

CULTURAL FEAST

Album Launch

**Title:** 'Bujchho' by Prayer Hall (a new band) and 'Hok Kolorob' by Omro  
**Organiser:** Bengal Music Company Ltd.  
**Date:** November 14  
**Venue:** Spectra Convention Centre, Gulshan-1  
**Time:** 7:00 pm

Chobi Mela IV

**Theme:** "Boundaries"  
**Duration:** November 9-30  
**Exhibition Venues:** National Museum, Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy, Bengal Gallery, British Council, Alliance Francaise, Goethe Institut, Russian Centre for Science and Cultural and Drik  
**Moving Exhibition (on rickshaw vans)**  
**Venues:** Mirpur to Mohammadpur, Bahadur Shah Park, Sadarghat to Dhaka University  
**Workshops and portfolio reviews**  
**Venues:** Pathshala-South Asian Institute of Photography, The British Council and Drik

**Evening session**  
**Date:** November 9-15  
**Venue:** Goethe Institut, Dhaka

Solo Exhibition

**Title:** In Colours, In Letters  
**Artist:** Najma Akhter  
**Venue:** Shilpangan Gallery, Road 3, House 13/A, Dhanmondi  
**Date:** November 10-18  
**Time:** 10:00pm-1:00pm & 5:00pm-8:00pm

Photography Exhibition



**Title:** Dilapidated Architecture of Bangladesh  
**Photographer:** Babu Ahmed  
**Organiser:** University of Asia Pacific & Traditional Photo Gallery  
**Venue:** University of Asia Pacific, H-51, R-4/A, Dhanmondi  
**Date:** November 8-14  
**Time:** 10:00am-6:00pm

Hrishikesh Mukherjee Retrospective

**Organiser:** The High Commission of India in Dhaka  
**November 13**  
**6:00pm** Bemisal  
**November 14**  
**6:00pm** Golmaal  
**Venue:** Indian Cultural Centre, House 25, Road 96, Gulshan-2  
Complementary passes can be collected from the High Commission of India, House 2 Road 142 Gulshan 1 & the Indian Cultural Centre House 25 Road 96, Gulshan 2

Rhythm of Bangladesh Documentary on diverse dance forms



'Hunting Dance' by Pangkhu performers (Top) and 'Cow Slaughter Dance' of the Mru

ERSHAD KAMOL

KHALID Mahmood Mithu's latest documentary titled *Rhythm of Bangladesh* has been recently released. The documentary is a compilation of dance performances. The documentary was launched at the Bangladesh China Friendship Centre on November 10. Dora Rapold, the ambassador of Switzerland in Bangladesh, inaugurated the DVD. Faruque Chowdhury and Dr. Christian Raitz Von Frenzt, the development adviser, Delegation of the European Commission to Bangladesh, were special guests at the programme. The DVD launch was a part of the Swiss Festival that ended recently.

Mithu's documentary does not only depict the dance forms of Bengalis, the major ethnic group



Theatre

'A Company of Wayward Saints' staged at American Int'l School



Students of American International School, Dhaka in the play

CULTURAL CORRESPONDENT

The audience at a recent theatre

production of *A Company of Wayward Saints*, were in for a theatrical surprise. Instead of the conven-

tional play was a play within a play as the actors of what director Pam Slawson calls a 'Commedia dell'-arte' troupe staged their own versions of plays such as *Julius Caesar*, *Odyssey*, and the story of Adam and Eve.

The play was staged at the American International School, Dhaka on November 8, 9 and 10. All actors were from the school.

There were elements of humour throughout. For instance Penelope (of *Odyssey*) greets her long lost husband Odysseus with the jibe "Where have you been. Did you travel on Biman Airlines?" Eventually out of the chaos of the first act, emerges a degree of harmony as the troupe stages the history of a man and learns to work together effectively. "The message is that in order to succeed we have to work together," says Pam.

The objective, says Pam was to

in Bangladesh, but also dance forms of the several minority groups. The dance performances in the documentary represent the diverse multicultural heritages in Bangladesh.

Besides five performances by Bengali artistes, dance performed by members of ethnic minority groups living in different corners of the country are included in the documentary: 'Candle Dance' of the Marma, 'Biju Festival Dance' of the Chakma, 'Wedding Dance' of the Santal, 'Children Dance' and 'Patriotic Dance' of the Garo, 'Patriotic Dance' of the Tanchangya, 'Kong Krem Dance' of the Khashi, 'Korom Dance' of the Bihari Tea Garden workers, 'Cow Slaughter Dance' of the Mru, 'Bottle Dance' of the Tripura, Dance Drama by Manipuri artiste, 'Hunting Dance' of the Pangkhu, 'Joom Cultivation Dance' of the Kiang, 'Bamboo Dance' of the Bom, and 'Soilg' Dance of the Marma.

The alarming thing is that Mithu introduced the ethnic minority groups as "tribes" in his documentary. According to anthropologists these groups are not tribes as they have their own distinctive, independent cultures.

The director claims that the masses in our country are not fully aware of the diverse dance forms practiced by the ethnic minorities, as the forms are not frequently performed. To quote him, "I had to struggle to make this documentary. For instance the traditional 'Shoilg Dance' of the Marma community is performed only during the burial of a person highly revered in their society. The artistes never perform it for mere entertainment. Again in case of the 'Hunting Dance' of the Pangkhu I had to go to the remote areas."

Musical Soiree

Rajrupa Sen's sarod performance at Bengal Shilpalaya

CULTURAL CORRESPONDENT

Promising Indian sarod player Rajrupa Sen performed at the Bengal Shilpalaya, Dhanmondi. The event took place on November 11. Arindam Chakravarty accompanied her on the tabla.

Rajrupa started training at the tender age of five at the Ustad Ameer Khan School of Instrumental Music. Since 1989 she has been training under the guidance of Sri Siddharta Roy Chowdhury. Hailing from Kolkata, she has participated and won several awards. She received the National Scholarship for Senior Students of Indian Classical Music from the Government of India. Rajrupa was the youngest sarod player at the 15th North American Bengali conference, held in New York in 1995. She is a regular artiste of All India Radio, Kolkata.

Tabla artiste Arindam has also received the National Scholarship from New Delhi. He received the title of 'Taal Mani' from Mumbai and has performed with Ustad Aashish Khan at several prestigious concerts and recordings in India and abroad.



Rajrupa Sen during her performance

"Goya's Ghosts": Film shows Spain's dark side



Natalie Portman in a scene from the film

REUTERS, Madrid

Fans of double Oscar-winner Milos Forman might be expecting his first film for seven years, *Goya's Ghosts*, to provide an examination of revolutionary Spanish painter, Francisco

de Goya. But instead, what Forman describes as "merciless" history takes center stage.

The latest offering from the 74-year-old Czech director, opening this week in Madrid, is a US \$50 million drama filmed lavishly on locations around Spain, with a mostly Spanish cast and heart-throbs Javier Bardem and Natalie Portman in starring roles.

Forman is famous for biopics such as his 1984 extravaganza, *Amadeus*, which won a clutch of Oscars, and before that for the 1975 Oscar-winner, *One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest*.

*Goya's Ghosts* tells the story of a sinister yet charismatic monk, Lorenzo (Bardem), who becomes infatuated with a young girl, Ines (Portman) and both are the fictional

subjects of portraits by Spanish court painter Goya, considered by some art historians to be the first of the moderns.

The film is primarily the story of Ines, who is questioned under the Inquisition -- a tribunal of the Catholic Church, which used torture and imprisonment -- with tragic consequences.

"Really the seeds of this story started about 50 years ago when I read a book about the Spanish Inquisition and I realised how history mercilessly repeats itself," Forman told a news conference in Madrid.

"I found the echoes of the same thing in my life living under the Nazis and under the Communists ... and now in the Middle East."

Oscar winner Jack Palance dead at 87

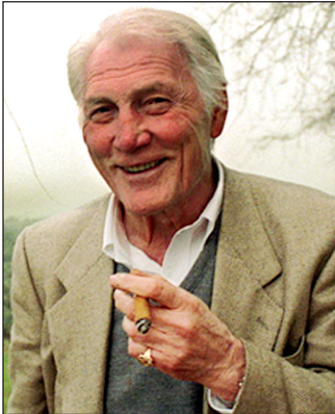
CNN, Los Angeles

Actor Jack Palance, who won an Oscar with his comedic self-parody in 1991's *City Slickers*, died last Friday.

He was 87, said spokesman Dick Guttman, and died of natural causes in his home in Montecito, California, surrounded by his family.

Known for hard, grizzled roles in numerous Westerns during his six-decade career, Palance gained a second wind of fame when he won the best supporting actor Oscar for playing Curly in *City Slickers*.

Always the iconoclast, Palance had scorned most of his movie roles. "Most of the stuff I do is garbage," he once told a reporter, adding that most of the directors he worked with were incompetent, too.



"Most of them shouldn't even be directing traffic," he said.

Palance was born Vladimir Palaniuk in Pennsylvania. His family was Ukrainian and his father

was a coal miner. He was a professional heavyweight boxer in the early 1940s, but his career in the ring was halted by a stint in the military.

His acting break came after the war as Marlon Brando's understudy in *Streetcar Named Desire*. He replaced Brando on stage as Stanley Kowalski, a working class construction worker with a fierce temper in Tennessee Williams' classic play.

Palance was nominated for an Academy Award in 1952 after portraying the ardent lover who stalks a terrified Joan Crawford in *Sudden Fear*. In 1953, the Academy nominated him again for his role as Jack Wilson, the swaggering gunslinger who bullies peace-loving Alan Ladd into a barroom duel in the Western classic *Shane*.

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) 11:30 pm.

CHANNEL-i

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 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 pm.  
News (English) 8:20 am, 7:00 pm.  
Telecast of BTV News (Bangla and English) at 11:30 pm.  
Latest News (Bangla) at 9:00 am, 10:00 am, 11:00 am, 1:00 pm, 3:00 pm, 4:00 pm, 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

08:10 Desher Gaan  
08:30 Open University  
09:15 Satellite Broadcast  
12:30 Maa O Shishur Kotha  
01:30 Mati O Manush  
02:15 Sisimpur  
02:40 Children's Drama  
03:05 Cartoon  
03:30 Football Shekha  
04:30 Agrodut  
05:05 Debate  
06:10 Abhoman Bangla  
06:40 Dolonchapa  
07:00 Shafolyo Gatha  
07:30 Musical Programme  
08:35 Protidin Bangladesh  
08:45 Selected Programme  
10:25 Teknaf Theke Tetulia

ATN BANGLA

09:20 Mega Serial: Laal  
10:30 News (Bangla) at 7:00 am, 10:00 am, 2:00 pm, 7:00 pm, 10:00 pm, 11 pm.  
11:05 News (English) 8:20 am, 7:00 pm.  
11:35 Ek Jonome  
12:15 Motamot  
01:25 Colochitr Golpo  
02:30 Nirob Kosto  
03:10 O Amar Chokhu Nai  
03:45 Chotoder Prithibi  
04:20 ATN Music  
05:10 Shomali Din  
05:45 Islamic Programme  
06:20 Ashay Pasher Manush  
07:50 Drama Serial: Kath  
08:20 Drama Serial: Seshher Ratri  
08:50 Drama: Shopner  
10:40 Talk Show: Kothamala

Channel i

08:30 Shokaler Gaan  
09:30 Shangbadpote

Bangladesh

09:45 Public Reaction  
09:50 Tritiomatra  
12:30 Aj Dupure O Citycell  
01:10 Taroka Kathan  
01:10 Ebong Cinemar Gaan  
01:30 Shangbadpote Bangladesh  
04:05 Amader Gaan  
04:45 Sa Re Ga Ma  
05:30 Banijjo O Orthonti  
06:00 Stargate SG One  
06:20 Ontorarel Kotha  
08:00 BBC Bangladesh  
09:35 Drama Serial: Shemana  
10:00 Drama Serial: Ebong Shomachar

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08:35 Aajker Shokal  
09:05 Ramizer Aaina  
10:05 Zoo Adventure  
10:30 Dhakar Cinema  
01:05 Muktagon  
02:35 Drama Serial: Ramizer Aaina  
03:15 Closeup 1 Tomakei  
03:30 Khujchhey Bangladesh  
03:50 Jeidin Dujone  
04:25 Bhimno Swader  
05:10 Din Dorpon/Lithasher Ei Diney  
05:20 Apnar Jigyasha  
06:20 Shubho Shondha  
06:45 Crime Watch  
08:15 Drama Serial: Labonya Proba  
09:00 Music Express  
09:50 Bibarno Bhalobasha  
11:25 Din Dorpon

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09:05 Aj Potrikai  
09:35 Talk Show: Prio Mukh

PICK OF THE DAY

**Kothamala**  
On ATN Bangla at 10:40pm  
Talk Show  
Host: Mustafa Nurul Islam

**Discovery Marquee: Alien Planet**  
On Discovery Channel at 8:30pm  
Alien planet takes viewers on a hypothetical mission into the distant cosmos

CHANNEL 1	BANGLAVISION	SONY
08:40 Shuprobhat Bangladesh 09:30 Chokh Mele Dekhi 10:00 Cartoon 10:30 Bangla Feature Film 02:00 Padmorag 04:30 Expression 05:15 Music Music 06:00 Saaj Bela 06:30 Top News 06:45 Jonotar Ishitihar 07:00 Shuktara 08:15 Drama Serial: Daar Kaak 09:00 Gaaner Khata 09:30 Bioscope 11:00 Music Music	10:00 Apnar Agami 10:30 Amar Ami 11:00 Drama Serial: Sukher Kanta 11:30 Article Thirty-Nine 02:30 Drama Serial: Kachhey Durey 03:00 Conan 03:30 Drama Serial: Uro Chitthi 04:00 Amader Ranna Ghar 04:30 Drama Serial: Bacherol Dompoti 05:00 Cartoon 05:30 Shamol Bangla 06:25 Diner Sheshey 08:10 Desher Pathhey 09:15 Drama: Neel Bhila 09:50 Desher Pathhey	09:00 Telebrands Tele Shopping 09:30 Chartbusters Music 10:00 Music Mantra Music 10:30 Music Beats Music 11:00 Akela Thriller 11:30 Kaajjal - Sabbki Ankhon Mein Basi Drama 12:00 Ek Ladki Anjaani Si Drama 01:00 Aisa Des Hai Mera Drama 10:00 Thodi Khushi Thode Gham Drama 10:30 Bigg Boss Reality 11:00 Based 11:00 Vaidehi Drama 11:30 Khauffnaak Thriller/ Horror

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