

RECOMMENDATIONS

Fine arts exhibition

July 20-Aug 4
Renowned sculptor Rasa and his younger brother, Rajeeb Siddiky, a rising artist, hold a joint display of their creations of painting and sculpture at the 2nd floor gallery of National Museum in the city. The exhibition remains open to all everyday from 10:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Kazi Ananta's solo painting

July 22-28
Young artist Kazi Ananta holds his maiden art exhibition at the art gallery of the cultural center of the High Commission of India at Satmasjid road in the city. The exhibition remains open everyday from 3 to 8 p.m.

GRIPS Theatre

July 23-25
Organised by Natya Chakra, a GRIPS theatrical performance of children's Bangla play, 'Home Alone' will be performed at the auditorium of Goethe Institut at Dhanmondi in the city.

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.

Exhibition

When wood, brass and canvas speak of patriotism and global peace

Reputed sculptor Rasa and artist Rajeeb Siddiky hold a fortnight long joint artworks' exhibition at National Museum in the city

AZIZ AMIRUL

WHEN two Asian nuclear giants, India and Pakistan, try to prove and establish regional supremacy and frequently mention of their nuclear strength, Rasa, a renowned sculptor of Bangladesh, expresses his anxiety and anguish at the deterioration of peace and stability in the subcontinent. In order to do this they organised an exhibition of artworks of his younger brother, Rajeeb Siddiky, also a sculptor, and his own at an art gallery of National Museum at Shahbagh in the city.

Titled 'Paromanobeek sheeth' ('Nuclear winter'), a piece of painting by Rasa in water color, hangs on one of the gallery walls. This presents an imaginary and distressing situation of a vast portion of earth where the entire atmosphere becomes polluted with radiation and

the skies witness thickest of clouds with no sunlight reaching the ground after being struck by a series of nuclear attacks. Subjects drawn by Rasa on the canvas depict severe physical deformities and characteristics with abnormal behaviour. Through this meticulous work the artist warns the world of the terrible consequences that all have to face if the human race continues to play silly pranks with deadly nuclear weapons.

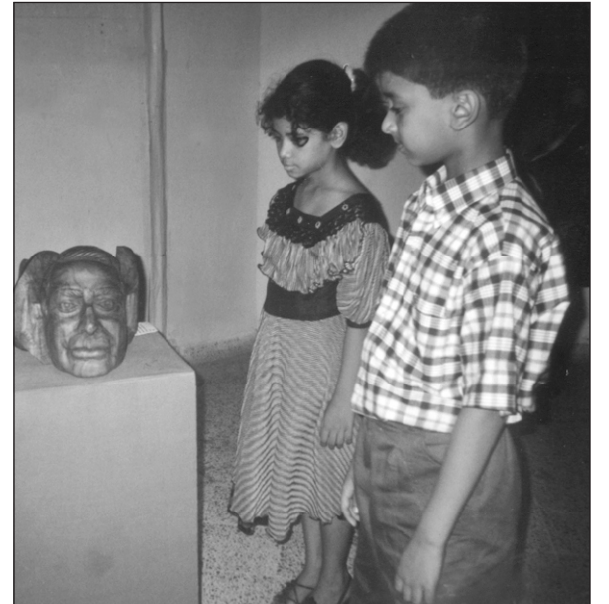
A series of works, four in total, done in acrylic and water, under the banner of Muktyjuddho, reveal a concrete summary of nightmarish happenings to Bengali people in the then-East Pakistan, now Bangladesh, from the period of 1952 through '71. Ravens, dogs and vultures prey upon putrid corpses of the common people. The hungry canines drawn by Rasa symbolize the alien intruders only to transform



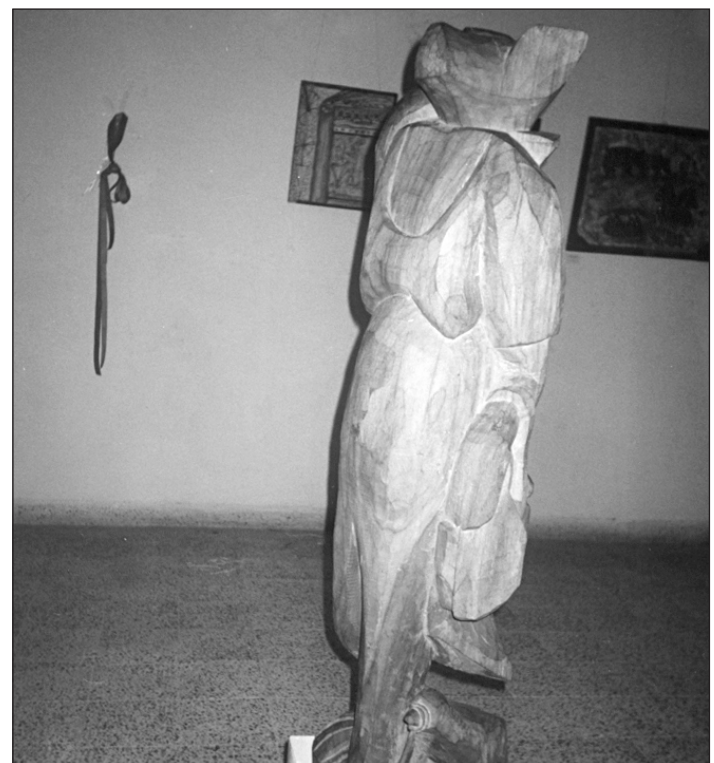
The seven Bishresthos become one of the best exhibits of the gallery



Rasa brings strong symbolic themes in his work



Children gather round a work of Rajeeb



Rasa has a protesting personality by birth, against all sorts of evil and misdeeds

the half-torn corpses of unknown Bengalis into nothing other than a repressed Bangladesh of the 71. 'Shukor-er phool pinti' ('Pig's love of flower'), symbolizes characteristics of a certain group of the society, who are rich overnight, and flourish in the society only to destroy the best of the world's resources. Rasa interprets in details of the concept of one of his sculptures as he shows a tall and stout sculptural work titled 'Bastobota' that presents upon a single block of wooden structure, a jackal-faced figure of an Egyptian god of devils.

With a body of a woman, tail of a serpent and a single leg of a man, the absurd character holds in one of her arms, some human bones while in the other hand, holds a severed head. Under her only foot, remains pinned down a struggling pigeon, symbol of peace, which tries to fly away but fails and perishes in a most unfortunate way. The title of this work reflects the artist's attitude towards a particular section of the society, the ill-minded wealthy

quarter. An elongated piece of flat wood-work titled 'Prothom path' (first lesson) presents a few basic Bangla alphabets, which to Rasa become some of the earliest lessons of one's life.

Close in resemblance to 'Prothom paat' is 'Sheekar', another of those flat wooden pieces done by Rasa, that depicts a setting of a water body in which live innumerable creatures and life forms like fish, frog, ducks, lotus and algae. While these life forms try to thrive, humans ride boats in hope of angling the innocent creatures. The scenario once again symbolizes a situation of real world where the strong and the mighty forces of the world exploit and hunt down their inferior beings.

Rajeeb Siddiky, Rasa's younger brother, presents several wooden sculptures at the exhibition along with a number of paintings. While he remains in search of peace, love and vitality, Rajeeb carves out figures of human and other abstract forms and seems to inject his magi-

cal portion of creativity into those marvellous sculptures. 'Atmo bishleshion' (Self analysis) presents a human figure, one that carries a corpse around the back of his shoulders, which in Rajeeb's words, is the person himself. The person who leads a complex life would one day turn into a lifeless once he passes away to eternity. A human, as the artist believes, carries his soul throughout his life upon his own shoulders in a way similar to the sculpted figure.

AIDS, yet another figurative sculpture made by Rajeeb, stands head high at one corner of the gallery in which one finds two armed persons in standing posture with faces towards opposite directions. One of them represents the defense personnel's community of the world while the other represents the criminal population. As Rajeeb says, 'The defence personnel, while using the ammunition protects his master in a legal way while the criminal protects himself, thus survives in this cruel world by aiming

the barrel at a stranger and so becomes a terrorist according to law and the society'. The use of arms is basically harmful for the human race and one of the major causes of uproar and atrocity across the world. 'Once a person takes up the gun, whatever is the reason, he turns into a terrorist', adds Rajeeb.

A bold and outward looking Rajeeb Siddiky points his fingers, in protest, towards the selfish and hypocritical characters of the community many of whom preach religion in a wrong manner. Titled 'An indication of coming evil', a carved piece of the young artist depicted a time of future where a teenaged boy stands bare-bodied and famished, loaded with fake religious beads and garlands, all over his body. The amulet symbolises superstitious attitude of a section of the society that due to illiteracy and false belief, push the next generation into a pothole of darkness and ambiguity.

A self-conscious Rajeeb depicts his responsible attitude towards the

common society through a number of his artworks that depict pathetic condition, pain and inferior psychic complexion of 'eunuchs' who keep themselves far away from the 'normal' human beings.

Some of the other sculptural exhibits include the facial carved piece that of Language Martyr, Dharendra Nath Dutt, and figures in shapes of Bangla alphabets.

As a visitor completes observation of the works and leaves through the exit passage, brass-made faces of the seven Bishresthos of Bangladesh, possibly the best of all the exhibits, one of Rasa, sees off the guest with a tinge of sparkle, one that glorifies our Language Movement, Martyrdom of three million sons and the War of Independence.

The exhibition is open till August 4 from 10:30 a.m. till 4:30 p.m. everyday except on weekends and holidays.

TV GUIDE

BTV

12:15 News headline
12:20 Patriotic songs
12:25 Selected songs
1:00 News
2:00 News headline
2:40 Health based program
3:00 News
3:05 Songs
3:30 Cartoon
3:50 Sports
4:00 News headline
4:15 Movie of the week
5:00 News
6:00 News
6:10 Sukhi paribar
6:35 Religion
7:00 News headline
7:05 Apan bhumi
7:30 Sandhya Malati
8:00 News
8:30 Ocean girl
9:00 News headline
9:05 Drama
10:00 News at ten
10:25 Rimjhim
11:30 News (Bangla/English)

11:45 EKUSHEY TV

12:00pm Ekushey Middy
12:30 Desjire Shonglap
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
3:30 Chips & Bytes
4:00 Surer Prodeep
4:30 Expedition to the Animal Kingdom
5:00 Circus Circus
5:30 Drishti
5:50 Aiker Potrikay
6:00 Ekushey Headlines
6:05 Shoppopure
6:30 Aladdin
6:55 Ekushey Headlines
7:00 Deshjire
7:30 Ekushey Shongbad
8:00 Ekushey News
8:05 Serial: Choto Golper Shombhar
8:30 Pother Pachile
9:00 Natak: Etune
10:00 News: Simulcast from BTV
10:30 Anondo
11:00 Ekushey Late Night News
12:00 E Shopstaher Bishsho
12:30 Ekushey News Headlines

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 World Business Report
11:00 BBC News
11:30 World Business Report
12:00 BBC News
12:30 World Business Report/Sport Today
1:00 BBC News
1:30 Fast Track/Holiday
2:00 BBC News
2:30 Hardtalk
3:00 BBC News
3:30 Simpsons World
4:00 BBC News
4:30 Asia Today /World Business Report
5:00 BBC News
5:30 Hardtalk

HBO

6:30 The Browning Version
8:30 Alf
10:15 Every Breath
12:00 The General's Daughter
2:15 Dying to Live
4:00 Superstar
5:45 The Tiger Woods Story
7:45 For Richer or Poorer
10:00 Piranha II: The Spawning

12:00pm House on Haunted Hill
2:00 The General's Daughter
4:15 For Richer or Poorer

STAR MOVIES

7:15 Wall Street
9:15 Broadcast News
11:30 Ma Tick Sea
12:00 Chasing Sleep
1:45 Operative, the
3:30 Mockingbird Don't Sing
5:15 Species
7:00 Me Myself and Irene
9:00 Liams Club
10:30 Hide and Seek

STAR PLUS

7:30 Hum Saath Aath Hain
8:00 Aatma
9:00 Hit Filmlein Hit Sangeet
9:30 Fox Kids Daily
10:10 Hit Geet
10:25 Kya Film Kya Geet
10:30 Small Wonder
11:00 Maal Hai To Taal Hai
11:30 Meri Saheli
12:00 Shanti
12:30 Hit Filmlein Hit Sangeet
1:00 Kaahin Kissi Roz
1:25 Film Toppers
1:30 Kahaani Ghar Ghar Kii

2:00 Bhabhi
2:30 Kyunki Saas Bhi Kabhi Bahu Thi
3:00 Shagun
3:30 Kasauti Zindagi Kay Kavita
4:30 Kabhih Sautan Kabhih Saheli
5:00 Kora Kaagaz
5:30 Hit Filmlein Hit Sangeet
6:00 Small Wonder
6:30 Fox Kids
7:20 Aaj Ki Baat
7:25 Kya Film Kya Geet
7:30 Bhabhi
7:55 Film Toppers
8:00 Hum Saath Aath Hain
8:30 Kundali
9:00 Kasauti Zindagi Kay Kismey Kitnaa Hai Dhuum Aaj Dekhenge Hum
10:30 Kahaani Ghar Ghar Kii
11:00 Kyunki Saas Bhi Kabhi Bahu Thi
11:30 Kaahin Kissi Roz
12:00 Film Toppers
12:05 Aaj Ki Baat

STAR GOLD

7:00pm Geet Bahar
8:00 Geetangjali (Jeeendra, Rekha)
11:00 Bollywood Beats
12:00 Sawan Ki Ghata (Manoj Kumar, Mumtaz, Sharmila Tagore)
3:00pm Geet Bahar
4:00 Diksha (Nana Patrekar, Manohar Joshi)
7:00 Bollywood Beats
7:30 Lameh Pyaar Ke : Geet Gaaya Patharonne (Jeeendra, Rajashree Kumar, Shabara Azmi)

STAR WORLD

6:00am Family Ties
6:30 Cheers
7:00 The Oprah Winfrey Show
8:00 MacGyver
9:00 The Drew Carey Show
9:30 Whose Line is it Anyway
10:00 Ally McBeal
11:00 The Oprah Winfrey Show
12:00pm The Practice
1:00 Caroline In The City
1:30 The Bold & The Beautiful
2:00 Hollywood Squares
2:30 Family Ties
3:00 Baywatch
4:00 The Simpsons
4:30 Cheers
5:00 Star News Asia
5:30 Friends
6:00 Buffy The Vampire Slayer
6:55 Star News Asia
7:00 Angel

TODAY'S HIGHLIGHTS

Ekushey at 9:00 p.m. Ituni. A young man named Ituni comes as main character of the plot. Sabriti likes Ituni but the young man does not understand. Chairman and his follower Nibarone are the villainous characters. They work against the welfare of the cobblers one of who is Ituni. A festival starts at the cobblers' village that becomes a concern for the Chairman and his people. Due to a false case, police comes and arrests all except Ituni and Sabriti.

Star Movies at 7:15 a.m. Wall Street In this morality tale of greed, Michael Douglas won oscar award for his outstanding portrayal of greedy corporate raider Gordon Gekko. The film is set during the heady days of the early 1980s when wheeling and dealing made people millionaires overnight.

Star Movies at 5:15 p.m. Species A team of scientists decide they must gas to death a young girl named Sil. Why? Because she is the result of an experiment in which human DNA was mixed with that of a (possibly nefarious) alien race. But Sil has plans of her own, so she breaks out of the gas chamber and escapes. This prompts Fitch, the head scientist, to gather a team to track the child down.

8:00 NYPD Blue
9:00 Friends
9:30 Buffy The Vampire Slayer
10:30 Angel
11:30 NYPD Blue

STAR NEWS

6:30 Newshour
7:30 Breakfast News English
8:00 Breakfast News Hindi
9:30 Star News English
10:00 Star News Hindi
6:00 Star Khel
6:30 Bollywood News
7:00 Star Bazaar Hindi
7:30 Saat Baje Hindi
8:00 Hotline
8:30 Tonight at 8
9:00 Star Samachar
9:30 Star News English
10:00 Star Business News
10:30 Star Newshour
11:30 Star News English
12:00 Star News Hindi

NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC

7:00 Wild
7:30 Nat Geo Max
8:00 Dogs With Jobs
9:00 Human Edge
9:30 On The Edge
10:30 Sci-Files
11:30 People & Places
12:30 Endangered
1:00 Human Edge
1:30 Volvo, The Spirit of the Sea
2:00 On The Edge
2:30 Wild
3:30 Nat Geo Max
4:30 Tomorrow's World
5:00 Sci-Files
5:30 People & Places
6:30 Dogs With Jobs
7:00 Human Edge
7:30 Volvo, The Spirit of the seas
8:30 Wild
9:30 Nat Geo Max

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[V]Hit Machine
[V]Zabardast Hits
[V]Spotlight Arms For Shanti
[V]Zabardast Hits
[V]Jungli Jukebox
[V]FDFS
[V]Men's Room
[V]Late Night [V]
[V]Rewind
[V]Back to Back

CHANNEL [V]

8:00 [V] Back to Back
8:30 [V] Jumpstart
9:30 [V] Hit Machine
10:00 [V] Back to Back
10:30 [V] Hit Machine
11:00 [V] Back to Back
11:30 [V] Hit Machine
12:00 [V] Jungli Jukebox
1:00 [V] FDFS
1:30 [V] Hit Machine
2:00 [V] Zabardast Hits
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3:30 [V] Back to Back
4:00 [V] Hit Machine

PICK OF THE DAY

For Richer or Poorer
On HBO 7:45 p.m.
On the run from the taxman, a rich couple rediscovers the value of life, work, and most importantly their love for each other. Once the toast of New York society, Brad and Caroline Sexton had everything, except an honest accountant. Now, accused of tax fraud, they find themselves on the run and hiding on a small Amish farm.

10:30 Sci-fis
11:30 People & Places

AXN TV

6:30 Movie: Midnight Express
7:00 Relic Hunter
10:30 Now and Again A Girl's Life
11:30 Beastmaster II
12:30 Guinness World Records: Primitime
1:30 Relic Hunter
2:30 Movie: Midnight Express Guinness World Records: Primitime
6:30 Adventure Central
7:30 Beastmaster II
8:30 Queen of Swords
9:30 Scaries Places on Earth
10:30 Thu Horror Movie: Night of the Living dead

HALL MARK

6:00 Trail of Tears
8:00 Robin Cook's Acceptable Risk
10:00 Lonesome Dove : The Series
11:00 Nurses on the Line
1:00 Touched By An Angle VII
2:00 Sesame Street
3:00 Scholastic Clifford
3:30 Caillou
4:00 Lonesome Dove
5:00 Star Trek: Voyager
6:00 Touched By An Angle VII
7:00 Journey of the Heart
9:00 Star Trek: Voyager
10:00 The Ranger, the Cook and a Hole in the Sky
12:00 Steve Martin's Undue Influence

ZEE TV

6:00 Yaadon Ke Pal
6:30 Bhakti Bhav
7:00 Yoga For Life
7:20 Jagran
7:50 Zee Gym & Eat Healthy
8:20 News
8:30 Ardhangani
8:45 Yaaden Radio Ceylon Ki
9:00 Nickelodeon On Zee
9:30 Nick On Zee
10:30 Hum Paanch
11:00 Hudd Kar Di
12:00 Mehndi Tere Naam Ki
12:30 Tu Kahe Agar
1:00 Love Marriage
1:30 Koli Apna Sa
2:00 Kamal
2:30 Gharana
3:00 Ek Nazam (Movie)
6:30 Nickelodeon On Zee
7:00 Nickelodeon
8:00 Kitee Kool Hain Hum
8:30 Kamaal
9:00 Amanat
9:30 Khelo Number Khelo
10:00 Koli Apna Sa
10:30 Love Marriage
11:00 Taaza Maal
11:30 Gharana
12:00 Yeh Dil Kya Kare

ZEE MUSIC

7:30 Sizzlers
8:00 Music Box
8:30 Artist OF The Fortnight
9:00 Sizzlers
9:30 Hit Pe hit
10:30 Hit Mix
12:30 Hit Pe Hit
1:30 Music Box

3:30 Jharokha
2:30 Tara Rum Pum
3:30 Hit Mix
4:00 Ek Hit Pe Hit
5:00 Dil Se
5:30 Hit Mix
6:00 Music Plus
7:00 Dialogue
7:30 Hit Pe Hit
8:30 Bes Of The Best
9:30 Sizzlers
10:00 Dil Se
10:30 Jharokha
11:00 Music Box
11:30 Phoren Maal

ZEE NEWS

6:30 Religious Prog
7:00 RPT
7:30 Bulletin
10:00 RPT
10:30 Bulletin
12:00 RPT
12:30 Bulletin
12:57 Manoranjan
1:00 RPT
1:30 Beyond Headlines
2:00 Bulletin
2:57 Manoranjan
3:00 Bulletin
4:00 RPT
4:30 Bulletin
4:57 Manoranjan
5:00 RPT
5:30 Bulletin
6:00 RPT
6:30 Zee Business
6:57 Manoranjan
7:00 Bulletin
7:30 News At 7
8:00 Zee Business
8:30 News At 8
9:00 Metro News
9:30 News At 9
10:00 Prime Time
10:30 ISS Waqt
11:00 Din Bhar
11:30 World View

ALPHA TV BANGLA

7:00 Geet Gopal
7:30 News
7:40 Shradhdha- Exposure
7:45 Dewachiye Dwari
8:00 Chitra Sangeet
8:30 Surtaal
9:00 News
9:10 Dewachiye Dwari
9:30 Alpha Windows
9:35 Swartaal-Exposure
10:00 Bhatkanti
10:30 News
10:35 Nostalgia Band
11:00 Shriyut Gangadhar Tip
11:30 News
11:35 Alpha Windows
11:40 Geetanjali-Exposure
11:45 Dewachiye Dwari
12:00 Tumbadche Khot
12:30 News
12:35 Zaaile Mokle Aakash

1:00 Nupoor
1:30 News
1:35 Manasi
2:00 Ek Ha Asa Dhaga
2:30 News
2:35 Avantika
3:00 Feature Film
3:30 News
3:35 Feature Film Contd.
4:30 News
4:35 Feature Film Contd.
5:30 News
5:35 Feature Film Contd.
6:00 Alpha Windows
6:05 Swartaal-Exposure
6:30 News
6:35 Sanjibhoel
7:00 Surtaal
7:25 Swartaal-Exposure
7:30 News
7:55 Gaane Nave Tarane-Exposure
8:00 Housefull
8:30 De Dhamal
9:00 Avantika
9:30 Tharar
10:00 Saibaba
10:30 Ek Ha Asa Dhaga
11:00 Manasi
11:25 Geetanjali-Exposure
11:30 Alpha Windows
11:35 Manasi
12:00 Dilkhulas
12:20 Police Files
12:25 Geetanjali-Exposure

ZEE CINEMA

7:30 Heera Moti
10:30 Hanste Khetle
1:30 Sun Meri Laila
6:00 Haveli
10:00 Gopi Kishan

ANIMAL PLANET

7:00 Animal Doctor II
7:30 Animal X
8:00 The Aquanauts
9:30 Animal Planet safari
9:00 Tamed N Trained
11:00 Postcards from the Wild
11:30 Wild Island
12:00 Vets on the Wild Side
12:30 Animal Hospital
1:00 Vet's School
1:30 Wild Rescues I
2:00 Champions of the Wild
2:30 Walk on the Wild Side
3:00 Animals Planet Safari
4:00 Animal Doctor II
4:30 Tamed N Trained
6:00 Extreme Contact
6:30 O'Shea's Big Adventure
7:00 Vets on the Wild Side
7:30 Animal X
8:00 Animal Planet Safari
9:00 Champions of the Wild IV
9:30 Cats
10:00 Animal Doctor I
10:30 Tamed N Trained
12:00 Extreme Contact

DISCOVERY

7:30 Animal People II
8:00 Rolf's Amazing World of Animals II
8:30 Wild Discovery
9:00 Globe Trekker
10:30 Healthy Living
11:30 The Human Body
12:30 Woman's Hour
1:30 Wild Discovery
2:30 Amazing Animals
3:30 Discovery Kids
4:30 Action Zone: Expeditions
5:30 Lonely Planet V
6:30 Animal People
7:00 Rolf's Amazing World of Animals II
7:30 Wild Discovery
8:30 Health living
9:30 Human Body
10:30 Junkyard Wonders
11:30 Weather Wonders

ZEE MGM

6:30 Carry On England
9:00 The Man Who Knew Too Much
11:30 Doctor At Large
2:00 Italian Movie
4:30 The Woman in Red
7:00 Dead On
9:30 Secret Admirer

ZEE ENGLISH

6:00 Benny Hill Shoe
6:30 Capitol
7:00 Family Pride
7:30 Heartbreak High
8:30 Benny Hill Shoe
9:00 Three's Company
9:30 Kate & Allie
10:30 ER
11:30 Full House
12:30 Fresh Prince of Bel Air
1:00 Royal Canadian Air Farce
2:00 Benny Hill Show
2:30 Three's Company
3:00 Friends
3:00 Seinfeld
3:30 ER
4:00 Suddenly Susan
4:30 Mad About You
5:30 Heartbreak High
6:30 Full House
7:00 Jesse
7:30 Seinfeld
8:00 Three's Company
8:30 Fresh Prince of Bel-Air
9:00 Suddenly Susan
9:30 Veronica's Closet
10:00 Mad About You
10:30 Seinfeld
11:00 Friends
11:30 La Femme Nikita