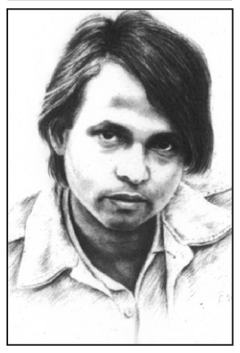
RECOMMENDATIONS



Print exhibition

July 19-28

Gallery 21 at Dhanmondi in the city presents a solo print exhibition of artist A. Rahman that continues daily from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Professor Mahmudul Haque inaugurates the exhibition and Nahas Ahmed Khalil stays present as special guest.

Children's painting

July 22-August 8

Entitled Wasserwelten (Water world), an exhibition of paintings done by children from the schools of 'Shilpi Sultan Pathshala' and 'Surovi' of Dhaka, takes place at Goethe Institut in the city from 2 p.m. to 8 p.m. everyday except on Fridays and general holidays.

Exhibition on French artist

July 5 - August 2

An exhibition of the works of French artist George de La Tour, observing his 350th death anniversary, continues at the Andre Malraux room of Alliance Francaise in the city. The exhibits include books on the artist and a majority of his famous works.

Art exhibition

August 2 - 15

Artist Fakrul Islam holds a solo exhibition of his works at the gallery of Alliance Francaise, complete schedule of which will soon be announced. 'Art is the best way to express emotion, love and personal attitude of oneself' says Fakrul.

Lecture

Clay bird turns gold

Matir Moina, a Bangladeshi feature film that was recently screened at the Cannes' festival becomes topic of a lecture at Alliance Francaise in the city

AZIZ AMIRUL *and* HARUN UR RASHID

DHAKA Film Society, a wing of Center for Asian Arts and Cultures, hosted the first of a series of lectures on 'Matir Moina' (*The Clay Bird*) at the gallery of Alliance Francaise de Dacca on July 19. 'Matir Moina' was screened at the 55th Cannes' Film Festival in France last May. Tareque Masud, director of the film was present at the lecture as key speaker and he spoke in detail on the overall success story of 'Matir Moina'. Along with success, the director also mentioned of various limitation and restraints that had to be faced by the production unit.

The film 'Matir Moina' had picked up one of the top the awards at a special event called the Directors' Fortnight and International Critics' Week that had run alongside the main festival in the city of Cannes at Southern France, and was a non-competitive showcase. The other two films which had won the categorical award that was given by FIPRESCI (an international judges' panel of 11 cine-journalists including from Britain, Canada, Russia, Sweden, Australia, Egypt), were 'Divine Intervention', directed by Elia Sulaiman of Palestine and 'Heremakono' by Abdur Rahman Sissako of Mauritania. Interestingly, 'Matir Moina' represented the country for the very time at the world-renowned festival. A total of 40 films took part in the class. Director of the film, Tareque Masud, who was accompanied by his American wife who was the film's producer, received the award at an official ceremony of the festival that was held on the evening of May 25 in the central complex of the festival venue.

Being the first ever Bangladeshi filmmaker at Cannes, Masud apparently felt

The director: Tareque Masud

proud of his film as it was selected for the opening show of the Directors' Fortnight. When the film was named for the Critics' Award, he took even more pride at being a Bangladeshi. He mentioned that quite a few countries had participated in the festival although none of these countries' films had been selected for screening at the festival.

From the very beginning of the festival, Masud had the feeling more of a 'loner'as he puts it - amidst the greatness and the brightness of the occasion as well as many 'big figures. He was, however, afraid of the possibility of his film's being treated with the current antagonistic notion about Islam; for, his film had the religion as its subject. But to his great satisfaction as well as achievement, he discovered that the spectators were able to relate to the message he had conveyed in the film.

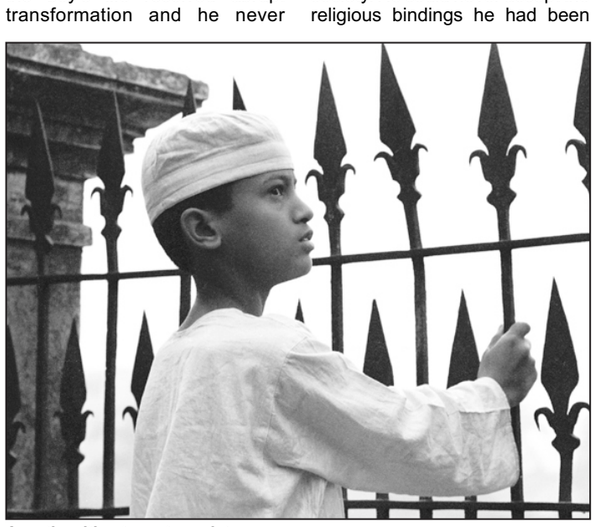
Masud told of an incident when a young French man recognised him as the director of *Matir Moina* and passionately told, ' I loved your film... beautiful people... beautiful country....' Masud considers this 'love' for himself as well as for Bangladesh and its people from a foreigner to be the greatest achievement at Cannes. He suggests that now that Bangladeshi film has reached out to the West, we should participate in the festival regularly which will help the younger film-makers improve their talent and uphold an even better image of Bangladesh.

The plot of 'Matir Moina' had been based on real-life incidents and situations of Tareque Masud's childhood days, much of which he had to spend in a 'madrassah'. As the synopsis of the plot got unfolded, Anu, a young boy of rural background was brought before the audience in a pre-liberation setting of the 60's. Kazi, the boy's father had possessed strict philosophy of conservative attitude and had showed great annoyance over his son's likings, especially in social congregations and religious festivities of non-Muslim communities. Anu's mother tried to support her son and at this stage, an enraged Kazi got Anu admitted in a 'madrassah', far away from their home. The boy remained confined among the walls of the religious academic institution and had to spend days and nights in total boredom though he found friendship in a young boy named Rokon, a resident of the 'madrassah' hostel. One day, while Anu had was away at the hostel, his younger sister fell seriously ill. Kazi who practiced homoeopathy, tried in vain, to cure the sickness of his daughter and the child died only because of some improper treatment.

Anu, once, had brought a clay bird (*Matir Moina*) for her sister when the two stayed together at home. The sister promised to hide her brother's gift in some place where no one would ever find it . In fact, she had kept it as a rich treasure in a soft corner of her heart, and never returned it, as a worldly object, to her brother. Tareque, who had been carrying the pain of losing her sister, all through his childhood and teens, at last, was able to relieve his memories of agony and love through the making and screening of the 35mm celluloid.

A scene from the production

The film could be attributed as an autobiographical depiction of a person's life, that of Tareque, who spent eight years behind the confined walls of a village 'madrassah'. Within this period, the boy's life received abrupt transformation and he never experienced the true love of his family members, friends or neighbours. In short, his life was devoid of usual colour and merriment. Hence, Tareque had developed himself as an outsider of the usual society. He could never accept the religious bindings he had been told to practice, and he failed to understand why the festivals he attended were not orthodox. Tareque, with the aid of his wife, who naturally happened to be an 'outsider', somebody from France, created 'Matir Moina' as a fellow Muslim, not as a pious practitioner. It took three years to complete the production of the film.

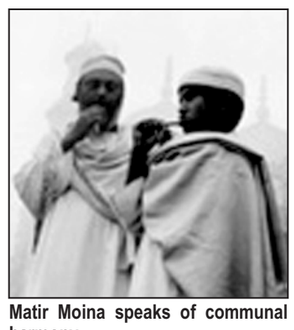


Anu, the ultimate protagonist

Born in 1957, Tareque Masud during the later part of his illustrious life received a degree in history at the University of Dhaka in 1981. From 1977 to 1982, he was involved in making socially-committed films and experimental shorts. Tareque was a co-founder of alternative filmmakers' forum in the city, thus he became the central figure of a new type of sophisticated cine movement in Bangladesh. In 1988, he coordinated the International Short Film Festival before moving to New York where he and his wife directed a documentary on the Liberation of Bangladesh. In 1995, he returned home where he now continues his filmmaking career.

A premiere of 'Matir Moina' was screened at a public auditorium in the city during end-April after which a sudden declaration from the concerned ministry of Bangladesh government resulted a complete ban on the screening of *'Matir Moina'* inside the territory of the country. According to government statement, subject matters in the film's synopsis have been capable enough to hurt sentiments of practicing Muslims, a majority of the population. However, recently the ban had to go.

The victory of 'Matir Moina' in the Cannes' Festivals, a film that was initially banned in its homeland for supposedly outrageous dialogues and scenes, brought elation, not only among fellow docu-filmmakers in Bangladesh, but also among international critics, journalists and reputed



Matir Moina speaks of communal harmony

world media personalities.

In the film, Tareque was successful enough to present before the viewers several symbolic issues that represented the turbulent mid and late 60s, the period of the setting. Division within the family of Anu against the backdrop of certain disturbances and tensions on the streets created a parallel setting. Kazi, a strict and highly orthodox practicing Muslim, could be termed as a symbolic character who worked against the cause of freedom and liberty something which Anu, hence the Bengalis, desperately sought after.

Anu, his mother and others of the family represented honesty and sincerity of a greater Bengali community whose yearning of freedom could be found within the struggling soul of the clay bird that ultimately had become a cause in life of Tareque Masud, one who proved to be a protagonist, who spoke solely for humanity, not for religion or communal segregation.

Notable documentary productions of Tareque include 'Adam Surat' (*The Inner Strength*) -1989, Muktir Gaan (*Song of Freedom*) 1995, Muktir Kotha (Words of Freedom) 1998, A Kind of Childhood 2001.

TV GUIDE

TODAY'S HIGHLIGHTS

STAR MOVIES: 7:00 p.m. ***Men of Honor.*** The story ultimately revolves around two "men of honor"; their relationship, their individual and joint failures and triumphs. Carl Brashear is determined to be the first African American Navy Diver in a time where racism is strife. Leslie Sunday is his embittered trainer, determined to see him fail. Fate, challenges and circumstances eventually draw these two men together in a tale of turbulance and ultimately triumph.

STAR WORLD: 7:00 & 10:30 p.m. ***The X Files.*** Hieroglyphics on the pyramids of Egypt refer to what we today call Unidentified Flying Objects. UFO sightings, since then, have been too many to register. And then, there's Area 51. The X Files finds the truth. *In tonight's episode,* Mulder and Scully investigate when a federal witness is found dead, with his mouth eaten away.

AXN: 10:30 p.m. ***Twister.*** TV weatherman Bill Harding is trying to get his tornado-hunter wife, Jo, to sign divorce papers so he can marry his girlfriend Melissa. But Mother Nature, in the form of a series of intense storms sweeping across Oklahoma, has other plans. Soon the three have joined the team of stormchasers as they attempt to insert a revolutionary measuring device into the very heart of several extremely violent tornados.

PICK OF THE DAY

Rush Hour

On HBO at 9:30 p.m.

Realizing that the FBI and their by the book tactics may be unsuccessful, the Chinese consul recruits the aid of a loyal Hong Kong inspector to help rescue his kidnapped daughter. Outlawed by the FBI, the inspector must form an unlikely partnership with a cocky, street smart LAPD officer who prefers doing things his own way.

BTV

2:00p.m. Opening
2:10 News headline
2:15 Patriotic songs
2:20 Open University
2:40 Family planning
3:00 News
3:10 Cartoon
3:30 Tarucchaya
3:50 Alo-r shatadal
4:00 News headline
4:05 Drama
5:00 News
5:05 National TV Debate
6:00 News
6:10 Health based program
6:35 Chittagong BTV
7:00 News headline
7:05 Mati O Manush
7:30 Shataphool foot-tey dao
8:00 News
8:30 Drama
9:00 News headline
10:00 News at ten
10:25 Boi Patra
11:30 News (Bangla/English)
11:45 Closing

EKUSHEY

12:00 Ekushey Midday
12:30 Shoptaho Ghura Deshjure
1:00 Ekushey Headlines
1:05 Expedition to the Animal Kingdom
1:30 Documentary Programme : Japan Video Tropic
1:50 Classic Cartoons
2:10 Surer Prodeep
2:40 Drishti
3:00 Ekushey Headlines
3:05 Drama Serial
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4:00 Surer Prodeep
4:30 Expedition to the Animal Kingdom
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5:30 Drishti
5:50 Ajker Potrikay
6:00 Ekushey Headlines
6:05 Shopnopure
6:30 Cartoon Picture : Urmel
6:55 Ekushey Headlines
7:00 Deshjure
7:30 Ekushey Shongbad
8:00 Ekushey News
8:05 Drama serial : Durer Batighor
8:30 Natok: Chayaghore
9:30 Natok : Uddeshoheen
10:00 News : Simulcast from BTV
10:30 Sumprotique
11:00 Ekushey Late Night Shongbad

ATN

5:45 "Islamic Prog
7:00 Children Prog: Shapla Shaluk
7:35 Viewers request film songs prog : Anurodher Assor
8:00 ATN Bangla News
8:25 Mage Serial: Mohine
9:00 Reporting prog: Ghotona Probhah
9:35 Drama serial: Rang Beranger Din
10:10 Drama serial: Amar Antore Tume
10:50 Drama : Patal Purer Galpo
11:15 Bengali feature film : Chandona Daku
12:00 ATN Bangla News
6:07 Nabin Borron
7:00 ATN Bangla Evening News
7:35 Mage serial : Mohine
8:10 Musical prog: Surer Madure
8:45 Papet show: The World of Jonathon Sing
9:20 Musical prog: Music Time
10:00 ATN Bangla News
10:35 Drama: Patal Purer Galpo
10:45 Bengali feature film : Rasheya Bandu
11:30 ATN Bangla News

BBC WORLD

6:00 BBC News
6:30 Holiday
7:00 BBC News
7:30 Simpson
8:00 BBC News
8:30 Correspondent
9:00 BBC News
9:30 This Week
10:00 BBC News
10:30 Mastermind India
11:00 BBC News
11:30 India Business Report
12:00 BBC News
12:30 Commando!
1:00 BBC News
1:30 Face to Face
2:00 BBC News
2:30 This Week
3:00 BBC News
3:30 Horizon
4:00 BBC News
4:30 Click Online
5:00 BBC News
5:30 Simpsons

HBO

6:30 Evil Has a Face
8:30 The Remains of the Day
11:15 JFK
3:00 Practical Magic
5:15 The General's Daughter
7:30 Beverly Hills Cop
9:30 Rush Hour
11:30 The Ten Commandments
3:45 The Remains of the Day

STAR MOVIES

8:00 Fluke
9:45 Last Patrol
11:15 Species
1:00 Shrink is In
2:30 Funny Bones
4:45 Robin Hood Prince of Thieves
7:00 Men of Honor
9:15 Mockingbird Don't Sing
11:00 Unbreakable
12:45 Bad Moon

STAR PLUS

6:30 Geet Bahar
7:30 Aatma
8:30 Gurukul
9:30 Jai Mata Ki
10:30 Yatra
11:00 Bol Baby Bol
11:30 Chalti Ka Naam Antakshiri
12:25 Kya Film Kya Geet
12:30 Chhupa Rustam
1:00 Musafir Hoon Yaroon
1:30 Mirch Masala
2:00 Hit Filmein Hit Sangeet
2:30 Mail Milap
2:30 Star Sunday Matinee- Manchali (Sanjeev Kumar, Leena Chandavarkar)
6:00 Hit Filmein Hit Sangeet
6:30 Fox Kids
7:25 Kya Film Kya Geet
7:30 Son Pari
8:00 Jubilee Plus
8:30 Star Mast Movie : Jhooth Bole Kauwa Kaate (Anil Kapoor, Juhi Chawla, Amrish Puri)
12:00 Hit Filmein Hit Sangeet

STAR GOLD

7:00 Geet Bahar
8:00 Krishna Bhaki Sudaama (Biswajit, Bharat Bhooshan, Seema)
11:00 Bollywood Beats
11:30 Kuch Yaadein Kuch Baatein Padmini Kolhapure
12:00 Geet Gaata Chal
12:30 Maaza Sunday Noon Show : Pardesi Babu (Govinda, Shilpa Shetty, Raveena Tandon)
4:00 Umrao Jaan (Rekha, Farouque Shaikh, Naseeruddin Shah)
7:00 Bollywood Beats
7:30 Sunday Blockbusters Marte Dam Tak (Raaj Kumar, Govinda, Farha)
11:00 Kuch Yaadein Kuch Baatein Rati Agnihotri
11:30 Jheel Ke Us Paar (Dharmendra, Mumtaz)

STAR WORLD

7:00am Billboard US Countdown
9:00 Barbara Streisand : Timeless
11:00 The Practice
12:00pm First Wave
1:00 Buffy The Vampire Slayer
2:00 Angel
3:00 Kids Say The Darndest Things
3:30 Travel Asia
4:00 Baywatch Hawaii
5:00 Futurama
5:30 3rd Rock From The Sun
6:00 Star News Focus Asia
6:30 IHT World
7:00 The X Files
8:00 Star Trek The Next Generation
9:00 Rendezvous With Simi Garewal
9:30 Star News Focus Asia
10:00 IHT World
10:30 The X Files
11:30 Star Trek The Next Generation

STAR NEWS

7:30 The Big Fight
8:30 Star News(E)
9:00 Star News (H)
9:30 Star News (E)
10:00 Star News (H)
10:30 Star News (E)
11:00 Star News (H)
11:30 Star News (E)
12:00pm STAR Business Week
12:30 Star News (E)
1:00 Reality Bites
1:30 Star News (E)
2:00 Star News (H)
2:30 Star News (E)
3:00 Limelight (H)
3:30 Star News (E)
4:00 Star News (H)
4:30 Star News (E)
5:00 Star News (H)
5:30 Star News (E)
6:00 Star News (H)
6:30 The Big Fight
7:30 Saat Baje Hindi
8:00 Star Talk
8:30 We The People
9:30 Star News Sunday
10:30 Star Revivaar
11:30 Star News (E)
12:00am STAR Talk

CHANNEL [V]

8:00 [V] Back To Back
8:30 [V] Best of Jumpstart
9:30 [V] Sunday Stack
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9:00 [V] Sunday Stack
9:30 [V] Weekends
10:30 Billboard US Countdown
11:30 [V] Sunday Stack

NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC

7:30 Saturday Unlimited
8:30 Nat Geo Genius
9:00 Human Edge
9:30 Adventure One
10:30 Saturday Unlimited
11:30 National Geographic Classics
12:30pm Nat Geo Genius
1:00 Human Edge
1:30 Adventure Starts Here
2:30 Mummy Road Show
3:00 Tales of the Living Dead
3:30 National Geographic Special
4:30 Journey of Life
5:30 Best of The Week
6:30 Nat Geo Genius
7:00 Human Edge
7:30 Adventure Starts Here
8:30 Mummy Road Show
9:00 Tales of the living Dead
9:30 National Geographic Special
10:30 Journey of Life
11:30 Best of The Week

HALLMARK

6:00 To Dance With The White Dog
8:00 Katts and Dog
8:30 Ghostwriter
9:00 Sesame Street
10:00 Scholastic Clifford
10:30 Caillou
11:00 The Good Fight
1:00 Hearts Adrift
3:00 Thank God He Met Lizzie
5:00 Star Trek: Voyager
6:00 The Guardian
7:00 My Friend Joe
9:00 Star Trak : Voyager
10:00 Murder Among Friends

ZEE TV

7:00 Yoga For Life
7:40 Jagran
7:50 Zee Gym
8:30 Nick On Zee
9:30 Ramayan
10:30 Mahabharat
11:30 Thief of Baghdad
12:30 Gubbare
1:30 Top of The Tops
2:00 Khana Khazana
2:30 Zee & You
3:00 Ghayal
6:30 Nick on Zee
8:00 Niilaam Ghar Bid Bid Boom
8:30 Rishtey The Love Stories
9:30 Sansaar
10:30 X Zone
11:30 World Close Up Antakshari
12:00 Top of The Tops

ZEE CINEMA

7:30 Pyar Kiya Hai Pyar Karenge
10:30 Malamaal (Naseeruddin Shah, Poonam Dhillon)
1:30 Judwaa (Salman Khan, Karisma Kapoor)
6:00 Kunwara (Govinda, Urmila)
10:00 Sunday Sitaron Ka (Hum Ek Hain (All cities)

ZEE MUSIC

7:30 Sizzlers
8:00 Zee Music Box
8:30 Best of The Best
9:30 Hit Pe hit
10:30 Hit Mix
11:00 RAAH
12:00 Compact Disc
12:30 Hit Pe Hit
1:30 Zee Music Box
3:30 Jharokha
2:30 Tara Rum
3:30 Artist of the Fortnight
4:00 Zee Music Box
5:00 Dil Se
5:30 Hit Mix
6:00 Zee Music Plus
7:00 Dialogue
7:30 Zee Music Box
8:30 Best Of The Best
9:30 Sizzlers
10:00 Just Jammin
10:30 Jharokha
11:00 Zee Music Box
11:30 Phoren Maal

ALPHA TV BANGLA

7:00 Geet Gopal
7:30 News
7:40 Shraddha- Exposure
7:45 Dewachiye Dwari
8:00 Chitra Sangeet
8:30 News
9:10 Dewachiye Dwari
9:30 Saibaba
10:00 Hasa Chakatfu
10:30 News
10:35 De Dhamal
11:00 Dilkulas
11:30 News
11:35 Duniyadari
12:00 Alpha Scholars
12:30 News
12:35 Bhatkanti
1:00 Pimpalpaan
1:30 News
1:35 Jodi No.1/Nostalgia Band
2:00 Housefull
2:30 News
2:35 Feature Film
3:00 News
3:35 Feature Film Contd.
4:30 News
4:35 Feature Film Contd.
5:30 News
5:35 Swartaal-Exposure
6:00 Koparkhali
6:30 News
6:35 Reshimgathi
7:25 Swartaal-Exposure
7:30 News
7:55 Gaane Nave Tarane-Exposure
8:00 Feature Film
11:00 Tharar
11:25 Geetanjali-Exposure
11:30 News
12:00 Comedy. Com
12:25 Geetannjali-Exposure

ZEE MGM

6:30 Carry on Behind
9:00 Doctor in Trouble
11:30 Carry On Camping
2:00 Dream Lover
4:30 Soldier Boyz
7:00 Say Yes
9:30 The Package (Gene Hackman, Tommy Lee Jones)
11:30 Perfect Strangers (Anne Carlisle, Brad Rijn)

ZEE ENGLISH

6:00 Benny Hill Shoe
6:30 Mini Series : Nothing Lasts Forever
7:30 Heartbreak High
8:30 Royal Canadian Air Farce
9:00 Homicide Life on the Street
10:00 Mowgli
10:30 Charlie Chaplin
11:00 Over the Edge
11:30 Police Academy
12:30 Black Scorpion
1:30 Zee English Happy Hour
2:30 La Femme Nikita
3:30 Mini Series : Nothing Lasts Forever
4:30 The Sopranos
5:30 Heartbreak High
6:30 For Your Love
7:00 ER
8:00 Living Single
8:30 Jesse
9:00 Friends 8
9:30 Touched by an Angel
10:30 The West Wing/Picture This
11:30 Friends 8/Picture This
12:00 Movie Stars

ZEE NEWS

6:00 News RPT
6:30 Religious Prog
7:00 RPT
7:30 Bulletin
10:00 RPT
10:30 Special Correspondent
11:00 Bulletin
11:30 Dream Destination
12:00 RPT
12:30 Bulletin
12:57 Manoranjan
1:00 Bulletin
1:30 Beyond Headlines
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4:57 Manoranjan
5:00 RPT
5:30 Bulletin
6:00 RPT
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6:57 Manoranjan
7:00 Bulletin
7:30 News At 7
8:00 Bulletin
8:30 Encounter
9:00 Metro News
9:30 News At 9
10:00 Inside Story
10:30 ISS Waqt
11:00 Din Bhar
11:30 World View

ANIMAL PLANET

7:00 The Jeff Corwin Experience
8:00 Wild Rescue III
8:30 Natural World
9:30 Save on Sunday
11:00 Animals A-Z
11:30 Walk on the Wild Side
12:00 Battersea Dogs Home
12:30 Monkey Business
1:00 Planet's Funniest Animals
1:30 Animal Doctor II
2:00 Postcards from the Wild
2:30 Vets on the Wild Side
3:00 Natural World
4:00 Crocodile Hunter's Croc Files
4:30 Saved on Sunday
6:00 Vets in Practice V
6:30 Nick's Quest
7:00 Animals A-Z
7:30 Wild Rescues
8:00 Emergency Vets VIII
8:30 Fit for the Wild
9:00 Animal Planet Safari
10:00 Crocodile Hunter's Croc Files
10:30 Saved on Sunday
12:00 Vets in Practice V

DISCOVERY

6:30 am Discovery Sunday
9:30 Body Zone
10:30 Truth or Scare
11:00 Popular Mechanics for Kids
11:30 Splat!
12:00 Let's Dance &Eat
12:30 So You Want To Be?
1:00 Mega Movie Magic
1:30 Science Mysteries
2:30 Science Frontiers
3:30 Friday Showcase
5:30 New Detectives IV
6:30 Crime Night
7:30 Discovery Sunday
10:30 Night Safari
11:30 Late Night Discovery : Vegas