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Comic strips to tickle your fancy

Cartoon strip show opens at Alliance Francaise

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To brighten your days in the rainy, muggy weather is a cartoon strip exhibition at the Gallery of Alliance Francaise, which begins on May 13 May and lasts till May 27. This exhibition is in three parts. One part is a collection of 24 posters dedicated to contemporary comic strips in France. There are then the books on cartoons and postal cards for special occasions like a birthday.

Christophe Steyer, the Deputy Director of Alliance Francaise, says, "In them there are cartoonists like Bilal, Vuillemin, and Charlie Schlingo. There are different topics such as science fiction, characters which are dirty but funny due to the dialogue and the situation, and France seen by Tardy. The older times are brought in with churches and castles along with the delineation of current French

society. Cartoonists like Janot and Jean Claud Denis bring in subjects like 'Parallel Worlds', Lewis Trondheim, 'Mois et la Regle' (How do I follow rules) and 'Dans les Pire L'histoire' which have reference to a historical frame such as the XIV century, with knights and beautiful queens. 'La Nouveau Ramanesque' also presents reality through comic strips based on history. These are by Cozey, Poliet and Juillard. There is a French classic 'Fluide Glacial' which describes society in an aggressive way. This is by Blutch and Binet.



Steyer adds, "We have very classical comics like Tintin by Herge, who signs himself as 'RG', Goscinni and Uerzo both of whom wrote Asterix and Obelix. The last two recently published Asterix et la Traviata, a month ago. Asterix and Obelix symbolize the fight of the French against the Romans who had invaded their territory, Gaul. Then we have some contemporary science fiction works e.g. Demuth Drulllet's 'Yragael. Af few

months ago there was an exhibition at alliance Francaise on 'The way they see the year 2000' and Drulllet and Bilal showed futuristic depiction of society in this. New cities, modern characters, and the balance of the good and evil are brought in their work. It may not be a nice way to see the future of humanity but it is entertaining. This is not only what children want for there is a motto in France that says, 'Comics are for people from seven to 77'.



worst). In this book you have a lot of sketches with a single picture describing modern life, such as situations you face at the office, at the dentist's, at home, in restaurants etc. You have, for example two domesticated cats sitting on a sofa with cushions and talking to each other, one saying, 'I once ate a mouse and it tasted disgusting'. Again, we find a mother in the disarranged room of a child, saying 'Now, Jonnathan, if your father comes

back one day, he will punish you very hard.' This is a single parent situation, where the father is not likely to come back and the mother's threat is an empty one.

"In another daily situation you see a man coning for a rendezvous with a lady and she's holding an ugly woman and saying 'Oh! cyber flowers... They are wonderful. You shouldn't have taken so much of care, Pierre' you know'. There is yet another that



describes someone giving food to a goose to prepare for 'trois gras'. The goose says to the farmer "I warn you I'm writing a book in which everybody will be told about your cruelty with names, dates, etc. If I'm killed, the world will know". This is a form of blackmail. There is always a picture and something sarcastic written below elaborating on the absurdity and irony of the situation."

Steyer continues, "Drulllet's book 'Salamambo', like Bilal is con-

cerned about the future of humanity with creatures depicted as taking power over human beings. Thus men become the slaves of monsters, some of whom are prehistoric ones. Thus the past like the mammoths and horrifying gaudy huge snakes are cleverly combined with the future. There is always the theme of war and fighting in society. At the same time, historical past, like Carthage of the Roman Empire is brought in so that it is a science fiction with a base on history.

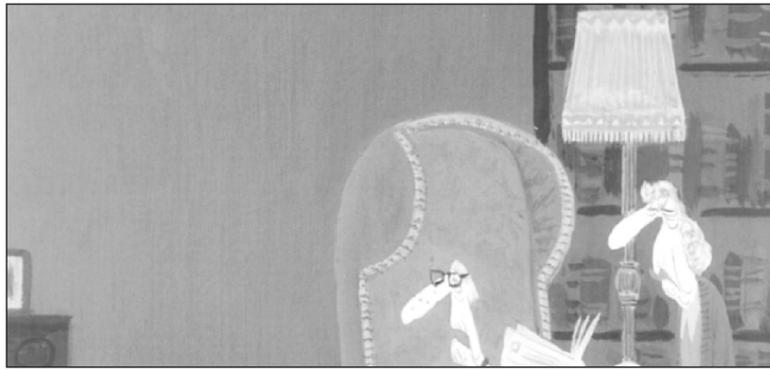
"The books are new and available for reading at Alliance Francaise. The third part are exhibits of French posts using comic characters. Thus we have envelopes or greeting cards using the characters of Tin Tin, Captain Haddock, the dog Milou and Professor Tournesol. There are different situations here for example you see Tin Tin sur la Lune. There are the first day ('premiere jour') envelopes too."

This exhibition should interest even those who do not even read or speak French as the circumstances are funny and interesting enough to have an international interaction. As for students and experts of French, this is a feast of comedy in colours.



"Comic strips speak not only about the past but also the present society, as well as the future. They talk of dirty rubbish bins, traffic jams, single-parent existence etc. Another comic strip writer Fred, which is very entertaining and deals with the humour in daily apparently mundane life. The characters are sometimes monsters as they appeal to the imagination of both young and old. Cothias Juillard brings in 'Prime aux vents' bring in the 18th and 19th century scenes in them along with life in the former colonies or the newly discovered territories like America at that time.

Steyer adds, "There are also the sketches by Voutch and that album is called 'Le pire n'est meme pas certain' (you are not sure of the



RECOMMENDATIONS

CD Launching

The launching ceremony of a music CD titled Nadi Boye Jaye takes place on May 12 at 5:00 p.m. at Panda Garden, Mahakhali.

Theatre

Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy has organised a week-long theatrical shows from May 6 to 12 at Shawkat Osman Auditorium of the National Public Library Directorate, Shahbag. Seven theatre groups from across the country are due to take part in the programme.

Photography Show

A solo photography exhibition by Albert Khan is now being held at Ariel Centre, House # 15, Road # 7, Dhanmondi. The show runs from 2 to 8 p.m. daily till May 12.

Satyajit Ray Retrospective

Satyajit Ray Retrospective organised by Zahir Raihan Film Society is now being held at the auditorium of the High Commission of India at Road No. 2, Dhanmondi. Screening schedule: Mahanagar (The big city) and Pratidwandi (The Adversary) on May 11 at 3:00 & 6:00 p.m. respectively. Seemabaddha (Company Limited) and Jana Aranya (The Middle Man) on May 12 at 3:00 & 6:00 p.m. respectively. Goopy Gyné Bagha Byne (The adventures of Goopy and Bagha) and Hirak Rajar Deshe (The Kingdom of Diamonds) on May 18 at 3:00 & 6:00 p.m. respectively. Sonar Kella (The Golden Fortress) and Joi baba Felunath (The Elephant God) on May 19 at 3:00 & 6:00 p.m. respectively. Shatranj Ke Khilari (The Chess Players) and Ganashatru (An Enemy of the People) on May 25 at 3:00 & 6:00 p.m. respectively. Shakra Prashakha (The Branches of the Tree) and Agantuk (The Stranger) on May 26 at 3:00 & 6:00 p.m. respectively.

TV GUIDE

BTV Morning Session 9:10 Khabar 9:15 Alor Pathay 9:35 Documentary 10:00 The News 10:05 Sports World 10:30 Moner Mukurey 11:30 Moner Katha 11:55 Computer 3:20 Bengali Feature Film: Paran Kokila 4:00 Khabar 6:00 Khabar 6:10 Sukhi Parivar 6:35 Programme of Chittagong Station 7:00 Sangbad Shironam 7:05 Malancha 7:30 Drama Serial 8:00 News in Bangla 8:30 Film Show: Dark Night 9:00 Sangbad Shironam 9:05 Magazine: Utshav 10:05 Drama Sedin Bikelay 10:30 News in English 10:55 Film Show: The X-Files 11:30 Khabar/The News 11:45 Closing	8:00 Flop Show 8:30 I Tele Quiz 8:40 Pepsi live Concert 10:00 Drama Serial: Kajol Rekha 11:00 Bangla Cinema: Ranga Bhavi (Alamgir/Sabana) STAR GOLD 10:30 Woodland Bollywood News 11:00 Geet Bahar 11:30 Do Aur Do Paanch (Amitabh Bachchan, Shashi Kapoor) 3:00 Woodland Bollywood News 3:30 Shaadi Ke Baad (Jeetendra, Rakhee) 7:00 Geet Bahar 7:30 Shaandaar Shukrawaar Nazrana (Raj Kapoor, Vijayantimala) 11:00 Woodland Bollywood News 12:00 Ghunghat (Pradeep Kumar, Asha Parekh) 12:30 Ghunghat (Contd.) 3:00 Geet Bahar 3:30 Armaan (Raj Babbar, Ranjeeta) 7:00 Durgesh Nandini (Nalini Kayant, Ajit, Bina Raj)	7:30 Kuccha Papad Pucca Papad 8:00 Hit Ya Fit 8:30 Good Morning India 9:30 Star Morning Show: Do Pal (Akshay Anand, Dolly) 12:30 Hit Ya Fit 1:00 TSN 1:30 Shrimati Sharma Na Kehti Thi 2:00 Jubilee Plus 2:30 Star Bestseller- Shuruvaat Musashi 3:30 Shanti 4:00 Meri Saheli 5:00 Hit Ya Fit 5:30 Chhupa Rustom 6:00 Small Wonder 6:30 Fox Kids 7:30 Ek Main Aur Ek Tu Siski 8:30 Tu Tu Main Main 9:00 Star Superhits- Khuddar (Govinda, Karishma, Kapoor) 11:30 Aaj Ki Baat 11:45 Khuddar (Contd.) 12:30 Ek Main Aur Ek Tu Chalti Ka Naam Antakshri 2:00 Gharwali Uparwali 2:30 Chhupa Rustom 3:00 Shrimati Sharma Na Kehti Thi 3:30 Kalash 4:00 I Love My India 4:30 Janata Ki Adalat 5:00 Siski 5:30 STAR Bestsellers HBO 7:00 Daybreak 9:00 Against All Odds 11:30 Allan Quatermain and the Lost City of Gold 1:30 Fist Daughter 3:30 Poison 5:30 Johnny Belinda 7:30 You've Got Mail 10:00 Batman & Robin 12:30 The \$Treet 2: High Yield Bonds 1:30 The Bodyguard 4:15 Twilight Zone the Movie BBC WORLD 6:00 BBC News 6:30 World Business Report 7:00 BBC News 7:30 Asia Today/Asia Business Report 8:00 BBC News 8:30 Asia Today/World Business Report 9:00 BBC News 9:30 Asia Today/Asia Business Report 10:00 BBC News 10:30 Click Online 11:00 BBC News 11:30 Money Prog 12:00 BBC News 12:30 Hardtalk
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PICK OF THE DAY
Batman and Robin
On HBO at 10 pm. The fearless capped crusaders, Batman and Robin, battle to save Gotham City from the coolest and the cruellest villain Mr Freeze. Mr Freeze teams up with Poison Ivy to carry out his plan and nearly succeeds. With Batgirl joining the capped crusaders the transcendent trio might just stand a chance against the collective might of Mr Freeze and Poison Ivy. The 4th episode of the blockbuster theatrical series contains spectacular action-packed adventure and super-cool effects. Starring: George Clooney, Chris O'Donnell, Arnold Schwarzenegger, Uma Thurman.

1:00 BBC News 1:30 Top Gear 2:00 BBC News 2:30 Life 3:00 BBC News 3:30 Hardtalk 4:00 BBC News 4:30 Talking Movies 5:00 BBC News 5:30 Life 6:00 BBC News 6:30 IT: India Tomorrow 7:00 BBC News 7:15 World Business Report 7:30 Talking Movies 8:00 BBC News 8:30 Life ex Panorama 9:00 BBC News 9:30 Asia Today 10:00 BBC News 10:30 Question Time India 11:30 World Business Report 12:45 World Sport 1:00 BBC News 1:30 PHYS WRLD 2:00 BBC News 2:30 World Business Report 3:00 BBC News 3:30 Correspondent 4:00 BBC News 4:30 World Business Report/Asia Today 5:00 BBC News 5:30 Hardtalk	12:30 Amazon/Fallen Angels 1:30 Core Culture 2:30 Beasmaster II/Maydoro 3:30 Movie: Crossworlds 5:30 Who Dares Wins/Grander Musashi 6:30 Starship Troopers/EI. Hazard: the Alternative World 7:30 Samurai X/Who Dares Wins 8:30 Planet II 9:30 18 Wheels of Justice/Con Truck 10:30 Premiere Movie: Southern Cross 12:30 Profiler III /Cravings 1:30 Survivor II 2:30 Movie: Southern Cross 3:30 18 Wheels Of Justice/Con Truck 4:30 Profiler III /Cravings 5:30 Big Sky II/You Must Remember	3:00 Veronica Clare: Affairs With Death 5:00 Sesame Street 6:00 Dixie: Changing habits 8:00 Broken Promises: Taking Emily Back 10:00 Sea Change 11:00 Survival on the Mountain 1:00 Danger Bay 2:00 Sesame Street 3:00 Clifford 3:30 The Cat in the Hat Gets a Package 4:00 Road To Avonlea Strictly Melodrama 5:00 Love is Strange 7:00 Christy: Return to Cutter Gap 9:00 Children of the Dust 11:00 God Bless the Child
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Benson & Hedges Music Hour on ETV at 10:00 p.m.

5:30 Heartbreak High 6:30 Suddenly Susan 7:00 Full House 7:30 ER 8:30 Friends 9:00 Fresh Prince of Bel Air 9:30 Late Show with David Letterman 10:30 Living Single 11:00 Jesse 11:30 Friends 12:00 Fresh Prince of Bel Air 12:00 Full House 1:00 Late Show With David Letterman 2:00 All My Children 3:00 Music Zone 4:00 Benny Hill Show 4:30 Heartbreak High 5:00 Music Zone	3:00 Dil Se 3:30 Tararum 4:30 Phoren Maal 5:30 Sizzlers ALPHA BANGLA 6:30 Aatpake Bandha 7:00 Jeebon Rekha 7:30 News Bulletin 8:00 Aalaap 9:00 News Bulletin 9:05 Bharat Bhraman 9:30 Ki Likhi Tomai 10:00 Surjomukhi 10:30 Mon Niye 11:00 Swapnoneel 11:30 Gritasajja 12:00 Bahari Ahaar 12:30 Kancher Dewal 1:00 Ingeet 1:30 Ek Akasher Niche 2:00 Nayantara 2:30 Teen Bhubaner Parey Feature Film 5:00 Shesh Prashna 5:30 Half Chocolate/Disney 6:00 Alpha Khabor 6:25 Jhankar 6:30 Foot Ball 7:00 Swapnoneel 7:25 Legend 7:30 Cine News 7:55 Jhankar 8:00 Nayantara 8:30 Ek Akasher Niche 9:00 Khatarnak 9:30 Daibaddho 10:00 News Bulletin 10:05 Ek Palake 10:20 Ingeet 10:40 Ek Palake 11:10 Foot Ball 11:20 Alpha Khabor 11:45 Ek Palake 11:50 Talk Jhaal Misti 12:15 Surer Ei Jhama Dhara 12:30 Ki Likhi Tomai 1:00 Bharat Bhromon 1:30 Bengali Feature Film 1:30 Prapto Baeskoder Janyer 4:30 Talk Jhaal Misti 5:00 Saat Kahan 5:30 Khelar Duniya 6:00 Swami Vivekananda ZEE TV 6:15 Yaadon Ke Pal 6:45 Old Is Gold 7:00 Bhakti Geet 7:30 Jagran 8:00 Morning Zee 8:30 Nickelodeon 9:30 Nickelodeon 10:00 Sizzlers 10:30 Jharokha 11:05 Compact Disc 12:05 Phoren Maal 12:35 Shabbab 1:05 Zee Music Box 1:35 Jharokha 2:00 Hit Pe Hit	4:00 Family: Muppet Christmas Carol 86 5:30 Thriller: Carrie 90 7:00 you-Pick-the-Flick: TBA 9:00 Drama: Dreaming of Joseph Lees 88 10:30 Action: Substitute III 86 12:15 Action: Fight Club 133 3:30 Action: President's Man 87 4:30 Drama: The Proposition 107 6:30 Comedy: Revenge of the Nerds 488 ZEE MGM 9:00 Mississippi Burning 11:30 The Bounty 2:00 Committed 4:30 Escapes 7:00 Angel Unchained 9:30 Mississippi Burning 11:30 The Bounty 1:30 Committed 4:00 Escapes 6:30 Cool Change ZEE ENGLISH 6:30 Benny Hill Show 7:00 Heartbreak High 7:30 Music Zone 8:00 Late Show With David Letterman 9:00 Three's Company 9:30 Here's Lucy 10:00 Dave's World 10:30 ER 11:30 Full House 12:00 Capitol 12:30 All My Children 1:30 Dave's World 2:00 Three's Company 2:30 Friends 3:00 Suddenly Susan 3:30 Fresh Prince of Bel Air 4:00 Gregory Hines Show 4:30 Here's Lucy 5:00 Three's Company
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1:00 Quiz Contest 1:25 Jhalak 1:30 Hasrateen 2:00 Chandan Ka Palna 2:30 Saath Saath 3:00 Gharana 3:30 Yeh Hai Mumbai Meri Jaan.... 4:00 Devrani Gethani 4:30 Gardish 5:00 Nickelodeon 5:30 Nickelodeon 6:00 Ek Nazar 6:30 Banegi Apni Baat 7:00 Hip Hip Hurray 7:30 Ek Nazar 8:00 Zee Talkies 8:30 Babul Ki Duayein Leti Ja... 9:00 Aashirwad 9:30 Chandan Ka Palna 10:00 Resham Ki Dori 10:30 Khamoshiyan Kab Tak 10:30 Pradhan Mantri 11:30 Manzilin Apani Apani 12:00 Gharana 12:30 Koshish... Ek Aashaa 1:00 Antakshari 1:30 India's Most Wanted 2:30 Ek Nazar 3:00 Awara Abdulla 5:45 News In Hindi STAR SPORTS 6:00 Nba Playoffs Conference Semifinals Game 11:00 Sportsline Today 11:30 Trans World Sport 12:30 Sportsline Today 1:00 Pga Tour Highlights Compaq Classic of New Orleans New Orleans, LA USA 2:00 Watersports World 3:00 Nba Playoffs Conference Semifinals Game 8:00 Sportsline Tonight 8:30 Asian Football Show 9:30 Inside The Pga Tour 10:00 Nba Inside Stuff 2000/01 Nba Inside Stuff 10:30 Sportsline Tonight 11:00 West Indies Cricket the Cable & Wireless One Day Series Grenada, West Indies South Africa West Indies 3 rd Odi. Highlights 12:00 Sportsline Tonight 12:30 Pga Tour Golf Verizon Byron Nelson Classic Irving, TX USA First Round 2:30 Max Power 3:30 Sportsline Tonight 4:00 Watersports World 5:00 Sportsline Tonight 5:30 World Wide Rugby Super 12 Rugby 2001 Auckland, New Zealand Act Brumbies Auckland Blues Round
