

## RECOMMENDATIONS

## Art and Sculpture Show

November 14-23

A 10-day-long art and sculpture exhibition titled 'Appointment' of six contemporary artists will be inaugurated from today at the Shilpangalay at 4 pm. The show will be open for all from 10 am to 9 pm every day.

## Art Exhibition

November 7-17

The 4th art exhibition by Charu Panchari is being held at Alliance Franciase. The display will be open for all from 5pm to 8pm.

## Drama Lane

**Bangladesh Mahila Samity**  
4 Natok Soroni, New Daily Rd.  
(Evening show at 7:00 pm  
Morning show at 11:00 am)

Group	Plays	Date
Natydhara	Atashi Shaporja	15
Dhaka Theatre	Birasha Munda	16
Mancha		
Prachyanat	Gondar	17
Theatre	Balad	18
(Arambag)		
Muktamancha	Shurjomukho	19
Theatre		
Theatre	Meraj	20
(Baily Road)	Fakirer Ma	
Natyadal	Bakkal	21
	(Morning)	
Drishyapot	Narak Gufar	21
	(Evening)	
Abayab	Karnakatha	22
Natyadal		
Bangali	Manabra	23
Natyasham-pradhy	Bhul Korchhen	
Theatre Dipw	Tandar	24
Granthi Natya	Girgit	25
Goshthi		
Shushama Natya	Gunodhar	26
Shamprodhy		
Breetta	Wall Mikoya	27
Desh Natya	Nihata	28
Shangshad	Shanglap (Morning)	
Bangladesh	See Morog	28
Theatre	(Evening)	

## French-German Film Festival

Goethe Institut and Alliance Franciase are holding a joint French-German film festival from November 16 in celebration of the 40th anniversary of the signing of the French-German Treaty of Friendship. The festival endeavours to project the spirit of this treaty, namely a lasting friendship and closeness between the two cultural nations. The schedules are as follows:

The Princess and the Warrior	Alliance Francaise(AF)	Nov. 16 at 7pm
Goethe Institut (GI)	Goethe	Nov. 20 at 3 pm
Black Box Germany	GI	Nov. 18 at 3 pm Nov. 20 at 7pm
The State I Am In	AF	Nov. 16 at 10:30am Nov. 18 at 7pm
Crazy	AF	Nov. 17 at 10:30am
Tosca	GI	Nov. 19 at 7pm
Jeanne and the Perfect Guy	AF	Nov. 17 at 7pm Nov. 18 at 3 pm

## Cutting edge

## Music musing

## Renaissance

## Re-birth of sensuous words and tasteful tunes

FAIZUL A TANIM

A couple of musicians from Chittagong and Dhaka came up in the early '80s with efforts to create waves in the field of band music with a new genre--they called themselves Renaissance, inspired by the French word meaning 'rebirth'.

Early in 1985 Naqib and Pilu of the band 'Souls' came from Chittagong, tagged along with Bogey from his band 'Abnormal 3+2', and then Motto along with Mamun from 'Windy Side of Care' joined the group. They performed gigs at Sonargaon hotel with a view to reviving musical values in the country. When they were asked to perform on a TV programme *Jhalak* in '85, they emerged as 'Renaissance'--aiming to produce sensuous words with tasteful tunes.

Renaissance call their genre of music as 'mellow pop' fused with lot of jazz, blues and black western influences. They also follow a lot of Caribbean style of music. Their inspirations however ranges from Stevie Wonder to Sting, old jazz by Louis Armstrong, Miles Davis, Harvey Hancock and particular composer Steely Dan, whose music has great influence in their work.

They compose melody based songs with more of a 'Jibon-mukhi'-theme to pass a message through their creation.



The 21st century Renaissance

Starting from portraying child rights with *Aaj je Shishu* to the very sophisticated love song *Ridoy kada mati*—they speak about the various aspects of life. This does strike listeners with a lot of maturity and new proportion.

Speaking on the recording facility in Bangladesh, Naqib says, the country lacks in the sector. The recordists should possess good technical skills along with sound knowledge of music. He points out the absence of proper music institutes as a barrier of our present scenario.

Commenting on a statement made by the older generation of parents about the current music as more of visual entertainment with heavy music replacing soothing songs and lyrics from the past', Naqib agrees to the present scenario as being sub-standard with lack of good musical performers and their compositions.

He, however, feels that seniors often form a biased view based on only one or two groups. He believes, satellite media play the biggest role in promoting such features.

Their present 7-man line-up comprises Bogey with electric rhythm and vocals, Motto as the bassist, Imran in acoustic rhythm and vocals, Reza on lead guitars, Munna with harmonica and percussion, Pilu as the drummer cum vocalist and keyboardist. This line-up has almost finished working with their upcoming album roughly decided to be named, *Ekush Shotok-e Renaissance*. The 14-track compilation has an assortment of 11 Bangla songs with 1 English and 2 Santali songs.

Recorded at Art of Noise and Sound Garden studios, the compilation has mostly jazz and melody influenced songs fused with our classical instruments—flute, tabla, tanpura, khanjani and the use of live saxophone by Rune and Travis, harmonica by Alex, trumpet by Stig and trombone by Effie.

Naqib conveys message to the new musicians, 'Try to concentrate on original music. Whatever pieces are done, there should be lot of devotion, and finally musical values of a musician should always prevail.'

Referring to the future plan of the band, he smiles and replies, 'With all our responsibilities and other commitments of professional career, to continue with the group and crusade for a longer time would be a dream come true.'

## Event

## Workshop to enhance cultural reporting

HARUN UR RASHID

BENGAL foundation has set an exemplary endeavour by organising a week-long workshop for the cultural reporters working in the print and electronic media of the country. Titled *Rupplekha*, the workshop aims at enhancing the cultural reporting especially in painting, music and theatre. With about 30 journalists from different newspapers, magazines and TV channels, the workshop began on November 8 at Bengal Shilpatalay at Dhannoddi.

Director of Bengal Foundation Luva Nahid Chowdhury inaugurated the

workshop while Dhaka University Professor of English Syed Manzoorul Islam introduced the nature of the workshop to the participants.

On the opening day, the workshop focused on painting reporting. Art critic Moinuddin Khaled delivered lecture on the basics of paintings. Later, Senior Staff Reporter of the *Dainik Janakantha* Ashish ur Rahman Shuvo shared his experience in writing on painting.

The workshop discussed music the following day. Eminent music expert Mridul Kanti Das explained the history and evolution of music in the subcontinent and the nature of practice of

music in the country. Resource persons Sadya Afreen Mallick of *The Daily Star* and Pukar Gupta of the *Bhorer Kagoj* related their views on reporting of music.

The third day of the workshop featured renowned theatre personality Nasiruddin Yusuf of Dhaka theatre. He spoke on the basics of theatre. Kamaluddin Kabir of the *Bhorer Kagoj* discussed the aspects of criticism and reporting of theatre.

The last session of the workshop presented lectures on photography by Nasir Mahmud, on film and television appreciation by director Mostafa Sarwar Faruqi, and on painting review by artist Swapan Chowdhury.

Professor Monzoorul Islam spoke on the nature of culture, perception of beauty and aestheticism of art and culture besides conducting all the sessions.

The workshop ends today through assessment of reports the participants have had to submit. The workshop is sure to equip the cultural journalists with better observation skills and improved interest in the different forms of art and culture. Bengal Foundation's endeavour will surely encourage quality cultural reporting in the days to come.

## Cruise's Samurai close call

ACTOR Tom Cruise almost made the ultimate sacrifice in his new movie, *The Last Samurai*, when a co-star came close to cutting off his famous head. Screen legend Tom was filming a sword fight scene opposite co-star Hiroyuki Sanada for the dramatic action movie. He was on an off-camera mechanical horse while Sanada swung the weapon

about. But it all nearly went horribly wrong - the machine stopped working suddenly and failed to move Cruise out of slashing range at the crucial moment. Sanada says, "I swung my sword at Tom's neck to behead him and the horse didn't work. I stopped the blade just one inch from his neck."

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## TODAY'S HIGHLIGHTS



**AXN:2:30 pm. *Death Becomes Her*** Genre: Comedy / Fantasy. Meryl Streep, Bruce Willis, Goldie Hawn. Helen and Madeline hate each other. Madeline is married to Ernest, who is having an affair with Helen. Both women rely on Ernest for plastic surgery for their continued good looks, so when Madeline finds a cure for aging, Helen gets it, too. It isn't until both become immortal that they realize that "life" will never be the same again.

**HBO:6:00 pm. *The Little Rascals*** Genre: Family / Comedy. Brittany Holmes, Travis Tedford, Whoopi Goldberg. Spanky and the members of the He-Man Woman Haters Club find out that Alfalfa has been courting Darla. After a trial they sentence him to forget about her and other girls forever. Alfalfa is having trouble with his punishment, particularly since the new rich kid is moving in on his territory, and he works to win her back.

## ALPHA TV BANGLA

## HBO

## DISCOVERY

8:30pm. *New Detectives Left at the Scene*9:30pm. *Wild Discovery African Great Apes*10:30pm. *Future Perfect High Tech Metropolis*11:30pm. *New Detectives Bodies of Evidence Bears*8:30pm. *Discovering the Real World of Harry Potter*9:45pm. *Top Ten Comic Book Heroes*10:30pm. *Jumpin' Jack Flash*12:15pm. *Hollywood One On One*

## CHANNEL-i

10:45am. *Slappy and the Stinkers*12:15pm. *For the Love of Benji*3:30pm. *Wild Discovery African Great Apes*4:30pm. *Truth or Scare Castle Ghosts of Ireland*5:00pm. *Zach's Ultimate Guide Bears*5:30pm. *Globe Trekker New Zealand*6:30pm. *Sea Legends/Sailing Treks in a Wild World*7:00pm. *Climbing Mount Rainier*8:00pm. *Vampire Clan*9:00pm. *Wild Discovery Crossroads*

## TARINA BANGLA

10:45am. *For the Love of Benji*12:15pm. *Jack Frost*1:30pm. *Truth or Scare Castle Ghosts of Ireland*2:30pm. *Wild Discovery African Great Apes*3:00pm. *Sea Legends/Sailing Treks in a Wild World*3:30pm. *Climbing Mount Rainier*4:00pm. *Vampire Clan*5:00pm. *Wild Discovery Crossroads*

## BBC WORLD

11:30pm. *Janapar Khabar*11:30pm. *Shotyer Shondhane*11:30pm. *Alpha Khabar*11:30pm. *Alphabir Patey*11:30pm. *Jodi Prem Dile Na*11:30pm. *Prane*11:30pm. *Raat Jahan Egarota*

## Tara News Bangladesh(Bangla)

11:30pm. *Shotyer Shondhane*11:30pm. *Alpha Khabar*11:30pm. *Alphabir Patey*11:30pm. *Jodi Prem Dile Na*11:30pm. *Prane*11:30pm. *Raat Jahan Egarota*

## Tara News

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