

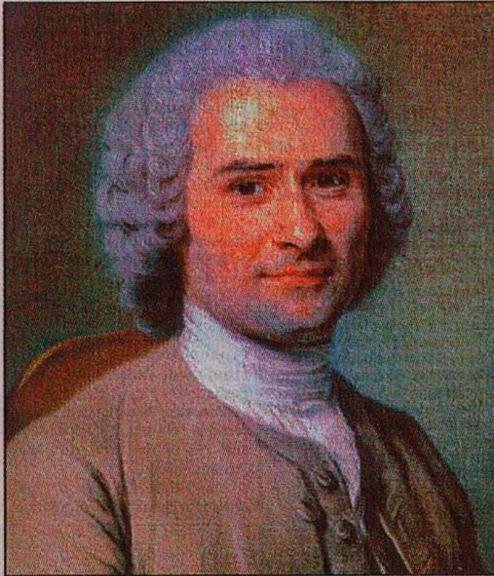
Exhibition

Ruminating on Rousseau

FAYZA HAQ

A poster exhibition on the life and works of the philosopher Jean-Jacques Rousseau is being held at the Alliance Francaise. The posters contain coloured and sepia pictures of reproductions of paintings of the past, presenting important events in Rousseau's life. Explanation in English accompany the writings in French on the 24 posters depicting significant days of his life. Marie-Christine Looten, Inspector of National Education, gave the accompanying lecture on Rousseau. Although her talk was in French, the audience did not stir to leave. Books on Rousseau are also to be found in the gallery where the exhibition is being held.

Jean-Jacques Rousseau was born at Geneva in 1712. After his mother's death his father deserted him. He was apprenticed to a notary and then to a coppersmith. Later he stayed with some Roman Catholic priests at Savoy, and then with Madame de Warens at Annecy, who sent him to study at Turin. There he abjured Protestantism. He went back to Madame Warens to study music, Latin, English, German, French, mathematics and other subjects. He then went to Venice as the secretary to the ambassador Comte de Montaigu and there he wrote his "Confessions". At 39, he returned to Paris and came into



Jean-Jacques Rousseau (1712-1772)

association with Diderot, Grimm, Holbach, and Madame d'Epinau, and was admitted as a contributor to the "Encyclopaedia". Due to his nervous excitability he moved to the quiet nature of the woods of Montmorency and wrote about the inequalities of society.

His famous works appeared about this period including "Emile ou de l'education" in Amsterdam in 1762. This work was ordered to be burnt by the French Parliament, and as he was to be arrested, he fled to Prussia. In his writings he advocated the freedom of religion against the church and police. He had taken shelter in Bern but he had to leave that place and took shelter in England, being invited by David Hume in 1766. Due to his own morbidity he lost his friends there, and had to flee France, where he produced some of his best stories. Here too he imagined secret enemies and retired to Ermenonville where he died 1772.

Rousseau reacted against the artificiality and corruption of his time. He was a keen thinker. In "Emile" he presents the ideal citizen and the means of training the child for the state in accordance with nature. He shows the path to a true susceptibility to religion and to God. The "Social Contract" on the text that all men are born free and equal, regards state as a contract in which individuals surrender none of their natural rights, but rather agree to their protection. The "Social Contract" became the text-book of the French Revolution.

The programme has been arranged with the collaboration of the Swiss Embassy and remains opened till February 10.

AKM Hasan Portrait of a TV actor

CULTURAL CORRESPONDENT

THE successful introduction of package drama in the TV channels is a welcome development as it has given many young artists the opportunity to prove their talents. To take one instance, there is AKM Hasan who has acquired popularity for his powerful presence on the small screen.

A major milestone in his career is his role as a comical character in the mega-serial *Ronger Manush*. Hasan says, "Before *Ronger Manush*, I had performed in about 20 plays. However, I did not get due recognition. The serial is my turning point. Now, I have taken acting as my profession."

Hasan and his co-actor Pran Roy have become so popular following their comical performances that the duo features in many a commercial.

Why is there a paucity of quality comedy players? Hasan says, "Enacting the role of a comical character is not easy. In most cases, because of exaggeration, the ordinary performers create agitation amongst the audience instead of entertainment. They lack the proper 'comic sense'. But, those who do have the potential are reluctant to perform only as comic characters. Moreover, average viewers underestimate the comedians and label them as



AKM Hasan

'jokers', which is quite embarrassing."

Hasan does not want to confine his acting career purely to the realm of comedy. Hasan says, "A quality actor should have the potential to perform in various characters. In acting, those who have sharp wit and good 'comic

sense' can perform better than others. Say for example, Humayun Faridi has become a powerful actor due to his acumen as an actor and he has got good 'comic sense'. As I have performed comic characters well, I believe I can play all other characters with ease.

"According to many, my success in the character of Gafur in the stage play *Shonkranti*, written and directed by Mamunur Rashid, proves my potential in performing art. In this particular character I have to deal with a variety of emotions," adds Hasan.

Although Hasan has gained immense popularity for *Ronger Manush*, he considers his performance in the role of Mobarak in the play *Mitthuk*, directed by Tanvir Ahmed Probal, as his best performance in TV drama. "This character is really a moving one," comments Hasan.

AKM Hasan has emerged as an actor through theatre. The regular member of Aranyak Natyadal, Hasan has been regular in theatre for 12 years. Besides his bold appearance in the play *Shonkranti*, Hasan has also got appreciation for his performance in *Raaraang*.

He is now performing in the film also. Hasan says, "Director Salaudhin Laviu is making a film based on the mega-serial *Ronger Manush*. I am acting in the film. I have got offers for few other movies also."

Hasan is also an editor of TV programmes. In future he hopes to emerge as a director. For his powerful histrionic skills, Hasan has received the Bachsas award.

CULTURAL FEAST

Cultural event in aid of tsunami victims

Organiser: Chhayansat
Venue: National Theatre Stage at Shyepkala
Date: February 03-04

Book Publication Ceremony

Title: Diner Sheshey Ghumer Deshey (on renowned composer Abdul Ahad)
Guests: Muhammad Habibur Rahman, Mustafa Nurul Islam, Prof. Anisuzzaman, Prof. Zillur Rahman Siddique, Manzur-e-Mowla, Prof. Serajul Islam, Chowdhury, Prof. Kanunmoy Goswami
Venue: Begum Sufia Kamal auditorium, National Museum
Time: February 04, at 4:30pm

Film Screening

Title: New German Feature Films
Organiser: Dhaka University Film Society
Venue: Goethe-Institut, House 10, Road 9, Dhanmodi
Time: February 01-03
Schedule:
February 01
4:30pm Good Bye, Lenin
6:40pm Do Fish or 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

Celebrities to be awarded for contributing to BTV

On the occasion of the 40th anniversary of Bangladesh Television (BTV), 40 celebrities will be honoured by Natyashabha, a cultural and social welfare organisation, says a press release.

The celebrities, who have an immense contribution in the 40 year-journey of BTV, will be awarded with honorary crests and certificates in the first week of March. The personalities include Kalim Sharafi, Mustafa Manwar, Abdullah

Al Mamun, Mustafa Kamal Syed, Nawajish Ali Khan, Rafiqul Bari Chowdhury, Ferdousi Rahman, Abdullah Abu Sayeed, Ferdousi Majumder, Humayun Ahmed, Ali Imam, Faridur Reza Sagar, Shykh Siraj, Afzal Hossain, Subarna Mustafa, Shakila Zafar, Baby Nazreen, Shomi Kaiser, Mehreen, Ishita, Tarin and others. The selected organisations are Unilever Bangladesh Limited, Keya Cosmetics, Kohinur Chemicals and Square.



Picture shows a sequence from play *Bou Bashonti* by cultural group Udichi. The organisation will hold a six-day drama festival from February 11, says a press release. Among Udichi's plays, *Bou Bashonti*, *Chiley Kothar Sepai* and *The Freedom of the City* will be staged. Besides, the festival will also stage Nagarik Natyasmpradaya's *Raktokarabi*, Aranyak's *Raaraang* and Prachyanat's *Circus Circus*.

Catwoman, Fahrenheit and Alexander in worst award



Left: Angelina Jolie (L) and Colin Farrell (R) in *Alexander*; Right: Sharon Stone and Halle Berry in *Catwoman*.

The gongs which honour the very worst of the latest cinematic year have announced their nominations and clearly *Catwoman* and *Alexander* are the two films which should never have been made.

Whilst everyone is languishing in the high-profile world of Oscar nominations and all the back-slapping and congratulating that goes with it—the Razzie Awards veer away from this schmaltz and instead dish the dirt.

Her performance in *Catwoman* has bagged Halle Berry a worst actress nod—but she is in competition with Angelina Jolie for her role in *Alexander*.

The worst actor category includes a surprise nomination for George W Bush for his part in Michael Moore's documentary *Fahrenheit 9/11*. He is up against Ben Affleck for *Jersey Girl* and *Surviving Christmas*, Colin Farrell for *Alexander*, Vin Diesel for *Chronicles of Riddick* and Ben Stiller for just about every film

he has made in the last year.

The worst supporting categories also include performances by politicians, with Donald Rumsfeld and Condoleezza Rice both getting a nod for their parts in *Fahrenheit 9/11* and Arnie Schwarzenegger for his part in *Around the World in 80 Days*.

Condoleezza is up against Jennifer Lopez for *Jersey Girl*, Sharon Stone for *Catwoman*, Carmen Electra for *Starsky & Hutch* and Britney Spears for her role in *Fahrenheit 9/11*.

In the male supporting category Donald and Arnie are facing stiff competition from Val Kilmer in *Alexander*, Jon Voight in *Superbabies: Baby Geniuses 2* and Lambert Wilson for *Catwoman*.

The Razzies will be presented just 24 hours before what they describe as "That Other Award Show" (The Oscars) on February 26.

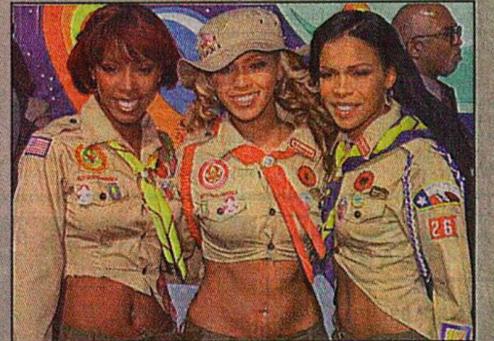
Beyoncé hints it's end for Destiny

Beyoncé Knowles has hinted Destiny's Child may have reached the end of the road.

The singer has forged a successful solo career outside of the band—and she says the group's latest album, *Destiny Fulfilled*, may be their last. She said, "Maybe in five years we'll do another record, maybe not. We could do a reunion but we can't be 40 doing *Bootylicious*."

Beyoncé recently admitted she and bandmates Kelly Rowland and Michelle Williams couldn't stop gassing when they reunited to record the new album. "The first day, we didn't get anything done. We just talked and laughed and felt like we were home," she said.

Michelle added the girls' time apart improved them as a band. She said, "It was good for us to each go out and do our own thing. When you're in the studio by yourself, you have to grow musically and learn to depend on yourself. So when we got back together, we knew how we each wanted to sound."



Source: Internet

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) at 11:30 pm.

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

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

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 9:30 pm.

BBC WORLD
Every hour on the hour

BTV
08:15 Quiz Quiz
08:40 Bishwa Protidin
09:00 Satellite Programme
12:15 Shangbadpatra Pata Theky
12:30 Health Bulletin
12:50 Live Telecast of the 4th ODI between Bangladesh and Zimbabwe
06:00 Desh Janopad
06:10 Wrestling
07:00 News Headlines, Share Market, Weather Forecast
08:25 Protidin Bangladesh
08:30 Drama Serial: Ashaptaparar Turmi
09:00 Drama
10:35 Agun Jhara Shondhya
12:05 Satelite programmes

CHANNEL-i
09:45 Trilipi Matra
09:45 Na Bola Kotha
12:00 Chitli Pelam
12:20 Dhaka Guide
12:30 Aaj Dupure
04:20 Ebong Cinema: Gaan
05:20 Public Reaction
06:20 Bangla Film: Turmi Shudhu Turmi (Cast: Riya, Shubnur)
03:45 Banglar Gaan
04:15 Dekhar Gaan Shonar Gaan
04:45 Sa Re Ga Ma
05:15 Janopadher Khabar
05:30 Cine Music
06:00 Music Plus
06:30 Drama Serial: Ekjon Mastan O Ekti Meye
07:50 Drama Serial: Hashya Lashya
08:25 Drama Serial: Swapno Bunon
09:35 Hidyoy Maiti O Manush
10:00 Drama Serial: Motijan

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08:00 Aajker Shakal
09:30 Amra Ekhon Unish Kuri
10:30 Jalrapala
02:30 Drama Serial: Uro Jay Bakpoldhi
03:15 Pepsi Music Express
03:40 Dialogue: Harry K Thomas
04:25 Gallery
05:15 Ithasher Ei Diney
05:20 Alokapal
06:20 Shubho Shondhya
06:55 Sangskriti Ei Shoptaho
08:15 Drama Serial: Jhut Jhamela
08:50 Bhalobasho Mor Gaan
11:25 Dindarpan

ATN BANGLA
10:25 Anandisheete
11:15 Drama Serial
11:50 Drama Serial: Mohona
12:25 Musical Programme
01:05 Dekhney Noyon Mella
01:35 Dance Programme
02:30 School Bela
03:10 Drama: Probashini
04:20 Halima Tim Tim
05:20 Shurer Madhuri
06:20 Auto Man
08:00 Drama Serial: Lodiya
08:30 Drama Serial: The New Shabuj Opera
09:00 Drama Serial: Lal Neel Beguni
09:30 Drama Serial: Ek Janome
10:25 Musical Programme
12:10 Bangla Feature Film: Aaker Protibad

HBO
8:30 Riding in Cars With Boys
11:15 Training Day
1:45 Tale of Two Wives
3:30 Panic Room
5:45 Getting There
7:30 Spawn

PICK OF THE DAY



Bhalobasho Mor Gaan
On ntv at 08:50pm
Musical Programme
Hosted by Ferdousi Rahman
Participated by Shahin Samad, Moutushi, Fahmida Nabi



A Walk to Remember
On HBO at 9:30pm
Genre: Drama / Romance
Cast: Shane West, Mandy Moore, Peter Coyote
Directed by Adam Shankman

9:30 A Walk to Remember
11:30 Tales from the Crypt
12:28 Two for the Show
12:15 Valentine
STAR MOVIES
9:00 Cave In
10:30 The Grinch
12:15 Levy
2:00 Swifman
3:30 Stuart Little
5:00 Road To Perdition
7:00 Signs
8:45 Visitors
10:15 Cave In
11:45 To Kill A King
STAR GOLD
9:00 Maya
9:30 Sajjan Chale Sasural
1:00 TUM BIN
4:30 Yodha

8:00 Maya
8:30 Dreadnaught - Hindi
11:00 Betaabi
STAR PLUS
10:30 Dharam Aur Hum
11:25 Film Topper
11:30 Sankshipt Ramayan
1:00 Star Bestsellers
2:05 Hit Film:in Hit
Sangeet-20 M
2:30 Film Topper
3:00 Star
5:30 Mirch Masala
6:00 Musafir Hoon Yaaron
6:30 Disney's Mickey
7:00 Mouse Works
7:00 Marsuplami
7:30 Piya Bina

8:00 Pardey Ke Peechey
8:30 23rd March 1931
12:00 Shaheed
12:00 Yatra
STAR WORLD
10:30 The Bold & The Beautiful
12:30 Rendezvous With Simi
Garewal
1:00 Travel Asia
1:30 The Kids From Room 402
2:00 Roboroach
2:30 Monster Farm
3:00 Action Man
3:30 The Kumars At No. 42
4:00 Cops
4:30 Koffee With Karan
5:30 Britannia India's Child Genius
6:30 The X Files

7:30 Totally Outrageous
Behavior Ca
Weird Tv
8:00 The Wrestling
8:30 World's Most Dangerous Animals
10:30 Coupling
11:00 Absolutely Fabulous
11:30 Goodness Gracious Me
12:00 Rendezvous With Simi
Garewal
NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC
10:00 Dogs With Jobs S3
10:30 Backyard Science
11:00 Serious: Desert
11:30 Dogs With Jobs S3
12:00 Wild Discovery Lemur's Tale
8:30 Men of Our Time Gandhi
9:00 In Search Of Salvation

1:00 Storm Stories
1:30 Riddle Of The Dead
2:30 Scientific American
Frontiers
3:30 Frontlines Of Construction
4:30 One Life In The Desert
Sea
5:30 Dogs With Jobs S3
6:00 Storm Stories
6:30 National Geographic Special
8:30 Frontlines Of Construction
9:30 National Geographic Special
10:30 Truth Files
11:30 Frontlines Of Construction
DISCOVERY
9:30 Extreme Engineering
Bridging The Bering Strait
10:30 Countdown Unsolved
History Boston Massacre
11:30 Master of the Spirits, The Hassan Batake
12:30 Wild Discovery African
Wild Dogs
1:30 Wings Extreme
Machines-Ohare Airport
2:30 Extreme Engineering
City In A Pyramid
3:30 Countdown Unsolved
History Boston Massacre
4:30 Master of the Spirits, The Once Upon a Time, In the Suderban
5:00 Great Crimes And Trials
Of The 20 Century
Wayne Williams : The Atlanta Killer
5:30 Energy In Action,
Mechanical Energy
6:00 Baby Story, A Baby
Tamborelli
6:30 Ushuaia Nature
Memories of the Earth
7:30 Wild Discovery Lemur's
Tale
8:30 Men of Our Time Gandhi
9:00 In Search Of Salvation

9:30 The Mahakumbh Mela
10:30 Drama on Discovery Nap
Attack
11:30 History In Colour Colour
Of War Total War
12:30 Terrorism Revealed
Discovery Spotlight: The
Hunt for Osama Bin
Laden
ANIMAL PLANET
10:30 The Planet's Funniest
Animals
11:00 Barking Mad
11:30 Pet Powers Communica-
tion
12:00 Weird Nature Devious
Defenses
12:30 Growing up Wild Polar
Bear Orphan
1:30 The Crocodile Hunter,
The Snapping Turtles
2:30 A-Z Dingoes: Outlaws of
the Outback
3:30 Private Life of Plants
4:30 The Jeff Corwin
Experience, The River
Wolf And The Isle Of
Serpents
5:30 Animal Miracles Crime
Fighting Pig
6:30 The Protectors Cell Dogs
Branchville
7:30 The Crocodile Hunter,
The Snapping Turtles
8:30 UP With The Gibbons
9:00 Galada Baboons: The
Baillies Of Brawhead
10:30 In The Wild Whoop
Goldberg: Zoo Babies
11:30 Wild Encounters 50
Outrageous Animal
Facts
STAR SPORTS
8:25 Australian Open
Women's Singles &
Men's Doubles Finals(L)
12:00 Nba Inside Stuff (R)
12:30 Icc Cricket World (T)
1:00 Locker Room Football

1:30 The Singapore Nbl
Spectacular (S)
3:30 Locker Room Football
Locker Room (R)
4:00 Asian Tour - Singapore
Event
7:00 Australian Open
Highlights
8:00 Indian Premier Hockey
League
10:30 Icc Cricket World (R)
11:00 Fa Cup Fa Cup 2004/05
Fourth Round(L)
ESPN
8:00 Nba Action (R)
8:30 Nba Basketball
11:00 Harsha Classy Dream
Job - Harsha Ki Khoj
12:00 Here We Go (R)
1:00 Bangladesh Vs
Zimbabwe 4th Odi 1st
Session(L)
8:45 The Fa Cup - Road To
Glory (L)
8:54 Fa Cup Fa Cup 2004/05
Fourth Round(L)
11:00 Fa Cup Fa Cup 2004/05
Fourth Round(L)
TEN SPORTS
9:30 Speed: Racing (5th
Round)
10:00 Winning Post
11:00 Transworld Sports: Ep 4
2:00 European PGA Golf 05
Caltex Masters
4:00 Cricket Classics
5:00 Transworld Sports: Ep 4
5:30 Gamer TV : Ep 4
6:30 WWE Experience
Speed: Racing (5th
Round)
7:30 Indian Golf Show
10:00 German League: Hertha
Berlin v Bayern Munich
Legends : Tiger Woods
11:00 Transworld Sports: Ep 4
12:00 WWE Experience
1:00 Transworld Sports: Ep 4