

RECOMMENDATIONS

Australian Film Festival

August 15-16
Australian High Commission in Bangladesh hosts an Australian film festival on the occasion of the 30th anniversary of diplomatic relations between Australia and Bangladesh. A total of ten films, of different lengths, will be screened at the British Council auditorium in the city. Free passes are available at the British Council office.

Welcome monsoon

August 9
Sangeet Bhaban, a leading musical organisation, arranges 'Barsha Mangal', a musical ceremony dedicated to monsoon at its arrival in the region. The event starts at 7 p.m. at the auditorium of Bangladesh Shishu Academy in the city.

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.

Sculpture exhibition

August 12-18
A sculpture exhibition of artist Ferdousi Priyobhashini begins at Bengal art gallery at Dhanmondi in the city. The exhibition runs everyday and is open to all.

Children's art exhibition

August 9-13
A children's art display starts at DRIK gallery in the city and continues everyday from 3 to 8 p.m. The exhibition titled 'Shishuder chokhey Bangladesh' is open to all.

CD launching

Traversing Tagore's life and works

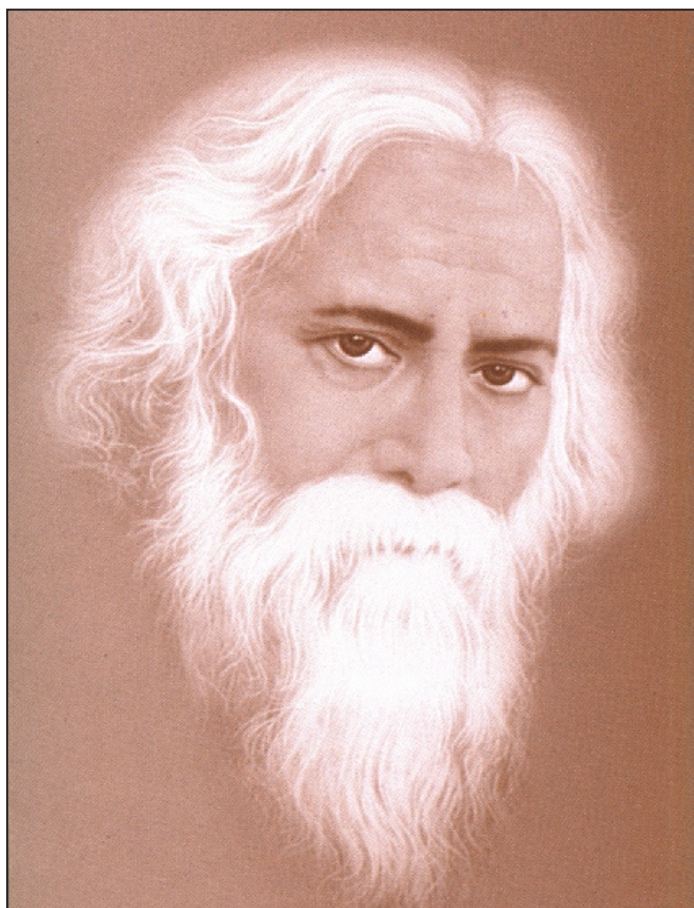
Tech Domain launches a CD on Rabindranath Tagore

SAIFUL ISLAM

A first ever CD featuring the biography and the works of poet, author, artist, singer, music composer and lyricist Rabindranath Tagore was launched by Tech Domain on 22 Shrabon, to commemorate the death anniversary of the versatile genius. Poet Shamsur Rahman and eminent singer Kalim Sharafi were present on the launching ceremony.

A better time seems to have come for the lovers of literature, especially for an enthusiast who wants to collect all the works of a literary genius like Rabin-dranath Tagore but does not have money enough to meet such longings. A good sum of money is needed to buy all the works of this Nobel laureate. To many new poets dedicating a poem to Tagore seems almost like a rite. Many

established poets of the last century have dedicated their poems to him. The list can be a little longer for some people, the translations of the works of Tagore also hold a large reader market. A better time seems to have come for readers who have got a long list before them but do not know what to do with it. Anthologies and compilations are expensive. But a CD on Tagore can be bought only with 150 taka. Books of large volumes also demand a lot of space. Thick books are also difficult to handle. They are not reader-friendly. An excellent component to meet their demands could be the new CD that includes in its large space of 700 megabyte almost all the works by Tagore. The 700 megabyte contains ten thousand pages of texts and images.



A number of translations by well-known translators are included in the CD. This ambitious project is undertaken by Tech Domain to launch three more CD's on Rabindranath that will include his letters in chronological order, very important pieces, which would purvey a mind-scape of the poet. Dedicated poems have found their place in this CD, which could be a valuable asset for many libraries and institutions.

The lyrics and compositions of Tagore are still appreciated for their religious fervour. To many devout listeners his songs are ways that relieve one from spiritual exhaustion. There are a good number of schools of music that has regular courses on Tagore songs. Many singers start their practice with lessons on Tagore songs. The

CD contains a good collection of Tagore songs sung by singers renowned here and abroad. The focus is given to the singers belonging to the older generation.

Many dream to become a poet, even today, while going through the pages containing Tagore's poetry that is quite inspirational. The poet reciting his own work would be a mouth watering assortment to people who are crazy about the poems of Tagore, poetry that is no less than a spiritual journey.

A biography on the life of Tagore can be found in many ways, different writers have talked about his life in different ways. The CD contains sketches drawn by the poet, if the biography and the sketches are placed side by side than it provides an effect that cannot be produced in

any other way. Moreover the CD contains the voice of the poet, a poet reciting his own poems and a singer singing the lyrics he had produced are rare gifts for many. Reading Rabindr-anath's mind and getting close to his works can be a little bit easier if the approach is aided with things like the voice of the lyricist or the lines and figures drawn by an artist whose words portray landscapes and people more graphically than many artists.

Though a CD seems to be a user-friendly item it cannot outweigh a book, to scrawl thousand pages on screen sounds like an impossible task. The CD seems to be a must-buy because it is easy to keep and very cheap. Tech Domain is launching a web portal on Tagore that is going to contain the life and the works by the noble laureate.

Exhibition

Britain enjoys art extravaganza

World's biggest arts festival begins in Edinburgh

AFP, Edinburgh

THE world's largest arts festival kicked off in Edinburgh on August 4, promising more off-beat comedy, two Hollywood stars, a performing duck, and a dash of controversy over skits about September 11.

The start of the Edinburgh Fringe Festival -- an offshoot of the Edinburgh International Festival -- was expected to attract as many as 200,000 people lining the streets for a colourful opening parade with floats, bands and performers.

This year's festival will offer almost 2,000 groups performing some 20,000 shows during the annual arts extravaganza which runs from until August 26.

Arguably the hottest event is a staged reading of Anne Nelson's play "The Guys" by Hollywood stars Tim Robbins and Susan Sarandon at the Royal Lyceum Theatre.

The play is based on a true story about how the writer, Nelson, helped a grieving fire captain compose eulogies for four colleagues killed in the September 11 terrorist attacks on the World Trade Center in New York.

Another performances linked to September 11 is also causing a stir -- but for different reasons.

Drag star "Tina C" will perform a "biting satire" on the media reaction to the attacks in Twin Towers Tribute, featuring songs from her album "9/11:24/7", including the hits "Kleenex To The World" and "Stranger On The Stairwell".

A poster of her dressed in a skimpy mini-skirt striding above the New York skyline, apparently fending off one of the hijacked planes used in the atrocities, has drawn criticism from some quarters.

But they could be upstaged by an unlikely star -- the festival's only performing duck who is due to appear in an Iranian drama, "The Mute who was Dreamed."

Cinema



A man stands under a giant advertisement promoting the US-made film 'Spiderman' at a shopping mall in Shanghai, China on August 7 2002. Residents are enjoying more western movies as a result of relaxed economic policies from the communist authorities.

TV GUIDE

BTV

8:30a.m. Alor pothey
9:00 News
9:05 Sports
9:35 Cultural program
10:00 The News
10:05 Children's program
10:10 Drama serial
10:40 Natun kuri
11:00 News headline
12:00p.m. News headline
12:15 Azan
12:30 Closing
3:00 Opening
3:10 Songs
3:20 Bangla feature film
4:00 News headline
4:30 Aikjer shongbadpotro
5:00 News
5:45 Nutrition
6:10 News
6:10 Cartoon
6:35 Chittagong BTV
7:00 News headline
7:05 Songs
7:30 Drama serial
8:00 News
8:30 Apnar charpash
9:00 News headline
9:05 Cine Magazine
10:00 News at ten
10:25 Abahaman Bangla
11:30 News
11:45 Closing

EKUSHEY

12:00 Ekushey Middy
12:20 Potrikay Ei Shoptaho
12:40 Islami Song
Interval
2:00pm Ekushey Headlines
2:05 When Century Was Young
2:15 E Shoptaher Bishsho
2:35 Classic Cartoons
3:00 Ekushey Headlines
3:05 Bangla Film: Raj bodhu
5:30 Gillette World Special
6:00 Ekushey Headlines
6:05 Serial: Alif Laila
6:55 Ekushey Headlines
7:00 Mukto Khobor
7:30 Ekushey Shongbad
8:00 Ekushey News
8:05 Aventure Bangladesh
8:40 Ganer Hat
9:00 Jolchop
10:00 News : Simulcast from BTV
10:30 Video Cring Cring
11:00 Ekushey Late Night Shonqbad

CHANNEL-I

8:00a.m. Film songs
8:30 Drama serial
9:00 Drama serial
9:30 Marine location thekey
10:00 Documentary
10:20 Joto pod toto mot
10:50 Music Plus
11:30 Film songs
12:00p.m. Drama serial
12:30 Drama serial
1:00 Marine location thekey
2:00 Islamic program
2:50 Double mazaa
5:05 Documentary
5:40 Roshey bhora tuitumbur
6:10 Music Plus
6:45 Baro masher ranna
7:15 Channel I News
8:00 Interior design and fashion
8:30 Drama serial
9:00 Channel I News
9:30 Shongbadpotrey Bangladesh
10:00 Raven
10:30 Channel I News
11:15 Pepsi Live concert
12:00 Channel I News

HBO

6:30 Death Wish II
8:15 Final Voyage
10:15 Mercy
12:00 Tainted Blood
1:45 My Girl 2
3:45 Out of Sight
6:15 Doorways
8:00 Lost Voyage
10:00 The Game
12:30 Blackmail
2:15 Out of Sight

BBC WORLD

6:00am 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

10:30 World Business Report
11:00 BBC News
11:30 World Business Report
12:00pm BBC News
12:30 World Business Report/Sport Today
BBC News
1:00 Talking Movies
1:30 Film songs
2:00 BBC News
2:30 Hardtalk
3:00 BBC News
3:30 Money
4:00 Prog/Panorama
4:30 BBC News
5:00 Asia Today/World Business Report
5:30 BBC News
5:30 Hardtalk

STAR MOVIES

7:00 The Truman Show
9:00 Encino Man
11:00 The Man Who Cried
1:00 Digital Man
3:00 The Assignment
5:00 Friday Fury: Hand Of Death
7:00 Friday Night-Premiere: My Favorite Martain
9:00 Late Night Innings: Crimson Tide
11:15 Tank Girl
1:00 August
2:45 187
4:30 Lip Service

STAR PLUS

7:30 Hum Saath Aath
Hain
8:00 Aatma
9:00 Hit Filmein 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
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TODAY'S HIGHLIGHTS

EKUSHEY: 9:00 p.m. *Jalchhap*. The synopsis of the drama unfolds with the introduction of a family that of Moniruddin Khandaker and Nasreen who are childless since the beginning of their conjugal life. Everyone of the house is afraid to talk or work before the hot temperament of the family head. At this time, arrives Sheuli, a girl, with a letter in her hand. The letter reveals something that creates turmoil in the entire family. Who is this Sheuli ?

EKUSHEY: 8:05 p.m. *Adventure Bangladesh*. This is a program that provides a fine taste of tourism to the viewers as the camera travels round the country to visit various heritage sites and important historical places. This episode shows Paharpur Buddhist Temple, Sandhyabati ghat, Satya Pir-er vita, Dubol hati palace and a mosque at Naogaon. Also goes to Mahasthan ghar and to Govinda vita.

CHANNEL-I: 5:40 p.m. *Roshey bhora tuitumbur*. This is a children's program based on the 10th anniversary of a children's magazine by the same name as that of the program. It is a regular monthly magazine for children published from Dhaka through private management of a press organisation.

PICK OF THE DAY

The Game
On HBO at 10:00 p.m.
For the follow-up to his dark crime thriller SEVEN, director David Fincher decided to remain in a film noir vein. The result is THE GAME, a fast-paced cinematic roller-coaster ride that stars Michael Douglas as Nicholas Van Orton, a joyless San Francisco investment banker who receives an unusual birthday present from his estranged younger brother, Conrad (Sean Penn).

4:00 Jubilee Plus
4:30 Krishna Sharma CA
5:00 Kora Kaagaz
5:30 Hit Filmein Hit Sangeet
6:00 Small Wonder
6:30 Fox Kids
7:10 Aaj Ki Baat
7:25 Kya Film Kya Geet
7:30 Gharwali Uparwali
7:55 Film Toppers
8:00 Hum Saath Aath Hain
8:30 Kya Masti Kya Dhuum
9:30 Khullja Sim Sim
10:30 Ssshhh... Koi Hai
11:30 Avinash IPS
12:00 Film Toppers
12:05 Aaj Ki Baat

STAR GOLD

7:00 Geet Bahar
7:30 Oos Raat Ke Baad
11:00 Bollywood Beats
11:30 Parvarish
3:00 Geet Bahar
3:30 Navrang
7:00 Bollywood Beats
7:30 Shaandaar Shukrawaar-Jaal
11:30 Awaaz

STAR NEWS

6:00 Star News Hindi
6:30 Newshour
7:30 Breakfast News English
8:00 Breakfast News Hindi
9:30 Star News English

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

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] Hit Machine
12:00pm [V] Zabardast Hits
12:30 [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
4:30 Hotline
5:30 [V] Top 5 @5
6:00 [V] video War
6:15 Hit Machine
6:30 Very [V]
7:00 [V] Back to Back

ZEE TV

6:00 Yaadon Ke Pal
6:30 Bhakti Bhav
7:00 Yoga For Life
7:20 Jagran
7:50 Zee Gym & Eat
9:00 Millennium
8:20 News
8:30 Ardhangini
8:45 Yaadein Radio Ceylon Ki
9:00 Nickelodeon
10:30 Hum Paanch
11:00 Hudd Kar Di
12:00 Baazi Kiski
12:30 Rishthey The Love Stories
1:30 Sansaar
2:30 Gharana
3:00 Ijaazat
6:30 Nickelodeon On Zee
7:00 Nickelodeon
8:00 Yeh Hai Mumbai Meri Jaan...
8:30 Jai Santoshi Maa
9:00 World Close Up
Antakshari
9:30 Jeena Isi Ka Naam Hai
10:30 Sa Re Ga Ma Pa
11:30 Gharana
12:00 Yeh Dil Kya Kare

NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC

7:30 Nat Geo Max
8:30 Sci-Files
9:30 People & Places
10:00 People & Places
10:30 Dogs with Jobs
11:00 Human Edge
11:30 On the Edge
12:30 Tomorrow's World
1:00 Nat Geo Genius
1:30 Wild
2:00 Wild
2:30 Nat Geo Max
3:30 Sci-Files
4:00 SciFiles
4:30 People & Places
5:30 Insect A La Carte
6:00 Mission Wild
6:30 Dogs With Jobs
7:00 Earth Pulse
7:30 On The Edge
8:30 Wild
9:30 Nat Geo Max
10:00 Sci-Files

ZEE NEWS

6:00 News RPT
6:30 Bulletin
7:00 RPT
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
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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

9:30 News At 9
10:00 Prime Time
10:30 ISS Waqt
11:00 Din Bhar
11:30 World View

ZEE MGM

9:00 Millennium
11:30 Doctor at Sea
2:00 Separate Ways
4:00 Secret Admirer
7:00 California Casanova
9:30 Number one Fan

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
10:00 Jesse
10:30 La Femme Nikita
11:30 Full House
12:00 Fresh Prince of Bel Air
12:30 Veronica's closet
1:00 Royal Canadian Air Farce
1:30 Benny Hill Show
2:00 Three's Company
2:30 Friends
3:00 Seinfeld
3:30 La Femme Nikita
4:30 Suddenly Susan
5:00 Mad About You
5:30 Heartbreak High
6:30 Full House
7:00 Movie Stars
7:30 Seinfeld
8:00 Three's Company
8:30 Fresh Prince of Bel-Air
9:00 Suddenly Susan
9:30 Veronica's Closet
10:30 Mad About You
10:30 Seinfeld
11:00 Friends
11:30 Black Scorpion

ZEE MUSIC

6:30 Zee Music Box
7:30 Sizzlers
8:00 Zee Music Box
8:30 Dil Se
9:00 Sizzlers
9:30 Hit Pit Hit
10:30 Manoranjan
11:00 Zee Music Plus
12:00 Dialogue
12:30 Hit Pit Hit

2:30 Tara Rum
3:30 Just Jammin
4:00 Zee Music Plus
5:00 Dialogue
5:30 Hit mix
6:00 Zee Music Plus
7:00 Compact Disc
7:30 Zee Music Plus
8:30 RAAAH
9:30 First Take/Sizzlers
10:00 Dil Se
10:30 Jharokha
11:00 Zee Music Plus
11:30 Phonren Maal

ALPHA TV

BANGLA

7:00 Shyaola
7:30 Aalaap Bengali Spl
8:00 Purobi Bangla
8:30 Gaan Untd
9:10 Bharat Bhraman
9:30 Bishesh Sangbad Data
10:00 Sananda Music Quiz
11:00 Bideshini Bodhu
11:30 Gaan Untd
12:00 Chokh
12:30 Chena Mukher Shari
1:00 Nayantara
1:30 Ek Akasher Niche
2:00 Pratibimba
2:30 Rang Bou Bangla
2:35 Avantika
5:30 Gaan Untd
5:30 Ingit
6:00 News in Bengali
6:30 Bideshini Bodhu
7:00 Shyaola
7:30 Mon Niye
8:00 Pratibimba
8:30 Ek Akasher Niche
9:10 Chena Mukher Shari
9:50 Chokh
10:30 News in Bengali
11:00 Ingit
11:30 Nayantara
12:00 Shyaola
12:30 Rang Bou Bangla
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3:30 Bharat Bhraman
4:00 Pratibimba
4:30 Ek Akasher Niche
5:00 Chena Mukher Shari
5:30 Chokh
6:00 Bideshini Bodhu