

CULTURAL FEAST

In Remembrance of Peter Sewitz & Film Screening

Titles: 'Dhaka Tokal' and 'Dhaka Rickshaw'
Organiser: Bangladesh Federation of Film Societies
Venue: German Cultural Centre,
Date and time: August 20, at 6:30 pm

Classical Musical Soiree

Artist: Shaheenur Reza and Rezwan Ali
Organiser: Shuddha Sangeet Prosar Goshthi
Venue: Bishwa Shahitya Kendra, Dhaka
Date: August 31

Photography Exhibition

Title: Cha Garam
Organiser: Pathshala: South Asian Institute of Photography
Venue: Alliance Francaise-Gallery Zoom
Date: August 10-23
Time: 9 am-12 pm and 5 pm-9 pm

Solo Painting Exhibition

Artist: Abdus Shakoor
Venue: Shilpangan, Road 3, House 13/A, Dhanmondi
Date: August 24-September 07
Time: 10:00 am-1:00 pm and 5:00 pm-8:00 pm

Solo Photography Exhibition

Photographer: Bakin Rabbi
Organiser: Alliance Francaise de Dacca
Venue: Zoom Gallery, Alliance Francaise
Date: August 24-September 06

Tagore's thoughts on the eternal journey

In conversation with Mita Haq

MAHMUDA AFROZ

MITA Haq, a leading Rabindra Sangeet exponent talks about her love, respect and passion for the genre and for the maestro himself – Rabindranath Tagore. Brought up in a culture-oriented family, Mita feels that it would have been strange if she didn't take to singing and it was Rabindra Sangeet that moved her the most. Not that there was any pressure from the family, but songs were in her genes and she just loved singing.

Mita started singing even before she knew how to formulate proper words. "All these weird uui kuui noises would come out of my mouth as I would try and imitate my elders. Since I can remember I used to barge into family music gatherings and demand in my childish local dialect *ami gaan gamu, ami bajamu* (I want to sing, I want to play)."

Today, Mita is well-versed in Tagore songs. She has been a music teacher for over 16 years. Mita elaborates on the maestro's philosophy on death and her own ideas: about his death, "It is a complicated emotion," expresses Mita. "Tagore enriched us with his songs and poetry on death. Though he is no longer with us, a sense of loss should not overcome us. He has left so much for us that I personally feel his



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presence everyday. "Besides, Tagore himself never believed that death is an ultimate end. In his songs, he depicts death as a joyous journey. Many people do not understand the depth of his lyrics and don't relate to many of his songs with death, though they were written explicitly with the phenomenon in mind." She gives an example:
Shomukhey shanti parabar, bhashao toroni he komodor, tumi hobey chiroshathee...

It is tough to translate or get the right essence in English, clarifies Mita: "Even though he sensed death nearby he was not sad about it, rather he was looking forward to get closer to the creator in whom he looked for an eternal partner, he wanted this partner to embrace him and take him in His cradle."

In another song, Tagore, who went by the pseudonym Bhanu Shinghor, said:
Moronorey tuhu momo shyam shoman...

Elaborates Mita, "What he means by this song is that death is the only inevitable thing on earth. It will not leave you, it will not deceive you. Death is bound to come and will never part with anyone. It is one's ultimate partner."
 For Mita, Tagore's death is just biological and not spiritual: "Tagore always spoke and wrote about death with a realistic approach. Perhaps we need to take a cue from the great bard."

Movie watch

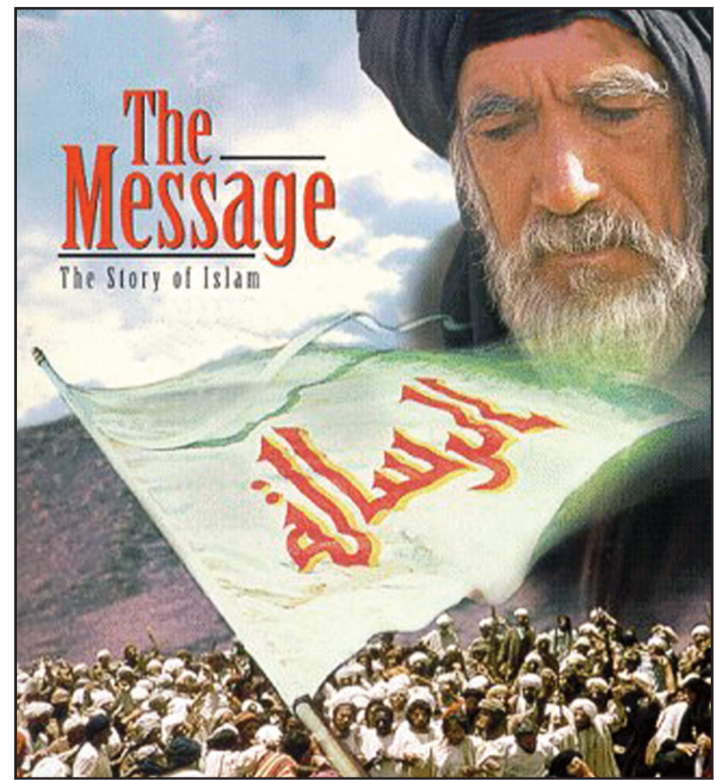
'The Message' comes to Dhaka

The Message, a 1977 epic on the origin of Islam, was released at Star Cineplex, Bashundhara City Shopping Mall on August 18. Star Cineplex has acquired the last original 35mm print and theatrical and TV rights for Bangladesh, says a press release.

The Message, directed by Moustapha Akkad and starring Anthony Quinn, Irene Pappas and Michael Ansara, chronicles the life and times of Muhammad (PBUH). Released in both Arabic and English, the film serves as an introduction to early Islamic history. Although the movie revolves around Muhammad (PBUH), his image is not depicted in any way throughout the movie. Instead actors were left to talk to the camera.

Akkad faced resistance from Hollywood in making a film about the origins of Islam. He saw the film as a way to bridge the gap between the Western and Islamic world.

The movie will be screened at 11am, 2:50pm and 6:40pm daily, except on Wednesdays.



Spike Lee's Katrina film to open in Toronto film festival



Spike Lee with the poster of his film

Filmmaker Spike Lee's new documentary about the Hurricane Katrina disaster in New Orleans will have its Canadian opening at the Toronto International Film Festival (TIFF).

When *The Levees Broke: A Requiem in Four Acts* shines a powerful spotlight on the administration's stunning incompetence in assisting survivors.

The first two hour-long segments debut on HBO on August 21 with the second two segments airing on August 22. The film, which takes the viewers from the hours before the crisis through efforts to rebuild the city, will be shown in its entirety on August 29 to mark the storm's first anniversary.

Lee travelled to New Orleans seven times to interview residents, many of whom offer tales of heroic struggle and sacrifice. The goats in this real-life drama come almost exclusively from the political realm.

Despite warnings about the coming storm's likely ferocity, Mayor Ray Nagin dallied until the day before it struck to give a mandatory evacuation order. The emergency plan to send citizens to the Super Dome created a situation that city resident Shelton "Shakespeare" Alexander says was reminiscent of slavery's "middle passage".

BTV introduces target audience focused programmes

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In view of public demand, taste and need, BTV has re-scheduled its current programmes. In a recent press briefing, Nasimul Ghani, director general, BTV, said that as the only terrestrial channel in the country, BTV has introduced Target Audience Focused Transmission (TAFT) system from August 17. In doing so, BTV hopes to generate more audience interest. He added that the reason for this initiative is that people from different demographic groups watch TV at different times.

Research has been done to categorise the viewers and to determine the schedule of the programmes according to their taste. In-house training and monitoring, workshop with eminent producers, a study circle, workshops for newscasters, training of camera crew and set designers are also in progress, Ghani said.

The DG also said that BTV will be introducing several new programmes on agriculture in SAARC countries, talk shows, musical programmes, global cinema and sports-based programmes from this month.



A warm reception was accorded to Professor Yunus and his daughter Monica Yunus by Welfare Shishu Academy at Ramu, Cox's Bazar. Young members of the academy performed songs and dances at the cultural programme. Professor Yunus spoke and Monica Yunus sang at the occasion

Telefilm *Bhrammoman Golpokar* on Channel 1



The cast of *Bhrammoman Golpokar*

CULTURAL CORRESPONDENT

A tele-film, titled *Bhrammoman Golpokar*, will be aired tonight at 8:15pm on Channel 1. The play is written by Ali Fida Ekram Tojo and directed by Shahiduzzaman Selim.

The characters of the play are easy to relate to. Kakon belongs to an affluent family. She doesn't have to worry about anything. On the other hand, Junaid struggles to survive. He doesn't have education, a job or any remarkable achievement that makes him extraordinary. The story, however, makes a u-turn and the lead characters find themselves in reverse positions.

The cast of the play includes Shahiduzzaman Selim, Rozi Siddiqui, Intekhab Dinar, Sanjida Prity and others.

Talk show 'Citycell Tarokakothon' on Channel 1

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Citycell Tarokakothon, a talk show aired live on Channel 1. Each episode of the talk show features a discussion where a celebrity guest from the realms of small screen, silver screen and music discuss various topics.

Directed by Ananya Ruma, the programme seeks to share insight on the celebrity guest. The audience can speak to the guest on the phone. The show also features a quiz contest for the viewers.

The show is aired everyday at 12:30 pm except Friday.



TV GUIDE

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 pm.
 News (English) 8:20 am, 7:00 pm
 Telecast of BTV News (Bangla and English) at 11:30 pm.

CHANNEL 1
 09:45 Public Reaction
 09:50 Gramneephone
 09:55 Trilopya
 11:05 Tele Prescription
 12:30 Aj Dupurey O
 12:35 Citycell Tarokakothon
 01:05 Ebong Cinemar
 01:30 Shanghadpotrey Bangladesh
 01:45 Amader Gaan
 04:05 Sa Re Ga Ma
 05:30 FCT Business Talk

BTV
 08:30 Open University
 09:15 Satellite Broadcast
 12:15 Shongbadpotrer Pata Thekey
 12:30 Maa O Shishur
 01:00 Bansuri
 01:30 Mati O Manush
 02:15 Shokal Belar Pakhi
 02:40 Cartoon
 03:30 Educational Programme
 04:00 Protidin Computer
 04:30 Kheladhula
 05:05 National TV Debate
 06:40 Gitanjali
 07:30 Dance Show
 08:35 Protidin Bangladesh
 08:45 Drama Serial: Machh Konya
 09:25 Drama Serial: Swapno Shonar Gaon
 10:25 Teknaf Theke Tetulia

ATN BANGLA
 10:00 Musicplus
 06:20 Talk Show
 07:50 Hallo Minister
 10:00 Drama Serial: Bela Obelar Golpo
 12:00 Aaker Shangbadpotro
ATN BANGLA
 10:30 Anydorishi
 12:15 Smriti Monikothay
 01:30 Shornaly Shada Kalo
 02:30 Tele Film: Bondhu Amar
 05:10 ATN Music
 05:45 Islami Sawal O Jobab (Live)
 06:25 Three Stooges
 08:00 Drama Serial: Khola Duar
 08:30 Drama Serial: The New Shobuj Opera
 09:00 Drama Serial: Nire Tar Neel Dheu
 09:30 Drama Serial: Olot Palot
 10:40 Business This Week

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 08:35 Aaker Shokal
 09:05 Drama Serial: Romizer Aaina
 09:30 Amra Ekhon Unish Kuri
 10:05 Animal Kingdom
 10:30 Natoker Gaan
 11:00 Baul Gaan: Mon Amar Shondhan Kori
 11:30 Talk Show
 12:05 World Of Arts
 12:30 Hoi Hullor
 01:05 Mukhtangan
 02:35 Drama Serial: Kachher Manush

Channel 1
 04:25 Apon Aloy
 05:10 Din Darpan/ Itihasher
 05:30 Ei Diney
 06:20 Shubho Shondhya
 06:50 Probashay Bangladesh
 08:20 Ramizer Aaina
 09:00 Glamour World
 09:50 Bibranor bhalobasha
 11:25 Dindarpan
Rtv
 08:00 Ei Shokal
 09:05 Aj Patrikay
 10:30 R-Music
 12:05 Talk Show
 02:30 Islamic Programme
 03:30 Drama Serial: Shuprobhat Bangladesh

PICK OF THE DAY

Olot Palot
 On ATN Bangla at 09:30 pm
 Drama Serial
 Cast: Zahid Hassan, Litu Anam, Ishita

The Mummy Returns
 On Star Movies at 08:40 pm
 Genre: Action/Adventure
 Cast: Brendan Fraser, Rachel Weisz, Arnold Vosloo

04:25 Apon Aloy	04:00 Modhyoborti	09:30 Chokh Mele Dekhi	09:30 Chart Busters Movie Based
05:10 Din Darpan/ Itihasher	05:30 Apon Shemanay	10:00 Cartoon	10:00 Music Mantra Music
05:30 Ei Diney	05:30 Gaan Ar Gaan	10:30 Bangla Feature Film	10:30 Music Beats Music
06:20 Shubho Shondhya	06:00 Aaker Bangladesh	02:00 Bishwa Jurey Shat Din	11:00 Cadburys Bourmiva
06:50 Probashay Bangladesh	06:35 Amar Desh	03:30 Shurela Lagun	Confidence Champion Quiz Show
08:20 Ramizer Aaina	06:40 Children's Programme	04:00 Dui Dugune Panch	05:15 Small Ville
09:00 Glamour World	08:00 Drama Serial: Agantuk	04:30 Shondhi Khoney	06:00 Saaj Bela
09:50 Bibranor bhalobasha	09:20 Concert	05:15 Small Ville	06:45 Jonotar Ishithar
11:25 Dindarpan	08:50 Wide Angle	06:00 Saaj Bela	07:00 Padmo Raag
Rtv	10:45 Rtv Exclusive	06:45 Jonotar Ishithar	08:15 Tele Film: Bhrammoman Golpokar
08:00 Ei Shokal	10:50 Prithibir Pathey Pathey	07:00 Padmo Raag	
09:05 Aj Patrikay	CHANNEL 1	08:15 Tele Film: Bhrammoman Golpokar	
10:30 R-Music	08:40 Shuprobhat Bangladesh	08:30 Chart Busters Movie Based	
12:05 Talk Show		11:00 Confidance Champion Quiz Show	
02:30 Islamic Programme		11:30 Boogie Woogie Dance	
03:30 Drama Serial: Shuprobhat Bangladesh		12:00 Akela Thriller/ Horror	
		01:30 Man Mein Hai	
		02:30 Visshwas Spiritual Vaidehi Drama	
		03:30 Maitnee - Hum Hai Rahi Pyar Ke Movie Contd. Contd.	
		06:30 Music Mantra Others	
		07:30 Chart Busters Movie Based	

STAR PLUS

09:00 Yatra	12:30 Rang De Basanti
10:00 Krishna Kathaiyen	04:00 V First Day First
10:30 Instant Khichidi	Show-Starplu
11:30 The Great Indian Laughter Champion	04:30 Musafir Hoon Yaaron
12:30 Rang De Basanti	05:00 V Trailers - Star Plus
04:00 V First Day First	05:25 V First Day First Show-Starplu
04:30 Musafir Hoon Yaaron	05:30 American Dragon: Jack Long
05:00 V Trailers - Star Plus	06:00 Buzz Light Year of StarCommand
05:25 V First Day First Show-Starplu	06:30 Virasat
05:30 American Dragon: Jack Long	08:30 Saibaba
06:00 Buzz Light Year of StarCommand	09:30 Prithviraj Chauhan
06:30 Virasat	10:00 Baa Bahoo Aur Baby
08:30 Saibaba	10:00 Shanno Ki Shaadi
09:30 Prithviraj Chauhan	11:00 Thoda Sa Aasma Kaboom
10:00 Baa Bahoo Aur Baby	
10:00 Shanno Ki Shaadi	
11:00 Thoda Sa Aasma Kaboom	

STAR MOVIES

08:30 Rookie Of The Year	01:30 Ultimate Adventures
10:15 Dr. Doolittle	02:30 Wild: Life Adventure
11:45 Wedding Date, The	03:30 The Living Edens
01:15 Rocketeer, The	04:30 Bridge on the River Kwai
03:10 The One	05:30 Beyond The Movie
04:45 Hollow Man	06:30 Planet Wild
06:30 The Ticket	07:30 Big Cats
07:00 Elektra	08:30 MegaStructures
08:40 Mummy Returns, The	10:00 Emerging India
09:30 Billboard Us Countdown	12:00 Wild Family Secrets
09:30 Hogan's Heroes	
10:00 Get Smart	
10:30 The Bold And The Beautiful	
12:30 Desperate Housewives	
01:30 Law & Order: S.V.U.	
02:30 One Tree Hill	
03:30 Ncis	
04:30 Boston Legal	
05:30 Hollywood Shootouts	
06:00 Travel Asia	
06:30 Baywatch Hawaii	
07:30 The Simpsons	
08:00 Wonderfalls	
09:00 Oprah Winfrey Show	
10:00 Rendezvous With Simi Garewal	
10:30 Desperate Housewives	
11:30 Law & Order: S.V.U.	

DISCOVERY CHANNEL

08:30 Wild Discovery	01:30 Stunt Junkies
09:30 Discover India	12:00 Great Cars
10:30 Himalaya With Michael Palin	12:30 Runway Moms
11:30 Stunt Junkies	01:00 Yummy Mummy
12:00 Great Cars	01:30 Wild Discovery
12:30 Runway Moms	02:30 Man Made Marvels Asia
01:00 Yummy Mummy	03:30 Days That Shook The World
01:30 Wild Discovery	04:30 Wild Discovery
02:30 Man Made Marvels Asia	05:30 How Do They Do It?
03:30 Days That Shook The World	06:30 Need for Speed
04:30 Wild Discovery	07:30 Wild Discovery
05:30 How Do They Do It?	08:30 Discovery's Biggest Shows
06:30 Need for Speed	10:30 Wild Safari
07:30 Wild Discovery	11:30 Blueprint For Disaster
08:30 Discovery's Biggest Shows	

NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC

08:30 The Living Edens
09:30 Untamed

HBO

09:45 In Good Company
12:00 Lackawanna Blues
02:00 HBO Sneak Peek: Troy
02:30 The School of Rock
04:45 The Calcium Kid
06:30 Mean Girls
08:30 Mortal Kombat
10:30 'Carnival 20: Outsikirts, Damascus Ne'