

26th September 2013

Mahabharata Part 3: The War



A drama production on a large scale is always the result of a team effort, and this was certainly true of the final installment of the Mahabharata Dramas, which started in 2008 with *Beginnings*, continued in 2009 with *Exile in the Forest*. First of all, the students were dedicated in their attendance at the rehearsals. Then we had great help from Mohan Sir with the many group and individual fights in the play, and also with the costume design. Naresh Sir made very high quality props, mainly weapons. And Muskan Sir organized the live music, which consisted of the stirring drums and high pitched conch shells. Lighting was provided by Raj Kumar Pudasaini, and was particularly effective in the setting of Theatre Village in Kathmandu. Publicity was handled indefatigably by Tejendra Sir, the ticketing by Babita Shrestha, and the striking poster was created by Shreeti Prajapati. Thanks to all!

The amount of energy given by the actors in rehearsals led to a high standard of production. The great *Bhagavad Gita* riveted the audiences due to the passion displayed by Chandan Thakur as Arjun and the wisdom shown by Ashutosh Adhikari as Krishna. Prabat Mandal was convincing as the world weary Bishma, and KU student Pranish Shrestha, who appeared in the 2008 production, gave gravitas and emotional conviction as the tortured Karna.

The play gained excitement from the antagonists in the Kauravas. Ural Kafle as Duryodhan was coldly arrogant and Samip Pokharel as Duhsasan was a brutish co-worker. Priyam Pokharel as Drona showed lonely independence, and Samyak Tamrakar as Dhritarashtra caught the empty gestures of the blind king convincingly.

Dipankar Bhatta Chhetri gave a performance of stature as the enigmatic Vyas. Sonia Thebe was a dignified Ghandari, finally unleashing her passion in the penultimate scene. Aakriti Chhetri as the unforgiving Draupadi, gave a performance of concentrated and towering emotion, while the impulsive Bhim was well portrayed by Samyak Bajracharya.

Each night audiences gasped at the pathos in the death of Abhimanyu, most convincingly played by Shishir Kisi. And throughout the play, the individual doubts and tortured mind of Yudhisthir were conveyed in the anguished performance of Abhishek Acharya. The supporting roles of Kunti (Sweta Tamang), Amba (Puja Maskey) Subhadra (Kabya Shrestha) and Salya (Saphal Ram Shrestha) were ably taken.

Newcomers Astitwo Kapali (the Boy), Diwas Lamsal (Sanjay), Sanatan Rijal (Dhristadyumna), Bibhav Shrestha (Jayadratha) and Sudeep Lama (Aswatthaman) acquitted themselves well, while each night Shashank Khatiwada made a startling appearance as Ghatotkatch. The two hunters were well-played by Sahas Ram Shrestha and Pratyush Singh.

A great backstage team contributed to the running of the shows: Apechya Bajracharya, Aastha Pokherel, Yashu Shrestha and Jenisha Shrestha were the makeup artists. Samyam Ghimire handled the sound track, and the huge props lists was efficiently managed by Swikriti Khadka, while Sarbendra Acharya and Ashley Gurung kept the continuity smooth.

Audiences - stirred by the incessant twists and turns in the action - were moved by the mysterious final scene entitled 'The Last Illusion', and left the theatre feeling that the huge canvas of the Mahabharata had been convincingly displayed by the masterful KUHS students.

Mahabharata: Part 3 -The War. Video of the production available

A high quality, professionally produced video of the Mahabharata drama is available. This is an excellently edited film (four cameras were used). The cost is Rs 500.

KUHS Trekking Programme

We are starting up the trekking programme and the follow treks will be offered:

Class 7	Helambu Trek (7 days) Estimated cost Rs 9600
Class 8	Helambu Trek (alternative) (7 days) Estimated cost Rs 9600
A Level	Annapurna Base Camp (9 days) Estimated cost Rs 15000

These prices are based on 30 students trekking, and if 20 are trekking, the price will be a bit higher. Further details to follow. The treks may be in late November, early December, or January.

Result

The result of **Half Yearly Examination** has been scheduled on **19th Ashwin 2070** (5th October 2013). Please come to school to take report card between 9.00am to 12.00noon. We also would like to request you to interact with concerned teachers about your child progress. We always appreciate for your healthy feedback.

Winter Uniform

After Dashain vacation, the Mercury Level goes down sharply in Dhulikhel area. So, we would like to manage winter uniforms (Sweater, Stockings, Blazer, Blanket etc) for your child. If Chewanprash is necessary for Junior students, please send with name tag. (For Uniform please contact Harry Collection 01-4225847)

Dashain Vacation and Homework

As per the calendar, Dashain Vacation begins only for 24th Ashwin 2070(10th October 2013). So, we would like to request to you not to ask for early holiday for your child as these four days are also regular days. The students will be getting Dashain project works as a part of the assignment.

Joint School Literary Contest

On 5th September 2013, we the students of grade 7 to 10 went for Joint School Literary Contest at St. Xaviers, Jawalakhel. Bikaram Dai was there as our guide. We reached there at 12.30p.m. After reaching school, we sat in the park for some time and went to library to see some books. The program continued for 1 hour 30mins. It was really fun to be there. We would like to thank to school for organizing such a program and hope that this type of program will be conducted in future.
Susmita 7B

Joint School Sports Meet 2013

On 14th September 2013, there was Joint School Sports Meet at St. Xavier's school, Jawalakhel. There were many students participating from our school in many sport activities like football, basketball, volleyball, badminton and tug of war. All the participants performed their best in every activity. In football, senior team won first match and there was draw on the second match. Similarly, junior team won two of the 3 matches and lost one. The girl's side also got the same result as the junior team won the two matches and lost the other. In Basketball, our luck didn't seem to favor us as we lost all the matches. In Volleyball, we won two matches and lost one whereas in badminton, the boys' side won two and lost one match. The girl's side lost 2 and won one match. At last but not the least, in tug of war both boys and girl's side won one match and lost 2 of them. The teachers from the four schools had also played friendly football match in which Rosebud teamed up with KUHS against the team of St. Xaviers' Jawalakhel and Godavari. The program finally ended at about half past four and everybody returned to their homes. We would like to thank the Joint School Committee for organizing such a wonderful program and hope that this type of program will be conducted in future.
Mandip Bkahunche and Umang Raj Shrestha 9B

4th victory of KUHS Girls Football Team

As we all know this is the fourth trophy won by KUHS girls football team in this 4th Brishaspati Silver Jubilee Running Inter school girls 6 – A side football cup 2013. Our first match was with Brishaspati. We won the match by 1-0 where Ngima was the scorer and Saru was the awarded the best player. Our 2nd match was with SXG in which we won the match by 1-0 where Rajshree Pandey had secured the goal and secured the best player of the match. Our quarter finals was with NIMS where we again won by 3-1 goals were scored by Shristi, Ngima and Rajshree. Then we had our semi-finals with White Field Int'l College where we won the by 1-0 a goal scored by Rajshree in a free kick. After getting a 20 minutes break, we faced the finals with Arunima. We were about to the beat the match but unfortunately at the last 30 seconds, the score was 1-1. Then, we had 10 min extra time but no goals were scored. Our match ended in penalty where our keeper Ashley saved the 1st goal and all our 3 penalty shooters Ritika, Shristi and Rajshree were been able to score goals. So this is how we were able to bring the the cup and shields in our school. Lastly, thank you Ram Chandra sir (coach) Nikita Deuja (manager) and school administration for the support and encouragement to us, the football lovers.
Pratistha Saakha 9B

The NMB Bank Inter –School Heritage Painting competition

On 21st September, I had gone to Patan Durbar museum to participate in an inter school Heritage Painting competition which was organized by the NMB bank. I reached there at 7.30 am with many other students from different schools. As only one student was able to represent a school, I didn't expect any friends to be arriving there at that time. So, after waiting for a while we were distributed our ID cards and the 'NMB Bank' T-shirts along with brunch. While having my brunch, I also had a chance to meet new people and make a few friends. After that, we were distributed the materials we needed for the painting. Then, there were short speeches delivered by the Head of NMB Bank and Srijana College of fine Arts. The competition finally started off at 9.10am. With the peaceful and historical environment of the place the participants were able to show their creativity along with the knowledge they had on the heritage of our country. The competition was very good and was tough as well. All the participants had come up with different ideas and techniques so after 180minutes of serious painting we had a click of the whole team of participants. Then, nearly at 12.15pm the whole program ended and everyone slowly left the museum and parted their ways. I had a good experience being there. Thank you KUHS.
Slesha Shrestha 10A