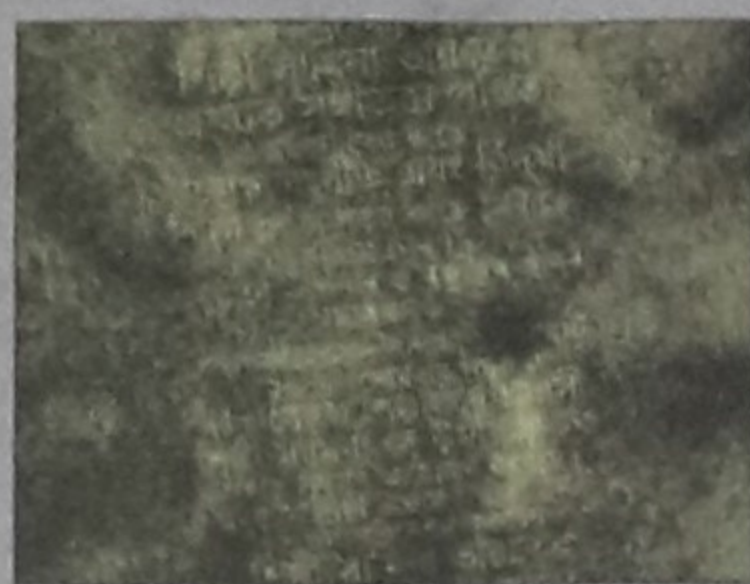


WHAT'S ON THIS WEEK

Solo Musical Soiree

Artist: Samina Dey Umi
Venue: Bengal Shilpalay, H 275/F, Rd 27 (old), Dhanmondi
Date: August 11
Time: 7pm



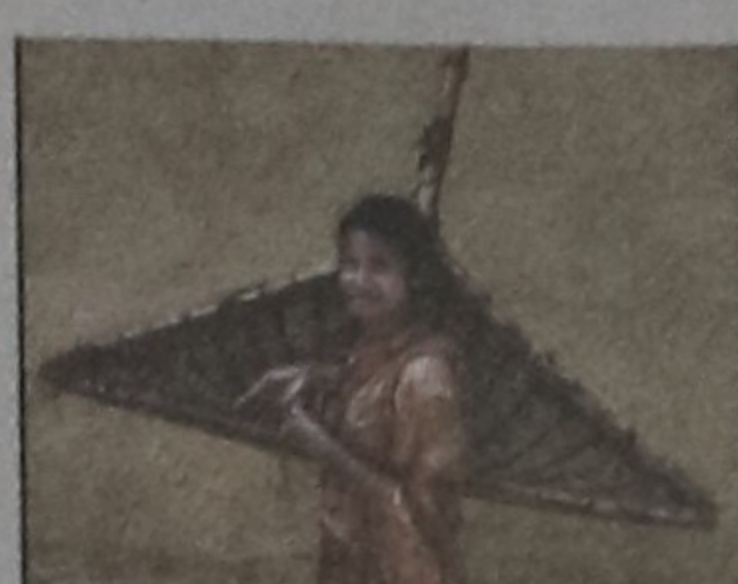
Chinese Film Week

Organiser: Dept. of Chinese Language, Language Institute of DU and China-Bangladesh Youth Organisation
Venue: Auditorium, Language Institute, DU
Date: August 9-15
Time: 6pm everyday
Today: 'Grief Over the Yellow River'



Photography Exhibition

Title: Indigenous Women in Bangladesh
Photographer: Mahmud
Venue: Drik Gallery, H 58, Rd 15A (New), Dhanmondi
Date: August 7-13
Time: 3pm-8pm



Khudiraam Death Anniversary

Organiser: Umme Films
Venue: BIAM Auditorium, 63, New Eskaton Rd
Date: August 10
Time: 6pm



S.M. Sultan: The golden man of fine arts

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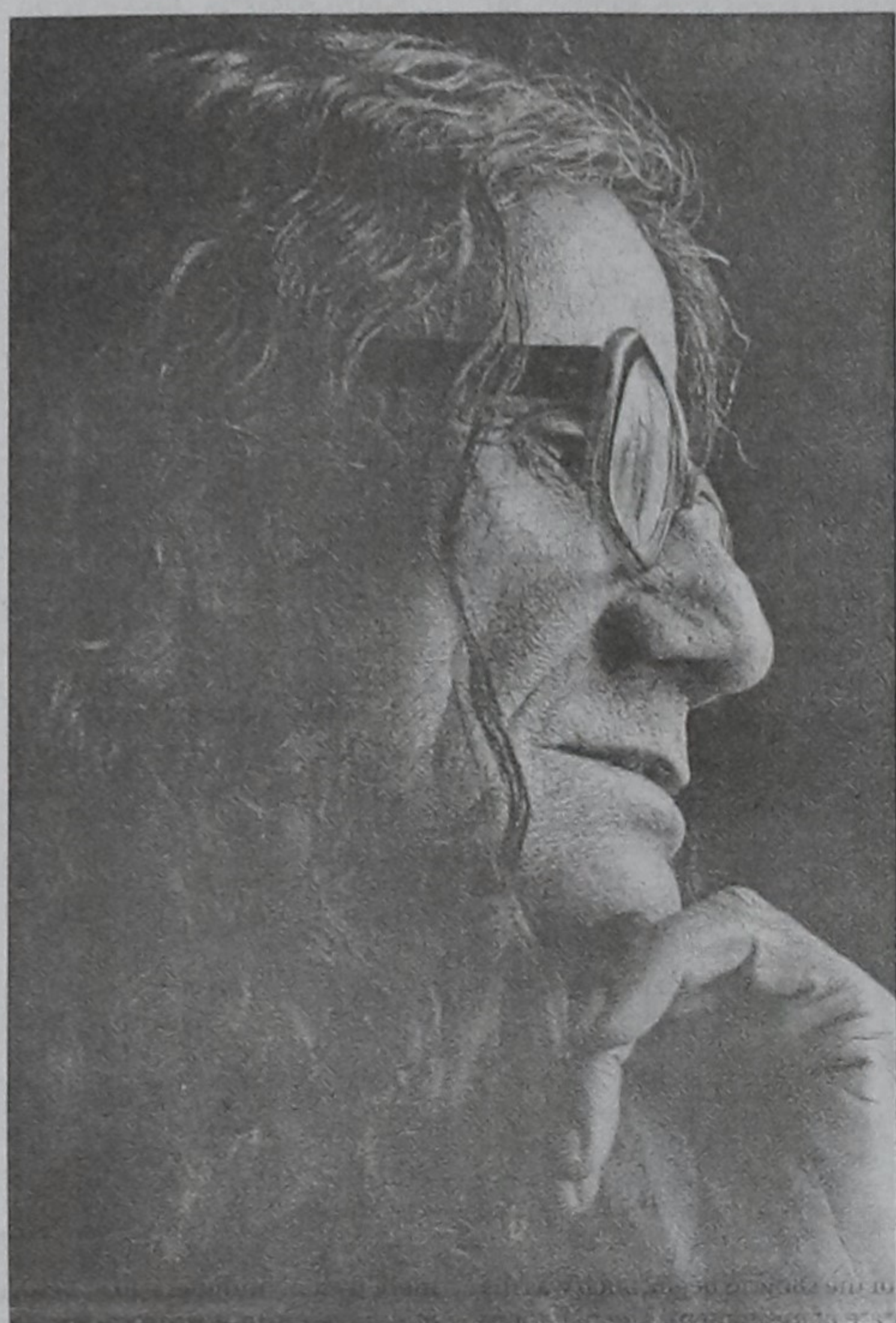
Today is the 85th birth anniversary of legendary artist Sheikh Mohammad Sultan popularly known as S.M. Sultan (1923-1994) alias Lal Mia. Born on 10 August 1923 at Masimdia, a village in Narail district, S.M. Sultan is considered one of the greatest painters in the sub-continent.

For his unique expression of portraying divinity as well as the inner strength of human soul, Sultan is ranked amongst the world masters. Art lovers across the world consider him as the voice of Asia for his outstanding ability of depicting the strength of masses in their struggle for survival against the odds.

On many huge canvases, mostly in oil, but some in striking watercolours, Sultan painted human figures, symbolically representing the characteristics of the nation's struggle. In Sultan's paintings the dominance of man over nature is absolute. Man does not remain with nature, man rules nature.

The heroes of his huge canvases are ordinary agricultural labourers, fishermen, simple householders, and toiling men and women. Sultan narrates the tales of these ordinary people magnificently, which represent our culture. The figures of men pose an enigma, since their large muscular and strong bodies contrast oddly with the emaciated physique of real life farmers and fishermen washed by hard labour and hunger.

The son of an ordinary mason, S.M. Sultan had to struggle a lot at the initial stage of his life. He dropped out from school just after completing his primary education. However, his talent as an artist was evident from his boyhood. Following the trend of



S.M. Sultan

rural artisans, the child Sultan, popular amongst the locals as Lal Mia, used to draw with charcoal and paint with raw turmeric and *puin* (vegetables) fruits. Seeing his good hand and passion for art the zamindar of the area, Dharendra Nath Roy, encouraged him to be a professional artist.

To help him reach his goal the Zamindar patronised him to continue education at Victoria Collegiate School in Narail and used to give him books featuring paintings by foreign artists. But without passing matriculation Sultan went to study art in Cal-

cutta in 1938 at the Government School of Art. With the help of another patron, Shahed Suhrawardy, who was a member of the governing body of the School, Sultan entered the Art School, though he had no academic requirements to be enrolled at the school.

Because of a strong bohemian streak in his character, though Sultan did not complete his education. After three years in the art school, he left and chose to work as a freelance artist.

As a freelance artist he wandered through at different parts of India. During World War II, Sultan used to draw the portraits of white soldiers to earn his bread and butter. As a result, no work from this period survives, not even photographs as Sultan was totally indifferent to the preservation of his works.

During his bohemian days abroad, particularly in Kashmir, Sultan used to paint landscapes featuring the distinctive natural beauty of the area. His mastery of portraying a realistic view of natural serenity on canvas confuse the viewers as to whether are they photographs or paintings. The paintings, especially his portrayal of human figures in those days, are unlike those of his later works.

After the partition of the sub-continent in 1947, he returned to Narail. Then again, wandered in many parts of Pakistan, US and European countries. Sultan exhibited paintings in New York, Washington, Chicago, and Boston, and later in London. Finally he returned 1953 and subsequently settled in Narail.

From the beginning Sultan was a master of landscape paintings. One is struck by his drama of light and shade around natural elements such as lone trees and paddy fields. The painter por-

trayed the scene of men at works in various types of village scenes with abundance of sky, fields, riverbanks, clouds, woods and cottage shelters.

What draws one most in Sultan's works is the amazing variety of styles he uses. Another important feature of his paintings is the ample use of vibrant colours. Sometimes, on Sultan's canvases, the order of colours reaches the highest levels of excellence. As a result, the forms also reach a peak.

Because of Sultan's tendency of portraying muscular plethora in his figures of men, some art connoisseurs find influence of European Renaissance tradition in his works. However, Sultan totally assimilated that influence into his own simplistic style of representation of women's veil. His women—supple-breasted and graceful belongs to the old Indian tradition.

Instead of delicate lines Sultan uses strong curved lines, and flat body tones so that they do not stand apart from the crowd of active males. The lines are powerful and full blown. Sultan tended to work heavily all over his canvases without leaving any empty space.

At the time when Sultan was facing financial problems, Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy organised his exhibition in 1976, which again drew the attention of urban dwellers for the artist.

Shilpakala Academy awarded Sultan a special stipend and status of Resident Artist. But, the bohemian artist again turned his back on institutional work and left for Narail to live a quiet isolated life.

In Narail, he built a school for children, and a menagerie. He lived in a house peopled by cats and snakes. The golden man of fine arts died on October 10, 1994. During his last days he used to teach paintings to children.

TV serial "Ghar Jamai" on ATN Bangla tonight

CULTURAL CORRESPONDENT

New TV serial *Ghar Jamai* will be aired on ATN Bangla tonight at 8:40 pm. Written by Mahfuzur Rahman, the serial is directed by Chhonda Mahabeben.

Mastura marries Golam and brings him to live with her at her residence. Similarly, their only daughter Pinky also brings her husband to live with her parents. The comic serial narrates the story of Mastura and Pinky, the way they dominate their husbands and other members of the family with an iron grip, and how the men have to silently tolerate the injustice.

The cast includes Azizul Hakim, Romana, Lotus, Nasima Khan, Fakhru Hassan Bairagi, Enamul Haque, Shahidul Alam Sachchu, Dilara Zaman and Shomu Choudhury.



Lotus (L) and Azizul Hakim in a scene from the serial

Pitt 'signs for Tarantino film'

Actor Brad Pitt has joined the cast of Quentin Tarantino's next film *Inglorious Bastards*, reports say.

The star is expected to play Lieutenant Aldo Raine, the head of the Jewish resistance in the World War II film, according to trade papers. Simon Pegg, best known for *Hot Fuzz* and *Run Fatboy Run*, has also reportedly begun discussions to join the cast.

Filming for the movie begins in October in Germany and it is expected to be unveiled in Cannes next year.

Tarantino would make a formidable partnership. "They're going to push each other and really help make something special," he said.

The film is being made by Weinstein Company and Universal.



Brad Pitt

Source: BBC



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 Bishwa Bichitra
09:05 Selected Programme
09:30 Musical Programme: Smritimoy Geetmoy
10:05 Open University
10:30 Amader Chalachitra
11:20 Gaan-er Jhoratolaye
12:10 Drama
12:10 Krishi Katha
02:15 Educational Programme: Dialog
03:05 Cartoon
03:30 Children's Programme: Maa O Shishur Katha
04:30 Musical Programme: Shur Lohori
05:05 Debate
06:15 Malachyo
07:00 Mati O Manush
07:20 Shilpider Katha
08:35 Drama Serial: Neel Konthey Konyia
09:00 Drama
10:30 Shur Tarango

ATN BANGLA

08:15 Aker Shanbadpotro
08:30 Drama Serial: Nupur
10:30 Talk Show: Onyodrishti
11:05 Cookery Show
12:15 Shur Chhobi
01:25 Selected Programme
02:30 Drama Serial: Bijoya
03:15 Musical Programme
05:10 Kaal-er Jattrar Dhoni
05:45 The Sword of Tipu Sultan
06:20 Three Stooges
08:00 Drama Serial: Shoa Paanch Aral Lane
08:40 Drama Serial: Syed Barir Bou
09:20 Drama Serial: Orchid
11:30 Daily Soap: Doll's House
12:00 Gramephone Lead News

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09:30 Shangbadpotro Bangladesh
09:45 Public Reaction
09:50 Gramen Phone Tritmatra
11:05 Tele Prescription
11:30 Hridoye Mati O Manush
12:30 Citycell Taroka Katha
01:05 Musical Programme: Ebong Cinemar Gaan
01:30 Musical Programme: Sa Re Ga

12:30 Ekushey Business: Special Focus
01:30 Ekushey Business: Shaphol Jara
02:10 Musical Programme
03:30 Shangkirti Shath Din
04:00 Explosive
05:30 Sms Mania
05:45 Ekusher Shondha
06:30 Desh Jurey



Amar Bou Shob Janey

On ntv at 8:15 pm

Drama Serial

Cast: Ferdousi Majumder, Tarana Halim

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02:35 Ekattur Er Dinguli
03:30 Musical Programme: Hridoyer Gaan
05:30 Muktiudhho Protidin
06:00 i-Speed
06:20 TV Series: Super Man
07:50 Mega Serial: Ghar Kutum
08:20 Drama Serial: Amader Swapnolokey
09:35 Shera Kontho Sharabela
10:00 Drama Serial: Shongshar
11:30 Mega Serial: 69
12:00 Gramephone Aker Shangbadpotro

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08:30 Ekusher Shokal
09:15 Drama Serial: Aziz Market, Shahbag, Dhaka 1000
10:30 Ekushey Business
12:00 Ekusher Dupur

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07:45 Street Show: Key Ki Koy
08:15 Musical Programme
09:30 Drama Serial: Ghatak Ebong Amra
10:10 Golpo Sholpo Gaan
12:00 Ekusher Raat
08:30 Aker Shokal
08:55 Bangla Feature Film
12:10 Talk Show: Ei Shomoy
01:05 Japan Video Topic
02:30 House Full
03:15 Drama: Ajob Chheley
04:25 Tero Kahon
05:30 Apnar Jigyasha
06:45 Shomporko
08:15 Amar Bou Shob Janey
09:30 Closeup 1 Tomakey Khujchhey Bangladesh
11:35 Talk Show: Ei Shomoy

BANGLAVISION

08:30 Shur-er Bhuboney
09:00 Cinebit
09:30 Bangla Feature Film
02:00 Daily Soap: Mohanagar
02:30 Drama Serial: Shomudro Jol
03:05 Nodi O Jibon
04:20 Drama Serial: Nogorey Nagonik
05:30 Law Chamber
06:05 Din-er Sheshey



Radio Foorti 88.0 FM

07:00am Hello Dhaka
11:00am Amar 88
03:00pm Dhaka Calling
07:00pm Seven Eleven
12:00am Back to Back music

Radio Today 89.6 FM

07:15am Good Morning Dhaka
11:00am Masli Unlimited
01:00pm Today's Adda
04:00pm U-turn
08:00pm Tobe Tai Hok
11:00pm Raat Vor Gan
02:00 am Back to Back

10:05 Business Hour

HBO

09:30 Soldier
11:30 My Dog Skip
01:30 Dark Storm
03:15 Mission: Impossible III
03:45 Evolution Of A Blockbuster
05:45 Single White Female
05:45 Single White Female 2: The Psycho
07:30 The Cable Guy
09:30 American Dreamz
11:45 The Lake House

STAR WORLD

08:30 Friends
09:30 The Bold And The Beautiful
11:30 Seinfeld
02:30 Friends
04:00 Life With Bonnie
04:30 According To Jim
05:00 My Name Is Earl
05:30 Stacked
06:00 How I Met Your Mother
06:30 That '70s Show
07:00 Hope And Faith

NAT GEO ADVENTURE

08:30 Into the Unknown
09:00 Treks In A Wild World
09:30 Minnie Driver
10:30 Long Way Down
11:30 Banged Up Abroad
12:30 Positive Footprints
01:00 Ceu / Hapa
01:30 Antibalas
02:00 Total Adventure
02:30 Into the Unknown
03:00 Gone To Save The Planet
03:30 Take Away My Takeaway
04:00 Word Travels: The Truth Behind
04:30 City Chase: Rome
05:30 Long Way Down
06:30 Food Lovers Guide To The Planet
07:30 Ben Harper
08:00 Total Adventure
08:30 Into the Unknown
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10:00 Word Travels: The Truth Behind
10:30 City Chase: Rome
11:30 Long Way Down

STAR MOVIES

08:45 Yours, Mine & Ours
10:15 The River Wild
12:05 Eragon
01:50 Predator
03:35 Predator 2
05:20 102 Dalmatians
07:00 Bridge To Terabithia

08:35 Guardian, The

10:55 Vip Access: Wall-E
11:25 Wolf Creek
01:10 They Are Among Us

THE HISTORY CHANNEL

09:30 Machines of the Gods
10:30 Robots
11:30 Beatles
12:30 Joseph McCarthy
01:30 Copper Scroll
02:30 1975 Firebird
03:30 Copper Scroll
04:30 Beyond the Moon
10:15 Cambridge Spies
11:30 Meteors: Fire in the Sky

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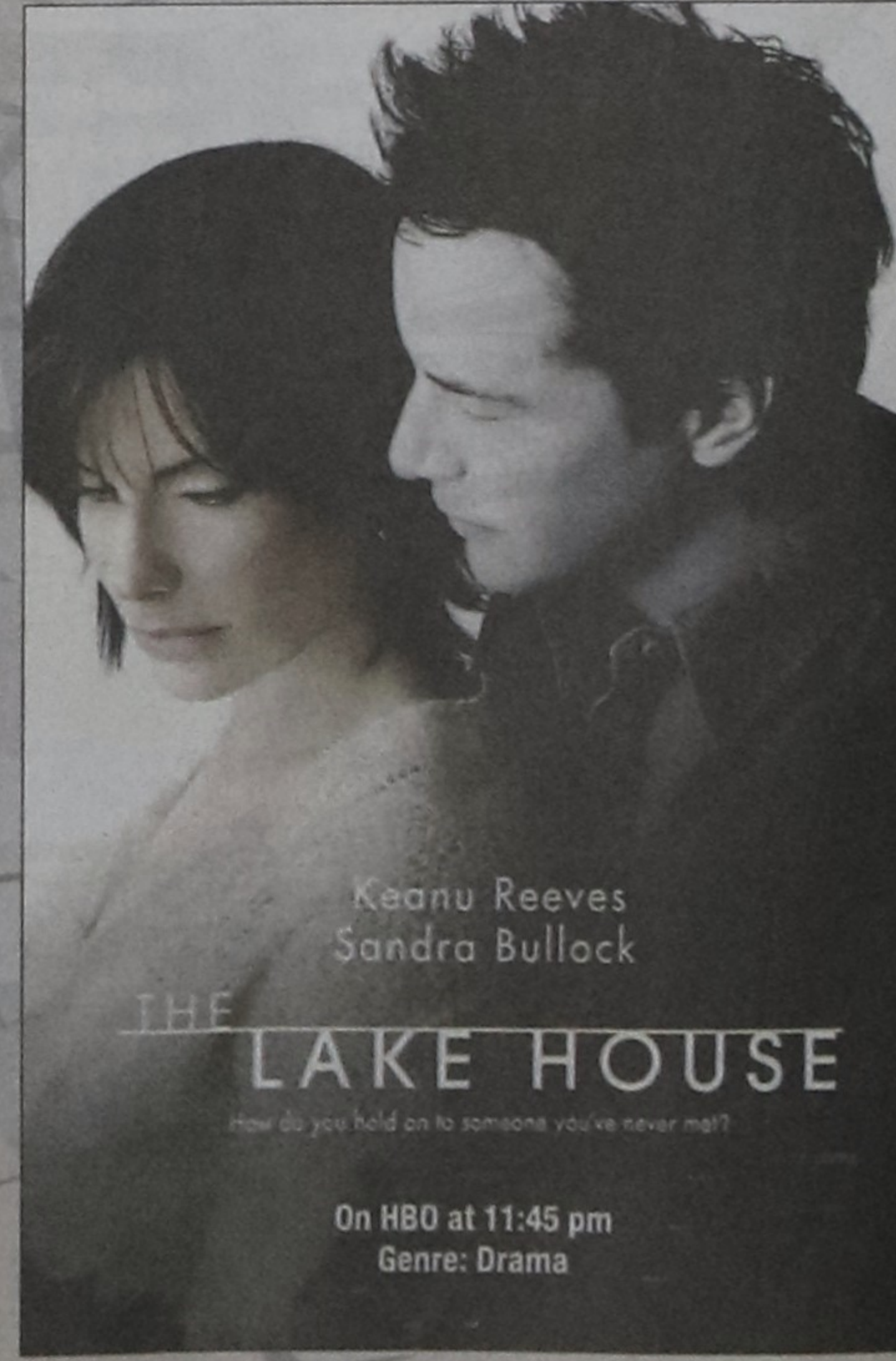
11:30 Spy Gadgets
12:30 World's Deadliest Animals S2

01:30 Cats

02:30 Brain Power
03:30 Super Cat
04:30 Serious Amazon
05:00 Shanghai
05:30 Big Bang
06:00 Blue Whales
06:30 I Didn't Know That
07:00 What Would Happen If
07:30 Bird of Prey
09:30 Inside The Forbidden City
10:30 World's Deadliest Animals S2
11:30 Super Cat

ZEE STUDIO

11:00 A Goofy Movie
01:30 Free Willy
03:30 Chunking Express
05:50 Bad Company
08:10 Liberation
11:00 Legend Of The Red Dragon



Keanu Reeves
Sandra Bullock

THE LAKE HOUSE

On HBO at 11:45 pm
Genre: Drama