

## CULTURAL FEAS

## Cultural Programmes on Nazrul death anniversary

Organiser: Nazrul Institute  
Venue: Nazrul Institute, Kabibhaban, 330-B, Road 28, Dhanmondi  
Date: August 27-31

Title: Natoker Gaan  
Organiser: Nazrul Sangeet Shilpi Parishad  
Venue: Nazrul Institute, Dhanmondi  
Date: September 05, at 6:30pm

## Cultural Programme

Occasion: Commemorating Altaf Mahmud  
Organiser: Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy  
Venue: Training Centre, Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy  
Date: August 30, at 6:30pm

## Cultural Programme

Title: Nabo Anandey Jago  
Organiser: Rabindra Bharati Prakrton  
Venue: Experimental Theatre Stage, Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy  
Date: August 30, at 6:30pm

## CD Release

Title: Tomar Hater Shonar Rakhi  
Artist: Rowshan Ara Mustafiz  
Organiser: Dhaka Mancha  
Venue: Sufa Kamal Auditorium, National Museum  
Date: August 30, at 7pm

## Film Festival

Title: Hayao Miyazaki Retrospective  
Organiser: Zahir Raihan Film Society  
Venue: Alliance Francaise, 26, Mirpur Road, Dhanmondi  
Date: August 29-31

## Fusion Music

Title: East Meets West  
Organiser: London Film & Music School with Brotee The Daily Star and Channel i  
Venue: British Council Auditorium, 5, Fuller Road  
Date: August 30, at 6pm

## Solo Exhibition

Medium: Hand made appliques  
Artist: Shaheli  
Venue: Dril Gallery, Dhanmondi  
Date: August 26- September 02, 11am to 8pm

## Photo Exhibition

Occasion: 1000th anniversary of the capital of the Republic of Tatarstan, Russia- the city of Kazan  
Venue: Russian Cultural Centre, Dhanmondi  
Date: August 28- September 03

## Group Exhibition

Title: Shomokal-1  
Artists: Monsur ul Karim, Rokeya Sultan, Kazi Rakib, Tarun Ghosh, Dilara Begum Joly, Towfiqur Rahman, Shishir Bhattacharya, Fokhrul Islam, Goutam Chakraborty, Bipul Shah  
Venue: Gallery Kaya, House 20, Road 16, Sector 04, Uttara  
Date: September 02-15, 11am to 8pm

## Theatre

Title: Bishbarjan  
Group: Tirkaj Natyadal  
Venue: Laboratory Theatre Stage, Theatre Institute, Chittagong  
Date: September 02

London Film and Music School's soiree

## A melange of East and West



Ustad Wajahat Khan (R) on the sarod



Martin (L), along with Joanne and Gabriella (R) rendering a song

## KAVITA CHARANJI

INDIAN Cultural Centre, August 28: As the recorded music plays, the mellifluous notes transport one to a higher plane. The Chinese song, translated in English, means 'See you' and it was sung by the late Chinese singer Gao Feng. What makes it unique is that the bass player is from Russia, the assistant manager is Iranian, the backup singers hail from Sweden and Austria, the guitar player is from Germany, an American plays the drums and a Canadian plays percussion. "This melting pot of artists from all corners of the globe is exactly what we try to achieve," says Martin Keating, principal and director of London Music School (LMS), who is in Dhaka to promote London Film and Music School (LFMS).

Kumar Murshid, chairperson of LFMS Board, echoes Keating's views. As he says "We strive to promote the concept of cross cultural music and filmmaking. The first thing we have to understand in terms of the situation in Britain and Europe is that our presence in the global cultural arena is far too limited- whether film or music. One of our objectives that we have is to make a difference to that. That is why we have put together what we think is quite unique an integrated one year

film and music course."

Subsequently a musical show got off the ground. Mostly pop, it was interspersed with one jazz number and sarod, the last played by Ustad Wajahat Khan, artistic director of Indian Classical Music. For the wide eyed younger ones who go for mush, Martin as lead vocalist sang *I really love you*. Along with playing the keyboard he has written the song, which was accompanied with vocals from Gabriella Jangfeldt and Joanne Kemp. The duo then sang *Forever waiting* (a jazz number), *Variety and Sleeping with the enemy*.

There was a touch of the East as well. With Bangladeshi composer Dilly on the tabla, Gabrielle and Martin on the keyboards, Dr FF Mukshed Hemel of Bangladeshi origin, and an associate of LMS, launched into *Shorbonashi* premier aguney.

At the fag end of the programme, Ustad Wajahat Khan gave an impressive performance on the sarod. Khan played the raga *Charu kesi*.

What about the response from the Bangladeshi audience? In Joanne's view, "We had a very good response on the subcontinent. Mumbai, where we went earlier, was mad but I loved the madness. I prefer it here where things are less hectic. It is important to us to understand Bangladeshi culture and music because we will work with Bangladeshi in LFMS."

The evening was a celebration of fusion music. Events like this will go a long way in bridging East and West.

Brotee (Communications), along with media partners, The Daily Star and Channel i, organised the programme.

Jewel Aich a conjuror of illusions and a charmer, has often cut a women in half with an electric saw and put her back together. He has done the Houdini act of freeing himself from an airtight vessel and much more. Jewel is indeed a phenomenal magician in our country and has also earned international acclaim. That's not all. He is also a skilled flutist and does sketches as well. Here is an excerpt from the interview with Jewel on his professional and personal life.

## When was your first encounter with magic?

Once, a group of gypsies came to our village in Pirojpur. One of the gypsies performed a magic that involved three wooden bowls containing three colourful balls. Later, a circus group named "Banori Para Circus" came to our neighbouring village. When I returned home, I had already made up my mind to become a magician.

## Who was your childhood hero?

Celebrated magician PC Sarkar (senior) was my only childhood hero as I was fascinated by his magic.

How did you step into the international arena? I was invited to perform at the Society of American Magicians during the early part of my career. My performance at the international conference was highly appreciated. From then on there was no looking back.

If you were asked to play the lead role in a contemporary Bangla film...

I would escape to a faraway place where nobody can find me. Or maybe I would do the "disappearing act" before the film director can even reach me!

Who is the most important person of your life and why?

At different points of my life, someone has been significant for different reasons. In my childhood my mother was a key figure, in adolescence my friend Nitul. When my father passed away, I realised his importance. Likewise, in my first TV appearance, Abdullah Abu Sayeed was more important to me than any other person on earth. When I fell in love with Bipasha, she occupied that special place immediately. After the birth of my daughter, you can easily guess who the favourite person is!

## Something about yourself that you don't like...

Although I am keen on writing, I am not able to express myself in words. When faced with the prospect of writing love letters, I have a permanent writer's block.

Are you involved with any social welfare programmes?

In greater sense, magic is an art that is altruistic. People want some relief in their stressful, busy life and magic provides just that. But when you talk of everyday philanthropic activities, yes I am involved with many of them. I have participated in many fundraiser programmes for medical treatment of the needy. I have



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" Maybe I would do the 'disappearing act' before the film director can even reach me!"

-- Jewel Aich

helped generate funds for hospitals, schools for the physically challenged and welfare organisations among others.

Do you have any unfulfilled wish when it comes to performing specific magic?

No. However, there are thousands of ideas that come to my mind at times. I have noted down some of them. I don't have any regrets in life though.

If you are marooned in an island, what three things would you take with you?

Food, pills for migraine and books, lots of them!!!

## New cookery show on ATN Bangla



Neema Rahman (R) with a guest in the show

ATN Bangla will telecast a new cookery show *Vim Chatpat Ranna Jhatpat Parishkar* at 8:30pm today, says a press release. Directed and hosted by Neema Rahman, the unique selling proposition of the programme is that it presents different recipes from all around the country. The special team of the

Tithir Atithi  
Single episode drama for ntv

## CULTURAL CORRESPONDENT

After a hiatus of two years, actor turned director Zahiruddin Piar has directed a single episode drama titled *Tithir Atithi*. Ali Fida Ikrar Tojo's play depicts the frustration of the younger generation.

Director Piar said, "I was inspired by Tojo's script. Like thousands of jobless graduates of the country, Hasan, the protagonist of the play, is in love with a girl named Tithi. Tithi, who works for a private organisa-

tion, also reciprocates his feelings. However, neither of them can reveal their feelings as Hasan has no social status. At the end of the play Tithi marries another man, while Hasan becomes an ordinary wage earner."

"I have given emphasis to cinematography. The camera work is unique," says Piar.

*Tithir Atithi* will be aired on ntv shortly. Srabonti and Intekhab Dinar play the two central characters.



## TV GUIDE

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

## News Bulletin

BTW  
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-1  
News (Bangla) at 7:15 am, 9:00 am, 2:00 pm, 7:00 pm, 9:00 pm, 10:30 pm, 12:15 am.  
Telecast of BTW 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, 11pm.  
News (English) 8:20am, 7:00pm.  
Telecast of BTW news (Bangla and English) at 11:30 pm.

TARA BANGLA  
News Headlines (Bangla) at 5:30pm, 7:30pm.  
Tara News (Bangla) at 8:30pm, 11:30pm.  
Tara News Bangladesh (Bangla) at 9:30 pm.

BBC WORLD  
Every hour on the hour

## BTW

08:40 Bishwar Protidin  
09:00 Satellite Programme  
12:30 Shasthya Tathy  
01:30 Educational Programme  
02:05 Computer round  
02:30 Darpan  
03:05 Selected Programme  
04:05 Shangeeta  
04:30 Protafash Alo  
05:05 Probash Mela  
05:30 Talk Show  
06:35 Chittagong Programmes  
07:00 News Headlines, Weather forecast, Share Market  
07:05 Quiz Quiz  
07:30 Musical Programme  
08:30 Home Circus  
09:25 Drama Serial: Arshinagar  
10:25 Teknaf Theke Tatulia  
10:30 Soanfi Shokal  
12:05 Satellite Programme

## CHANNEL 1

09:30 Shongbad Potrey  
10:30 Trito Matra  
10:45 Grameen Phon  
11:30 Cricket Online  
12:30 Aamar Chhobi  
01:00 Ebong Cinemar Gaan  
01:25 Public Reaction  
02:40 Special Programme  
04:45 Sa Re Ga Ma  
05:30 i Sports  
06:30 Music Plus  
07:50 Drama Serial: Poribar  
08:25 Drama Serial: O Ekti Company  
08:25 Drama Serial: Ek  
Akasher Tara  
Drama Serial: Chalchhe Chalbey

## 0:00 Close-up Juke Box

08:35 Ajaker Shokal  
09:05 Drama Serial: Bhum  
09:30 Crime Watch  
10:05 Bhinno Swader  
Khabor  
10:30 Shaghar  
11:00 Chhobor Gaan  
11:30 Gombhira  
12:02 Single Episode Drama  
12:30 Drama Serial: Jhut  
Jhamela  
03:15 Tifner Fankey  
03:40 Drama serial: Akash chhnoya  
04:25 Gajela  
05:20 Aponor Jigysa  
06:20 Shubho Shondhya  
06:50 Frankly speaking  
08:25 Drama Serial: Bhum  
09:20 Nupur  
10:00 Drama Serial: Rangchhut  
11:25 Dindarpur

## 10:00 Talk Show:

11:05 Drama Serial: Mohona Siren  
11:35 Business this Week  
12:30 Aamar Chhobi  
12:15 Amar Computer  
12:50 Musical Programme  
01:25 Drama Serial:  
Cine Gaan  
02:30 Drama Serial:  
Ghupokra  
03:15 Drama Serial: O Amar  
Chokhhu Nai  
04:00 The Big Hit  
04:45 Agent Red (Aka  
Captured)  
12:45 Box The

## 12:00 S1mone

08:00 Infidelity  
09:40 Phone Booth  
11:00 Sexual Life  
12:30 In America  
02:15 Mystery Men  
04:15 Nine Months  
06:00 Santa Clause 2  
12:00 S1mone  
02:15 The Guys  
04:00 The Big Hit  
05:45 Detonator  
07:30 Death Becomes Her  
09:30 Ocean's Eleven  
11:45 Tales from the Crypt  
12:30 Return to the Blue  
04:15 Shomoshamoyik  
05:10 Nari  
05:45 Islami Sawal Jawab  
06:20 Aynar Shamney  
08:00 Drama Serial:

## 12:30 STAR MOVIES

08:00 Hit Filmlein Hit Sangeet-  
20 M  
09:40 Hit Filmlein Hit Sangeet-  
20 M  
10:00 Kasauti Zindagi Kay  
12:30 Kumkum - Pyara Sa  
01:00 Bhabhi  
02:00 Saarthi  
03:00 Kahaani Ghar Ghar Kii  
04:00 Kahaani Ghar Ghar Kii  
05:00 Kahaani Ghar Ghar Kii  
06:00 Shadi Number One  
07:00 Aladdin  
08:00 Meri Saheli  
11:00 Kim Possible

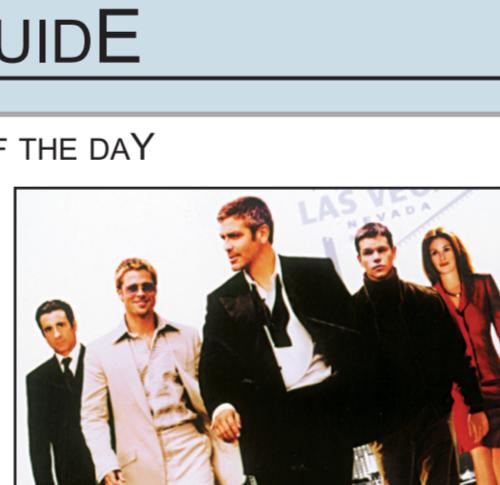
## 10:00 STAR PLUS

10:00 Hit Filmlein Hit Sangeet-  
20 M  
12:30 Dekhmagapaise  
06:30 Aladdin  
12:30 Still Standing  
07:00 Kim Possible

## PICK OF THE DAY



Bela Bhumi  
On ntv at 8:25 pm  
Genre: Drama Serial  
Cast: Abul Hayat, Ruchi Solaiman, Shahed



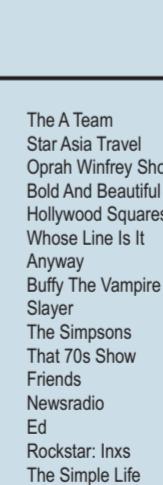
Ocean's Eleven  
On HBO at 9:30 pm  
Genre: Action/ Comedy  
Cast: George Clooney, Julia Roberts, Brad Pitt



STAR WORLD

## 10:30

Married To The Kellys  
20 M  
11:00 Yes Dear  
Wonderfalls  
12:30 Aladdin  
12:30 Still Standing  
07:00 Kim Possible



STAR PLUS