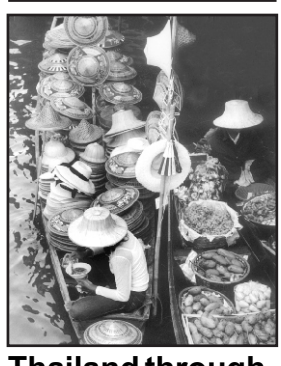


RECOMMENDATIONS



Thailand through my eyes

March 01 Bengal Gallery of Fine arts will hold a photography exhibition by Dr Rashid Un Nabi titled, 'Thailand through my eyes' on March 01 at 6:30p.m. The exhibition will continue everyday from 12-8p.m. till March 10 (Closed on public holidays).

Exhibition

February 28 - March 9 A solo exhibition by artist Tahera Khanom will start at the Gallery Chittrak on February 28 at 5:30p.m. The exhibition will continue everyday from 10a.m. - 8p.m. till March 9.

Mobile art exhibition

February 26 - March 2 Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy in co-operation with The British School has organised a 5 daylong mobile art exhibition, which will take place at The British School auditorium on February 26 at 11a.m.

Music



British popstar Sophie Ellis Bextor performs during a concert in Zurich on February 26.

Music

'Children are the audience that I search for'

HARIPRASAD Chaurasia, India's most renowned flautist and Padma Vibhushan awardee tells Shivranjini Krishnamurthy that Indian classical music is under no threat because "anything created by God is here to stay"

When did you realise that music was your world, and that's where you would excel?

I'm still in the process of realising that. I'm a student, and the learning process never ceases. But, otherwise, I started my musical pursuit when I was 15 under the guidance of Pandit Rajaram.

You started as a vocalist: why did you switch to the flute?

I was 15 when I began learning vocal techniques. But, within a year, I switched to playing the flute, as my vocal chords weren't suited for singing. My guru, Pandit Bholanath, suggested singing through the flute, so I started playing the flute. I trained under him for eight years.

Having come from a non-musical background, how difficult was it to establish yourself in the world of music?

It was very difficult, indeed. I got the initial break in 1957, when All India Radio (AIR), Cuttack, hired me as a musician. In 1962, I was transferred to AIR, Bombay. But my performing career really took off after 1965, when I left AIR.

How does it feel to get such vast recognition and awards?

Oh! It is really a great feeling. I was thrilled to receive the Padma Vibhushan from the Government of India. But what I cherish most are the personal compliments I receive after every concert or performance. Your mother wouldn't feel as satisfied receiving a certificate as she would if you give her a hug and say she's a great cook.

What kind of support did you receive from your family?

I come from a wrestlers' family, and my father wanted me to continue the tradition. But I had differ-

ent plans - of proving myself in the world of music. My father had no clue about my practicing vocal music, and, later, the flute. My two brothers and sister had a certain interest in music, and they were very supportive during my formative years. I used to fake a reason, saying that I was going to the library to read the newspaper, and would then practice playing the flute. I initially worked as a stenog-

Ustad Allaudin Khan, that my music achieved a new depth - essentially, the characteristics of the Maihar Gharana.

Why did you choose to learn the flute from a surbahar exponent instead of a flautist?

I realised that music seemed incomplete without stringed instruments. It was a niche that these instruments had created for themselves in the world of music. I

John Higgins, who was so overwhelmed by Indian classicism that he came to South India to learn and sing? Remember the Kumbh? All of Hollywood came down to India for a dip in the same Ganga that they accuse of being dirty.

You've been performing for young audiences for a while now through the Society for Promotion of Indian Classical Music and Culture Amongst



Hariprasad Chaurasia

rapher with the state government while continuing my training as a wrestler. It wasn't until I got a job at the AIR in Cuttack that my father came to know about my classical music training. He was shocked and cried bitterly, but he understood that I had my foot in an altogether different world.

Who was your guru?

As I said earlier, I initially trained under Pandit Rajaram, followed by Pandit Bholanath. But it was under Guru Annapurna Devi, daughter of

wanted to find the same individuality for the flute, so I learnt to play the flute from a great surbahar player, Annapurna Devi.

With people increasingly switching to rock and pop music, do you see a threat to classical music?

Of course not. Anything created by God always exists, and will always be bright. It is so bright that foreigners have started chanting Hare Rama Hare Krishna in Indian temples. Don't you remember

Youth (SPIC MACAY). Have the youth influenced you?

Oh, the children are just great. They've loved me, and, more importantly, they enjoyed my art. This is the audience that I search for. You cannot enjoy the art if you already have knowledge of it. You then end up being a critic. If you are a good cook yourself, you would never enjoy anybody else's food.

Courtesy: theelka.com

Toon

'Harry Potter' author to cast spell over 'Simpsons'

REUTERS, London

THE creator of Harry Potter, the world's most popular boy wizard, is set to cast a spell over cult U.S. cartoon show "The Simpsons," her spokeswoman said Wednesday.

J.K. Rowling will bring a touch of magic to the animated sitcom about the dysfunctional family by appearing as herself in an episode set in England.

"I can confirm that she did a voice-over for "The Simpsons," the spokeswoman told Reuters.

In the episode, Rowling will meet beer-guzzling Homer Simpson and his family when they visit England to find a girl with whom Grandpa Simpson had a wartime fling.

"The Simpsons" bump into J.K.



Rowling outside a bookshop and they talk all about Harry Potter." Don Payne, executive producer of the cult cartoon told the Sun newspaper.

The episode will also feature "Lord of the Rings" star Sir Ian McKellen, the paper said.

The family go to see him perform the Shakespeare play "Macbeth," but bring him bad luck by saying the play's name aloud -- in defiance of a well-known theatrical superstition.

This leads to the actor being hit by scaffolding and then struck by lightning.

Rowling, who has sold millions of Harry Potter books around the world, joins dozens of stars from Paul McCartney to Dustin Hoffman who have lent their voices to the show.

Instrument

Muramatsu Inc manufactures 60% of the instruments played by world's professional flutists

WRITTEN BY FUKUMITSU MEGUMI

IN the workshop, about 60 craftspeople are concentrating all their energies on the parts they are making. I hear a flute playing in the background. Muramatsu flutes of Japan are the best brand you can buy, as performers around the world will tell you. They are made by hand, so the company doesn't produce many -- only about 4,000 a year. Around 60% of the world's professional flutists, including James Galway, are proud owners of a Muramatsu flute.

When the company founder began teaching himself how to make a flute in 1923, there were only about 15 flutists in Japan. Since then, Muramatsu has kept up its search for near perfect instruments that provide the authentic expression the performer wants.

I asked why the company contin-

ues to make flutes by hand. The president, Muramatsu Osamu confided, "Basically, the market is too small. It would be economically feasible for us to mechanize to a certain degree, but that wouldn't enable us to make superlative instruments ... which goes to show

just how important the human hand is!"

The company's store in Shinjuku, one of Tokyo's metropolitan centers, stocks flutes and about 20,000 pieces of sheet music for the flute. Any flutist who comes to Japan is sure to visit the store.



Flutes are hand-made, which is why some of them take years to make.

TV GUIDE

BTV

- 08.40 am Shubhechha Nin
08.50 Alor Pathay
09.00 Khabar
09.15 Karate Doe
09.35 Children's Programme: Shomarocho
10.00 The News
10.05 Documentary: Jamobhumi
10.10 Bangla Feature Film: Bhai Aamar Bhai
11.00 News Headlines
12.00 pm News Headlines
Second Session
03.10 pm Khabar
03.20 Aker Shangbadpatra
03.30 Programme on World Diabetic Day
04.00 Khabar
04.05 Cartoon Show: Ghost Busters
04.30 Cricket Cricket
04.45 Highlights of ICC World Cup Cricket Matches
05.00 Khabar
06.00 Khabar-Desh Janopad
06.15 Live Telecast of Sri Lanka Vs West Indies ICC Cricket World Cup Match
07.00 News Headlines (English)
07.05 Share Bazaar & Weather Bulletin
08.00 Bangla Shangbad at 8'o clock
10.00 English News at 10'o clock
11.30 Late Night News/News Headlines
CHANNEL-i
06.10 am Islamic Programme
07.00 Pratham Shur
09.30 Jato Pad Tato Mat
10.00 Music Plus
10.30 Special Programme
11.00 English Drama Serial: Queen
11.30 Grihagalpo
12.00 pm Close Up Heat Wave
01.30 Haamd O Naat
02.00 Shattyer Shandhaney
03.00 Dhanoban
05.35 Janopad-er Khabar
05.45 Tom and Jerry
06.10 Music Plus
06.45 Baro Maash-er Ranna
07.15 Channel-i News
07.45 Ispahani-i Tele Quiz (Questions)
07.50 Shajai Swapno Ghar
08.25 Harek Rakom Jibon
09.00 Channel-i News
09.31 Ispahani-i Tele Quiz (Answers)
10.00 Shamrat O Sultan
10.25 Channel-i Mobile Quiz
10.30 Channel-i News
11.15 Shangbadpatrey Bangladesh
11.30 Live Telecast of BTV
11.30 Late Night News
11.30 Telecast of Recorded BTV News at Ten
12.15 am Channel-i News

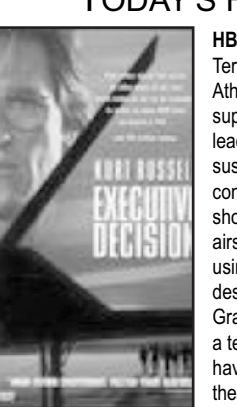
ATN BANGLA

- 6:00 Islamic Prog
8:00 ATN Bangla News
8:25 Film Magazine: A Sapteher Chobi
9:00 Mage Serial: Kun Semanay Mukte
9:35 Film Magazine: Henolux Benudon Bichitra
10:10 Reporting prog: Prekhapat
11:05 Islamic Prog
12:00 ATN Bangla News
12:30 Aker Sangbadpatro
12:40 Islamic Prog
2:30 ATN Bangla News Headlines
3:25 Bengali Feature Film: Asha Nerasha
4:50 The Daily Newspaper- Discussing Prog: Aker Sangbadpatro
5:00 Gram Gonger Sangbad
6:25 Children prog: Cholo Gan Gai
7:00 ATN Bangla Evening News
7:25 Viewers Opinion Prog: Motamot
8:05 Drama Serial: Sandhataro
8:40 Magazine prog: Rang-Ar-Mela
9:00 ATN Bangla News
9:25 Drama Serial: Manchetro
10:00 ATN Bangla News
10:30 Musical prog.: Seat Rang
11:00 ATN Bangla News
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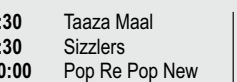
ZEE TV

- 6:00 World Spiritals
6:00 Bhakti Bhav
7:00 Life In The World-Good News
7:30 Jagran
8:00 Bhagwat Katha
8:30 Manav Dharam
9:00 Cartoon On Zee
10:30 Ghar Jamai
11:00 Mr Gayab
12:00 Kana Khazana
12:30 Indrajiet
1:00 Jai Santoshi Ma
1:30 Rishtrye The Love Stories
2:30 Piya Ka Ghar Baazi
3:00 Cartoon On Zee
8:00 Countdown Show
8:30 Sansui Antakshari
9:30 Jeena Isi Ka Naam Hai
10:30 Sa Re Ga Ma Pa Annat
11:30 Phoren Maal
12:00 Simply Shekhar
ZEE CINEMA
7:00 Bollywood Tonight
7:30 Hindi Feature Film He
10:15 Tvc Skyshop
10:30 Hindi Feature Film Ek Ka Teen Premier
11:30 Tvc Skyshop
5:15 Tvc Skyshop
5:30 Hindi Feature Film Bad Karma
8:30 Leonora Helmsley: The Queen Of Mean Uncle Buck
9:30 Tvc Skyshop
10:30 Hindi Feature Film Hit Mix
10:45 Tvc Skyshop
11:00 Taaza Maal
12:00 Pop Re Pop New
12:30 Tvc Skyshop
13:00 Hit Pe Hit
13:30 Tvc Skyshop
14:00 Hit Mix
14:30 Tvc Skyshop
15:00 Pop Re Pop New
15:30 Hit Mix
16:00 Tvc Skyshop
16:30 Just Jammin
17:00 Zee Music Box
17:30 Tele Brands
18:00 Zee Music Box

TODAY'S HIGHLIGHTS



HBO: 10:00 pm. Executive Decision. Terrorists take over a 747 bound from Athens to Washington D.C., supposedly to effect the release of their leader. Intelligence expert David Grant suspects another reason and convinces the military that the plane should not be allowed to enter U.S. airspace. An assault mission is devised, using a specially equipped plane designed for mid-air crew transfers, and Grant finds himself aboard the 747 with a team of military anti-terrorists who have to defuse a bomb and overpower the terrorists.



AXN: 10:30 p.m. Return to the Blue Lagoon. A widow (Lisa Pelikan) is left with two children, a girl and boy and a sailor. After many days, the sailor tries to kill the babies, but the widow kills him. After many days, she luckily gets into a beautiful island. She educates the children, and when the children are about 8, she dies.

STAR MOVIES

- 6:00 The Ticket
6:30 Brainsmasher
8:00 Class Action
10:00 Human Bomb
11:45 First Blood
1:30 Silent Fall
3:15 Beverly Hills Ninja
5:00 Always
7:00 Keeping The Faith
9:15 Planet Of The Apes
10:45 The Last Patrol
12:30 Death Ring
CARTOON NETWORK (Thirty minutes+)
7:00 The Ku Koo Du Koo Show
8:00 The Scooby Doo Show
8:30 Dexter's Laboratory
9:00 Jackie Chan Adventures
9:30 The Cartoon Cartoon Show
10:30 Tom & Jerry Kids
11:00 Tiny TV
12:00 The Powerpuff Girls
12:30 The Scooby Doo Show
3:00 Flintstones
3:30 The Mask Power Zone
4:00 ThunderCats
4:30 Centurions
5:00 Dexter's Laboratory
5:30 Jackie Chan Adventures
6:00 All New Popeye
6:30 The Legend of Snow White

PICK OF THE DAY



Planet of the Apes
On Star Movies at 9.15 p.m.
It is the year 2029: Astronaut Leo Davidson boards a pod cruiser on a Space Station for a 'routine' reconnaissance mission. But an abrupt detour through a space time wormhole lands him on a strange planet where talking apes rule over the human race.

CHANNEL [V] (Thirty minutes+)

- 7:00 [V] Hit Machine
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10:00 [V] Hit Machine
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NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC

- 6:00 Cry Of The Wolves
7:00 The Dragons Of Galapagos
8:00 Dolphins The Wide Side
9:00 Twenty (20) Years With The Dolphins
10:00 Truth Files
11:00 Dogs With Jobs
11:30 Earthpulse
12:00 Africa From The Ground Up
12:30 Wildlife Detectives
13:00 Boomeragns To Ballistics
14:00 Fire And Thunder
14:30 Landslide
15:00 Last Flight Of Bomber 31
16:00 Gene Hunters
16:30 Amazing Space
17:00 Sea Stories
17:30 Return To The Wild
18:00 Dogs With Jobs
18:30 Earth Pulse
18:30 Africa From The Ground Up
19:30 Wildlife Detectives
20:00 Dying To Win
21:00 Storm Of The Century
22:00 Mosquito The Ultimate Vampire
23:00 Gene Hunters
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STAR WORLD (Thirty minutes+)

- 5:30 The Brady Bunch
6:00 Cheers
6:30 Oprah Winfrey Show
7:30 Chicago Hope
8:30 Roswell
9:30 Dark Angel
10:30 Oprah Winfrey Show
11:28 Star Asia Travel
11:30 Fight School
12:30 Suddenly Susan
13:00 The Bold And The Beautiful
13:30 Hollywood Squares
14:00 The Brady Bunch
14:30 Baywatch
15:30 The Simpsons
16:00 Cheers
16:30 Starnews Asia
17:00 Frasier
17:30 Tna Wrestling
18:30 World's Wildest Police Videos
19:30 Nash Bridges
20:28 Star Asia Travel
20:30 Frasier
21:00 World's Wildest Police Videos
22:00 Nash Bridges
23:00 Tna Wrestling

STAR PLUS (Thirty minutes+)

- 8:30 Hit Filmein Hit Sangeet
9:00 Fox Kids
9:40 Hit Geet
9:55 Kya Film Kya Geet
10:00 KabhieKabhieMeregha rmei-nbhucha
10:30 Hera Pheri
11:00 Meri Saheli
11:25 Film Toppers
11:30 Shanti

STAR SPORTS (Thirty minutes+)

- 7:30 Inside The Pga Tour (T)
8:00 Nba Basketball Dallas, TX USA Sacramento Kings Vs Dallas Mavericks (L)
10:30 Equestrian Fei World Cup Driving Series 2002/2003 Leipzig, GERMANY Highlights(T)
11:00 Equestrian Fei World Cup Jumping Series 2002/03 Berlin, GERMANY Highlights(T)
12:00 Ama Supercross Series 2003 Thq World Supercross Cp (250cc) San Diego, CA