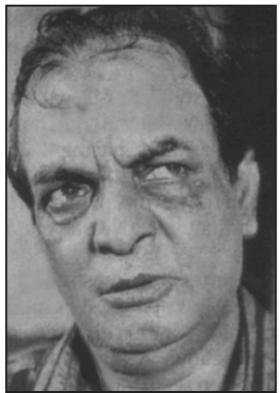


RECOMMENDATIONS



Anniversary and Book exhibition

June 30 - July 9
Birth Anniversary of renowned author Ahmad Safa is being observed by Sraban, a book outlet at Aziz Super Market in the city.

Young Artists' art exhibition 2002

June 20-July 4
A fortnight long young artists' art exhibition, organised by the Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy, is being held at the academy's new auditorium building.

Photography

June 30 - July 4
A photography exhibition titled, "Terrorism against humanity" by an American photographer is being held at NSU (BTA-100) at Banani in the city.

Book launching

An icon to millions

Humayun Ahmed, a celebrity author of Bangla bestsellers steps in at Etcetera, a leading book shop of the city and unwraps cover of his latest novel, 'Asmani-ra teen bon'



'Asmani-ra teen bon' on display
Written by Humayun Ahmed
Published by Annya Prakash
Price: Taka 70/-

AZIZ AMIRUL

E TCETERA Bangladesh, a book shop located at Gulshan circle 1 in the city, organised a launching ceremony of Humayun Ahmed's latest novel, 'Asmani-ra teen bon' (The three sisters).

The event was attended among others by the author himself. Invited guests and members of the press were too, present there to witness a supposedly interesting item of literary worth.

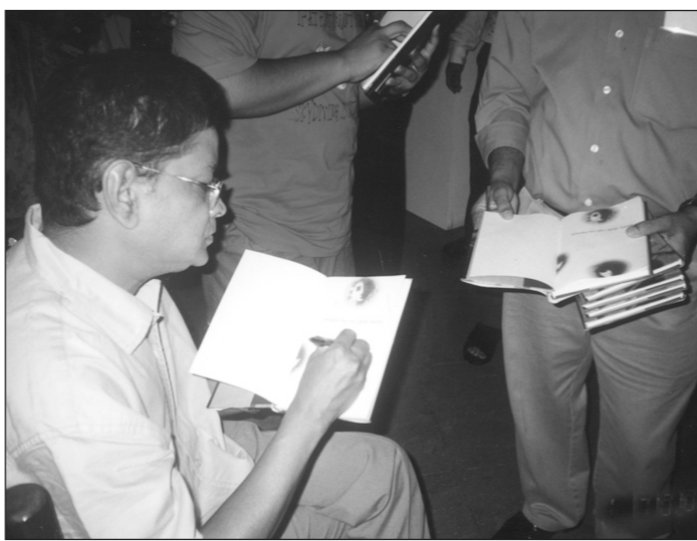
Alamgir Rahman, owner-publisher of Annya Prakash, a leading publishing house of the country, was an accompanying member of a small troupe that arrived at the venue with Humayun Ahmed and his son, Nuhash.

'I am highly pleased and excited to discover such an elegant arrangement made by the book-shop in order to welcome me and help unwrap the cover of a new novel, 'Asmani-ra teen bon', said Humayun Ahmed, while he delivered a brief yet enlightened speech at the event. 'At a moment like this, one of an event that involves my book, I feel very much embarrassed

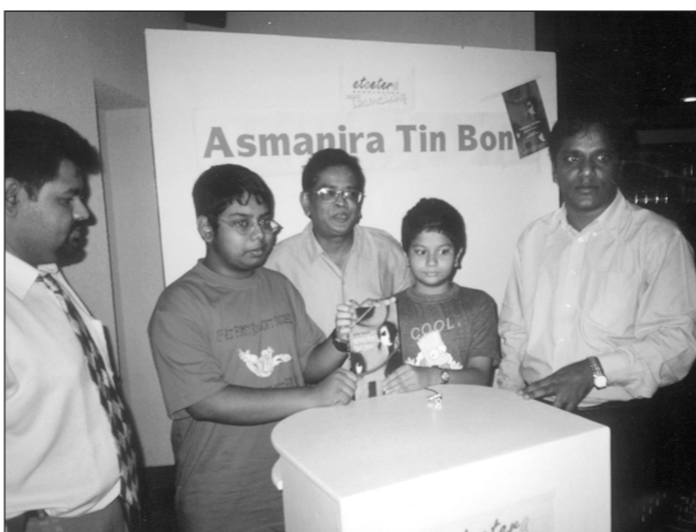


Humayun Ahmed speaks before the guests at Etcetera

to carry out the formal procedure of removing the laced cover off the book and hence, invite my son, Nuhash along with Protik, who is the son of a friend and well-isher of mine, to unwrap the cover of Asmani-ra teen bon. It would be best to witness in pride, the activities of two members of a new generation who would certainly one day,



Humayun, surrounded by fans, autographs 'Asmani-ra teen bon'



Protik and Nuhash, accompanied by the author, unwrap the book's cover

plex and rude world. At one stage, Zamir Ali, the unfortunate father found himself locked up behind the bars of some Indian jail with allegation of trespass. While his term of imprisonment got increased by seven extra years due to some accidental occurrence inside the jail, Zamir's three daughters Asmani, Jamdani and Paisa started their new life, one of extreme risk, as 'tight rope walkers' within strange and ruthless walls of a circus party that wandered across towns and villages to provide merriment to the public.

At a later stage, a foreign citizen appeared in the plot with whom, Paisa, the youngest of the three sisters developed friendship and love. In a striking development, it was revealed that Harun Sarkar, the owner of the circus party, before his death, had donated the property of the party in name of the three sisters.

As the final scenes of the plot arrived, the foreigner, Ni Porter was seen taking video shots of the sisters who were walking across a rope during a show, while an old man watched from the ground. 'They are my daughters, Asmani,

Cinema

A must see film for press

Academy Film Society screens 'The Front Page' at a press conference in the city today

CULTURE DESK

ACADEMY Film Society holds a special show of the film, 'The Front Page', at the academy's auditorium at Zigatola of Dhanmondi in the city at 12:00 p.m. today. A press conference too, takes place at the same venue.

This third film version of the 1928 Ben Hecht/Charlie MacArthur Broadway hit 'The Front Page' was the first one permitted to utilize all the salty profanities in the original play. Director Billy Wilder cast his two favorite leading men, Jack Lemmon and Walter Matthau, as ace-reporter Hildy Johnson and ruthless newspaper-editor Walter Burns, respectively. The plot of the Hecht/MacArthur play remains intact: Burns pulls every underhanded game in the book to prevent Johnson from leaving his Chicago paper to get married, and in so doing the two journalists uncover a cesspool of political corruption, centered on the planned execution of anarchist

Earl Williams. Carol Burnett has an extended (and surprisingly humorless) cameo as Williams' tart girl friend Molly Malloy. In collaboration with I.A.L. Diamond, Wilder embellishes upon the original material with a few gags of his own: the fey, poetic reporter Bensinger (David Wayne) is now an out-and-out homosexual; convicted murderer Williams (Austin Pendleton) is plagued by a bad cold; a photojournalist straps a camera to his leg to surreptitiously snap a picture of the execution, only to ruin the mechanism when he wets himself; and the crooked sheriff (Vincent Gardenia) is now a paranoid Nixon clone, who at one point declares that the press won't have him to kick around any more.

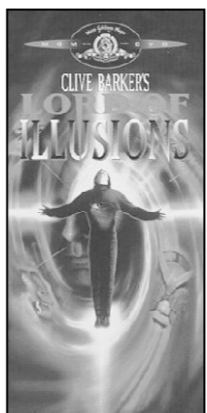
The Front Page was remade for a fourth time in 1988 as Switching Channels. Two male performers Jack Lemmon and Walter Matthau jointly received Golden Globe awards in category 'best actor in a leading role' for the year 1974. Jennings Lang and Paul Monash received same award as makers of the best picture for the same year.

Billy Wilder's version of the classic play carries a lot of fond memories for former newspapermen, but one does not expect 'The Front Page' to resonate quite so well with the rest of the populace. Lemmon plays it straight as a reporter bent on getting out of the business in order to get married while Matthau's hilariously over-the-top editor does everything in his power to keep him on the payroll during a fantastic jailbreak in the 1920's Chicago. It drags in the middle, but a good first act and a stellar finale make the movie completely worthwhile.



TV GUIDE

TODAY'S HIGHLIGHTS

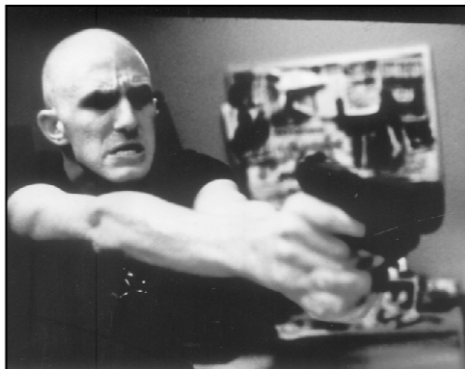


STAR MOVIES: 8:45 p.m. 'Lord of Illusions'. During a routine case in L.A., NY private investigator Harry D'Amour (Scott Bakula) stumbles over members of a fanatic cult, who are waiting for the resurrection of their leader Nix (Daniel von Bargen).



STAR WORLD: 6:00 & 9:30 p.m. 'The Drew Carey Show'. If you loved his sarcastic tone and deadpan expression in 'Whose Line Is It Anyway?', then don't miss him in form on the show that's named after him.

PICK OF THE DAY



HIGHER LEARNING: On HBO at 10:00 pm. Youngsters from different countries, races, and social background are forced to integrate when they all enroll in Columbus University.

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