

WHAT'S ON THIS WEEK

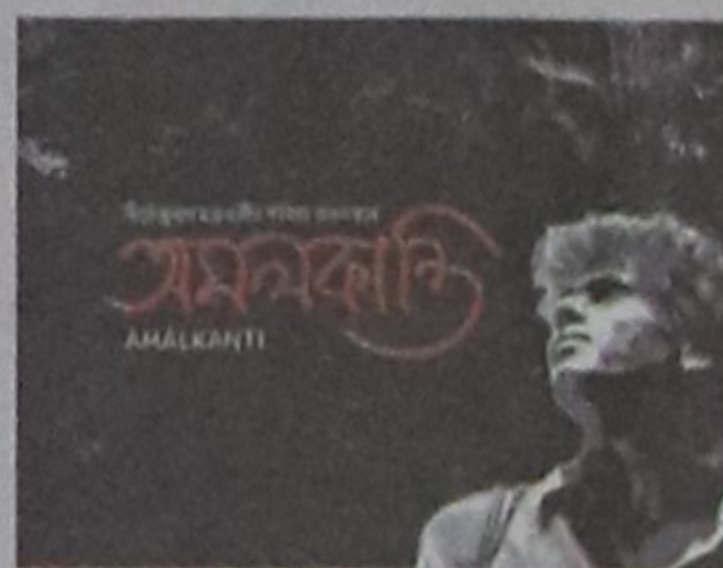
Theatre

Play: Roshadhar Shudhaharer Rajya
Troupe: Bongorongo Natyadal
Venue: Mahila Samiti Auditorium, Natok Shoroni
Date: June 7
Time: 7pm



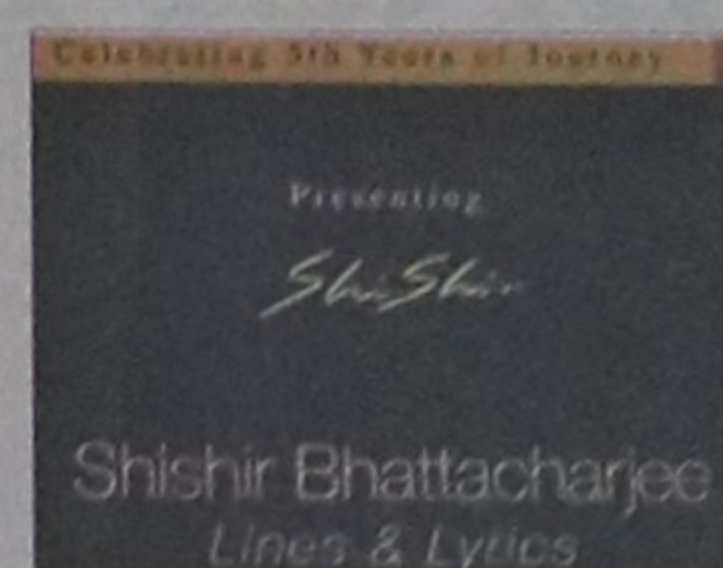
Premier Show

of Short Film "Amalkanti"
Director: Mahbub Alam Pallab
Venue: Zahir Raihan Digital Lab, BFDC
Date: June 7
Time: 4pm



Solo Exhibition

to mark the 4th anniversary of Galleri Kaya
Title: Lines & Lyrics
Artist: Shishir Bhattacharjee
Venue: Galleri Kaya, H 20, Rd 16, Sec 4, Uttara
Date: June 6-20
Time: 11am-8pm



Theatre Camp for Children and Adolescents

Organiser: People's Theatre Association and Rakhal
Venue: Shawkat Osman Auditorium, Central Public Library, Shahbag
Date: June 6-20
Time: 10am onwards



Songs of S.D. and R.D. Burman performed in Pabna

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Pabna

Baithak, a local cultural organisation formed by young artists, arranged a musical programme at Pabna Bonomali Institute auditorium recently. Singers rendered compositions of Sachin Dev Burman and Rahul Dev Burman, the eminent music composers of the sub-continent. The songs however were accompanied by western instruments. Local artist of the district, Hosne Zaman inaugurated the programme.

The show began with renditions of Sachin Dev classics

"Banshi shuney aar kaaj nai" and "Neeshithey jaiyyo phulobon-e". Tanvir, Punam and Sani Chaki performed the songs. A prominent singer of the district, Proloy Chaki conducted the programme.

The singers asserted that the songs of S.D. and R.D. Burman have an eternal appeal. "Use of western instruments is meant to give the songs a fresh sound while keeping the original melody intact. This approach will hopefully draw the attention of young artistes," Sani Chaki said.



An artiste performs at the programme

PHOTO: STAR

Black presidents nothing new to Hollywood

Voters will determine if America is ready for a black president come November, but Hollywood, often ahead of the national curve, made up its mind about the issue ages ago.

On television and in film, black actors as acclaimed as James Earl Jones and as obscure as Tommy Lister have played commanders-in-chief. Sammy Davis Jr. was only 9 when he assumed the top office in the 1933 satire *Rufus Jones for President*. The film was as short as its adorable star.

But those 21 minutes were all too long on racial stereotypes. Chicken, watermelon, dice playing -- funny back then to many. Now, not so much.

Fast forward a few decades and the notion of a black man in the Oval Office provides ample joke fodder for comics such as Richard Pryor and Chris Rock.

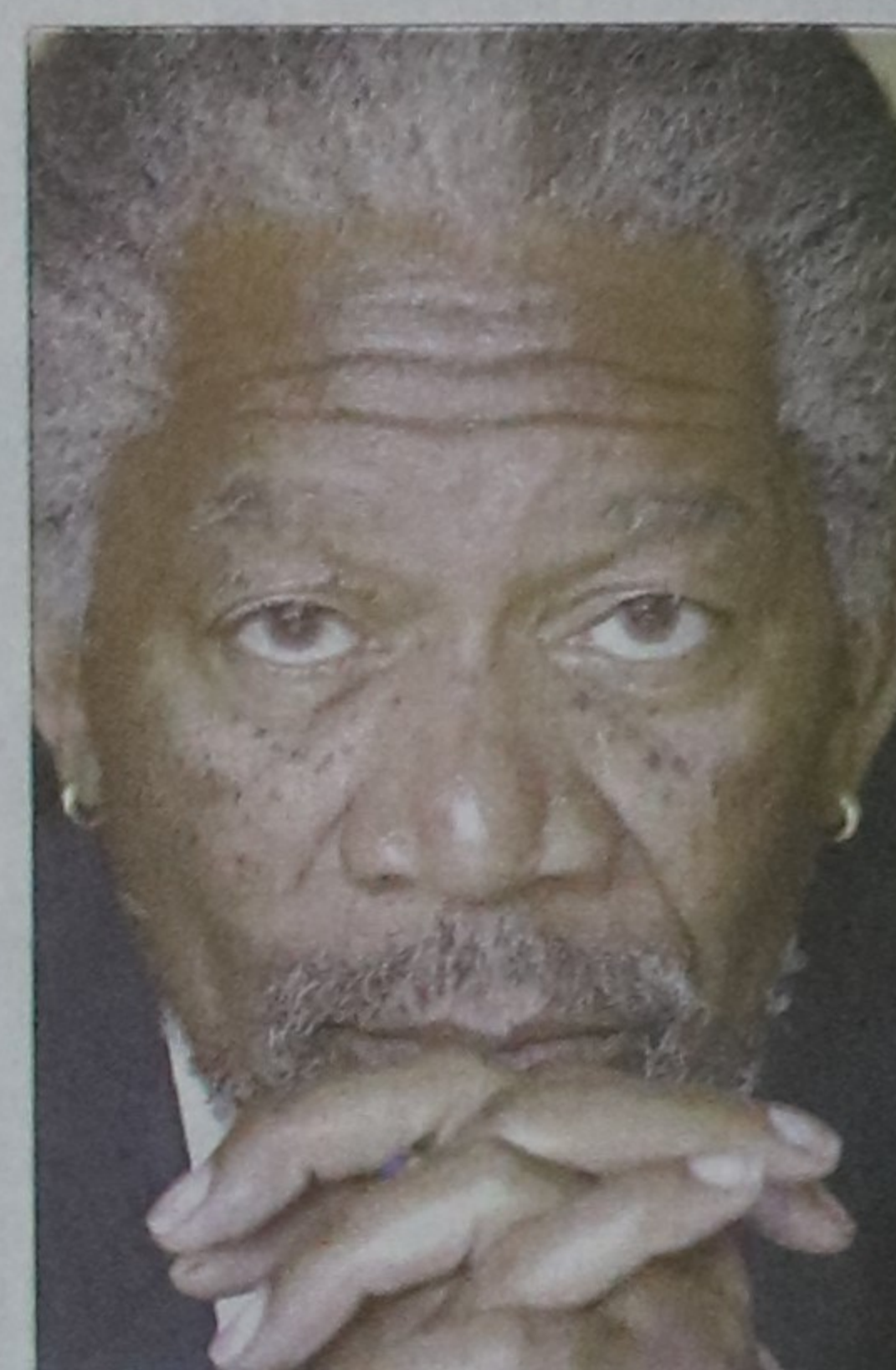
On one episode of *The Richard Pryor Show*, the comedian's short-lived '70s variety hour, he played a president hosting a press conference. During the sketch, he tells a corps of reporters that he'd seriously consider Black Panther Huey Newton for the job of FBI director -- and nearly decks one journalist who inadvertently insults his momma. And when he's asked about his fetish for white women, he jokes, "They don't call it the White House for nothing."

In the 2003 film *Head of State*, Chris Rock's president, Mays Gilliam, is an even more exaggerated caricature. His populist talk is glazed with hip-hop slang. Gilliam, a community organiser, is also partial to baggy jeans and Kangol caps and looks less like the leader of the free world than the latest signing of Def Jam Records. His running mate, played by Bernie Mac, thinks NATO is a person and not an acronym.

Gilliam is catapulted onto the public stage after the sitting president dies in a plane crash. It is not the first time a black man on screen has risen to power amidst calamity.

In *The Man*, James Earl Jones receives the big gig after the entire cabinet perishes in a series of freak accidents. In *Deep Impact*, Morgan Freeman has to calm the nation as he contends with wayward comets threatening to destroy the planet. And in *The Fifth Element*, set in 2263, Tommy Lister's President Lindberg has to battle asteroids and an enemy appropriately named 'The Great Evil'.

It's not until the hit series 24 that things start looking up for the black president. Dennis Haysbert's character, David Palmer -- in the first



Morgan Freeman played a US president in *Deep Impact*

season a senator running for the presidency -- is handsome, composed and ready to lead on Day One. His race is a non-issue as he grapples with modern-day threats such as terrorism, bomb scares and a social climbing wife.

Yes, he's eventually assassinated, but only after he leaves office. And Palmer's equally self-possessed younger brother, Wayne, takes the reins shortly thereafter.

Will these depictions make any difference to Barack Obama's candidacy? Who knows? But what was once the stuff of joke and fantasy could be months away from being the real thing.

Source: CNN



PHOTO: MUMIT M.

Abhijit Barman, a student at the department of Drawing and Painting, IFA (Institute of Fine Arts) and S.M. Waliullah (wearing a cap), studying Sculpture, also at IFA -- are seen in the photos at an installation titled "Cycle Juno". They staged the installation at the 'Chhobir Haat' premises (cross the street from IFA) on June 5 prior to their journey by bicycle to the southern part (Sidr affected areas) of the country. The journey starts from the 'Chhobir Haat' premises today. Through this journey Abhijit and Waliullah plan to get ideas from the post-Sidr life of the population, for their future projects.



On Air

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

08:20 Drama Serial: Nooka Dubi
09:35 Hindoye Mati O Manush
10:00 Drama Serial: Zero Point
11:30 Asthey Asthey Asthey
12:00 Gramophone Aker Shambadpotro

ETV

08:30 Ekush-er Shokal
09:15 Drama Serial: Aziz Market, Shahbag, Dhaka 1000
12:00 Ekusher Dupur
12:30 Total Music
02:00 Bangla Feature Film
05:30 SMS Mania
05:45 Ekusher Shongha
06:30 Shoptah Ghurey Desh Jurey
07:50 Explosive
09:30 Drama Serial: Aziz Market, Shahbag, Dhaka 1000
10:10 Game Show: Bhobogurey Dot Com
11:40 Shangkirtir Shath Din
12:00 Ekush-er Raal

Rtv

08:40 Musical Programme: Saangeet Angon
09:00 Rtv Exclusive
09:05 Proidin
09:35 Drama Serial: Neel Mokush
10:03 Hello Love
10:55 News Update
11:00 Kingfisher Taroka Alap
12:15 R-Music
02:30 Dhallywood Beats
03:30 Bangla Feature Film
06:00 Proidin
06:30 Musical Programme: Shur Shurey Path Chola
08:00 Drama: Pathy Jetey Jetey
09:20 Shomoyor Dorpon
11:00 Drama Serial: Nirontor
11:30 Biz Event
12:00 Editor's Comment

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08:30 Aker Shokal
08:55 Bangla Feature Film
12:10 Talk Show: Ei Shomoy
01:05 Cartoon
02:30 Swapno Jaal
03:20 Close-up 1 2008
04:25 Golpo Kathar Natok
05:30 Alokpat
06:45 Shangkirti Ei Shoptah
08:15 Drama Serial: Amar Bou Shob Janey
09:00 Drama
11:35 Talk Show: Ei Shomoy

BANGLAVISION

08:30 Cinebit Shada Kalo
09:00 Ichchhey Ghuri
09:30 Children's Programme: Ebong Classer Bailey

11:35 Home Care
12:30 Bengal Music Unplugged
02:30 Drama Serial: Mondo Bhola Shada Kalo
03:05 Daily Soap: Gulshan Avenue
04:20 Sports Vision
05:30 Street Show: Raat Biraatey
06:05 Din-er Sheshey

BOISHAKHI

08:35 Cricket World
10:05 Musical Programme
10:30 Business Hour
12:10 Drama: Oithi
01:10 Dance Programme
02:10 Jantley Chai



Nogorey Nagorik
On Banglavisian at 08:25 pm
Drama Serial
Cast: Litu Anam, Deepa Khondokar

06:20 Amader Othithi
06:50 Shamol Bangla
08:25 Drama Serial: Nogorey Nagorik
09:05 Talk Show: Amar Ami
09:45 Drama Serial: Gulshan Avenue
11:25 Law Chamber
12:00 Shambad Proidin

CHANNEL 1

08:40 Shuprobhaat Bangladesh
10:30 Shurela Lagan
11:00 Drama: Babar Biye
12:00 Tele-film: Shomoti
03:30 Nishuti Odhibeshon
04:30 Amar Ghar
05:15 Show Case
06:00 Sajibela
06:30 Top News
07:00 Shomoyor Swad
08:15 Drama Serial: Moja Marey Foza Bhai
09:00 Gaan-er Kharita
09:30 Rupantor-er Golpo
11:00 Bishwa Jurey Shath Din

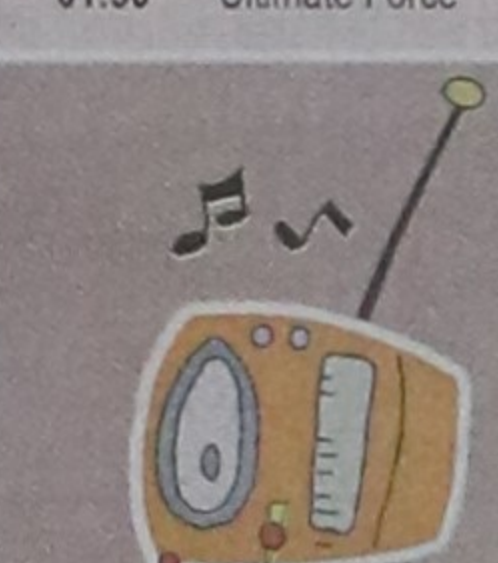
HBO

11:45 The Making Of Ghost Rider
12:00 Fools Rush In
02:15 The Making Of Blood Diamond
02:30 Vampire Bats
04:15 Tim Burton's The Corpse Bride
05:45 Superstar
07:30 Enter The Dragon
09:30 Blood Diamond
12:15 Innocent Blood

STAR MOVIES

10:00 The River Wild
12:00 Sunshine
01:45 Last Kiss, The
03:30 Thank You For Smoking
05:15 Behind Enemy Lines

07:00 He Scorpion King
08:35 Venom
10:05 Metro
STAR PLUS
11:30 Invasion
12:30 Cops
01:30 Ultimate Force



Radio Foorti 88.0 FM
07:00am Hello Dhaka
11:00am Amar 88
03:00pm Dhaka Calling
07:00pm Celebrity on the hot seat
10:00pm Back to Back music

Radio Today 89.6 FM
07:15am Good Morning Dhaka
11:00am Masti Unlimited
01:00pm Saturday World Music
04:00pm U-turn
08:00pm Top of The Week
11:00pm Raat Vor Gan
2:00 am Back to Back

05:30 Vidhu Vinod Chopra
06:30 The Great Gatsby
07:30 Hitler: The Rise of Evil
11:00 Vidhu Vinod Chopra
11:30 Classic Albums
NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC
11:30 Treks In A Wild World
12:30 NG's Amazing Moments
01:30 K'naan
02:00 Michael Franti
02:30 Built for the Kill
03:30 Earth Report
04:30 Dino Autopsy
05:30 Big Bang
06:00 Sable Island
06:30 Ocean
07:30 Swamp
08:30 Megacities
09:30 Luthansa Nat Geo Genius
10:00 Journey of Discovery
10:30 Search For Ultimate Bear
11:30 Vusi Mahlasela

DISCOVERY CHANNEL

11:30 I Shouldn't Be Alive
12:30 Everest
01:30 Natural World

02:30 First Emperor
04:30 Hunters
05:30 Man Made Marvels
06:30 Dirty Jobs - Season I
07:30 Hunters
08:30 Goddess With Feet Of Clay, The
09:30 Story Of India, The
10:30 Everest: Beyond The Limit (Season 2)

THE HISTORY CHANNEL

11:30 Saddam's Tribe
01:30 Security Systems
02:30 The Greatest Air Battles
03:30 The Greatest Air Battles
04:30 Vertical Take-Off
05:30 Vidhu Vinod Chopra
06:30 The Great Gatsby
08:30 Hitler: The Rise of Evil
9:45 Hitler: The Rise of Evil

ZEE STUDIO

12:00 The Worlds Fastest Indian
02:45 The Bone Collector
05:30 Once Upon A Time In Mexico
08:00 The Hollywood Reporter - Org
08:40 101 Dalmatians
11:00 Mighty Aphrodite



Blood Diamond
On HBO at 09:30 pm
Genre: Action/Thriller
Cast: Leonardo DiCaprio, Jennifer Connelly

02:30 The Apprentice
03:30 Criminal Minds
04:30 Bones
05:30 Ghost Hunters
06:30 Most Shocking Criminal Minds
08:30 Smallville
09:30 Bones
10:30 Tna Xplosion
11:30 Bull Run

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