

RECOMMENDATIONS

Exhibition

October 16-27  
An exhibition titled 'Transformation', a compilation of works by 14 artists from Dhaka , Chittagong, Rajshahi and Bogra , is going on at the La Galerie of Alliance Francaise, 26, Mirpur Road, Dhaka.

October 17-November 12  
Gallery Dhirupad holds a group art exhibition titled 'Rhythm in nature' of sixty renowned artists of Bangladesh at the gallery premises. The show will remain open from 10 am to 9 pm daily.

October 24-31  
Bengal gallery of Fine Arts will hold an exhibition of the works of three artists from three countries Bangladesh, Mexico and Uganda. The exhibition will remain open for all from 12 pm to 8pm everyday. Venue: Bengal Shilpalaya, House 275/F, Road 27 (old), Dhanmondi, Dhaka.

October 16-22  
Zainul Gallery holds an art exhibition of eight artists, three from India and five from Bangladesh. The show will remain open for all from 11 am to 8 pm everyday.

Korean Contemporary Painting

October 19-25  
To celebrate the thirtieth anniversary of the diplomatic relation between Bangladesh and the Republic of Korea, Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy has arranged 'Korean Contemporary Painting Exhibition' by Choon Choo Fine Arts Association in Korea at the National Gallery. The exhibition will remain open for all from 11 am to 7 pm daily (Friday 3pm-7 pm).

Painting

October 10-24  
Shilpangan arranged a fifteen-day-long solo painting exhibition of artist Itikharuddin Ahmed's recent works. The show is open for all from 10 am to 9 pm everyday.

Photography Exhibition

October 24-30  
A Photography exhibition titled 'Mughal Muslim Architecture(Part-1)' by Babu Ahmed will be held at the Zainul Gallery 2, Institute of Fine Arts, DU. The show will remain open from 2 pm to 7 pm everyday.

Drama Lane

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(Evening show at 7:00 pm Morning show at 11:00 am)		
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Dhaka	Post Mortem	
Nandonik	Shonar Khachay	24
Padatik	Bandi Pakhi	
Natya	Shojon Badhiar	25
Shangshad	Ghat	
Mahakal	Shikhondi	26
Natya	Katha	
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Centre For The Lesson		27
Asian Theatre		

Silver screen

International film festival of India

PALLAB BHATTACHARYA, New Delhi

AN Iranian film depicting the dream of a young girl in the post-Taliban Afghanistan bagged the top Golden Peacock award while a Bengali director's debut film revolving round the story of relationship between a nurse and her comatose patient whom she initially wanted to kill got the Silver Peacock prize at the International Film Festival of India.

Israeli director Rafanan Alexandrowicz's film James Journey to Jerusalem won the Silver Peacock as the most promising Asian director.

The Iranian film *At Five in the Afternoon*, directed by 23-year-old Samira Makhmalbaf, daughter of eminent director Mohsen Makhmalbaf, was adjudged the best among the 11 feature

films in the Asian competition section of the 34th edition of the ten-day festival which concluded here on October 19.

Samira's film, one of the first to be shot in Afghanistan after the fall of the Taliban regime, was adjudged for the top award for its 'powerful cinematic style and message of hope in a dramatic and desperate situation.'

The director, however, could not be present to receive the award personally and an Iranian embassy official, who was present on her behalf, announced that Samira had donated the entire prize money of Rs five lakh to an NGO working for women's empowerment and human rights.

In 1998, Samira, at the age of 18, was the youngest to participate in the prestigious Cannes festival with her debut film 'The Apple.' It was also screened at several other leading international festivals.



The Union Minister for Shipping Shatrughan Sinha presenting Life Time Achievement Award to noted Actress and Director Liv Ullmann at a function during IFFI-2003 in New Delhi. The Minister for Information and broadcasting Shri Ravi Shankar Prasad and the noted Actress Shabana Azmi are also seen.



Director of film Abar Aranye (Bangla) Gautam Ghosh addressing the press during IFFI-2003 in New Delhi on October 13. Actress Tabu, who plays a role in the film is seen on his left.

Critics already consider Samira as the true inheritor of the legacy of more illustrious Iranian directors like Abbas Kiarostami, Darius Mehrjui and Mohsen Makhmalbaf.

The Bengali film 'Prohor' directed by Subhadro Choudhury, was given the honour for its 'deeply ethical message of forgiveness.'

The selection of the films for the awards was done by a five-member jury headed by famous Polish director Krzysztof Zanussi who said the Asian films reflect deep concerns about human values and ethics which we miss in European cinema. He said values in art are absolutely universalistic.

The recognition to 'Prohor' is being hailed as the emergence of a new breed of Bengali directors of meaningful cinema although the film received little press review.

If 'Prohor' stole the march on the final day of the festival, so did internationally-acclaimed director Rituparno Ghosh's latest flick 'Chokher Bali', which was premiered in India.

Based on Rabindranath Tagore's novel, 'Choker Bali' stars Bollywood

hear-throb Aishwariya Rai and Raima Sen, grand daughter of legendary actress Suchitra Sen, in lead roles. The director flanked by the two actresses hogged media attention at the premier of the film.

Answering reporters' questions after screening of the film, Ghosh said it was not for the first time that he roped in film stars from Bombay in his films. He had earlier featured Sharmila Tagore and Rakhee.

The dialogues by both Aishwariya, who plays the role of young widow Bindini involved in an illicit relationship, and Raima, who essays the role of Ashalata, had to be dubbed because neither can speak Bengali, especially the language as it was spoken 100 years ago as demanded by the setting of the novel, said the director.

Raima said since she cannot read Bengali, it was her grand mother who read out Tagore's novel for her to help her prepare for the film.

Around the world

De Niro suffers from cancer

BBC ONLINE

AMERICAN actor Robert De Niro has been diagnosed with prostate cancer, his publicist has announced. However, his chances of beating the disease are reported to be good.

"Because of the early detection and his excellent physical condition, doctors project a full recovery," said Stan Rosenfield. The publicist added that the 60-year-old actor intended to go ahead as planned with shooting his next feature, *Hide and Seek*, for 20th Century Fox early next year.

No details were released about the treatment De Niro is receiving. "He's a private person and doesn't care to have his treatment out for public consumption," said Rosenfield.

In a 40-year career, De Niro has made over 60 films, winning two Oscars, and receiving four other nominations. He got best actor for his 1980 role as boxing champion Jake La Motta in *Raging Bull*, and best supporting actor in 1975 for the young mafioso Vito Corleone in *The Godfather: Part II*. He used his traditional tough guy persona to comic ends more recently in *Analyze This*, in which he played a gangster opposite Billy Crystal's psychoanalyst.

He also founded the Tribeca Film Festival in 2002 as a way of promoting culture and tourism in the downtown districts of New York that were suffering in the wake of the 11 September attacks.

De Niro has lived in the arty Manhattan district for 20 years.



De Niro won't let the disease interfere with his plans.

Going going gone

A rare collection of photos of the popular music band Beatles are to be auctioned by Cooper Owen at the Hard Rock Cafe, London, on 20 November.



A Day in the Life

On the verge of world domination, The Beatles are pictured by photographer Dezo Hoffman in Paul Sefton Park, Liverpool, in April 1963.

Free as a Bird

The Fab Four donned Edwardian swimming costumes for a Hoffman shoot in Weston-Super-Mare in July 1963.



Ticket to Ride



John, Paul and Ringo take a cab in New York's Central Park in February 1964 (George had the flu).

Perspective

Burning issue

Should there be any more concerts this season in Dhaka?

CULTURAL CORRESPONDENT

THE concerts for this season in Dhaka started from the end of June, right after the O/A Level and SSC/HSC examinations. Till now a record number of 50 to 60 concerts have taken place at various locations, both under ground and over ground.

It started with the attempt of few people intending to encourage and promote new bands. They helped organise concerts and there was good audience turnover at the events. Few noteworthy events were held at the Russian Cultural Centre and Shishu Academy.

As sound is the most important factor for a concert, it becomes a significant ingredient in deciding the success of the programme. Among few of the most widely used venues, Russian Cultural Centre and Shishu Academy are competent in maintaining good quality sound. They are especially designed for the usage of heavy sound system but restaurant hall rooms like that of Dhaka Billiard Centre (DBC) lacks the setting of an appropriate auditorium.

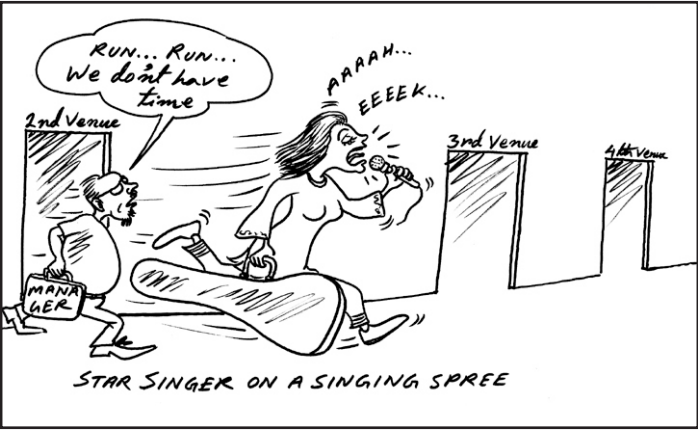
These abrupt rushes of concerts are operated by two categories of organisers--those who have pure

love for music, and others running for money. Recently a hype built to organise such events, specially the underground ones, gave quick cash within the duration of only eight hours.

Two such coordinators have admitted a net profit of Tk. 38,000/- after deducting the venue, sound and ticket/poster designing and printing costs. This was possible, as they did not have to make any band payments. Noted underground bands like Nemesis, Breach and Ajob are still playing for free.

The issue becomes more severe with the emergence of 15 to 20 potential organisers coming out from the corners of Dhaka. If all of them do at least one performance a month, it turns out to be 7 to 8 concerts. The highest number done so far were 3 concerts in a single week, the first one being at Gulshan, second at Russian Cultural Centre and the third at DBC. Even charity concerts based on humanitarian grounds cannot be accomplished successfully due to surplus programmes.

The negative impact is clear. If there are a number of 2 or 3 shows a week, it is quite impossible for the university/O & A level/SSC and HSC students to



spend money for the entry fee (Tk. 150/- per occasion) and join all of them.

The children, frustrated for not having high pocket money to attend all these so called musical extravaganzas, are losing interest to tag along with music anymore. The audience, on average, is getting weary of listening to the same bands with the same array of songs for such prolonged duration.

Due to inappropriate venue, inefficient sound equipment and

increasing number of events per week, the prospect of music in Dhaka is getting dull day by day. A majority of listeners are conveying views of being 'exhausted', which is evident from local online music forums such as [www.altermetal.com](http://www.altermetal.com) and [www.amadergaan.com](http://www.amadergaan.com).

Approximately a length of 6 to 7 hours is spent on one such occasion without guarantee of satisfaction for the money spent.

TV GUIDE

All programmes are in local time. The Daily Star will not be responsible for any change in the programme.

News Bulletin

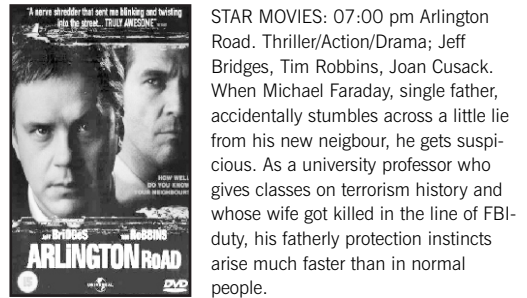
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News Headlines(Bangla) at 9:40 am.12:10 pm. 2:00 p.m 3:10 pm. 4:00 pm. 7:00 pm.  
News(Bangla) at 8:00 am 1:00 pm.5:00 pm.8:00 pm.  
News (English) at 3:00 pm. 10:00 pm.  
Late Night News(Bangla and English) 11:30 pm.  
CHANNEL-i  
Breakfast News 07:15 am. 9:00am  
News(Bangla) at 7:15 pm, 9:00, 10:30, 12:15 am.  
Telecast of BTV news(Bangla and English) at 11:30 pm.  
ATN BANGLA  
News(Bangla) at 8:00 am. 12:00 pm. 7:00 pm. 10:00 pm. 11:00 pm.  
Telecast of BTV News(Bangla and English) at 11:30 pm.  
Latest News(Bangla) at 09 a.m,10:00 a.m, 11:00 am.1pm. 2:00 pm.3:00 pm. 4:00pm.6:00 pm.and 8:00 pm.  
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News Headlines(Bangla) at 5:02 pm. 6:30 pm. 9:45 pm.  
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TARA BANGLA  
NewsHeadline(Bangla) at 5:30 pm. 7:30 pm.  
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Tara News Bangladesh(Bangla) at 9:30 pm.  
BBC World

BTV

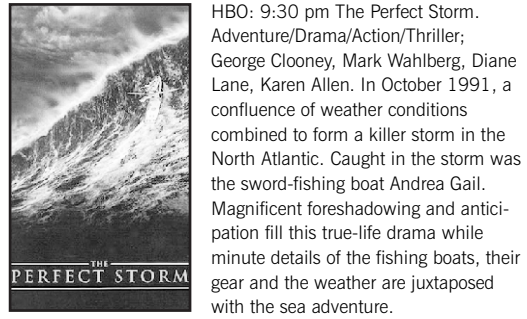
07:35	Shuprabhat Bangladesh
08:25	Documentary Show
09:00	Onnyo Bhuban: World Nature Japan
09:30	Live Telecast of the Bangladesh Vs England Test Cricket Match
04:35	Jibon Dhara
05:05	Shilpa O Shahitya
05:30	Protisruti
05:55	Shamokalin
06:10	Aurthoneti
06:35	Mati O Manush
06:35	Programme of Chittagong Centre
07:30	English Serial: Mortal Combat Conquest
08:30	Drama Serial: Lal Benaroshi
09:30	Drama Serial: Pathor Hridoy
10:35	Ujjibon
11:00	Anandadhara
CHANEL-i	
09:30	Sangbad Potrey Bangladesh
09:45	Tritiyo Matra
10:30	Musik Plus
02:00	Feature Film: Milon-Tara
05:35	Jonopoder Khabor
05:45	Boi Ebong Boi
06:10	Musik Plus
06:45	Yummi Chhaya
07:50	Magazine Show: Kichhu Mone
08:25	Drama Serial:

09:35	Kichhu Megh
10:00	Kichhu Roddur
05:02	Rongdhonu Rong
05:10	Drama: Manusher Jonnyo Manush
05:25	ntv
06:00	Itihashe Ei Diney
06:32	Potrikar Khabar Century
06:52	Apnar Jigyasha
08:00	Shubho Shandhya Ei Shomoy
08:35	Siddika Kabir's Recipe
09:47	Shurur Jalsha
10:22	Drama Serial: Chena Chena
10:50	Lagey (Ep-17)
11:30	Sports World
11:35	Itihashe Ei Diney
12:30	Din Darpan
12:40	Drama: Cherag Ciney Gaan
ATN BANGLA	
10:15	Talk Show : Annodriste
12:40	Priyo Silper Priyo Gan
1:20	Feature Film: Tume Sudu Tume
4:20	Children Prog: Cholo Gan Gai
5:00	Gram Gonger
5:10	Sangbad
5:45	Motamot
7:40	Uro Cola Saat Rang
8:15	Gondoraz Samsung Cine Aaha
8:40	Drama Serial: Theteo Jibhon
9:25	Drama Serial: Sapner Sere
10:30	Kichhu Mone
10:30	Korben Na Dot Com
HBO	

TODAY'S HIGHLIGHTS



STAR MOVIES: 07:00 pm Arlington Road. Thriller/Action/Drama; Jeff Bridges, Tim Robbins, Joan Cusack. When Michael Faraday, single father, accidentally stumbles across a little lie from his new neighbour, he gets suspicious. As a university professor who gives classes on terrorism history and whose wife got killed in the line of FBI-duty, his fatherly protection instincts arise much faster than in normal people.



HBO: 9:30 pm The Perfect Storm. Adventure/Drama/Action/Thriller; George Clooney, Mark Wahlberg, Diane Lane, Karen Allen. In October 1991, a confluence of weather conditions combined to form a killer storm in the North Atlantic. Caught in the storm was the sword-fishing boat Andrea Gail. Magnificent foreshadowing and anticipation fill this true-life drama while minute details of the fishing boats, their gear and the weather are juxtaposed with the sea adventure.

PICK OF THE DAY



The Last of the Mohicans  
On MGM at 9:00 pm  
Genre: Western/War/Romance  
Daniel Day-Lewis, Madeleine Stowe  
As the English and French soldiers battle for control of the North American colonies in the 18th century, the settlers and native Americans are forced to take sides. Cora and her sister Alice unwittingly walk into trouble but are saved by Hawkeye, an orphaned settler adopted by the last of the Mohicans.

10:30	Alvin and the Chipmunks Meet wolffman Junior
12:00	Pleasantville
2:15	Coca Cola Kid
4:45	Cinema Secrets III: 1 Cataclysmic Events
5:15	The Blue Lagoon
7:15	3000 Miles to Graceland
9:30	The Perfect Storm
12:00	Box Office America EP. 21
12:30	Hannibal

9:00	Matilda
11:30	Alligator
2:00	Coca Cola Kid
4:30	Jackie Brown
7:00	Gangland
9:00	The Last of the Mohicans (Daniel De Lewis)
11:30	Run Lola Run
10:00	STAR MOVIES
10:00	Captain Corelli's Mandolin

12:15	Hollywood Ending
2:15	Airheads
3:45	Submerged
5:15	The Curse Of The Jade Scorpion
7:00	Arlington Road
9:00	Warlock
10:45	The Puppet Masters
BBC WORLD	
7:30	Asia Today/Asia Business Report
8:30	Asia Today/World Business Report
9:30	Asia Today/Asia Business Report
10:30	World Business Report
11:30	World Business Report
12:30	World Business Report
1:30	Click Online
2:15	Hardtalk
3:30	Earth Report
4:30	Asia Today/World Business Report
5:30	World Business Report
6:30	Report/Sport Today
7:30	Fast Track

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9:30	Hardtalk
10:15	World Business Report
10:30	Sci Shack, Wild Moves, Virt World
11:30	World Business Report/Sport Today
STAR PLUS	
1:00	Kasauti Zindagii Kay
1:30	Kumkum - Pyara Sa Bandhan
2:00	Bhabhi
2:30	Shagun
3:00	Kabhi Aaye Na Judai
3:30	Kyunki Saas Bhi Kabhi Bahu Thi
4:00	Kahaani Ghar Ghar Kii
4:30	Kahiin To Hoga Tanha
5:05	Hum Saath Aath Hain
6:30	Fox Kids
7:30	Kumkum - Pyara Sa Bandhan
8:00	Shaka Laka Boom Boom
8:30	Sonpari
9:00	Kasauti Zindagii Kay
9:30	Sanjivani - A Medical Boon
10:30	Kahaani Ghar Ghar Kii
11:00	Kyunki Saas Bhi Kabhi Bahu Thi
11:30	Kahiin To Hoga Tanha
STAR WORLD	
12:30	Law & Order: S.V.U
1:30	The Pretender
2:28	Star Asia Travel
2:30	Oprah Winfrey
3:30	Bold And Beautiful
4:30	Sabrina The Teenage Witch
5:00	Two Guys And A Girl
5:30	Knight Rider

6:30	The Simpsons
7:00	Home Improvement
7:30	Friends
8:00	Just Shoot Me
8:30	Charmed
9:30	Ally Mcbeal
10:30	Two Guys And A Girl
11:00	Titus
11:28	Star Asia Travel
11:30	Baywatch
STAR GOLD	
9:00	Hamrahi
12:30	Pyar Kiya To Darna Kya
4:00	Geet Gata Chal
4:30	Raja Hindustani
8:30	Stumped
DISCOVERY	
1:00	Beauty & Love The Painless Dentist
2:30	New Detectives
3:30	Wild Discovery Night in the Savannah
4:30	Going Wild with Jeff Crown Rincon Del Vieja, Costa Rica
5:00	Mystery Hunters
5:30	Amrose
6:30	Small/Missing Princes'
7:30	Globe Trekker
8:30	Mongolia
9:30	Discovery Wings-A Celebration of Flight
10:30	Wild Discovery
11:30	Extreme Engineering
12:30	Bridging the Bering Strait
1:30	Extreme Machines
2:30	Raiders of the Deep
3:30	Challenge
4:30	Coloured Lives The Promised Land
STAR SPORTS	
8:00	England Tour Of Bangladesh Standard Chartered Test & Odi Series 2003
9:25	Bangladesh Vs England 1st Test Day 1 Highlights(R)
9:25	England Tour Of Bangladesh Standard Chartered Test & Odi Series 2003
4:30	Bangladesh Vs England 1st Test Day 2 (L)
4:30	Watersports
5:30	Programing Hot Water (T)
6:30	Max Power Max Power 2003 (T)
7:00	Indian National Rally Championship 2003
7:30	Chandigarh Pu India Event Highlights(T)
8:00	F1 Powerboat World Cships 2003
8:30	Kuala Lumpur Malaysia Event Highlight Ts(T)
9:00	On The Limit On The Limit 2003 - Japan
9:30	Gt Championship
10:00	Sugo Japan Round 3(T)
10:00	Sportsline Hindi (L)
11:00	Motogp World Championship 2003
11:00	Philip Island Australia High-lights(T)
11:00	The Electrolux Wisden International Awards 2003
11:00	England Tour Of Bangladesh Standard Chartered Test & Odi Series 2003
11:00	Bangladesh Vs England 1st Test Day 2 Highlights(S)
ESPN	