

<p>WHAT'S ON THIS WEEK</p>	<p>Group Art Exhibition Title: Rooted Creativity-3 Venue: Bengal Gallery of Fine Arts, H 275/F, Rd 27 (old), Dhanmondi Date: June 15-26 Time: 12pm-8pm</p> 	<p>Celebration of World Music Day Organisers: Bangladesh Sangeet Shangathon Shamony Parishod & Shilpakala Academy Venue: Central Shahid Minar and National Theatre Hall, BSA Date: June 21, Time: 3 pm</p> 	<p>Art Exhibition Painter: Nikhil Chandra Das Title: The story of lost painting Venue: Art Gallery, Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy Date: June 12-26 Time: 11 pm-7 pm</p> 	<p>Solo Art Exhibition Artist: Mohammad Fakruzzaman Venue: Gallery Chittrak, H-21, R-4, Dhanmondi Date: June 19-27 Time: 10am-8pm</p> 
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Orao play to take part in World Festival of Children's Theatre

Bangladeshi group left for Germany



Members of Orao Shishu Kishor Theatre (back rows) with State Minister for Women and Children's Affairs, Dr. Shirin Sharmin Chowdhury (1st row, 2nd from left).

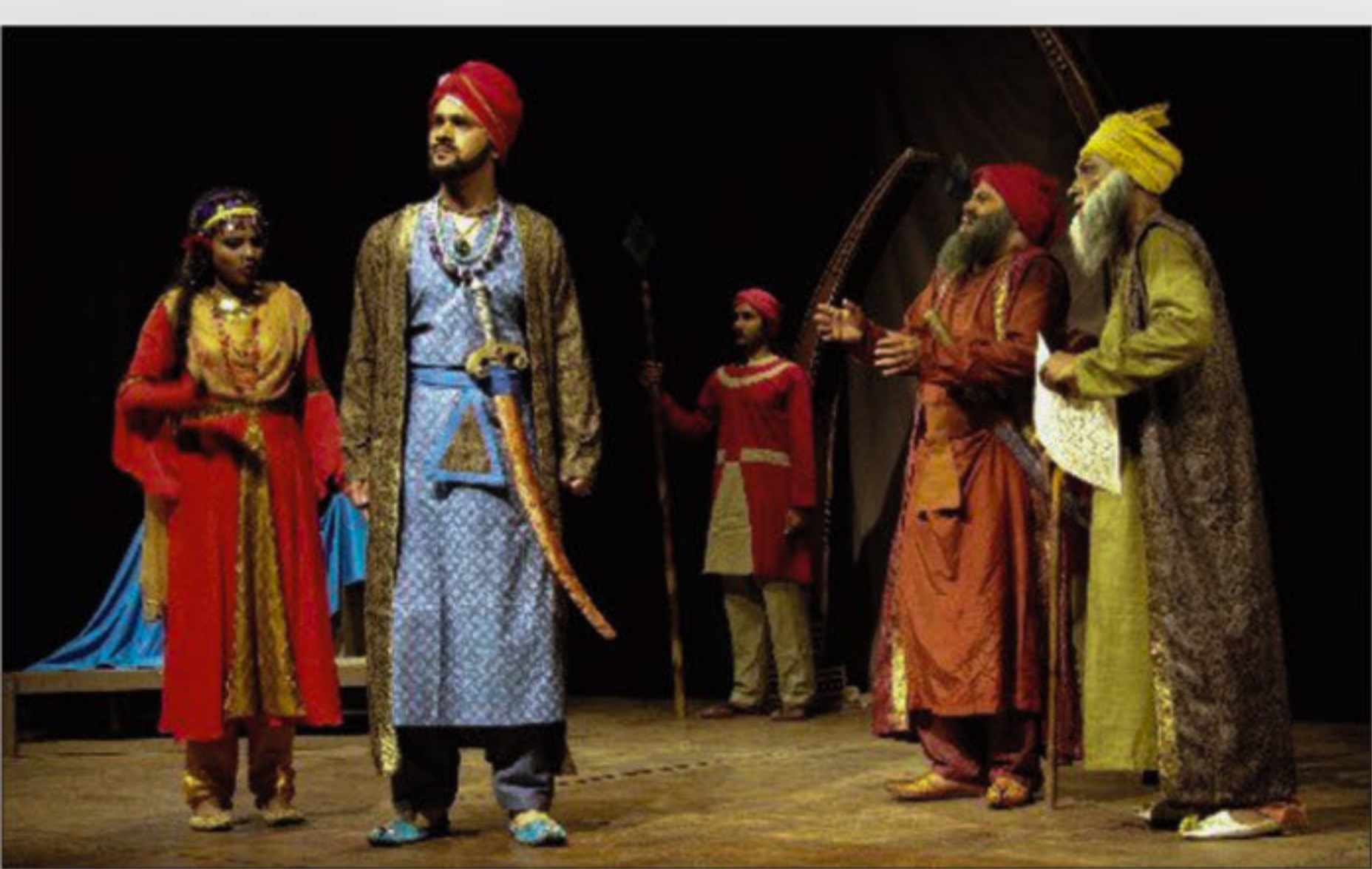
KONGKON KARMAKER, Dinajpur
 A 15-member team of Orao Shishu Kishor Theatre, consisting of indigenous youngsters, from Dinajpur recently left for Germany to take part in the World Festival for Children's Theatre. The festival will start on June 26.
 The Bangladeshi group will stage an Orao play, "Maddi Amangkhi," at the festival. Tarikuzzaman Tarek has written the script of the play Tarek is also the director of the production.

Before leaving Dinajpur, the play was staged at several venues in Dinajpur. The play was lauded by audiences throughout the district.
 "Maddi Amangkhi" was also staged recently at Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy in Dhaka. State Minister for Women and Children's Affairs, Dr. Shirin Sharmin Chowdhury, attended the show as chief guest. Iqbalur Rahim, lawmaker of Dinajpur-3 constituency and eminent cultural personality Liaquat Ali Lucky attended the show as special guests. The state minister congratulated the

indigenous performers for taking part in the theatre festival in Germany. In her speech she expressed her desire that the artistes of the country would represent the thriving culture of Bangladesh in the global arena.
 Lawmaker Iqbalur Rahim hoped that the artistes would entertain and fascinate theatre enthusiasts from all over the world at the festival. Iqbalur Rahim recently donated Tk 1 lakh for the group's preparatory expenses for the German tour.

Theatre

"Shesh Shonglap" to be staged today at Shilpakala Academy



A scene from the play.

Shomoy Natyadal's production, "Shesh Shonglap" will be staged today at Experimental Theatre Hall, Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy, at 7 pm,

according to a press release. "Shesh Shonglap" is an adaptation of "Sultanaj Jannam" (Sultan's Dilemma) written by Egyptian dramatist

Tawfiq Al Hakim. Syed Jamil Ahmed and M. Saiful Alam Chowdhury jointly adapted the play in Bangla. Akhtaruzzaman is the director

of the play.
 The play begins with an executioner getting ready. The sentenced is a slave trader who has been boasting at the marketplace about how he had sold the Sultan for a thousand dinars 40 years ago. The result is predictable -- the Wazir (chief administrator) sentences him to death and the execution is to be carried out after the Fajr (morning) prayers.
 The citizens are thoroughly confused, how can a Sultan be bought at an auction? Nevertheless, the public considers the Sultan as an exceptional ruler, under whose reign everyone is equal in the eyes of the law, including himself.
 The play carries a message -- the rule of law should be respected under the gravest of circumstances.
 The cast includes Pavel Islam, Eshita Chaki, Riaz Mahmud Jewel, Arifuzzaman, Fakhru Islam and others.

World Music Day today

Alliance Francaise in Dhaka and Chittagong to hold grand concerts

The Fête de la Musique, also known as World Music Day, is being celebrated today in Bangladesh and elsewhere in the world amidst much festivity and enthusiasm. The festival aims to promote music among the masses.
 On the occasion, Alliance Française de Dhaka and Alliance Française de Chittagong are holding free public concerts, according to a press release. Dhaka is witnessing the celebration today. Festivities in Chittagong will continue from today till June 23.
 More than 120 countries and 350 cities across the globe celebrate this grand event each year on June 21, the day of the summer solstice in the northern hemisphere.
 The idea of Fete de la Musique was born in 1981 when the then French Minister of Culture, Jack Lang, decided to create a musical event, where amateurs and professionals could perform freely. The aim of the World Music Festival is to

encourage amateur musicians to perform at public places as well as on the streets. The event allows the expression of all styles of music in a jovial atmosphere.
 After the success of the previous editions of the Fete de la Musique, Alliance Française de Dhaka, in collaboration with the French Embassy and Channel i, will welcome Bangladeshi artistes to express themselves and meet a varied audience, on the occasion of this popular event. Being the media partner, Channel i will broadcast a one-hour programme on the music fest on June 25.
 Today Alliance Francaise de Dhaka will hold concerts starting from 3 pm. Teachers and students of School of Music, Alliance Française de Dhaka as well as bands The Bridge, De-Illumination and Warfaze will perform at the concert.
 Alliance Française de Chittagong will present students as well as French and Bangladeshi groups, such as Les Cari-



bous Volants, Samageet, Nobjibul and Shibly, Alexandre Jurain and Shajahan Munshi.

Shakira's Bollywood entry



Bollywood seems to be attracting musicians from abroad.
 Most recently it was Kylie Minogue who sang a song for "Blue" and Akon who is doing the honours for Shah Rukh Khan's "Ra.One."
 Now, the latest entrant to jump on the Bollywood singing bandwagon is Columbian songstress Shakira, who is set to rock in a song for composer duo Salim-Sulaiman.
 Shakira is no stranger to India. She has performed live in Mumbai and other cities back in 2007. She has also repeatedly expressed her desire to be a part of Bollywood.
 According to Oneindia website, the song will be shot on South African model Candice Boucher for the film featuring the IPL owner and entrepreneur Sachin Joshi. The film is expected to be recorded in the next couple of months.
 "The lyrics would be in English with a smattering of simple Hindi. It won't be a duet like the Kylie Minogue song in Blue. It'd be a Shakira solo dhamaka," the website quoted a source as saying.
 Salim has confirmed the news. "It would be a very sensuous, cabaret kind of a song," the website reported him as saying.

Source: Internet

Angelina Jolie's casting as Cleopatra causes race row

Angelina Jolie is at the centre of a race row with objections being raised to her playing Cleopatra on screen, a role many say should have gone to a black actress.
 The 35-year-old actress is tipped to play the legendary Queen of Egypt and the film's producer, Scott Rudin had said that the role is being developed with her in mind as she has "the perfect look."
 But the casting has angered members of the African American community, reported Daily Mail online. An Essence Magazine story titled "Another White Actress to Play Cleopatra?" raised the topic, saying, "Honestly, I don't care how full Angelina Jolie's lips are, how many African children she adopts, or how bronzed her skin will become for the film, I firmly believe this role should have gone to a black woman."
 "Why does Hollywood think it's even slightly plausible to cast white women in roles that would be more sensible to cast



A portrait on Cleopatra on papyrus. Many feel that the role of the legendary queen should have gone to a black actress.

a black actress? Especially when that role is of an African queen," read the article.
 Jolie adopted her daughter Zahara, 5, from Ethiopia and gave birth to Shiloh, 3, in Namibia. She also has 3 other children with partner, Brad Pitt -- Maddox, 8, Pax, 6, and twins Knox and Vivienne, 2.
 The film is being directed by "Ocean's 11" director Steven Soderberg, who originally planned to turn Cleopatra into a \$ 30 million 3D epic starring Catherine-Zeta Jones and Hugh Jackman.
 The Egyptian royal was most famously portrayed by Elizabeth Taylor in 1963. The casting of Jolie has been backed by Pulitzer Prize winning author Stacy Schiff, who wrote the book which the film is based on, "Cleopatra: A Life."

Source: Internet



Tom Cruise delights fans in Seville, Spain as he rides a motorbike to recreate scenes from his forthcoming film "Knight and Day" ahead of the international premiere of the movie. The film will be released on June 23 in USA.

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