

RECOMMENDATIONS

**Exhibitions**  
**January 15-31**  
The 11th Asian Art Biennale is being held at Osmani Memorial Hall, Shilpa Kala Academy and National Museum. The show will remain open for all from 11 am to 7 pm everyday.

**January 13-February 12**  
Saju Art Gallery is holding the 50th Grand Group Art Exhibition of reputed Bangladeshi artists with 128 art works by 87 artists at the gallery premises (F/40-41, DCC, North Super Market 2nd Circle, Gulshan). The display will remain open for all from 10 am to 8:30 pm everyday except Fridays.

**January 07-29**  
DRIK Gallery is holding prestigious photojournalistic exhibition titled *World Press Photo* from January 4. The display remains open for all from 3 to 8 pm everyday.

**January 18-27**  
Dhrupad Gallery holds an exhibition titled *Solo Oriental Painting Exhibition* by Cacoly at the gallery premises (House-36, Road-5, Block- G, Banani). The display will remain open for all from 10 am to 8 pm everyday.

**January 19-29**  
Goethe-Institut will hold an exhibition titled *Along the Rivers* by German artist Hans Benda, starting from Sunday at the exhibition hall. The display will remain open from 2pm to 8pm everyday except Fridays and Saturdays.

**January 23-30**  
Mokhlesur Rahman's solo art exhibition will be held at Shilpangan Art Gallery (Road 5 House 25, Dhanmondi) beginning from January 23. The inauguration ceremony will be held at 4:30 pm on January 23. Titled 'Ruposhi Bangla', this exhibition will be open for all from 10 am to 9 pm.

**Folk Festival**  
**January 20-26**  
Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy has arranged a weeklong folk festival at the academy's National Natyashala at 6:00 pm everyday. The schedules are as below:  
**January 22**  
Chashar *Chhele* by Ekota Opera of Mymensingh  
**January 23**  
Data *Hatem Tai* by Desh Opera of Dhaka  
**January 24**  
Bhikarir *Chhele* by Binodon Natyadal of Tangail  
**January 25**  
Chamelli *Bala* by Janata Jatra Unit of Narayanganj  
**January 26**  
Shujan *Beder Ghat* by Bhodra Jatra Unit of Shatkthira

**CD Launching**  
**January 24**  
Mustafa Zaman Abbasi: *Ureelo Shonar Payra*  
**January 25**  
Sumita Naha: *Tomar Surer Dhara*  
**January 26**  
Shaheen Samad: *Abhisaar*  
**January 27**  
Meeta Haque: *Chirobondhu Chironirbhor*

**Venue: Bengal Foundation**  
**Time: 6:00 pm**

Film festival

Film bonanza at Rotterdam begins

*Curtains raised at Rotterdam for one of the most prestigious film festivals in the world*



SABBIR CHOWDHURY

THE annual filmfest at Rotterdam began yesterday amidst gorgeous festivity. This is the 33rd edition of the international film festival at Rotterdam. It will run till February 1, 2004. Rotterdam Film Festival was first organised in 1971. It was because of the efforts by Hubert Bals that Rotterdam Film Festival has become a matter of pride for the Dutch people.. 32 editions of the festival has been organised so far. In course of time, it has gained popularity and recognition. The festival is now considered as one of the most prestigious of its kind in the world, after the festivals at Cannes, Berlin and Venice. Many independent and alternative films and filmmakers were awarded the coveted VPRO Tiger Awards, making it a favourite festival of many.

To the Bangladeshi filmmakers, the festival is a favourite too. Two films by Morshedul Islam, namely, *Chaka* (The Wheel) and *Dukhai* (The life of Dukhai) were shown in the festival. Tanvir Mokammel's *Lal Salu* (The Tree without Roots) were also shown in the past. Both of them were offered the Hubert Bals

Fund for their films.

The International Film Festival Rotterdam (IFFR) 2004 has selected sixteen films for the VPRO Tiger Awards Competition of its 33rd edition. The Competition line-up counts eight world premieres, five titles supported by the International Film Festival Rotterdam's Hubert Bals Fund and one title previously selected as



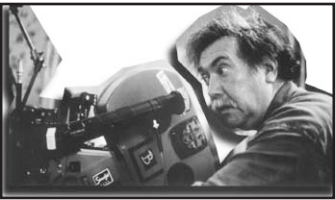
Simon Field's last festival as director

CineMart Project. Four competition titles have been acquired already for release in The Netherlands: *Asshak*, *Tales from the Sahara*; *The Wooden Camera*; *Young Gods* and *Three Steps Dancing*.

This year's filmmaker in focus is Raul Ruiz. Ruiz was born in 1941 in Chile and since 1974, has been living in exile. Ruiz has been making films in countries like his native Chile, France, Portugal, Germany, Taiwan, Belgium, the United States, and Italy to name a few. He has made Paris his hometown. He

has explored many different ways of getting films made - in cinema, television, schools, arts centres, galleries and museums. Fifteen films by Raul Ruiz will be screened. Ruiz is renowned for films like *Hypothesis of the Stolen Painting*, *Three Crowns of a Sailor*, *Time Regained*, an adaptation from Marcel Proust, and *Ce jour-la*.

The sixteen films in this year's VPRO Tiger Awards Competition are: *Four Shades of Brown* by Tomas Alfredson (Sweden, 2004), *Aaltra* by Benoit Delépine and Gustave Kervern (Belgium, 2004),



Filmmaker in focus: Chilean filmmaker Raul Ruiz

*Uniform* by Diao Yinan (China/Japan, 2003), *Somnambulance* by Sulev Keedus (Estonia/Finland, 2003), *Asshak*, *Tales From The Sahara* by Ulrike Koch (Switzerland/Germany, 2004), *En Route* by Jan Krüger (Germany, 2003), *The Missing* by Lee Kang-Sheng (Taiwan, 2003), *The Wooden Camera* by Ntshaveni Wa Luruli (South Africa, 2004), *Scent of the Lotus Pond* by Satyajit

Maitiye (Sri Lanka, 2004), *Days of Santiago* by Josue Mendez (Peru, 2004), *Three Steps Dancing* by Salvatore Mereu (Italy, 2003), *How I Killed a Saint* by Teona Strugar Mitevska (Macedonia, 2004), *Grande Ecole* by Robert Salis (France, 2004), *Young Gods* by J.P. Siili (Finland, 2003), *Summer in the Golden Valley* by Srdjan Vuletic (Bosnia-Herzegovina/France/UK, 2003), *Peep TV" SHOW* by Yutaka Tsuchiya (Japan, 2003).

The three winners will be announced during IFFR 2004's Awards Ceremony on Friday January 30. Each of the three equal VPRO Tiger Award winning films will get Euro 10,000 and these films



Emmanuelle Beart in Raul Ruiz's *Time Regained*

are guaranteed Dutch television screening by the Festival's main sponsor, Dutch Public Network (VPRO).

Sabbir Chowdhury, a film activist and critic, teaches in the department of English at Jahangirnagar University, Dhaka.

Event

Folk Drama Festival 2004 begins at the Shilpakala Academy

NOVERA DEEPTA

TO promote the elementary folk drama widely known as *Jatra Pala* and to protect this folk culture from obliteration, Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy arranges a weeklong folk festival every year. The academy has organised this festival at the open premises of the National Natyashala with seven Jatra Operas from Kushtia, Mymensingh, Meherpur, Dhaka, Tangail, Narayanganj and Shatkthira.

In the inaugural day the Prottyasha Opera of Meherpur performed a *Pala* titled *Bedkonya*. The story of this *Pala* is about the prince of Jaypur who struggles to recapture his lost kingdom as well as get back his lost love.

The prince of Jaypur goes for hunting in the woods. But the chief conspirator of the armed forces hits him in the head and he loses consciousness. The prince falls into a river and reaches the bank where the snake charmers reside. The daughter of the snake charmers leader, Ponchhi saves him. The prince comes round soon but cannot remember anything about himself. Meanwhile, the conspirator captures the power of the state. Again at the snake charmers locality, Ponchhi falls in love with the prince. But the other snake charmer boy who loves her cannot tolerate it. He hits the prince on the head which brings back the lost



Shilpakala Academy plays an active role in reviving Jatra in the country

memory of the prince. The prince sets to take revenge on the conspirator and to take over power.

The *Pala* is written by Sekandar Ali and directed by Abdul Halim. With the traditional essence of *Jatra*, the actors Mahbulul Alam, Mojibor Rahman, Shahidur Rahman, Lakshmi Begum performed well. The audience was extremely enthusiastic about the *Pala* and people from all walks of life flocked there.

Earlier the State Minister for the

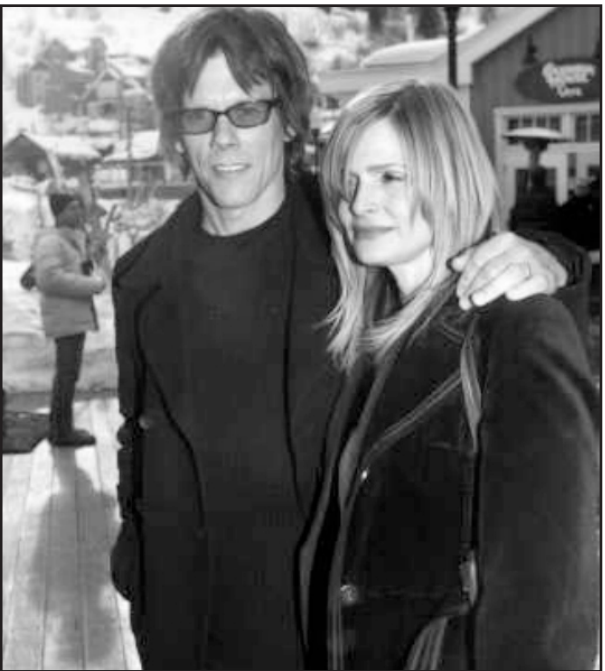
Ministry of Cultural Affairs, Begum Selima Rahman inaugurated the festival. In her speech she said, 'In such a position when we are moving away from our roots and forgetting our original culture as an adverse effect of globalisation, Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy did something appreciable by arranging this folk drama festival. Shafi A Chowdhury MP, Modabbir Hossain Chowdhury, Cultural Secretary, Ahmed Nazir and S M Mohsin of Shilpakal Academy also spoke at the occasion.

Channel click



Around the world

PHOTO:REUTERS  
Actor Kevin Bacon and wife, actress Kyra Sedgwick pose in Park City, Utah at the Sundance Film Festival, January 19, 2004. The couple star in the film "The Woodsman" which tells the story of a pedophile who tries to start a new life after being released from prison after 12 years and takes a job in a woodyard,. The film is in competition at the festival which is celebrating its 20th anniversary.



Eid menu

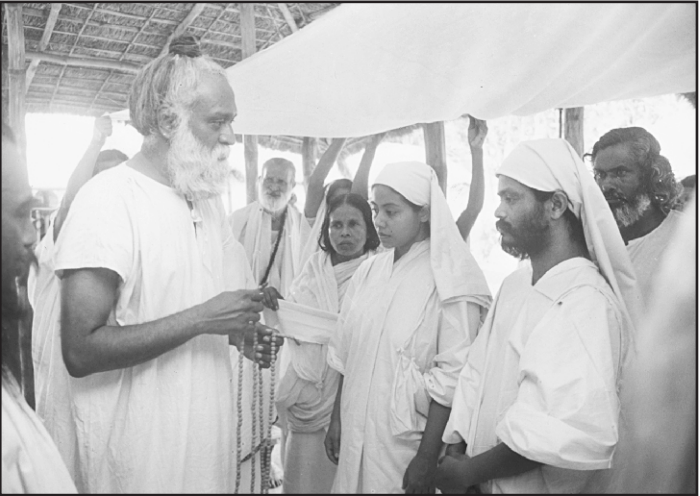
Ntv finalises its Eid schedule  
*Lalon to be premiered on second day of Eid*

KAUSAR ISLAM AYON

NTV has primarily selected its four-day special programme schedule for the upcoming Eid-ul-Azha. The variety and new ideas of programmes will well entertain the audience, the authority hopes. The menu includes dramas, telefilms, cinemas, magazine shows, musical programmes, dance shows, children's programmes and many more.

Tanveer Mokammel's much discussed feature film *Lalon* is awaiting its world premiere on ntv on the second day of Eid. The casting of the film has Raisul Islam Asad in the titular role, Shami Kaiser, Joyanta Chattopadhyay and Azad Abul Kalam.

Dramas to be shown include *Ghar Dor Baranda* written by Anisul Haque and directed by Mustafa Sarwar Farooki. The cast of the drama includes Aupee Karim, Srabonti, Mahfuz Ahmed, Shahed and others. Among other plays Ahmed Yusuf Saber's *Apar Upar* starring Zahid Hasan, Mou, Afana Mimi, Shampa Reza and



(L-R) Raisul Islam Asad, Shomi Kaiser, Kartik Das Baul and others in *Lalon*

Tariq Anam and Selim Al Deen's *Dhar Udhur* features Humayun Faridee, Shahiduzzaman Selim and Sharmin Shila.

Besides, celebrated dramatist Humayun Ahmed has made a three-episode Eid special serial for

ntv named *Ochin Ragini* which will be aired on three consecutive days of Eid.

Among the scheduled telefilms are Ferdous Hasan's *Anuraag* starring Shimul, Shahed, Richie Solaiman, Intekhab Dinar and

others, Shilpi Sarkar Apu and Nareesh Bhuyan present *Bhalobasa Chhuyey Gele* featuring Riaz, Aupee Karim, Tony Daes and Sharmilee Ahmed.

Abdun Nur Tushar is making a magazine programme for ntv to be shown this Eid. Parvez Chowdhury has made a programme on Adnan Sami's interview and music. National award winning music director Maksud Jamil Mintu is planning a musical programme comprising duet-songs by renowned singers of the country. Besides, popular singer of the '80s Shahnaz Rahmatullah will be seen in a solo musical show of Khalid Mahmud Sujon, while Nabin Hossain and Kamruzzaman Babu has made a cine-magazine titled *Taray Taray*.

*Chandrakatha* of Humayun Ahmed is scheduled for this Eid too.

Mustafa Kamal Syed, programme Chief of ntv, is very glad that the programmes were well received by the viewers last Eid and hopes that the ntv-schedule will add to their enjoyment this time too.

TV GUIDE

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

News Bulletin

**BTv**  
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 3:00pm. 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.  
**n tv**  
News Headlines(Bangla) at 5:02 pm. 6:30 pm. 9:45 pm.  
News (Bangla) 7:30 pm.10:30 pm.  
**TARA BANGLA**  
News-Headline(Bangla) at 5:30 pm. 7:30 pm. Tara News(Bangla) at 8:30 pm. 11:30 pm.  
Tara News Bangladesh(Bangla) at 9:30 pm.  
**BBC World**  
Every hour on the hour

**ATN BANGLA**  
10:15 Annodristee  
10:50 Drama Serial : Danob  
12:20 Alker Sangbadpotro  
12:40 Uro Cola Saat Rang  
1:20 Bengali Feature Film : Rajar Bhai Badsha Sundor Jeboner Janne  
4:20  
5:10 A Sapteher Chobi  
5:50 Islamee Sawal O Jawab  
6:25 Annodristee  
7:40 Drama Serial : Tana Puren  
8:15 Drama Serial: Kamini O Keya  
8:50 Prekhhapot  
9:25 Megapake  
12:20 Bengali Feature Film: Key Ashal Key Nakal  
**CHANNEL-i**  
09:45 Tritia Matra  
12:00 Chithi Pelam  
12:30 Ebong Cinemara Gaan  
12:00 Prio Natak  
05:45 Jato Path Toto Math  
06:10 Music Plus  
06:45 Amar Chabbi  
07:50 Thief of Bagdad  
08:25 Drama Serial: Sarey Tin Tala  
09:35 Drama Serial: Rangdhanu Rang  
10:00 Drama Serial: Close Up Hit Wave  
**ntv**  
08:00 Alker Sakal  
08:30 Musical programme  
09:00 Sports World  
09:30 Ei Shomoy  
10:02 Bangla Fantasy Film: Koto Jey Apan  
01:00 Potrikar Khabor  
01:30 Documentary Programme  
02:30 Cine Gaan

03:00 Drama Serial: Ebong Ami  
03:30 Surer Jalsa  
04:30 Drama Serial: Chena Chena Lagey  
05:02 Potrikar Khabor  
05:20 Ithasher Ei Diney  
05:25 Ke Korbe Bajimat  
06:00 Apnar Jigyasha  
06:32 Shubho Shondhya  
08:00 Drama Serial: Ronger Manush  
08:35 Shankriskity Ey  
09:10 Drama: Tarkey Bahudur  
11:15 Ithasher Ei Diney  
12:00 Ei Shomoy  
**HBO**  
8:30 My Bloody Valentine  
10:15 Safe Men  
12:00 Enemy at the Gates  
12:30 Midnight in the Garden of Good and Evil  
5:30 What Dreams May Come  
7:45 Sexual Predator  
9:30 The Flintstones in Viva Rock Vegas  
11:30 Strange Frequency 3  
1:15 Stealing Beauty  
**ZEE MGM**  
11:30 Hellraiser Hellseeker  
2:00 Manny & LO  
4:30 Getting Personal  
7:00 Big Game  
9:30 Diabolique (Sharon Stone)  
11:30 Ace Ventura Pet Detective (Jim Carrey)  
**STAR MOVIES**  
10:30 Final Fantasy: The Spirits Wit  
12:15 Mr. Jones  
2:15 Beverly Hills Ninja  
3:45 Albino Alligator  
5:25 Double Team

**TODAY'S HIGHLIGHTS**  
**DIABOLIQUE**  
MGM: *Diabolique*. Dram /Horro /Thriller. Sharon Stone, Isabelle Adjani, Chazz Palminteri. The wife and mistress of a cruel school master collaborate in a carefully planned and executed attempt to murder him. The plan goes well until the body, which has been strategically dumped, disappears. The strain starts to tell on the two women as a retired police investigator who is looking into the disappearance on a whim begins to think that they know more than they are telling--  
**BEVERLY HILLS**  
STAR MOVIES: 10: 45 pm. *Down and Out in Beverly Hills* Genre: Comedy. Nick Nolte, Bette Midler, Whitman Richard Dreyfuss. Beverly Hills couple Barbara and Dave Whiteman are very rich but not happy Dave is a hard working businessman, his wife is only interested in yoga, aerobics and other meditation classes, and he sleeps with the house maid. Their teenage son is confused about his sexuality and their daughter is suffering from eating disorders.  
7:00 High Crimes  
9:00 My Best Friend's Wedding  
10:45 Down And Out In Beverly Hill  
12:30 Hollywood One On One  
**STAR WORLD**  
1:30 Mac Gyver  
2:30 Oprah Winfrey  
3:30 Bold And Beautiful  
4:30 Hollywood Squares  
5:00 Two Guys And A Girl  
6:30 Knight Rider  
The Simpsons  
7:00 Home Improvement  
7:30 Friends  
8:00 Just Shoot Me  
8:30 Roswell  
9:30 For Love Or Money  
11:30 Baywatch  
**STAR PLUS**  
3:00 Khabhi Aaye Na Judai  
3:30 Kyunki Saas Bhi Kabhi B  
4:00 Kahaani Ghar Ghar Kii  
4:30 Kahiin To Hoga  
5:00 Kaahin Kissii Roz  
6:00 Hum Saath Aath Hain  
6:30 Fox Kids  
7:30 Kumkum - Pyara Sa Ban  
8:00 Shaka Laka Boom Boom  
8:30 Kyun Hota Hai Pyarr  
9:00 Kasautii Zindagii Kay  
9:30 Saara Akaash  
10:30 Kahaani Ghar Ghar Kii  
11:30 Kyunki Saas Bhi Kabhi B  
11:30 Kahiin To Hoga  
12:00 Kaahin Kissii Roz  
**STAR GOLD**  
9:00 Azaad  
12:30 Fiza  
4:30 Lahu Ke Do Rang

**PICK OF THE DAY**  
**High Crimes**  
On STAR MOVIES at 7:00 pm.  
Genre: Crime / Thriller / Drama.  
Ashley Judd, Morgan Freeman, Grimes. James Caviezel.  
High powered lawyer Claire Kubik finds her world turned upside down when her husband, is arrested and is revealed to be Ron Chapman. Chapman is on trial for a murder of Latin American villagers while he was in the Marines. Claire's sister, Jackie, is falling in love with wet-behind-the-ears Lieutenant Embry assigned as the official defense lawyer. And most of the eyewitnesses have rather too conveniently died.

3:30 The Human Touch A Dream for my Predators  
4:30 Wild Encounters Babies of the African Savanna  
5:30 Vets in Practice  
6:00 Wild Rescues Moose River Rescue, Real Life Crocodile Dundee  
6:30 Emergency Vets  
7:00 Breed all about it Rottweiler  
7:30 Amazing Animal Videos  
8:30 Planet's Funniest Animals  
9:30 Wildlife Specials Whale Giant of the Ocean  
12:30 The Human Touch The New Zoos  
1:30 The Human Touch Eye of the Tiger  
2:30 Wild Encounters Babies of the European Forests  
3:30 Animal Planet's Year of the Monkey Temple Troop  
**DISCOVERY CHANNEL**  
1:30 Fitness Fantasy Ann Nation/Golf  
2:30 New Detectives A Taste of Poison  
3:30 Wild Discovery Burning Heart  
4:30 Zach's Ultimate Guide Deadly Bugs  
5:00 Real Kids Real Adventures Plane Grash on Christmas Day  
5:30 Travellers Washington, D.C.  
6:30 Junkyard Wars Combat Harvester  
7:30 Wild Discovery Serpents of the Sea  
8:30 Secrets of the Ocean Realm/Triumph of Life  
9:30 Wild Asia/Wild India The Arid Heart  
10:30 City Cabs Istanbul, Turkey  
11:00 Celebrity Slimming

11:30 Beach Hour Makin' it  
**NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC**  
2:30 Ng Explorer  
3:30 The Strange Case Of Peki  
4:30 Cheating Death (Aka Dan  
5:30 Return To The Wild  
6:00 Animal Edens  
6:30 Dogs With Jobs  
7:00 Toyota World Of Wildlife  
7:30 National Geographic Spec  
8:30 Ng Explorer  
9:30 Wild Asses  
10:30 Time Of The Elephants  
11:30 Cheating Death (Aka Dan)  
**STAR SPORTS**  
6:00 Australian Open Men's/Women's Second Round(L)  
2:30 Australian OpenMen's/Women's Second Round (L)  
6:30 Go Kart Mrl Formulae Mondiale Championship 2003 Bangalore Kr India Event Highlights(T)  
7:00 Australian Open Highlights  
8:00 Sportsline (L)  
8:30 English Premier League Archive Programming  
9:30 Australian Open Highlights  
10:30 Sportsline (R)  
11:00 Australian Open Highlights  
12:00 Return To Athens (T)  
**ESPN**  
7:00 Sportscenter India (R)  
7:30 Cricket Show Espn Presents Samsung Cricket Show (R)  
8:30 Australia Cricket Vb

9:15 Series 7th Odi Preview(L)  
Australia Cricket Vb Series Sydney Australia Australia Vs India 7th Odi (L)  
3:00 Australia Cricket Vb Series 7th Odi Review(L)  
5:30 English Premier Football League 2003/04 Wolverhampton Wanderers Vs Manchester United (R)  
7:30 Samsung Cricket Show (R)  
8:30 Sportscenter India (L)  
9:00 Australia Vs India 7th Odi Highlights(S)  
11:00 Goals! (R)  
11:30 Sportscenter India (R)  
**TEN SPORTS**  
9:30 Fitness Beach  
10:30 Trans World Sports  
11:00 Chilli Factor  
11:30 ATP Tennis  
12:00 European Tour Weekly 2004  
12:30 Gillette World Sport  
1:30 EPGA H/Ls 04: SA Airways Open  
2:30 Trans World Sports  
3:00 ATP Tennis  
4:00 India Pakistan Unforgettables  
4:30 Fitness Beach  
5:30 Extreme Sports  
6:30 The Bottom Line  
7:30 Legends  
9:30 Bhatris Greatest Games  
10:00 Football Week UK  
11:00 Trans World Sports  
12:00 The Bottom Line