

CULTURAL FEAST

Musical Soiree
Title: Solo recital
Artist: Anisur Rahman
Venue: National Theatre Stage, Shilpakala Academy
Date: November 13, at 6pm

Film Screening
Title: Hybrid Forms, New Trends in the Documentary Film
Organiser: Goethe-Institut with cooperation with Zahir Raihan Film Society
Venue: Goethe-Institut, House 10, Road 9, Dhanmondi
Date: November 08-10
Schedule
November 09
4:30pm The Last Documentary Film
5:45pm Divine Obsession
6:15pm Master Game
November 10
4:30pm The Housewife's Flower
6:00pm Vacancy
6:20pm Vagabonding Images

Title: Films by Andrei Tarkovsky
Organiser: Russian Cultural Centre in cooperation with Federation of Film Societies of Bangladesh
Venue: Russian Centre of Science and Culture, House 510, Road 7, Dhanmondi
Date: November 13-15

Korean Cultural Festival
Programme: 2005 Korean Taekwondo Tournament
Venue: Mirpur Sports Stadium
Date: November 18

Classical Music
Organiser: Goethe-Institut with cooperation with Panchaswar
Venue: National Museum Auditorium
Date: November 20, at 6pm

Photography Exhibition
Occasion: 100th anniversary of the capital of the Republic of Tatarstan the city of Kazan
Venue: Library, Russian Cultural Centre House 510, Road 7, Dhanmondi
Date: November 17

Exhibition
Title: Art Expo-2005: 60 Small Formats
Artist: AHM Matlub Ali
Venue: Zainul Gallery, Institute of Fine Arts, DU
Date: November 18-24

Book Exhibition
Occasion: 90th birth anniversary of Russian writer Konstantin M Simonov
Venue: Library, Russian Cultural Centre House 510, Road 7, Dhanmondi
Date: November 15-30

Occasion: 70th birth anniversary of Russian poet and writer Larisa N Vasileva
Venue: Library, Russian Cultural Centre House 510, Road 7, Dhanmondi
Date: November 06-14

Faruque Ahmed

A popular face in TV plays

ERSHAD KAMOL

FOR his appearance on the small screen as a comic actor, Faruque Ahmed has attained recognition amid the audience. At present he is acting in three mega-serials -- *Mia Bari*, *Nibhrite Nire* and *Nire Tar Nil Dheu*. Moreover, like other productions directed by renowned dramatist-director Humayun Ahmed, Faruque Ahmed has donned a humorous role in the tele-film *Rupali Ratni*, which was recently aired on channel i as part of the Eid-special programmes.

Does he prefer comic roles? Faruque says, "I love acting and for me the type of the character is never an issue. In Bangladesh, most of the directors do not want to go for much experiment. When an actor clicks at a certain type of character, the directors repeatedly cast him for similar roles. That is why viewers watch me mostly doing comic roles. However, lately director Humayun Ahmed has been offering me some experimental roles."

Faruque Ahmed performs in several TV plays, tele-films or full-length films directed by Humayun Ahmed. To quote Faruque, "We have a very good understanding and as a



PHOTO STAR

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result it synchronises well. He knows my potentials and I like his way of working. As a playwright, Humayun Ahmed has a wonderful sense of humour, which I can portray with ease."

"As a director Humayun Ahmed has his unique style. He knows how to achieve accuracy and perfection through his actors. That is why I prefer his plays to those of other playwrights" adds Faruque.

Faruque has had extended experience in the theatre arena as well. He started his acting career when he was a student. Founder member of Jahangirnagar Theatre, Faruque Ahmed joined Dhaka Theatre in 1983. From then on Faruque has performed in 12 stage plays like *Keramat Mangol*, *Kirtan Khola*, *Chaka*, *Haith Hodai*, *Bonopangshul*, *Prachya*.

Faruque Ahmed has recently emerged as a TV playwright. His play *Uchcha Bangshiyu Patro Chai*, a single episode comedy, has been well received by the viewers. Faruque says, "I prefer writing comedies. City dwellers often face a lot of problems and predicaments which is why I try to provide some comic relief through my acting."

Nimco introduces certificate course on film direction

CULTURAL CORRESPONDENT

National Institute of Mass Communication (Nimco) has introduced a six-month certificate course on film direction. The aim of the course is to create proficient directors and technical crews. The course includes theoretical and practical training on direction, cinematography, editing and others.

"Because of limited quality directors, we don't produce much standard cinema. More than 2500 films have been released in the last 50 years. However, only a few of those movies are up to the mark. Our film industry can take a proper shape, when a good number of standard movies will be released. To achieve that goal, we need more than a handful of quality directors and technical crews. That is why Nimco has taken this initiative," said M Hamid, course director of the programme as well as the director (Training), Nimco.

Hamid adds, "Initially 25 students will be selected for the certificate course. It is just the beginning. We have an elaborate plan. Following this certificate course, we hope to introduce a diploma course on film direction."

Renowned filmmakers of the country like Mursheedul Islam, Tanvir Mukammel, Muksedul Bari, Manzoor-e Hassin Murad, Shibli Sadik, M Hamid



Instructors of Nimco at an earlier training session

and others are invited as instructors for the course. A good number of foreign experts are also expected to take classes. To quote Hamid, "Nimco has affiliation with Asia Pacific Institute of Broadcasting Development (APIBD). They have shown interest to lend us a hand by providing experts from its other associate countries. Moreover, we are communicating with experts from Germany and France."

Besides training the freshers, Nimco will arrange short courses for professionals. Hamid says, "There are many professional directors and technical crews in the country who do not have academic background in filmmaking. We will arrange short courses for them to provide them sound knowledge on filmmaking. The certificate course will begin from November 22.

Cinema Cinema

Gautam Ghosh starts his Yatra



The Bollywood bug seems to have finally bitten internationally acclaimed Bengali director Gautam Ghosh.

His next Hindi film *Yatra* will feature Rekha and Nana Patekar in lead roles in the story of a famous writer and a fictional female character who comes to life. The movie will be part of realism and

part fantasy with Rekha, who had reigned for more than a decade in Bollywood, in the role of the female muse to the author which is to be played by Patekar.

According to Ghosh, the role of the writer's wife will be enacted by another Bollywood actor Deepti Naval but hers will be a wholly real-life one.

Rekha is widely known for her superb performances in films like *Umrao Jaan* directed by Muzaffar Ali and *Silsila* with superstar Amitabh Bachchan. Recently she made a cameo appearance in the film *Parineeta* where she performs at a nightclub song sequence. *Yatra* will be Ghosh's fourth Hindi feature film after *Paar* starring Naseeruddin Shah and Shabana Azmi, *Patang* and *Gudia* for which he had won the national award for best film in 1997.

Ghosh said he is making *Yatra* in Hindi, because the subject, the characters and the setting called for it and he wanted to reach out to a larger audi-

ence. He said Patekar was engrossed with the film's subject and Rekha was really moved by the script as if she could identify with the travails of the character she is playing -- Lajwanti. Deepti Naval also liked her role and the idea, said the director. Asked why he chose Rekha and Patekar for the lead roles, Ghosh said he felt Rekha embodies the enigmatic persona of Lajwanti due to her mystic celluloid image while Patekar could bring alive the predilections and feelings of a creative person having such a vast repertoire of different roles.

The setting of *Yatra* will be Telangana region of the southern state of Andhra Pradesh, known for peasants' uprising against feudal exploitations. Early in his career, Ghosh had made a feature film in Telugu *Mabhooni* with Telangana as its setting.

Compiled by Cultural Correspondent

Spider-Man's new nemesis



Thomas Haden Church

Supermodel "gets fat" to experience obesity

Supermodel Tyra Banks has made a career out of turning heads with her voluptuous body, sensuous strut and skimpy outfits. When she donned a "fatsuit" that gave the appearance that the slender Banks weighed 350 pounds, heads turned, too. But this time, she faced laughter, stares and nasty comments.

"The people that were staring and laughing in my face -- that shocked me the most," Banks said. "As soon as I entered the store -- when I went shopping -- I immediately heard snickers. Immediately! I just was appalled and hurt!"

Banks wore the fat suit for an upcoming episode of her talk show, *The Tyra Banks Show*. In addition to shopping and riding the bus wearing the suit, she went on three blind dates, which will also air on the show.

"One of them was so outright rude and hurtful," she said of her dates. Banks asked her date what his parents would

think if he brought her home. He responded: "They'll be like: 'What's wrong with you?'"

At the end of her 15-hour fat suit stunt, Banks had the luxury of taking off her costume and returning to her supermodel figure. She said she hopes people will learn a lesson from the poor treatment she endured.

"There's no excuse for rudeness. There's no excuse for ugliness. And there's no excuse for nastiness and that's what I experienced," Banks said.

And if the tables were turned, Banks claims she would be more accepting of a man with a little more around the middle.

"I think people are way less judgmental about chunky guys," Banks said. "And women are just -- we are so much broader in our scheme of what's attractive."

Source: Internet



TV GUIDE

PICK OF THE DAY



Rahashyo Manob
On Channel i at 02:30pm
Tele-film
Cast: Shahed, Romana, Litu Anam, Hridi Huq

Congo
On HBO at 9:30pm
Genre: Action/Adventure
Cast: Laura Linney, Tim Curry, Dylan Walsh

STAR MOVIES

11:05 Try 17
10:55 Mrs. Doubtfire
03:20 Hidalgo
04:00 Jerry Maguire
08:35 Life Less Ordinary
10:40 Different Loyalty
12:25 School Ties

STAR WORLD
11:30 Ghost Hunters
12:30 Tru Calling
04:30 Hollywood Squares
05:30 Buffy The Vampire Slayer
06:30 The Simpsons
07:00 The King Of Queens
07:30 Friends
08:30 Smallville
09:30 Medical Investigations

NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC

09:00 Storm Stories
09:30 Built For Destruction
10:30 Seconds From Disaster
11:30 Nat Geo Frontline
12:30 National Geographic's Taboo
01:30 A Different Ball Game
02:30 Seconds From Disaster
03:30 National Geographic Special
04:30 Backyard Science

ANIMAL PLANET

09:30 Fun Zone Planet's Funniest Animals
10:30 One Planet Ape Hunters
11:30 One Planet Orphans of the Fading Forest
12:30 Most Extreme Predators

01:30 Fun Zone Planet's Funniest Animals
02:30 Austin Stevens : Most Dangerous Rattlers of the Wild West
03:30 Miami Animal Police
04:30 Predator's Prey Secret Weapons
05:00 Young and Wild Mr. Mom
05:30 Fun Zone Planet's Funniest Animals
06:30 Jeff Corwin Experience Six Days to the Dragon
07:30 Lynda's Lifeline
08:30 In the Wild John Cleese: Operation Lemurs
09:30 Fun Zone Planet's Funniest Animals

10:30 O'Shea's Big Adventure
11:30 Water Cobra
11:30 Wild Rescues

DISCOVERY
08:30 Extreme Machines Ice Masters
09:30 Discovery Rewind The Real Olympics
10:30 Wild Discovery Mountains of the Wolf
11:30 Risk Takers Bull Fighters
12:30 Discovery Rewind Playing to Win
1:30 Anatomical Travelogues Conception to Birth
02:30 Truth or Scare
03:00 Living Pulse
03:30 Amazing Baby Videos
04:00 Baby Whisperer Max Brown
04:30 Wild Discovery Wildest Antarctica
05:30 New Detectives Hidden Obsessions
06:30 Dangerman Adventures of Geoff Mackley
07:30 Wild Discovery Wildest Arctic
08:30 Ultimate Cars Road Rally
09:00 Building the Ultimate Racing Car
09:30 Great Palaces of the World Hampton Court London
10:00 Africa's Great Rivers Sand River of Riches
10:30 Anatomical Travelogues
11:30 Spy Stories America's Secret Warriors

STAR SPORTS
09:30 Extreme Programming Wild Spirits 2005/06 (R)
10:00 Champions League Extra Group Phase 1 Matchweek 4(T)

12:00 English Premier Football League 2005/06 England Bolton Wanderers Vs Tottenham Hotspur (T)
02:00 Watersports Programming Hot Water (T)
03:00 Motogp World Championship 2005 Valencia Spain Highlights (T)
05:30 Max Power 2005 (T)
06:00 Adventure The Raid World Championships Episode One(R)
07:30 Mrl National Motocross Championship 2005 Episode Three(T)
09:00 Sportscenter India Update (L)
09:02 Asian Tour Hero Honda Indian Open 2005 Highlights (T)
10:00 Cricket Classics Great India Vs Sri Lanka 6th Odi Review(S)
10:32 Follow Through With Boycott Rajkgotg India
12:00

ESPN
09:00 English Premier Football League 2005/06 Newcastle England Newcastle United Vs Birmingham City (T)
11:00 Gymnastics Fig World Cup 2005/06 Paris France (T)
02:00 Champions League Extra Group Phase 1 Matchweek 4(T)
04:00 English Premier Football League 2005/06 Birmingham

England Astonvilla Vs Liverpool (R)
06:00 X-Games X Games 11 - Day 1 Los Angeles Ca Usa (R)
09:30 New Zealand Tour Of South Africa Standard Bank One Day International Series Bloemfontein South Africa Vs New Zealand 1st Odi Highlights(R)
11:00 Sportscenter Asia (S)
11:30 Sportscenter India (R)

TEN SPORTS
08:00 EPGA Golf H/Ls: Volvo Masters Andalusia
10:00 WWE Smackdown Great Centuries: Laras 400
11:00 European Tour Weekly MOTO Grand Prix H/Ls :Comunitat Valenciana
02:00 Italian League Highlights
03:00 German League Highlights : Ep 12
03:30 Total Rugby
04:30 World Rally Gillette World Sport: Ep 44
05:00 Gamer TV
05:30 Top Ten Batsmen: RAHUL DRAVID
06:30 WWE After Burn
07:30 ICC Super Series Official Film
08:00 World Rally Legends: Inzamam ul Haq
10:00 World Cup Classics: 1999-group match Indv Zim)
10:30 Portuguese League H/Ls : Ep 10
11:00 Speed : Ep 2
12:00 WWE After Burn

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
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.

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News Headlines (Bangla) at 10:00 am, 12:00 am, 6:15 pm, 9:30 pm.
News (Bangla) 7:30 am, 2:00 pm, 5:00 pm, 7:30 pm, 10:30 pm.
Telecast 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
12:30 Feature Film
03:05 Tele-film: *Gagani*
06:30 TV Play: *Jao Pakhi Bolo Tarey*
06:55 News Headlines, Share Market, Weather Forecast
08:30 TV Play: *Shurur Kobita*
10:30 TV Play: *Biyer Angti*

CHANNEL i
09:45 Tritiyo Matra
10:45 Sports Time (Live)
12:00 TVC Sky Shop
12:30 *Aaj Dupurey O Citicall Tarokakothon (live)*
01:00 *Ebong Cinemar Gaan*
01:25 Public Reaction
02:30 Tele-film: *Rahoshyo Manob*
05:30 *Alokitto Bangladesh*
06:00 Music Plus
06:30 Campus (Eid special)
07:50 TV Play: *Chor Dakat Police*
09:35 TV Play: *i Ponibar*

ATN BANGLA
10:30 *Onnodishti*
11:05 *ATN Taroka (Music)*
12:15 Cinema Cinema
12:50 Band Show: *Ganey Shurey Tarunnye Motamot*
02:30 *Vim Chapat Ranna Jhalpat Porishkar*
03:15 Drama Serial: *Nana Ronger Din*
04:15 *Islam Ki Boley Amra Ki Kori*
04:45 *Isphahni Pure Snax Quiz Time*
05:45 *Islami Sawaal Jawaab*
06:20 *The Sword of Tipu Sultan*
08:00 Drama Serial: *Ujan*
08:30 Drama Serial:

09:00 *Shukher Lagiya*
Drama Serial: *Hoi Hoi Roi Roi*
09:30 Drama Serial: *Shadakalo*
10:40 City cell Face To Face (live)

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08:35 *Aajker Shokal*
09:30 *Frankly Speaking*
10:05 *Documentary: Colours Gallery*
11:00 *Circus Lights*
12:05 *Shurer Jolsha Muktagon*
01:25 TVC
02:35 Drama Serial: *Belabumi*
03:50 Drama Serial: *Rangchhut*
04:25 Special documentary for SAARC: *Bhutan*
05:20 *Apnar Jigyasha*
06:20 *Shubho Shondhya*
06:50 Special documentary for SAARC: *India*
08:25 Drama Serial: *Titumirer Bansher Kella*
09:20 *Kichhu Kotha Kichhu Gaan*
10:00 Drama Serial: *Rangchhut*

HBO
10:15 *Bloodlust : Subspecies III*
12:00 *Wild Things*
02:15 *Control Factor*
04:00 *The Land Before Time IX : Journey to Big Water*
05:30 *Friday After Next*
07:15 *Charles Angels : Full Throttle*
09:30 *Congo*
11:45 *Shaun of the Dead*