

## Anthony Minghella, director of "The English Patient" dies



Anthony Minghella on the set of *Play*, by Samuel Beckett

Anthony Minghella, the British filmmaker who won an Academy Award for his direction of *The English Patient*, died Tuesday morning in London. He was 54.

The cause was complications of surgery he had a week ago to treat tonsil cancer, said Leslee Dart, his publicist.

The son of parents who made ice cream on the Isle of Wight, off the coast of England, Minghella used expansive tastes in literature and a deep visual vocabulary to make lush films with complicated themes that found both audiences and accolades. Minghella's films, which also included *Breaking and Entering* (2006), *The Talented Mr. Ripley* (1999) and *Cold Mountain*

(2003), used a careful eye for cultural and historical detail to explore ways in which the dynamics of class often pushed people into corners that they had to fight or scheme their way out of.

His gift for building fully realised worlds within worlds also found expression in opera. Minghella directed an acclaimed staging of *Madama Butterfly* in 2006, and he was commissioned by the Metropolitan Opera to direct and write the libretto for a new work by the composer Osvaldo Golijov that was scheduled for the 2011-12 season.

Minghella recently completed work on *The No. 1 Ladies Detective Agency*, an adaptation of an Alex-

ander McCall Smith novel, which was filmed in Botswana, in southern Africa, for HBO and the BBC as the pilot of a series.

He worked as a writer and a director in both theatre and television. Samuel Beckett was a particular fascination; Minghella organised a star-studded tribute to Beckett in 2006.

After his movie-directing debut in *Truly Madly Deeply*, a made-for-television production that was released theatrically in 1990, Minghella went on to adapt a number of novels for a series of well-reviewed films. In addition to winning the directing Oscar in 1997 for *The English Patient* -- which garnered a total of nine

Oscars, including best picture -- Minghella also received an adapted-screenplay nomination. In 2000 his screenplay for *The Talented Mr. Ripley* was nominated as well.

That same year Minghella joined a fellow director, Sydney Pollack, to form Mirage, an independent production company that concluded a three-year first-look deal with the Weinstein Company earlier this month. They collaborated as producers on a number of films and worked on each other's films as well.

"He was interested in the magic," Pollack said. "Not fake magic, like hiding the ball under the cup, but real magic, the kind that occurs between people. Nowadays, everybody making movies wants to get the clothes off fast and the guns out quick, he was just the opposite. He was interested in the poetry, lavishing the viewer with story, and scope and richness. Look at what you got for your \$12 ticket with Anthony."

Anthony Minghella was born on January 6, 1954, and grew up on the Isle of Wight, where his parents, immigrants from Italy, ran an ice cream factory. An outsider even in his native land, Minghella took on large historical issues in his work, like the human consequences of epic warfare in *Cold Mountain*, about a soldier's journey across an American landscape battered by the Civil War. Closer to home, his film *Breaking and Entering* examined the interlocking lives of thieves and their victims in today's London, a place where he believed immigrants are less assimilated than tolerated.

Source: The New York Times

## Cultural programme by Ankur Natya Academy

AZIBOR RAHMAN, Jhenidah

Local cultural organisation Ankur Natya Academy celebrated the completion of an era with programmes at the academy's auditorium recently.

The programme included discussion, dance, music, recitation and drama that drew the local culture enthusiasts. On the concluding day, local individuals who, through their achievements have made contributions to the society, were honoured.

On the opening day, Kamrun Nahar Lizi, vice president of Ankur Natya Academy presided over a discussion. Abu Shaheen Md. Ashaduzzaman, Sadar Upazila Nirbhahi Officer was present as chief guest. A drama titled *Bhul* by Abdullah Al Faruk was staged on the opening day.

On the second day, Mahmudul Islam, president of Jhenidah Chamber of Commerce was the chief guest at a discussion chaired by Rakib Hasan, a lifetime member of Ankur Natya Academy. Freedom fighter Abdul Aziz, Mohsin Hossain Litu, Khurshid

Alam Nasim and Munna Akhtar spoke at the meeting. On the same day the students of Ankur Natya Academy performed dance, songs and recitation.

On the concluding day, Abu Sayed Fakir, Deputy Commissioner (DC) of Jhenidah was present at a discussion as chief guest. The discussion was chaired by the president of Ankur Natya Academy, Md. Rezaul Alam. Baitul Amin Bhuiyan, additional deputy commissioner (ADC) and Mokraram Hossain Tulu, general secretary of the local Shilpakala Academy were special guests at the meeting.

On the same day, seven accomplished individuals from different fields were awarded. The honourees were K.B Al-Mamun, (literature), Monwara Khatun (education), Bishwanath Bhattacharya (music), Azad Rahman (journalism), Al-Haj Khairul Bashar (social activism), Dr. Rezaul Karim Benu (healthcare) and Al-Haj Abdur Razzak (theatre). The honourees were all given a crest and a certificate each by the DC.



Students of Ankur Natya Academy dance at the programme

## Halle Berry names her firstborn

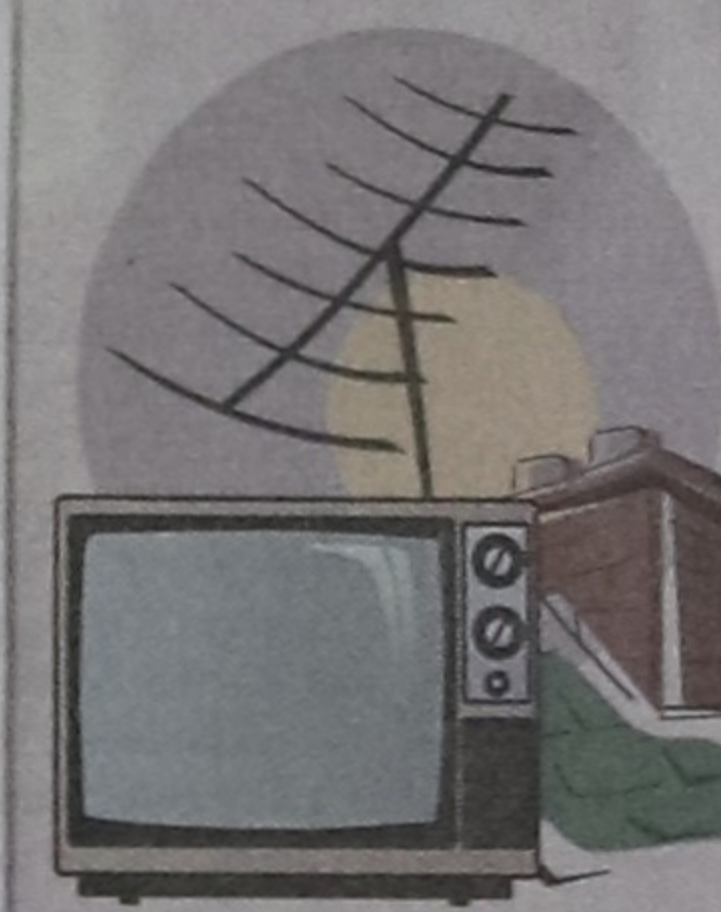


AP, New York

Halle Berry's newborn daughter is named Nahla Ariela Aubry, her publicist Meredith O'Sullivan told The Associated Press on Tuesday. Nahla was born Sunday to Berry, 41, and her boyfriend, model Gabriel Aubry, 32. It's Berry's first child.

The couple met while shooting a Versace commercial in Los Angeles two years ago. Berry has said she and Aubry don't plan to marry, but feel fully committed to each other.

Berry, whose credits include *Catwoman*, the Bond film *Die Another Day* and the *X-Men* movies, has won an Emmy for the 1999 made-for-TV film *Introducing Dorothy Dandridge* and a best-actress Academy Award for 2001's *Monster's Ball*.



All programmes are in local time. The Daily Star will not be responsible for any change in the programme.

On Air

News Bulletin	
<b>BTV</b>	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).
<b>CHANNEL-i</b>	News (Bangla) at 7:15 am, 9:00 am, 2:00 pm, 7:00 pm, 9:00 pm, 10:30 pm, 12:15 am.
<b>ATN BANGLA</b>	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.
	Latest News (Bangla) at 8:00 a.m., 1:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m., 1:00 pm, 3:00 pm, 4:00 pm, 5:00 pm and 8:00 pm.
<b>CHANNEL 1</b>	News (Bangla) at 8:00 am, 12:00 pm, 2:30 pm, 6:30 pm, 7:30 pm, 10:00 pm, 12:30 am.
<b>BANGLAVISION</b>	News (Bangla) at 7:30 am, 1:30 pm, 5:00 pm, 7:15 pm, 10:30 pm.
	News Headlines (Bangla) at 10:00 am, 12:00 am, 4:00 pm.
	News (English) at 6:00 pm.
<b>Rtv</b>	News (Bangla) at 10:15 pm and 12:15 am.
<b>ntv</b>	News (Bangla) at 7:30 am, 12:02 pm, 2:00 pm, 7:30 pm, 10:30 pm, 1:00 am.
<b>ETV</b>	News (Bangla) at 1:00 pm, 3:00 pm, 5:00 pm, 7:00 pm, 9:00 pm, 11:00 pm.

<b>BTV</b>	08:15 <i>Sruprobhaat</i>	08:45 Musical Programme	09:05 <i>Swadhinota Gaan</i>	09:20 Cricket: Bangladesh vs Ireland	04:30 <i>Apon Bhumi</i>	05:05 <i>Sisimpur</i>	05:30 <i>Band Show</i>	06:10 <i>Swadhinota Amar Swadhinota</i>	06:35 <i>Dhormo O Jibon</i>	06:50 <i>Computer</i>	07:30 <i>Talk Show: Shondhani Alap</i>	08:30 <i>Protidin Bangladesh</i>	08:35 <i>Drama: Special Foorti</i>	10:30 <i>Phele Asa Din</i>				
<b>ATN BANGLA</b>	08:15 <i>Ajker Shagbadpotro</i>	08:30 <i>Drama Serial: Mouchakey Dhill</i>	09:15 <i>Entertainment Show: Rang Manchoyo Talal</i>	10:30 <i>Talk Show: Onyodishiti</i>	11:05 <i>Drama: Shohaghpur-er Atyo Kahini</i>	12:15 <i>Musical Programme: Shur-er Madhuri</i>	12:50 <i>Shodhapat</i>	01:30 <i>Cinema Cinema</i>	02:30 <i>Daily Soap: Doll's House</i>	03:20 <i>Kabadi</i>	05:00 <i>Gram Gorjer Khobor</i>	05:20 <i>Islamic Programme: Islami Sawal O Jobab</i>	06:20 <i>Priyojon</i>	06:45 <i>Projonmo Katha</i>	08:00 <i>Drama Serial: Mouchakey Dhill</i>	08:40 <i>Drama Serial: Ochin Pakhi</i>	09:20 <i>Drama Serial: Amader Nurul Huda</i>	11:30 <i>Special Programme</i>
<b>CHANNEL-i</b>	09:30 <i>Shagbadpotro Bangladesh</i>	09:45 <i>Public Reaction</i>	09:50 <i>Gramphone Tritomatra</i>	11:05 <i>Musical Programme: Citycell 2 Sa</i>														

12:30 <i>Talk Show: Citycell Tarokakathan</i>	01:05 <i>Ebong Cinemar Gaan</i>	01:30 <i>Sa Re Ga Ma</i>	02:35 <i>Selected Programme</i>	03:05 <i>Hindoye Mati O Manusher Daak</i>	04:05 <i>Educational Programme: BSB Cambrian Medha Bikash'08</i>	05:30 <i>Mukhti Judhgo Amar Ohonkaar</i>	06:00 <i>Talk Show: Ek Dui Teen</i>	06:30 <i>Amar Chhobi</i>	07:50 <i>Drama Serial: Aguner Alo</i>	08:20 <i>Drama Serial: Rasta</i>	09:35 <i>Drama Serial: Chhayabari</i>	10:00 <i>Selected Programme</i>	11:30 <i>Channel-4 Exclusive</i>	12:00 <i>Gramphone Ajker Shagbadpotro</i>	
<b>ETV</b>	08:00 <i>Ekush-er Shokaal</i>	10:30 <i>Ekusher Business</i>	12:30 <i>Ekush-ey Business: Special Focus of Business</i>	01:30 <i>Ekush-ey Business: Shophal Jara</i>	03:30 <i>Cine Hits</i>	05:15 <i>Sports Plus</i>	05:45 <i>Ekusher Shondhya</i>	06:15 <i>SMS Mania</i>	06:30 <i>Desh Jury</i>	07:45 <i>Ekusher Chokh</i>	08:30 <i>Drama Serial: Poribibi</i>	09:30 <i>Ta Na Na Na</i>	10:00 <i>Ekush-er Shomoy</i>	10:50 <i>Financial Bulletin</i>	12:00 <i>Ekush-er Raat</i>
<b>Rtv</b>	08:30 <i>Gaanchil Ei Din</i>	09:00 <i>Rtv Exclusive</i>	09:05 <i>Prithibir Pathay Pathay</i>	09:35 <i>Musical Programme: Tomar Bina Taarer Geeti</i>	10:00 <i>Drama Serial: Anondoajtra Taroka Alap</i>	11:30 <i>Drama Serial: Aguntuk</i>	12:35 <i>Musical Programme: Gaan Ar Gaan</i>	01:00 <i>Gaanchil Ei Din</i>	01:30 <i>Dhallywood Beats</i>	02:30 <i>Bangla Feature Film Protidin</i>	06:35 <i>Documentary Programme: Apon Shimay</i>	08:00 <i>Drama Serial: Kala Kotor</i>	08:35 <i>Musical Programme: Cinema Ar Cinema</i>	09:20 <i>Drama Serial: Anondoajtra</i>	11:00 <i>Musical Programme: Just Band</i>

11:30 <i>News Watch</i>	11:45 <i>Editor's Comment</i>	12:00 <i>Rtv Exclusive</i>					
<b>CHANNEL 1</b>	08:40 <i>Shuprobhat Bangladesh</i>	10:30 <i>Bangla Feature Film</i>	02:00 <i>One Sports</i>				
06:05 <i>Citycell Din-er Sheshey</i>	06:20 <i>Children's Programme</i>	06:50 <i>Shur-er Bhubon</i>	08:25 <i>Drama Serial: Mohanagar</i>	09:05 <i>X Crime</i>	09:45 <i>Drama Serial: Shilbilla March 16</i>	11:25 <i>Shudhu Gaan</i>	12:00 <i>Shongbad Protidin</i>
08:30 <i>Andromeda</i>	09:30 <i>The Contender</i>	10:30 <i>House</i>	12:00 <i>Fear Factor</i>	01:00 <i>Guinness World Records: Primetime</i>	02:00 <i>THE CONTENDER ASIA</i>		

07:30am <i>Hello Dhaka</i>	11:00am <i>Amar 88</i>	03:00pm <i>Dhaka Ceiling</i>	07:00pm <i>Seven Eleven</i>	12:00am <i>Back to Back music</i>						
<b>Radio Today 89.6 FM</b>	07:15am <i>Good Morning Dhaka (Biplob)</i>	07:45am <i>Today's Happy Moments</i>	08:45am <i>Shokaler Khabor</i>	12:00pm <i>Today's Adda (Nudrat)</i>	01:45pm <i>Dupurer Khabor</i>	04:00pm <i>U-tun (Kibria &amp; Tania)</i>	06:45pm <i>Shandher Khabor</i>	08:00pm <i>Tobe Tai Hak (Sayem)</i>	09:45pm <i>Raaler Khabor</i>	11:45pm <i>Moddho Raaler Khabor</i>

11:30 <i>DAMAGES</i>	12:30 <i>Video Zoners</i>	10:30 <i>Anonymous Rex</i>	12:05 <i>Firestarter</i>	02:00 <i>Army Of Darkness</i>	03:35 <i>Lost Room, The - Ep. 2</i>	05:05 <i>Back To Gaya</i>	06:40 <i>Phat Girz</i>	08:15 <i>Terminator 2: Judgment Day</i>	10:30 <i>D-Tox</i>	12:05 <i>One Night With The King</i>	02:15 <i>Plane Dead</i>	04:00 <i>He Got Game</i>					
<b>STAR MOVIES</b>	09:30 <i>Smallville</i>	01:30 <i>Desire: Table For Three</i>	02:30 <i>The Ellen Degeneres Show</i>	03:30 <i>The Bold And The Beautiful</i>	04:00 <i>General Hospital</i>	05:00 <i>Desperate Housewives</i>	06:00 <i>King Of The Hill</i>	06:30 <i>The Simpsons</i>	07:00 <i>My Wife And Kids</i>	07:30 <i>Friends</i>	08:00 <i>Seinfeld</i>	08:30 <i>American Idol</i>	09:30 <i>The Office (Us)</i>	10:00 <i>Scrubs</i>	10:30 <i>Love You To Death</i>	11:00 <i>Criss Angel Mindfreak</i>	11:30 <i>Most Haunted</i>
<b>STAR WORLD</b>	09:30 <i>Kumkum - Pyara Sa Bandhan</i>	10:00 <i>Kahaani Ghar Ghar Ki</i>	10:30 <i>Saababa</i>	12:00 <i>Raja Ki Aayegi Baraat</i>	01:00 <i>Kis Desh Me Hai Meraa Dil</i>	01:30 <i>Kumkum - Pyara Sa Bandhan</i>	02:30 <i>Karam Apnaa Apnaa</i>	03:00 <i>Ghasthi</i>	03:30 <i>Kyunki Saas Bhi Kabhi Bahu Thi</i>	05:30 <i>Kastur</i>	06:00 <i>Raja Ki Aayegi Baraat</i>	06:30 <i>Bidaai</i>	07:00 <i>Ghasthi</i>	07:30 <i>Sangam</i>	08:00 <i>Santaan</i>		
<b>STAR PLUS</b>	03:00 <i>World's Most Amazing Videos</i>	04:00 <i>Fear Factor</i>	05:30 <i>Guinness World Records: Primetime</i>	06:30 <i>The Contender</i>	07:30 <i>Andromeda</i>	08:30 <i>Fear Factor</i>	09:30 <i>Video Zoners</i>	10:00 <i>Video Zoners</i>	10:30 <i>TOP CHEF</i>								

09:30 <i>Jeremy Piven's Journey Of A Lifetime</i>	10:30 <i>Seven Year Old Surgeon</i>	11:30 <i>Mega Builders</i>	09:30 <i>Planet Earth</i>	10:30 <i>Weapon Masters</i>	11:30 <i>Really Big Things With Matt Rogers</i>
<b>NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC</b>	09:00 <i>Croc Chroincsles</i>	10:15 <i>Sauna Belt</i>	10:30 <i>The Living Edens</i>	11:30 <i>Masters &amp; Madmen</i>	12:30 <i>Zero Hour</i>
01:30 <i>Spy Gadgets</i>	03:30 <i>South Pole Station</i>	04:30 <i>I Didn't Know That</i>	05:00 <i>Fangs To Fortunes</i>	05:30 <i>Big Bang</i>	06:00 <i>The Morelet's Last Refuge</i>
06:30 <i>Steroids</i>	07:30 <i>Built for the Kill</i>	08:30 <i>Megastructures</i>	09:30 <i>MegaShip</i>	10:30 <i>Ancient Megastructures</i>	11:30 <i>Megastructures</i>
12:30 <i>MegaShip</i>	11:30 <i>Asterix And Obelix : Mission Cleopatra</i>	01:00 <i>The Good Girl</i>	03:00 <i>Novocaine</i>	05:00 <i>Hollywood's 10 Best</i>	05:30 <i>The Painted Hills</i>
07:00 <i>Arahan</i>	09:00 <i>Baby Geniuses</i>	11:00 <i>Honey, I Blew Up The Kid</i>	<b>THE HISTORY CHANNEL</b>	10:15 <i>Telemail - Home Jagger</i>	10:30 <i>1971 Datsun 240Z</i>
12:15 <i>Swama Heera</i>	12:30 <i>Helen of Troy</i>	01:30 <i>Dogfights Season 2</i>	02:30 <i>Lost Worlds</i>	03:30 <i>Jules Verne</i>	04:30 <i>Superships</i>
05:30 <i>Muscle Care</i>	06:30 <i>Heien of Troy</i>	07:30 <i>Operation Solo</i>	08:30 <i>Saipan</i>	09:30 <i>Dogfights Season 2</i>	10:30 <i>Cars and Planes</i>
11:30 <i>Modern Marvels</i>	12:00 <i>Fall of Saddam</i>				



**Priyojon**  
On ATN Bangla at 6:20 pm  
Talk Show  
Today's Guests: Azizul Hakim and Zeenat Hakim



**Cricket**  
Bangladesh Vs Ireland  
On BTV at 9:20 am  
Live from Sher-e-Bangla National Stadium, Mirpur