

CULTURAL FEAST

Exhibition

Title: Ceramics and Painting Exhibition
Artist: Hairrul Islam Khokon
Venue: Zairul Gallery, Institute of Fine Art, Dhaka University
Time: January 14-20, from 11am to 8pm

Title: Russian Crystal Mela
Venue: Exhibition Hall, Russian Centre of Science and Culture, House 510, Road 7, Dhanmondi
Time: January 10-19, from 11am and 7pm

Title: Les Jours de Jean-Jacques Rousseau
Artist: Jean-Jacques Rousseau
Venue: Alliance Francaise, 26, Mirpur Road, Dhaka
Time: January 27-February 10

Space Exhibition

Title: Exploring the Solar System
Organiser: British Council
Venue: British Council, 5, Fuller Road, Dhaka-1000
Time: January 16-February 15, from 10am to 6pm

Art Exhibition

Title: Exposition
Artist: Ronni Ahmed
Venue: Alliance Francaise, 26, Mirpur Road, Dhaka
Time: February 18-26

Film Screening

Title: New German Feature Films
Organiser: Dhaka University Film Society
Venue: Goethe-Institut (German Cultural Centre), House 10, Road 9, Dhanmondi
Time: February 01-03

Schedule

February 01
4:30pm Good Bye, Lenin
6:40pm Do Fish do it?

February 02

4:00pm Lichter
6:00pm Der alte Affe Angst

February 03

4:00pm Punkitchen und Anton
6:00pm Das fliegende Klassenzimmer
8:00pm Emil und die Detektive

CD Launch

Title: Aitih Raat
Artist: Nazrul Islam
Venue: Training Centre of Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy
Time: January 27, at 4:00pm

Play

Title: Dhweja Mestari Moron
Group: Manipuri Theatre, Sylhet
Director: Shubhashis Shamir
Venue: Mahila Shamiti Auditorium, Baily Road
Time: January 28, at 7:00pm

Music School

Shurer Dhara: Like an extended family

CULTURAL CORRESPONDENT

A visitor to music school Shurer Dhara is likely to be drawn by the singing of the young learners. In the 12 years since it was founded, the school has attracted many musical talents, particularly exponents of Rabindra Sangeet.

At the helm of Shurer Dhara is its founder, noted Tagore singer Rezwana Choudhury Bonnya. "Music can be assimilated only by a close relationship between the teacher and the learner. I wanted to impart this ideology among the learners here, just as I was initiated by my Guru, the legendary Tagore singer Konika Bandopadhyay," says Bonnya. "I started the school at my residence with a couple of students. After a few months we shifted to Lalmatia Girls School," she adds.

Shurer Dhara offers a three-year children's



Students of Shurer Dhara perform at an annual function

course and a five-year diploma course. The session starts from Baishakh, the Bangla New Year. The classes run three times a week. In the course, students practice Atul Prasad, DL Roy and Rajanikanta, apart from Tagore songs.

"Since the classical element is the base of all music, I believe that all students need a good knowledge and practice of this genre of music. That is why we lay emphasis on it," says Bonnya.

Apart from the regular classes, Shurer Dhara arranges yearly musical programmes. So far, the students have performed dance dramas such as Kal Mrigaya, Chitrangada, Balmiki Pratiwa, Mayar Khela and Chandaliika. "We have plans to

perform Tasher Desh this year", says Bonnya.

Besides, Shurer Dhara stages performances in national and local programmes all round the year, celebrating monsoon, autumn and spring. The students of Shurer Dhara feel that the environment of the institution resembles a family.

"Shurer Dhara is not only engaged in performing music, it has extended its programmes in cultural activities inspired by the philosophy of Tagore," says Bonnya. Her plan is to set up an institution to promote the ideology of Tagore--most particularly his music. "It's my dream," says an enthusiastic Bonnya.



Rezwana Choudhury Bonnya, the founder of the institution

American idol: Hunting for talent

Who's next?

Kelly. Ruben. Fantasia. Who will be next? Find out when the amazing fourth season of American Idol kicks off with a two-night premiere on January 18th and 19th! The judges are back. Ryan is back, the music is back and the drama is back! Plus there are some brand new twists. Who would miss this entertaining fare?

The new look American Idol varies from its predecessors. For one, instead of 36 finalists, at the end of the Hollywood round, the judges will select 12 male and 12 female singers. Then in the semi-finals, one group will perform on Monday and the other on Tuesday, with voting on both nights. On Wednesday, two singers from each group will be eliminated until finalists--six males and six females--are chosen.

Another change is in the age ceiling for contestants, which has been raised by four years to 28. The reasoning as show host Ryan Seacrest puts it: older singers "have had a lot more highs and lows in their life."

American Idol's favourite judges, Paula Abdul, Simon Cowell and Randy Jackson, return to lend their professional expertise, personal comments and --sometimes-- criticism to this season's new crop of aspiring singers. Auditions are now over for the next American Idol season.

The popular TV show, a talent search contest, mimics the British show Pop Idol.



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Viewers vote each week to decide performers to advance to the next round. Judges assess each act before viewers vote two performers off the show, while two remain for a final

competition to determine the winner.

For fans of American Idol, the new look show is certainly welcome.

Compiled by Cultural Correspondent

Eid Specials on Channel i

Telefilm Shabuj Matir Maya

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Prominent and popular artistes will feature in special TV plays and telefilms this Eid-ul-Azha on Channel-i. This will be telecast throughout the week starting from the day before Eid.

Shabuj Matir Maya: A telefilm Shabuj Matir Maya will be shown on the fourth day of Eid. Written and directed by Shakur Majid, it will be telecast at 2:30pm. The locale of the telefilm is Newcastle, UK. The story is about a Bangladeshi boy who becomes the target of racism while studying in the university. Meanwhile, he meets a girl in England of Bangladeshi origin. This girl has never been to Bangladesh but has a craving to go there. As time goes by, the boy carves out a life in England. But events take an unexpected turn when the boy receives a gift from his mother all the way from Bangladesh.



Faria (2-L) and Mahfuz (R) with co-artists

He takes a momentous--and undisclosed--decision and the girl also agrees with him. The protagon-

ist of the telefilm is Mahfuz Ahmed while Faria Hossain plays the role of his beloved.

TV Drama Swapnochuri



Tisha and Ahsan Habib play the lead roles in the drama

Swapnochuri: Artiste and television director Khalid Mahmud Mithu offers a new drama this Eid. Produced by Arya Films, the drama Swapnochuri features promising artistes such as Tisha, Ahsan Habib Nasim, Ejaz, Taru Mustafa, Shirin Bakul, Arya Sreshtha and others. The story is about the hypocrisy of the affluent that does not mind degrading others for self-aggrandizement. The script, story, cinematography, art direction and direction are by Khalid Mahmud Mithu.

Top that

The history of the chart-topper

BBC ONLINE

Elvis' One Night is tipped to be the 1000th number one single.

After 53 years and 999 chart-toppers, the 1000th No 1 is due to be revealed on Sunday - and sales figures suggest the honour will belong to Elvis' re-released classic One Night.

If Presley triumphs, it would be fitting, as he currently holds the record for the most No 1 singles in the UK chart (19 so far) - and has been hitting the top spot since the early days of the hit parade.

But of course, the No 1 single has come a long way in the past six decades.

The first No 1, in November 1952, was Al Martino's Here In My Heart, which held the top spot for nine weeks.

The same decade also saw Bill Haley become the first artist to sell over a million with a number one single, when Rock Around The Clock reached the top in 1955.

It was also the decade in which Elvis topped the charts for the first time, with All Shook Up in July 1957.

By the 80s, an increasing number of charity singles and soap stars jostled for the top spot.

Bryan Adams holds the record for the longest chart-topper of all time.

And as the 90s rolled around, Bryan Adams broke a record which had been held by Slim Whitman since 1955 when he scored the longest-reigning No 1 single Everything I Do (I Do It For You), from the film Robin Hood: Prince Of Thieves, which spent 16 weeks at the top spot before U2's The Fly finally displaced it.

The 21st Century brought with it an influx of reality TV

stars, with the likes of Michelle McManus, Will Young, Gareth Gates, and Hear'Say all hitting the top.

While there are still those that pass the all important million mark (Will Young's Evergreen and Britney Spears' Baby One More Time being two examples) sales are in general on a decline.

With single sales falling over the last two years and



downloads becoming steadily more popular, the future of the chart-topper could be very different.

"Music is everywhere now, accessible in all kinds of places and on all kinds of formats," says Gareth Grundy, Deputy Editor of music magazine Q. "The single lost its power as a cultural artefact ages ago."

TV GUIDE

PICK OF THE DAY



Travel On
On Channel i at 7:50pm
Travel Show
Directed and hosted by Shahriar Shakil



American Idol
On Star World at 8:30pm
Talent Show
Judges: Paula Abdul, Simon Cowell, Randy Jackson

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) at 11:30 pm.

CHANNEL-i

News (Bangla) at 7:15 am, 9:00am, 7:15 pm, 9:00pm, 10:30, 12:15 am.
Telecast of BTV news (Bangla and English) at 11:30 pm.

ATN BANGLA

News (Bangla) at 7:00 am, 10:00am, 2:00 pm, 7:30 pm, 10:00 pm, 11:00 pm.
Telecast of BTV News (Bangla and English) at 11:30 pm.

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Aajker Shakal
Dehghori
Science Workshop
Aarshinagar
Transworld Sports
Millennium
Sporshor Baire
Dehghori
Drama Serial: Shyola
Fardi
Apar Jigyasha
Shubho Shondhya
Nari Gharey Bairey
Siddika Kabir's Recipe
Kichu Katha Kichu
Gaan
Drama Serial: Shyola
Dindaran

TARA BANGLA

News-Headlines (Bangla) at 5:30 pm, 7:30 pm.
Tara News (Bangla) at 8:30 pm, 11:30 pm.
Tara News Bangladesh (Bangla) at 8:30 pm.
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04:45 Sa Re Ga Ma
05:30 Gaaner Oporey
06:00 Music Plus

BBC WORLD

Every hour on the hour

07:30 Shubhechha Nin
08:00 Satellite Programme
12:15 Shongbad Potrer Pata
12:30 Shasthya Tohya
01:05 Rujhin
02:05 Khetley Khetley
02:30 Hijol Tamal
03:05 Shukhi Paribar
03:35 Geelo Bitan
04:05 Open University
04:30 Dash O Bigyan
05:05 Special Programme on President Ziaur Rahman
05:30 Prescription
06:00 Live Telecast of the Prize Distribution Programme of Nalun Kuni 2004
06:40 Special Programme on President Ziaur Rahman
10:25 Teknaf Theko Talufa
10:35 Special Programme on President Ziaur Rahman
11:00 Swadesh Shanshkriti

ATN BANGLA

17:45 Live Telecast of Holy Hajj From Ararat
03:15 Drama Serial: Ghun Poka
03:50 Musical Programme
04:30 Shapla Shaluk
05:10 Molamat
06:20 Shurojoddoye Zia
08:00 The Sword of Tipu Sultan
08:30 Drama Serial: Khowab
09:00 Drama Serial: Bayoscope
09:30 Drama Serial: Meli
10:30 Shushtha Thakun Live
12:30 Bangla Feature Film: Papi Shatru

CHANNEL-i

09:30 Shongbad Potrer Bangladesh and Public Reaction
09:45 Trilopy Matra
10:45 Sports Time
12:00 Chithi Pelam
12:30 Aj dupurey O Citycell
Tarokakothan
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06:30 Gillette World Sports
07:50 RC Travel On
08:25 Drama Serial: Kichu
Megh Kichu Roadur
09:35 Drama Serial: Din
Thekey
Choley Jay
10:00 Drama Serial: Aaral
Tala Bari

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12:00 True Crime
2:00 The Job
3:45 IF 2: Interceptor
Force 2
5:45 Body Shots
7:30 The Scorpion King
9:30 Red Dragon
12:00 Tales From the Crypt
34 : Half-way Horrible
12:45 Spawn
STAR MOVIES
8:30 Corto Maltese
10:15 Visitors
11:45 Children Of The Corn
11:15 To Kill A King
3:00 That Thing You Do!
4:55 Hollywood One On One
5:25 Wildfire 7

STAR PLUS

11:28 Star Asia Travel
11:30 Newsradio
STAR PLUS
11:00 Men Saheli
11:30 Patang
12:00 Kor Kagaz
1:30 Kumkum
2:30 Bhabhi
2:30 Kesar
3:30 Saanhi
4:30 K-Street Pali Hill
5:00 Maan
6:00 Patang
6:30 Adventures Of Mickey
7:00 Disney's The Weekenders
8:00 Hello Dollie
8:30 Dekho Magar Pyaar Se
9:00 Kasauti Zindagi Kay

STAR GOLD

9:50 Dacail
1:30 Arzoo
4:45 Deedar - Akshay Kumar
8:30 Sir
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3:30 Terra X Amber Forest
4:30 Beyond The Bermuda Triangle
5:30 Zach's Ultimate Guide
6:00 Deadly Bugs
6:30 Living Pulse
6:30 Speed
7:00 Wind Driven
7:30 Wild Discovery Ice Island
8:30 Ultimate Cars People's Champion
9:00 Building The Ultimate Spacecraft
9:30 Why Intelligence Fails
10:30 De Gaulle & Yvonne
11:00 Legends of the Isles
11:30 The Case Studies In Forensic Scie Elements of Murder

ANIMAL PLANET

11:30 Wild and Dangerous
12:00 Nightmares of Nature
12:30 Breed All About It
1:00 Beagles
1:30 K-9 To 5 Livestock Guardian, Reading Assistant, Toy Tester
2:00 Trevor's Crisis
2:30 Malaysian Sunbears
3:30 Island of the Monkey God
4:30 The Protectors Wild Rescue
5:30 The Road to Recovery
5:00 Monkey Business
6:30 The Planet's Funniest Animals
7:00 Making of Animal Planet Live
7:30 Showcase Ten
8:30 Reveals Asia Natural

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ESPAN

8:30 Hitz (R)
9:00 Tri-Series in Australia
Pakistan Vs West Indies
3rd Odi 2nd Session (L)
1:00 Sri Lanka Tour Of New Zealand 1st Test Day 5
1st Session(S)
3:00 Sri Lanka Tour Of New Zealand 1st Test Day 5
2nd & 3rd Session(S)
7:30 Born To Play Masters Of Football (R)
8:00 Hitz (T)
8:30 Sportscenter India (L)
9:00 Goals! (T)
9:30 Tri-Series in Australia
Pakistan Vs West Indies
3rd Odi Highlights (S)
11:00 Hitz (R)
11:30 portscenter India (R)
12:00 Harsha Ki Khoj Studio Round #2(R)

TEN SPORTS

10:00 WWE Smackdown
10:30 Gamer TV: Ep 3
11:00 European Tour Weekly 2005
11:30 ATP Tennis: Ep 11
12:00 MAI Indian National
Rally Championship 04
Legends: Tiger Woods
Cricket Classics Ind v Pak 13/4/1999
V8 Motorsport
Championship 04
Sportswatch
4:30 Italian Serie A - Highlights
6:30 W8 Alter Burn
Legends: Tiger Woods
European Tour Weekly
2005: Ep 2
10:00 Cricket Classics
11:00 Portuguese League HL: Ep 17

NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC

11:30 Riddle Of The Dead
12:30 The Simran Show
1:00 Storm Stories
1:30 Riddle Of The Dead
2:30 Africa
3:30 Frontlines Of Construction
4:30 Wild Family Secrets
5:30 Game For It
6:00 Planet Wild
6:30 Dogs With Jobs S3
7:00 Storm Stories
7:30 Wild Family Secrets
8:30 Next Wave
9:30 Sears Towers
10:30 Riddle Of The Dead
11:30 Built For The Kill

STAR SPORTS

2:30 Australian Open
Men's Women's Second Round (L)
6:00 Max Power 2005 (T)
7:00 Australian Open Day #3
Highlight (S)
8:00 Sportsline (L)
8:30 Indian Premier Hockey
League Highlights(T)
9:00 Sri Lanka Tour Of New Zealand 1st Test Day 5
Highlights(S)
10:30 Sportsline (R)
11:00 Australian Open Day #3
Highlight (S)
12:00 Australian Open Night
#3 Highlig Hits (S)