

TODAY AT THE FESTIVAL

On the sixth day (January 30) of The Daily Star-BGTF Theatre Festival, the following plays will be staged at 6:30pm at the Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy:



"Joi Balika" (50th show)
Venue: National Theatre Hall
Troupe: Padatik Natya Sangsad Bangladesh
Playwright: Masum Reza
Director: Shamsul Alam Bakul



"Binodini"
Venue: Experimental Theatre Hall
Troupe: Dhaka Theatre
Playwright: Saymon Zakaria
Director: Nasiruddin Yousuff



"Magoj Shamachar"
Venue: Studio Theatre Hall
Troupe: Theatre Art Unit
Playwright: Hasan Shahriar
Director: Saif Sumon



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Mystique and Magic of Bangladeshi Folk



The Daily Star-BGTF Theatre Festival

Three adaptations staged on the fourth day



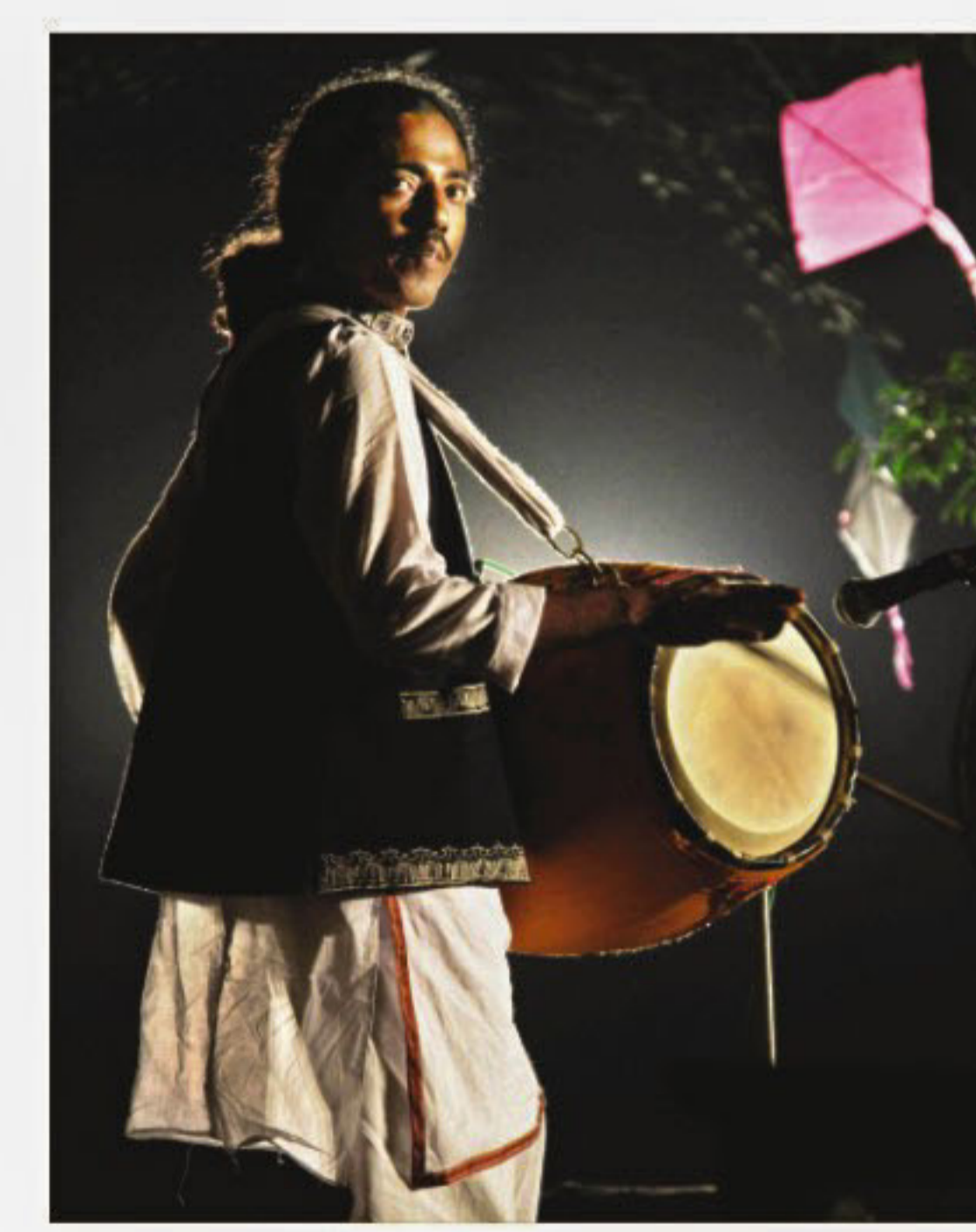
A scene from "Kathal Bagan".

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

On the fourth day (January 28) of The Daily Star-BGTF Theatre Festival, noted troupe Nagarik Natya Sampraday staged its production "Kathal Bagan" at the National Theatre Hall, while Loko Natyadal (Banani) and Natyadhara staged "Shonai Madhob" and "Ebong Aswamedh Jago" respectively at the Experimental Theatre Hall and Studio Theatre Hall.

Nagarik's "Kathal Bagan" is based on Chekhov's "The Cherry Orchard". Noted theatre and media personality Aly Zaker has directed the play. The play depicts the story of a Bengali aristocratic family during a transition. Aly Zaker also played a lead character in the play. Sara Zaker, Pantho Sahriar, Omer Ayaz and Naznin Naz donned other central roles.

Loko Natyadal's "Shonai Madhob" is based on a popular story from "Mymensingh Geetika". Eugene Gomez has directed it. The story of the play was narrated in the traditional form 'padabali jatra'. Natyadhara's "Ebong Aswamedh Jago" is based on a story from the epic "Ramayana". Alok Basu has written the play, while Debashish Ghosh directed it.



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It resembled a makeshift open stage at a village haat (market): musicians jamming under the canopy of a huge tree. Audience sitting on the ground, eagerly waiting for the performance to begin. Indigenous paper decorations and kites adorned the venue...

Marking 20 years of unbiased journalism, The Daily Star arranged a folk festival, titled "Matir Pinjira" at Charukala (Faculty of Fine Arts), Dhaka University on January 28. Leading and emerging folk artists and troupes from all corners of Bangladesh captivated Dhakaities with their soulful renditions of songs of our soil and roots.

Interacting in the dialects of Noakhali and Barisal, General Manager Production and Events of the daily, Selim Shamsul Huda Chowdhury, and Star Arts & Entertainment editor Sadya Aftab welcomed the audience. The programme was directed by the latter.

In his welcoming speech, editor of The Daily Star Mahfuz Anam said, "We, at The Daily Star, would like to sincerely play our

part in the overall development of our country. Celebrating and promoting the vibrancy of our culture has always been our priority, and will continue to be the same in the days ahead."

Saju and his fellow artists kicked off the event by performing songs of the Rangpur region. The troupe's renditions presented the flavour of Bhawaiya. Troupes from other parts of the country -- Kushtia, Chittagong, Noakhali, Rajshahi and Sylhet -- performed traditional folk songs belonging to Baul, Gambhira and Bhatiali subgenres.

The Gambhira performance by Rajshahi-based troupe Mathol was exquisite. Md. Abul Hashem and his troupe rendered songs from the Noakhali region. Chittagong-based troupe Anchola presented melodies from banks of the river Karnafuli. Kala Mian and his troupe from Sylhet offered musical odes to the saint Hazrat Shah Jalal (R).

Eminent and promising folk artists of the country performed solos, written and composed by mystic bards -- Lalon Shahi, Hason Raja, Radha Raman, Baul Shah Abdul Karim, Bijoy Sarkar, Jalal Khan and Abdul Latif.

Noted folk singer Indra Mohon Rajbongshi admired the effort of The Daily

Star in organising the festival. "This is truly a timely step. When musical barrenness is in vogue in the country, The Daily Star has shown determination to resurrect our rich folk traditions through this festival."

"The honour that The Daily Star has bestowed on the country's time-honoured folk culture and artists is remarkable. I sincerely thank the newspaper," said Chandana Majumdar.

Indra Mohon Rajbongshi performed "Tumi Jemon Chhalo Temon Choli" and "Bhab Chhara Labh Hobey Na Mon" while Chandana Majumdar rendered Lalon numbers "Tin Pagoler Holo Mela" and "Shey Ki Cheney Manush Ratan" at the programme. Seasoned singer Mustafa Zaman Abbasi presented "Agey Janley Tor Bhangha Noukaye Chortam Na", "Jey Jon Premer Bhab Janey Na" and others.

Moloy Kumar Ganguly performed the Bijoy Sarkar song "Tui Jami Adar Hoiroi Rey", among others. Khogen Sarkar also sang Bijoy's songs like "Janithey Chai Doyal Tomar" and "Posha Pakhi Urey Jabey". Akramul Islam rendered Hason Raja numbers "Nesha Lagilo Rey", "Shona Bondhey Amarey" while Nashid Kamal performed

"Phandey Poriya Boga Kandey Rey" and "Pran Shokhrey" at the programme. Abu Bakar Siddique, Shefali Sargam, Choyi and others performed "Ami Kemon Korey Potro Likhi Rey", "Orey Tui Amarey Korli Pagol", "Barir Pashey Aarshi Nagar" respectively.

Folk singer Rinku moved the audience with his performance of "Baul Mon", "Dekho Dekho Mono Rai" and "Kanan Haat Bajar" while Ashraf Huda Dollar from Rajshahi stirred souls with the Lalon song "Ami Kangal Hobo Mengey Khabo". Ruptanu on keyboard, Bidyut on octopad, Ratan on dotara, Nazrul on Bangla dhol, Gazi Abdul Hakim on banshi and Makhon on harmonium and violin instrumentally assisted the singers. Debu Chowdhury directed the music.

At the end of the programme, Sadya Aftab Mallick, on behalf of The Daily Star, thanked the audience, expressing the hope of arranging such programmes in future, while Syed Badrul Ankan, editor, Star Current Affairs, thanked the artists and anchors of the event Maskur-e-Sattar Kallol, Sharmin Lucky and Shyamoli Sultana.



BTV	04:45 Drama	08:15 Priyo Mukh
06:10	Adhunik Gaan	09:20 Shamparka
08:40	Drama: Eman Ekti Din	10:45 Rabintra Vubon
12:30	Shur Niketan	Diganta TV
01:25	Shuree Madhuri	12:30 Score Cards
03:45	Char Deyler Kabbo	05:30 Career Line
05:00	Gram Gonjey Khabor	06:30 Alokitia Poth
05:35	Boshudha Dhak Dhol	11:05 Shahitalap
10:45	Bihongoo Katha	Z Studio
12:30	Taroka Kathan	10:30 Indecent Proposal
06:00	The Daily Star Standard	01:30 Venom
11:30	Chartered Fiboner Golpo	03:30 Owe Upon a Mistress
12:00	Prakriti O Jibon	05:40 The Godfather: Part III
12:00	Gramphone Alker	09:30 Chicago
	Shangbadpoto	Star Movies
		01:30 Gagli
		03:35 Over The Top
		05:15 Alien Hunter
		07:00 Alice in Wonderland
		08:55 6th Day
		11:05 When in Rome
RTV	04:10 Janar Achhey Bolar	12:45 Drag Me To Hell
	Achhey	

abc Radio FM 89.2	10:00pm Morning Express
06:00am	12:30pm No Tension
09:00am	04:00pm Dhaka Calling
12:00pm	09:00pm Full Volume
03:00pm	11:00pm Back to Back music
05:00pm	04:00pm RADIO TODAY FM 89.2
07:00pm	11:00pm Must Unlimited
09:00pm	01:00pm Today's Adda
11:00pm	04:00pm U Tum
RADIO FOOTBI	08:00pm Today's Hot Hot
07:30am	12:00pm Today's Happy Moments

Priyo Mukh
On Boishakhi at 08:15pm
Life Style Show
Guest: Emom

Star Trek
On HBO at 11:30pm
Genre: Action/Adventure
Cast: Chris Pine, Zachary Quinto

Srinkhol
On ntv at 09:00pm
Single Episode TV Play
Cast: Humayun Faridee, Badhon

05:30	Agnar Jiggasha	HBO	11:15	Biker Boyz
07:20	Sholo Ana Bangali Ana	01:30	Transformers	
09:00	Drama: Sirkhole	05:00	If Looks Could Kill	
04:02	DW Today Tomorrow	07:00	The Perfect Man	
05:30	Ei Shoptaker Bishwa	09:30	Hachiko: A Dog's Story	
06:30	Desh Jurey Oporadh	11:30	Star Trek	
	Perikroma	Star World		
07:50	Musical Programme: Ta Na Na	12:30	Two And A Half Men	
10:10	Media Gossip	04:30	Burn Notice	
		08:30	How I Met Your Mother	
		09:30	Coffee With Karen	
		10:30	Whose Line Is It Anyway	
		11:30	Warehouse 13	
		National Geographic Channel		
		11:30	Mega Factories	
		12:30	Nat Geo Women's Hour	
		04:30	Huge Moves	
		08:30	A Traveller's Guide to the Planets	
		11:30	Nat Geo Specials	
		11:30	Undercover	
		BBC World		
		11:00	BBC World News	
		11:30	India Business Report	
		04:10	World Features	
		05:30	Russia Business Report	
		07:15	Sport Today	
		11:00	BBC World News	

CHANNEL 1	ETV
05:30pm	Mohopaner Golpo
07:50pm	Chaital Pagol
ATN BANGLA	BANGLAVISION
09:20pm	Banglar Baro Vota
RTV	09:45pm
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RTV	News (Bangla) at 8:00 am, 2:00 pm, 5:00 pm, 8:00 pm, 10:00 pm, 11:00 pm.
BANGLAVISION	News (Bangla) at 7:30am, 1:30pm, 5:00pm, 7:15pm, 10:30pm.
ATN BANGLA	News (English) at 10:00am, 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
RTV	News (Bangla): 7:30am, 12:02pm, 2:00pm, 7:30pm, 10:20pm, 1:50am
ATN BANGLA	News (Bangla): 7:30am, 12:02pm, 2:00pm, 7:30pm, 10:20pm, 1:50am
NEWS (Bangla)	8:00am, 11:00 am, 1:00pm, 3:00pm, 5:00pm, 7:00pm, 8:00pm, 11:00pm

BTV	06:20pm	Super Brand
10:25pm	Dhangkar er Bangladesh	12:00am
		Ei Shomoy
ATN BANGLA	ETV	
11:05am	Asian City Vision 2020	12:02pm
Desh TV	11:50pm	Ekusher Dupur
11:50pm	Shoja Katha	BANGLAVISION
09:00pm	Amar Ami	09:00pm
CHANNEL 1	RTV	08:30pm
09:45am	Gramphone Tritimatra	Meet to Democracy