15 Square Hospital Shushtho Thakun
 12:00 Grameenphone
 Lead News
CHANNEL i
 01:20 Bangla Feature Film: Shamol Chihaya
 07:50 Jogajog Bangladesh
 09:35 Hridoye Mati O Manush
 12:00 Grameenphone Aiker Shangbadpotro

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12:50 Swastho Protidin
 04:25 Gallery
 06:10 Shubhoshondha
 11:40 Band Music

ETV

01:30 Bangla Feature Film
 05:45 Sports Plus
 06:30 Bhobughurey.Com
 10:10 Galpo Shalpo Gaan
 10:50 Financial Bulletin

RTV

02:03 Swapno Din-er Gaan
 05:00 Telepress
 06:45 Look At Me
 07:35 Road To Democracy

11:30 Jegey Achho Ki

DESH TV

12:15 Dur Paath
 03:00 Bangla Feature Film
 04:00 Desh Janopad
 07:45 Desh Topchart
 10:30 Total Sports

BANGLAVISION

12:30 Media Bhubaan
 02:30 Bangla Feature Film
 06:20 Biye Ebong Amader Golpo
 11:25 Laal Golaap

ZEE STUDIO

10:10 Nothing to Lose
 01:00 A walk on the moon
 03:35 Ladder 49
 06:10 Chocolat
 09:00 Scream 3
 11:40 The Grudge 2

HBO

12:30 Entourage S603: One Car, Two Car, Red Car, Blue Car
 01:00 Entourage S604: Runnin' On E
 01:45 The Making Of Get Smart

02:00 Hydra

03:45 The Making Of Changeling
 04:15 Mortal Kombat
 06:15 Hollywood One On One 78
 06:45 Romeo Must Die
 09:00 Tmz 195
 09:30 Changeling

BBC

10:00 BBC World News
 10:30 Our World: On/Off
 11:00 BBC World News
 11:30 Middle East Business Report (r)
 12:00 BBC World News

BBC

12:30 Click (r)
 01:00 BBC World News
 01:10 This Week
 01:30 The Real... (r)
 Rome
 02:00 BBC World News
 02:10 Reporters
 02:30 Alvin's Guide To Good Business (r)
 Friends International
 03:00 BBC World News

03:10 The Doha Debate Special

Hamas meets Fatah
 BBC World News
 04:00 BBC World News
 04:10 UK Report
 04:30 Our World: On/Off (r)
 05:00 BBC World News
 05:30 Newsnight
 06:00 BBC World News
 06:10 E24
 06:30 Fast Track (r)
 07:00 BBC World News
 07:15 Sport Today
 07:30 Roger Federer: Spirit Of A Champion
 08:00 BBC World News
 08:30 Dateline London
 09:00 BBC World News
 09:10 Virtual Revolution (r)
 The Cost Of Free.
 10:00 BBC World News
 10:30 Middle East Business Report (r)
 11:00 BBC World News
 11:30 Final Score

AXN

12:30 DROP DEAD DIVA
 01:30 Top Chef
 02:30 Guinness World Records Smashed
 03:30 Worlds Most Amazing Videos
 04:30 The Amazing Race
 05:30 Wipeout
 06:30 Guinness World Records Smashed
 07:30 Chuck
 08:30 Man Of The House
 11:30 Top Chef
 12:30 Wipeout

ESPN

01:00 Global Football
 01:30 Premier League Preview
 02:00 Sportscenter Week In Review
 02:30 Gravity Games
 03:30 Uca National All-STAR Cheerleading Championship
 05:30 World Sport 2010
 05:00 Premier League Preview
 05:30 Hitz 09/10
 06:00 Primetime Premier League

Talk show

Channel i
 09:50am Grameenphone Trilomatra
 12:30pm Citycell Taroka Kathan

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 12:10am Talk Show: Ei Shomoy

DESH TV
 11:45pm Talk Show: Shoja Katha

ETV
 07:50pm Atopor Ami

Drama Serial

ATN BANGLA
 08:00pm Drama Serial: Projapoti Mon
 08:40pm Drama Serial: No Problem Dot Com
 09:20pm Drama Serial: Jolkona
 11:30pm Drama Serial: Maa Tul Kemon Achhish

Channel i
 10:00pm Drama Serial: Koyekti Kataghuri
 11:30pm Drama Serial: Khujey Phiri

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 02:30pm Drama Serial: Chokkor
 05:15pm Drama Serial: Graduate

ETV
 09:30pm Drama Serial: Bhabi

News Bulletin

BTV
 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 10:00am, 4:00 pm, 10:00 pm.
 Late Night News (Bangla and English) 11:30 pm. (To be telecast on all Bangla channels).
CHANNEL-i
 News (Bangla): 7:00 am,

Talent Hunt

ATN
 11:05am Shah Cement
 Nirmaner Taroka
Channel i
 05:30pm Musical
 Programme:
 Surdoria Bagha
 Gayen
ntv
 09:00pm The Challenge



Top Chef On AXN at 11:30 pm Reality Show



Shyamol Chhaya On Channel i at 1:20 pm Bangla Feature Film Cast: Riaz, Shaon, Humayun Faridee



Changeling On HBO at 9:30 pm Genre: Drama/Mystery Cast: Angelina Jolie, Gattlin Griffith, John Malkovich



abc radio FM 89.2
 06:00 Bhorer Janalay
 09:00 Mukhorito
 Jiboney
 12:25 Standard Chartered-The Daily Star
 Jiboner Joygaan
 03:00 Duranto Bikeley
 05:00 Shondhalara
 07:00 Shajer Maya
 09:00 Raat-er Akashay

11:00 Golper Shesh Nei
RADIO FOORTI 88.0 FM
 08:00 Addabazi
 12:00 Boier Poka
 02:00 Foorti Unlimited
 06:00 Bumper to Bumper
 10:00 Club Foorti
 01:00 Back to Back music
RADIO TODAY 89.6 FM
 07:15 Good Morning Dhaka
 11:00 Musti Unlimited
 01:00 Today's World Music
 04:00 U Turn
 08:00 Tobey Tai Hok
 11:00 Raat Bhor Gaan