Cinema

SABBIR CHOWDHURY

Pool GmBH was founded in

1994 in Berlin by film producer

Stefan Arndt and filmmakers Tom

Tykwer, Wolfgang Becker and Dani

Levy. The aim was to revive the past

glory of German cinema. The Ger-

man cinema, meanwhile, lost all its

glory of the 1960s, 1970s and the

1980s. Those were the years of the

New German Cinema. The world

renowned filmmakers Alexander

Kluge, Hans-Jurgen Syberberg,

Rainer Werner Fassbinder, Werner

Herzog, Wim Wenders, Margarethe

von Trotta. Volker Schlondorff.

Reinhard Hauff, and the like were no

longer making films in the 1990s

which, would create an impact on

the film critics as well as film enthu-

cialise in taking Germany seriously

as a topic, and thereby making

German films competitive once

again' in the world film scenario. The

filmmakers Tom Tykwer, Wolfgang

Becker, along with their colleagues

at X-Filme proved that they are

capable of doing it. The X-Filme

production company has produced

some of the very best films of the

A scene from the film Life Is

Top ten movies

All You Get (1997)

The X-Filme productions 'spe-

siasts.

RECOMMENDATIONS

Exhibition

October 04-16 The Saju Art Gallery holds a solo painting exhibition of noted artist Syed Jahangir. With this one, Jahangir will attain the landmark of 33 individual exhibition of his work. . The display is open for

October 10-16

A solo art exhibition of artist Alamgir Kabir will begin at the Institute of Fine Arts, Dhaka University, at 4.00 pm. The show will remain open for all from 2 pm to 7 pm everyday.

all from 10 am to 8 pm daily.

Woodcut Print

October 03-14 Alliance Française holds a solo woodcut print exhibition by Selina Chowdhury Mili at it's La galerie. The show will be open or all from 9 pm to 12 pm and 5 pm to 9 pm daily. The show will be closed on October 5 and

Ceramic

October 10-14 Zainul Gallery of Institue of Fine Arts holds the second solo ceramics exhibition titled Soul and Soil by artist Sohel Rana from 2.00 pm to 8.00 pm everyday.

Painting

October 10-24 Shilpangan arranged a fifteenday-long solo painting exhibition of artist Iftikharuddin Ahmed's recent works. The show is open for all from 10 am

to 9 pm everyday. Fine art October 10-15 An 'informal' fine art exhibition entitled Longitude Latitude (Part-2) is on at House #6. Road #62, Gulshan-2. Musiperformance, installation art, interactive art, sculpture painting, photography and a few other items are the attractions of the exhibition. The

show is open for all from 5:30

Film Show

pm onwards everyday.

October 20 The film 'War and Peace' will be screened at the auditorium of the Russian Cultural Centre to mark the birth anniversary of great Russian film director and actor Sergei Bondarchuk in cooperation with Sergei Bondarchuk film club, at 3

A documentary film show dedicated to the international tourism day will be held at the library of the Russian Cultural Centre. The films are 'Architectural Monuments of the Old Moscow' and 'Russian Museum', at 11a.m.

Drama Lane

Pathchacra

Swarabithi

(Shawkat)

October 27

Bangladesh Mahila Samity (Evening show at 7:00 pm Morning show at 11:00 am) Plays Date Group Prachcha 14 Theatre Drama Festival 16 Natyajan

Founding

Anniversary (Morning)

(Evening)

Actress Uma Thurman is shown in a scene from director Quentin Tarantino's new film Kill Bill Vol. 1 Tarantino's ultra-violent homage to

kung-fu movies left its competition

by the 'X-Filme Creative Pool' at the Goethe Institut brought back the glory and awards HE German production for the German cinema but also got Company X-Filme Creative critical acclaims as well as box office



records of all time. Wolfgang Becker's latest film Goodbye, Lenin! is also a box office hit. Tom Tykwer's objective was 'an ambitious film that also has public appeal, that is of artistic and commercial value'. Tykwer managed to do it with Run Lola Run. The rest is history.

The production company 'X-Filme' founded its own distribution network 'X-Verleih' in 2000, to make it possible to supervise films continually, from concept to distribution. Producer Stefan Arndt compares the production at 'X-Filme' with 'a



for dead at the box office, opening at

No. 1 with weekend ticket sales of

through Sunday at North American

theaters, according to Exhibitor

Top ten chart of Hollywood mov-

The School of Rock, \$15.4

Intolerable Cruelty, \$13.1

House of the Dead, \$5.5 million.

Under the Tuscan Sun, \$4.8

Secondhand Lions, \$3.3

Estimated ticket sales for Friday

filmGigantic (1999)

about \$22.2 million

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Source: Reuters

ies of the week gone by: Kill Bill Vol. 1, \$22.7 million.

Good Boy!, \$13 million.

Out of Time, \$8.6 million.

The Rundown, \$5.3 million.

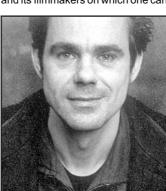
10. Lost in Translation, \$2.9 million.

manufactory' which, unlike industrial production, makes the most varied of individual items. The 'X-Filme' has been accepted internationally as a production company and its filmmakers on which one can

'X-Filme': the film manufactory

Zahir Raihan Film Society screens six German films produced

CULTURE



Filmmaker Tom Tykwer

rely. That is why Tom Tykwer was chosen by the Miramax company for directing the film Heaven, based on the last screenplay by the late Polish filmmaker Krzysztof Kieslowski and his collaborator Krzysztof Piesiewicz. The film, co-produced by 'X-Filme', retained the style of Tom Tykwer and kept the originality of Kieslowski at the same time.

Zahir Raihan Film Society will screen six critically acclaimed films produced by The 'X-Filme' at the auditorium of Goethe Institut Inter



Princess and the Warrior (2000)



Nationes Dhaka on 14th and 15th

October. On 14th October, three films

will be screened: Life Is All You Get

by Wolfgang Becker, Wintersleepers

and Run Lola Run by Tom Tykwer (at

3:30pm, 5:30pm and 7:45pm). Three

Filmmaker Wolfgang Becker

more films will be screened on 15th

October: Gigantic by Sebastian

Schipper, The Princess and the

Warrior and Heaven by Tom Tykwer

Sabbir Chowdhury, a film activist, teaches

in the department of English at

(at 3:30pm, 5:15pm and 7:30pm).

Courtesy: Deutschland

Jahangirnagar University, Dhaka.

A scene from the film Heaven (2002)

Venture

TODAY'S HIGHLIGHTS

STAR MOVIES: 9:05 pm.City of

Nicolas Cage, Meg Ryan, Andre

Braugher. Inspired by the modern

Angels.Genre:Drama/Fantasy/Romance

classic, Wings of Desire, City involves

an angel who is spotted by a doctor in

an operating room. Franz plays Cage's

angels.Seth, an angel watching over

Los Angeles, begins finding his job

a beautiful heart surgeon.

difficult as he falls in love with Maggie

HBO:9:30 pm.Hannibal.Genre: Hor-

ror/Thriller.Anthony Hopkins, Julianne

Moore.After having successfully eluded

the authorities for years, Hannibal

peacefully lives in Italy in disguise as

an art scholar. Trouble strikes again

deserving few dead in the process. He

returns back to his homeland of Amer-

ica to once again make contact with

now disgraced Agent Clarice Starling

who is suffering the wrath of a mali-

cious FBI official/rival as well as the

BBC news

when he is discovered leaving a

buddy who somehow knows a lot about



Artist Shimul Mustafa turned his dream into reality by decorating house no 36 at the G Block of Banani into an art gallery named Gallery Dhrupad. Five of the rooms are now ready for exhibiting more than hundred paintings

Surrounded by lush green, the gallery has an added attraction of a pond and offers nice sitting arrangements too with refreshments. Sculptures placed at different places will also draw the attention of visitors.

This gallery, an innovative creation of the artist, will remain open for all from October 17 onwards. The inauguration of this gallery will be held with a painting exhibition of fifty artists.

Celebration

Still going strong at 61

Amitabh's birthday celebrated

PALLAB BHATTACHARYA. New

E has seen them all. Rise to superstardom, unprecedented popularity as the anchor of the television serial Kaun Banega Crorepati, politics, controversy, a close brush with death during shooting and near bankruptcy in business.

But life goes on for Amitbah Bachchan, the evergreen star of Indian films, who celebrated his 61st birthday at his plush residence in Bombay's Juhu locality on October 11 with two more dreams of his blossoming into reality. To realise the dreams, the vet-

eran actor, along with his family, made it a point to rush back from Morocco, where he had been attending a festival of films in his tribute, to Bombay on time.

Dream number one is the launch of shooting of Ranveer starring for the first time the Big-B, as the senior Bachchan is known in film circles, and his son Abhishek in a feature

The other dream is the re-launch of the company Amitbah Bachchan Corporation Limited, a 'sick' firm floated in 1995 which had pushed the actor to the brink of bankruptcy after suffering heavy losses.

What is special about his 61st birthday? Well, Amitabh views it as a second innings. "In life, as in cricket, there is always a second innings because there comes at a time when every man must shrug off the heavy cloak of yesterday and don the wings of tomorrow," reads the invitation card sent by the actor for his B-day bash.

No Hindi film actor has hung on in an industry, known for its fickle nature when it comes to treating the stars, for such a long time as Amitabh has and with as much aplomb as ever

At an age when other actors run after roles, it is the other way round for Amitabh who is now acting in more than ten films. Time has not withered him and so the Big-B is also playing the role of protagonists instead of supporting actors so typical of most actors of his age

the way Amitabh released film Baghban with ever "dream-girl" Hema Malini.

As producers and directors have made a bee-line for Amitabh, so has the advertisement world. He is endorsing all sorts of productspen paint, soft drink, health care products, private financial and insurance companies and noble causes. In short. he has remained as popular a film star as a brand

> **But Amitabh's** entry into the tinsel world has not been all that smooth. Son of renowned Hindi

ambassador.

poet Harivansh Rai Bachchan. Amitabh's lanky physical frame went against him in a screen test. His debut film Saat Hindustani bombed at the box office. But he went on and earned for

himself the credit of the celluloid image of an angry young man fighting an unjust social and political system. It would, however, be unfair to

see the actor restrictively for he has meandered through other different rolespangs of an illegitimate child in Lawaris alcoholic son in Sharabi, orphaned destitute running out of luck in Muqaddar Ka Siknadar, a man torn between love for his wife and another woman in Silsila, coal miner and trade union leader in Kalaa Paththar. The list goes on.

Amitabh came very close to death when he sustained serious burn injuries during the shooting of Coolie in Bangalore years back. Many had written off his return to films but the actor had, as it were, risen like Phoenix.

Unlike in films Amitabh's stint in politics has been very brief. As a close friend of late Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi, he was elected a member of Parliament on a Congress ticket. But politics, as the actor was to admit later, was not his cup of

Unlike in cinema, Amitabh has not been lucky in business venture. The ABCL he had set up for corporate funding of films ran into trouble, became sick and pushed him to near bankruptcy. In fact, to help tide over the crisis, he has pursued more vigorously appearance in advertisement films and Kaun Banega

Today, as Amitabh turns 61, he seems to have no time to look back. Content with his wife Jaya, son Abishek, daughter Shewta and grandchildren, the senior Bachchan can only look ahead. He must play the second innings with flourish and we can only wish him many more

Jamaluddin Hossain turns 60

Nagorik Natyangan Ensemble celebrates the actor's birthday

NOVERA DEEPITA

N eminent drama activist and the founding general group Nagarik Natyangan Ensemble, Jamaluddin Hossain stepped into 60. The group arranged a programme celebrating his birthday at the Natmandal of Dhaka University. The programme started with a group dance with the song Ohey Shundar Mori Mori. After the performance Jamaluddin Hossain held the hands of eminent personality Kalim Sharafi and came on stage Jamaluddin was then greeted with

flowers by his well wishers. His wife, eminent actress Rowshan Ara Hossain gave him the first bouquet of the evening.

and beautiful moments of their acting career and turned the programme into a joyous and entertaining one. In his reaction Jamaluddin Hossain said, 'I usually avoid these type of programmes since it is better to keep your age a secret. That way you can stay young to your admirers.' To this the crowd burst into laughter. Celebrated actor Abul Hayat then came on stage and remarked, 'I have been jealous of

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12:00 Toyota World Of

Shots

Red Space

Adventures

Wildlife

Toyota World Of

Animal Edens

Mission Wild

Wildlife S3

Dogs With Jobs S3

Toyota World Of

Animal Cannibals

Wildlife S3

Animal Cannibals

People Out There

Chasing Time

\$100 Taxi Ride

Young Global Hot

Crittercam-Wildtech

Jamaluddin from the very beginning. He is a good actor, a good student and looks handsome too. I always felt jealous about these today I because he has turned 60 before

Kalim Sharafi presented Jamaluddin a crest and an Uttario. Among others Masud Ali Khan, Momtaz Hossain, Afroza Banu, Tapan Mahmud, Hashem Khan, Toukir Ahmed, SM Mohsin, Golum Kuddus, Mannan Hira, Rokeya Rafique Baby also spoke on the occasion after which a big cake was cut to entertain the guests

TV GUIDE

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

News Bulletin

News Headlines(Bangla) at 9:40 am.12:10 pm. 2:00 p.m 3:10 pm. 4:00 pm. 7:00 pm. News(Bangla) at 8:00 am 1:00 pm.5:00 pm.8:00 pm. News (English) at 3:00 pm. 10:00

Late Night News(Bangla and English) 11:30 pm. CHANNEL-i Breakfast News 07:15 am.

9:00am

ATN BANGLA

News(Bangla) at 7:15 pm, 9:00, 10:30, 12:15 am. Telecast of BTV news(Bangla and English) at 11:30 pm.

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NewsHeadline(Bangla) at 5:30 pm. Tara News(Bangla) at 8:30 pm. 11:30 pm. Tara News Bangladesh(Bangla)

at 9:30 pm.

BBC World

BTV 07:35

Shuprabhat Bangladesh Selected Nazrul Songs

09:15 Onnyo Bhuban: Ocean Girl Shangbadpatrer Pata Theke Cartoon Show 02:05 Magazine:

Rangdhanu 04:05 Sangeeta 04:30 Open University Shandhamalati Special prog. Of 07:30

Chittagong Centre 08:30 Drama Serial: Jey Paroo Bhuliey Dio 09:00 Drama Serial: Annovo Rokom

Manushera News Report Rimjhim 10:30

ATN BANGLA Talk show

12:40 ATN Music 1:20 Bengali Feature Film: Moner Agun 4:20 Talk show

5:15 ATN Computer Projukte 5:50 Uro Cola Saat

6:25 Islamee Sawal O Jawab Drama Serial: Sabuj Gram Samol Chaya

Drama serial: Akto Sapno Akto Bhul 8:50 Drama serial -Bhular Galpo 9:25 Magazine prog. Ek Dui Teen

Musical prog

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Bangladesh Tritia Matra 10:30 Music Plus 2:00 Film: Prem Judhha(Lima Salman Shah)

5:35 Jonopoder Khabor i-Sports Music Plus Projuktir Nijukti Drama Serial

Grohan Drama: Kash Phool

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08:00 Drama Serial Ebong Ami Career Show: Aviation

09:10 Drama Serial: Shangshay Drama Serial: Shapona Jattra Ey- Somoy

12:00 Dastaney Hatem 12:30 Ciney Gaan

12:00 Bengali Feature Film: Banglar

CHANNEL-i

Bangla Feature

5:45 6:10 Close-up Juke Box Sarey Tin Tala Drama Serial:

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Potrikar Khabai

Itihasher Ei Diney 11:30 Din Darpan Neel Paherer Gaan

9:45am Trading Places 12:00 U-Turn Alvin and The Chipmunks Meet

HBO

12:00

4:00 Hudson Hawk 6:00 Dennis The Menace Strikes Risky Business Hannibal 9:30

BBC World

The Blue Lagoon

every hour on the hour 10:30am.World Business Report

12:30 World Business Report/Sport Today 1:30 Click Online 2:15 Hardtalk 3:30 Earth Report 4:30 Asia Today/World

Hardtalk

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Business Report

Fast Track 7:30 8:30 Asia Today 9.30 Hardtalk World Business Report

9:00

Sci Shack, Wild Moves. Virt World 11:30 World Business Report/Sport Today MGM 6:30 Bullet Proof

11:30 Dark Angel

7:00 Diary of a Hit Man 9:30 Zee MGM Select 11:30 **STAR MOVIES**

4:30

3:00 5:25 Big Spender Getting Personal 7:00 Lethal Weapon 4 9:05 City Of Angels 200 Cigarettes

PICK OF THE DAY



Lethal Weapon 4 On STAR MOVIES at 7:00 pm. Genre: Action/Comedy/Thriller Mel Gibson, Rene Russo, Jet Li Martin Riggs and Roger Murtaugh, each now feeling

too old to be doing what they're doing, try to stop the Chinese Triads from doing their illegal business in the U.S. Uncle Benny, Chinatown's mob boss, has imported Chinese slaves to pay for an artist to create counterfeit Chinese currency which the Triads will use to buy the Four Fathersback from the Chinese military.

Midaq Alley

Serendipity

The Pilot's Wife 8:00 9:30 Ghost World 11:30 Single White Female 1:15 Complicity For The Boys

11:00 Leprechaun 4 12:45 Heart Of Midnight STAR WORLD 5:00pm.2 Guys A Girl & A

Pizza Place 5:30 Knight Rider 6:30 The Simpsons 7:00 Home Improvement 7:30 Friends Just Shoot Me 8:00

8:30 The Drew Carey Show 9:00 Whose Line Is It Anyway? 9.30 Monk

11:28 Star Asia Travel 11:30 Baywatch STAR PLUS

10:30

Law & Order: S.V.U

5:05pm.Tanha Hit Filmein Hit 5:30 Sangeet 6:00 Hum Saath Aath Hain

6:30 Fox Kids 7:30 Kumkum - Pyara Sa Bandhan 8:00 Shaka Laka Boom

Boom 8:30 Khichdi 9:00 Kasautii Zindagii Kay 9:30 Kehta Hai Dil 10:30 Kahaani Ghar Ghar

11:00 Kyunki Saas Bhi Kabhi Bahu Thi 11:30 Kahiin To Hoga 12:00 Kaahin Kissi Roz

NATIONAL **GEOGRAPHIC** 11:30am.Dogs With Jobs S3

11:00

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Water (T) International Triathlon Union (Itu) Itu Madrid World Cup 2003 Madrid Spain Event Highlights(R) 3:30 Rugby World Cup Irb Rugby World Cup 2003 Gosford

Programming Hot

Usa (R) 8:00 Hindi (L) Tennis Masters

People Out There Chasing Time \$100 Taxi Ride Young Global Hot Shots 10:30 Chinese Toy Stories

Adventures 12:00 Toyota World Of Wildlife STAR SPORTS

10:00am.International Triathlon Union (Itu) Itu Madrid World

Highlights(T) Tennis Masters 1st Round(R) Golf Programming

Watersports

Australia Argentina Vs Namibia Irl Racing Texas Indy 200 Ft. Worth Tx Sportsline Sportsline

Series Tennis Masters Madrid Madrid Spain 1st Round(S) Sportsline Sportsline

Hindi (R) Tennis Masters Series Tennis Masters Madrid 11:30 Crittercam-Wildtech Madri Spain 1st/2nd Round(S)

Cup 2003 Madrid Spain Event Madrid Madrid Spain The Golf Club 2003

10:30am.Australia Cricket 3 Test Series Perth Australia Australia Vs Zimbabwe 1st Test Day 5 Highlights

Game #2(T) 3:00

Series American

Sportsline Sportsline

Hindi (R)

12:00 Mlb Championship

League Championship Series 2003 Cricket Gold (R) Football Focus (L)