

RECOMMENDATIONS

International Dance Day

On the occasion of the International Dance Day Nriyadhara has organised a cultural and discussion programme in the Mahila Samiti auditorium at 7:00 pm.

Book launching

Academic Press and Publishers Limited (APPL) launches its book entitled The Tale of the First Private University of Bangladesh: North South University by Muslehuddin Ahmed at the Conference Hall of Presidency University of Bangladesh.

May 02-03

The launching ceremony of the book Surviving Dreams: the Struggling Circuses of Bangladesh by Pierre Claquein will be held at the Alliance Francaise (26, Mirpur road, Dhanmondi RA) at 6:30 pm on May 2.

Exhibition

April 26- May 08 A 12-day long painting exhibition of five renowned contemporary artists will be held at Haque Art Gallery, Gulshan from April 26.

April 01-29

Russian Cultural Centre has arranged a photo and stamp exhibition on aviation and cosmonautics to celebrate the International Day of Cosmonautics and Aviation at the center's library.

Sculpture

British Council Bangladesh holds a bamboo sculpture exhibition at its compound at 5 Fuller Road. The display presents works of 9 sculptors and two traditional bamboo artisans.

Music

The Indian High Commission in Dhaka, in conjunction with the Indian Council for Cultural Relations, will present a light classical music programme by Penaz Masani at 7 pm at the Osmani Memorial Hall, Dhaka.

Film Show

May 02 The Embassy of the Republic of Korea holds a Show of Korean film Reversal of Fortune on May 2 at 5:00pm at the Korean Embassy (4 Madani Avenue, Bairdara, Dhaka 1212).

Rock concert

W E rode approximately 160 miles on a bus to catch the show at the Chittagong Medical College Auditorium. It was a musical family that made the journey—the two bands, Black and Warfaze, a photographer and myself.

Our first stop was in Choddogram, at a cafe for a most welcome meal of tea and refreshments. It was humid and hot towards the end but no one cared. When the scenery is breathtaking, who worries about the weather?

A warm welcome awaited us next morning, finally ending the night journey. Sunny skies and pleasant weather served to boost our spirits. Beautiful greenery and open roads without traffic jams tempted us to spend a little while looking around, before hitting the rest house.

April 23, Chittagong Medical College Auditorium—There was a warm-up act by a local band called Silent Prayer. Their set list consisted of covers mainly. Those of Odhubut shei cheleli by Aurthohin, Ghum bhanga shohore by LRB, English number Summer of 69 by Bryan Adams and many more.

Next, was the amazing Black. They were a major draw at the concert. The crowd leapt to their feet as they took the stage. The atmosphere was electric. Everyone was so excited and the organisers, plus a few of us from outside, became a community of fans. I met so many interesting people that night; it became one of those chilling concerts, which brought back nostalgia of some great gigs.

When the venue lights went down to introduce the concert lighting flashing at the band, the place went crazy. Fans screaming and cheering, the band came on and

played their opening jamming pieces and suddenly the vocalist did take up the offer. It was followed by Prarthona, Pratik— they were total blasts. The biggest screams for the night were on a couple of occasions when the keyboardist—the other vocalist, sang a couple of the songs.

Black, too, wasted little time, getting right into the music with a highly popular performance of '?',

Mitha—one of the major hit songs. Two girls from the audience did take up the offer. It was followed by Prarthona, Pratik—they were total blasts.

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Rock bands flaunt their talent in Chittagong

FAIZUL A TANIM

Opolap, Amar Prithibi, Obhiman and five other hits. The lead vocalist then asked a female vocalist from the crowd to join him in singing

It was tagged along with the lead vocals singing a very emotional Off Beat drama soundtrack Shey je boshey achey—the song was on



Band group Black toured the port city



PHOTO CREDIT: KHADEMUL INSAN

high demand and we all could feel the emotional outburst as soon as the guitar had its first strum. All the women screamed at once. It was earsplitting and the band loved it. One was flabbergasted to see such a response for an Alternative rock band outside Dhaka.

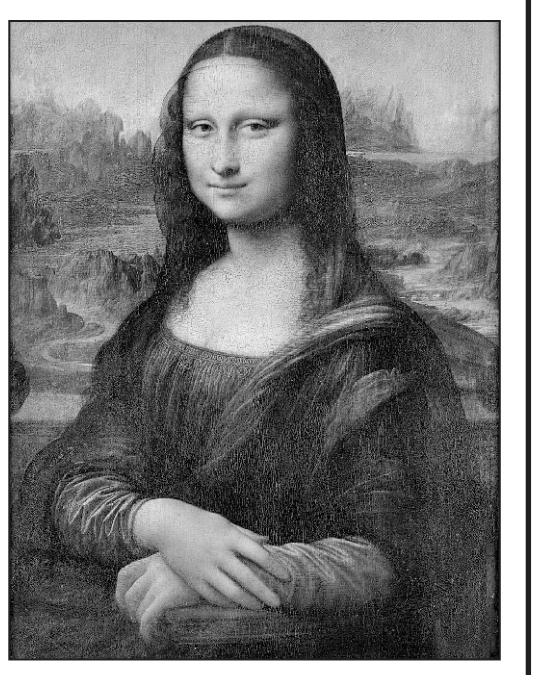
Warfaze was the last band, singing some of their magnetic songs like Ekti cheley, Money pore jai amar, Moharaj and many more. This was the first time any of us had seen them in a concert outside Dhaka. I must say it was worth it all. Warfaze put on a good show to a packed hall. They put a lot of energy into their performance and their movements were clearly worth watching.

The organisers, Mints Event Management Organisation, put up a fine show. They were very hospitable to the Dhaka-based bands. Although given only a short time to organise the concert, they withstood the stress and strain that must accompany a show on such a large scale.

Flashes of truth

Ageing Mona Lisa worries Louvre

THE Mona Lisa is showing her age, museum curators in Paris said while announcing a scientific study of the 500-year-old masterpiece. The thin poplar wood panel around Leonardo da Vinci's painting is showing signs of warping, causing curators at the Louvre 'some worry'.



Leonardo da Vinci painted the Mona Lisa between 1503 and 1506

The painting will remain on display during the testing, the Louvre said. 'Its state of preservation is currently the source of some concern,' a statement issued by the museum said. Deterioration in its wood panel was 'greater than that which has been previously observed,' it added.

The study, to be conducted by the Centre for Research and Restoration of Museums of France, will better determine what materials the painting is made of. The painting, whose cryptic smile lures millions of visitors to the Louvre, is displayed behind glass to protect it from climatic changes and camera flashes. It will be put in a specially renovated room in the Louvre early next year.

The Mona Lisa was painted between 1503-1506 and was thought to be named after the sifter, most likely the Florentine wife of Francesco del Giocondo.

It moved to France with da Vinci in the early 16th Century, where it has remained except for a short spell when it was stolen in 1911. The painting was discovered two years later in a Florence hotel.

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New edition

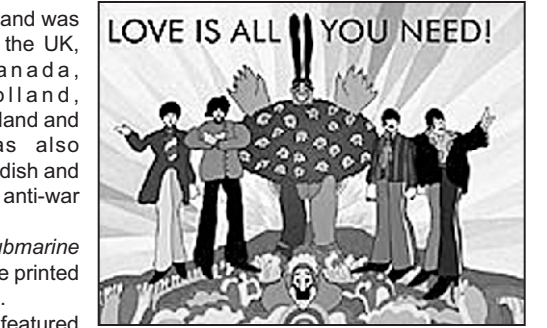
Yellow Submarine to become a book

BBC ONLINE

THE Beatles' hit 1968 psychedelic cartoon The Yellow Submarine is being made into a children's book. The book, to be published in September, was inspired by the film's 'timeless appeal' and its successful 2003 release, the band's company Apple Corps said. The Yellow Submarine single

came out in 1966 and was a number one in the UK, Australia, Canada, Germany, Holland, Norway, New Zealand and Sweden. It was also translated into Yiddish and Latin and was an anti-war anthem.

The Yellow Submarine picture book will be printed in eight languages.

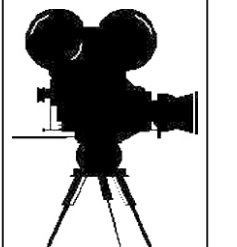


A sample page from the new Yellow Submarine picture book

The 1968 film featured artwork by Heinz Edelmans as The Beatles tried to save Pepperland from the Blue Meanies. The Beatles' own involvement in the film was limited to the writing of four new songs and a brief in-person appearance at the end.

The Fab Four's voices were provided by actors including Geoffrey Hughes, who later played

Eddie Yates in the ITV soap Coronation Street. Published in partnership with Walker Books, it will be Apple Corps' first picture book. Its only other publishing venture was the Beatles Anthology, which sold more than two million copies worldwide since it was published in 1999.

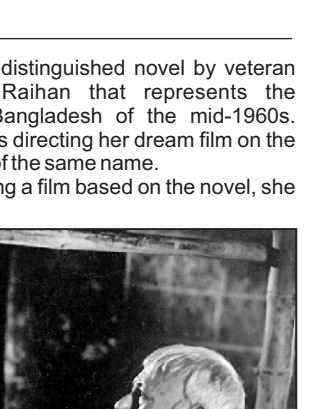


'I'm making my dream film Haajar Bachhar Dhorey' --Suchanda

KAUSAR ISLAM AYON

Haajar Bachhar Dhorey is a distinguished novel by veteran cultural personality Zahir Raihan that represents the conventional rustic life of Bangladesh of the mid-1960s. Suchanda, a famous actress is directing her dream film on the script adapted from the novel of the same name.

Suchanda's dream of making a film based on the novel, she



Reaz and Shahnoor



The director in action

cast. 'All the performers are totally committed to the film,' she says. She believes that, the new generation performers have the ability to play a vital role for the betterment of the industry if they get proper guidelines from the seniors.

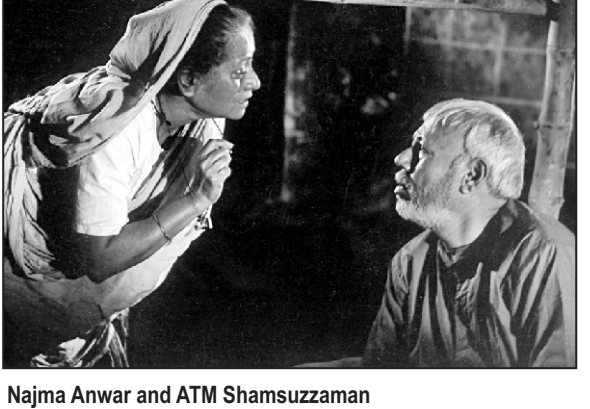
Seventy five per cent of the film has been shot so far. Now Suchanda is at the editing panel while the shooting for the rest is on. She hopes to release the film in late November or early December. The bulk of the shooting has been done at Hotapara spot in Gazipur.

Haajar Bachhar Dhorey is Suchanda's second directorial venture. After the first film, Sabujh Coat Kalo Chashma, she took a long break, as she says, 'to let my dream come true.' She looked for an appropriate location for this film for about six years. When she went to Hotapara in Gazipur she loved the spot and selected the place as the main location.

She recalls: 'I have visited the place several times to observe the change of seasons. Seasonal changes in nature are an important factor according to the script.'

The director has selected Shoshi, a 14-year-old girl, to play the role of the heroine in the film. Suchanda says, it was a challenge for her to adapt such a well known novel into film. She is confident of a good response from the audience.

Suchanda informs that actor Riaz has taken only Taka 101 as honorarium for this film. Riaz considers this as his support to high quality films and wishes to continue this assistance in the future.



Najma Anwar and ATM Shamsuzzaman

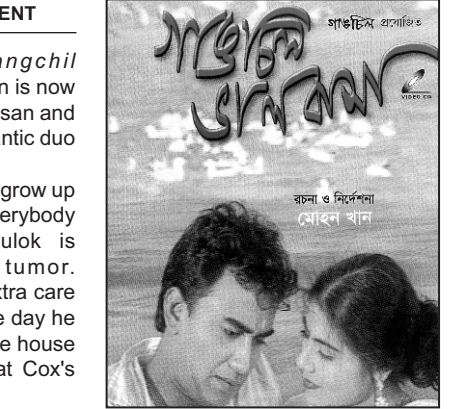
New release

TV play Gangchil Bhalobasha is on VCD

CULTURAL CORRESPONDENT

Popular TV play Gangchil Bhalobasha by Mohon Khan is now available on VCD. Jahid Hasan and Shomi Kaisar play the romantic duo directed by Mohon Khan.

Synopsis: Dia and Pulok grow up together. At one stage everybody comes to know that Pulok is suffering from brain tumor. However, he resents the extra care of the family members. One day he and Dia decides to leave the house and spend time together at Cox's Bazar.



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 8:55 am, 12:10 pm, 2:00 pm, 3:00 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 09:50 Tritiyo Matra 12:00 Chithi Pelam 01:00 Ebong Cinemar Gaan 01:30 Sangbadpatrey Bangladesh and public reaction 02:00 Bangla Feature Film: Baba Keno Ashami (Eka J Rubel) 05:00 Sa Re Ga Ma 05:45 Bol Ebong Bol 06:10 Music Plus 06:50 Chhaya Jhankar 07:55 Travel On 08:25 Drama Serial: Kichhu Megh Kichhu Roddur 09:35 Bangdhanu Rang 10:00 Drama Serial: Nijashwa Report

- 11:20 Dindaran ATN BANGLA 10:15 Anndristee 10:50 Drama Serial: Mogabali 11:25 Katha Mala 12:40 Feature Film: Kotha Dao 03:45 Uro Cola Saat Rang 04:20 Shapla Shaluk 05:10 Motarot 05:50 Islamee Sawal O Jawab 06:20 Anndristee 08:00 Gandharaj Samsung 08:30 Drama Serial: Khowab 09:00 Drama Serial: Jog Blyogger Khela 09:30 Drama Serial: Mon Harabar Din 10:30 Face to Face 12:20 Feature Film: Bidai

- 12:00 Doshtai 12:00 Hoi Hullod 8:15 Infested 10:00 The Bachelor 12:00 Dear God 2:15 Earth vs. The Spider 4:00 Spring Break Lawyer 5:45 Undercover Brother 7:30 Turbulence 9:30 Shark Hunter 11:30 The Russian Job 1:15 Bare Witness 2:45 The incredible Shrinking Woman

- 9:30 Crossroads (Britney Spears) 11:30 The Music of Chance (James Spader, Mandy Patinkin) 7:00 Twenty Bucks 8:30 Winning London 10:10 Sweet Home 12:00 Special Forces 1:45 Sabretooth 3:30 Strike Force 5:15 Terminator 7:00 FIX 8:45 FIX 2 10:30 40 Days And 40 Nights 12:00 Deer Hunter

- 3:30 Bold And Beautiful 4:30 Hollywood Squares 5:00 Whose Line Is It Anyway 5:30 Miami Vice 6:30 The Simpsons 7:00 Home Improvement 7:30 Friends 8:00 Just Shoot Me 8:30 Charmed 9:30 Karen Sisco 10:30 Monk 11:30 Baywatch

- 10:30 Discovery 11:00 Jeremy Clarkson's Motorworld Italy 11:30 Seven Wonders of the Industrial World Hoover Dam 12:30 America's Best Five Star Hotels 1:30 Celebrity Slimming 2:00 Living Pulse 2:30 New Detectives Fatal Error 3:30 Wild Discovery Silhouettes of the Desert 4:30 Splat! Milos, Clay Art 5:00 Mystery Hunters 5:30 Globe Trekker Southern Spain 6:30 Wings World Cup Skydiving 7:30 Turtles: Life in a Shell 8:30 Jeremy Clarkson's Motorworld Italy Building The Ultimate Tanks 9:30 Seven Wonders of the Industrial World Hoover Dam 10:30 America's Best Five Star Hotels 11:30 Greatest Motorcycles

- ANIMAL PLANET 8:30 Caught in the Act 10:30 Wild Encounters The Forgotten River Young and Wild Safety First 12:00 Cat and Supercat 12:30 Animal Planet Beyond the Jaws 1:30 Animal Planet Sharks The Truth 2:30 Wild Encounters Wasps 3:30 Pet Nation 4:00 Pet Nation Stormy Weather 4:30 Pet Nation Fitz's Anniversary 5:00 Pet Nation Weimaraner 6:00 Pet Nation Poodle 6:30 Pet Nation Wildlife Specials Leopard Agent of Darkness 8:30 Animal Planet Orangutan Rescue 9:30 Animal Planet Chantek 10:30 Wild Encounters Colours of the Orinoco Wildlife Specials Polar Bear

TARA BANGLA

- 05:40 Apnar Jigwasha 06:20 Shubho Shondhya 06:50 Sports World 08:10 Siddiqua Kabir's Recipe 08:50 Kichhu Katha Kichhu Gaan 09:40 Drama Serial: Dorjar Opashe

TARA BANGLA

- 10:00 Gan Sudhu Cinemar. 11:30 Antakshari 12:00 Tara Sundari 12:30 Serial Jug 1:00 Swapner Rang Nil 2:00 Taka Na Sona 2:30 Angana Live 4:00 State Govt. Lottery 4:30 Tarpor Chand Uthlo 5:00 Serial Probaho 6:00 Nonte Fonte 6:30 Taka Na Sona 7:00 Sree Ramkrishna 7:30 Antakshari 8:00 Serial-Jug 8:30 Serial Tarpor Chand Uthlo 9:00 Serial Swapner Rang Nil 9:30 Serial Swapner Rang Nil 10:30 Election Spl. Live

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