

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 Chalchhita Kendra, 62, Science Laboratory Road
Date: May 30-31
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: Zahir Raihan Film Society
Venue: Alliance Francaise, 28, Mirpur Road, Dharmamandi
Date: May 26-30, Time: 5pm onwards



Shishu Natya Utsab

Organiser: Oniyomito Little Unit, Munshiganj
Venue: District Shilpakala Academy, Munshiganj
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, Ukil Munshi, Abdur Rashid, Jalal Khan and more.

"I want to have a collection of songs that are rare -- this 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 Among these is an unpublished song that Kazi Nazrul Islam instantly wrote and composed while teaching Bimal Bhushan.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 dekha shoi, ami kangaali bole kangaalito noi*."

Recordings of radio programmes -- *Basanti Bidya Bidhi*, *Devastuti*, *Harapriya* and *Kalaha Kalahantorita* -- 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*, *Rangela Manushera*, *Sporsher Bairey* and more.

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

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 Pireet*. 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 £1.95m 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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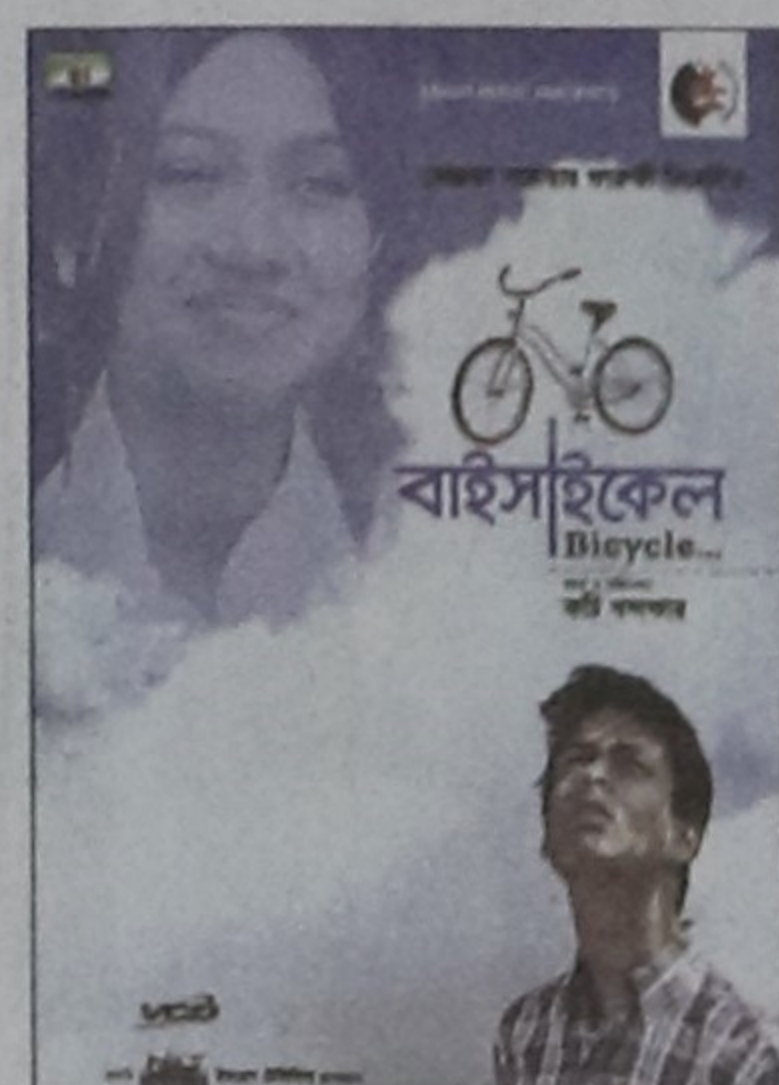
NEW RELEASES



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 Khandakar
Cast: Saleh Ahmed, Mim, Adnan, Dipali
Source: Fahim Music



Cholo Shopno Buni
TV play
Written by Faruk Hossain and directed by Taher Shipon
Cast: Tarin, Arman Parvez Murad, Amy, Athoi
Source: Fahim Music



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

On Air

BTV

08:20 Shuprobhat
08:45 Ei Shoptaher Bangladesh
09:05 Sisirpur
09:30 Smritimoy Geetimoy
10:05 Selected Programme
11:00 Quiz
11:45 Desh-er Gaan
12:15 Melt O Manush
12:40 Selected Programme
01:45 Theatre
03:15 Bangla Feature Film
07:00 Apnar Doctor
07:30 Musical Programme: Hazar Taar-er Bina
09:00 Entertainment Show: Ilyadi
10:30 Mon-er Majhey Jey Shur Bajey

ATN BANGLA

08:15 Aker Shagbadpotro
08:30 Talk Show: Onyodrishti
09:20 Educational Programme: BSB
09:50 Shada Mon-er Manush
10:30 Cookery Show: ATN Rannaghar
11:05 Islamic Programme
12:30 Islamic Programme: Jibon Jigyasha
03:15 Bangla Feature Film
05:00 Gram Gonjer Khobor
06:15 Shada Mon-er Manush
08:00 Smile Show
09:20 Drama Serial: Amader Nurul Huda
10:40 Special Programme: Mukto Shaglap
11:30 Drama Serial: Doli's House
12:00 Shada Mon-er Manush

CHANNEL i

09:30 Shagbadpotro Bangladesh
09:45 Public Reaction
09:50 Gramphone Trilomatra
10:30 Gramphone Tele Shomoy
11:30 Islamic Programme: Islam Ki Bolei
12:05 Talk Show: Kora Alap
12:30 Musical Programme: Sa Re Ga Ma
01:30 Gramphone Trilomatray April

02:35 Bangla Feature Film
05:30 Muktiyudho Protidin
07:50 Channel-i Shera Kontho'08
09:35 Drama Serial: Doinik Tolpaar
10:00 Drama Serial: Phirey Dekha
11:30 Drama Serial: 69
12:00 Gramphone Aajker Shandapotro

Rtv

08:40 Musical Programme: Saangeet Ongon
09:35 Musical Programme: Just Band
10:03 Drama Serial: Chhayashongi
11:00 Kingfisher Taroka Alap
11:30 Drama Serial: Kala Kotlor
12:15 Swapno Din-er Gaan
01:30 Dhallywood Beats
02:30 Bangla Feature Film
05:55 News Update
06:00 Protidin
08:00 Musical Programme: R Music
09:20 Halo Love
11:00 Drama Serial: Mukhush Neel

ntv

08:30 Aker Shokaal
08:55 Ei Khaney Amar Desh
09:30 Shapla Kuri Protijogita
10:30 Anpanar Jigyasha
11:30 Amar O Galley Ichchhey Holo
12:10 Talk Show: Ei Shomoy
01:05 Mohilangan
01:25 Islamic Programme
02:30 Tele-film: Dui Pranley
04:25 Cookery Show: Siddiqui Kabir's Recipe
05:30 Tiffin-er Phakey
06:45 Musical Programme
08:15 Drama Serial: Swapno Jaal
11:30 Washington Barta

ETV

08:30 Ekush-er Shokaal
10:00 Shonamoni Shukhey Oshukhey
10:30 Job Line
11:30 Ekush-er Chokh
12:00 Ekush-er Dupur
12:30 Shuraat Haal
01:30 Ei Shoptah
02:00 Bangla Feature Film
05:45 Ekusher Shondhya
06:15 SMS Mania
06:30 Mukto Khobor
07:45 Binodon-er Bishwa
08:15 Talk Show: Aaina Ghor
09:30 Drama Serial: Aziz Market, Shahbag, Dhaka 1000
10:00 Drama: Protichhaya
11:40 Musical Programme: Phone O Live Studio Concert

BANGLAVISION

08:30 Agricultural Programme: Shamol Bangla
09:00 Nodi O Jibon

09:30 Tax Ebong Amader Koronio
10:10 Bhola Thakun
11:35 Islamic Programme: Jigyasha O Jobab
12:10 Islamic Programme: Mohioshi Nari
12:30 Musical Programme: Pran-er

05:30 Career Show: Visa Apnar Agami
06:05 Citycell Din-er Sheshey
06:25 Banglavisian Cafe
08:25 Drama Serial: Byasto Doctor
09:05 Golper Natok
09:45 Drama Serial: Mondo Bhala Shadakalo

11:30 Islamic Programme: Alor Kaphela
01:00 Drama: Otkrom
02:00 Gollachhut
03:30 Drama: Gugli
04:30 Proshno Ultor
05:15 Drama: Nosto Manush

10:20 Final Cut
10:55 Leonard Cohen: I'm Your Man
01:45 Roll-Bounce!
03:45 Kung Fu Killer
07:00 Guardian, The
09:20 Primeval
11:00 Predator 2

STAR PLUS

09:30 Kumkum - Pyara Sa Bandhan
10:00 Shaka Laka Boom Boom
11:00 Pritivraj Chauhan
11:30 Ghrishti
12:00 Baa Bahoo Aur Baby
01:30 Kumkum - Pyara Sa Bandhan
02:00 Hamari Devrani
02:30 Karam Apnaa Apnaa
03:00 Ghrishti
03:30 Jo Jeeta Wohi Superstar
06:30 Shararat-Thoda Jadu Thod
07:00 Hamari Devrani
07:30 Aek Chabhi Hai Padoss Mein
08:30 Kya Aap Paanchvi Pass Selezhai
09:30 Pritivraj Chauhan
10:00 Baa Bahoo Aur Baby
10:30 Jo Jeeta Wohi Superstar
12:00 Santaan
12:30 Pritivraj Chauhan

STAR WORLD

09:30 Life
10:30 The It Crowd
11:00 Jake In Progress
11:30 30 Rock
12:00 Two And A Half Men
12:30 Seinfeld
01:00 Friends
01:30 Northern Exposure
02:30 The Ellen Degeneres Show
03:30 The Bold And The Beautiful
04:00 General Hospital
05:00 Desperate Housewives
06:00 Family Guy
06:30 Two And A Half Men
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 Ultimate Force
12:30 Seinfeld

DISCOVERY CHANNEL

09:30 Swimming Lions
10:30 Planet Earth: Seasonal Forests
11:30 Fight Quest: Philippines, The New Detectives - The Case Studies In Forensic Science: Murderous
12:30 Last Lions Of India, The

02:30 Valley Of The T-Rex (W)
03:30 How Do They Do It? 5: Episode 15
04:00 All New Planet's Funniest Animals: Episode 4
04:30 Lion: Spy In The Den
05:30 Futureweapons: Stealth
06:30 Weapon Masters: Dueling Pistols
07:30 Cheetah: Cat In Crisis
08:30 Runway Moms: Toddler And Baby On The Way
09:00 Runway Moms: Survivor Baby
09:30 Dirty Jobs - Season I: 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 Swama Heera
12:00 Dent King
12:30 Attila The Hun
01:30 Midseason Mayhem
02:30 Ice Road Truckers
03:30 Athens: Ancient Supercity
04:30 The Supermarket
05:30 Where Did It Come From
06:30 Attila The Hun
07:30 The Maya: Death Empire
08:30 Subhash Ghai
09:30 When Billie Beat Bobby
11:30 Ice Road Truckers
12:30 Investigating History

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ZEE STUDIO

08:30 The Bone Collector
11:00 Father Of The Bride 2
01:20 Problem Child 1
03:15 Splash
05:30 Charlie Chaplin
06:00 Storm Catcher
08:15 Glory
11:00 Gone In Sixty Seconds



Mondo Bhala Shada Kalo
On Banglavisian at 09:45 pm
Drama Serial
Cast: Anisur Rahman Milon, Tushar Khan



Invasion
On Star World at 09:30 pm
TV Series
Cast: William Fichtner, Kari Matchett

BOISKAHI

11:00 Shorashori Apnar Doctor
12:05 Alokito Jibon-er Jonno
02:10 Drama Serial: Gyarakol
03:00 Islamic Programme
05:00 Cartoon
06:00 Selected Programme
08:00 Selected Programme
09:00 Drama: Oporupa
10:30 Musical Programme: Prio Shilpi Shera Gaan

STAR MOVIES

08:40 Soft Target

CHANNEL 1

08:40 Shuoprobhat Bangladesh
Drama: Bhalobasha Bujhi Emon-e Hoy

02:00 Educational Programme: Ebong Classier Bairey
Drama Serial: Swapno Chura Media Bhuban
04:20 Islamic Programme: Dhormo O Jibon