

WHAT'S ON THIS WEEK

Film Screening
Ritwik Ghatak retrospective
Organiser: Alamgir Kabir
Chalachchitra Kendra
Venue: Alamgir Kabir
Chalachchitra Kendra, 62,
Science Laboratory Road
Date: May 9-10
May 9
11:00am Bari Thekey Palye
05:00pm Ojantrik
07:00pm Meghey Dhaka Tara

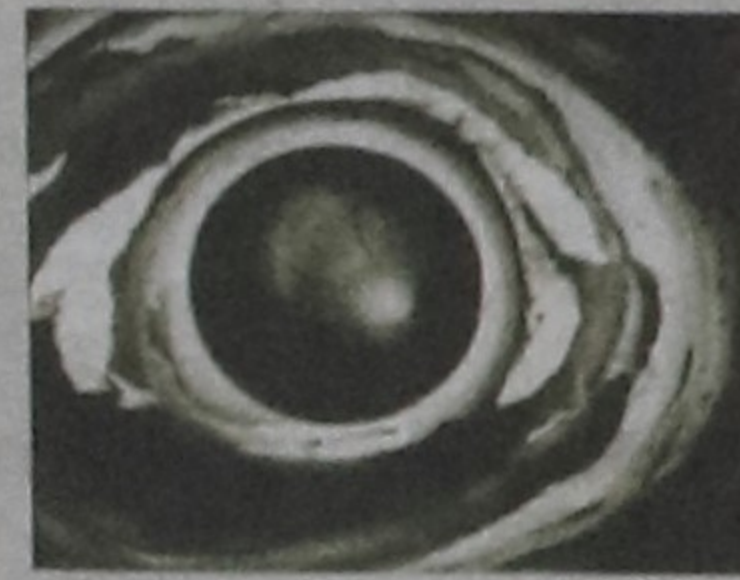


Film Screening
To celebrate 22nd anniversary
Title: Films from Africa
Organiser: Zahir Raihan
Film Society
Venue: Goethe-Institut
Bangladesh, H 10, R 9,
Dhanmondi
Date: May 18-22



Solo Painting Exhibition

Title: Image
Artist: Mohammad Fokhrul Islam
Venue: Alliance Francaise, 26,
Mirpur Road, Dhanmondi
Date: May 2-15
Time: 9am - 12pm & 5pm - 8pm
On Saturdays 5pm-8pm



Photography Exhibition

Title: Partnership in Practice
Venue: Drik Gallery,
House 58, Road 15A
(new), Dhanmondi
Date: May 01-10
Time: 3pm-8pm



A poetic touch to TV plays

In conversation with Mezbaur Rahman Sumon



Mezbaur Rahman Sumon (second from right) with his band Meghdol

CULTURAL CORRESPONDENT

Besides some high profile TV artistes, quite a few who work behind the camera, were also successful over the last year. In the latter category is talented director Mezbaur Rahman Sumon, who has to his credit a TV serial and a number of single-episode plays. Sumon is also an active member of the fusion band Meghdol. During a recent conversation with

The Daily Star, Sumon talked about his achievements and future plans in the spheres of direction and music.

Though last year provided him with the much needed breath-through, Sumon has been active in the media since 1995. In the early days, he assisted some documentary-makers and did some animation for several reputed NGOs like BCCP and UNICEF. His first play for a TV channel was aired in 2006. The single-episode play, *Ami Arupar Kachhey*

Jachchhi, featuring Shobeb and Kusum Shikdar, aired on Channel-i. In the same year, he received the 'Meril-Prothom Alo Award' for best director for his single-episode play *Dokkhiner Janalata Khola*.

In 2007, Sumon made the drama serial, *Coffee House* - aired on Channel-1 - which became quite popular. *Horgoje O Kichhu Shada Ronger Projapoti*, a single-episode play aired on ntv; *Nusrat Shongey Ekti Golpo* for Banglavisian and *Shohortolir Alo*,

another single-episode play for Rtv are some of his noteworthy works.

Shohortolir Alo, an adaptation of the Charles Chaplin classic *City Lights* (1931), was lauded by viewers. According to Sumon, the play was a tribute to Chaplin. Sumon says, "Not many people in Bangladesh are aware of Chaplin's works. I wanted to introduce our TV audience to Chaplin's genius."

Most of the titles and stories of Sumon's plays are pretty different from the run-of-the-mill works. Sumon says, "Poetry inspires me; so, I always want to add poetic touch to my works. Having grown up in Dhaka, I am more accustomed to streetlights than moonlight. Most of my plays naturally revolve around Dhaka's life."

As for 2008, his hands are full. A TV play, titled *Jolchhobi* is among his latest works. Also on the cards is a new serial, *Rail Station-e Shona Golpo*.

Sumon has also been busy as a musician. His band Meghdol released an album *Droher Montrey Bhalobasha* in 2005. The style of their music can be considered "off track". Like his plays, Sumon's music also features different aspects of urban life. "The band is currently on their second album, which is expected to be released within two months," says Sumon.

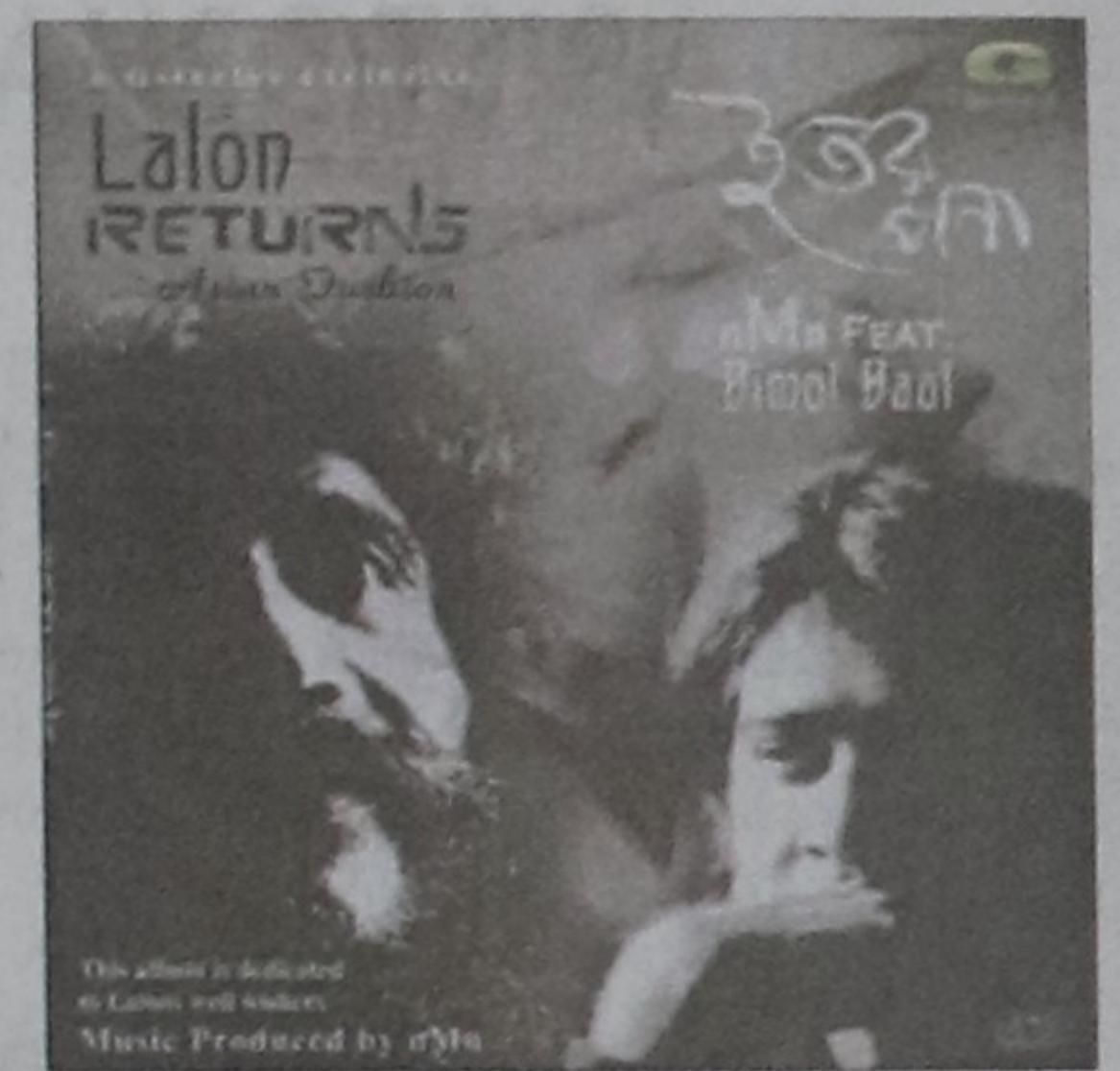
Sumon's receives immense support from his family. In his words, "When I was a college student I was keen to take music and arts as my profession and my family firmly supported my decision."

As for the future, the talented artiste harbours the ambition of making mainstream films. "Our once reputed cinema had lost its lustre. I believe that if young and talented people show more interest in mainstream films, the future can be promising."

NEW RELEASES



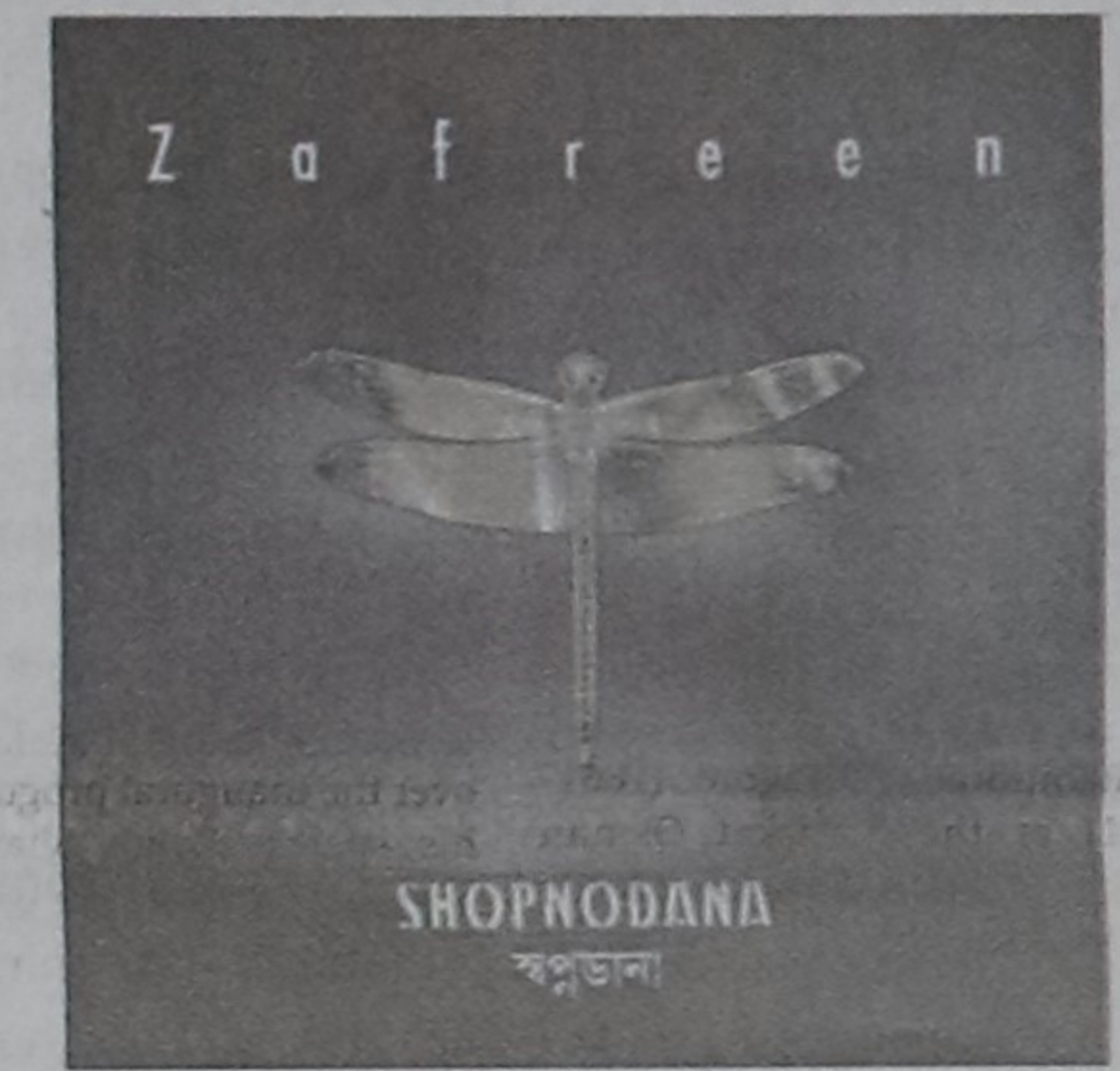
Ektuku Kotha Shuni
An album of Rabindra Sangeet by Ismat Noor
Source: Fahim Music



Lalon Returns
An album of Lalon songs by nMn featuring Bimol Baul
Source: G-Series



Balam featuring Julee
An album of Adhunik songs by Balam and Julee
Source: Sangeeta



Shopnodana
A solo album by Zafreen
Source: Digital Factory



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 Bangla channels).

CHANNEL-1

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, 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 8:00 pm.

CHANNEL 1

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

BANGLAVISIAN

News (Bangla) at 7:30am, 1:30pm, 5:00pm, 7:15pm, 10:30pm.

News Headlines (Bangla) at 10:00am, 12:00am, 4:00pm.

News (English) at 6:00pm

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

08:20 Shuprobhat
08:45 Ei Shoptaher Bangladesh
09:05 Sisimpur
09:30 Smritimoy Geetimoy
10:05 Geeti Nalyo
11:00 Quiz
11:45 Musical Programme: Desher Gaan

12:15 Mati O Manush
12:40 Selected Programme
01:30 Islamic Gaan
01:45 Theatre
03:15 Bangla Feature Film
07:00 Apnaar Doctor
07:30 Musical Programme: Hazar Taar-er Bina

08:40 Drama Serial: Swapno Jatra
09:00 Talk Show: Shomoyer Katha

ATN BANGLA

08:15 Akker Shangbadpotro
08:30 Talk Show: Onyodrishti
09:20 Educational Programme: BSB
Cambrian Education Zone

09:20 Cookery Show: ATN Rannaghar

10:30 Islamic Programme

11:05 Islamic Programme: Jibon Jigyasha

03:15 Bangla Feature Film: Lal Shalu

05:00 Gram Gonjer Khobor

06:20 Children's Programme: Amra Karbo Joy

08:00 Drama: Night Guard

09:20 Drama Serial: Amader Nurul Huda

10:40 Special Programme: Mukto Shinglap

11:30 Drama Serial: Doll's House

12:00 Grameenphone Lead News

CHANNEL i

09:30 Shangbadpotrey Bangladesh

09:45 Public Reaction

09:50 Grameenphone Trilomatra

10:30 Grameenphone Tele Shomoy

11:30 Islamic Programme: Islam Ki

Rtv

08:40 Musical Programme: Saangeet Onon
09:00 Rtv Exclusive
09:05 Special Programme: Shaap Mochon
09:35 Musical Programme: Just Quiz
10:03 Special Programme: Rabindranath-er Krishi Bhabna

10:55 News Update
11:00 Taroka Alap
11:30 Special Programme: Keno Rabindranath Kisher Jonno Rabindranath

12:15 Musical Programme: Eto Pakhi Gay

12:30 Musical Programme: SaSa Dhin Tai

01:03 Islamic Programme

01:30 Dhaliwood Beats

02:30 Bangla Feature Film

06:00 Protidin

08:00 Musical Programme: Indian Idol Concert

09:20 Hello Love

11:00 Drama Serial: Mukush Neel

11:30 Biz Event

12:00 Editor's Comment

ETV

08:30 Ekush-er Shokaal

09:15 Cartoon

09:45 Shonamoni Shukhey

10:00 Oshukhey

10:30 Job Line

11:30 Ekush-er Chokh

12:00 Ekush-er Dupur

12:30 Shuraal Haal

01:30 Ei Shoptaho

02:00 Bangla Feature Film

09:30 Drama Serial: Aziz Market, Shahbag, Dhaka 1000
10:00 Drama Serial: House Wife 2
11:40 Musical Programme: Phone O Live Studio Concert

BANGLAVISIAN

08:30 Agricultural Programme: Shamol Bangla

09:00 Nodi O Jibon

09:30 Cookery Show: Confidence Salt



Aziz Market Shahbag Dhaka 1000
On Ekushey TV at 9:30 pm
Drama Serial
Cast: Fazlur Rahman Babu, Nafiza



04:20 Islamic Programme
05:30 Visa Apnar Agami
06:05 Citycell Din-er Sheshey
06:25 Banglavisian Cafe
08:25 Drama Serial: Byasto Doctor
09:05 Selected Programme
09:45 Drama Serial: Tanik Ali Hadari
12:00 Shongbad Protidin

CHANNEL 1

08:40 Shuoprobhat Bangladesh



Radio Foorti 88.0 FM

08:00am Hello Dhaka

12:00pm Hamd-Nath and Quran recital

11:45pm Foorti Unlimited

06:00pm Bumper to Bumper

10:00pm Back to Back music

Radio Today 89.6 FM

11:00am Good Morning Dhaka

11:00am Post Box 9032

01:00pm Islami Gan

02:00pm Rupali Gan

07:00pm Today's World Music

12:00am Today's Happy Moments

Lal Shalu

On ATN Bangla at 3:15 pm

Bangla Feature Film

Cast: Raisul Islam Asad, Chandni

10:30 Selected Programme

11:30 Islamic Programme: Alor Kaphela

01:00 Drama: Dhushor Chhaya

02:00 Golfachut

03:30 Drama: Biprolip

04:30 Proshno Uttar

05:15 Jhili Mili

06:00 Saaj Bela

07:00 Shoptaho Sheshey

08:15 Tele-film: Bonolota Shen-er Khojey

09:30 Shuk Tara
11:00 Bashundhara Builders Amader Ghar

BOISHAKHI

08:05 Deen Protidin

08:35 Crime File

10:30 Atyo Rokkhay Marshal Arts

11:00 Shorashori Apnar Doctor

12:05 Alokiti Jibon-er Jonno

02:10 Shagor Shunel

03:00 Islamic Programme

05:00 Salute Bangladesh

06:00 Dui Bondhur Kandyo Kirti

07:30 Tagore Song

08:00 Drama: Drishyo Kabyo

09:00 Drama: Bini Poyshay Bhoj

10:30 Selected Programme

11:00 Shonaar Ton

STAR MOVIES

09:30 Erminator 3: Rise Of The Machin

11:15 Abel

01:30 Ye Of The Beast

03:00 Inky Boots

04:45 Ip Access

05:15 Erbie: Fully Loaded

07:00 Ce Age

08:25 Ig Fat Liar

10:00 Aw li

11:30 Sk The Dust

STAR WORLD

09:30 Life

10:30 American Idol

11:30 30 Rock

12:00 The Simpsons

01:30 Northern Exposure

02:30 The Ellen Degeneres Show

03:30 The Bold And The Beautiful

04:30 General Hospital

05:00 Desperate Housewives

06:00 King Of The Hill

06:30 The Simpsons

07:00 Rodney

07:30 Friends

08:00 Seinfeld

08:30 In Case Of Emergency

09:00 Unan1mous

09:30 Invasion

10:30 Tna Wrestling

11:30 Most Daring

THE HISTORY CHANNEL

09:15 Telemail - Home Jogger

09:30 Distilleries

10:30 Futureweapons

11:35 Eye Max

12:15 Swarna Heera

12:30 Hellen of Troy

01:30 Destination Diamond Mine

03:30 Lost Worlds

04:30 Distilleries
05:30 Where Did it Come From
06:30 Helen of Troy
07:30 Great Britain
08:30 Rakesh Roshan
09:30 Rocky Marciano
11:30 Ice Road Truckers

STAR PLUS

10:30 Shaka Laka Boom Boom

11:00 Prithviraj Chauhan

01:30 Kumkum - Pyara Sa Bandhan

02:30 Karam Apnaa Apnaa

03:00 Grihasti

06:30 Shararat-Thoda Jaadu Thodi Naz

07:00 Grihasti

07:30 Aek Chabhi Hai Padoss Mein

08:30 Kya Aap Paanchvi Pass Setezhai