

RECOMMENDATIONS

Theatre

January 28
Vision Theatre premieres its third production Chourasta on January 28 at the Central Shahid Minar premises at 6 pm. The drama is written by Moloy Bhowmik and directed by Rehana Yasmin. Liyakat Ali Lucky and Akteruzzaman of Bangladesh Group Theatre Federation will be present at the opening show of Chourasta.

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
Mokhesur Rahman's solo art exhibition is being held at Shilpangan Art Gallery (Road 5 House 25, Dhanmondi) from January 23. Titled *Ruposhi Bangla*, the exhibition is 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 25
Chamel Bala by Janata Jatra Unit of Naraynganj

January 26
Shujan Beder Ghat by Bhodra Jatra Unit of Shatkhira

CD Launching

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

Interview

All those debutantes!

Bachelor introduces many artistes in film

KAUSAR ISLAM AYON

The yet-to-be-released *Bachelor* has heaped up curiosity much before its public release. A good number of promising artistes are on the way to their debut on the silver screen with this film by Mostofa Sarwar Farooki. Besides all these debutantes, prominent actors like Humayun Faridi, Ferdous and Shabnur, who already have a long career in the industry, also feature in this film.

How do the debutantes feel to have worked for the big screen? Here are a few comments from some of them.



Ilora Gahor, Actress: Although I worked in *Shurja Dighal Bari* by Sheikh Niyamat Ali as a child artist, in *Bachelor* this role for me is that as an adult. The two films are totally different, but I'm happy that I have worked in two good films. In *Bachelor*, I have enjoyed a lot of independence in acting, dialogue and make up. I have come back to acting after a long gap of eighteen-years and became amazed to see the artistes of the new generation--they are doing so well that I sometimes feel afraid whether I can perform like them or not. If I get offers from good producers and directors, like *Bachelor*, I will definitely work in films.



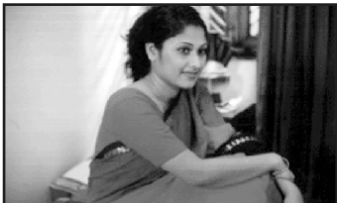
Aupee Karim, Actress: I was very much worried about the difference between the two media [TV and film]--how will I feel performing in films, what will be the reaction of the audience? The viewers are different here. I had to act very carefully of course. And about acting in commercial films, I will not say 'no' if the offers come from like-minded makers like Farooki or Selim Al Deen and others. My opinion is that every artiste should act at least in one film, as it is a 'permanent' media while drama is not.

Sanjeeb Chowdhury, Singer: Film is a very strong medium to reach the larger audience as long as performing music is concerned. But the present condition of our cinema has almost made it impossible for band-groups like Dalchhut to playback. Working with Farooki, however, is a special experience: it has provided us great pleasure--pleasure of creativity. We have faith on him that he will not make trash films like many others. And Dalchhut will certainly continue in the cinema if the offer comes from someone like Farooki.

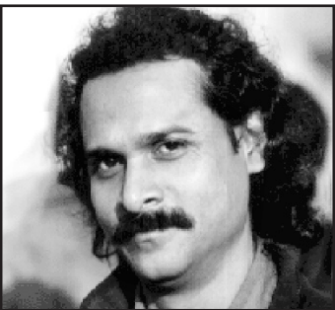


Joya Masood, Actress: I have appeared in the movie in a small role and for the well-coordinated efforts I didn't feel any difference with acting in TV. I have enjoyed working with the whole team and my co-actor. As regards being regular in film I must say that I love acting but, of course, not in those so-called films.

Hasan Masood, Actor: I never thought of acting before. And it felt just like a miracle in my life when I got the offer. I agreed to work as the team was a well known one. No, I don't want to be regular in acting--I don't have that option because of my profession. But if I get offers of good films and can manage time, I might give it a second thought.



Moutushi Bishwash, Actress: When Farooki offered me the role I agreed without giving a second thought. I trust the team completely and I have faith on them that they will definitely do a good job, and no doubt they have. I believe in acting whatever the media is. Film, however, has its own characteristics that might not suit me. I'm in the final semester of my study and am planning for a job afterwards: I don't think film is my cup of tea. But if I get a chance in good films like *Bachelor*, I'll surely work.



Homepage

Mad magazine artist Woodbridge dead

Longtime contributor known for detail

AP, New York

GEORGE Woodbridge, an illustrator for *Mad* magazine for nearly 50 years whose exquisitely detailed pen-and-ink drawings were featured in nearly every issue, has died. He was 73.

Woodbridge died of emphysema Tuesday, said his wife, Deborah Woodbridge. "He had a tremendous eye for detail that showed up in his drawings," *Mad* Editor John Ficarra said Thursday. "We especially played to his history knowledge. When we gave him a piece on World War I, he would

draw the exact gun and belt buckle they were using then."

Woodbridge's delicate cross-hatched illustrations were the result of careful research, particularly in rendering historical scenes. In fact, Woodbridge had a second career as an illustrator of military history books, including the three-volume *American Military Equipage, 1851-1872*.

A native of New York, Woodbridge began as a freelance artist for *Mad* in 1957, five years after the satirical magazine's inception. One of Woodbridge's most memorable illustrations

was for the 1965 sports satire *43-Man Squamish*, about a nonsensical game in which the equipment included shepherd's crooks and diving flippers.

"It's arguably our most requested piece to reprint," Ficarra said. "It struck a chord. Colleges all over formed teams and played this crazy game, with these ridiculous-looking helmets. George captured that lunacy."

He was a stickler for detail, authenticating even the drape of clothing through the study of historical documents.



George Woodbridge in a self-portrait.

Folk music

Bauls by night

Baul music every weekend at Jatra

ELITA KARIM

THE crowd of Dhaka City can now have a taste of live *baul* music every weekend at Jatra. Located in Banani, this spunky little shop consisting of handicrafts, clothes and many other exceptional products is owned by the popular band 'Bangla' vocalist Anushay.

Upon entering the shop, customers are greeted with families of *bauls* sitting in the corner and singing their hearts out. Two groups of these singing-families alternate between Thursdays and Fridays every week and add to the ambience of the shop with their compositions.

One of the families, who had performed last Thursday, said that they sang a whole lot of *Lalon* compositions and also a few self-made numbers. "I speak about the ideas which are so unreachable, yet



A lively presentation of folk songs by the Bauls

so ordinary,' he remarked. 'For instance, notions of life, death, life after death, God and his ways as opposed to man and his ways.' Next to him sat his wife and his 12-

year-old son, playing the *mondira* and *dhol* respectively and singing aloud with his father. 'We earn about a thousand every week from performing songs at Jatra,' said the

Channel click



Photo shows Tina Salem Manzur, one of the hosts of ntv daily show *Ajker Shakal*. The 25th episode of *Ajker Shakal* will be telecast today at its usual slot at 8 am. The regular sessions of the show include *Shurjodoy-shurjasto*, *Itihasher Ei Diney*, *Kibhabe Kothay Jaben*, *Prothom-Prothoma*, *Churakahon* and *Aj Sharadin*. The hosts of the programme are Tina Salem Manzur, Mumtaz Akbari Prottyasha, Farah Sharmin and Masuma Shormi.

Around the world



PHOTO: AFP

An environment worker collects the floaters beside the character figures of Chinese Mythologie in the tourist attraction Yu Garden in Shanghai, January 24. Some 1.3 billion Chinese people celebrate the Lunar Year of the Monkey in week-long holidays.



Ten Oscars to be presented during the 76th Annual Academy Awards stand in a glass case after the unveiling of a temporary exhibit of the statuettes on January 23 at the Museum of Science and Industry in Chicago. This is the first time the Oscars have been on public display prior to the Academy Awards, which are being handed out in February.

TV GUIDE

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

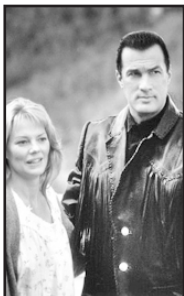
News Bulletin

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 3:00 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.
TARA BANGLA
NewsHeadline(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

BTV
07:35 *Suprobrhat Bangladesh*
08:25 *Selected Tagore songs*
09:15 *Anya Bhuban*
12:15 *Sangbad Potrer Pata Theke*
01:05 *Selected Programme*
02:05 *Judo Training*
02:30 *Tommy Miar Kitchen*
03:05 *Selected Programme*
03:30 *Shukhi Poribar*
04:05 *Banshori*
04:30 *Angana*
05:05 *Debate*
06:10 *Geetanjali*
07:00 *Share Market, Weather Forecast*
07:30 *Film Show: The Lost World*
09:00 *Drama: Tahar Namti Ranjana*
10:30 *Priyo Shilpi Priyo Gaan*
11:00 *Jhilnil*
CHANNEL-i
09:45 *Tritia Matra*
12:00 *Chithi Pelam*
12:30 *Ekanibort*
02:00 *Feature Film: Sipahi* (Kobita, Illas Kanchan)
05:45 *Janala*
06:10 *Music Plus*
06:45 *Banijyo O Orhonity*
07:50 *Jibon Jekhane Jemon*
08:25 *Drama Serial: Sharey Tin Tala*
09:35 *Drama Serial: Ekannoborti*
10:00 *Drama Serial: Thikana*
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08:00 *Ajker Sakal*

08:30 *Chenashur*
09:30 *Ei Shomoy*
10:02 *Hello Music*
11:00 *Andhakarer Phul*
02:30 *Ke korbey Bajimaath*
03:00 *Drama Serial: Ranger manush*
03:30 *Tele Film: Eto Din Kothay Chhile*
05:25 *Cartoon: Remi*
06:00 *Apar Jigyasha*
06:35 *Shubho Shondhya*
06:55 *Khabor Deshey Deshey*
08:00 *Drama Serial: Teen Purush*
08:35 *Fashion Talksies*
09:47 *Drama Serial: E Shomoy Ashomoy*
11:20 *Dindarpan*
ATN BANGLA
10:15 *Talk Show: Annodristee*
10:50 *Mega serial: Baba*
12:40 *Musical Prog: Uro Cola Saat Rang*
1:20 *Bengali feature film: Bis Bachor Por*
4:20 *Drama: Bijoyer Janne*
5:50 *Islamic prog: Islamee Sawal O Jawab*
6:20 *Talk show: Annodristee*
7:40 *Street Show: Danish Pathe Pathe*
8:15 *Musical Prog*
8:50 *English Serial Dubbed in Bangla: The Adventure of Sinbad*
9:25 *Mega Serial: Baba*
10:35 *Documentary film: Adivashe Janopada*
12:20 *Bengali feature film: Mrettodando*

TODAY'S HIGHLIGHTS



HBO: 9:30 pm: *Fire Down Below*. Action/ Drama/Thriller. **Steven Seagal, Marg Helgenberger, Stephen Lang.** After F.B.I. agent Jack Taggart loses his best friend to the hands of a corrupt toxic dump coverup, he decides to visit the town and find out what he can about the coverup. In the process he is met by unfriendly town folk who are being paid to keep the dumping secret. With the help of an old man and a young woman, he takes on the corporate head of the toxic dumping with a vengeance.



Star Movies: 8:45 pm: *Kiss of The Dragon*. Action/Crime/Drama/Thriller. **Jet Li, Bridget Fonda, Tcheky Karyo.** Liu Jian, a police officer from China, comes to Paris to help the vice squad apprehend a Chinese drug lord and his unknown French connection. The French connection is Richard, the head of the vice squad, who intends to kill the drug lord then frame Jian. Jian ducks a bullet and escapes with a tape of what really happened. By chance, Jian turns to Jessica - a US farm girl who is one of Richard's hookers - for help.

HBO
9:00 *The Flintstones in Viva Rock Vegas*
11:00 *An Everlasting Piece*
1:00 *Wishmaster III: Devilstone*
3:00 *Born Free*
6:45 *Superman*
9:30 *Fire Down Below*
11:45 *Circus*
1:45 *Gossip*
STAR MOVIES
9:25 *Pavilion*
11:00 *Bowfinger*
12:45 *For Love Of The Game*
3:00 *Kindergarten Cop*
5:00 *E.T. Extra-Terrestrial*
7:00 *My Big Fat Greek Wedding*
8:45 *Kiss Of The Dragon*
10:15 *Black Moon Rising*
12:00 *Air America*
MGM
9:00 *Matilda*
11:30 *Alligator*
2:00 *Major Leagur II*

PICK OF THE DAY



Confessions of a Dangerous Mind

On MGM at 9:30 pm
Genre: Crime/Drama
Dick Clark, Sam Rockwell, Michelle Sweeney, Drew Barrymore Television made him famous, but his biggest hits happened off screen. "Confessions of a Dangerous Mind" is the story of a legendary showman's double life - television producer by day, CIA assassin by night. At the height of his TV career, Chuck Barris was recruited by the CIA and trained to become a covert operative. Or so Barris said.

4:30 *Diabolique*
9:30 *Confessions of a Dangerous Mind* (George Clooney, Julia Roberts)
11:30 *Getting Personal*
ZEE CINEMA
10:30 *Deewana* (Shahrukh Khan, Divya Bharti)
1:30 *Hungama* (Attab Shivadasani, Rimi Sen, Akshaye Khanna)
5:30 *Hum Kisise Kum Nahi* (Rishi Kapoor, Kajal Kiran, Taariq)
9:30 *The Legend of Bhagat Singh* (Ajay Devgan, Amrita Rao)
STAR GOLD
9:30 *Cfsi Films - II*
12:00 *Gaane Bhi Do Yaaron*
12:30 *Jodi No 1*
4:00 *Operationgold*
4:30 *Kartavya*
8:00 *Maya*
8:30 *Gunah*
STAR PLUS
2:25 *Mail Milap*
2:30 *Sundaymatinee*

6:30 *Fox Kids-Sunday*
7:00 *Shararat-Thoda Jaadu Th*
8:00 *Kuch Kar Dikhana Hai*
9:00 *Starsunmag*
STAR WORLD
2:30 *Adventure Inc*
3:30 *For Love Or Money*
5:30 *Journeys In Asian Cuisine*
6:00 *Travel Asia*
6:30 *Baywatch Hawaii*
7:30 *The Simpsons*
8:00 *Malcolm In The Middle*
8:30 *The Kumars At No. 42*
9:00 *Rendezvous With Simi Gar*
9:30 *Style*
10:00 *Top Drive Getaway*
10:30 *Cover Story*
11:00 *Focus Asia*
11:30 *The X Files*
NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC
2:30 *Wild Dog Wilderness*
3:30 *Mission Wild*
4:00 *Return To The Wild*
4:30 *National Geographic Spec*
5:30 *On Assignment*
6:00 *Tomorrow's World*
6:30 *Rising Waters: Global WaThe Fate of the Pacific Islands*
7:30 *Adventure Challenge*
8:30 *Animal Nightmares*
9:00 *Nat Geo Genius*
9:30 *Red Space*
10:30 *Super Croc--1 Hour Versi*
11:30 *Scientific American Front*
DISCOVERY
1:30 *Discovery Sunday*

3:30 *Battlefield Detectives*
Crimea
4:30 *Science Mysteries*
Secrets of Levitation
5:30 *Extreme Machines*
Wheels of Steel
6:30 *The Arid Heart*
7:30 *Lost Temple to the Gods*
8:30 *Atlantis in the Andes*
9:30 *A Celebration of Flight*
Fear of Flying Part I : Crash Landing
10:30 *Night in the Jungle*
11:30 *Traiblazers Moluccan Sea*
ANIMAL PLANET
2:30 *The Last Tusker*
3:30 *Africa's Forgotten Elephants*
4:30 *The Arctic No Place to Hide*
5:30 *Deadly Australian Snakes*
6:00 *Animal Rehab*
6:30 *Extreme Contact*
Journey to the Barracuda's Lair
7:00 *Shark Gordon A Visit to the Nurse*
7:30 *Life of Birds Insatiable Appetite*
8:30 *Reptiles of the Lost Continent (Madagascar)*
9:30 *O'Shea's Big Adventure*
12:30 *Temple Troop*
STAR SPORTS
6:00 *Australian Open*
Melbourne Australia
Men's/Women's Fourth Round (L)
1:00 *Cricket Gold (T)*
4:00 *Irb World Of Rugby (T)*

4:30 *Gillette World Sports Special (T)*
5:00 *Champions League*
Extra Best 16 (T)
7:00 *Australian Open*
Highlights Melbourne Australia Day #7 Highlights(S)
8:00 *Gillette World Sports Special (R)*
8:30 *Hitz (T)*
9:00 *Spanish Football*
League 2003/04 (S)
11:00 *Cricket Gold (R)*
ESPN
9:30 *English Premier League*
Archive - A Decade of Great Goals Highlights (R)
10:30 *Espn Presents*
Samsung Cricket Show (R)
11:30 *Australia Cricket Vb*
Series India Vs Zimbabwe 8th ODI (R)
West Indies Tour of South Africa Standard Bank One Day International Series
South Africa Vs West Indies 1st ODI (L)
TEN SPORTS
2:00 *Legends: Pakistan*
Great Performers
4:00 *FA Cup 04: 3rd Round*
Southampton v Newcastle
4:30 *ICC Cricket World*
6:30 *Raw*
9:00 *FA Cup 04: 4th Round*
Speed
12:00 *FA Cup 4th round*