

CULTURALFEAST

National Art Exhibition

Venue: National Art Gallery, Shilpakala Academy
Date: June 17 to July 16
Organiser: Department of Art, Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy

Musical Soiree

Organiser: Chhayanat Shangskriti Bhaban
Venue: Chhayanat Shangskriti Bhaban
Date: July 19
Time: 7pm

Solo Print Exhibition

Artist: Rashid Amin
Venue: Shilpangan Art Gallery, House 26, Road 3, Dhanmondi
Date: July 10 to July 24
Time: 12am to 9pm

Art Exhibition

Title: River and the Flow of Life
Artist: Mona Mahmud Chowdhury
Venue: Bengal Gallery of Fine Arts, House 275/F, Road 27, Dhanmondi
Date: July 4 to July 15
Time: 12pm to 8pm

Theatre Festival

Title: Nobo anonde jago aji nobo robir kirona
Organiser: Mohakal Natya Sampraday
Venue: Experimental Theatre Stage, Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy

Play: Shomoyer Proyojoney
Troupe: Theatre Art Unit
Date & Time: July 15, 7pm

Play: Bou Bosonti
Troupe: Udichi
Date & Time: July 16, 7pm

Play: Projapoti
Troupe: Natyakendro
Date & Time: July 18, 7pm

Play: Koinna
Troupe: Prachyanat
Date & Time: July 19, 7pm

Play: Rupoboti
Troupe: Subochon Natya Sangsad
Date & Time: July 20, 7pm

Play: Joldas
Troupe: Dhaka Podatik
Date & Time: July 21, 7pm

Play: Meraj Fakirer Ma
Troupe: Theatre
Date & Time: July 22, 7pm

Talk Show
“Heritage”
on BTV

“Talk show *Heritage* is thought provoking and refreshing,” according to the programme’s host Wali-ur Rehman. The show is aired on BTV every Sunday and Wednesday (after the news at 10pm), according to a press release.

Topics like “Counter Terrorism in Bangladesh” or “Peace Keeping Operation”, discussed by the host and noted personalities in the programme are sure to stir the interest of the viewers. The programme intends to engage intellectuals, policy makers, academicians and think tanks, guiding the nation.

The programme focuses mainly on contemporary issues. Over 10 episodes have been aired so far. Episodes under titles “Reforms and Good Governance” and “250 Years of Palassey” are in the pipeline.

Growing passion for acting
Tête-à-tête with Farah Ruma

JAMIL MAHMUD

MUNA, one of the central characters in the TV serial *Pratnonari*, currently being aired on Ekushey Television, is played by Farah Alam Ruma, better known as Farah Ruma. One of the busiest actors on small screen, Ruma, plays a Professor’s daughter whose eccentric ways are quite endearing.

Ruma started her career in media as a model. She started modelling after winning the ‘Anadabichitra Photo-Shundori Contest’ in 1997. However, she always nurtured a dream to be an actor.

Talking about the move from

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modelling to acting, Ruma says, “I’d always been keen on acting but never really considered taking it up as my profession.” She worked in some TV commercials and a few random plays. In 2004, Ruma became a fulltime TV actor.

Besides *Pratnonari*, Ruma is busy with a mega-serial *Ei shob Ondhokar*, being aired on Banglavisión. She is also working in several other serials and single episode plays including Mohon Khan’s *Shohorer Bhorer Phul* and Animesh Aich’s *Frame-e Bandhano Prem*. She has not given up doing TV commercials either.

According to Ruma, “Modelling is not as easy as it looks, as models have to deliver a message in a period of 30 seconds or a minute.” On acting she says, “To become a proficient actor one has to give the performing art form all his/her efforts and time.”

Ruma also expresses her interest in working in films, if she is offered the right story and character.

Though in these last few years, the promising actor has donned several characters, she considers her role of a sex worker in the TV play *Sampurna Rangin* as the most challenging and remarkable. Her favourite actors are Subarna Mustafa, Bipasha Hayat and Shomi Kaiser.

Tenth anniversary of ATN Bangla
An array of special programmes

CULTURAL CORRESPONDENT

Today marks the tenth anniversary of ATN Bangla, the first satellite channel in Bangladesh. Starting in 1997, ATN Bangla now airs their programmes in 137 countries. The channel’s horizon will include Australia from next month. On the occasion of its anniversary ATN Bangla will air several special programmes today and tomorrow, including TV plays, musical programmes, talk shows, films and more -- today and tomorrow. Highlights of the programmes:

Live show “Hot Seat”

Directed by Tashik Ahmed and hosted by Munni Saha, *Hot Seat*



will be aired at 10:30am today. Noted personalities from various spheres of the society will attend the programme. Lively *adda*, singing and much more in the programme will be telecast live.

Talk Show “Alaap”

Alaap, a special programme on women who have made significant contributions to the country, will be aired at 1:30 pm today. Directed and presented by Shahnaz Munni, the programme will feature human rights activist Sultana Kamal, advocate Syeda Rezwana Hasan and novelist Selina Hossain talking about different aspects of the electronic media.



Folk artistes in *Matir Gaan* (top), (from left) Anisul Haque, Mita Chowdhury, Tamanna Rahman and Ornob in *Golpey Anonday ATN Bangla*

News-based programme
“Off the Record”

Directed by J.E. Mamun, *Off the Record*, features the untold, behind-the-scene activities that take place in the newsroom every-day. The programme will be aired today at 6:30pm.

Baul songs in “Matir Gaan”

Directed by Faisal Mahmood, *Matir Gaan* -- featuring Baul songs -- will be aired tomorrow at 8:30am. Shot at a village in Manikganj district, the show

includes performances by Baul Torab Ali Dewan, Aftab Dewan, Shathi Sarkar and others.

Magazine show “Golpey Anonday ATN Bangla”

Directed by Fakhrul Abedin and hosted by Karovi Mizan, *Golpey Anonday ATN Bangla* will be aired tomorrow at 8:20pm. Noted media personalities Anisul Haque, Mita Chowdhury, Tamanna Rahman, Ornob, Sahana Bajpaie, Bappa Majumdar, Mehrin and Richi Solaiman have taken part in the programme.

Citycell-Mahakal Theatre Festival '07

“Bhager Manush” staged

ERSHAD KAMOL

As part of the ongoing Citycell-Mahakal Theatre Festival '07, Samay Natyasampradaya staged *Bhager Manush* yesterday at the Experimental Theatre Stage, Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy.

Mannan Heera has adapted the play from a popular Urdu short story, *Toba Tek Singh*, by Saadat Hasan Manto. *Toba Tek Singh* satires the “exchange agreement

of the lunatics” between the governments of India and Pakistan two or three years after the Partition (1947).

In the adaptation, Mannan has symbolically featured Toba Tek Singh -- one of the oldest Pakistani towns in central Punjab -- as a mental institution. Legendary Sikh religious figure Tek Singh is featured as one of the central characters in the play. Singh strongly opposes the partition that has



Actors of Natyasampradaya in *Bhager Manush*

Movie Watch

“Order of the Phoenix”: A darker Potter

It's a difficult age. Fifteen-year-old Harry Potter (the ever-improving Daniel Radcliffe) is at the mercy of his hormones. He's having trouble sleeping, his guardians -- the Dursleys -- want no more to do with him, and he's threatened with expulsion from Hogwarts after making a public display of magic. It feels like the whole world is against him.

Of course that's far from the case. Among Muggles, there's no more popular literary hero. And even in his own realm, Harry has an enviable support group of friends and allies, including the so-called “Order of the Phoenix”, a motley crew of familiar faces that nevertheless remains mysterious for now. If he can bring himself to put his trust in them, perhaps Harry can also learn to trust himself.

At 870 pages, this is J.K. Rowling's longest book, and by consensus, it's not her best. Director David Yates and screenwriter Michael Goldenberg (*Peter Pan*) have been more ruthless with the red ink than their predecessors, for which movie fans should certainly be grateful. In fact, at 138 minutes this is the shortest of the Potter movies to date.

It's also the most sombre, beginning with a scary Dementors' attack in a dimly lit underpass and ending with an impressively staged battle between the forces of good and evil in the cavernous, black-tiled Department of Mysteries.

In between, Professor Dolores Umbridge employs all manner of

tricks to trip up Harry and his friends. A stooge appointed to Hogwarts by the Ministry of Magic, the evil professor rapidly assumes the position of High Inquisitor in order to root out Dumbledore's supposedly insurrectionary conspirators.

Imelda Staunton is hardly the short, flabby, toad-like Umbridge of the book. A giggly disciplinarian in pink knits, she rather reminded one of Queen Elizabeth II, though there's a deliberate echo of Margaret Thatcher in the way she pronounces her cruel diktats with a passive-aggressive feminine sweetness.

But as villains go, Umbridge is a poor substitute for you-know-who -- the terrifying and elusive Voldemort.

For the rest -- regrettably -- the

adults mostly take a back seat as Harry sets about teaching practical pro-active magic to his schoolmates for the ever-impending showdown.

An experienced BBC TV director, Yates makes a reasonably strong showing on this difficult assignment, but like most of the earlier films in the series, it feels more like potted “Potter” than a movie in its own right. There's still enough suspense built into the saga to keep the audience watching, but after five instalments, this dazzling box office wizard is slowly running out of tricks. There's less wonder here, and less fun -- not even a Quidditch match. In its place is a prevailing sense of grim determination.

Source: Internet



A scene from *Harry Potter and the Order of the Phoenix*

ON AIR

PICK OF THE DAY



Swapno Chura
On Banglavisión at 9:30pm
Drama Serial
Cast: Mir Sabbir, Sumaiya Shimu



Malcolm in the Middle
On Star World at 8:00pm
TV Series
Cast: Frankie Muniz, Jane Kaczmarek

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. (To be telecast on all Bangla channels).

CHANNEL-i

News (Bangla) at 7:15 am, 9:00am, 2:00pm, 7:00pm, 9:00pm, 10:30pm, 12:15am.

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.
 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 8:00pm.

CHANNEL 1

News (Bangla) at 8:00am, 12:00pm, 2:30pm, 6:30pm, 7:30pm, 10:00pm, 12:30am

BANGLAVISIÓN

News (Bangla) at 8:00am, 2:00pm, 6:00pm, 7:15pm, 10:30pm.
 News Headlines (Bangla) at 10:00am, 12:00am, 4:00pm.
 News Headlines (English) at 8:05pm

Rtv

News (Bangla) at 10:15pm, and 12:15am

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News (Bangla): 7:30am, 12:02pm, 2:00pm, 7:30pm, 10:30pm, 1:00am

ETV

News (Bangla): 1:00pm, 3:00pm, 5:00pm, 7:00pm, 9:00pm, 11:00pm

BTV

08:15 Musical Programme
 08:45 Bishwa Bichitra
 11:15 Documentary
 11:40 Loklokaly
 12:30 Durdeshyeporjon
 01:00 Maa O Shishur Kotha
 01:30 Mati O Manush
 02:15 Drama: Ghumio Pathi
 03:05 Cartoon
 04:00 Angona
 04:30 Khela Dhula
 05:05 Debate
 06:10 Prescription
 06:40 Geetimaly
 07:05 Nrityer Taley Taley
 07:30 Shomoyer Shonglap
 08:30 Protidin Bangladesh
 08:35 Drama Serial: Shesh Prishthay Dekhun
 09:00 Shudhu Alapcharita
 09:30 Heritage
ATN Bangla
 08:10 Matir Gaan
 09:15 Talk Show: AKTEL Onnodrishti
 10:30 Obirang Bangladesh
 11:10 Hot Seat
 12:30 Aj Jonmodin Tomar
 01:25 Alap
 02:30 Path Dekhay Keu
 03:15 Tele Film: Romeo
 05:00 Gram Gonjer Khobor
 05:30 Anondo Hillol
 07:50 Musical Programme: Mon Chay Tomakey
 08:20 Tele Film: Batasher Gharan
 10:35 Pichhutan
 11:30 Bartakko Protidin

Channel-i

08:30 Shokaler Gaan
 09:30 Shangbadpotre Bangladesh
 09:45 Public Reaction
 09:50 Grameenphone Tritionatra
 11:05 Apollo Tele Prescription
 11:30 Hridoye Mati O Manush
 12:30 Citycell Taroka Kathan
 01:05 Ebong Cinemar Gaan
 01:30 Shangbadpotre Bangladesh
 01:45 Public Reaction
 02:40 Drama Serial: Priobash
 03:30 Shomoyer Shonglap
 04:50 Sa Re Ga Ma
 05:30 Muktiyudho Protidin
 06:00 Shopnil Agami
 06:20 South Asian
 07:50 Mega Serial: Bhober Haat
 09:35 Drama Serial: Mon Chhutney Jaay
 10:00 Drama Serial: Hirita
 11:30 Drama Serial: Ekanyobarti
 12:00 Grameenphone Aker Shangbad Potro
Rtv
 08:00 Ei Din
 09:05 Tahader Kotha
 09:30 Praner Manush
 09:30 Achhey Praney
 10:00 Just Band
 11:30 Tele Film: Shagor
 01:00 Bishwa Jurey

Channel 1

01:30 Ei Din
 03:45 Documentary
 04:20 Path Chaotei
 05:30 Ei Desh
 06:00 Protidin
 06:35 Tarzan
 08:00 Drama Serial: Dohon
 08:50 Wide Angle
 09:20 Drama Serial: Raat
 11:00 Jaga Pakhi
 11:00 Priomukh
ETV
 08:00 Ekusher Shokal
 01:30 Drishti
 03:30 Chirontoni

Channel 1

04:00 Mukto Khobor
 04:30 Drama Serial: Biraler Oporadi
 07:30 Desh Jurey
 08:00 Drama Serial: Shukhi
 09:15 Ekusher Shomoy
 10:00 Drama Serial: Bondhon
 11:45 Reporter's File
 12:00 Ekusher Raat
Channel 1
 08:40 Shuprobhath
 09:05 Drama Serial: Shesh
 09:30 Chokh Mele Dekhi
 10:30 Bangla Feature Film
 02:00 Amar Nayokera

Channel 1

03:30 Olpo Sholpo Golpo
 04:00 Shondhikhonbey
 04:30 Shomoyer Swad
 05:15 Expression
 06:00 Saaj Bela
 06:45 Itihaser Path Dorey
 07:00 Padmoraag
 08:15 Drama: Bhagobashar
 09:30 Cine tune
 11:00 Music Music
 11:30 Music Station
BANGLAVISIÓN
 09:05 Drama Serial: Shesh
 09:30 Odhay
 09:30 Bangla Feature Film
 12:30 Public Forum

Channel 1

02:30 Bhokab
 02:40 Drama Serial: Bachelor
 03:10 Nodi O Jibon
 04:15 Music Moments
 05:00 Cine bit
 05:40 Citycell Diner Sheshey
 06:35 Sports Vision
 08:15 Drama Serial: Projapoti
 08:55 Apnar Agami
 09:30 Drama Serial: Swapnochura
 11:00 Shudhu Gaan
 12:00 Shongbad Protidin
STAR MOVIES
 09:15 Elephant Tales
 10:00 Innocent Voices

Channel 1

11:55 Prince & Me li: The Royal Wedding
 01:40 The Mummy Returns
 03:50 On The Lot
 04:50 The Ticket
 05:20 Big Momma's House 2
 07:00 Date Movie
 08:20 Half Past Dead
 10:00 Marked For Death
 11:30 My Date With Drew
STAR PLUS
 09:30 Krishna Kathaiyen
 10:30 Star Voice Of India
 04:00 V Trailers - Star Plus
 04:30 Antakshari - The Gr8
 08:30 Kids Spl
 09:30 Saibaba
 09:30 Prithviraj Chauhan
 10:00 Baa Bahoo Aur Baby
 10:30 Aek Chabhi Hai
 11:30 Kasauti Zindagi Kay
STAR WORLD
 09:30 Desperate Housewives
 10:30 Prison Break
 11:30 Day Break
 12:30 On The Lot
 01:30 Life As We Know It
 02:30 Falcon Beach
 03:30 The Apprentice
 04:30 Boston Legal
 05:30 Hollywood Shootout
 06:00 Travel Asia
 06:30 Koffee With Karan
 07:30 The Simpsons
 08:00 Malcolm In The Middle
 08:30 Falcon Beach
 09:30 Koffee With Karan
 10:30 Law & Order: S.V.U.
 11:30 Third Watch
 12:30 Psych
STAR MOVIES
 09:15 Elephant Tales
 10:00 Innocent Voices

Channel 1

CHANNEL
 09:30 October Fury
 10:30 Military History one-off
 11:30 The Visiting Fireman
 12:30 Yes Minister S2
 02:00 The Greasy Pole
 02:45 The Devil You Know
 03:30 Anna
 04:30 Hippies
 06:30 St. Peter
 10:30 History Rocks: The 70's
 12:30 Biography
DISCOVERY CHANNEL
 09:30 Discover India
 10:30 Colours of India
 11:30 Baby Story
 12:00 Mean Machines
 12:30 Future Weapons
 01:30 Life In The Undergrowth
 02:30 Baby Story
 03:00 Baby Whisperer
 03:30 I Shouldn't Be Alive
 04:30 Raw Nature
 05:30 How Do They do It?
 06:00 Million 2 One
 06:30 Everest: Beyond the Limit
 07:30 Raw Nature
 08:30 Discovery's Biggest Shows
 10:30 Night Safari
 11:30 Mummy Autopsy
NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC
 09:30 Etosha
 10:30 The Monkey Prince
 11:30 Holy Cow
 12:30 Tsunami Warning
 01:30 Volcano Alert

Channel 1

FM radio
Radio Foorti
 07:00am Hello Dhaka (Apu)
 11:00am Amar 98.4 (Nusrat)
 03:00pm Dhaka Calling (Sakib)
 07:00pm Seven Eleven (Sadia)
 11:00pm Late Night Show (Shuvo)
 03:00am Back to Back music
ESP
 11:00 2007 Scripps National Spelling B
 02:00 Sportscenter Week In Review
 02:30 2006 Re/Max Long Drive Champions
 04:00 Tour De France 2007
 04:30 2007 State Farm U.S.. Figure Ska
 07:30 Sportscenter Weekend
 07:35 2007 Scripps National Spelling B
 09:30 Nashville Indy 300
 12:00 Hitz