

Fantasy Kingdom's fourth anniversary

An evening of music and fireworks



Officials of Concord and the comic characters cut the anniversary cake



A view of the audience

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 CITY dwellers cheered when Concord Entertainment Company established a world-class theme park, Fantasy Kingdom (FK) on the Dhaka-Ashulia highway at a place called Jamgora. In Bangladesh, FK has provided the much-needed platform for musicians as well through live performances at the park.
 On March 17, FK celebrated its fourth anniversary with well-

attended performances by the front ranking musical icons of the country. The concert featured James, Ayub Bachchu, Souls, Habib, Biplob, Asif, Hasan, Parthibo, and Sustain. The programme also included a dance show; dazzling fireworks, a game show and a raffle draw with exciting prizes.
 The concert at FK's Ashulia venue, was scheduled to begin at 4:00pm. Long before that music lovers began to throng the FK premises. With a popular number,

Asif kicked off the concert. Hasan performed some popular numbers, which won applause.
 Chairperson of Concord Group, SM Kamaluddin and deputy managing director of the group, Shariar Kamal spoke on the occasion. The chairperson declared Tuesday as 'Family Day', wherein the public will get special privileges.
 There were treats, including a huge anniversary cake for everyone. Artists in the guise of Prince Ashu and Princess Lia cut the cake along with the FK theme song.

Later, fire works entertained the audience. The magnificent flames in red, yellow and green transformed the event into a colourful affair.
 Ayub Bachchu's all time favourite numbers *Meye*, *Ural Dibo Akashey* and *Shei Tumii*— with non-stop performances, skillful drumming, good guitar works and melodious vocals— were wonderful pieces. Hundreds of excited fans applauded his exhilarating performance.
 Next on stage was James. In

close succession he enthralled the crowd with his famous numbers such as *Ami Taray Taray Rotiya Dibo* and *Mira Bai*. The crowd joined in singing and dancing as the whole Fantasy Kingdom wore a festive look.
 Popular country singer Habib wrapped up the event with some well-known tracks—a performance that an enthusiastic audience enjoyed thoroughly. In sum, the unforgettable evening will linger on in the memory of the audience.

Festival

Dole Utshab at Lalon's 'Akhra'

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The three-day long 'Lalon Smaran Utshab', celebrating the 'Sufist' Baul king's music, ended recently at Chheuria, popularly known as 'Lalon Akhra' (den) at Kushtia. On the occasion, the *Akhra* was colourfully decorated and attracted an influx of devotees and admirers from all over Bangladesh and abroad.
 This festival is a regular phenomenon. On the annual occasion of *Dole Purnima* (full moon) at the end of the Bangla month *Phalgun*, the festival is held at Lalon's shrine. Popularly known as *Dole Purnima Utshab*, the event draws many devotees of Lalon.
 The *Utshab* has been observed for about 200 years and Lalon himself used to organise the festival every year at his *Akhra*. After his demise, his disciples carried on with the *Utshab*.



Lalon devotees at the shrine

As Lalon was a secularist, no religious rituals are observed at his shrine.

Dahon Boner Bihongi: Tele-film on the current state of freedom fighters



Azizul Hakim and Swapna Ferdousi in a scene from the tele-film

Channel-i will air tele-film *Dahon Boner Bihongi* on March 24 at 2:35 pm. *Dahon Boner Bihongi* is a saga of the current state of people for and against the Liberation War.. Through the investigation of a journalist, who goes to a village working on a special feature on the freedom fighters and Pakistani military during 1971, it becomes evident that the freedom fighters and their families are going through turbulent times. After many years of Independence, the Pakistani collaborators and their offspring are establishing a stronghold, particularly in rural areas.
 Dewan Nazmul is the scriptwriter and director of the tele-film, in which Azizul Hakim, Swapna Ferdousi and others play the major roles.

CULTURAL FEAST

- Exhibition**
Title: 12th Asian Art Biennale, Bangladesh
Venue: National Art Gallery, National Museum, Osmani Auditorium
Date: March 5-31
Title: The Other Voice
Date: March 8-19
Time: 12pm to 8pm
Venue: Bengal Gallery Of Fine Arts House275/F, Road 27(Old), Dhanmondi R/A
Title: Trio
Participants: Kazi Rakib, Masuda Kazi, Kazi Iqbal
Venue: Gallery Kaya, H#20, road# 16, Sector# 4, Uttara
Date: March 10-24
Title: Etching, engraving and wood cut print exhibit
Artist: Mohammed Muslim Mia
Venue: Art & Soul Gallery, Rd 36, House 16, Gulshan Avenue, Dhaka
Date: March 17-26 at 11 am to 8 pm
Title: Exhibition – Anwar Hossein
Venue: Alliance Francaise Gallery
Date: March 16-29
Death anniversary
Title: Observing 5th death anniversary of poet Abu Zafar Obaidullah
Organiser: Bengal Foundation
Venue: Bengal Shilpalaya, 275/F Road No-27, Dhanmondi
Date: March 19
Time: 6:30pm
Book Launch
Title: Meghdootom
Organiser: Bengal Foundation
Venue: Bengal Shilpalaya, 275/F Road No-27, Dhanmondi
Date: March 24
Time: 7:00pm

Sanjib Majumder An upbeat tabla player

KAVITA CHARANJJI

Tabla player Sanjib Majumder is upbeat about his medium. "The tabla scenario in the country is bright. Thanks to media exposure and the satellite channels, this instrument has gained popularity. Also, in contrast with earlier days,

many more youngsters are attracted to the tabla."
 Today, Majumder dons multiple roles. For one, he is marketing manager and assistant coordinator in Tona Tuni, the children's organisation. In addition, he teaches at the Ayet Ali Khan Sangeet Niketon and is assistant tabla

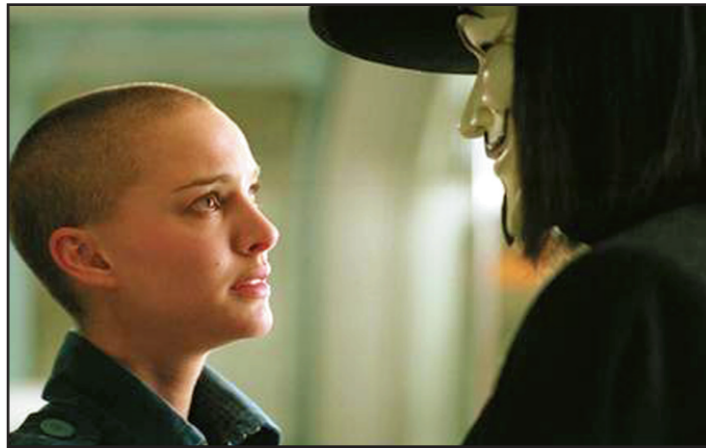
teacher at Chhayantun.
 In the course of his career, he has accompanied well-known Indian names such as Hoimanti Shukla and Anup Ghoshal. In the ranks of the Bangladeshi artistes with whom he has played are the late Nilufar Yasmin, Subir Nandi, Ferdous Ara, Niaz Muhammad Chowdhury, Khurshid Alam, Rezwana Chowdhury Banya, Sadi Muhammad and Farida Parveen. Likewise he has teamed up with classical instrumental artistes such as Ustad Khurshid Khan, Ustad Shahadat Hossain Khan and Reenat Fauzia.
 Majumder's gurus have had a definite impact on his life and work. At the tender age of nine, he began to learn the tabla from Ustad Tapan Modak. He describes Modak as a major inspiration on account of his "commitment to a simple life and melodious tabla playing."
 Subsequently he completed a five-year diploma course on instrumental music (tabla) from The Alauddin Sangeetangan, a reputed music academy in Brahmanbaria. Later he took tabla lessons from Amitava Gayen, an eminent Indian tabla player. Gayen, says Majumder, exercised a positive role on his career. Says Mazumder, " He taught me a basic dictum, 'There is no limit to learning. You must learn and continue to learn so that you can attain success.'"
 Among Mazumder's accomplishments: Securing first position twice in national level music competitions. His talent won him a place in a cultural delegation, which headed to India in 1998, and to Sri Lanka in 2003. Today Mazumder is a regular artiste of Bangladesh Betar and Bangladesh Television.



Sanjib Majumder

V for Vendetta: Providing food for thought

It is the year 2020. A virus runs wild in the world, most Americans are dead, and Britain is ruled by a fascist dictator who promises security but not freedom. One man stands against him, the man named V (Hugo Weaving), who moves through London like a wraith despite the desperate efforts of the police. He wears a mask showing the face of Guy Fawkes, who in 1605 tried to blow up the houses of Parliament.
 On November 4, the eve of 'Guy Fawkes Day', British schoolchildren for centuries have started bonfires to burn Fawkes in effigy. On this eve in 2020, V saves a young TV reporter named Evey (Natalie Portman) from rape at the hands of the police, forces her to join him, and makes a busy night of it by blowing up the Old Bailey courtrooms.
 The movie follows V's exploits for the next 12 months, until the night when he has vowed to strike a crushing blow against the dictatorship. The film shows a police state that holds citizens in an iron grip and yet is humiliated by a single man who seems impervious.
 This story was first told as a graphic novel written by Alan Moore



Natalie Portman facing a masked Hugo Weaving in the film

and published in 1989. Its hero plays altogether differently now, and yet, given the nature of the regime, is he a terrorist or a freedom fighter?
V for Vendetta has been written and co-produced by the Wachowski brothers, Andy and Larry, whose *Matrix* movies also were about rebels holding out against a planetary system of control. This movie is more literary; less dominated by special effects, and is filled with ideas that are all the more intriguing because one cannot pin down the message. The most pointed is V's belief: "People should not be afraid of their governments."
 Is this movie a parable about 2006, a cautionary tale or a pure fantasy? It can be read many ways.
 Source: RogerEbert.com

TV GUIDE

PICK OF THE DAY



Gauror Shomachar
 On Channel-i at 06:00 pm.
 Programme featuring documentaries by female filmmakers and discussions on social issues.
 Hosted by: Tarana Halim

- All programmes are in local time. The Daily Star will not be responsible for any change in the programme.
- * News Bulletin**
- BTV**
 News Headlines (Bangla) at 8:55 am, 12:10 pm, 2:00 pm, 3:00 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
 News (Bangla) at 7:15 am, 9:00 am, 2:00 pm, 7:00 pm, 9:00 pm, 10:30 pm, 12:15 am.
 Telecast of BTV news (Bangla and English) at 11:30 pm.
ATN BANGLA
 News (Bangla) at 7:00 am, 10:00 am, 2:00 pm, 7:00 pm, 10:00 pm, 11:00 pm.
 News (English) 8:20 am, 7:00 pm.
 Telecast of BTV News (Bangla and English) at 11:30 pm.
 Latest News (Bangla) at 9:00 am, 10:00 am, 11:00 am, 1:00 pm, 3:00 pm, 4:00 pm, 6:00 pm and 8:00 pm.
ntv
 News Headlines (Bangla) at 10:00 am, 12:00 am, 6:15 pm, 9:30 pm.
 News (Bangla) 7:30 am, 2:00 pm, 5:00 pm, 7:30 pm, 10:30 pm.
 Telecast of BTV News (Bangla and English) at 11:30 pm.
TARA BANGLA
 News Headlines (Bangla) at 5:30 pm, 7:30 pm.
 Tara News (Bangla) at 8:30 pm, 11:30 pm.
 Tara News Bangladesh (Bangla) at 9:30 pm.
BBC WORLD
 Every hour on the hour

- BTV**
 09:05 Musical Programme
 09:25 *Shashwato Jibon*
 09:35 Open University
 10:00 Satellite Broadcast
 12:30 *Shashito Tathya*
 01:00 *Kheladhula*
 01:30 *Prottyashar Alo*
 02:15 *Protidin Computer*
 02:40 *Enggiji Shekhar Ashor*
 03:05 *Banshori*
 03:30 *Amader Ranna*
 04:00 *Shaptoshur*
 04:30 *Angona*
 05:05 National TV Debate
 06:10 *Geetanjali*
 06:35 Programmes from the Chittagong Centre
 07:00 *Mati O Manush*
 07:30 Drama Serial
 07:50 *Swadhinota Mohan Swadhinota*
 08:45 Drama Serial: *Rangdhanu*
 09:25 Drama Serial: *Swapno Sonargaon*
 10:25 *Teknaf Theke Tetulia Pratham Antora*
CHANNEL i
 09:45 Public Reaction
 09:50 *Tritiya Matra*
 11:05 *Tele Prescription*
 11:30 *Hidoye Mati O Manush*
 12:30 *Aj Dupurey O Citycell Tarokakothon*
 01:05 *Ebong Cinemar Gaan*
 01:30 *Shangbadpotrey Bangladesh*
 01:45 Public Reaction
 02:40 Selected plays of Humayun Ahmed
 04:05 *Bashundhara Amader Gaan*
 04:45 *Sa Re Ga Ma*

- Gauror Shomachar*
 07:50 Talk Show: *Aloe Bhobon Bhora Shanchita*
 09:35 Drama Serial: *Bela Obelar Golpo*
ATN BANGLA
 10:30 *Onyodrishti*
 11:35 *Gandharaj Samsung Cine Aha*
 12:15 *Adibashi Jonopod Smriti Monikothae Shormali Shadakalo*
 01:30 Drama Serial: *Nirob Koshto*
 03:10 Drama Serial: *O Amar Chokkhu Nai Shapla Shaluk*
 03:45 Music Box
 04:20 *Isphani Pure Snax Quiz Time*
 04:45 ATN Music
 05:45 *Islami Sawal O Jobab*
 06:25 Three Stooges
 08:00 Drama Serial: *Jol Porey Pata Norey*
 08:30 Drama Serial: *The New Shabuj Opera*
 09:00 Drama Serial: *Nirey Taar Neel Dheu*
 09:30 Drama Serial: *Ek Akasher Swapno*
 10:40 Business This Week
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 08:35 *Aajker Shokal*
 08:55 Documentary: *Animal Kingdom*
 10:30 *Natoker Gaan*
 11:00 Baul songs: *Mon Amar Shondhan Kori*
 11:30 Talk Show: *Ki Kotha Tahar Shathay*
 12:05 Documentary: *World Of Arts*
 12:30 *Hoi Hullor*

- 01:05 *Muktangan*
 02:35 Drama Serial: *Kachher Manush*
 03:15 Concert Concert
 04:25 *Putulnaach*
 04:50 *Snapshots Of Change*
 05:20 *Apar Jigyasha*
 06:20 *Shubho Shondhya*
 06:50 *Rtv Exclusive*
 08:20 Drama Serial: *Romizer Aina*
 09:10 *Lux Glamour World*
 09:50 Drama Serial: *Shadaraer Manush Dindarpan*
Rtv
 07:30 *Hidoye Shur Ashey*
 07:45 *Shukhi Thakun Deho Mon-e*

- 09:30 Just Band
 10:30 Telefilm
 01:00 Look At Me
 02:30 *Shoto Proshno*
 03:40 *Ajker Bangladesh*
 04:15 Music Music
 05:30 Bangla Cartoon: *Rookatu*
 06:30 *Rtv Exclusive*
 08:00 Drama Serial: *Agantuk*
 08:50 Drama Serial: *Biddhashram*
 10:50 Travel Show: *Prithibir Pothay Pothay*
HBO
 10:15 *Midnight Run*
 12:45 *Kangaroo Jack*
 02:30 *Mystery Men*
 05:00 *The Lord of the*

- Rings: *The Towers Leithin Weapon 2*
 10:45 *A Kiss Before Dying*
 12:45 *A Kiss Before Dying*
STAR MOVIES
 11:15 *The Grudge*
 12:50 *Dodgeball: A True Underdog Story*
 02:30 *Braveheart*
 05:25 *Dodgeball: A True Underdog Story*
 07:00 *Barbershop 2: Back In Business*
 08:45 *Safe Men*
 10:15 *Buried Lies*
 12:05 *Big Shot: Confessions Of A Campus Bookie*

- STAR PLUS**
 12:30 *Kabhi Khushi Kabhi Dhoom*
 01:00 *Musafir Hoon Yaaron*
 01:30 *Mirch Masala*
 02:30 *Shanno Ki Shaadi*
 03:00 *Pardey Ke Peechey*
 04:00 *Loc: Life Out Of Control*
 05:30 *The Proud Family*
 06:00 *Goof Troop*
 06:30 *Ajabee*
 09:30 *Saibaba*
 10:30 *Baa Bahoo Aur Baby*
 11:00 *Shanno Ki Shaadi*
 11:30 *Shararat - Thoda Jadu Todi Naz*
STAR WORLD
 12:30 *Desperate Housewives*

- 10:30 *Lost*
 02:30 *The O.C.*
 03:30 *Monk*
 04:30 *Less Than Perfect*
 05:00 *The Drew Carey Show*
 05:30 *Hollywood Shootouts*
 06:30 *Baywatch Hawaii*
 07:30 *Malcolm In The Middle*
 08:00 *Parkinson*
 10:30 *Desperate Housewives*
DISCOVERY
 09:30 *Discovery India*
 11:30 *Discovery Wings*
 12:30 *Lifestyle Showcase*
 01:30 *Discovery Discovery*
 02:30 *Zero Hour*
 03:30 *War Zone*
 04:30 *Wild Discovery*
 05:30 *Discovery India*
 06:30 *Discovery Wing*
 08:30 *International Earth Day Special*
 10:30 *Night Safari*
 11:30 *Journey of Life*
NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC
 09:20 *Dogs With Jobs*
 10:45 *Doc Eureka*
 11:00 *Serious: Jungle*
 11:30 *Backyard Science*
 12:00 *Serious: Jungle*
 12:30 *Wildlife Detectives*
 01:00 *Croc Chronicles*
 01:30 *Seconds From Disaster*
 02:30 *Air Crash Investigation S2*
 03:30 *Interpol Investigates*
 05:30 *Vultures: Death Watch*
 06:30 *Microkillers*
 07:30 *Megacliffs*
 08:30 *Murder Dolls*
 09:30 *Sleeping Beauties - The Incorrupt*
 10:30 *Seconds From Disaster*

- STAR SPORTS**
 08:30 *Sri Lanka Tour Of Bangladesh, Bangladesh Vs Sri Lanka 2nd Odi Highlights(R)*
 10:30 *Cricket Classics: Great Finishes*
 11:00 *Formula One Qualifying 2006 Malaysian Grand Prix Qualif(Ying(R))*
 02:15 *Chequered Flag 2006 F1 Chequered Flag Malaysian Grand Prix*
 03:00 *Football Extra Malaysia Airlines Football Extra (S)*
 04:00 *ICC Cricket World (R)*
 04:30 *Atp Masters Series Pacific Life Open 2006 Usa Men's Siffinal Match #1(S)*
 07:25 *English Premier Football League 2005/06 Newcastle England Newcast Le United Vs Liverpool (L)*
 09:30 *Ace (R)*
 10:30 *Australia Tour Of South Africa Castle Lager/Mtn Test Series 2006South Africa Vs Australia 1st Test Day 1 Highlights (T)*
ESPN
 07:00 *West Indies Tour Of New Zealand The National Bank Test Series - 2006 Wellington New Zealand New Z Ealand Vs West Indies 2nd Test Day 3 2nd & 3rd Session (L)*
 11:30 *Australia Cricket Down Under - India's Tour Of Australia 2003/04 Part I*
TEN SPORTS
 09:45 *Winning Post*
 01:30 *Sri Lanka v Pakistan: 2nd ODI (1st Session)*
 06:00 *Sri Lanka v Pakistan: 2nd ODI (2nd Session)*
 07:00 *WWE: Heat*
 07:30 *European Tour Weekly*
 08:00 *India in West Indies*
 11:00 *Trans World Sports*

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 12:30 *ICC Cricket World (R)*
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 Highlights (R)
 02:28 *Australia Tour Of South Africa Castle Lager/Mtn Test Series 2006 Cape Town South Africa South Afr Ica Vs Australia 1st Test Day 4 1st Session (L)*
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