

WHAT'S ON THIS WEEK

Musical Soiree
To mark Nazrul Birth Anniversary
Organiser: Srijon
Venue: Sufia Kamal Auditorium, National Museum, Shahbag
Date: May 31
Time: 6:05pm



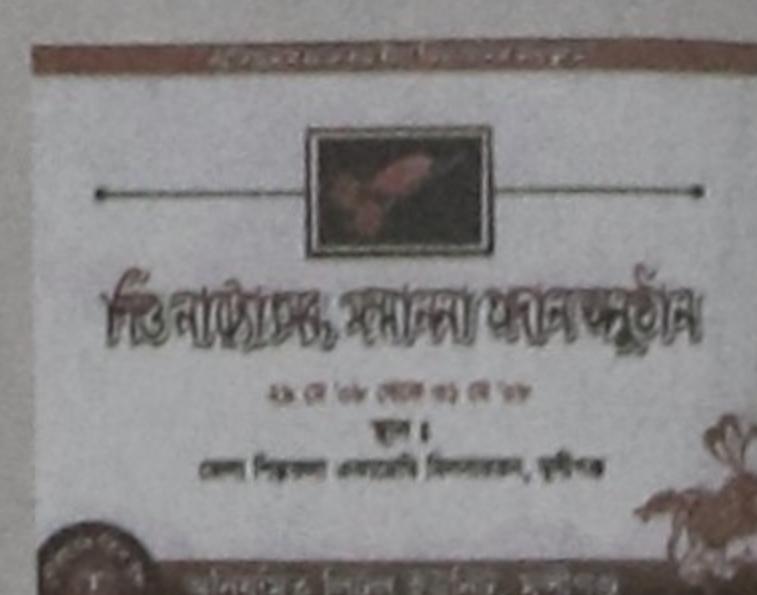
Film Screening
Venue: Alamgir Kabir Chalchitra Kendra, 62, Science Laboratory Road
Date: May 30
May 30
11pm Goopy Bagha Phire Elo, 5pm 36 Chowringhee Lane; 7pm Paroma



Film Screening
2nd session of African Film Festival '08
Films: 20 documentaries by African filmmakers
Organiser: Zahr Rajhan Film Society
Venue: Alliance Francaise, 26, Mirpur Road, Dharmapuri
Date: May 26-30, Time: 5pm onwards



Shishu Natya Utsab
Organiser: Oniyomita Little Unit, Munsiganj
Venue: District Shilpkala Academy, Munsiganj
Date: May 29-31
Time: 6:30pm onwards



In Conversation

Shamsul Huda: A music collector and artiste

NADIA SARWAT

Shamsul Huda is a dedicated singer, music director, actor and music collector. Huda did his Masters in Classical Music from Lucknow, India. He returned to Bangladesh in 1988 and his passion for music took him to the remote corners of the greater Mymensingh region in search of folk songs. There he collected the lyrics and recorded the songs performed by the local folk artistes.

"My experience has been absolutely fascinating. It is heartening to learn what music means to the common folks in our country. Even beggars who don't know the basics of music can sing a lot of unfamiliar folk songs that have beautiful lyrics and music. I've recorded some of them," says the artiste.

Huda has an impressive collection of music including rare folk songs, Nazrul Sangeet, songs of Gyanendra Prasad Goswami, Ukip Munshi, Abdur Rashid, Jalal Khan and more.

"I want to have a collection of songs that are rare -- it is my dream project. My collection includes original renditions of 700 Nazrul songs, which I am now converting into CD format. Among these is an unpublished song that Kazi Nazrul Islam instantly wrote and composed while teaching Bimal Bhushan. The lyrics of the song goes Amar shudhu chokher dekhashoi, ami kangaal bole kangaalito noi."

Recordings of radio programmes -- *Basanti Bidya Bidhi*, *Devastuti*, *Harapiya* and *Kalaha Kalahantora* -- directed by Kazi Nazrul Islam and aired on Akash Bani, Kolkata are also included in Huda's collection.

This music enthusiast was enlisted in BTV in 1998 as a Nazrul, folk and classical singer, actor and music director. With an experience in theatre (with the *Mask Theatre* troupe, Kolkata) spanning five years, he has acted in several TV plays aired on different channels in Bangladesh including the drama serial *Rang*, *Ranjeela Manushera*, *Sporsher Bairey* and more.

Huda also wrote and composed the theme song of the film *Rakkhoshi*, sung by S.T. Tutil.

According to the artiste, singing is what he is most comfortable with. Says Huda, "Singing is my first preference. I am quite comfortable with all kinds of songs." Recently, he has finished recording his first solo folk album *Dotana Preet*. He is optimistic about the album.

According to Shamsul Huda, his most remarkable work is the programme titled *Television Sangeet Sammilan*, aired on BTV from 1996 to 1999. Huda



worked as the scriptwriter and researcher for the programme.

"We tried to give breaks to numerous young and talented folk singers from all over the country. Quite a few promising singers like Anima Mukti, Shahnaz Beli emerged from that programme," Huda says.

"Living in an age of restlessness, people don't seem to hold on to a particular good song for a while anymore. We should try and understand what makes songs tick and create songs that will be remembered for decades. It's high time we study and promote our own culture instead of blindly following the ways of others."

JK Rowling pens Potter "prequel"

JK Rowling has written a short prequel to her popular Harry Potter books.

But the 800-word tale will not be published -- instead it will go under the hammer at a charity auction in London next month.

She is one of 13 authors -- including Nick Hornby and Doris Lessing -- asked to write storycards by Waterstone's for their "What's Your Story?" auction.

Rowling's story finishes with the handwritten words: "From the prequel I am not working on -- but that was fun!"

All 13 cards will be sold without a reserve price. The other authors include Margaret Atwood, Lauren Child, Sebastian Faulks, Tom Stoppard and Irvine Welsh.

Gerry Johnson, managing director of Waterstone's said: "What's Your Story just gets more and more exciting -- all these brilliant works by amazing writers and illustrators, every one a small masterpiece, and now this -- the prequel to Harry Potter."

"We never dreamed that JK Rowling would donate something so precious, and we're incredibly grateful."

Money raised from the sale will go to English PEN, which promotes understanding through literature, and Dyslexia Action.

In December last year, a new JK Rowling work, *The Tales of Beedle the Bard* fetched £1.95 million at auction.

Philip Errington, a specialist at Sotheby's, which will run the auction at Waterstone's Piccadilly store on 10 June, said: "Given the enormous interest we have seen in recent times for autograph work by JK Rowling, the prospects for her storycard are good to say the least."

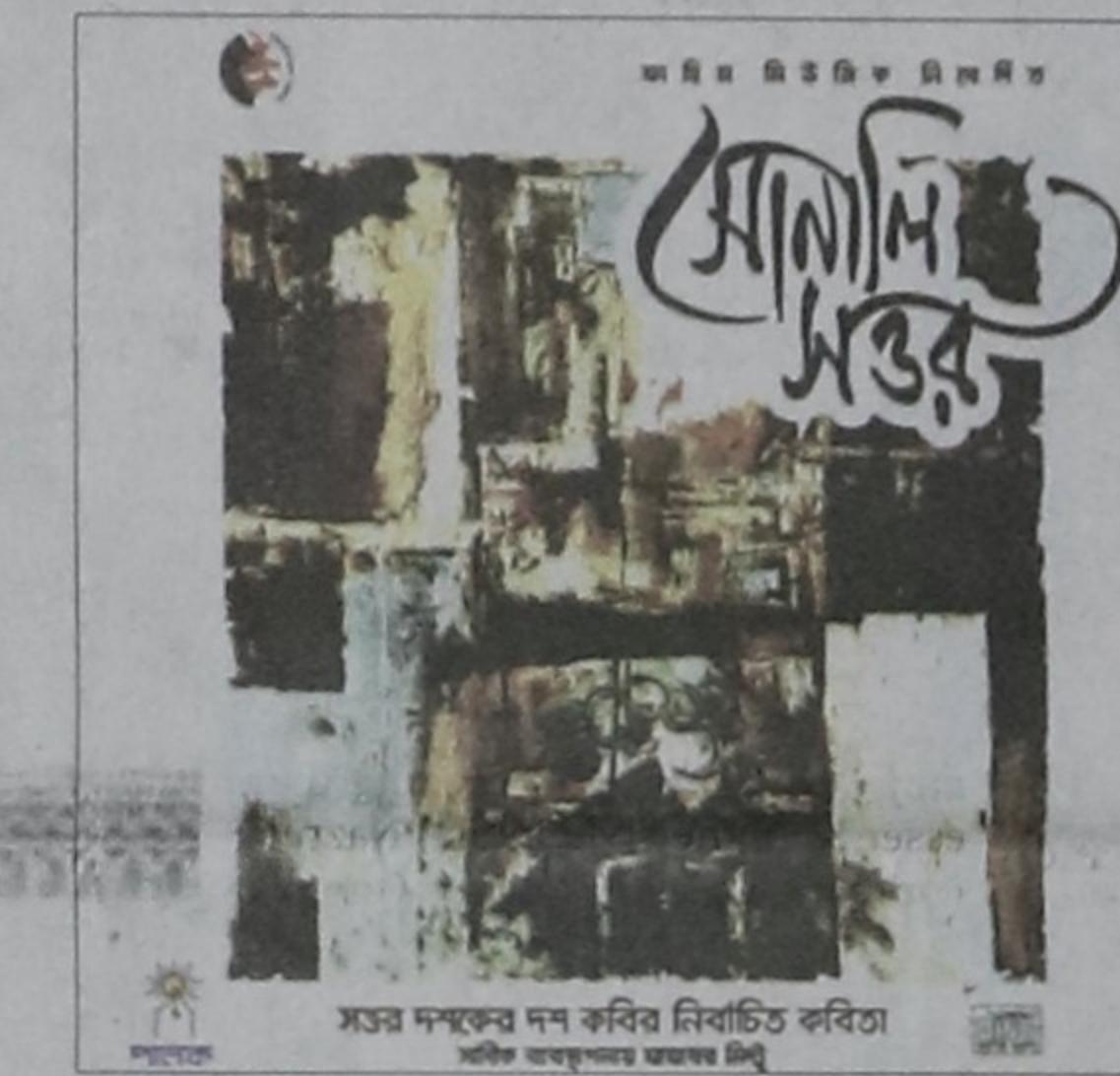
"There is just no telling how high the bidding might go."

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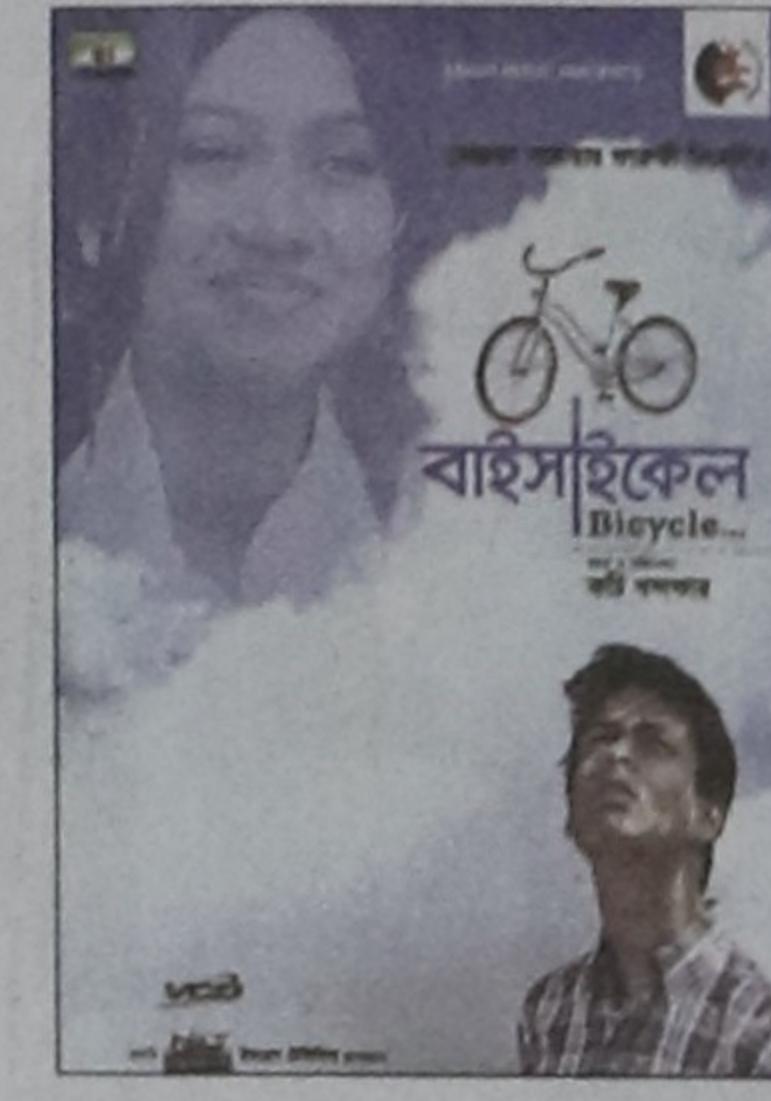
NEW RELEASES



Prothom Moner Mukul
An album of Nazrul Sangeet by Chhanda Chakraborty
Source: Laser Vision



Shonali Shottur
An album featuring recitation of selected poems from the '70s
Source: Fahim Music



Bicycle
TV play
Written and directed by Kochi Khandaker
Cast: Saleh Ahmed, Mirin, Adnan, Dipali
Source: Fahim Music



Chalo Shopon Buni
TV play
Written by Faruk Hossain and directed by Taher Shiron
Cast: Tarin, Arman Parvez Murad, Amy, Athoi
Source: Fahim Music

02:30 Valley Of The T-Rex (W)
03:30 How Do They Do It?
04:00 Episode 15
04:00 All New Planet's Funniest Animals: Episode 4
04:30 Lion: Spy In The Den
05:30 Futureweapons: Stealth Weapons: Masters: Dueling Pistols
06:30 Cheetah: Cat In Crisis
06:30 Runway Moms: Toddler And Baby On The Way
09:00 Runway Moms: Survivor Baby
09:30 Dirty Jobs - Season 1:
Sludge Cleaner
10:30 I Shouldn't Be Alive:
Trapped Under A Boulder (W)

NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC

09:30 The Supermarket
10:30 The Pullman Palace Cars
11:30 Eye Max
11:45 Swarna Heera
12:00 Baa Bahoo Aur Baby
01:30 Kumkum - Pyara Sa Bandhan
02:00 Hamari Devrani
02:30 Karam Apna Apna
03:00 Gribasti
03:30 Jo Jeeta Wohi Superstar
06:30 Shararat - Thoda Jadi Thod
07:00 Hamari Devrani
07:30 Aek Chabi Hal Padoss Mein
08:30 Kya Aap Paanchi Pass Sezehai
09:30 Prithviraj Chauhan
10:00 Baa Bahoo Aur Baby
10:30 Jo Jeeta Wohi Superstar
12:00 Santan
12:30 Prithviraj Chauhan

07:30 Attila The Hun
08:30 Midseason Mayhem
09:30 Ice Road Truckers
10:30 Athens: Ancient SuperCity
11:30 Where Did It Come From
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On Air

BTV

08:20 *Shuprobhat*
08:45 *Ei Shopraher Bangladesh*
09:05 *Sisimur*
09:30 *Smitimay Geetimoy*
10:05 *Selected Programme*

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08:30 *Ajker Shokaal*
08:55 *Ei Khaney Amar Desh*
09:30 *Shapla Kuni Protijogita*
10:30 *Apnaar Doctor*
07:30 *Musical Programme: Hazar Taar'er Bina*

ATN BANGLA

09:00 *Entertainment Show: Ilyadi*
10:30 *Mon'er Majhey Jey Shur Bajey*

CHANNEL 1

08:15 *Ajker Shangbadpotro*
08:30 *Talk Show: Onyodritshi*
09:20 *Educational Programme: BSB Cambrian Education Zone*

CHANNEL 2

09:50 *Shada Mon'er Manush*
10:30 *Cookery Show: ATN Rannagarh*
11:05 *Islamic Programme: Jibon Jigysa*

ETV

08:30 *Ekuush'er Shokaal*
10:00 *Shonamoni Shukhey Oshukhey*
10:30 *Job Line*

BANGLAVISION

News (Bangla) at 7:30am, 9:00am, 10:00am, 11:00am, 12:00pm, 1:00pm, 2:00pm, 3:00pm, 4:00pm, 5:00pm, 6:00pm, 7:00pm, 8:00pm, 9:00pm, 10:00pm, 11:00pm

Rtv

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

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

CHANNEL 1

09:30 *Shangbadpotre Bangladesh*
09:45 *Public Reaction*

CHANNEL 2

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