

RECOMMENDATIONS

Fruit fair

June 19-21
The Royal Thai Embassy in collaboration with Thai Airways International will organise a three-day Thai Fruits Fair...

Crystal Fair

June 20-26
A weeklong Russian Crystal Fair will be held in the Exhibition Hall at the Russian Cultural Centre...

Exhibition

June 14-24
Dhaka Shahitya Sanskriti Kendra is holding the 6th calligraphy exhibition at the National Museum gallery...

Theatre

June 27-30
To mark the fourth Biannual Conference of Shattwik Natya Somprodyia, the theatre group arranges a drama festival...

Musical

The busiest violinist in town

Sunil Chandra Das

NOVERA DEEPITA

In almost every stage performance today, and in every music composition, there exists at least a slight touch of Sunil Chandra Das's violin...

Violinist Sunil Chandra Das is one of the most talented violinist of our country who plays for most of the stage programmes and media like radio, television and audiocassettes...

'Violin is difficult but at the same time a rich instrument,' said violinist Sunil Chandra Das. 'It needs enough patience to learn violin. It is a difficult job, since it requires enough time for the learner...

Sunil started to play violin when he was 13. His first guru was his father late Matilal Das who was a versatile genius. He used to play tabla and at the same time violin, flute and other instruments...

He recalled, 'When I was very young, I used to learn tabla from my father. But, there were two Italian violins in our house. The violins belonged to my father and he thought of selling them...

He said, 'It's not everybody who can earn by playing violin. One must be an expert in playing if he or she chooses to earn their living by



Sunil Chandra Das has made a name for himself in the music world.

playing. There must be specialty, practice and one should play well to earn from playing. 'I play the violin in media's like television, radio, stage, film and take part in national and international programmes...

Sunil mentioned with grief, 'There are short training courses of playing instrument in the Shilpakala Academy like Sarod, Setar, Tabla, Dotara and so on. These are 15 days courses for those who know the Sa Re Ga Ma or the basics of these instruments...

can name my Ustad Poritosh Shil, his son Shomir Shil, Alauddin Mia, classical player Indian artiste N Rajan and Durbadal Chatterjee. They were genius performers.'

Sunil Chandra Das works as a music director of the music and dance department of Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy. He has performed for many stage programmes abroad like Burma, Hong Kong, India, Russia, Middle East, Italy, Japan, Australia, Turkey etc.

He said with grief, 'Nowadays electrical instruments are more popular. For this, the demand of acoustic instruments is decreasing day by day. If this continues, then it is difficult to say what will happen to our traditional music.'

Among my favourite violinists I

Drama review

Aala Bhola

... with a touch of humour

ELITA KARIM

CHANNEL-i has come up with yet another drama serial, Aala Bhola. For a change, this series of drama does not revolve around merely the traditional idea of family bonding, occurring obstructions, lovers' squabbles and big wedding parties with fabulously dressed ladies...

The story revolves around two friends Aala and Bhola, who live in a village. Bhola, a stout fellow is, as his namesake, bholo or foolish and tends to fall in trouble all the time. In the very first episode, Bhola's wife sends Bhola to get rice from the village grocer. On his

way to the store, Bhola finds himself amongst little boys playing with marbles and stones. Without giving it another thought, Bhola spends the whole morning and afternoon playing stones and marbles with the children, until dusk falls and realization hits him. He starts to wonder as to how he would explain the situation to his wife, who was getting tired and worried waiting for him back home. That's when Aala enters, a thin, smart fellow with wit and a head full of ready made excuses and answers. Aala helps his friend Bhola by wrapping his forehead and arms with bandages and takes him back home, claiming to the wife that a bull had attacked Bhola. The wife believes the little tale and takes good care of Bhola, until the next morning when she



Aizul Hakim and Tushar Khan play the humorous duo in the drama. This new drama serial is definitely going to attract a lot of viewers and it is also going to have a good competition with all the other drama series on the channel. For a change, the audience is going to enjoy some healthy family comedy and will also witness good performance from the actors.

Film

Lalon captured on celluloid

CULTURE DESK

REPUTED film director Tanvir Mokammel finishes with the shooting of the film Lalon based on the life, music and philosophy of the legendary Baul-icton Lalon Fakir. Several places like the Bhugihat village on the bank of river Bhairab in Jessore, Kushtia, Shilaidaha, alluvial lands in the Padma and Hotapora have been used as the shooting spots of the two-hour film.

The character of Lalon Fakir has been played by three actors to project three phases of his life: accomplished actor Raisul Islam Asad has played the matured Lalon while young Azad Abul Kalam has played the singer in his youth. Lalon's childhood has been portrayed by Arko Saha. The character of Bishakharani, Lalon's life-long partner, has been done by Tamanna Yasmin Tihti while Shomi Kaiser has played Pyarinnisa, Lalon's adopted daughter.

Other major roles have been



A scene from the film Lalon, directed by Tanvir Mokammel, featuring Raisul Islam Asad, Shomi Kaiser, Kartik Das Baul and others.

played by Bhaswar Bandyopadhyay, Chitrlekha Guha, Khurshiduzzaman Utpal, Wahida Mallik Jolly and many others. R a m e n d u M a j u m d e r, Syed Sabab Ali Arju has directed the music of the film. Shot in 35mm, the film is now on the editing table.

TV GUIDE

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

News Bulletin

BTV
News Headlines(Bengali) at 3:10 pm. 4:00 pm. 7:00 pm.
News(Bengali) at 5:00 pm.
News (Bengali) at 8:00 pm.
News (English) at 10:00 pm.
Late Night News(Bengali and English)/News Headlines at 11:30 pm.
CHANNEL-i
Channel-i News(Bengali) at 7:15 pm, 9:00, 10:30, 12:15 am.
Teletcast of BTV news(Bengali and English) at 11:30 pm.
ATN BANGLA
ATN Bangla News(Bengali) at 8:00 am. 12:00 pm. 7:00 pm. 9:00 pm. 10:00 pm, 11:00 pm.
Teletcast of BTV News(Bengali and English ) at 11:30 pm.
Latest News(Bengali) at 09 a.m.,10:00 a.m., 11:00 am.1pm. 2:00 pm.3:00 pm. 4:00pm.6:00 pm.,and 8:00 pm.
TARA BANGLA
NewsHeadline(Bengali) at 5:30 pm. 7:30 pm.

BTV

8:50 Alor Pothe
9:00 News
9:15 Krisha Jagat
9:35 Shushthaya Thakun
10:00 The News
10:05 Janma Bhumi
10:15 Drama For Children: Swapper Deshe
10:35 Notun Kuri
11:00 News Headlines
12:00 News Headlines
3:10 News Headlines
3:15 Shingbadpotrer Pata Theke
3:25 Bangla Feature Film
8:00 News Headlines
5:00 News
5:35 Cartoon Film
6:00 News Desh Janapad
6:10 Amar Katha Bolbo Ami
7:00 News Headlines
Share Market
Weather Forecast
7:05 Maloncha
7:30 Serial Alif Laila
8:00 News At Eight (Bangla)
8:30 Ghotona Probaho
9:00 Cine Magazine
9:30 Priyo Manush
10:00 News At Ten
10:25 Weather Forecast
10:30 Ei Shomoy

CHANNEL-i

09:00 Joto Poth Toto Moth
09:30 Chalar Pothe
10:00 Radunir Ranna
10:30 Chhutir Sakal
11:30 Drama Serial: Ggrihagolpo
12:00 Drama Serial: Thief Of Bagdad
12:30 Band Show: Close Up Hit Wave
01:00 Drama Serial : Charisma
02:00 Islamic Programme: Sater Sandane Drama
03:30 Jonopoder Khabor Magazine
5:45 Programme for Child
6:10 Music Plus
6:45 Talk Show
7:15 Channel-i News Drama
7:50 Drama Serial:Abhimani
8:25 Drama Serial: Horek Rokom Jibon
9:00 Channel-i News Drama
9:35 Serial:Akannyabor ti
10:00 Drama:Rhidoyer Kachhe
10:30 Channel-i News
11:15 Sangbad Potrey Bangladesh
11:30 Late Night News Of BTV
12:15 Channel-i News
ATN BANGLA
8:00 ATN Bangla News
8:25 Drama: Dohone Dorod
9:00 Film magazine: Henolux Benudon Bichitra
9:35 Reporting prog: Prekkhapot
10:05 Islamic Prog: Directed by Arkan Ullah Haruni
12:00 ATN Bangla News
12:20 The Daily Newspaper Discussing Prog: Aiker Sangbadpotro
12:40 Islamic Prog: Directed by Arkan Ullah Haruni
3:25 Bengali Feature Film: Ashar Alo
4:50 The Daily Newspaper Discussing Prog: Aiker Sangbadpotro Gramgonger

TARA BANGLA

6:25 Sangbad
Children prog: Amrak Karbo Joy
7:00 ATN Bangla Evening News
Street Show: Pathe Pathe
8:05 Drama Serial: Theteo Jibhon Magazine prog.: Chomok
8:40 ATN Bangla News
9:25 Drama Serial: Aponjon
10:00 ATN Bangla News
10:30 Musical Prog : Music Vision
11:00 ATN Bangla News
12:00 Bengali Feature Film: Mone Reko Ami

HBO

9:30 The Locusts
12:00 Chameleon 2: Death Match
1:45 Dragonworld
3:30 Child's Play 3
5:15 For Richer Or Poorer
7:30 Piranha II: The Spawning
9:30 Hollow Man
11:45 Friday The 13th VI: Jason Lives
1:30 Chameleon 2: Death Match
3:15 Zebra Lounge
5:00 Piranha II: The Spawning
SONY
7:30 Amrit Varsha
8:00 Sant Asaram Vani
8:30 Om Namah Shivay
9:00 Good Morning Disney
10:30 Chartbusters
11:00 Music Mantra Shaheen
12:00 Harmony
12:30 Kya Hadsaa Kya Haqeeqat
1:30 Kabhi Btvi Kabhi Jasoo
2:30 Boogie Woogie
3:00 I Love You
4:00 Gha Ek Mandi Alpviram

STAR MOVIES

4:30 Kaun Apna Kaun Paraya
5:00 Cadburys
Bourvillta Quic Contes
5:30 Shri Krishna
6:30 Shri Krishna
7:00 Chartbusters
7:30 Music Mantra
8:00 Kya Madsaad Kya Haqeeqat
9:30 Devi
10:00 Heena
10:30 Cid
11:00 Crime Patrol
11:30 Bhanwar
ZEE CINEMA
7:30 Jai Bhawani (Amit Pancholi Sapna)
10:30 Rootha Na Karo (Shashi Kapoor Nanda)
1:30 Ek Ka Teen
3:00 Plaatinium Vadh
8:00 Nana Patekar
8:30 Anupama Verma
9:30 Puru Raaj Kumar
5:30 Kehtaa Hai Dil
5:30 Baar Baar (Presh Eawaiil Jimmy Shergill Kim Sharma)
9:30 Khel (Anil Kapoor Madhuri Dixitr Anupam Kher)
SET MAX
8:30 KPFF -Anand
9:00 Hotlist
10:30 Nazrana
1:00 KPFF - Anand
2:30 Alibaba Aur 40

TODAY'S HIGHLIGHTS

AXN: 11:30 p.m. Wild Things. Sam Lombardo is a well-respected Florida high school guidance counselor who gets his life turned upside down when two students, spoiled rich-girl Kelly Van Ryan, and trailer-trash bad-girl Suzie Toller, bring rape charges against him in which local police detective Ray Duquette investigates the allegations. But not everything is what it appears to be and the big question arises: who is deceiving whom?
STAR MOVIES at 10:00 p.m.
Leprechaun 4: In Space
On a distant planet, a power hungry Leprechaun kidnaps a Dominican princess, Princess Zarina, and plans to make himself king, but not if a bumbling brigade of space marines have anything to say about it. Their



PICK OF THE DAY



Hollow Man
On HBO at 09:30 p.m.
Linda Foster, a scientist, is working on a serum to make people invisible. When another scientist tries the serum and becomes invisible his colleagues figure another way to bring him back to the normal world.The Hollow Man features Kevin Bacon in the title role as Sebastian Caine, a scientist who discov-

4:30 Meri Saheli
11:00 Pai Chinn
11:30 Kabhii Sautan
12:00 Shanti
12:30 Hit Filmein Hit Sangeet - 20 M
12:55 Taaza Hits
1:00 Kasautii Zindagii Kay
1:30 Kulkum - Pyara Sa Bandhan Bhabhi
2:00 Kyunki Saas Bhi Kabhi Bahu Thi
2:30 Shagun (461 - 560)
3:30 Kabhi Aaye Na Judai
4:00 Kahaani Ghar Ghar Kii
4:30 Kaahin Kissi Roz
5:00 Film Topper - 301 Series
5:25 Saans
5:30 Hit Filmein Hit Sangeet - 20 M
5:55 Taaza Hits
6:00 Hum Saath Aath Hain
6:30 Fox Kids
7:25 Film Topper - 301 Series
7:30 Kulkum - Pyara Sa Bandhan
7:55 Film Topper - 301 Series
8:00 Shaka Laka Boom Boom
8:30 Kyun Hota Hai Pyarr
9:00 Kasautii Zindagii

10:30 Kay
10:30 Kullija Sim Sim Kahaani Ghar Ghar Kii
11:00 Kyunki Saas Bhi Kabhi Bahu Thi
11:30 Kaahin Kissi Roz
12:00 Bhabhi
NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC
9:30 Volcano Hunters
10:30 The Lost Fleet Of Guadalcanal
11:30 Dogs With Jobs
12:00 Earthpulse
12:30 Indonesia Beyond The Reefs
1:00 Wild Orphans
1:30 Scientific American Frontiers
2:30 Extreme Science
3:00 Human Edge
3:30 Rocket Men Of Mission 105
4:30 National Geographic's Taboo
5:30 Africa From The Ground Up
6:00 Return To The Wild
6:30 Dogs With Jobs
7:00 Earthpulse
7:30 Indonesia Beyond The Reefs
8:00 Wild Orphans
8:30 Natural Born Robots
9:30 Earth Report
10:00 Human Edge
10:30 Hunt For The Death Star
11:30 National Geo-

ESPN

8:00 Women's Professional Basketball
2003 Wnba
Basketball Los Angeles Ca USA Seattle Storm Vs Los Angel ES
Sparks Regular Season(L)
10:00 U.S. Open Golf Championship U.S. Open Golf C'ship '94 Official
11:00 Spanish League Highlights 2002/03
Spanish League Highlights (R)
11:30 School Quiz Show ESPN School Quiz 2003 (R)
12:00 Motorsport Asia (T)
12:30 Uk Domestic Cricket National Cricket League
Scotland Vs Hampshire
3:30 School Quiz Show ESPN School Quiz 2003 (T)
4:00 Asian X-Games
Qualifiers Asian X-Games V Presented By Toyota Kuala Lumpur Malaysia
Speed Climbin
6:30 Spanish Football League 2002/03
Spanish Football League (T)
8:30 Sportscenter Hindi (L)
9:00 Uk Domestic Cricket Twenty20 Cup Surrey England Surrey
11:30 Sports center Hindi (T)
12:00 School Quiz Show ESPN School Quiz 2003 (R)

AXN

6:30 Movie: Extreme Justice
8:30 Who Dares Wins
9:30 Profiler/Ceremony of Innocence
10:30 Earth Final Conflict/The Journey
11:30 Boarding Pass
12:00 Who Dares Wins
12:30 Relic Hunter
1:00 Warlock of Nu Theta Phi
1:30 The Right Stuff
2:30 Movie: Extreme Justice
4:30 Who Dares Wins
5:30 Relic Hunter
/Warlock of Nu Theta Phi
6:30 Earth Final Conflict/The Journey
7:30 Boarding Pass/Who Dares Wins
8:30 Profiler/Where or When
9:30 The Amazing Race
10:30 Andromeda/Bunker Hill
11:30 Movie UN Cut: Movie: Wild Things

MGM

6:30 Final Approach
9:00 Dublin Murders
11:30 Cohen & Tate
2:00 Cadillac Man
4:30 Prancer
7:00 Throw Momma From The Train
9:30 Man Friday: Dune Surfer
11:30 Alligator
ZEE TV
2:00 Piya Ka Ghar
2:30 Dollar Bahu
3:00 Jeena Isi Ka Naam Hai
Classics
3:30

ONE

6:00 Danger Diaries
7:00 Racing The Sahara
7:30 Wild Passions
8:30 Next Wave
9:00 Explorer's Journal
10:00 Danger Diaries
11:00 Explorer's Journal
12:00 Surfer's Journal
12:30 \$100 Taxi Ride
1:00 Journey Time
1:30 Chasing To Jerusalem
2:30 Icebound100 Years Of Antarctic Discovery
3:30 Danger Diaries
4:30 Life On The Line
5:00 Explorer's Journal
6:00 Height Of Courage: Norman Vaughan
7:00 Next Wave
7:30 Explorer's Journal
8:30 Danger Diaries
9:30 Surfer's Journal
10:00 Height Of Courage: Norman Vaughan
11:00 Next Wave
11:30 Danger Diaries

STAR WORLD

7:00 Friends
7:30 Dharma & Greg
8:00 Hollywood Squares
8:30 The Brady Bunch
9:00 Cheers
9:30 Oprah Winfrey Show
10:30 Buffy The Vampire Slayer
11:30 Angel
12:30 NYPD Blue
1:30 Chicago Hope
2:28 Star Asia Travel
2:30 Oprah Winfrey
3:30 Bold And Beautiful
4:30 Hollywood Squares
5:00 The Brady Bunch
5:30 Knight Rider
6:30 The Simpsons
7:00 Everybody Loves Raymond
7:30 Dharma & Greg
8:00 Friends
8:30 TNA Wrestling
9:30 World's Wildest Police Videos
10:30 Nash Bridges
11:28 Star Asia Travel
11:30 Baywatch

STAR MOVIES

6:30 Spring Forward
8:15 Lawnmower Man
10:00 Wolf
12:15 Waking The Dead
2:00 Father Hood
3:45 Running Free
5:15 Only You
7:00 Apocalypse Now Redux

ADVENTURE