

CULTURALFEAST

Musical Soiree

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

Artiste: 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 anonde jago aji nobo robirone
Organiser: Mohakal Natya Sampraday
Venue: Experimental Theatre Stage, Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy

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

Solo Print

Exhibition

Artiste: 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

STARTING 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 Dirghoshansh" directed by Faria



Riya in a graceful stance

Hossain and "Dujone" directed by Mohon Khan. "Actually, I haven't taken part in the plays all that much," she says. She finished shooting of a 26 episodic drama serial (title of the serial is yet to be decided) recently, which will be aired in ATN Bangla.

As for her dancing, she recently performed in the cultural programme arranged to celebrate the golden jubilee of Siemens. She has taken part in several dance programmes for different TV channels as well. She however enjoys dancing in live programmes for the excitements it renders.

Does she believe in dancing in pairs? Riya says she is working with Soheli mostly because she does believe in pairing: It helps to grow a better understanding between the dancers. Among the dance artistes of the country, she appreciates the performance of Farhana Chowdhury.

Being an artiste with some exposure in the media, Riya advises newcomers: "To achieve success, one has to focus on the particular point of his/her interest and capability. Going for different things at a time will ruin things. Concentrate on what you want to achieve most, that's all."

Three-day film screening session begins



Scenes from the films Dersu Uzala (Top) and 2046

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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

(China) is the winner of Venice Film Festival "Golden Lion" Award in 1999. *Not One Less* features the struggle of the Chinese to overcome poverty.

Japanese film *Good Morning* (1959) by Yasujiro Ozu (Japan) is a comedy, which features Westernised suburban Japan in the late 50's. Portraying the disturbance created by two young boys for a TV set, it focuses mainly on the daily lives of a small community and the way its members interact.

2046 directed by Wong Kar Wai is a Sci-Fi movie. Made in Hong Kong made movie portrays a science fiction that may occur in 2046.

Dersu Uzala (1975) directed by Akira Kurosawa (Japan) is the Oscar winner of 1976 under Best

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 woodsman years later when he returns at the head of a larger expedition.

Come and See (1985) directed by Elem Klimov (Russia) is a film on World War II. Set against Byelorussia *Come and See* features massacre created by the Nazis. The movie also portrays determination of the people of Byelorussia to resist the attack.

Burnt by the Sun (1994) directed by Nikita Mikhalkov is the Grand Prize of the Jury winner of 1994 at the Cannes Film Festival. Set against Russia in 1936, *Burnt*

by the *Sun* 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". Although he is a military, he is not the kind of guy you think as having blood on his hands. But of course Lenin and Stalin's aura over Russian people was also partly due to the fact that they represented strong and protective father figures.



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 there were "Kokhono amar maa ke", "Jodi tumi fire naa asho", "Masterdar haat ghar", "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 Kollol, president of *Swanan* (Dhaka), Ananya Laboni, Shuvra Das, Tuku Mojniul, Kamal Chowdhury and others. *Swanan* began its journey in 1981 at Rajshahi University.



A recitor at the programme

dRockstar 2 on Channel-i

The hunt for a rock band continues



A rock band performs at the show

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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.

Grameenphone's youth lifestyle brand, djuice first launched the *dRockstar* last year to provide a platform for young talents. The show received a warm response from the audience.

dRockstar 2 had its debut on May

2 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), Cactus (Chittagong), ATR (Dhaka), Dreck (Dhaka), Beduin (Khulna), Biborno (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 7:50pm. 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 Dhiru, 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.



Contestants with guests (middle row) pose for photographs at the programme

ON AIR

PICK OF THE DAY



Ei Shob Ondhokar

On Banglavisian at 08:15pm

Drama Serial

Cast: Pijush Bandyopadhyay, Shampa Reza



The Mummy Returns

On Star Movies at 08:50pm

Genre: Action/Adventure

Cast: Brendan Fraser, Rachel Weisz

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 8:00 pm.

CHANNEL 1

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

BANGLAVISIAN

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

News

CHANNEL-i

09:30 Shongbadpotrey Bangladesh
09:45 Public Reaction
09:50 GrameenPhone
Tritiyomatra
11:05 Cricket On Line
11:30 Amar Chhobi
12:30 Citycell Tarokakathan
01:05 Ebong Cinemar Gaan
01:30 Shongbadpotrey Bangladesh
01:45 Public Reaction
02:40 Mega Serial: Prio Bash
03:05 i-Sports
03:30 Documentary
Programme
04:05 Sa Re Ga Ma
04:30 Musical Programme
05:30 Mukti Judho Protidin
06:00 Shukher Oshukh
06:20 Drama Serial: Oचना Adhar
07:50 DRockstar-2
09:35 Drama Serial: Kobi
10:00 Drama Serial: Hridita
11:30 Ekanyo Barti
12:00 GrameenPhone Aiker Shongbadpotro

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08:30 Aiker Shokal
08:55 Chokkor
09:30 K Korbey Bajimaat
10:05 Bhinyo Swader Khobor
10:30 Music Express
11:00 Cine Gaan
11:30 Gambhira
12:10 Talk Show: Ei Shomoy
01:05 Japan Video Topic
02:30 Shanto Kutir

ETV

08:00 Aiker Shokaal
01:30 Drishti
02:00 Drama Serial: Bondhon
03:30 Chironтони

Rtv

09:00 Rtv Exclusive
09:05 Lost
09:35 Sports Carnival
10:00 Drishya Kalpo

03:15

Kichu Kotla Kichu Gaan
03:50 Bhalobasha
Mondobasha
04:25 Apnar Jigyasha
Gaaner Mala
06:45 K Tharey Chinitay
Parey
08:15 Chokkor
08:50 Talk Show
09:45 Neer
11:30 Ei Shomoy

04:00

Dhinak Dhinak Ta
Dahan
04:30 Baul Baul Mon
05:30 Ekusher Shondha
06:15 Chhondhey Shurey
07:30 Desh Jurey
08:00 Drama Serial: Biprotip
08:30 Amar Mukti Aloye
09:15 Ekusher Shomoy
10:00 Drama Serial: Bondhon
11:45 Reporter's File

09:05

Ebong Classer Bairey
Music Moment
Cinebit Shadakalo
09:10 Public Forum
09:15 Swagnochura
09:20 Drama: Deyal
09:25 Shamol Bangla
09:30 Desher Pothey
09:35 Citycell Diner Sheshey
09:40 Game Show
09:45 Drama Serial: Ei Shob
09:50 Ondhokar
09:55 Vokab
10:00 Agamir Kontho
10:05 Cinebit Shadakalo
10:10 Shangbad Protidin

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10:00 Jugol Bondi
10:05 Raat Jaga Pakhi
10:10 Heart Beat
10:15 Ei Din
10:20 Documentary
Programme
10:25 Grihosholi
10:30 Kothay Kothay
10:35 Cinema ar Cinema
10:40 Protidin
10:45 Witch Blade
10:50 Drama Serial: Dohan
10:55 Cooking Programme: R
11:00 Ranna

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STAR MOVIES
12:00 Speed 2
12:05 National Security
12:10 The Aviator
12:15 Pink Panther, The
12:20 Back To The Future li
12:25 The Mummy Returns
12:30 On The Lot
12:35 Kingdom Of Heaven
12:40 Swamp Thing

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STAR WORLD
12:30 Psych
12:35 Boston Legal
12:40 Everybody Loves
Raymond
12:45 Yes Dear
12:50 Prison Break
12:55 The Ellen Degeneres
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13:00 The Bold And The
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13:05 General Hospital
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