

Movie

The Mummy Returns in the city

Country's premier cinema, Modhumita, running Hollywood blockbuster

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COUNTRY'S premier movie theatre Modhumita, an oasis in Dhaka's concrete jungle, has an impressive many-course feast to offer to its viewers soon.

"I'm overjoyed to be able to make a deal with Walt Disney. For me it is a historic occasion. And we hope that our effort will contribute modestly to lessen our entertainment poverty," said M. Iftekharuddin, better known as Nawshad in entertainment industry, Managing Director of Modhumita Movies.

With the inclusion of the Walt Disney, Modhumita now has successfully roped in almost all the great names in the main-

stream movie world including MGM, Paramount, and Universal. The tantalizing menu that the theatre now has would make the cine-goers sit up and take note. "We have now at our collection a sumptuous list of movies such as Pearl Harbor, Face Off, Crouching Tiger Hidden Dragon, Jurassic Park-III, The Hallow Man, Moulin Rouge, I Know What You Did Last Summer, Charlie's Angels, Men in Black, Tomb Raider, and Jumanji," informed Nawshad.

What is even more heart warming is the news that Modhumita for the first time in our entertainment history is bringing in animation classics such as Lion King, Aladdin and Tarzan for younger viewers. Said Nawshad, "For us it is a challenge to bring in animation film for kids. We do not know about the size of the viewers and whether we will be able attract our target audience."

The theatre that is getting ready to serve rich dish to our entertainment platter is also getting a face-lift. "We have recently installed vertical screen that will significantly enhance the enjoyment of watching movie, plus we are modernizing our canteen to suit contemporary taste. Pop corn and movie theatre are synonymous. Soon you will have two different flavour of pop corn at the Modhumita canteen."

A Hollywood blockbuster The Mummy Returns is now playing at the movie theatre Modhumita which has been for many years our most prestigious and award-winning theatre and which soon will be the nucleus of our entertainment dry city.

Set in the 30s, The Mummy Returns in the shadowy chamber in the British Museum of London.

It is 1933, the Year of the Scorpion. Eight years have



passed since dashing legionnaire Rick O'Connell (Brendan Fraser) and fearless Egyptologist Evelyn (Rachel Weisz) fought for their lives against a 3000-year-old enemy named Imhotep (Arnold Vosloo).

Rick and Evelyn are married now and have settled in London where they are raising their son Alex (Freddie Boath). When a chain of events finds the corpse of Imhotep resurrected in the British Museum, the mummy Imhotep walks the earth once more, determined to fulfill his quest for immortality. But another force has also been set loose in the world... one born of the darkest rituals of ancient Egyptian mysticism, and even more powerful than Imhotep. When these two forces clash, the fate of the world will hang in the balance, sending the O'Connells on a desperate race to save the world from unspeakable evil and rescue their son before it is too late.

Their quest will take them back to Egypt, into the realm of The Scorpion King (The Rock). This fierce warrior promised his soul to the god Anubis in exchange for military might long ago. He and his army have been frozen in time, suspended between life and death and ready to kill again, through five millennia. The Scorpion King possesses powers, secrets and strengths beyond even the dreaded Imhotep. He is angry, deadly -- and should not be



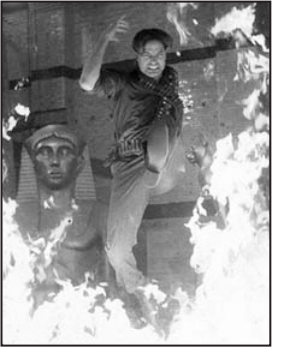
disturbed. The Mummy Returns unfurls its spine-tingling adventures against breath-taking landscapes. Hordes of canine-bodied Anubis warriors -- literally hounds from hell -- bound across the Sahara in attack formation while carnivorous pygmy mummies ambush their prey in the jungles of the Nile. At the fabled desert oasis of Ahm Shere, a mythical pyramid of gold mesmerizes all who behold it, but according to the shadowy desert sage Ardeth Bay (Oded Fehr), no one who has ever laid eyes upon it has returned to tell the tale. Unfortunately, reaching that pyramid is the only way Rick can save his family. But it's not as if London is any safer -- the city's streets become a living nightmare when a squadron of skeletal attackers lays siege to a red double-decker bus -- with Evelyn's brother Jonathan (John Hannah) behind the wheel.

Universal pictures and Alphaville Productions have reunited the entire starring cast and creative team of the 1999 blockbuster The Mummy to create the adrenaline-charged adventures of The Mummy

Returns. The returning stars include Brendan Fraser, Rachel Weisz, John Hannah, Arnold Vosloo, Oded Fehr and Patricia Velasquez. Joining The Mummy veterans are WWF superstar The Rock as the Scorpion King, screen newcomer Freddie Boaths as the O'Connells' son Alex, Adewale as Lock-Nah, Alun Armstrong as the Curator and Shaun Parkes as Izzy a pilot and former compatriot of Rick's who is reluctantly drawn into the action.

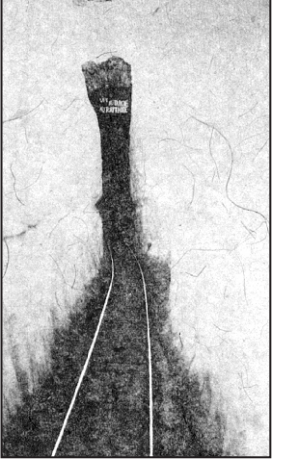
Stephen Sommers is back as both writer and director, sweeping his vision across Egypt, England and several millennia with The Mummy Returns. Also returning are the first film's producers, James Jacks and Sean Daniel, as well as director of photography Adrian Biddle, production designer Allan Cameron, costume designer John Bloomfield, and editor and executive producer Bob Ducsay. The effects wizards at Industrial Light & Magic, once again led by Academy-Award winner John Berton, are also back in full force for The Mummy Returns.

RECOMMENDATIONS



The Mummy Returns

This Hollywood blockbuster runs at the country's premier cinema hall Modhumita from today. The Mummy Returns is the sequel of The Mummy and have all the ingredients of its earlier one. With its spine-tingling adventures against breath-taking landscapes, The Mummy Returns is sure to thrill cine buffs. Hordes of canine bodied Anubis warriors-literally hounds from hell-bound across the Sahara in attack formation while carnivorous pygmy mummies ambush their prey in the jungles of the Nile.

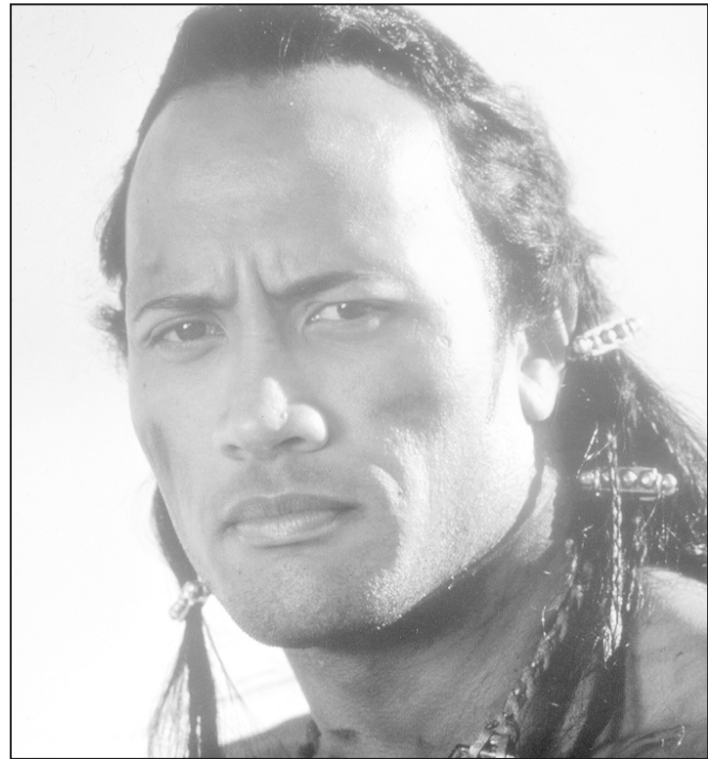


Graphic prints show

Noted French artist Jean-Michel Alberola's solo exhibition of graphic prints is now being held at the French cultural centre, Alliance Francaise, at Dhanmandi.

Six Seasons

Shipparag Gallery at Dhanmandi (House#15, Road# 27 old) presents an exhibition on the theme six seasons. Leading artists of the country have captured in their canvases the rich variety of our seasons and their ambience. The month-long show has been extended till October 31 everyday from 11 am to 8pm.



TV GUIDE

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