# CULTURE

#### **CULTURAL FEAST**

#### **Korean Cultural Festival** Organisers: Embassy of Republic of Korea, Bangladesh-Korea Friendship Association and Bangladesh-Korea Programme: 2005 Korean Taekwondo Venue: Mirpur Sports Stadium

#### **Photography Exhibition** Title: Gunter Grass: Photographs Photographer: Nasir Ali Mamun

Date: November 18

Venue: Exhibition Gallery, Goethe Institut, Dhanmondi Dhaka. Date: October 14-30

Occasion: 150th birth anniversary of Russian Scientist-Orchard Selectionist Ivan V. Micurin Venue: Russian Cultural Centre Date: October 20-26

#### **Book Exhibition**

Occasion: 135th birth anniversary of Venue: Russian Cultural Centre Date: October 27-31

#### **Nepalese Artists' Exposition**

Organiser: Art Club Artist: Four leading Nepalese artists Venue: Zainul Contemporary Art Gallery, Dhaka University Date: October 14-18, from 2pm to 8pm

#### **Art Exhibition**

Title: Les Illustrets Artist: 15 Contemporary artists of

Venue: La Gallery, Alliance Francaise 26, Mirpur Road, Dhanmondi Date: October 14-30

#### **Calligraphy Exhibition**

Title: 1st young artist calligraphy Organiser: Centre for Asian Islamic Artists: 13 contemporary young artists Venue: Vashkar Novera Hall, Bangladesh National Museum Date: October 09-19

#### Film Screening

Organiser: Russian Cultural Centre in cooperation with Dhaka University film

Occasion: 60th anniversary of film director and actor Nikita Mikhalkov Venue: Russian Cultural Centre Date: October 16-17 Schedule

October 16 3:00pm Slav of Love Unfinished Piece for the 4:30pm

October 17 A Railway Station for Two 3:00pm 4:30pm URGA-the territory of love

Organiser: Alliance Francaise Venue: La Gallery, Alliance Française, Date: October 07-28

October 21 Western October 28 Yamakasi

Title: Turkish-German Cinema Organiser: Goethe-Institut with cooperation with Chalachitrom Film Venue: Goethe-Institut. House 10.

Road 9, Dhanmondi Date: October 16-19

October 16 5:30pm 6:00pm I Think About Germany 7:15pm Weed

October 17 5:30pm Sevda Means Love 6:00pm Dealer October 18

Lola and Billy the Kid 5:30pm German Policemen

### **Momotaz**

# Singer of the masses hits the big screen



Momotaz

ERSHAD KAMOL

any of us have watched Momotaz on the small screen. Come Eid, viewers will get to see her on the big screen

This is a landmark because for the first time in the history of our film industry a full-length movie is being

made based on the biographical sketch of a folk singer. Momotaz, as the film is titled, is made by upcoming director Uttam Akash.

Momotaz has released a record of 665 solo albums. On her current venture, the melody queen says, "It is really exciting to perform in one's own

Eminent actors of the country like

Humayun Faridee, Anwara, Helal Khan and others have performed in the movie as well. Faridee has performed in the role of a Baul with whom Momtaz used to perform. In fact she caught the attention of the audience singing Palagaan while playing her violin with the Baul named Abdur Rashid Sarkar. Anwara performs in the role of Momotaz's mother while Masum Aziz acts as her father Modhu Boyati, her first mentor. Helal Khan plays the role of her

To quote Momotaz, "The story of the movie takes me back to my struggling days, when I used to perform Palagaan with the acoustics of violin, bansi, dhol and mondira in the nightlong concerts in rural areas of Manikganj district. In those days, I used to play violin while singing. The mystic lyrics and melodious tunes of those songs were very rich. Later, in 1992. I began to release commercial folk songs with substandard lyrics, getting only Taka 2,000 per album.

present husband M Ramzan Ali

Chairman

which was the bread and butter for many recording companies, lyricists, music composers and instrumentalists. In those days I used to release two albums a day without

any rehearsal. And at the end of the movie the viewers will get tcome to the city for treatment." She, along with her husband, Ramzan Ali Chairman, also supports many schools, colleges, mosques and madrasas in Manikganj district. o know about my current life. They will watch Momotaz, a folk singer, performing in metros of USA, Canada, UK and other countries

"I've delivered the dialogues in the movie using the Manikganj dialect, that's how I normally speak. The main attraction of the film is its music. I have sung most of the 18 songs included in the movie. In one of the songs, Runa Laila has lent her voice."

Besides acting in the film, Momotaz sings playbacks of films based on rural stories. And as usual she has been releasing one solo album a month on an average. Commenting on her current albums, Momotaz says, "I admit that for the sake of money and popularity I had to release numerous cheap songs in the previous years. However, nowadays I am selective about the lyrics and tunes of the songs. In the coming Eid, I plan to release six albums of which Palki should be popular like my other successful album such as Return Ticket, Ashol Boithoki, Bhaab Boithoki, Murshider Talim and Ronger

Momotaz, in her capacity as President of Bangladesh Baul Shilpi Samity, is now busy with social activities. "My future plan is to do something for the betterment of rural Bauls who are struggling to eke a living. Nowadays, they cannot even put up shows as urus and other huge gatherings are not permitted by the government because of security rea-

There are other facets of Momotaz's social work. She established an eye hospital in her village. She says, "The poor people in the villages do not have the resources to come to the city for treatment."

Momotaz has won many awards such as the Bangladesh Cine Reporters Association Award (BACHSAS) and Dhaliwood award among others.

### Close up 1

# The suspense builds up



(1st row L-R) Milton, Beauty, Tithi, Shahriar and (2nd row L-R) Sonya, Dina, Neela, Bablu

#### KARIM WAHEED

Many of us are still shocked by the results of Group C, last Sunday night. In fact, the judges seemed devastated when it was announced that neither Champa, nor Khushbu made it to the next round. What really happened? Many feel it was just another demonstration of being biased to one's classmate, friend, neighbour and so on (name any relationship).

This is becoming a recurring phenomenon in the show and it is a serious issue. The show, Close up 1 promises to bring out the voice Bangladesh is looking for. It should be an unparalleled voice, not just any mediocre one. Audiences all over the country should keep that in mind and vote for a contestant not because he/she is somehow related to them, but because that artiste has demonstrated superior vocal skills.

Last Friday's episode started with a performance by Dina Masud. She rendered Janala khuley dekhona. It was not a bad start and the judges seemed to be content with the performance. Next on line was Shakila Sharmin Neela, who sang Aaj phirey

na gelei ki noi. Neela's performance was certainly not up to the mark, but considering she had a fever and her voice was in no condition to sing, she deserves kudos for her courage to participate in the show.

Mina Abid Shahriar performed a Tagore song, Pagla haowar badol diney. It was an impressive rendition. Shahriar's singing style has a certain freshness and Tagore songs seem to be the right genre for his voice. Jannat-e Romman Tithi sang a 'Runa Laila number', Onek brishti ihorev tumi elev. Tithi was on tune and did a fair job but she should work more on grasping the meaning of the song and emoting accord-

Following Tithi, Bablu Kumar Bose, an aspiring singer who never had the opportunity to attend traditional music lessons, took the stage. Bablu performed Chokhkher nozor emni koira ekdin khoiyya jabey. He seemed to miss a few notes and received mixed reviews from the judges. Sonya Chowdhury delivered one of the ace performances of the night. She sang Onek shadhonar por ami pelam tomar mon. An ecstatic Shakila Zafar

remarked, "That was extraordinary!" and Kumar Bishwajit said, "You sound like you have years of experience in singing on track."

The next artiste Farhad Ahmed Milton rendered a 'Bishwajit hit', Jekhanev shimanto tomar. Milton tried his best to be the best 'Bishwaiit' he could but needless to say his efforts fell short. This is one common mistake 'wannahe' singers often seem to make: trying to imitate popular singers, when they should try to develop their own

The last performer of the night was Nasrin Akhter Beauty. Seemed like the best was saved for last. Beauty already seems to have many admirers of her voice, even among the judges. She performed a 'Lalon Geeti', Shorboshadhon shiddho hoy tar. The depth and essence of spirituality that the song needs, was certainly in her voice. Like the previous rounds, the judges seemed mesmerised. Hopefully that charm worked on the audience.

Don't miss tonight's show to find out who moves to the next round.

## Eid Special

# Telefilm Anur Bikal on ntv

CULTURAL CORRESPONDENT

It's the auspicious occasion of Eid. To dovetail with the festival, ntv brings a starstudded telefilm Anur Bikal to its viewers. Big names on the small screen, such as Aupee Karim, Mahfuz Ahmed and Litu Anam, perform as protagonists in the film. The other artistes are Mim, Probal and KM Feroz.

 $Under the \, banner \, of V\text{-Net, the telefilm is} \,$ the directorial venture of Ferdous Hassan, who has also written the script. Viewers will watch the two heartthrobs -- Aupee and Mahfuz -- on the same screen after a long

telefilm? The story revolves around an unknown virus. Anu is afflicted by the virus. The doctors, both at home and abroad, try their utmost to diagnose the disease. Finally the American doctors also throw their hands up. They declare that Anu would probably live for another 12 hours. The courageous Anu then decides to live the next few hours of her life on her own terms. So what will happen next? For that,

the viewers will have to wait till Eid-Ul-



Aupee Karim and Mahfuz in the telefilm

# Spielberg to work on video games

Celebrated movie director Steven Spielberg is turning his attention to video games, yet another symbol of how far the newfangled digital entertainment world is gaining respectability in Hollywood

The director of War of the Worlds will develop three original games together with Electronic Arts (EA), it was announced Friday last. None of the games will be movie spin-offs and all would introduce new gaming technologies that will take advantage of upcoming, more powerful gaming consoles.

'Having watched the game industry grow from a niche into a major creative force in entertainment, I have a great deal of respect for EA's understanding of the interactive format," said Spielberg. "Being able to draw from Steven Spielberg's expe-

rience in crafting incredible stories and combine that with our view of interactivity means you will have richer fiction, deeper characters and better sense of immersion," said Neil Young, the head of EA's Los Angeles studios

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Hurricanes

Violent Planet

Catastrophe

Whole Story

Crocodile Hunter

Planet Insights

**Emergency Vets** 

Planet Insights

Animal Icons

**Animal Planet** 

Urban Explorers

**Discovery Wings** 

Mystery Hunters

Women On Top

Wild Discovery

Extreme Evidence

Extreme Machines

**Anniversary Special** 

Impact Stories Of

Formula One Qualifying

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Wild Discovery

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Conspiracies On Trial

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Fun Zone

Showcase

**DISCOVERY** 

Fun Zone

Honda Presents: Animal

Attenborough Presents

Honda Presents: Anima

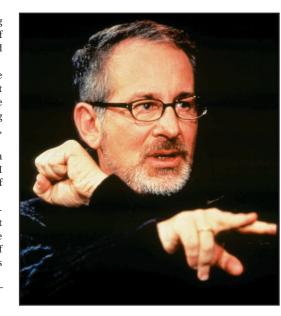
Fun Zone

**Diaries** 

**ANIMAL PLANET** 

Tsunami: One Place

Vultures: Death Watch



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### TV GUIDE

PICK OF THE DAY

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

### News Bulletin

### News Headlines (Bangla) at 8:55

11:30 pm.

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)

#### **CHANNEL-i** News (Bangla) at 7:15 am. 9:00am, 2:00pm, 7:00pm, 9:00pm, 10:30pm, 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. 7:00 pm. 10:00 pm, 11pm. News (English) 8:20am,7:00pm Telecast of BTV News (Bangla and English) at 11:30 pm. Latest News (Bangla) at 9:00 a.m,10:00 am, 11:00 am.1:00pm.3:00 pm. 4:00pm.6:00 pm and 8:00 pm.

News Headlines (Bangla) at 10:00 am.

#### News (Bangla) 7:30 am. 2:00 pm. 5:00 pm.7:30 pm.10:30 pm. Telecast of BTV News English) at 11:30 pm.

12:00 am. 6:15 pm. 9:30 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

**BBC WORLD** Every hour on the hour Shubhechha Nin Khela Dhula Shukhi Poribar Computer Protidin Banshori Amader Ranna

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06:30 Flop Show 07:50 Amar Swapno Amai Bari 08:25 Rupkatha Drama Serial: 69 09:35 10:00 Drama Serial: Arshi

**ATN BANGLA** 11:05 Drama Serial: Ek Janamey Gandharai Samsung Cine Aha Adibashi Janapad

12:50 Smritir Monikothaev 01:30 Eid Fordo Drama Serial 03:15 Drama Serial: O Amai Chokkhu Nai Quiz Time Mobarok Ho Mahey Ramzaan 06:20 Three Stooges Drama Serial: Jol 08:00

New Shabuj Opera Drama Serial: Nirey Taar Neel Dheu ntv 10:05 Documentary: Around China 10:30 Natoker Gaan 11:00 Baul Gaan: Mon Amai Shondhan Kori 11:30 Ki Kotha Tahar

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Drama Serial: The

Shathev 12:05 World of Art Muktangan 01:05 02:35 Drama Serial: Kachher Manush 03:15 Hridoy-e Ramzan 03:50 04:25 Apnar Jiggyasha Islan Shikhkhar Ashor

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**HBO** 

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Movie

04:45 Khujchhey Bangladesh Siddiqa Kabir's recipe

**STAR MOVIES** 10:45 The Clown Payday 12:30 The Ticket The Wild Thornberrys 01:00 Rocky V 02:45 U-Turn Maybe Baby Parent Trap The 04:50 07:00 Cold Mountain

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Siddiga Kabir's recipe On ntv at 9:40pm **Cookery Show** Hosted by Sharmeen Lucky

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Doom

The Lord Of the

The Big Preview

Men In Black

Countdown

Presumed Innocent

Night Of the Living

Rings: The Fellowship

America's Sweethearts 11:15 Pit Fighter 12:45 Parent Trap The 03:00 Vault The **STAR GOLD** 10:15 Barood

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10:30 Baa Bahoo Aur Baby 11:00 11:30 Todi Naz **STAR WORLD** 09:30

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Shanno Ki Shaadi Shararat - Thoda Jadu Hogan's Heroes 10:00 Get Smart 12:30 Smallville

Tru Calling

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Monk

Saibaba

Kaun Banega Crorepati

Who Killed Julius Ceaser

Medical Investigations 05:30 Hollywood Shootouts 06:00 Travel Asia 06:30 Baywatch Hawai 07:30 The Simpsons 08:00 Parkinson 09:00 Oprah Prime Time 10:00 One Tree Hill 11:00

**NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC** 

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11:00 Serious: Jungle 11:30 11:45 Doc Eureka 12:00 Serious: Arctic 12:30 Catastrophe 04:30 Inside The Tornado

The Kumars At No. 42 11:30 Desperate Housewives

Backvard Science

The True Face Of

**STAR SPORTS** 

10:00

World Superbike Championships 2005 France Highlights(R) Asian Tour Weekly 2005 Football Extra (L)

Grand Prix Qualifying(R) 11:00 Race Day Sinopeo Chinese Grand Prix(I) 11:45 Formula One 2005 World Championship Sinopec Chinese Grand Prix(L) Chequered Flag: 02:00 Formula One Sinopec

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**TEN SPORTS** 12:00 01:00

match) Barcelona Tour of Asia Real Madrid Tour of Asia Gillette World Sport India in Pakistan 28/09/97 1st ODI 06:30 WWE Heat 11:30

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Chevrolet Cricket Show Presidents Cup Cricket: Presidents Cup Cricket Presidents Cup Cricket

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League Magazine Show

Pga Tour Golf Michelin

Championship At Las

Sportscenter Weekend

Vegas Usa Third

Super Sunday (L)

English Premier

Football League

2005/06 Birmingham

City Vs Aston Villa

Super Sunday (L)

Super Spells With

Wasim Akram (R)

Super Sunday (L)

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Football League

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