

WHAT'S ON

**Solo Art Exhibition**  
Title: Watercolor and Paintings  
Artist: Hamiduzzaman Khan  
Venue: Galleri Kaya, Uttara  
Date: May 24-June 6  
Time: 1pm-8pm

**Concert**  
Band: Dolchhut  
Venue: Indira Gandhi Cultural Centre (Library & Auditorium), H-35, R-24, Gulshan 1  
Date: June 1, Time: 6:30pm

**Film Screening**  
Title: Emmas Glück  
Venue: Berlin Hall, Goethe-Institut, H-10, Rd-9 (New), Dhanmondi

**Solo Art Exhibition**  
Title: Tribute to Bijan Choudhury  
Artist: Bijan Choudhury  
Venue: Bengal Foundation, H-275/F, R-27 (Old), Dhanmondi  
Date: May 22-31

**Solo Art Exhibition**  
Title: Tumi Achho Ontorey  
Artist: Rezaan Nabi  
Venue: Shilpakalam Gallery, H-7, R-13(New), Dhanmondi  
Date: May 18-30

**Group Drawing Exhibition**  
Title: Freefall  
Venue: Bengal Art Lounge, 60 Gulshan Avenue, Circle 1  
Date: May 24-June 11

**Musical Soiree**  
Organiser: Shuddho Sangeet Proshar Goshthi  
Venue: 32 Lane, Kalabagan  
Date: May 31  
Time: 6pm

**ITI Theatre Fest**  
Venue: Shilpakala Academy, Sherganbagh  
Date: May 27-June 3  
Time: 7pm everyday

Children take to the palette  
Death anniversary of Shilpacharya Zainul Abedin

AMINUL ISLAM, Mymensingh

A painting competition for children was held in the town on Friday afternoon, marking the 36th death anniversary of Shilpacharya Zainul Abedin, a pioneer of modern art.

Organised by Shilpacharya Zainul Abedin Sangrahashala (art gallery) at Shaheb Quarter Park area of the town, the painting competition was attended by some 100 students in four groups from different educational institutions of the town.

Dr. Bijoy Krishna Banik, deputy keeper of the art gallery inaugurated the competition. In his inaugural speech, Dr. Banik said that Shilpacharya brought the country's art to world standards.

"We should remember the contribution of Shilpacharya to our art and produce many more talents in this field," said Dr. Banik.

Abdur Rouf, a lecturer of Shilpacharya Zainul Abedin Fine Arts College; Md. Abu Zafar of Mymensingh Cantonment Public School and College were the judges of the competition.

Marking the great artist's death anniversary, a discussion will be held at the art gallery's auditorium on May 28.

Deputy Commissioner of Mymensingh Lokman Hossain Miah will be the chief guest while Mymensingh Police Superintendent Golam Kibria will address the discussion as special guest.

Advocate Moazzem Hossain Babul and Professor Md. Safin Omar at Fine Arts Faculty of Jatiyo Kabi Kazi Nazrul Islam University in Trishal will be the discussants.

The chief guest will distribute prizes among the winners of the painting competition.

CELEBRATING NAZRUL'S CREATIVITY



(Clockwise from left): Artistes of Nrityanchal demonstrated a vibrant dance at Shilpakala Academy. A choral performance by the artistes of Chhayanaut. Renowned singer Mustafa Zaman Abbasi awarded the 'Nazrul Academy Award 2012'. Awardees with eminent Nazrul artistes at the ceremony.

113th anniversary of Kazi Nazrul Islam

Bangladesh-India joint celebrations at Shilpakala Academy

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The first day of the two-day celebrations of National Poet Kazi Nazrul Islam's 113th birth anniversary as well as the 90th anniversary of publication of the poem "Bidrohi" featured discussions, music, recitations and dance. Bangladesh and India jointly arranged the programme at the National Theatre Hall, Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy, on May 25-26.

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina formally inaugurated the celebration on May 25 in the morning at the Bangabandhu International Conference Centre.

The second session of the day's programme [at the National Theatre Hall] commenced with a discussion on the subject, "Nazrul-e Bidroher Surup Ebong 'Bidrohi' Kabita". Poet Muhammad Nurul Huda presented the keynote paper, while Professor Mohit-ul-Alam and Nazrul researcher Badhon Sengupta (India) discussed various aspects of the topic.

Professor Emeritus Serajul Islam Choudhury presided over the discussion. In his remarks, Professor Choudhury said, "Nazrul penned poems and songs to fight against odds and to ensure freedom for people. As an individual, he was directly involved with such struggles. Discrimination will always go parallel with human struggle. We have to look forward to the future, once we have overcome such discrimination."

Executive Director of Nazrul Institute Rashid Haider delivered the vote of thanks.

After the discussion, the cultural programme started with a choral rendition of the song, "O Bhai Khati Shonar Cheye". Artistes of Dhaka Shangkritik DOL took part in the rendition. This was followed by a rendition of "Jago, Anoshan Bondi".

Artistes of Nrityanchal demonstrated a vibrant dance with the song "Chal, Chal, Chal".

Bangladesh's eminent Nazrul artistes, notably Ferdous Ara, Nashid Kamal, Rebeka Sultana, Shahin Samad, Salauddin Ahmed, Lina Taposhi Khan, Sujit Mustafa, Khilkhil Kazi and Fahmida Rahman rendered solo numbers.

Nashid Kamal, Rebeka Sultana and Ferdous Ara respectively sang "Bashite Shur Shuniye", "Dhulite Kar" and "Ami Kul Chhere Chholiam". Indian singer Susmita Goswami rendered "Mor Bodhu Jeno Badha Thake".

Nazrul exponent Sudhin Das directed the musical phase of the programme.

Indian elocutionist Pradip Ghosh recited two poems, including "Gahi Shamyer Gaan", while

Bangladeshi elocutionist Shahadat Hossain recited the ever popular "Kandari Hushiar". The day's programme also included a dance recital by Nritya Bihar of Khulna.

Chhayanaut celebrations

ZAHANGIR ALAM

Marking the 113th birth anniversary of our National Poet Kazi Nazrul Islam, Chhayanaut Shangkriti Bhaban organised a two day celebration starting from May 25, at the main auditorium of Chhayanaut.

Discussion, solo and choral renditions, recitation and dance performances, featuring noted and promising artistes and cultural organisations marked the opening day's programme.

Artistes of Chhayanaut welcomed the packed audience with the rendition of a choral song "Rumjhum Rumjhum". General secretary of Chhayanaut, Khairul Anam Shakil delivered the welcome address. Professor Bishwajit Ghosh of the Department of Bengali Literature of Dhaka University delivered an insightful speech on Kazi Nazrul Islam. President of Chhayanaut Deshikotom Dr. Sanjida Khatun presided over the session.

"The practice of Nazrul literature is relevant to us even today because of the rebel poet's staunch anti-colonial, anti-fundamentalist and anti-communal stance. Nazrul sings songs of the human spirit and upholds the conscience of humanity above all. We should therefore carry on Nazrul practice, not partially but completely," said Bishwajit Ghosh.

The presentation of a group dance with a live choral performance of the song "Dao Shourjo Dao Dhoirjo" by the artistes of Chhayanaut followed.

Several solo renditions were a treat for connoisseurs of classical music, as the high point of Nazrul compositions is the blossoming of various ragas. Nazrul not only excelled in incorporating ragas in his compositions, he even created some raga and taal -- a unique feat in Bengali music.

Set on Raga "Pilu", accomplished vocalist and a teacher of Chhayanaut Priyanka Gope moved the audience with her soulful rendition of the song "Sur-e O Banir Mala Diye Tumi". Noted singer Salahuddin Ahmed captured the melody of Raga "Khamaj" in his pristine performance of the song "Amar Kon Kuley Aaj Bhirio Tori". Iftekhar Alam Pradhan Dollar produced beats of laggi on dadra during the performance.

Based on a romantic Raga "Rageshree", Anindita Chowdhury was immaculate in the lyrical and melancholy "Kemoney Rakhi Aa(n)khibari Chapiya". Nahian Durdana Shuchi, with a sweet voice, captivated the audience with her rendition of "Ami Sundar Nohi".

Promising classical vocalist Latifun Julio offered

"Ogo Ontorjami Bhokter Tabo" at the programme. Mohit Khan's rendition of the song "Shawon Asilo Phirey" was admirable while Sanjay Kabiraj superbly performed "Sakhi Bolo Bo(n)dhuairey" at the event.

Seasoned singers Sumon Chowdhury, Ferdous Ara, Shelu Barua, Suman Majumder, Fakir Shahidul Islam Suman, Rahat Ara Geeti, Badrunessa Dalia, Mahua Manjuri Sunanda, Mafizur Rahman, Mahmudul Hasan and others rendered solos. Artistes of Sursaptak and Hindal presented choral songs at the event.

Asit Biswas on esraj, Iftekhar Hossain Shohel on keyboard, Enamul Haque Omar, Swarup Hossain and Dollar on Tabla and Pradip Kumar Roy on mandira instrumentally accompanied the singers.

Noted dancer Sharmila Bandyopadhyay gave a performance. Samina Hossain Prema, Sushmita Lopa and Juyeirah Mouli danced to a live rendition of "Srijan Chhondey Anandey". Kristi Hefaz and Jayanto Roy gave recitations at the programme.

Artistes of Chhayanaut performed a choral in the dhrupad genre "Jago Amrito Piyashi Chito" that wrapped up the opening day's programme. ATN Bangla was the media partner of the event.

Nazrul Academy observes Poet's birth anniversary

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

To celebrate the 113th birth anniversary of National Poet Kazi Nazrul Islam as well as to mark the 90th anniversary of the publication of his most famed creation "Bidrohi", Nazrul Academy organised a three day festival. The festival was inaugurated on May 23 at the main auditorium of Bangladesh National Museum, and ended on May 25 at Nazrul Academy in Moghbazar. The festival featured discussion, music rendition, dance performance, recitation and award giving ceremony.

Begum Uma Kazi, daughter-in-law of the poet attended the programme as chief guest. Khilkhil Kazi, grand daughter of the poet; research and publication secretary of Nazrul Academy M Mizanur Rahman; Nashid Kamal, member of the academy; M Atikur Rahman, joint-secretary of the academy; among others, spoke on the occasion. Noted poet, folklorist and president of Nazrul Academy Dr. Ashraf Siddiqui presided over the programme. On the opening day of the festival the academy awarded renowned singer Mustafa Zaman Abbasi with 'Nazrul Academy Award 2012' for his outstanding contribution to Nazrul songs. He received the award from Begum Uma Kazi.

The festival began with a song-and-dance presentation by the artistes of Nazrul Academy. Syed Abu Zafar



Ahmed Rasul, vice-president of the academy recited the poem "Bidrohi".

Mintu Rahman, general secretary of Nazrul Academy delivered the welcome speech. He said, "Nazrul was not only a poet, but also a great philosopher. The main aspect of his philosophy was welfare of the people and the country."

Dr Ashraf Siddiqui said, "Through his poems and songs, Nazrul had inspired people to fight against injustice, cruelty and repression during the British colonial rule. His songs and poems were also a key source of inspiration for the freedom fighters during the Liberation War."

On the second day of the festival, the musical programme featured solo and group performances by the teachers of the academy and promising singers of the country. Teachers of the academy-- Karim Shahabuddin, Moidul Islam, Md Bodiuazzaman Badol, and Mazharul Islam Talash rendered songs at the programme. Promising singers Fahmida Rahman, Sirajul Islam, Konika Naznin, Tanjina Karim, Azharul Islam, Obayedur Rahman and others performed at the programme. Singers rendered the songs like "Hey Priyo Amare Debo Na Bhulite", "Jhumra Nach Nachey Key", "Ami Purob Desher Puro Naari", "Sundar Atithi Esho", "Priyo Emon Raat", "Nodir Naam Shoi", "Chander Konyat" and more.

Dancers Amiruzzaman Moni, Gazi Sanjida, Susana, Josna and others performed at the programme.

Nazrul Padak conferred

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

On the occasion of the 113th birth anniversary of National Poet Kazi Nazrul Islam, Nazrul Sangeet Shilpi Parishad (NSSP) organised a two-day festival. Veteran Nazrul singer Sohrab Hossain inaugurated the event on May 25 as chief guest. The programme ended yesterday. The event was held at Shawkar Osman Memorial Auditorium, National Public Library in Shahbagh. The event featured songs, film screening, recitation of Nazrul's works and dance performances with Nazrul Sangeet by leading and upcoming artistes.

This year, Nazrul Padak was conferred on Nazrul singers Ferdousi Rahman and M.A. Mannan. To generate wider interest in Nazrul's life and works, NSSP and Banglalink also awarded twenty dedicated Nazrul singers in different districts of the country.

Sujit Mostafa, general secretary of NSSP; Shibli Sadik, public relations officer of Banglalink; Shahab Ahmad, senior marketing director of Banglalink, senior artistes, cultural activists, among others, attended the programme.

To draw wider attention to Nazrul's life and works,

NSSP has taken several initiatives including monthly musical soirees, workshops and seminars. NSSP has an elaborate plan to establish branches in every district and arrange musical programmes. The organisation also focuses on preserving the authenticity of lyrics and tunes of Nazrul songs.

Banglalink sponsored the event.

People urge government initiatives in memory of Nazrul-Promila

ZAHANGIR SHAH, Manikganj

People of Manikganj including cultural organisers urged the government to take initiatives in memory of National Poet Kazi Nazrul Islam and his wife Promila at Teota, the birthplace of Nazrul's wife Promila Devi, under Shivalaya upazila in Manikganj.

Teota Nazrul-Promila Parishad, Teota Nazrul-Promila Sahitya Sangsad and Teota Nazrul-Promila Sanskritik Goshthi jointly organised the discussion at Teota Academy premises on Friday to celebrate the 113th birth anniversary of Nazrul.

Abdul Hye Talukder presided over the discussion where professor Abdul Mannan, Muhammad Asad, Nazrul researcher and secretary of Teota Nazrul-Promila Parishad, Timuni Khan Rino of Nazrul-Promila Parishad, actor Fazul Haque, Abdus Shukur Biswas, president and Mozammel Haque, general secretary of Teota Nazrul-Promila Sahitya Sangsad, Saiful Islam, general secretary of Teota Nazrul-Promila Sanskritik Goshthi, Ajay Kumer Chakrabarty, Jahangir Bhuyan and Shahjahan Biswas were the discussants.

They pointed out that since Nazrul spent a considerable time in Teota when he was courting Promila the authorities should take initiatives to revive and uphold their memory.

Later, a rally was brought out.

Nazrul Jayanti in Sylhet

IQBAL SIDDIQUEE, Sylhet

A two-day event in observance of Nazrul Jayanti began at the Sylhet Friday morning. The first day's programme began with the placing of floral wreaths at the poet's image at Nazrul Chatrar in the city's Rikabibazar area in the morning. The other events included a discussion, cultural function, poetry recitation and children's art competition organised by the

Sylhet Nazrul Parishad.

Deputy Commissioner Khan Mohammad Bilal announced the renaming of Sylhet auditorium as 'Kabi Nazrul Auditorium'. Lawmaker Syeda Zebunnesa Haque, Shishu Academy's district organiser Mahbubul Zaman Chowdhury, Sammlita Sangskritik Jote General secretary Shamsul Alam Selim, Sammlita Natya Parishad president Syed Manir Helal, Nazrul Academy president Syed Misbah Uddin and Nazrul Sangeet Shilpi Parishad General secretary Bijon Roy also spoke among others while Aminul Islam Chowdhury Liton conducted the event.

Young artistes from various organisations took part in a cultural function in the evening.

Nazrul Academy and other organisations also arranged separate programme in observance of the 113th birth anniversary of the Rebel Poet.

Packed cultural calendar

AMINUL ISLAM, Mymensingh

The rendition of Nazrul songs like "Mor Priya Hob-e Esho Rani", "Mora Aar Jonome Hangsha Mithun Chhobam" and "Chand Heriche Chand Mukhu Tar", to cite just a few of the Rebel Poet's romantic and classical songs marked the 113th birth anniversary celebrations of Nazrul at Darirampur in Trishal on May 26.

The three-day celebrations conclude on May 27.

Prominent cultural troupes of the district and outside performed at the programme. The troupes included Sandipon Sangskritik Sangstha, Bidrohi Natya Ghoshthi, Udichi Shilpi Ghoshthi Mymensingh and Muktagacha unit, Zila Shilpakala Academy, Trishaptak Sangskritik Academy, Mukhush NatyaSangstha, Suchana, Shuktara, Kalokakoli, Swaralipi and many more.

Bidrohi Natya Ghoshthi staged "Allarakkha" based on Nazrul's literary work "Jiner Badsha". The play was directed by Ashraful Gani Upol.

Mahbub Hossain Sharif, director of Sandipon Sangskritik Sangstha said the artistes, especially the young, are very keen to perform at such a big event, adding "Performance at the celebrations will surely encourage the young talents."

Besides rendition of songs, dance sequences and recitation from Nazrul's poetry was also held on the first two days of the celebration. A poet gathering was held marking the celebration.

The celebrations are being followed by a three-day Nazrul Mela at Darirampur High School ground. Hundreds of stalls with attractive items and food were set up at the fair.

Earlier, LGRD minister Syed Ashraful Islam inaugurated the celebrations as chief guest.

In his speech, the minister said that the people of this region regard Nazrul as one of their own. Terming Nazrul as a renaissance poet, the minister added that the Rebel Poet Nazrul was a poet of equality and humanity.

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| 11:20      | Business and Finance             | Desh TV                           |
| 01:25      | Shurer Madhuri                   | Gaan R Gaan                       |
| 05:35      | Dhak Dhol                        | Durpath                           |
| 08:00      | Drama Serial: Padmar Poth Nai    | Sanskritir Sharadesh              |
|            | Drama Serial: Chayanani Kayanari | Drama Serial: Mayer Daa Poribahan |
| 09:20      |                                  | Tribute to the Legend             |
| CHANNEL i  |                                  | Diganta TV                        |
| 01:05      | Ebong Cinemar Gaan               | Priyo Shilpi Priyo Gaan           |
| 02:40      | Groey Ghorey Gaaner Uthub        | Drama Serial: Village Politics    |
| 06:00      | Chhayaphankar                    | Gaaner Jekha                      |
| 09:35      | Drama Serial: Longakanda         | News of the Day                   |
| 11:30      | Prokriti O Jibon                 | Maasranga Television              |
|            |                                  | Bangla Feature Film               |
| 08:45      | Bangla Feature Film              | Binodin Sharadin                  |
| 04:10      | Janar Achhey Bolar Achhey        | Drama Serial: Khontakaly          |
| 06:15      | Shubho Shondhya                  | Tea-quiz                          |
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| abc Radio FM 89.2 | 07:30 Hello Dhaka            |
| 09:00             | Mukhuto Bioney               |
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| 07:30             | Morning Express              |
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**Helicopter On CHANNEL 9**  
at 08:30pm  
Drama Serial  
Cast: Shamim Zaman, Rawnak Hassan

**The Lincoln Lawyer**  
On Fox Movies  
at 07:00pm  
Genre: Crime/ Drama  
Cast: Matthew McConaughey,

**Oloshpur On Rtv at 09:45pm**  
Drama Serial  
Cast: Fazlur Rahman Babu, Alvi

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| 09:00        | Drama                                | CHANNEL 9 |                             |
| 11:30        | Music Jam                            | 09:15     | Bangla Feature Film         |
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| ETV          |                                      | 07:00     | Rang Shubon Nao             |
| 10:30        | Ekusher Business                     | 08:30     | Dhaka Calling               |
| 04:02        | Drama: Mehler Negar                  | 10:20     | Full Volume                 |
| 05:30        | Dokhina Haoya                        | 11:15     | Hits & Bits                 |
| 07:50        | Drama: Chithi                        |           | Fox Movies                  |
| 08:20        | Drama Serial: Ohongkar               | 11:00     | The Mechanic                |
|              |                                      | 12:35     | Men in Black II             |
| Boishakhi TV |                                      | 04:50     | Erin Brockovich             |
| 11:15        | The Business Show                    | 07:00     | Lincoln Lawyer              |
| 04:15        | Shorashori Doctor                    | 09:00     | UFC 146: Dos Santos vs. Mir |
| 05:30        | Shuddho Cinemar Gaan                 |           | Star World                  |
| 08:00        | Drama Serial: Istikutim Fashion Haat | 11:30     | Satyamev Jayate             |
| 08:35        |                                      | 01:00     | The Front Row               |
| 11:05        | Shokal Belar Roddur                  | 01:30     | The Big Bang Theory         |
| 01:05        | Bangla Feature Film                  | 08:30     | Revenge                     |
| 06:05        | Ebong Class-er Bailey                | 10:30     | Desperate Housewives        |
| 08:15        | Drama Serial: Ladies First           |           | Discovery Channel           |
| 11:25        | Business Vision                      | 12:10     | Terra Quiz                  |
| Rtv          |                                      | 04:30     | Man Woman Wild              |
| 12:35        | Bangla Feature Film                  | 07:30     | Destroyed in Seconds        |
| 08:20        | Drama Serial: Chorkobak              | 08:00     | My Naked Secret             |
| 09:50        | Dhupokul Kahini                      |           |                             |
| 11:30        | Drama Serial: Ural                   |           |                             |

DRAMA SERIAL

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CHANNEL 1

07:50pm Noorjahan

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08:15pm Bondhu Amar

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09:30pm Tattu Chora

Boishakhi TV

09:20pm Ognipath

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09:05pm Long March

Rtv

09:05pm Okhoshur

Desh TV

08:15pm Sat Kahon

Maaranga Television

08:00pm Sat Savdagar

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| ATN BANGLA   | 09:20pm Onipath                              |
| 08:40pm  | Chora Goli                                   |
| CHANNEL i  | 09:05pm Long March                           |
| 07:50pm  | Noorjahan                                    |
| 08:15pm  | Bondhu Anar                                  |
| ETV  | 08:15pm Sat Kahon                            |
| 09:30pm  | Tattu Ghora                                  |
| Boishakhi TV   | 08:00pm Sat Sawdagar                         |
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| TALK SHOW  |                      |
| ATN BANGLA | 10:10pm Media Gossip |
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| 09:45am    | Tristo Matra         |
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Theatre in Asia in Theatre

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A weeklong international theatre festival arranged by the Bangladesh Centre of International Theatre Institute (ITI) begins today at the National Theatre Hall, Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy. ITI will arrange the festival in association with the Ministry of Cultural Affairs and Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy.

The festival will feature 25 plays by local and overseas troupes. Two Indian troupes, along with one each from China and

United Arab Emirates will take part at the festival.

The festival commences today with the staging of the Theatre production "Payer Awaj Pawa Jae" at the National Theatre Hall. Plays will simultaneously be staged at three venues-- National Theatre Hall, Experimental Theatre Hall and Studio Theatre Hall throughout the festival.

Professor Emeritus Anisuzzaman is expected to be present as chief guest at the inaugural ceremony this evening. Among others, Suraiya Begum, ndc, Secretary, Ministry of Cultural Affairs and Tobias

Biancone, secretary general, ITI Worldwide will be present as special guests. ITI Worldwide President Ramendu Majumdar will preside over the inaugural session.

Among Bangladesh troupes, Dhaka Theatre, Theatre, Aranyak Natyadal, Desh Natok, Dhaka Padatik, Nagarik Natyasampraday, Bangla Theatre, Mahakal, Dept. of Theatre, DU; Oikik Theatre and Shunnon will stage plays.

Shadhona and Pallabi Dance Centre will stage their respective dance dramas "Mayar Khela" and "Shapmochoon". Traditional theatre form such as Dhamer

Gaan will be staged at the festival as well.

Apart from staging of plays, the festival will also feature an international seminar and a workshop on Chinese opera.

Noted theatre personality and President of ITI Bangladesh Centre Nasiruddin Youssuf hoped that the festival will be a gathering for local and international theatre activists.

Everyday plays will be start at 7pm. The festival will end on June 3. ITI has been arranging the festival since 1991.

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