

## CULTURALFEAST

## Musical Soiree

Title: Poli Ganer Ashor  
Venue: Shawkat Osman Auditorium, Public Library  
Date: July 24  
Time: 5pm

Artist: Lopa Hossain  
Venue: Bengal Café, House 275/F, Road 27 (Old), Dhanmondi  
Date: July 25  
Time: 6pm

## Theatre

Play: Muntasir  
Troupe: Prachyanat School of Acting and Design  
Venue: Shawkat Osman Auditorium, Public Library  
Date: July 25  
Time: 7pm

Play: Project Hundred Plus  
Troupe: Palakar  
Venue: Palakar Studio, 133, Natok Swarani, New Bailey Road  
Date: July 26 & 27  
Time: 7pm

## Art Exhibition

Title: Colours from Hills  
Venue: Drik Gallery, House 58, Road 15A (new), 26 (old), Dhanmondi R/A  
Date: July 19 to August 1  
Time: 3pm to 8pm

Venue: Shilpangan Gallery, House 26, Road 3, Dhanmondi  
Date: July 27 to August 7  
Time: 12pm to 8pm

## Theatre Festival

Title: Nobo aronode jago aji nobo robi kiron  
Organiser: Mohak Natya Sampad

Venue: Experimental Theatre Stage, Bangladesh Shilpkala Academy

Play: Tripura Rajar Upakhan  
Troupe: Durbar Natya Gosthi  
Date & Time: July 24, 7pm

Play: Rarang  
Troupe: Aranyak Natyadal  
Date & Time: July 25, 7pm

## Film Screening

Organiser: Dhaka University Film Society  
Title: Contemporary Far Eastern Cinema  
Venue: Russian Center of Science & Culture, House 510, Road 7, Dhanmondi  
Time: everyday 3pm onwards

Date: July 24  
Film: 2046 (Hongkong)  
Director: Kar Wai Wong  
Film: Dersu Uzala (Japan)  
Director: Akira Kurosawa

Date: July 25  
Film: Come and See (Russia)  
Director: Elem Klimov  
Film: Burnt by the Sun (Russia)  
Director: Nikita Mikhalkov

## 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

# "I just want to go on with my dancing, nothing else..."

## Tête-à-tête with Riya

## CULTURAL CORRESPONDENT

**S**TARTING a career as a model in her teens, Farzana Riya Chowdhury popularly known as Riya eventually became a successful dancer in the country. She is a busy model and has acted in many popular TV plays. But she is a dancer above all and though people love to see her as a model, she wants to concentrate only on her dancing.

"From the very beginning, it was dancing, and only dancing that I preferred. Modelling and acting were just my whims."

Riya learnt at the Bulbul Academy of Fine Arts (BAFA) when she was only a child. She took dancing as her career before finishing her HSC. But people saw her first as a model in a TV commercial of Cocola Biscuit Company in the year 1992. Since then she took part in many popular TV commercials. Recently, she has cut her work as a model. "Of course I will work in the commercials again if I am offered better prospects," smiles Riya.

Among the characters she played in the TV plays, she admires most the characters in "Kichu Choto Boro Dirghoshans" directed by Faria



Riya in a graceful stance

## Three-day film screening session begins



Scenes from the films Dersu Uzala (Top) and 2046

## CULTURAL CORRESPONDENT

As part of its monthly World Film Manifestation Programme (WFMP), Dhaka University Film Society (DUFS) has arranged a three-day film screening session at the Russian Science and Cultural Centre Auditorium. Beginning yesterday, the session titled "Contemporary Far Eastern Cinema" ends tomorrow. It is the 53rd session of WFMP organised by DUFS.

Films included in the screening session are *Not One Less* (China), *Good Morning* (Japan), *2046* (Hong Kong), *Dersu Uzala* (Japan), *Come and See* (Russia) and *Burnt by the Sun* (Russia).

Chinese film *Not One Less* (1999) directed by Zhang Yimou

## Foreign Language Film category.

The film features a Russian army explorer who is rescued in Siberia by a rugged Asiatic hunter renews his friendship with the Russian mentality: He is tall, strong, authoritarian, but at the same time- protective, warm-hearted, charming and prone to jokes. He is about just as sympathetic as the gruff milkman with a heart of gold in "Fiddler on the Roof".

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features a revolutionary hero named Colonel Kotov. Colonel Kotov impersonates a character very familiar to the Russian mentality: He is tall, strong, authoritarian, but at the same time- protective, warm-hearted, charming and prone to jokes. He is about just as sympathetic as the gruff milkman with a heart of gold in "Fiddler on the Roof".

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## ON AIR

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The Mummy Returns  
On Star Movies at 08:50pm  
Genre: Action/Adventure  
Cast: Brendan Fraser, Rachel Weisz

## BTV

08:45 Pakhik Barta  
11:15 Documentary Programme  
11:40 Educational Programme  
12:05 Maa O Shishur Kotha  
01:00 Heritage  
01:30 Mati O Manush  
02:40 Selected Programme  
03:05 Cartoon  
03:30 Shukhi Poribar  
04:00 Koishor  
04:30 Geet Bitaan  
05:05 Moner Kotha  
05:30 Anushilon  
06:10 Quiz  
06:40 Desh O Bigyan  
07:00 Jonofar Kotha  
08:30 Protidin Bangladesh  
08:35 Drama Serial: Rahu  
09:00 Drama Serial: Shongshapak  
10:30 Talk Show  
11:00 Shornali Shondha

## ATN Bangla

10:30 Talk show: Aktel  
09:35 Drama Serial: Onyodristi  
11:05 Three Stooges  
12:15 Cinema Cinema  
01:25 Shodaipati  
02:30 Nirob Koshlo  
03:15 Drama Serial: O Amar Chokhkhui Nai  
03:45 Children's Programme  
04:20 Football Match  
05:00 Gram Gonjer Khobor  
06:20 Kotha Mala  
08:00 Drama Serial: Moner Janala  
08:45 Drama: Oto Proroh  
11:30 Weekly Cultural Programme: Rang  
08:45 Drama: Moncho Taal  
12:00 GrameenPhone Lead

## CHANNEL-i

09:30 Shongbadpotre Bangladesh  
09:45 Public Reaction  
09:50 GrameenPhone Tritiyamatra

## ntv

03:15 Kichhu Kotha Kichhu  
08:30 Ajker Shokal  
10:00 Aijker Shokal  
11:30 Gambhira  
12:10 Talk Show: Ei Shomoy  
01:05 Japan Video Topic  
12:20 GrameenPhone Lead

## ETV

08:00 Aijker Shokal  
01:30 Drishti  
09:00 Rtv Exclusive  
09:05 Lost  
09:35 Sports Carnival  
03:30 Chirontoni

## Rtv

11:45 Reporter's File  
09:00 Rtv Exclusive  
09:20 Drama Serial: Nironitor  
11:00 Musical Programme  
10:00 Drishya Kalpo

## Banglavisn

04:00 Dhinak Dhinak Ta  
04:30 Drama Serial: Hitlu  
05:30 Bhalobasha  
06:15 Ekusher Shondha  
07:30 Chhondoy Shurey  
08:00 Drama Serial:  
08:45 Apnar Jigysa  
09:30 Gaaner Mela  
10:45 Trichoy Chintey  
11:30 Parey  
08:30 Amar Mukti Aloye  
08:15 Chokkor  
08:50 Talk Show  
09:15 Ekusher Shomoy  
10:00 Drama Serial:  
11:30 Ei Shomoy

## Ducktales

11:45 Reporter's File  
09:00 Rtv Exclusive  
09:20 Drama Serial: Nironitor  
11:00 Musical Programme  
10:00 Drishya Kalpo

## STAR PLUS

01:00 Protidin  
01:30 Dohon  
02:00 Jugol Bondi  
02:35 Raat Jaga Pakhi  
03:00 Ei Din  
03:45 Documentary  
04:20 Drama Serial: Deyal  
04:45 Documentary  
05:20 Gribhoshiloi  
05:10 Kothay Kothay  
05:30 Cinema ar Cinema  
06:00 Protidin  
06:35 Witch Blade  
08:00 Drama Serial: Dohon  
08:50 Cooking Programme: Ranna  
09:20 Drama Serial: Nironitor  
10:00 Shangbad Protidin

## Banglavisn

04:00 Shubho Shokal  
04:30 Chirontoni

## News

09:30 Shongbadpotre Bangladesh

## Rtv

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09:20 Drama Serial: Nironitor  
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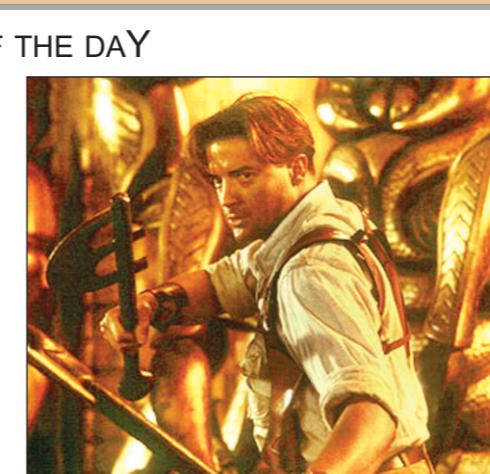
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## Swanan observes first death anniversary of Shamsur Rahman

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At the Shawkat Osman Memorial Hall, Public Library, the audience witnessed mesmerising performances by the young artistes of the recital organisation, *Swanan*. *Swanan* celebrated the first death anniversary of poet Shamsur Rahman with the programme titled "Niraloke Dibyalok" on July 21.

Shamsur Rahman's poetry represents a sparkling mingling of dream and reality which shows a new horizon of aesthetics. The poems titled "Bornomala, amar dukhini bornomala", "Asader shirt", "Tomake pabar jonyo he swadhinata" and many more are considered as an eternal inspiration for this country. His humanitarian philosophy made it possible to unite the social context of Bangladesh with the universal.

In the programme, artistes rendered 32 selected poems of Shamsur Rahman among which were "Kokhono amar maa ke", "Jodi tumi fire naa ash", "Masterdar haat ghari", "Deshdrohi hote ichcha kore", "Beauty Boarding", "Puraner paakhi", "Asader shirt", "Tomake pabar jonyo he swadhinata" and many more.

The programme featured performances by Maskur A Sattar Kollo, president of *Swanan* (Dhaka), Ananya Laboni, Shuvra Das, Tuku Mojniul, Kamal Chowdhury and others. *Swanan* began its journey in 1981 at Rajshahi University.



A reciter at the programme

## dRockstar 2 on Channel-i

## The hunt for a rock band continues



A rock band performs at the show

## CULTURAL CORRESPONDENT

Popular talent hunt show *dRockstar 2*, the hunt for a rock band has entered a new phase. The programme aims at finding a rock band and is sponsored by *djuice*.

*dRockstar 2* had its debut on May 22 at Khulna-- followed by country-wide audition rounds at all the six divisions.

From hundreds of entries, 18 bands made it to the third round. The bands are Bortoman (Khulna), Equal (Khulna), Dark (Dhaka), Off Street (Dhaka), Border (Dhaka), Mechanix (Dhaka), ATR (Dhaka), Cactus (Chittagong), Powersurge (Dhaka), Dour (Dhaka), Core (Dhaka), Eclipse (Chittagong), New Rainbow (Barisal), Britto (Rajshahi), and Radio Active (Dhaka).

The third round was aired on Channel-i on July 10, 12, 17 and 19. The results of the third round will be announced in two episodes at tonight's episode and on the following episode on July 26. From third round 12 bands will make it to the next level.

*dRockstar-2* is aired on Channel-i every Tuesday and Thursday at 7:30pm. Sony Ericsson is the co-partner of *dRockstar 2* while Bangladesh Musical Bands Association (BAMBA) is the strategic partner.

## 'Top Ten Baul' talent hunt wraps up

The talent hunt *Top Ten Baul* organised by Palli Baul Samaj Unnayan Sangstha wrapped up its final round recently, says a press release. Ten contestants were selected at the event held at Shawkat Osman Memorial Hall of the Central Public Library.

The winners were Al-Amin, A.R. Jasim Khan, Moniruzzaman Dhuiri, Sadeq Ali, Beauty Akhter, Ashikur Rahman, Surma Hayat, Nila Akhter, Kanon Dewan and Arghya Adhikari Badhon.

German ambassador H.E. Frank Meyke was present at the event as the chief guest.

The six-round talent hunt began on March 30 this year with a total of 210 participants at the selection round.