

WHAT'S ON THIS WEEK

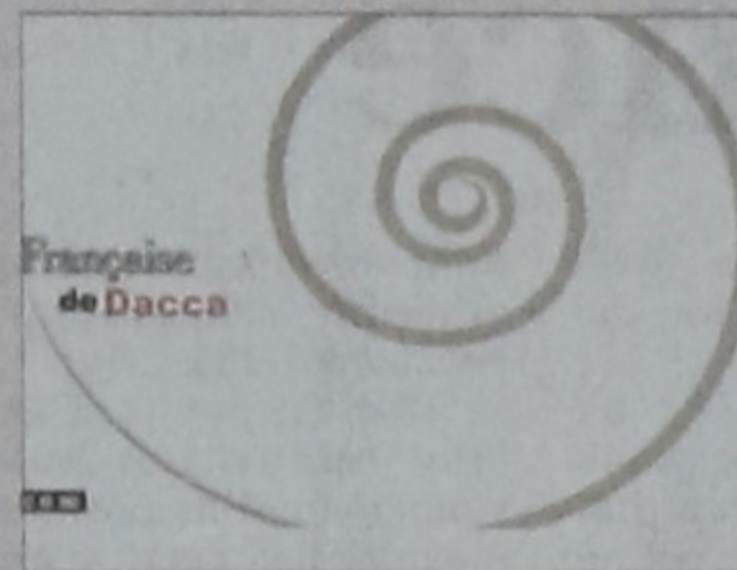
Film Screening

Organiser: Dhaka University Film Society
 Venue: Russian Centre for Science and Culture, H 510, R 7, Dhanmondi
 Date: May 11-12
 Film: War and Peace (1967)
 4 parts will be screened in two days
 Time: 3pm onwards



Solo Painting Exhibition

Title: Rhythm & Nature
 Artist: Zahir Hossain
 Venue: Alliance Francaise, 26, Mirpur Road, Dhanmondi
 Date: May 9-22



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



Theatre

Play: Circus Circus
 Troupe: Prachyanat
 Venue: Mahila Samiti Auditorium, Natak Swarani
 Date: May 12
 Time: 7pm



Dhaka Stage treads the floorboards again



Scenes from the play

NIVEDITA RAITZ VON FRENTZ

Set in a florist shop on down-and-out Skid Row, this year's production by Dhaka Stage, an established expat theatre group, is the dark cult comedy, *Little Shop of Horrors*. Originally shot as a black and white film in 1960, off-Broadway Broadway and new large screen versions have been made subsequently.

Narrating the story in the 1960s female groups' do-wop style, a quartet of singers introduces owner, Mr. Mushnik's "misfit employees", clumsy Seymour and his secret love, Audrey, the proverbial ditzy blonde. Seymour yearns for a better life; his desperation is palpable as the chorus of tramps, drunks and prostitutes sing "Want

to get out of here". He suggests revamping the business, whipping out a "strange and interesting plant", bought under mysterious circumstances. The fly trap he's flatteringly named Audrey II immediately draws its first customer, and the shop is on its feet again. However, doom hangs in the air when it's revealed that Audrey II relishes human blood.

Overnight, Seymour is catapulted to fame, with a cascade of radio interviews and gardening club lectures in hand. Audrey II continues to flourish, yelling its oft-repeated catchphrase at Seymour, "Feed me!" Meanwhile, Audrey's domineering, nitrous oxide-addicted dentist boyfriend Orin continues ill-treating her, goading Seymour into contemplating murder. His courage fails

him, but Orin keels over nonetheless due to a nitrous oxide overdose and is fed, bit by macabre bit to a fiendishly delighted Audrey II. Mushnik suspects Seymour over Orin's disappearance and is tricked into stepping inside the plant's mouth.

Seymour is bombarded with offers for a home gardening television programme, touted for lecture tours and persuaded to appear on the cover of *Life* magazine. While his relationship with Audrey blossoms, Audrey II reaches epic proportions. It comes to a head when Seymour sings, "It must come to an end," with the intention of killing Audrey II. The clever plant has other ideas though, and persuades its namesake into watering it, fatally biting Audrey. Plans to clone the

plant, Audrey II's ultimate desire, are the last straw. Seymour's numerous attempts to decimate it are in vain and he is last seen jumping into Audrey II's devouring jaws with a machete. The parting shot is a message to be careful what one wishes for.

Audrey II's transformation from a harmless-looking little plant to an enormous, tentacle-ridden creature, is very cleverly achieved. Ingeniously created by Saidul Haque Jaise, local mask expert, also known for his puppets in the children's television show *Sisimpur*, its movements are controlled by puppet master Lee Ann Miracle and voice-over provided by director Ben Snowdon. "We were looking for something exciting and fun to watch. Our biggest concern has been for Lee

Ann to survive inside Audrey II without wilting," says Ben. For Dawne, "the challenge was to make something ridiculous appear so real." Producer Susan McGee praised the props team for being "super resourceful. They even got hold of a real dentist's chair!" It has been technically demanding to synchronise the puppet's singing and dancing with the voice, but there's no doubt that Audrey II is the deliciously evil star of the play.

Putting on such a show is labour intensive as it's done on borrowed time. If the final dress rehearsal was anything to go by, the musical should thoroughly have entertained theatre buffs until 9th May.

The writer is a freelance contributor

Juno star Page to play Jane Eyre

Juno star Ellen Page has signed up to play Jane Eyre in a new adaptation of the Charlotte Bronte novel.

The role would mark the first period piece for Page, who has agreed to be in several contemporary films since her Oscar-nominated performance in *Juno*.

BBC Films has said it will be developing the production, although a director has yet to be named.

The 1847 novel tells the epic love story of a governess and her master, Edward Rochester.

It is among the most filmed English novels of all-time, with more than a dozen productions reaching the big and small screens, including BBC-produced mini-series in 1973 and 2006.

The last film adaptation was in 1996 and was directed by Franco Zeffirelli, which starred Charlotte Gainsbourg as the adult Jane.

Over the years, actresses ranging from Joan Fontaine to Susannah York also have played the title character.

Source: BBC



Ellen Page

Tagore birth anniversary Celebrations in Mymensingh



Artists of Rabindra Parshad, Mymensingh perform at the function

AMINUL ISLAM, Mymensingh

Marking the 147th birth anniversary of Nobel laureate poet Rabindranath Tagore, the local unit of Rabindra Parishad organised a function at Rabindra Batamul on May 8. The function, held in the premises of Teachers Training College (Male), included a discussion and Rabindra Sangeet.

Professor Mukarram Hossain and advocate Habibuazzaman Khorrām, president and secretary of Rabindra Parishad delivered welcome speeches. Among others Dr Marufi Khan, principal of Shaheed Syed Nazrul Islam College, Professor

Reazul Islam, Sajeda Begum Saju and Mahmuda Akhtar Helen were present on the occasion.

The speakers expressed the view that people should immerse themselves in the writings of Tagore, as he takes them back to their roots. This is particularly true of the younger generation.

The artistes of various cultural organisations including Udichi Mymensingh unit, Alokdhara rendered Rabindra Sangeet that enthralled the audience.

Other socio-cultural organisations in the district also chalked out various programmes to mark Tagore's birth anniversary.



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

On Air

ATN BANGLA

- 08:15 Aiker Shanbadpotro
- 08:30 Drama Serial: Ochin Pakhi
- 09:15 Drama Serial: Amader Nurul
- 10:30 Talk Show: Onyodrishti
- 11:05 Entertainment Show: Smile Show
- 01:30 Khelar Jogot
- 02:30 Take Care
- 03:15 Onirbaan
- 04:30 Maa Tomay Bhalo Bashi
- 05:00 Gram Gonjer Khobor
- 05:10 Mission To Liberia
- 05:45 The Sword of Tipu Sultan
- 06:20 Three Stooges
- 08:00 Drama Serial: Showa Paanch Arai Len
- 08:40 Drama Serial: Syed Barir Bou
- 09:20 Drama Serial: Orchid
- 11:30 Daily Soap: Doll's House
- 12:00 Grameenphone Lead News
- 08:05 Tagore Song
- 08:30 Shokaler Gaan
- 09:30 Shangbadpotrey Bangladesh
- 09:45 Public Reaction
- 09:50 Grameenphone Trilomatra
- 11:05 Apolo Tele Prescription
- 11:30 Agricultural Programme: Hridoyo Mati O Manush
- 12:30 Cityvill Taroka Kathan
- 01:05 Musical Programme: Ebong Cinemar Gaan
- 01:30 Musical Programme: Sa Re Ga Ma
- 02:35 Ekattur er Dinguli
- 03:30 BBC Bangladesh Shonglaap
- 04:05 Educational Programme: BSB Cambrian Medha Bikash
- 05:30 Mukhti Judho Probidin
- 06:00 South Asian Music
- 06:20 TV Series: Super Man
- 07:50 Mega Serial: Ghar Kulum
- 08:20 Drama Serial: Noukadubi
- 09:35 Travel Show: Bangalink Banglar

ETV

- 08:30 Ekusher Shokal
- 09:15 Drama Serial: Aziz Market, Shahbag, Dhaka 1000
- 10:30 Ekushey Business
- 12:00 Special Ekusher Dupur
- 12:30 Ekushey Business: Special Focus
- 01:30 Ekushey Business: Shaphol Jara
- 02:10 Drama Serial: Pori Bibi
- 03:30 Shangkriti Shath Din
- 04:00 Explosive
- 05:15 Maa Ar Ami
- 05:45 Ekusher Shondha
- 06:15 SMS Mania
- 06:30 Desh Jury Bangladesh-er Chaalchitro
- 07:45 Street Show: Key Ki Koy
- 08:15 Drama Serial: Poribibi
- 09:30 Drama Serial: Dur-er Manush
- 10:00 Musical Programme: Live Station Concert
- 11:40 Shey Jey Amar Maa
- 12:00 Ekusher Raat
- 08:40 Musical Programme: Saangeet Angon
- 09:00 Rtv Exclusive
- 09:05 Probidin
- 09:35 Documentary Programme
- 10:03 Drama Serial: Nirontor
- 10:55 News Update
- 11:00 Taroka Alap
- 12:15 Drama: Dui Kuthun Ek Dorja
- 01:30 Dhallywood Beats
- 02:30 Bangla Feature Film
- 06:00 Probidin
- 06:30 Musical Programme: Path Chaoitei Anondo
- 08:00 Drama Serial: Aguntaak
- 08:35 Wide Angle
- 09:20 Drama Serial: Poroshpor
- 11:00 Borney Borney Rochilo
- 11:30 Biz Event
- 12:00 Editor's Comment
- 08:30 Nana Rang-er Dinguli
- 09:00 Cinebit
- 09:30 Bangla Feature Film
- 10:30 Amader Oitthi
- 12:00 Daily Soap: Mohanagar
- 02:30 Golper Natok: Alapita
- 03:05 Nodi O Jibon
- 04:20 Drama Serial: Nogorey

BANGLAVISION

- 05:30 Nagorik
- 06:05 Law Chamber
- 06:05 Citycell Din-er Sheshey
- 06:20 Cinebit Shada Kalo
- 06:50 Sports Vision
- 08:25 Drama: Mohanagar
- 09:05 Career Show: Visa Apanar Agami
- 09:45 Drama Serial: Swapnochura
- 11:25 Drama Serial: Shohor-er Shesh Bari
- 12:00 Shangbad Probidin

CHANNEL 1

- 08:40 Shuprobhaat Bangladesh
- 10:30 Bangla Feature Film
- 10:30 Bishwa Jury Shath Din
- 02:00 Sports Vision
- 03:30 Drama Serial: Moja Marey Phoja Bhai
- 04:00 Gaan-er Khata
- 04:30 Cookery Show: Shomoyer Swad
- 05:15 Rupanitor-er Golpo
- 06:00 Saajibela
- 07:00 Shondhikhoney

- 08:15 Drama Serial: Moja Marey Phoja Bhai
- 09:00 Shomoyer Aynar Rajniti
- 09:30 Cine Tune
- 11:00 Alokitto Jibon
- BOISHAKHI
- 08:05 Din Protidin
- 08:30 Atyo Rokhoy Marshal Arts
- 10:05 Dance Show: Chhondey Chhondey Nntyo



Maa Tomay Bhalobashi On ATN Bangla at 04:30 pm Special Programme on Mother's Day Host: Saberi Alam



Shey Jey Amar Maa On Ekushey TV at 11:40 pm Special Programme on Mother's Day Host: Farah Sharmin

- 10:30 Mon-er Katha
- 12:05 Musical Programme: Prio Shipi Shera Gaan
- 02:10 Jantley Chai
- 04:00 Haturin Shurey
- 05:00 Cartoon
- 06:00 Nazrul Sangeet
- 07:30 Tokhon Bhorbela
- 09:00 Boishakhi Jhor
- 10:30 Business Hour
- ZEE STUDIO
- 08:00 Love Wrecked

- 10:00 The Ultimate Hollywood Blonde - Org
- 11:00 Freaky Friday
- 10:10 One Fine Day
- 03:30 Wild Strawberries
- 05:40 Little Women
- 08:30 Beach Red
- 11:00 Sweet Home Alabama

DISCOVERY CHANNEL

- 08:30 Raw Nature: Raw Seas
- 09:30 Ladakh: Desert In The Skies
- 10:30 Story Of India, The: Spice Routes & Silk Roads
- 11:30 Fight Quest: France
- 12:30 Futureweapons: Maximum Impact
- 01:30 Hunters: Dangerous Sea, The
- 02:30 Into Alaska With Jeff Corwin: Bear Country
- 03:30 Story Of India, The: Ages Of Gold
- 04:30 Raw Nature: Raw Seas
- 05:30 Deadliest Catch (Season 3): Berling Sea Salvation
- 06:30 All New Planet's Funniest Animals: Episode 1
- 08:00 Animal Camera - Surveillance On Survival: Episode 6
- 09:20 Raw Nature: Raw Weapons
- 08:30 Grizzly Man (W)
- 10:30 Deadliest Catch (Season 3): Last
- 01:30 My Dog Skip
- 11:30 Barmyard
- 11:15 The Making Of Norbit
- 01:30 Superman
- 04:15 The Making Of Wallace & Gromit: The Curse Of The Were-Rabbit
- 05:00 Dreamgirls
- 07:30 Zathura: A Space Adventure
- 09:30 You, Me And Dupree
- 11:45 Proof Of Life
- STAR MOVIES
- 09:15 Babe
- 10:50 Mr. Deeds
- 12:30 Eragon
- 02:15 10 Items Or Less
- 03:45 Double Impact
- 05:35 Idiocracy
- 10:00 Epic Movie
- 08:25 Borat: Cultural Learnings Of Amer
- 09:45 Crank
- 11:15 Where The Truth Lies
- 01:00 Isolation
- STAR PLUS
- 08:30 Kyunki Saas Bhi Kabhi Bahu Thi
- 09:00 Baa Bahoo Aur Baby

- 09:30 Krishna Kathayien
- 10:30 jo jeeta wohi superstar
- 01:30 Kya Aap Paanchvi Pass SeTezHai
- 04:30 Deewana Mastana
- 07:30 SAIBABA
- 08:30 Kya Aap Paanchvi Pass SeTezHai
- 10:00 Baa Bahoo Aur Baby
- 10:30 Aek Chabhi Hai Padoss Mein
- 11:30 Raja Ki Aayegi Barat
- 12:00 Shararat-Thoda Jaadu Thodi Naz
- 12:30 Pritiviraj Chauhan

STAR WORLD

- 09:00 The O.C.
- 10:00 Smallville
- 11:00 Friends
- 01:30 The Bold And The Beautiful
- 03:30 Last Comic Standing
- 04:30 The Ellen Degeneres Show
- 05:30 Pangea Day
- 06:30 Ugly Betty
- 07:30 For Better Or For Worse
- 08:30 Life
- 09:30 Grey's Anatomy
- 10:30 Criminal Minds
- 11:30 J.A.G.
- 12:30 Vanity Insanity

NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC

- 09:00 Humpack Whales
- 09:30 In The Womb
- 11:30 Luthansha Nat Geo Genius
- 12:00 South American Contrasts
- 12:30 In The Womb
- 01:30 In The Womb: Twins
- 03:30 Rolex Awards
- 04:30 Chimp Diaries
- 05:00 London
- 05:30 Big Bang
- 06:00 Humpack Whales
- 06:30 Massive Machines
- 07:30 Ambushed
- 08:30 Science Of Babies
- 09:30 In The Womb: Twins
- 10:30 In The Wombs: Animals
- 11:30 Science Of Babies
- 12:30 In The Womb: Twins

THE HISTORY CHANNEL

- 09:30 Machines of the Gods
- 10:30 Robots
- 11:30 Jekyll & Hyde
- 01:30 Da Vinci Code
- 02:30 Dash for the Cash
- 03:30 Dracula's Underground
- 04:30 Blood Diamonds
- 06:30 North & South
- 10:15 Jumbo Movie
- 12:30 True Caribbean Pirates