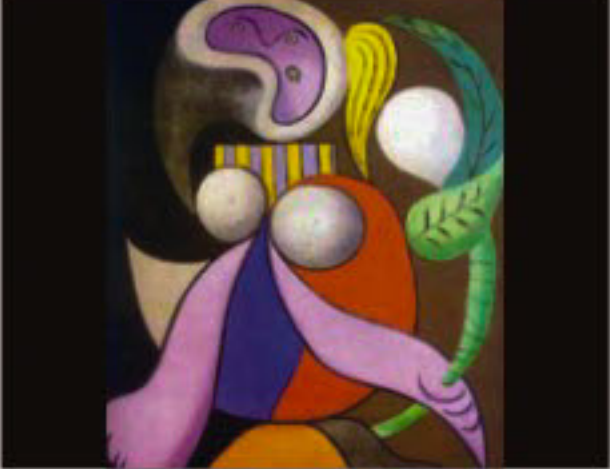


WHAT'S ON THIS WEEK


Film Screening
Films: "Kaktaria" (Bangladesh) & "A Year Ago in Winter" (Germany)
Venue: Auditorium, Goethe-Institut Bangladesh, H-10, Rd-9, Dhanmondi
Date: August 29
Time: 7:30pm onwards




Dress Exhibition
Title: Woman and Flower
Venue: Alliance Francaise de Dhaka, 26, Mirpur Road, Dhanmondi
Date: August 20-September 2
Time: 3pm-9pm



Nazrul Death Anniversary
Organiser: Chhayanaut Sangeet Bidyayton
Venue: Chhayanaut Premises
Date: August 27
Time: 10:30am



Film Screening
Film: "Tais-Toi"
Venue: Auditorium, Alliance Francaise De Dhaka, Dhanmondi
Date: August 27
Time: 6pm



A sidelined national icon



PHOTO: MUMIT M.

Final resting place of Nazrul on Dhaka University campus (left); a portrait of the poet at Shahbagh intersection, in Dhaka.

KARIM WAHEED

A university in Trishal, Mymensingh and a major street in Dhaka have been named after the National Poet of Bangladesh. Special programmes on regional and national levels are held on his birth and death anniversaries. His music, recitation of his poetry and plays based on his stories are aired on those two days on different TV channels. But are these enough?

It has long been a common complaint of Nazrul exponents, artistes and aficionados that the National Poet has never been given his due -- not in his lifetime, and certainly not now.

Three artistes who have carved a niche for themselves shared their views with *The Daily Star* on why or how Nazrul is being sidelined and the impediments Nazrul singers face:

Nazrul songs, "Jago Kholo Go Aankhi", received much acclaim. "After Nazrul Institute was founded and the organisation started collecting and researching on original records, Nazrul exponents and veteran artistes came to an understanding that tunes and at times lyrics, of several Nazrul songs had been distorted over the years," continues Anup, "it took almost a decade to familiarise music students, teachers and artistes all over the country with the authentic tunes."

Nazrul artiste Zannat-E-Ferdousi says, "This move to ensure authenticity of the tunes, as commendable as it is, has created a mass confusion. Nazrul Sangeet recorded by legendary artiste Manabendra Mukherjee are virtually banned now; apparently the tunes were distorted." Zannat, now a researcher on adibashis in Bangladesh, completed five-year courses on Nazrul Sangeet from Jago Art Centre and Chhayanat. She received extensive training from the late Nilufer Yasmin, considered an institution in Nazrul's songs. Zannat's album of Nazrul Sangeet, "Neel Jamunar Jol", produced by Bengal Foundation, was lauded by

Nazrul enthusiasts. "There are several Nazrul songs that were once popular but due to the whole debate on 'authentic tunes', we cannot sing them any more. I have been in situations where young singers were stopped in the middle of renditions because apparently they were following the 'distorted' tunes. The irony is after the 'sermon' no one bothers to teach these singers the authentic tunes. I doubt that majority of Nazrul artistes in the country know the authentic tunes. I'm afraid without any exposure these songs will be lost into oblivion," says Zannat.

"I was disqualified at a few singing competitions for rendering 'distorted' versions of Nazrul songs," recalls Sumona Bardhan. Sumona, originally from Rajshahi, has attained popularity for her *adhumik* songs. With over 17 years of training in classical music, Sumona refuses to categorise herself according to any specific genre.

"Among the different styles, Nazrul's *Kabyogeeeti* appeals the most to me. Nazrul Institute's drive to publicise the authentic tunes is certainly commendable. However,

many of these records are literally inaudible. I learnt a *Thumri*, "Bhanga Mon", listening to Indrani Sen's rendition. I tried to listen to the original record by Kanan Debi. Due to the sorry state of the record, I couldn't understand the lyrics, let alone the *taal* and grammar," says Sumona.

"Nazrul Sangeet Shilpi Parishad (NSSP) was formed in 2003 and since then the organisation has been working to bring together Nazrul artistes from all corners of the country. However, I feel, the collective efforts are not organised," says Anup.

"Rabindra Sangeet Sammilan Parishad (RSSP) had Waheedul Haque as a driving force who went to every nook and corner of the country, grooming young singers and giving all the Tagore artistes a platform. We desperately need a guiding light like him in NSSP."

"There is no lack of talent among Nazrul artistes but we don't have a proper channel that would nurture the young artistes and bring together everyone," says Zannat.

Frames of Bangabandhu

Photography exhibition in Kushtia

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Kushtia

A daylong photography exhibition on Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman was held at Alamdanga upazila headquarter in Chuadanga district on Wednesday.

Bangladesh Chhatra League (BCL) Alamdanga upazila unit organised the programme.

Mayor of Chuadanga municipality Reazul Islam Joardar inaugurated the exhibition.

A discussion was also held on 'Bangabandhu and Bangladesh' at Alamdanga upazila hall room.

With Alamdanga upazila unit BCL Sunmoon Ahmed in the chair, the discussants were Alamdanga upazila AL president Hasan Kadir; acting general secretary of the unit Yakub Ali and organising secretary Khaleedur Rahman Arun.

Students of different educational institutions were present at the programme.

Talk show "Parompura" on Banglavisision tonight

A CORRESPONDENT

Renowned reciter Bhashwar Bandyopadhyay, his wife noted dancer Sharmila Bandyopadhyay and their daughter Sudeshna Swayamprabha (Tathoi), an emerging dancer, are the guests on Banglavisision's talk show "Parompura" tonight. The programme features a celebrity as guest who is joined by a family member -- parent, sibling or spouse -- whose support and influence have played a

major role behind his/her success.

Tonight's episode will provide an insight into the wonderful relationship between Bandyopadhyay couple-- never before heard stories and their influences and support behind Tathoi's success and more.

Tathoi will be present as the host of the programme. Planned by Dewan Shamsur Rakib, the programme is produced by Ananta Zahid.

"Parompura" will be aired tonight on Banglavisision at 9:05 pm.



(From left) Bhashwar, Sharmila and Sudeshna on the show.

Play on exploitation of the disadvantaged staged in Faridpur

REZAUL Karim, Faridpur

Boishakhai Natya Gosthi, Faridpur staged a play "Mastan Shunduri O Josna" at Kobi Jasimuddin Hall in the town recently.

The play is written by Mohammad Abdul Khaleq and jointly directed by Al Hamim, Tajuddin Taju and Goutam Daroani.

The play explores the exploitation of poor

villagers by deceitful townspeople. Yasmin Rahman, Afreen Sultana, Ripa Podddar, Tonmoy Sarkar, Sagar Soikot, Nafizul Islam, Ovijit, Rajib Hasan, Provas Nandi, Bulbul, Al Hamim, Al-Amin Mithu, Shuvo Saha were the main actors in the play.

The play was greatly appreciated by the huge audience.

Noted playwright Munshi Mohammad Ali Rumi has supervised the play.



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

ATN Bangla	ntv
01:25 Kothamala	01:05 Swastho Protidin
03:45 Jhotpot Iftar	04:10 Janar Achhey Bolaar Achhey
04:30 Jantey Chai	05:35 Hridoye Ramjan
05:10 Kerat Competition	06:05 Jibon Gorar Ashor
10:45 Bihongo Katha	06:45 Frankly Speaking
12:30 Grameenphone Lead News	09:00 Glamour World
Channel i	ETV
01:05 Ebong Cinemar Gaan	03:30 Drama
01:30 Hridoyer Gaan	04:30 Elating Belating
03:45 Bol Ebong Bol	05:25 Taja Ekusher Shandha
06:00 Ramjanul Mubarak	05:45 Jhotpot Iftar
07:50 Channel i Shera Kontho'10	06:20 Rojadar
12:00 Grameenphone Aker Shingbadpotro	07:50 Shiam O Shustotha

Desh TV	HBO
04:30 Bazarey Notun	11:30 Boishakhi Shongskriti O Binodon
05:30 Durpaath	
06:25 Atto Dharshan	10:00 Scooby-Doo
11:00 Desh Sangbad	12:30 Batman Begins
12:30 Gazi Group Total Sport	04:00 Collateral Damage
Banglavisision	Star Movies
03:00 Cinebit Shadakalo	07:00 The Sisterhood Of The Traveling Pants 2
04:25 Amader Jibone Ramjan	09:30 Warriors Of Heaven And Earth
06:00 Hamd, Naat O Ajan	12:00 Cradle 2 The Grave
11:25 Raat Biraley	
12:30 Bashudha Cinemar Gaan	
ATN News	Star World
11:30 Sports Insight	11:00 How I Met Your Mother
02:15 Amader Katha	12:30 VIP
05:15 Pramanno Shomoy	03:30 Ugly Betty
07:30 Saat Rang (Live)	05:30 Criminal Minds
08:30 Ekdin Protidin	07:30 Glee
09:00 News Hour	08:30 The Simpsons
Boishakhi TV	Cartoon Network
01:40 Boishakhi Shur	08:30 Toon Toast
02:40 Six Days Seven Nights	12:30 Dragon Ball
03:40 Nazrul Sangeet	01:45 Tom and Jerry Show
05:30 Shudhu Cinemar Gaan	06:00 Ben 10
08:45 Bangladesh-er Katha	09:00 Pokemon
Discovery Channel	Zee Studio
12:00 How Do They Do It?	10:50 Chocolat
01:30 Anaconda: The Hunt For The Bull Killer	01:30 Six Days Seven Nights
03:30 Rampage!	03:30 Catch Me if You Can
08:30 Man Vs. Wild	07:00 Runaway Bride
10:30 I Shouldn't Be Alive	09:30 Be Cool
11:30 A Haunting	12:10 Cassandra's Dream
Travel and Living	National Geographic
11:30 La Ink	02:30 La Ink
	06:00 Feast Bazaar
	06:30 La Ink
	07:30 True Stories
	08:30 Wild: Snake Week
	09:30 Big: Mega Bridges Week
	10:30 India's Missing Girls
	11:30 True Stories
BBC World	BBC World
12:00 BBC World News	12:00 BBC World News
05:00 GMT with George Alagiah	05:00 GMT with George Alagiah
07:00 Impact Asia with Mishal Husain	07:00 Impact Asia with Mishal Husain
09:30 HARDtalk	09:30 HARDtalk
10:00 The Hub with Nik Gowing	10:00 The Hub with Nik Gowing
12:00 World News Today with Zeinab Badawi	12:00 World News Today with Zeinab Badawi
CNN	CNN
12:00 World Report	12:00 World Report
03:00 Larry King Live	03:00 Larry King Live
08:00 International Desk	08:00 International Desk
09:00 The Brief	09:00 The Brief
10:00 Prism	10:00 Prism
10:30 CNN Heroes: Coming Back From Katrina	10:30 CNN Heroes: Coming Back From Katrina

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Khoar
On Desh TV at 09:45pm
Drama serial
Cast: AKM Hasan, Chanchal Chowdhury



Cassandra's Dream
On Zee Studio at 12:10am
Genre: Drama/Romance
Cast: Ewan McGregor, Colin Farrell



Momer Putul
On Boishakhi TV at 09:10pm
Drama Serial
Cast: Shiril Bokul, Monoj Sengupta



Talk Show	ATN Bangla	ETV
06:15pm Islami Sawal O Jobab	10:10pm Galpo Shalpo Gaan	
Channel i	ntv	Desh TV
09:45am Grameenphone Trilo Matra Citycell Taroka Kathon	12:30am Ei Shomoy	11:45 Shoja Kotha Banglavisision
Drama Serial	ATN Bangla	Desh TV
08:00pm Madhabi Vira	09:30pm Dosh	08:15pm Jahur Ali
08:40pm Tomato		04:00 Jahuri
09:20pm Ketchup Poush Phaguner Pala	08:15pm Shubhra	09:45pm Khoar
	10:30pm Metro	
Channel i	ntv	Boshakhi TV
5:15pm Koushol	08:15pm Banglavisision	08:00pm Empty Pocket
11:30pm All Out	08:15pm Mad Bhai	09:10pm Momer Putul
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	09:45pm Dhupchhaya	
	08:00pm Ek E Shunya	

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