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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.

Chrisophe 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 olden 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 Druillet's 'Yragael. Af few

months ago there was an exhibition at alliance Francaise on 'The way they see the year 2000' and Druillet 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'.

"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



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 tasty 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 technical contraption in her hand 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



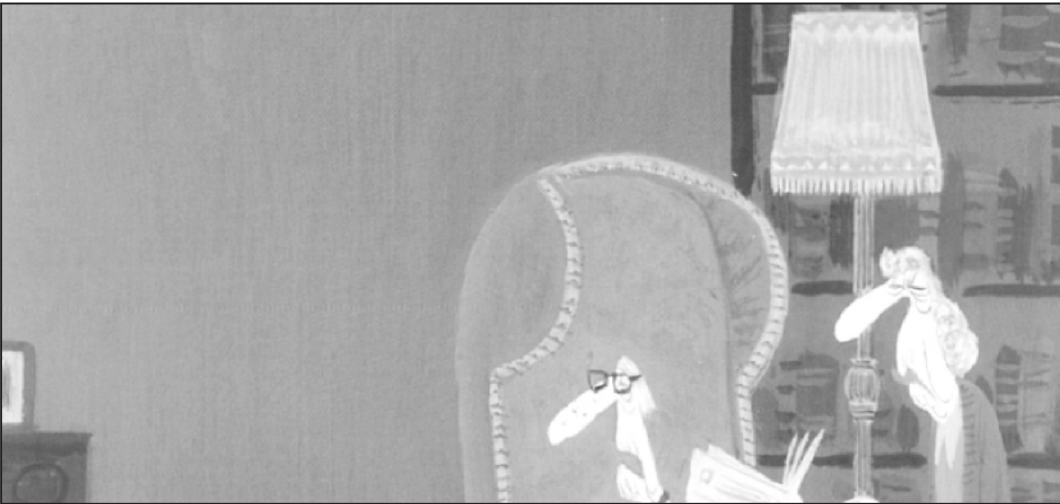
describes someone giving food to a goose to prepare for 'frais gras'. The goose says to the farmer 'I warn you I'm writing a book in which everybody will be told about your cruelty with names, dates, etc. If I'm killed, the world will know'. This is a form of blackmail. There is always a picture and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

Steyer continues, "Druillet'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. 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.



## 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: Paron 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

EKUSHEY TV

2:00 Ekushey Headlines  
2:05 Ajker Potrikay  
2:14 Ekatturer Ei Dine  
2:15 Classic Cartoons  
2:40 E Shoptaher Bishsho  
3:00 Ekushey Headlines  
3:05 Bangla Film: Shopner Prihithi  
5:30 Gillette World Sports Special  
6:00 Ekushey Headlines  
6:05 WWF Smackdown  
7:00 Mukto Khobor  
7:30 Ekushey New  
8:00 Virgin Takdum Takdum  
9:00 Shukrobarer Natok: Oteob  
10:00 Music Hour: Heart & Soul  
10:30 BTV News  
11:15 Ekushey Late Night News  
11:30 Ei Shoptah  
11:45 Ekushey Headlines

CHANNEL-i

6:15 Drama: Bally  
7:40 I Dream of Jennie  
8:00 Din Protidin  
8:25 House Full  
9:00 Drama: Juboraj  
10:10 Addar Table  
10:40 Drama: Ami Se o Sangit  
11:15 Drama: Bally  
12:40 I Dream of Jennie  
1:15 House Full  
2:00 Drama: Juboraj  
3:00 Tele film: Sai dhiner Bhalobhasa  
6:00 Reciting from Holy Quran  
6:10 Suvo Sandha  
6:40 Abritti ar Kazi Arif  
7:15 Travel Show

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)  
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  
4:30 Kalash  
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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 Rustam  
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3:30 Kalash  
4:00 I Love My India  
4:30 Janata Ki Adalat  
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5:30 STAR Bestsellers  
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8:00 Home Improvement  
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9:00 Buffy the Vampire Slayer  
10:00 Angel  
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12:00 Millenium  
1:00 Media TV  
1:30 The Bold & The Beautiful  
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2:30 Happy Days  
3:00 Baywatch  
4:00 The Simpsons  
4:30 Home Improvement  
5:00 STAR News Asia  
5:30 Friends  
6:00 World Championship Wrestling Worldwide  
6:55 STAR News Asia  
7:00 Nash Bridges  
8:00 Murder Call  
9:00 Friends  
9:30 STAR News  
10:00 Nash Bridges  
11:00 Goodness Gracious Me  
11:30 Blackadder  
12:00 3" Rock From the Sun  
12:30 French and Saunders  
1:30 Murder Call  
2:00 Nash Bridges  
3:00 Morris Cerullo  
3:30 Exalted Word  
4:00 Creflo Dollar, Changing Your World  
4:30 World News  
5:00 Outback Adventure  
6:00 The Adventures of Sinbad

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, Vyjayantimala)  
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 Rai)

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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



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 PHYSY WRDL  
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



AXN

6:30 Grander Musashi/Starship Troopers  
7:30 E1 Hazard : the Alternative  
8:30 Big Sky II/You Must Remember  
9:30 Core Culture  
10:30 Grander Musashi/Starship Troops  
11:30 E1 Hazard : the Alternative  
World/Samurai

### 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 Sea Change  
2:00 Danger Bay  
3:00 Veronica Clare: Affairs With Death  
4:00 Sesame Street  
5:00 Dixie: Changing habits  
6:00 Broken Promises: Taking Emily Back  
7:00 Sea Change  
8:00 Survival on the Mountain  
9:00 Danger Bay  
10:00 Sesame Street  
11:00 The Cat in the Hat Gets a Package  
12:00 Road To Avonlea Strictly Melodrama  
1:00 Love is Strange  
2:00 Christy: Return to Cutter Gap  
3:00 Children of the Dust  
4:00 God Bless the Child  
5:00 STAR MOVIES  
6:00 Action: Substitute III 86  
7:00 Thriller: Murder Scene 93  
8:00 Comedy: Bill And Ted's Excellent Adventure 86  
9:00 Drama: That Championshi

Season 122  
Family: Muppet Christmas Carol 86  
Thriller: Carrie 90  
You-Pick-the-Flick: TBA  
Drama: Dreaming of Joseph Lees 88  
Action: Substitute III 86  
Action: Fight Club 133  
Action: President's Man 87  
Drama: The Proposition 107  
Comedy: Revenge of the Nerds 488  
Mississippi Burning  
The Bounty  
Committed  
Escapes  
Angel Unchained  
Mississippi Burning  
The Bounty  
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Escapes  
Cool Change  
Benny Hill Show  
Heartbreak High  
Music Zone  
Late Show With David Letterman  
Three's Company  
Here's Lucy  
Dave's World  
ER  
Full House  
Capitol  
All My Children  
Dave's World  
Three's Company  
Friends  
Suddenly Susan  
Fresh Prince of Bel Air  
Gregory Hines Show  
Here's Lucy  
Three's Company

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

ZEE CINEMA

9:00 Kuch Lamhe Kuch Nagme  
9:15 Tara Rum  
9:45 Movie Fare  
10:00 Ahinsa  
1:00 Chatpati Chat  
1:15 Madhyantar  
1:30 Kismet  
5:00 Darpan  
5:15 First Take/Making of a Legend  
5:45 Film Time  
6:00 Pyar Hi Pyar  
9:45 Cine News  
10:00 Ikke Pe Ikka  
10:30 Khatarnak  
2:15 Kuch Lamhe Kuch Nagme  
2:30 Jaan Lada Denge  
5:30 Chehren  
5:45 Film Time  
6:00 Shirin Farhad

ZEE MUSIC

6:00 Zee Music Box  
7:00 Aalaap  
7:30 Tararun  
8:30 Hit Pe Hit  
10:30 Hit Mix  
11:00 Dil Se  
11:30 Zee Music Box  
12:00 Zee Music Plus  
1:00 Hit Pe Hit  
2:00 Jharokha  
2:35 Pyar Mohabbat Etc  
3:05 Tararun  
4:00 Hit Pe Hit  
5:00 Zee Music Box  
5:30 Hit Mix  
6:00 Artist of The fortnight  
6:30 Zee Music Plus  
7:30 Hit Pe Hit  
8:30 Dial M  
9:30 Zee Music Box  
10:00 Sizzlers  
10:30 Jharokha  
11:05 Compact Disc  
12:05 Phoren Maal  
12:35 Shabab  
1:05 Zee Music Box  
1:35 Jharokha  
2:00 Hit Pe Hit

ZEE ENGLISH

3:00 Dil Se  
3:30 Tararun  
4:30 Phoren Maal  
5:30 Sizzlers  
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 Grihasajja  
12:00 Bahari Ahaar  
12:30 Kancher Dewal  
1:00 Ingeet  
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2:00 Nayantara  
2:30 Teen Bhubaner Parey Feature Film  
5:00 Shesh Prashna  
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6:00 Alpha Khabor  
6:25 Jhankar  
6:30 Foot Ball  
7:00 Swapnaoneel  
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7:35 Cine News  
8:00 Nayantara  
8:30 Ek Akasher Niche  
9:00 Mayurakshi Tumi Dile  
9:30 Daibaddho  
10:00 News Bulletin  
10:05 Ek Palake  
10:20 Ingeet  
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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  
Bharat Bhromon  
Bengali Feature Film  
Prapto Baeskoder Janyo  
Talk Jhaal Misti  
Saar Kahan  
Khelar Duniya  
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 Guldasta  
10:30 Filmi Chakkar  
11:00 Highlight Zee  
11:15 Chatpati Chaat  
11:30 Ek Nazar  
12:00 Mehendi Tere Naam Ki  
12:30 Sangini

1:00 Quiz Contest  
1:25 Jhalak  
1:30 Hasratein  
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  
Resham Ki Dori  
Khamoshiyan .... Kab Tak  
Pradhan Mantri  
Manzilein Apani Apani  
Gharana  
Koshish... Ek Aashaa  
1:00 Antakshari  
1:30 Anti's Most Wanted  
2:30 Ek Nazar  
3:00 Awara Abdulla  
5:45 News In Hindi

ALPHA BANGLA

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11:30 Ek Nazar  
12:00 Mehendi Tere Naam Ki  
12:30 Sangini

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 Arial 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 Gyne 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. Shakha Prashakha(The Branches of the Tree) and Agantuk (The Stranger) on May 26 at 3:00 & 6:00 p.m. respectively.