

CULTURAL FEAST

Theatre

Title: Nimajon
Troupe: Dhaka Theatre
Venue: National Theatre Stage, Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy
Date: October 27
Time: 7:00 pm

Concert

Organiser: The Goethe Institut Bangladesh and German Club
Band: Lychee Lassi (A Berlin-based band)
Venue: German Club, Road 104, Plot 24, Gulshan-2
Date: November 4
Time: Gates open at 8pm

Anniversary Programme

Organiser: Bangladesh Udichi Shilpogosthi
Venue: National Theatre Stage, Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy
Date: October 29
Time: 4pm onwards

Documentary

Launching

Venue: LGED Bhawan, Main Building, Hall Room, Agargaon
Date: October 28
Time: 9am-2pm

Art Exhibition

Title: Still-life
Artists: Six eminent artists of Bangladesh
Venue: Gallery Chitrag, Road 4, House 21, Dhanmondi
Date: October 27-November 10
Time: 10am to 8pm

World Film Manifestation Programme

Title: Documentary for life
Organiser: Dhaka University Film Society
Venue: Goethe Institut Bangladesh, House 10, Road 9, Dhanmondi
Date: October 29 & 30
Time: 3:00 pm onwards

Three Short Plays

Plays: Sanki, Jantob and Platform
Organisers: Space and Acting Research Centre
Venue: Goethe Institut Bangladesh
Date: October 26 & 28
Time: 7pm

Solo Painting Exhibition

Title: Life and Nature
Artist: Raghunath Chakraborty
Venue: Drik Gallery, House 58, Road 15A (New), Dhanmondi
Date: October 21-27
Time: 3pm to 8pm

Film Screening

Title: Puja Special
Organiser: High Commission of India
Venue: Indian Cultural Centre, House 25, Road 96, Gulshan-2
Time: 6pm
Date: October 29
Film: Ek Mutho Chhahi
Date: November 09
Film: Salam-E-Ishq
Date: November 12
Film: Kuch Kuch Hota Hai
Date: November 16
Film: Krish
Date: November 19
Film: Challe Challe
Date: November 23
Film: Kaa Ho Naa Ho

Book launch and poetry recital

A taste of Russian life and living

FAYZA HAQ

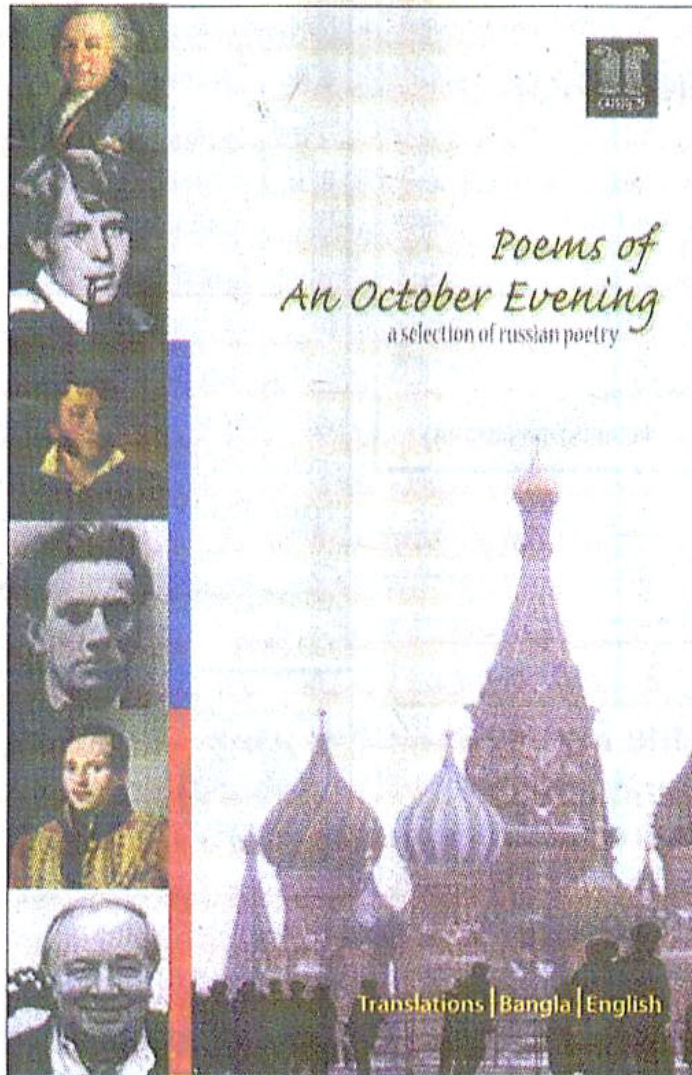
THE book *Poems of an October Evening* was launched on October 25 at the Russian Centre for Science and Culture, amidst festivity and fanfare. Recitation of poems written by leading Russian poets, translated into English and Bangla, proceeded the launching. The book has been published by 'Meghdut', a forum for poetry recitation, and it contains 72 pages.

Russian Ambassador to Bangladesh Gennady P. Trotsenko was the chief guest at the launching programme. Yury Makarov, DG of the Russian Cultural Centre, was also present. The programme was jointly organised by the Russian Embassy and 'Meghdut'.

The Russian Ambassador, in his message said, "Russian poetry is a unique phenomenon in world literature. It contains the reflection of European history, and heritage of Russian people in particular. It reflects the destinies, experiences and feelings of the Russians."

Mosud Mannan, the chief coordinator of Meghdut, said that in the book, "Poems of an October Evening", there is an attempt to present a flavour of famous Russian poets, like Alexandre Pushkin, Evgeny Baratynsky, Boris Pasternak, and Yevgeni Yevtuchenko. As many of the poets were writing during the Soviet era, there is a touch of that time also. "The book is meant to make people aware of the rich Russian lifestyle. The collection is the reflection of life and culture of the last 300 years," Mannan added.

Poets like Jahidul Huq from the daily *Shangbad* and Dr Nuzhat

Jacket of the book *Poems of an October Evening*

Amin, one of the editors of the book, spoke about the pleasures

and pains of translation and editing, involved in the publication of

the book.

The book was brought out with the help of Professor Nuzat Amin, Mutequlla, Shams Udd Doha with the support of the Russian Centre for Science and Culture. The reason for printing the book, and having the evening of Russian poetry, said Mannan, was that the Russians are a time-tested friend of the people of Bangladesh.

Meghdut, the publisher of the book, has had recitations in Bangla before. Since last July, it had a series of poetry recitals dedicated to different languages. Its endeavours began with Spanish poets. Within 23 years, the number of poetry lovers in the organisation has reached over a hundred. However, actively involved are 15 individuals. Last February it had "The Mother Language Poetry" evening. Recently there was Arabic poetry recitations with the backing of Omni Books; an evening of French love poetry, "L'amour" was held at Alliance Francaise.

Last year, with the support of Goethe-Institut there were three poetry recitals in Bangla and German, where poems, written originally in Bangla were also included. Last June there was a poetry session dedicated to Pablo Neruda, the Chilean poet, which was held at El Toro.

Recitation in Bangla alone was also held at the Rayer Bazar mass-killing ground. This was on December 14, last year; the poetry reading had been dedicated to the martyred intellectuals. Last July, at the American Centre, a presentation of American poetry was held. There was also an evening dedicated to Tagore's poetry at the British Council.

Nine Bangladeshi films being screened at the South Asian Film festival

PALLAB BHATTACHARYA, New Delhi

Pakistan may be the focus country of the week-long South Asian Film Festival that began here on October 24 but Bangladesh takes the distinction of having the highest number of participating films—nine.

There are Morshedul Islam's *Khelaghar*, Mukti *Gaan* by Tareque and Catherine Masud, *Balughodi* by Razibul Hossain, *Choturtho Matra* by Nurul Alam Atique, *Shomapti* by Tanveer

Hossain Probal, *Tin-er Tahur* by Asutosh Sujan, *Scriptwriter by Kamruzzaman Kamu*, *Uno Manish* by Mostafa Sarwar Farooki and *Garam Bhaat Othoba Nichhok Bhut-er Golpo* by Animesh Aich.

These are among the 45 feature, documentary and short films from eight South Asian countries India, Bangladesh, Pakistan, Sri Lanka, Afghanistan, the Maldives, Bhutan and Nepal which are being screened at the festival titled "South Asian Film Festival...Dissolving Boundaries", organised by the South Asia

Foundation.

The festival opened with the screening of Pakistani film *Mohabbatun Sachiya* directed by Shahad Rafique -- a love triangle with a social message.

Foundation Secretary Rahul Barua told the media here, on Wednesday evening, "this is after 40 years that a Pakistani film is being commercially released in India".

Rafique is already here to promote his film in India.

Pakistan is the focus country of the festival this year and the country is being represented by eminent filmmakers and personalities like Zeba Bakhtiar, Reema Khan and Veena Malik, among others.

The festival also witnessed world premier of the Nepali feature film *Kaagbeni* directed by Bhushan Dahal yesterday.

The Indian segment at the festival is being represented by directors Madhur Bhandarkar, Sudhir Mishra, Vishal Bhardwaj, Subhash Ghai and Pankaj Parashar. Bhandarkar's acclaimed movies like *Page 3*, *Traffic Signal*, Bhardwaj's *Omkaara* and *Blue Umbrella*, Mishra's *Hazaron Khwaishein Aisi*, Ghai's *Yaadein* and Parashar's *Banaras* are up for screening.

But the attempt to "dissolve

boundaries" by South Asia Foundation goes beyond screening of the films. During the festival, a seminar on "Indian Cinema and South Asia", workshops with students and aspiring filmmakers, poster competition and street theatre are also being organised, said Rameeza Akhtar, the Festival Director.

Students of various institutes are being involved in seminars and workshops where they will get an opportunity to interact with veteran Indian director Shyam Benegal, Vishal Bhardwaj and Pankaj Parashar.

An exclusive dance performance on the theme "Changing Landscape" will be staged during the festival, Akhtar added.

"We feel films made in the Indian sub-continent are often neglected and the Festival will provide them with a platform," Akhtar said.

The aim of the festival is to create an environment of peace and harmony among SAARC countries and provide a platform to facilitate marketing of all types of films and enhance trade opportunities.

A touch of Bollywood glamour is expected to be added to the Festival when actors Govinda and Manisha Koirala make their appearances, the Festival organisers said.

Sabina Yasmin returns home

CULTURAL CORRESPONDENT

Celebrated singer Sabina Yasmin returned home after three and a half month of medical treatment from Singapore.

She was diagnosed with Non Hodgkin's Lymphoma, a type of tissue cancer, and was admitted to the Labaid Specialised Hospital, Dhaka, last June. After a month, the ailing singer was flown to Singapore for better treatment and was admitted to the National Cancer Centre of Singapore General Hospital. She was under the care of cancer specialist Dr. Toh Hung Chung.

Yasmin landed at the Zia International Airport at 10:15 pm Thursday, where her family members welcomed her. Music lovers all over the country anxiously awaited her return throughout the past few months.

Speaking on her recovery, Sabina said to the reporters at the airport, "I'm thankful to you all, for remembering me in your prayers. I hope that I recover and remain with you."

Her physician Dr. Chung has said, though released from the hospital, Yasmin will have to go Singapore for regular check ups. However, she can return to her routine life if all the procedures are maintained properly. He hoped that she can sing again.



Discussion on Abdul Karim Shahityabisharad

JAMIL MAHMUD

"We would have remained unaware about an era of Bengali literature, if Abdul Karim Shahityabisharad had not collected *Puthis* (old Bengali manuscripts)," said professor Syed Mohammad Shahed, director general of Bangla Academy, at the discussion programme on Abdul Karim Shahityabisharad. The discussion was held on the occasion of Karim's 136th birth anniversary (October 11). The programme was held at the seminar room of the academy on October 25.

Professor Abul Ahsan Chowdhury, department of Bangla, Islami University presents an essay titled *Shahityabisharad: Otiya-Onesha O Lokoshangskriti charchar Swarup* at the programme. Among others Professor Muntasir Mamun, department of History, Dhaka University (DU) and Professor Saidur Rahman, department of Bangla, DU spoke at the programme.

Professor Moniruzzaman, department of Bangla, Chittagong



University said, "Abdul Karim Shahityabisharad made an immense contribution to the preservation of our folklore and literature. He attained a special place in our cultural history." Professor Moniruzzaman presided over the programme.

Abdul Karim Shahityabisharad was born in Suchakradandi village of Potia upazila, greater Chittagong on October 11, 1871. He passed his entrance examination in 1893 from

Potia High School.

A skilled writer, Karim's special interest was 'Muslim contribution to Bengali literature in the middle ages'. Throughout his life he collected old Bengali manuscripts.

The *Bongiya Shahitya-Parishat* published his catalogue of Bengali manuscripts entitled *Bangla Prachin Puthir Biharan*, in two volumes in 1920-21. The major portion of his manuscript collection, comprising works by Muslim poets, is preserved in the DU Library and the rest, written by Hindu poets, in the Varendra Research Museum, Rajshahi.

The department of Bangla, DU, has published a catalogue of the manuscripts preserved in the University Library under the title *Puthi Parichiti*.

Nadiya Shahitya Shabha honoured Karim with the title *Shahitya Sagar*, while *Chattal Dharmamandali* gave him the title *Shahityabisharad*. He preferred the latter and used it with his name and is widely remembered by the title. The Bangladesh Government honoured him with the *Shadhinata Padak* (posthumous) in 1995.

"Amar Ami" on Banglavisión tonight

CULTURAL CORRESPONDENT

Banglavisión will air the talk show *Amar Ami* tonight at 9:05 pm. The programme offers an insight in the lives of celebrities.

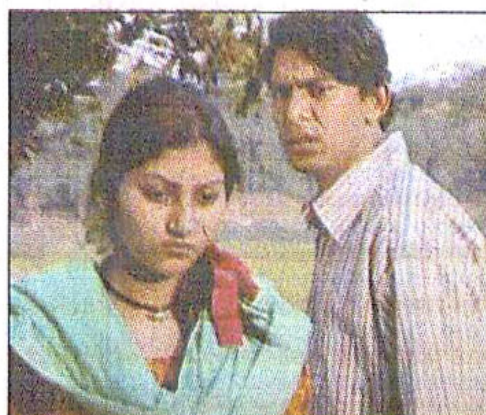
Tonight's episode will feature Dr Ezazul Islam, Faruk Ahmed and Shadhin Khoshru, three actors who have become popular for their comic roles. The trio is best remembered for their roles as three unemployed individuals, who team up to scheme for making easy money, in the TV play *Tara Tin Jon*.

Hosted by Aupi Karim, *Amar Ami* is aired every Saturday.

A scene from *Amar Ami*

ON AIR

PICK OF THE DAY



Ghorkutum
On Channel-I at 7:50 pm
Mega Serial
Cast: Chanchal Chowdhury, Shashi



Pirates of the Caribbean: Dead Man's Chest
On Star Movies at 7:00pm
Genre: Action/Adventure/Comedy
Cast: Johnny Depp, Keira Knightley, Orlando Bloom

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 am, 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.

BANGLAVISION
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
08:40 *Echo Gaan Shikhi*
11:15 *Deshar Gaan! Nobo Digorito*
11:40 *Shukhi Poribar*
12:05 *Prothom Ontora*
12:30 *Maa O Shishur Katha*
01:00 *Quiz Quiz*
01:30 *Mati O Manush*
02:15 *Sleimpur*
02:40 *Bangla Feature Film Debate*
05:25 *Deshar Katha*
07:05 *Amader Mukhtijudha*
07:30 *Drama Serial: Baul Man*
08:35 *Documentary Programme: Amar Bangladesh*
09:00 *Drama: Shongshoy*
10:30 *Ponbesh Prashongo*

ATN BANGLA
10:30 *Aktel Onyodishti*
11:05 *Shathi Din*
12:15 *Bangla Feature Film Prio Jon*
04:20 *Shesh Okhitor*
05:00 *Gram Gonir Khabor*
05:30 *Children's Programme*
06:00 *Drama Serial: Alokogor*
06:40 *Drama Serial: Chor Kulburi*
09:20 *Drama Serial: Ek Jomney*
11:30 *Drama Serial: Dot's House*
12:00 *Gramenphone Lead News*

Channel i
09:30 *Shongbadpotrey Bangladesh*
09:45 *Public Reaction*
09:50 *Gramenphone Trillo Matra*

11:05 *Na Bola Kotha*
12:30 *Citycell Tarika*
01:05 *Elong Cinema*
01:30 *Shongbadpotrey Bangladesh*
01:45 *Public Reaction*
02:40 *Shikhye Shujog Na Odnikar*
03:05 *Special Programme*
04:05 *Educational Programme*
04:50 *Sholyer Shondhaney*
05:30 *Mukhtijudha Proidin*
06:00 *Shepril Agami*
07:50 *Mega Serial: Ghorkutum*
09:35 *Hidoye Mati O Manush*
10:00 *Drama Serial: Mon Chhutay Jay*
11:30 *Drama Serial: Astey Astey*
12:00 *Gramenphone Akher Shongbadpotro*

ntv
10:05 *Apon Aloye*
12:10 *Talk Show: Ei Shomoy*
01:05 *Japan Video Topic*
02:30 *Shonkho Bash Tomader Palo*
03:15 *Bangladesh*
04:25 *Glamour World*
04:50 *Alokat*
06:20 *Shubho Shondha*
06:45 *Shangskriti Ei Shoptaho*
08:15 *Drama Serial: Shaniokutir*
08:50 *Drama: Banshi*
11:35 *Ei Shomoy*

Rtv
09:05 *Wrestling*
09:30 *Children's*

10:30 *Programme*
11:30 *Proidin*
12:15 *R Music*
01:00 *Drama Serial: Elong Rohoshyer Golpo*
01:30 *Ei Din*
02:30 *Bangla Feature Film Proidin*
06:35 *Tarzan*
08:00 *Movie of the Month Look at Me*
11:30 *News Watch*
12:00 *Rtv Exclusive*

Channel 1
10:30 *Bagan Bilash*
11:00 *Drama*
12:05 *Tele Film*
02:00 *Music Station*

03:30 *Drama: Kobutor*
05:15 *Fusion for Baul*
06:45 *Ilhasher Pathi Dhorey*
07:00 *Cookery Show*
08:15 *Drama Serial: Ghor Phera*
09:00 *Amar Nayokera*
09:30 *Shondhikhoney*
10:50 *Rupantar Golpo*
11:30 *Gaaner Kotha Kothar Gaan*

ETV
08:00 *Ekusher Shokal*
08:30 *Mukhto Khabor*
01:30 *Bangla Feature Film Protikriti*
05:45 *Ekusher Shondha*
08:30 *Total Music*

09:30 *Ekusher Shomoy*
10:30 *Binodan Bishwa*
11:45 *Reporter's File*
12:00 *Ekusher Raat*

BANGLAVISION
11:40 *Media Bhubon*
01:00 *X-Crime*
02:30 *Vokab*
02:40 *Drama Serial: Kechhey Durey*
03:15 *Banglavisión Cafe*
04:15 *Chetki Shada Kalo*
04:45 *Citycell Din-er Sheshay*
06:35 *Music Moment*
08:25 *Drama Serial: Shesh Odhay*
08:05 *Amar Ami*
09:45 *Drama Serial: Bachelor Dompoti*

11:20 *Raat Biratey*
12:00 *Shongbad Proidin*

STAR MOVIES
09:35 *Casanova*
11:25 *Jurassic Park*
01:30 *Wild Things II*
02:30 *Red Dragon*
03:05 *Aquamarine*
07:00 *Pirates Of The Caribbean: Dead M*
09:35 *Star Wars: Ep. V - The Empire Strikes Back*
11:45 *The Hills Have Eyes*

STAR PLUS
09:30 *V Trailers - Star Plus*
09:55 *Bolly V - Star Plus*
10:00 *V Trailers - Star Plus*
10:30 *American Dragon: Jack*

11:00 *Long*
11:25 *That's So Raven*
11:30 *Bolly V - Star Plus*
11:30 *Sonpari*
12:00 *Karishma Kaa*
12:25 *Bolly V - Star Plus*
12:30 *V Trailers - Star Plus*
12:55 *Bolly V - Star Plus*
01:00 *Shaka Laka Boom Boom*
01:55 *Bolly V - Star Plus*
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02:25 *Bolly V - Star Plus*
02:30 *Sarilaan*
03:00 *Bidaai*
05:00 *V Trailers - Star Plus*
05:25 *Bolly V - Star Plus*
05:30 *Maha Bali Prithwira*
08:30 *Nach Baliye 3*
09:30 *Prithwira Chauhan*
10:00 *Baa Bahoo Aur Baby*
10:30 *Star Voice Of India*
12:00 *Santaan*
12:30 *Bolly V - Star Plus*

10:30 *The Black Donkeys*
11:30 *Cross Angel Mindfreak*
12:30 *Kyle Xy*

DISCOVERY CHANNEL
09:30 *Discovery Theatre*
10:30 *Life On The Edge*
11:30 *Space Week*
12:30 *Extreme Engineering*
01:30 *Wild South America*
02:30 *Discovery's Biggest Shows*
04:30 *Hunters*
05:30 *Passport to Space*
06:30 *Man Vs. Wild*
07:30 *Hunters*
08:30 *Discover India*
09:30 *Truth About Food*
10:30 *Everything you need to know about*
11:30 *Wild Africa*

NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC
09:30 *Norway*
10:30 *Inside Iraq's Kill Zone*
11:30 *Inside: North Korea*
12:30 *Driving Dreams*
01:30 *FIFA Club Championship*
02:30 *Tanzania*
03:30 *What's Sexy?*
04:30 *I Didn't Know That*
05:00 *Pay, Fergus, Blossom*
05:30 *Big Bang*
06:00 *Leopard Seals*
06:30 *Kings Cross Fire*
07:30 *Greece*
08:30 *Hidden Worlds*
09:30 *Mangrove Manabare*
10:30 *Space Launch*
11:30 *Inside 911*
12:30 *Costa Rica*

Radio Foorti 88.0 FM
07:00am *Hello Dhaka (Apu)*
11:00am *Amar 88.0 (Nusrat)*
03:00pm *Dhaka Calling (Sakib)*
07:00pm *Fuad Live (Fuad)*
11:30am *Back to Back music*

Radio Today 89.6 FM
07:15am *Good Morning Dhaka (Biplob)*
07:45am *Today's Happy Moments*
08:45am *Shokaler Khabor*
12:00pm *Fatafat Adda (Nudrat & Sayfi)*
01:45pm *Dupurer Khabor*
04:00pm *U-turn (Tania)*
06:45pm *Shondher Khabor*
08:45pm *Tobe Tai Hok (Sayem)*
11:45pm *Moddho Raster Khabor*
12:00am *Today's Happy Moments*
12:10am *Raat Vor Gan (Nirob)*

09:15 *Global Pendant*
09:30 *The Day the Towers Fell*
10:30 *Guts & Bolts*
11:30 *Yes Prime Minister S2*
12:00 *Victims of Jealousy*
12:30 *Dreadnoughts*
01:30 *Luzon*
02:30 *Mysteries: Freemasons*
03:30 *Renewal in Iraq*
05:30 *Ivanhoe*
08:30 *Atilla the Hun*
09:30 *Atilla the Hun*
10:30 *Oscar Wilde*
11:30 *Marco Polo*
12:30 *Perfect Tribute*