

Art Exhibition

Artist: Smita Srivastava and Ujjwala Prabhakar from India
Venue: Art Gallery of Standard Chartered Bank, 67 Gulshan Avenue
Date: March 16-31
Time: 9am to 8pm.



Solo Art Exhibition

Artist: Shahid Kabir
Venue: Gallery Chitkar, Road 4, House 21, Dhanmondi
Date: March 29-April 10
Time: 10am-8pm



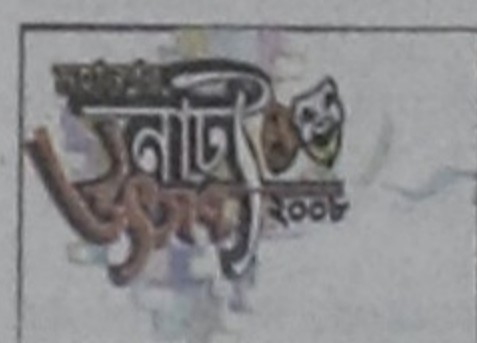
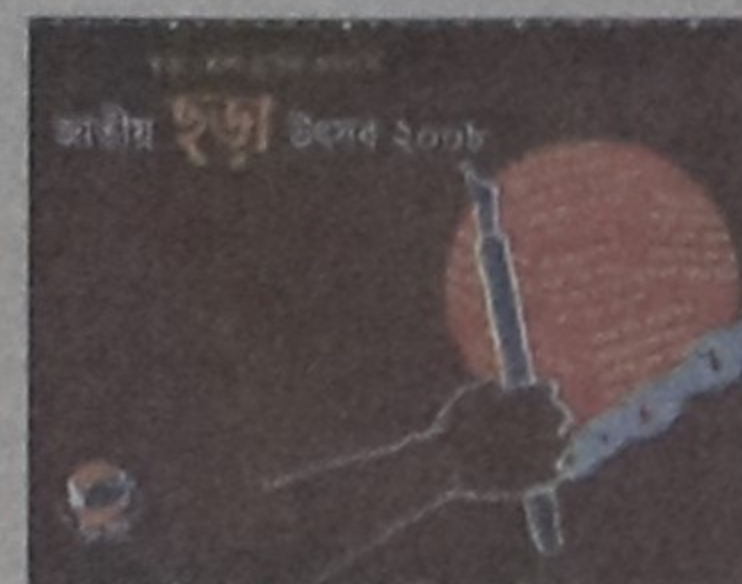
Solo Painting Exhibition

Title: Flowers and My Remembrance
Artist: Nusrat Jahan Nazlee
Venue: Art and Soul Gallery, Road 36, House 16, Gulshan Avenue, Dhaka
Date: March 14-29
Time: 11am-8pm



Jatiya Chhara Utsab '08

Venue: Plaza, National Art Gallery, Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy
Date: March 28, 29
Time: 10am onwards



Mahanagar Natyotshab '08

New theatre venue in Old Dhaka draws keen crowds

ERSHAD KAMOL

The ongoing Mahanagar Natyotshab '08 at the newly built Zahir Raihan Sanskritik Kendra has become a source of recreation for the residents of Old Dhaka. Each day a sizeable audience is enjoying theatre performances at the festival jointly organised by the Dhaka City Corporation and Bangladesh Group Theatre Federation.

Mamunur Rashid, who lives in Gendaria, came with five members

of his family to watch *Shat Ghatir Kanakori*. He said, "Sources of recreation are limited in this part of the city. I've never watched a theatre performance before. This new cultural centre has provided us with a much-needed source of recreation."

Four friends -- Ripa, Kakoli, Helen and Tuli -- from the Faridabad area seemed excited, being at the festival. Ripa said, "We made a plan to attend the festival. It's quite convenient as it is close to where we live. Usually our families do not allow us to go out after dark,

however, they encouraged us to come here."

"I used to go to Mahila Samity when I was a student. But, in the last few years I haven't been able to watch theatre performances. It's quite difficult for us to travel all the way to Mahila Samity along with children in the never-ending traffic jam," said Mahfuza Khanom. She further added,

"Zahir Raihan Sanskritik Kendra is certainly a welcome move by DCC. The ambience is also quite satisfactory. I've watched two theatre

performances at the festival so far. Even my children are enjoying theatre, taking a break from the satellite channels."

Shahida Akhtar, a headmistress of a government primary school, said, "Avoiding many important works I'm watching theatre for the refreshment of soul."

Razzak, a cook from Islampur said, "I used to watch theatre in the 1960s, when a good number of theatre productions used to be staged in Old Dhaka. As it's on again, I'll come here more often."

"Zahir Raihan Sanskritik Kendra is a successful project" — Chief Engineer of DCC

Chief Engineer of Dhaka City Corporation (DCC) Colonel M. Ashfaqul Islam is the convener of the ongoing Mahanagar Natyotshab '08. The festival is being held at the newly built Zahir Raihan Sanskritik Kendra.

Leading theatre troupes of the country are staging their popular productions at the festival. On the reason behind opening the cultural centre in March, Colonel Ashfaq said, "Zahir Raihan made a remarkable contribution

to our Liberation War. Opening this venue, named after him, in March -- the 'month of freedom' -- is our way of making a homage to the noted litterateur-filmmaker."

Colonel Ashfaq also informed that the centre, a Tk 7.3 crore project, provides a modern theatre hall, a dance and music training centre, a library and other amenities. He added, "The 450-seat theatre is designed with all the modern facilities. Eighty per-

cent work of the centre has been completed. We will provide light, sound and acoustic facilities available at all the standard theatre venues of Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy."

"I believe it's a successful project. The local people and theatre personalities seem content. We will also set up a library with reference books on our Liberation War and Zahir Raihan. The dance and music training centre will also be an effective one," he said.

Oliver Stone finalises the cast of "Bush" drama

Director Oliver Stone has set James Cromwell to play George Herbert Walker Bush and Ellen Burstyn to play former first lady Barbara Bush in *W*, a drama about the formative years of their son, President George W. Bush.

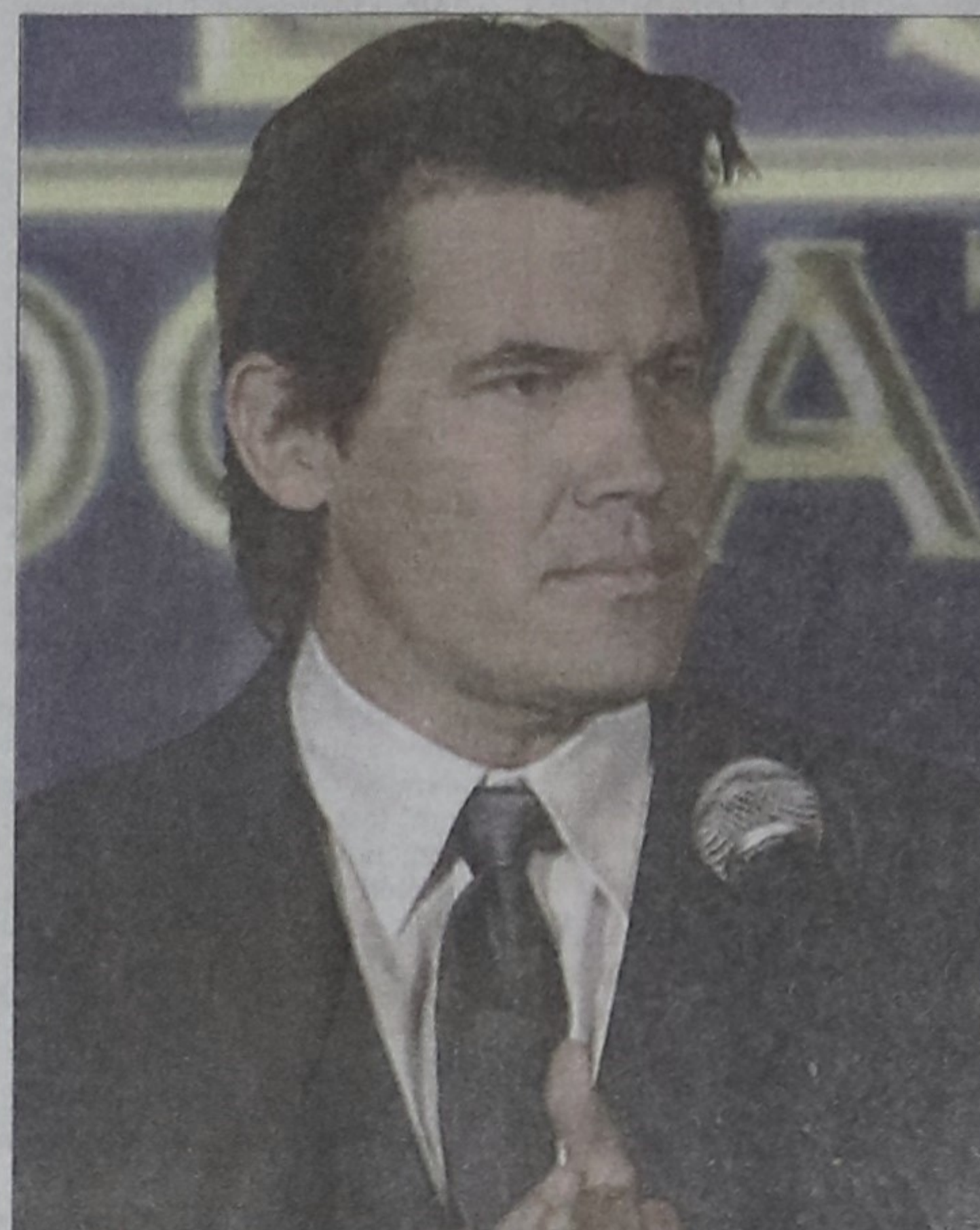
Josh Brolin is playing the title character, and Elizabeth Banks will play first lady Laura Bush.

Stone will direct from a script by his *Wall Street* co-writer Stanley Weiser. The film will be produced by Moritz Borman, who teamed with Stone on *World Trade Center* and *Alexander*, and Jon Kilik, a producer of *Alexander* as well as *Pinkville*, the pre-strike project about the Army's investigation of the My Lai massacre in Vietnam that Stone expected to direct until United Artists pulled the plug late last year.

Borman said Weiser's script was completed before the WGA strike and was ready to shoot and that many of Stone's *Pinkville* crew jumped right into *W*.

One need only Google the words "Stone" and "Bush" to find plenty of the director's critical comments about the Bush administration's invasion of Iraq. Despite that, the director said he's not looking to make an anti-Bush polemic. His goal is to use seminal events in Bush's life to explain how he came to power, using a structure comparable to the film *The Queen*.

"It's a behind-the-scenes approach, similar to *Nixon*, to give a sense of what it's like to be in his skin," Stone told *Daily Variety*. "But if *Nixon* was a symphony, this is



Josh Brolin will play President George W. Bush

more like a chamber piece, and not as dark in tone. People have turned my political ideas into a cliché, but that is superficial. I'm a dramatist who is interested in people, and I have empathy for Bush as a human

being, much the same as I did for Castro, Nixon, Jim Morrison, Jim Garrison and Alexander the Great."

Stone declined to give his personal opinion of the president.

"I can't give you that, because the filmmaker has to hide in the work," Stone said. "Here, I'm the referee, and I want a fair, true portrait of the man. How did Bush go from an alcoholic bum to the most powerful figure in the world? It's like Frank Capra territory on one hand, but I'll also cover the demons in his private life, his bouts with his dad and his conversion to Christianity, which explains a lot of where he is coming from. It includes his belief that God personally chose him to be president of the United States, and his coming into his own with the stunning, pre-emptive attack on Iraq. It will contain surprises for Bush supporters and his detractors."

Stone looked carefully at actors before setting his sights on Brolin, whose career has drawn recent traction from memorable roles in *No Country for Old Men* and *American Gangster*.

"Josh is actually better looking than Bush but has the same drive and charisma that Americans identify with Bush, who has some of that old-time movie-star swagger," Stone said.

Stone was calling the project *Bush* when he began showing it to buyers, but the filmmakers are now calling it *W*. The film is expected to be ready for distribution possibly by the November presidential elections and certainly before Bush leaves the White House in January.

Source: Internet



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

On Air

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 Bangladesh channels).

CHANNEL-i

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

ATN BANGLA

News (Bangla) at 7:00 am, 10:00 am, 2:00 pm, 7:00 pm, 10:00 pm, 11:00 pm. News (English) 8:20 am, 7:00 pm.

Latest News (Bangla) at 9:00 a.m., 10:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m., 1:00 pm, 3:00 pm, 4:00 pm, 6:00 pm and 8:00 pm.

CHANNEL 1

News (Bangla) at 8:00 am, 12:00 pm, 2:30 pm, 5:30 pm, 7:30 pm, 10:00 pm, 12:30 am.

BANGLAVISION

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.

Rtv

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

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

ETV

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

01:30 Africa Theke Gani Manush
03:30 Educational Programme
04:50 Sholyer Shondhaney
05:30 Mukhtijudho Amar Ohonkaar
06:00 Children's Programme: Sisimpur
06:30 Entertainment Show: Rupantor
07:50 Mega Serial: Ghar Kutum
08:20 Drama Serial: Nouka Dubi
09:35 Hridoye Mabo O Manush
10:00 Drama Serial: Phirey Dekha
11:30 Live Drama Serial: Astey Astey

12:15 Indian Idol Concert
01:00 Musical Programme: Gaanchil Ei Din
01:30 Dhallywood Beals
02:30 Bangla Feature Film
06:00 Protidin
06:30 Musical Programme: Shur-e Shur-e Path Chola
08:00 Drama: Baba
11:00 Drama Serial: Neel Nirjon-ey
11:30 News Watch

04:20 Cinebit Shadakalo
05:30 Sports Vision
06:05 Din-er Sheshey
06:20 Amader Otithi
08:25 Drama Serial: Pingol Akash
09:05 Amar Ami
09:45 Drama Serial: Shomokutir
11:25 Raaf Beraatey
12:00 Shangebad Protidin
BOISHAKHI
08:05 Drama Serial: Chondraboti

10:30 Kis Desh Mein Hai Meraa Dil
11:00 Chain Kulii Ki Main Kulii
01:00 Don
04:30 Krish
08:00 Aek Chabhi Hai
Padoss Mein
08:30 Jai Maa Durga
09:30 Prithviraj Chauhan
10:00 Baa Bahoo Aur Baby
10:30 Star Voi Chhote Ustaad
12:00 Kis Desh Mein Hai Meraa Dil

12:30 Dirty Jobs
01:30 Journey Of Life (Wt): Living Together
02:30 Race To Mars
03:30 Fireballs From Space (Wt)
04:30 Raw Nature: Raw Size
05:30 On The Trail Of The Langsdorff Expedition
06:30 Extreme Machines II: Earth Breakers
07:30 Raw Nature: Raw Mates
08:30 Benares: Soul Of The Ganges
09:30 Discovery Atlas: China Revealed

05:30 Big Bang
06:00 Nurse Sharks
06:30 Megastructures
07:30 Golden Seals
08:30 Wild Dog Diaries
09:30 Lufthansa Nat
Geo Genius
10:30 Journey of Discovery
10:30 Hunter Hunted
11:30 Geo Sessions
12:00 Balkan Beat Box
12:30 Hollywood Science

THE HISTORY CHANNEL

09:00 Telemall - Home Jogger
09:30 Da Vinci's World
10:30 Napoleon: Steel Monster
11:30 Yes Prime Minister S2
12:00 Joseph McCarthy
12:30 The Blue Carbunkle

NATIONAL

GEOGRAPHIC

09:00 South Africa
09:30 Sauna Belt
10:30 Tasmania: Land of Devils
11:30 Don't Tell My Mother...
12:30 Amazing Adv Of A Nobody USA

ZEE STUDIO

08:40 George Of The Jungle
10:40 The Hand That Rocks The Cradle
01:00 El Ninos
01:10 Miss Marple: Nemesis
03:10 Prelude To A Kiss
05:30 Charlie Chaplin
06:00 Hollywood's 10 Best
06:30 Just Married
08:40 The Hollywood Reporter
09:10 Hot Shots!
11:00 The Hurricane

HBO

09:15 Ghost Rider
11:30 The House Next Door
01:15 Rome 17: Heroes Of The Republic
02:30 Flight Of The Intruder
04:45 Hollywood Spotlight: Mark Wahlberg
05:15 The Making Of Ghost Rider
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09:30 Nacho Libre
11:30 Blue Streak

DISCOVERY CHANNEL

08:30 Raw Nature: Raw Size
09:30 Bloody Destiny Of A Sri Lankan Dynasty, The
10:30 Dirty Jobs
11:30 Deadliest Season In The World: Episode 3



Nayok

On ntv at 09:00 pm
Single Episode TV play
Cast: Shimul, Richi Solaiman

12:00 Grameenphone Aker Shangebadpotro

Ntv

08:30 Aker Shokaal
08:55 Bangla Feature Film
12:10 Talk Show: Ei Shomoy
01:05 Documentary Programme
02:30 Drama Serial: Swapno Jaal
03:15 Music Jam
04:25 Golpo Kathar Natok
05:30 Alokpat
06:45 Shangebnitri Ei Shoptaho
08:15 Drama Serial: Shantokutir
09:00 Drama: Nayok
11:35 Talk Show: Ei Shomoy

ETV

08:00 Aker Potrikay
08:30 Ekush-er Shokaal
12:00 Ekush-er Dupur
12:30 Total Music
02:10 Bangla Feature Film
05:15 Sports Plus
05:45 Ekush-er Shondha
06:15 Sms Mania
06:30 Shopaho Ghurey Desh Jurey
07:50 Explosive
09:30 Drama Serial: Aziz Market
Shahbag Dhaka 1000
10:00 Ekush-er Shomoy

BANGLAVISION

09:00 Children's Programme: Ichchhey Ghuri
09:30 Drama Serial: Byasto Doctor
10:10 Banglavisian Cafe
11:35 Media Bhubon
12:00 Nokia Music
02:40 Drama Serial: Shuryo Pata
03:05 Drama Serial: Tarik Ali Hadari

Rtv

08:00 Protidin
08:30 Gaanchil Ei Din
09:00 Rtv Exclusive
09:05 Drama Serial: Ebong Rohoshyer
11:05 Hello Love
11:00 Taroka Alap
11:30 Children's Programme

08:30 Talk Show: Alaap Charita O Gaan

10:05 Shorashori Apnar Doctor
12:05 Islamic Programme
02:50 Drama: Shongkranti
06:00 Dance Programme
07:30 Musical Programme
09:15 Drama Serial: Snikanto
10:30 Investigation

STAR MOVIES

08:15 Material Girls
10:00 Vip Access: Horton
10:30 The Pacifier
12:10 Adrift
01:45 Employee Of The Month
03:30 Crash
05:20 Half Past Dead
07:00 My Super Ex-Girlfriend
08:35 See No Evil
10:00 Lost Room, The - Ep. 1

STAR PLUS

09:00 Baa Bahoo Aur Baby
09:30 Kaho Na Yaar Hai

STAR WORLD

09:30 Day Break
10:30 J.A.G.
11:30 Invasion
12:30 Cops
01:00 Cops
01:30 Prison Break
02:30 Prison Break
03:30 Criminal Minds
04:30 Bones
05:30 Criss Angel
Mindfreak
06:30 Most Shocking
07:30 Heroes
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Nacho Libre

On HBO at 09:30 pm

Genre: Comedy

Cast: Jack Black,

Ana de la Reguera