

RECOMMENDATIONS

Exhibition

October 04-16
The Saju Art Gallery holds a solo painting exhibition of noted artist Syed Jahangir.

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.

Woodcut Print

October 03-14

Alliance Francaise holds a solo woodcut print exhibition by Selina Chowdhury Mili at its La galerie.

Ceramic

October 10-14

Zainul Gallery of Institute of Fine Arts holds the second solo ceramics exhibition titled Soul and Soil by artist Sohel Rana.

Painting

October 10-24

Shilpangan arranged a fifteen-day-long solo painting exhibition of artist Iftikharuddin Ahmed's recent works.

Fine art

October 10-15

An 'informal' fine art exhibition entitled Longitude Latitude (Part-2) is on at House #6, Road #62, Gulshan-2.

Film Show

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.

October 27

A documentary film show dedicated to the international tourism day will be held at the library of the Russian Cultural Centre.

Drama Lane

Table with columns: Group, Plays, Date. Includes Bangladesh Mahila Samity, Dhaka Theatre, Natyajana, Nandini, Swarabathi.

Cinema

'X-Filme': the film manufactory

Zahir Raihan Film Society screens six German films produced by the 'X-Filme Creative Pool' at the Goethe Institut

SABBIR CHOWDHURY

THE German production Company X-Filme Creative Pool GmbH was founded in 1994 in Berlin by film producer Stefan Arndt and filmmakers Tom Tykwer, Wolfgang Becker and Dani Levy.

The X-Filme productions 'specialise in taking Germany seriously as a topic, and thereby making German films competitive once again' in the world film scenario.

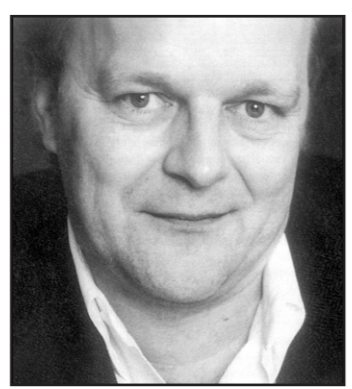
The production company 'X-Filme' founded its own distribution network 'X-Verleih' in 2000, to make it possible to supervise films continually, from concept to distribution.

records of all time. Wolfgang Becker's latest film Goodbye, Lenin! is also a box office hit.

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.

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

recent years. The films not only brought back the glory and awards for the German cinema but also got critical acclaims as well as box office success.



Producer Stefan Arndt

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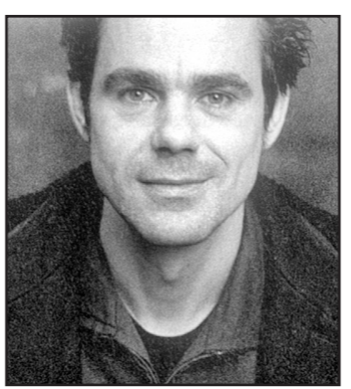


A scene from the film Life Is All You Get (1997)



A scene from the film Gigantic (1999)

manufactory' which, unlike industrial production, makes the most varied of individual items.



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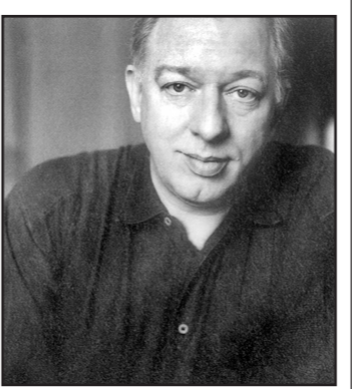


A scene from the film The Princess and the Warrior (2000)



A scene from the film Heaven (2002)

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



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A scene from the film Heaven (2002)

Celebration

Still going strong at 61

Amitabh's birthday celebrated

PALLAB BHATTACHARYA, New Delhi

HE 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 Amitabh 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 veteran 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 film.

The other dream is the re-launch of the company Amitabh 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 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 group.

Just look at the way Amitabh has acted in a role in the just-released film Baghban with ever 'dream-girl' Hema Malini.

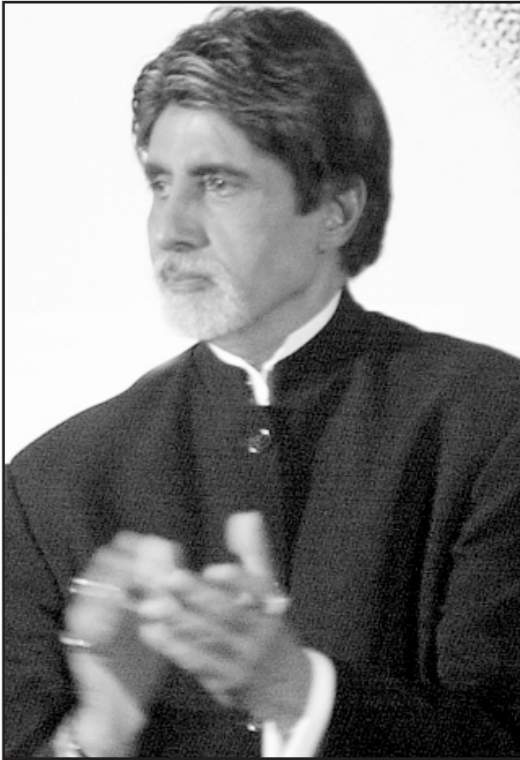
As producers and directors have made a bee-line for Amitabh, so has the advertisement world. He is endorsing all sorts of products, paint, soft drink, health care products, private financial and insurance companies and noble causes. In short, he has remained as popular a brand star as a film ambassador.

But Amitabh's entry into the tinsel world has not been all that smooth. Son of renowned Hindi poet Hariwansh 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 Lawari alcoholic son in Sharabi, orphaned destitute running out of luck in Muqaddar Ka Sikandar, a man torn between love for his wife and another woman in Silsila, coal miner and trade union leader in Kalaa Pathhar. 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 tea.

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 Crorepati.

Today, as Amitabh turns 61, he seems to have no time to look back. Content with his wife Jaya, son Abhishek, daughter Shweta 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 innings.

Top ten movies



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

for dead at the box office, opening at No. 1 with weekend ticket sales of about \$22.2 million.

Estimated ticket sales for Friday through Sunday at North American theaters, according to Exhibitor Relations Co. Inc.

Top ten chart of Hollywood movies of the week gone by:

- 1. Kill Bill Vol. 1, \$22.7 million.
2. The School of Rock, \$15.4 million.
3. Intolerable Cruelty, \$13.1 million.
4. Good Boy!, \$13 million.
5. Out of Time, \$8.6 million.
6. House of the Dead, \$5.5 million.
7. The Rundown, \$5.3 million.
8. Under the Tuscan Sun, \$4.8 million.
9. Secondhand Lions, \$3.3 million.
10. Lost in Translation, \$2.9 million.

Source: Reuters

Venture



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 Dhruvad. Five of the rooms are now ready for exhibiting more than hundred paintings.

Jamaluddin Hossain turns 60

Nagorik Natyangan Ensemble celebrates the actor's birthday

NOVERA DEEPTA

AN eminent drama activist and the founding general secretary of the theatre group Nagorik Natyangan Ensemble, Jamaluddin Hossain stepped into 60. The group arranged a programme celebrating his birthday at the Natmandal of Dhaka University.

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

The discussants recalled the past 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

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

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, Golam 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

BTV News Headlines (Bangla) at 9:40 am, 12:10 pm, 2:00 pm, 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 pm. Late Night News (Bangla and English) 11:30 pm. CHANNEL-i Breakfast News 07:15 am, 9:00am. News (Bangla) at 7:15 pm, 9:00, 10:30, 12:15 am. Telecast of BTV news (Bangla and English) at 11:30 pm. ATN BANGLA News (Bangla) at 8:00 am, 12:00 pm, 7:00 pm, 10:00 pm, 11:00 pm. Telecast of BTV News (Bangla and English) j at 11:30 pm. Latest News (Bangla) 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.

Table with columns: Time, Channel, Program Name. Includes Shuprabhat, Selected Nazrul Songs, Onnyo Bhuban: Ocean Girl, Cartoon Show Magazine: Rangdhanu, Sangeeta, Open University Shandhamalati Special prog. Of Chittagong Centre, Drama Serial: Jay Paroo Bhulley Dio, Drama Serial: Annoy Rokom Manushera, News Report Rimjim, Talk show, ATN Music, Bengali Feature Film: Moner Agun, Talk show, ATN Computer Projukte, Uro Cola Saat Rang, Islamee Sawal O Jawab, Drama Serial: Sabuj Gram Samol Chaya, Drama serial: Akto Sapno Akto Bhul, Drama serial: Bhular Galpo, Magazine prog. Ek Dui Teen, Musical prog: Surer Madure

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Table with columns: Time, Channel, Program Name. Includes STAR MOVIES: 9:05 pm, City of Angels, Wings of Desire, City Invites an angel who is spotted by a doctor in an operating room, Franz plays Cage's buddy who somehow knows a lot about angels, Seth, an angel watching over Los Angeles, begins finding his job difficult as he falls in love with Maggie, a beautiful heart surgeon, HBO: 9:30 pm, Hannibal, Horror/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 when he is discovered leaving a deserving few dead in the process, He returns back to his homeland of America to once again make contact with now disgraced Agent Clarice Starling who is suffering the wrath of a malicious FBI official/nival as well as the media, HBO: 9:45am, Trading Places, U-Turn, Alvin and the Chipmunks Meet Wolfman, Hudson Hawk, Dennis The Menace Strikes Again, Risky Business, Hannibal, The Blue Lagoon, BBC news every hour on the hour, World Business Report, World Business Report/Sport Today, Click Online, Hardtalk, Earth Report, Asia Today/World Business Report, Hardtalk, 7:30, Fast Track, Asia Today, Hardtalk, World Business Report, Sci Shack, Wild Moves, Virt World, World Business Report/Sport Today, MGM, Bullet Proof, Getting Personal, Dark Angel, 200 Cigarettes, 4:30, Serendipity, Diary of a Hit Man, Zee MGM Select, Midaq Alley, STAR MOVIES, The Pilot's Wife, Ghost World, Single White Female, Complicity, For The Boys, Big Spender, Lethal Weapon 4, City Of Angels

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