

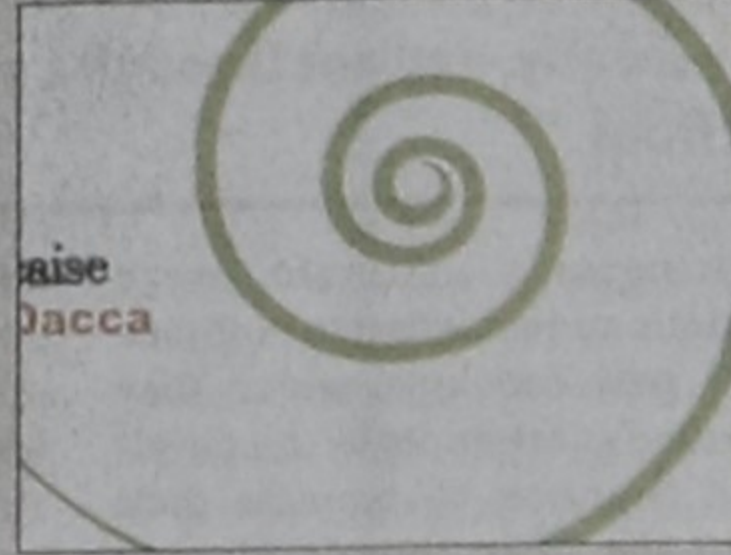
Film Screening

Film: The Cage of Queens (La Cage aux Folles)
Venue: Auditorium, Alliance Francaise, 26, Mirpur Road, Dhanmondi
Date: April 4
Time: 10am and 6pm



Solo Painting Exhibition

Title: Landscape
Artist: Isme Azam
Venue: Gallery Zoom of Alliance Francaise De Dacca, 26 Mirpur Road, Dhanmondi
Date: March 28-April 10
Time: 5 pm-8pm
9am-12 am (Saturday)



Solo Art Exhibition

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



Group Art Exhibition

Title: 65th Grand group art exhibition of reputed Bangladeshi Artists
Organiser: Saju Art Gallery
Venue: Saju Art Gallery, F/40-41, D.C.C. north Super Market, 2nd, circle, Gulshan
Date: March 22-April 23
Time: Saturday to Thursday 10am to 8pm.



Unadulterated nature in black and white

Photo exhibition at Goethe-Institut

CULTURAL CORRESPONDENT

An exhibition featuring black and white photographs by Hans Benda and Gunter Wessmann's is on at the Goethe-Institut gallery.

Hans Benda says that photography for him takes the place of a sketch for a painting, as he is a painter as well. In painting, he says, he is free to go anywhere but in photography he has to chase and trace images.

Benda says he likes to take photos of gardens and backyards because they are a part of nature. He says, "I found a strange phenomenon in my photos: the most beautiful spaces like a mossy garden in Kyoto can appear shabby in photos, while a grungy backyard or parking place may appear to be an oasis of beauty."

Like Hans Benda, Gunter Wessmann is also a painter as well as a photographer. Wessmann says that photography is a medium that allows him to find out about structures, space and light in absolute untouched nature. He says, "Like in my paintings I try to find the pure, desirable nature."

Benda says that he had seen pictures of shipyards in

Chittagong and was fascinated to see how people looked like ants next to the ships. As a consequence he came to Chittagong and took pictures there, some of which are to be seen at the exhibit.

Hans Benda was born in Berlin and studied at the Art Academy at Karlsruhe and there he met Gunter Wessmann, the other photographer whose works are on display at the exhibition.

Wessmann studied at the Academy of Fine Arts at Karlsruhe after studying at the Art School at Mannheim.

Benda chose to show two pictures together. One is a mossy garden from Kyoto, Japan and the other shows the Kamalapur Station in Dhaka. Grave stones and cemeteries have also been featured and these are from Japan. A Roman forum from Italy is depicted and here again nature is on its own despite some human influence. Two scenes from the Shitakundo shipyard have also been depicted. Black Forest scenes depict ice in the form of a waterfall.

The exhibition ends on March 31. Proceeds from the sales of the works will be donated to the Sidr victims.



Fair on mythological tale on Ramayan and Mahabharat

KONGKON KARMAKER, Dinajpur

The villagers of remote Dinajpur organised a month-long fascinating fair marking the Dol-Purnima festival. The function depicted the different activities of male and female deities as well as demons of Four Periods, including Sattya, Trata, Dapar and Kali Joog, excerpted from Hindu holy books *Bhagvad Gita* and *Mahabharat*.

The fair, 'Char Yogh Chatashhiya Mahat Lila Prodarsan Mela' was organised at Debitola Temple premises under Eshaniya village, Bochangaj upazila of Dinajpur.

Mohammad Nabiul Haque Mollah, deputy commissioner of Dinajpur, inaugurated the mela.

Deelip Kumar Banik, additional deputy commissioner (Education and Development); Aminul Haque, UNO of Bochangaj upazila of Dinajpur and Omar Farook, chairperson of Bochangaj Municipality, were present as special guests at the inaugural session.

The artists also added that such initiatives would help them to generate income through pursuing their ancestral professions during the dry season. Other idol makers who have lent their exper-



Clay and straw-made deities featured at the fair

made deities and demons featured in the *Ramayan* and *Mahabharat*.

Nripen Chandra Roy, team leader of the 15-member clay-artists (idol makers) group, asserted that the artists have been making the deities and demons for the last three months.

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tise to the endeavour, hail from Dinajpur, Nilphamari and Thakurgaon.

The chief priest of the festival, Horekrishna Chattarjee, informed *The Daily Star* that the fair showcased the mythological tale.

The fair also included a month-long *Kirtan*, *Lila Kirtan*, *Padaboli Kirtan* and *Kobi Gaan*. *Kirtan*iyas from different parts of the country converged at the fair site. Besides, the committee also arranged food for the visiting devotees.

Third Parbatya Debate competition ends in CHT

JASIM MAJUMDER, Khagrachhari

Logic can play a major role in lifting the veils of superstition, blind faith and ignorance -- thereby paving the way for much needed change. Poet and resident editor of the Bengali daily *Prothom Alo*, Abul Momen said this recently at the closing programme of the 3rd Parbatya Debate Competition. The event was organised by the local social and environmental organisation Global Village Rangamati. Momen was the chief guest while Executive Director of Global Village Rangamati Fazle Elahi presided over the closing programme.

Momen also said that debate gives a chance to people to articulate their opinions and strengthens their confidence.

Rangamati Lancers Public School clinched the championship while Rangamati Government Girls High School was runner-up.

Among others, educationist and activist Anjulika Chakma; Principal of Rangamati Women's College, Banchita Chakma; poet Biswajit Chowdhury; former President of Bangladesh Debating Society, Bulbul Hasan; former President of DU Debating Society, Khademul Karim Iqbal and General Secretary of CU Debating Society, Mostafa Al Mamun spoke on the occasion.



An informal *Jalsa*, held recently at the Bengal Shilpalaya, featured a solo performance by Shaheen Khan. The singer, adept in different genres, including *Harano Diner gaan* and *Adhunik gaan*, teaches at the Bulbul Academy of Fine Arts. Debu Chowdhury accompanied on tabla



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

On Air

01:05 Ebong Cinemar Gaan
01:30 Sa Re Ga Ma
02:35 Ekattur er Dinguli
03:30 BBC Bangladesh Shonglaap
04:40 Hindoyer Gaan
05:30 Mukhti Judho Amar Ohonkaar
06:00 Drama Serial: Alor Khonjey Kojona
06:30 South Asian Music
07:50 Mega Serial: Ghar Kutum
08:20 Drama Serial: Noukadubi
09:35 Mega Serial: 420
10:00 Drama Serial: Ochena Neel

05:15 Shamprotik
06:00 Saajbela
06:45 Rokto Gham Potaka
07:00 Shondhikoney
08:15 Drama Serial: Ochena Apon
09:00 Shomoyer Aynay Rajniti
09:30 Cine Tunes
11:00 Musical Programme: Gaaney Gaaney Bohudur Swadhinota Concert

ETV
08:30 Ekusher Shokal

06:00 Protidin
06:30 Musical Programme: Path Chaoatei Anondo
08:00 Drama Serial: Aguntaak
08:35 Wide Angle
09:20 Drama Serial: Poroshpor
11:00 Borney Borney Rochito
11:30 News Watch
11:45 Editor's Comment

BANGLAVISION
09:05 Drama Serial: Sylvia March 16
09:30 Bangla Feature Film

04:30 Serious Amazon
05:00 Munich
05:30 Big Bang
06:00 Monk Seals
06:30 Petronas Towers
07:30 Hippo Hell
08:30 Incredible Human Machine
10:30 Inside Afghan Heroin
11:30 Incredible Human Machine

HBO
07:45 Threshold
08:30 Casper
11:30 Addams Family Values
11:30 Hollywood Spotlight: Nicolas Cage
12:00 Ghost Rider
04:15 The Making Of Ghost Rider
04:30 Hollywood's 10 Best: Chicks With Attitude
05:00 Nacho Libre
07:00 Mission: Impossible III
09:30 True Lies
12:15 Ghost Rider

AXN
08:30 CSI: NY
09:30 So You Think You Can Dance
10:30 E Buzz
11:30 Magic Asia: India
12:00 WHACKED OUT SPORTS
12:30 CSI: Crime Scene Investigation
01:30 CSI: Miami
02:30 CSI: NY
03:30 Stealing Harvard
05:30 E Buzz
06:00 Sony Style TV Magazine
06:30 Video Zoners
07:00 Video Zoners
07:30 So You Think You Can Dance
08:30 Identity
10:30 David Blaine: Magic Man
11:30 Fear Factor
12:30 So You Think You Can Dance

DISCOVERY CHANNEL
08:30 Meerkat Manor
09:00 Animal Camera - Surveillance On Survival
09:30 Feast India: Old Delhi In Old Delhi, chef Barry Vera checks out one of the
10:30 Jeremy Piven's Journey Of A Lifetime: Northern India
11:30 Into Alaska With Jeff Corwin: Alaskan Survivors
12:30 Weapon Masters: Episode 2
01:30 Raw Nature: Raw Mates
02:30 Meerkat Manor
03:00 Animal Camera - Surveillance On Survival: Episode 6
03:30 Deadliest Catch 2
04:30 Discovery Atlas: China Revealed
06:30 Himalaya With Michael Palin: Episode 1
07:30 Wildest Africa
08:30 Grizzly Man
10:30 Cheetah: Cat In Crisis
11:30 Dirty Jobs - Season 1: Sludge Cleaner Mike Rowe gets dirty

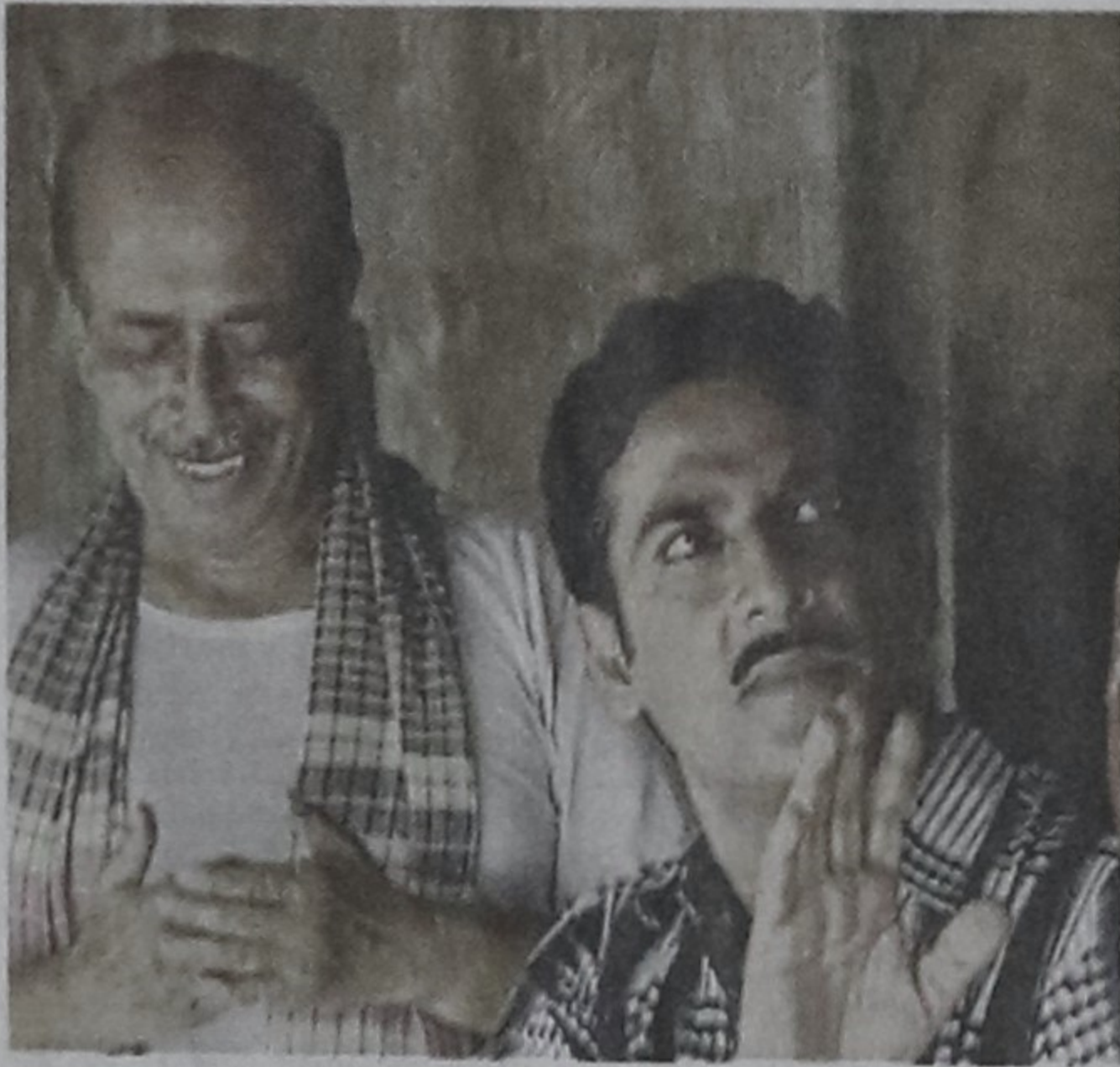
STAR MOVIES
08:35 Dreamer: Inspired By A True Story
10:20 Army Of Darkness
12:00 My Super Ex-Girlfriend
01:40 Out Of Sight
03:45 Illusionist, The

05:35 Air Buddies
07:00 Casino Royale
09:30 Scary Movie 4
11:00 He Got Game
01:15 Plane Dead

STAR PLUS
09:00 Baa Bahoo Aur Baby
09:30 Krishna Kathayien
10:30 Star VOI Chhole Ustaad
08:00 Frito Lay presents Chaia Chang
08:30 Saibaba
09:30 Pritviraj Chauhan
10:00 Baa Bahoo Aur Baby
10:30 A R Rahman In Concert
12:30 Kasturi

STAR WORLD
09:30 The O.C.
10:30 Smallville
11:30 Heroes
09:30 Grey's Anatomy
10:30 Heroes

11:30 J.A.G.
12:30 Vanity Insanity
THE HISTORY CHANNEL
09:30 The Persians
10:30 Russia
11:30 A Dangerous Man
01:30 Desert Aces
02:30 Night Fighters
03:30 Thunderbolt
04:30 High Rollers: History of Gambling
06:30 Jumbo Movie
10:30 Win, Place, Show: The History of Ho
12:30 Babe Ruth



Poroshpor
On Rtv at 09:20 pm
Drama Serial
Cast: Ahmed Rubel, Dr Enamul Haque

Konho
11:30 Drama Serial: 69
12:00 Gramephone Aker Shingbadpotro

Ntv
08:30 Aker Shokal
08:55 Bangla Feature Film
12:10 Talk Show: Ei Shomoy
01:05 Japan Video Topic
02:30 Swapnojal
03:15 Drama: Nayok
04:25 Drama Serial: 111 A Nelson Number
05:30 Apanar Jugyasha
06:20 Shubho Shondha
06:45 Joto Modhur Bhulguli
08:15 Drama Serial: Shantokutir
09:00 Crime Watch
09:45 Drama Serial: Dhaka Nibash
11:35 Talk Show: Ei Shomoy

CHANNEL 1
08:05 Shuprobhat Bangladesh
10:30 Bangla Feature Film
12:00 Biswa Jurey Saat Din
02:00 Drama Serial: Ochena Apon
03:30 Drama: Baba
04:00 Documentary Programme
04:30 Cookery Show: Shomoyer Swad

09:15 Drama Serial: Aziz Market, Shahbug, Dhaka 1000
10:30 Ekusher Business
12:00 Ekusher Dupur
12:30 Ekusher Business: Special Focus
01:30 Ekusher Business: Shophol Jara
02:10 Drama Serial: Ponibibi
03:30 Shangkriti Shadhin
04:00 Explosive
05:15 Sports Plus
05:45 Ekusher Shondhya
06:15 SMS Mania
06:30 Desh Jurey
07:45 Key Ki Koy
09:30 Drama Serial: Dur-er Manush

Rtv
07:40 Saangeet Angon
08:00 Protidin
08:30 Gaanchil Ei Din
09:00 Rtv Exclusive
09:05 Documentary Programme
12:00 Drama Serial: Neel Nirjonye
11:00 Taroka Alap
12:15 Drama: Baba
01:30 Dhallywood Beats
02:30 Bangla Feature Film



Radio Foorti 88.0 FM
07:00am Hello Dhaka
11:00am Amar 88
03:00pm Dhaka Calling
07:00pm Seven Eleven
12:00am Back to Back music
Radio Today 89.6 FM
07:15am Good Morning Dhaka (Biplob)
07:45 am Today's Happy Moments
12:00pm Today's Adda (Nudrat)
01:45pm Dupurer Khabor
04:00pm U-Turn (Kibria & Tania)
06:45pm Shondher Khabor
08:00pm Tobe Tai Hok (Sayem)
09:45pm Raater Khabor
11:45pm Moddho Raater Khabor
12:00am Today's Happy Moments
12:10am Raat Vor Gan (Nirob)

12:30 Amader Otthi
02:00 Daily Soap: Mohanagar
02:40 Drama Serial: Shomo Kutir
03:05 Nodi O Jibon
04:20 Drama Serial: Pingol Akash
05:30 Raat- Biraatey
06:05 Citycell Din-er Sheshey
06:50 Sports Vision
08:25 Drama: Mohanagar
09:05 Apan Agami
09:45 Drama Serial: Swapnochura
11:25 Drama Serial: Shohor-er Shesh Bari
12:00 Shingbad Protidin
NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC CHANNEL
08:30 Big Bang
09:00 Nurse Sharks
09:30 Sauna Belt
10:00 Glacier Bay
11:30 Lufthansa Nat Geo Genius
12:00 Journey of Discovery
12:30 Dipo Death Trap
01:30 The Most Dangerous Drug
02:30 Golden Seals
03:30 Rhino



Casino Royale
On Star Movies at 07:00 pm
Genre: Action/Adventure
Cast: Daniel Craig, Eva Green