

exhibition

Shades of Baishakh

A colourful Art work exhibition featuring traditional Bengal



Viewers enjoying the exhibition

By Saima Islam

THE Art Gallery of the Indian Cultural Centre is beaming with the array of colourful art works created for the Baishakh Utsab by the students of the Institute of the Fine Arts. Baishakh brings the sense of renewed joy with its



A colourful mask

celebrations, the sensuous aroma of the mangoes, various fairs and cultural activities. The students of the Fine Arts Institute came up with the brilliant idea of holding colourful

rallies every year, commemorating the first Baishakh in 1989 and since then every year the rallies of the Fine Art Institute has become the main attraction of the celebration of the first day of Baishakh.

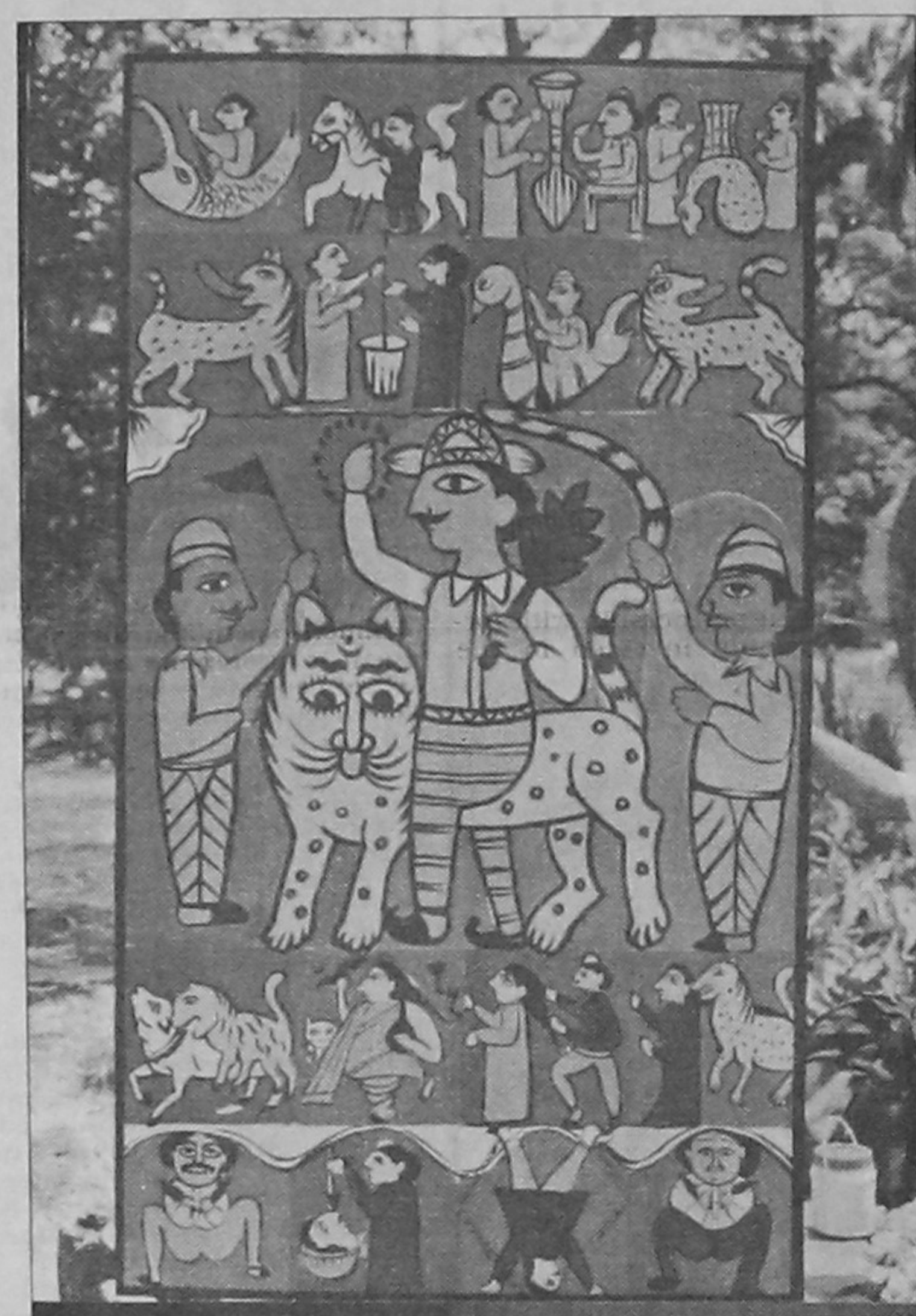
All the students of the institute come together and work spontaneously to give their imagination enthralling shapes. The best thing about this Utsab is that there are no set rules. One can let his or her imagination fly high and create whatever he or she wants to create. They don't have to work with a certain theme or motif because this festival is not an academic endeavour. The art works they create are manifestation of their pleasure.

But what happens after all the fun and celebration is over? What happens to those beautiful artefacts that represent the students' spontaneity and love of art? All those works simply withered away. This year for the first time many of the items are collected and put on display for all to enjoy the flavour of Baishakh festivals even after all the celebrations were over.

This innovative exhibition was inaugurated by the eminent artist Prof. Quayyum Chowdhury on April 28. P R Chakravarty, Deputy High Commissioner of India, artist Imdad Hussein and Prof. Rafiqun Nabi were present as special guests on the occasion

and Prof. Mahmudul Haque presided over the function.

About 45 pieces of artefacts are on display at this exhibition. The striking feature of all the works is that they all reflect the traditional Bengali motif. The folk theme no doubt captured the imagination of the young artists. The theme of the king and queen, the gods and



Gazir Pot

video

Documentary on BTV

German-Bangladesh Development Cooperation

By Cultural Correspondent

BANGLADESH Television will air a video documentary on German Bangladesh Development Cooperation on May 3 at 4.05pm. This film will present the development programmes which are presently being carried out in different parts of Bangladesh.

As a development partner Germany is closely working with Bangladesh since the country's independence.

The film describes how Germany provides assistance for the upgrading of the railway sector through procurement of a

large number of diesel-electric locomotives, modernisation of its rail tracks and carriages. Construction of roads and markets is shown. A health project in Bogra describes Germany's assistance for effective basic health care in rural areas. Furthermore the film shows how a Bangladesh NGO addresses gender problems through theatre and culture with the support of a German foundation.

Germany is the third ranking bilateral development partner to Bangladesh.

The film was produced by the German embassy and direction by renowned film maker Kawsar Chowdhury.

music

Nescafe Unplugged



By Cultural Correspondent

THE plush Ballroom (#4) of Sheraton Hotel Dhaka Rock 'n Roll was blaring loudly. It was a little after sundown; the rain was heavy. This was Nescafe's 4th Unplugged concert.

The magical evening began with a band called Bangladesh led by an old hand Rumi who sang English songs mostly. What was so refreshingly new with Bangladesh was that they are probably the only band featuring a father and daughter

due. Laura, Rumi's daughter, sang in her childish but hauntingly melodious voice and original number of the band 'The moon floats in through the open window.'

The following item was a come-back performance of the hugely popular band Winning. Chandra's melodies, the lead vocalist of Winning, began pumping energy back into the audience, people cheered louder, clapped more often, sang along and were literally swept off their feet. The performance ended amidst cries of 'encore' and 'one more song.'

The last band was Feedback. It took a little time for the audience to settle back, but once they did, they were met by the rough-cut rhythms of the band. A new addition to the band was Pias who had replaced Maksud, sang three songs. Pias surprised the audience with his vocals.

This fourth episode of Nescafe Unplugged was a roaring success, because of the wonderful performances, because of an appreciative audience, because of the weather and above all it was unplugged.

art



Famous Bangladeshi painter, Mr Mohammad Kibria (left), presents one of his paintings to the British High Commissioner, Dr David Carter and his wife Mrs Susan Carter, at the Bengal Gallery of Fine Arts at Dhanmondi in Dhaka on Monday 1 May. The mixed media painting on paper is untitled and will enjoy pride of place in Dr Carter's High Commission office.

workshop



A one day long training workshop on "Cultural reporting" was organized by 'Sargam', a magazine on music at Bangladesh Press Institute on Friday 28th April 2000. Around 40 participants throughout the country took part in the workshop. Noted folk singer of the country Indra Mohan Rajbangshi distributed certificate among the participants. Also seen in the picture Quazi Rownaq Hossain, Editor Sargam.

RECOMMENDATIONS

British Films in Dhaka

Queen of Hearts:
(3 May at 4:00 pm & 7 May at 6:30 pm)
Eddie Luca is the youngest son in a family of Italian immigrants who has moved to London. They open a cafe in an Italian neighbourhood. One day their father loses the cafe, the home and his wedding ring by gambling.

Fellow Traveller

(3 May at 6:30 pm & 4 May at 4:00 pm)
In 1954 in Hollywood, screenwriter Asa Kaufman reflects on his Communist associations and knows he will soon be forced to testify before committees investigating Un-American activities. He can no longer find employment in Hollywood anyway, so he decides to flee to England and get work there writing Children's TV. Soon after arriving, he hears that his best friend since childhood, actor Clifford Byrne has committed suicide. Asa is sure that this is related to the witch-hunts, and has to find out exactly what the relation is.

Meeting Venus:

(4 May at 6:30 pm & 7 May at 4:00 pm)
A biting satire about both the world of Grand Opera and the current 'United Europe'. A Hungarian conductor attempts to mount a bold new production of Thannhauser while navigating the snares and pitfalls of 'artistic' egos, rampant nationalism, internal company and union politics, and precarious.



Chandra Shekhar Dey

A ten day long exhibition by Chandra Shekhar Dey started at the Gallery 21 on April 21. Artist Mostafa Monwar inaugurated the exhibition as chief guest while artist Rafiqun Nabi, Monirul Islam and Syed Abdullah Khalid was also present as special guests.

The exhibition will remain open to all from 10.00 am till 8.00 pm till May 9.

2nd Solo

The 2nd solo painting exhibition by Platu Islami will start at the Alliance Francaise de Dhaka on May 5. The inaugural ceremony of the exhibition will be held at the same day at 5.30pm.

Professor Mahmudul Huque, director, Institute of Fine Arts, University of Dhaka will inaugurate the exhibition as chief guest, while sculptor Akhtar Jahani Ily will also be present as special guest.

The exhibition will remain open from 9.00am - 12.00pm and 5.00pm - 8.00pm, everyday till May 18.

Satyajit Ray Retrospective

In commemoration of the 79th birth anniversary and the 8th death anniversary of eminent filmmaker Satyajit Ray (2nd May, 1921-23rd April, 1992), Zahir Raihan Film Society and the High Commission of India have jointly organized a retrospective of films made by Satyajit Ray. These films will be screened as per following schedule at the High Commission of India Auditorium at Road No. 2, Dhanmondi.

Date	Time	Name of the Film
03.5.2000	6:15 pm	Company Limited
04.5.2000	6:15 pm	The Middleman
6.5.2000	4:00 pm	Satyajit Ray (Doc)
	6:00 pm	The Goaway & The Holy Man
07.5.2000	6:15 pm	Days and Nights in the Forest
08.5.2000	6:15 pm	Distant Thunder
09.5.2000	6:15 pm	The Chess Players
10.5.2000	6:15 pm	Home and the World
11.5.2000	6:15 pm	The Public Enemy
12.5.2000	6:00 pm	The Stranger

Limited number of passes can be collected from the High Commission of India, 1&C Wing, House No. 121, Road No 3, DRA.

recitation



Artists join in a chorus recitation at Shonon's solo recitation programme presented by Farida Hossain at the National Museum auditorium recently.

TV Guide

Wednesday 3rd May
(All programmes are in local time. The Daily Star will not be responsible for any change in the programme)

BTV

3:00 Opening Session 3:20 Open University 4:00 Khabar 4:05 Health Information 4:20 Cartoon Show 4:40 Shamal Chaya 5:20 Shikshangan 5:45 Nutrition Facts 6:00 Khabar 6:10 Desh O Biggan 6:30 Programme from Chittagong Station 7:00 Weather Forecast 7:05 Geet Bitan 7:25 Nupur Nikkon 8:00 News in Bangla 8:20 Drama Series: Kalpurush 9:00 Film Show: Robin Hood 10:00 News at Ten 10:20 Photography 10:50 Sopan 11:30 Khabar/The News 11:45 Close Down

ETV

7:00 Circus! Circus! 7:25 Bolte Chai 7:50 News 8:00 Bismriti (Ep 6)

Written & Directed By Moloy Bhat-tacherji 8:30 Hercules: The Legendary Journeys 9:30 Babu Kotahar Bands: Renaissance, Ark, Winning, Monitor 10:00 BTV News 10:30 Chitrageeti 11:00 Comedy Series Mr Bean

BBC WORLD

6:00 BBC World News 6:30 World Living 7:00 BBC News/Asia Today Inc. World Business Report 8:00 BBC News/Asia Today Inc. World Business Report 9:00 BBC News/Asia Today Inc. World Business Report 10:00 BBC World News 10:30 Talking Movies (Presenter: Tom Brook) 11:30 Reporters 12:00 BBC World News 12:30 Wheels 1:00 BBC World News 1:30 World Living: The Travel Show 2:00 World News 2:30 World Focus: Reporters 3:00 BBC World News 3:30 Hardtalk (Presenter: Tim Sebastian) 4:00 BBC World News 4:30 World Living 5:00 BBC The World Today 5:30 World Focus: Reporters 6:30 Wheels 7:15

World Business Report 7:30 Click Online (Pres-Stephen Cole) 8:30 Hardtalk (Presenter- Tim Sebastian) 9:00 BBC World News 9:30 Asia Today 10:00 BBC World News 10:15 World Business Report 10:30 Face To Face India (Presenter- Karan Thapar) 11:00 BBC World News 11:35 World Business Report 11:45 World Sport 12:30 Hardtalk (Presenter- Tim Sebastian) 1:30 Top Gear 2:00 BBC News 2:30 World Business Report 3:00 BBC World News 3:30 The Money Programme (Presenter- Maya Even) 4:30 World Business Report 5:00 BBC Newsdesk Inc. World Business Report/24 Hours

DISCOVERY CHANNEL

6:30 Ushuaia 7:30 Travelers 8:30 Lonely Planet 9:30 Eyewitness 10:30 Danger Zone 11:00 Outer Bounds 11:30 Shark Fins 12:30 Wild Discovery 1:30 Medical Detectives 2:30 Discover Magazine 3:30 Travelers 4:30 Ushuaia 5:30 Lonely Planet 6:30

Going Wild With Jeff Corwin 7:00 So You What To Be? 7:30 Hunters 8:30 Wild Discovery 9:30 Battle Science 10:00 Raging Planet 11:30 Discovery Profile Series 12:30 Wild Discovery 1:30 Battle Science

STAR PLUS

6:30 Ninaad 7:30 Good Morning India (News, Business & Entertainment) 9:15 The Trial Show - Film Trailer 9:30 I Love My India 10:00 Film Based Prog- Hit Ya Fit 10:30 Daily Soap- Maal Hai To Taal Hai 11:00 Small Wonders 11:30 Daily Soap- Zameen Aasman 12:00 Fast Track 12:30 TVC Shopping 1:00 Film Based Prog- Hit Ya Fit 1:30 Daily Soap- Saahil 2:00 Hera Pheri (Shekhar Sumon, Rakhi Tandon) 2:30 Daily Soap- Swabhimani 3:00 Hindi Serial: Main (Shakher Suman) 3:30 Katha Sagar 4:00 I Love My India 4:30 Robocop 5:00 Doogie Howser MD 5:30 Lassie 6:00 Small Wonders 6:30 Daily Soap- Maal Hai To Taal Hai 7:00 Film Based Prog-

Hit Ya Fit 7:25 The Trail Show- Film Trailer 7:30 Star News (Hindi) 8:00 Hindi Serial: Sevalal Mevavala 8:30 Hindi Serial: Aur Phir Ek Din (Kiron Kumar, Soni Razdan) 9:00 Hindi Serial: Pal Chinn (Manohar Singh, Prabha Sinha, Arun Govil, Gupreet Singh, Silpa Tulsidkar) 9:30 Star News (English) 10:00 Star Bestsellers Ep Saamp Seedhi (Irfan Khan, Roshni) 11:00 Aaj Ki Baat 11:30 Daily Soap- Zameen Aasman 12:00 Star News: Late Night Edition 12:30 Daily Soap: Swabhimani 1:00 Daily Soap- Saahil 1:30 Aaj Ki Baat 2:00 Daily Soap- Maal Hai To Taal Hai 2:30 Hindi Serial: Zara Hat Ke Zara Bach Ke 3:00 Hindi Serial: Dhund 3:30 Star Bestsellers Ep- Saamp Seedhi (Irfan Khan, Roshni) 4:30 Hindi Serial: Zameen Aasman 4:50 Ninaad 6:00 Hindi Serial: Sevalal Mevavala

STAR MOVIES

7:30 Thriller: The Star Chamber 9:30 Action: Bail Out 11:30 Action: Over-

drive (Robert Wagner, Kaela Dobkin, Steve Guttenberg) 1:30 Action: Lock Up (Sylvester Stallone, Donald Sutherland, John Amos) 3:30 Western: Keoma 5:30 Comedy: Turner And Hooch 7:30 Action: Tank Girl 9:30 El BTS 10:00 Hearts Of Fire: IL Postino (Massimo Troisi, Philippe Noiret, Maria Grazia Cucinotta) 12:00 Romance: Fried Green Tomatoes 2:30 Horror: The Grave

CHANNEL (V)

7:30 [V] Hit Machine 9:30 Virtual [V] 10:00 [V] Hit Machine 12:30 [V] Junglee Jukebox 1:00 [V] First Day First Show 1:30 [V] Hit Machine 2:30 [V] Dares You 3:00 [V] Hit Machine 4:30 Tea With [V] (Back To Back Vids) 5:00 Virtual [V] Tea With [V] (Back To Back Vids) 5:30 Tea With [V] (Back To Back Vids) 6:00 [V] Gone India 6:30 Tea With [V] (Back To Back Vids) 7:00 [V] Hit Machine 8:00 [V] Junglee Jukebox 8:30 [V] MMM 9:00 [V] Hit Machine 9:30 [V] First Day First Show

Zee Movies

8:30 OST 9:00 Film 11:00 Best of Hollywood 11:30 Film 1:30 OST 2:00 Film 4:00 Total Recall 4:30 Film 6:30 Best of Hollywood 7:00 Film 9:00 Specials 9:30 The O'clock Show 11:30 Film: Black Cobra 1:30 Film

Zee English

8:00 Late Show With David Letterman 9:00 Remarkable 20th Century 9:30 Daves World 10:00 Music Zone 10:30 The Roseanne Show 11:30 Family Pride 12:00 Central Park West 1:00 The Roseanne Show 2:00 Music Zone 2:30 Friends 3:00 Daves World 3:30 Central Park West 4:30 The Roseanne Show 5:30 The Music Show 6:00 Remarkable 20th Century 6:30 Family Pride 7:00 The Roseanne Show 8:00 The Lifestyle Show 8:30 Friends 9:00 Too Close For Comfort 9:30 Evening Shade