

RECOMMENDATIONS

Music

October 5
Singer Faheem Hasan Shahed presents a musical evening at the National Museum at Shahbagh in the city at 5:00 p.m.

Dance

October 7
A dance event of Manipuri style will be presented by reputed danseuse Sharmila Bannerjee and her troupe, 'Nriya Nandan', at 7:00 p.m. at Shahid Zia auditorium at National Museum in the city. Cards are available at Dolce Vita (Dhanmondi), Sagar Publishers (Bailey road), Pathak Samabesh (Shahbagh), Jatra (Kemal Ataturk Ave.).

Hashem Khan's

Solo Exhibition

September 27 October 7
Renowned artist Hashem Khan holds a solo exhibition, 'Art Fair: Six Seasons' at Shilpangan gallery at Dhanmondi in the city. The exhibition remains open from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. everyday.

Photography on The

Twin Towers

September 29 October 6
A photography exhibition is on at the National Art Gallery of Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy in the city, of photographer Obaidullah Mamoon, titled, 'The Twin Towers and The American Spirit' and remains open to all from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. daily except on Friday, when the time is 3 to 7 p.m.

Six celebrated artists' show

Sept. 20 Oct. 7
Akku Chowdhury hosts art exhibition of 6 celebrated artists of the country, Jamal Ahmed, Kanak Champa Chakma, Khalid Mahmud Mithu, Saidul Islam Juise, Fareha Zeba and Nisar Hossain at La Galerie, Kemal Ataturk Avenue. The show remains open daily from 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m.

Solo art exhibition

Artist Firoz Mahmud holds a solo exhibition of his artworks at the Alliance Francaise de dhaka, sponsored by Benson & Hedges. The exhibition is open to all and the timings coincide with that of Alliance Francaise.

Music

A fresh name in audio recording

Ektaar, a recording company launches four albums of upcoming band artistes, at a city hotel

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EKTAAR Music, an audio cassettes and CD recording company seemed to have gained sufficient confidence of music lovers at their maiden appearance as cheers and clapping filled the ballroom of Sonargaon hotel in the city on the evening of September 30. This was at their cassette and CD launching ceremony. Four separate albums have been compiled with numbers of two bands, Bangla and Pentagon along with solo compositions of two others, Shahed Ali and Potkh Nobil. The actual release date has been fixed on October 10.

Eight songs, mostly of love and folk themes, were sung by the group members and soloists during the show that lasted for around 90 minutes.

Well-known and much-respected faces in the arena of Bangladeshi band music, Sadruddin Khan Bobby, Ziauddin Khan Pablo, Sheikh Monirul Alam Tipu, Thein Han Maung Titi and Feisal Siddiky Bogey, who is also the Managing Director of Ektaar, floated the promotional business house back in 2001. 'Since the last one year we were doing various groundwork before appearing in

public with our debut productions', said Thein Han, a Chittagonian, while at an informal interaction with this correspondent.

As Feisal Siddiky Bogey mentioned, there was a widespread feeling in the musicians' community here that they were significantly represented in the business side of things, and there was obviously considerable room for improvement in the industry as a whole. Several of the local pioneering companies have, so far, contributed much to the development of music, yet an idea was conceived by a few that some fresh thinking and energy were required to pump up the music scene, hence, Ektaar was born.

Ektaar's vision is to be a completely modern, progressive and professional outfit with an ear for creative talent and quality music. While the group sought to promote and develop new and original compositions, it hoped of highlighting on the traditional folk trends of the region. 'The overriding principle of Ektaar's music will be quality that is timeless and classic, whatever the genre be', said Bogey. Ektaar would not be interested in 'flavour of the month' type of programmes and wished to serve a category of music lovers who would solely go for the true, class tune, added the popular



Buno, vocalist and guitarist of 'Bangla'

musician. One of the aims of the new production house included provision of royalty for artistes who would receive payments upon sales, for as long as their albums remained in the market, and not be paid altogether. Ektaar hoped of making business distribution worldwide through association with some internationally-famed neighbouring foreign recording company.

Some of the other commitments of Ektaar remained in facts of encouraging of artistes to interact musically with each other and exchanging views and opinions for the betterment of the country's music, provision of all kinds of service and support to concerned artistes related to the company,

combination of the best artistes under a single roof, raising of the local industry and its potentials to the highest level of international stature, full maintenance of the artistes' sanctity and those of their works', revival of traditional Bangla music to its fullest without wholesale imitation, one that had reached heights of excellence in the past.

In this quest, Ektaar seemed to be balanced in attitude towards any and all sorts of Bangla music.

The albums included 'Shei Ami' by Pentagon, 'Gaan neben gaan' by Shahed Ali, 'Kinkortobbo bimurr' by Bangla and a solo album by Potkh Nobil, each copy priced in retail market at taka 35/-.

Dance

An evening for the dance aficionado

Nriya Nandan, a dance school presents Manipuri composition in the city on October 7

CULTURE DESK

NRITYA Nandan, a dance academy, possesses high hopes for a forthcoming Manipuri dance program that is to be presented at an auditorium of the National Museum at Shahbagh in the city by the school's students and instructors. The program starts at 7:00 p.m. under coordination of Sharmila Bannerjee, founder of the school.

Nriya Nandan is a dance school established during the early nineties. It stands for uncompromising aesthetic standards in dance and has at its foundations, hard work and dedication of both the teacher, Sharmila, and her young students.

The academy's repertoire includes classical style of Manipuri and that of Bharatnatyam, in addition to composition of Tagore dramas and works of rebel poet Kazi Nazrul Islam.

Besides, Manipuri, Bharatnatyam and Odissi dance forms, Nriya Nandan is unique in its infusion of the modern dance movement and rhythm of the Uday Shankar Dance School in its Tagore Nriya. The academy has had distinctions of presenting various performances at home and abroad and of reaching the nation over television programs.

A performance was held in 1999 in Kolkata, at the Vishwa Banga Sammelan and also in the United States in 2000.

Nriya Nandan conducts workshops and lecture demonstrations upon different styles of the performing art across Bangladesh.

Danseuse Sharmila Bannerjee is a renowned classical, folk and creative dancer and choreographer from Bangladesh who had graduated from the Vishwa Bharati University at

Shanti Niketan with a degree in Bachelor of Music in Dance. She received further training in Kathakali and Manipuri dance forms in India under the guidance of a couple of reputed masters. Later in 1996, Guru Bipin Singh and Kalavati Devi trained her during completion of a post graduate degree on Manipuri dance in Kolkata. Sharmila, who got her early dance educations in Chittagong and Dhaka from renowned academies, received degrees on Bharatnatyam and Odissi

disciplines under coordination of well known Indian danseuses. Sharmila Bannerjee, at present, is a teacher of dance at Cchayanaut, a leading cultural academy of the country.

Admission card of the Manipuri dance evening of October 7 is available at the Dhanmondi outlet of Dolci Vita, at Sagar Publishers in Bailey road, Pathak Samabesh at Shahbagh and at Jatra, a shop on the Kemal Ataturk Avenue in Banani.



Sharmila Bannerjee

TV GUIDE

CHANNEL-i

7:10a.m. Music Plus
7:50 Chahaya jhankar
8:20 Drama serial
8:50 Songs
9:20 Drama serial
9:50 Documentary
10:20 Chithi pelaam
10:50 Music Plus
11:30 Chahaya jhankar
12:00p.m. Dram serial
12:30 Songs
1:00 Drama serial
1:50 Bangla feature film
5:05 Documentary
5:40 Joto pod toto mot
6:10 Music Plus
6:45 Houseful
7:15 Channel I News
7:45 Ispahani I telequiz
8:25 Songs
9:00 Chanel I News
9:30 Shongbadpotro Bangladesh
9:40 Ispahani I telequiz
9:50 Music Horizon
10:25 Mobile quiz
10:30 Channel I Mobile
11:15 Marine location thekey
12:00a.m. Channel I News
ATN BANGLA
5:30 Islamic Prog.
7:00 Health care prog. Sustha Thakun
7:35 Film song's prog. Surchohi
8:00 ATN Bangla News
8:25 Drama Serial: Nonte Fante
9:00 Talk show: Face to Face
9:35 Drama serial: Jot
10:10 Musical prog. Music Time
12:00 ATN Bangla News
12:30 Mage serial : Mohine
12:35 Film song's prog. Surchohi
2:30 ATN Bangla News
Headlines
2:45 Bengali feature film : Chondo Hareya Gelo
5:50 Islamic prog. Sundor
Jeebaner Jannee
6:25 Film based prog. Cine Magazine
7:00 ATN Bangla Evening News
7:25 Musical prog. Sandan Baul Mela
8:00 Mage Serial : Kun Semanay Mukte
8:35 Film magazine : Henolux
Bendun Bichitra
9:10 Reporting prog. Prekhhaprot
10:00 ATN Bangla News
10:35 Drama serial :
11:10 Musical prog.
11:30 ATN Bangla News
12:00 Bengali feature film

HBO

07:00 a.m. The Game
09:30 Midnight Run
12:00 p.m. Eraser
02:15 The Relic
04:30 Night Visions 01: The Bokor/The Passenger List
05:30 Cinema Secrets II Ep 1: High Strung Can't Hardly Wait
06:00 Roseanna's Grave
08:00 Jade
10:00 Regarding Henry
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
AXN
6:30 Movie: Marrie
9:30 Beastmaster/Veil of Death
10:30 Andromeda Bank of the Letha
11:30 The Immortal
12:30 Guinness World Records : Primetime
1:30 Beastmaster
2:30 Movie: Marrie
5:30 Guinness World Records: Primetime
6:30 Adventure Central
7:30 The Immortal Wired
8:30 Sheena/Collateral
9:30 Courage
10:30 Thu Horror Movie: Ghost Story
12:30 Relic Hunter/The Executioner's Mask
STAR PLUS
7:30 Hum Saath Aath
10:00

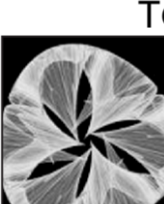
8:00 Aatma
9:00 Hit Filmein Hit Sangeet
9:30 Fox Kids Daily
10:10 Hit Geet
10:25 Kya Film Kya Geet
10:30 Small Wonder
11:00 Maal Hai To Taal Hai
11:30 Meri Saheli
12:00 Shanti
12:30 Hit Filmein Hit Sangeet
1:00 Kaahin Kissi Roz Film Toppers
1:25 Kahaani Ghar Ghar Ki
2:00 Bhabhi
2:30 Kyunki Saas Bhi Kabhi Bahu Thi
3:00 Shagun
3:30 Kasauti Zindagi Kay Kavita
4:00 Kabhii Sautan
4:30 Kabhii Saheli
5:00 Kora Kaagaz
5:30 Hit Filmein Hit Sangeet
6:00 Small Wonder
6:30 Fox Kids
7:20 Aaj Ki Baat
7:25 Kya Film Kya Geet
7:30 Kumkum- Pyara Sa Bandhan
7:55 Film Toppers
8:00 Hum Saath Aath Hai
8:30 Kyun Hota Hai
9:00 Kasauti Zindagi Kay Kismey Kitnaa Hai
9:30 Dhuum Aaj Dekkhenge Hum
10:30 Kahani Ghar Ghar Ki
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
7:30 Nazrana
11:00 Bollywood Beats
11:30 Chhoti Bahu
3:00pm Geet Bahar
3:30 Love In Simla
7:00 Bollywood Beats
7:30 Lamhe Pyaar Ke : Kismat
11:00 Rahu Ketu
STAR WORLD
7:00 The Oprah Winfrey Show
8:00 Da Vinci's Inquest
9:00 The Drew Carey Show
9:30 Whose Line is it Anyway
10:00 Ally McBeal

TODAY'S HIGHLIGHTS

HALLMARK: 7:00 p.m. *The haunting of Lisa.* A little girl has been murdered in a city park, and the police have sought help from nine-year-old Lisa Downey, a child who sees things and is often visited by the supernatural. But Lisa's visions in this case lead her down a treacherous path, to a 30-year-old murder case that may have horrific ties to what's happening now.

HBO: 2:15 p.m. *The Relic.* Something is lurking in the basement of the Chicago Museum of Natural History. And it isn't friendly either. The institution is hosting a new major exhibition on the world's superstitious. But things go wrong when they realize that a creature is on the loose a shape-shifting beast which has somehow been brought into the museum in crates shipped from Brazil.

HALLMARK: 11:00 a.m. *The Flamingo Rising.* When Hubert Lee decides to open the world's largest drive-in movie theater across the street from a funeral parlor, a feud erupts between Lee and Turner Knight, the owner of the funeral home.



PICK OF THE DAY



Jade
On HBO at 10:00 p.m. Assistant District Attorney investigates the murder of a prominent man, who is found brutally murdered in his luxurious mansion. Someone has buried the hatchet in his chest. The only lead for the DA is a roll of film revealing the Governor's underground sex life, and the key to finding the murderer is a prostitute named Jade, who is about to get fingered for the heinous crime.

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 Shyaola
7:30 Aalaap Bengali Spl
8:00 Purobi Bangla
8:30 Gaan Unltd.
9:10 Bharat Bhraman
9:30 Half Chocolate
Chena Mukh Achena Manush
10:00 Shudhu Tomake Chai
11:00 Bideshini Bodhu
11:30 Gaan Unltd.
12:00 Chokh
12:30 Chena Mukher Shari
1:00 Nayantara
1:30 Ek Akasher Niche
2:00 Pratibimba
2:30 Post Master
3:45 Sampati
5:00 Gaan unltd.
5:30 Ingit
6:00 News In Bengali
6:30 Bideshini Bodhu
7:00 Shyaola
7:30 Mathe Maidane
8:00 Pratibimba
8:30 Ek Akasher Niche
9:10 Chena Mukher Shari Chokh
9:30 News In Bengali
11:00 Ingit
11:30 Nayantara
12:00 Shyaola
ZEE CINEMA
7:00 Jharokha
7:30 Apradhi
10:30 Mr X In Bombay
1:30 Dhanwan
5:15 Cine News
6:00 Bhayaanak

9:15 Yaadein Radio Ceylon Ki
9:30 Top Of The Tops
10:00 Dulhe Raja
ANIMAL PLANET
7:00 Animal Doctor II
7:30 Animal X
8:00 The Aquanauts
8:30 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 Vets 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 II
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
9:30 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 Mathe Maidane
9:30 Human Body
10:30 Junkyard Wars
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
10:00 Living Single
10:30 ER
11:30 Full House
12:00 Fresh Prince of Bel Air
12:30 Veronica's closet
1:00 Royal Canadian Air Force
1:30 Benny Hill Show
2:00 Three's Company
2:30 Friends
3:00 Seinfeld
3:30 ER
4:30 Suddenly Susan
5:00 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
HALLMARK
01:00a.m. And Never Let Her Go
03:00 Leona Helmsley: The Queen Of Mean
05:00 Sesame Street
06:00 Mr. Rock 'N' Roll: The Alan Freed Story
08:00 Paperback Hero
10:00 The Young Riders
11:00 The Flamingo Rising
01:00p.m. Touched By An Angel VII
02:00 Sesame Street
03:00 Scholastic Clifford - Potluck Party Pooper
03:30 Caillou
04:00 Flipper
05:00 Early Edition
06:00 Star Trek
07:00 The Haunting Of Lisa
09:00 Early Edition
10:00 Star Trek: Voyager
11:00 My Life As A Fairy Tale
STAR MOVIES
02:30a.m. The Pickle
04:30 Chapter Zero
06:30 Freejack
8:30 Bad Company
10:15 The Pickle
12:00p.m. Scenes From A Mall
1:45 American Cyborg
3:30 Vt Warehouseki
5:15 Outrageous Fortune
7:00 Shanghai Noon
9:00 Idea Of Sex

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 Frasier
6:00 Buffy The Vampire Slayer
6:55 Star News Asia
7:00 Angel
8:00 NYPD Blue
9:00 Frasier
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
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
12:00pm [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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8:30 [V] Back To Back/[V]
9:00 [V] Zabardast Hits
9:30 [V] Jungli Jukebox
10:00 [V] FDFS
10:30 [V] Men's Room
11:00 Late Night [V]
11:30 [V] Rewind
12:00 [V] Back to Back
NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC
7:00 Wild
7:30 Nat Geo Max
8:30 Sci Files
9:30 People & Places
10:30 Dog with Jobs
11:00 Human Edge
11:30 On The Edge
12:30 Rolex Awards for Enterprise
1:00 Geowatch Asia
1:30 Wild
2:00 Nat Geo Max
3:30 Sci-Files
4:30 People and Places
5:00 Human Edge
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
10:30 Sci-files
11:30 People & Places
ZEE TV
6:00 Yaadon Ke Pal
6:30 Bhakti Bhav
7:00 Yoga For Life
7:20 Jagran
7:50 Zee Gym & Eat
8:20 News
8:30 Ardhangani
8:45 Yaadein Radio Ceylon Ki
9:00 Nickelodeon On Zee
9:30 Nick On Zee
10:30 Hum Paanch
11:00 Kitee Kool Hain Hum
12:00 Mehndi Tere Naam Ki
12:30 Kitty Party
1:00 Love Marriage
1:30 Kohi Apna Sa
2:00 Kamal
2:30 Gharana
3:00 Pehala Nasha

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 Kohi Apna Sa
10:30 Love Marriage
11:00 Tu Kahe Agar
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
11:00 Taaza Maal
12:00 Just Jammin
12:30 Hit Pe Hit
1:30 Music Box
3:30 Jharokha
2:30 Tara Rum Pum
3:30 Hit Mix
4:00 Zee Music Box
5:00 Dil Se
5:30 Hit Mix
6:00 Music Plus
7:00 Dialogue
7:30 Zee Music Plus
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