

WHAT'S ON THIS WEEK

Solo Painting Exhibition

Title: Dissection of Time
Artist: Uttam Kumar Roy
Venue: La Galerie, Alliance Francaise de Dacca, 26, Mirpur Road, Dhanmondi
Date: August 15-28
Time: 9am-12pm and 5pm-8pm (Saturdays 5pm-8pm)



Shroter Ashor

Artists: Laisa Ahmed, Md. Sifat Ullah, S M Khaled and Sazia Hossain
Organiser: Chhayana
Venue: Chhayana Sangskriti Bhaban
Date: August 21
Time: 7pm



Group Exhibition

Title: Rhapsody: Glimpses of Contemporary Art from Bangladesh and India
Venue: Galleri Kaya, H 20, Rd 16, Sec 4, Uttara
Date: August 17-28
Time: 11am-8pm

Painting Exhibition

Title: Traditional Chinese Painting
Organiser: Bengal Gallery of Fine Arts and Embassy of the People's Republic of China
Venue: Bengal Gallery of Fine Arts, H 215/F, Rd 27 (old), Dhanmondi
Date: August 12-19
Time: 12pm-6pm



"Borsha Mangal Utsab" in Thakurgaon

A CORRESPONDENT, Thakurgaon

"Borsha Mangal Utsab" was celebrated at the Lokayan Museum premises in Sadar upazila, Thakurgaon recently to celebrate the monsoon. Lokayan Museum authority organised the programme.

A discussion was held at the venue prior to the cultural programme.

Deputy Commissioner of Thakurgaon, Miah Abdullah Mamun attended the programme as chief guest. Lokayan Museum Chairman, Muhammad Shahid-uz-Zaman presided over the event.

At the cultural programme, Jasmin Akter began by singing a folk song. *Simsimai dewar pani Alay ana de*. The group performances included *Emon-o barisha*, *Esho neep-o bon-e* and more.

Local cultural personalities and government officials attended the programme.



Artistes sing at Lokayan Museum premises.

PHOTO: STAR

Prizes for avid readers



A student (left) receiving her prize of books.

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OUR CORRESPONDENT, Pabna

Bishwa Sahitya Kendra, Pabna organised a prize-giving programme for avid young readers last Wednesday. The programme was held at Pabna City College premises. Pabna Sadar Upazila Nirbahi Officer (UNO) and chief guest Dr. Abdul Hakim distributed prizes among the students. A discussion was also held at the function.

Professor Fatema Khatun of Bengali department of the college; Shamsunnahar Borna, the organiser of Bishwa Sahitya Kendra, Pabna and President of Pabna Drama Circle, Gopal Sannyal also spoke on the occasion.

Books are the storehouse of

knowledge and the students should read not only the prescribed books but a large variety - was the view of the speakers. They also emphasised that the reading habit could draw the younger generation away from drug addiction, adverse peer pressure and crime.

Later books were distributed as prizes among college students. "Bishwa Sahitya Kendra has launched the reading programme in Pabna. Most of the college students have involved themselves in this programme," said Shamsunnahar Borna, the organiser of Bishwa Sahitya Kendra, Pabna. Such programmes would be held in other institutions as well, she added.

Movie Watch

"Vicky Cristina Barcelona": Woody Allen explores affairs of the heart, yet again

It's the same old opening credits, the elegant white font on the black background, but the music is new. The pulse of a Spanish guitar replaces the big-band brass that usually heralds Woody Allen's films. Barcelona subs for Manhattan. The eroticism of Javier Bardem and Scarlett Johansson replaces the neuroticism of an angsty New Yorker wringing his hands.

And it's all thanks to Allen's extended holiday in Europe.

It's done nothing but good for him -- and the audience. See his recent England-set Shakespearean tragedies "Match Point" and "Cassandra's Dream," in which he's pointed the camera toward something more reflective instead of self-reflexive. Now, from Spain, Allen brings a movie that plays like a greatest-hits album. "Vicky Cristina Barcelona" is nothing the audience hasn't seen before, but the packaging is gorgeous.

And that's not just because the cast includes two of Spain's best (and best-looking) actors, Javier Bardem and Penélope Cruz, as Juan Antonio and Maria Elena, two divorced painters who have driven each other to -- among other things -- attempted homicide, or because their explosive relationship is reignited by the luscious Scarlett Johansson. "Vicky Cristina Barcelona" is beautiful because Allen blends an expatriate hipness with the sharpness of his older dramas and the effervescence of his older comedies.

So Cristina. In Barcelona. With Vicky, her best friend, played by the disarming British actress Rebecca Hall. Cristina is blond and carefree and unsure of what she wants from life and love. Vicky is brunet and staid and engaged to a thoroughly satisfactory man who wears khakis. When the two friends join Juan Antonio for a weekend in the country, both are charmed, and they fall for him in different ways. Penélope Cruz, as Maria Elena, blows into the movie almost an hour later and fractures the narrative hypotenuse of the love triangle. Cristina, the superego, only knows what she doesn't want out of life. Vicky, the ego, can't escape from what she does want from life. And Juan Antonio and Maria Elena

are the lustful, vulgar jds who tear through the women's uncertainty and decorum.

Woody has given his audience Freudian love triangles before (in "Hannah and Her Sisters" and "September"). He's given lustful rogues (himself in "Manhattan") and confused heroines (Mia Farrow in "The Purple Rose of Cairo").

"Vicky Cristina Barcelona" is different

landing punch lines or wringing hands, Allen lets the movie unfurl toward a sublime conclusion and final shot, the kind that makes you sigh with gratitude (or relief) that he's in firm control of this phase of his career.

"Life is short," Juan Antonio says as a come-on to Vicky and Cristina, "life is dull, life is full of pain. The trick is to enjoy life, accepting it has no meaning whatsoever," and one is



Penélope Cruz and Javier Bardem in "Vicky Cristina Barcelona".

because it's really about Vicky and Cristina, and Juan Antonio and Maria Elena. This time Allen's philosophical musings emerge subtly from the interaction of these characters and their choices instead of through trademark dialogue. Though he relies too much on the curt observations of an omniscient narrator, the movie still feels more casual, more painterly, more about great characters than the invocation of Freud or Balzac or Ernest Becker. Through these characters and the natural performances, and without worrying about

reminded immediately of Allen's opening monologue from "Annie Hall" more than 30 years ago: Life is "full of loneliness, and misery, and suffering, and unhappiness, and it's all over much too quickly."

He's not lazily re-chewing this theme in 2008. It's merely a familiar melodic riff deftly woven into a mellower, deeper progression of chords.

Source: The Washington Post



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 Aker Shambadpotro
08:30 Dance Programme: Nupur-er Chhondey

09:15 Swapno Ohhoya Olympic
10:30 Talk Show: Onyodishti Shathdin

11:05 Musical Programme: Shesh Okhikhor

01:25 Documentary Programme: Prapok

02:40 Bangla Feature Film
05:00 Gram Gonjer Khobor

05:30 Char Deyaler Kabyo
06:20 Aynar Shamney Live

08:00 Special Programme
08:40 Special Programme

09:20 Special Programme
10:00 Special Programme

11:30 Special Programme
12:00 Gramphone Lead News

CHANNEL i

08:30 Shokaa-er Gaan
09:30 Shanbadpotro Bangladesh

09:45 Public Relation
09:50 Gramphone Trillo Matra

11:05 Amador Aaina
12:05 Mukto Bazar Orthoniti

12:30 Talk Show: Cilycell Taroka Kathan

01:05 Musical Programme: Ebong Cinemar Gaan

01:30 Shobaar Jonyo Shoroboshey Bigyan Dharona

09:35 Hridoye Mati O Manush
10:00 Drama Serial: Shongshar

11:30 Special Programme
12:00 Gramphone Aker Shambadpotro

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08:30 Ekush-er Shokal
09:15 Drama Serial: Aziz Market

10:00 Shahbag, Dhaka 1000
12:00 Ekusher Dupur

12:30 Total Music
02:00 Bangla Feature Film

05:30 SMS Mania
05:45 Ekusher Shondha

06:30 Shoptaho Ghurey Desh Jurey
07:50 Explosive

09:30 Drama Serial: Aziz Market
10:10 Shahbag Dhaka 1000

11:40 Game Show: Bhoboghurey Dot Com
12:00 Shangkriti Shathdin

12:40 Ekush-er Raat

Rtv

08:40 Musical Programme: Saangeet Angon

09:00 Hello Love
10:03 Drama Serial: Neel Mukhush

11:00 Kingfisher Taroka Alap
11:30 Musical Programme: R-Music

01:30 Dhallywood Beats
02:30 Bangla Feature Film

06:00 Protidin
06:30 Ei Amar Bangladesh

08:00 Drama: Shunyo Shiri
09:20 Talk Show: Shomoyer Dorpon

11:00 Drama Serial: Dhaka Crime File
11:30 Biz Event

11:45 Apon Shimanay
12:00 Editor's Comment

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08:30 Aker Shokal
08:55 Bangla Feature Film

12:10 Talk Show: Ei Shomoy

11:35 Ichchhey Ghuri
12:30 Home Care

12:30 Musical Programme: Bengal Music Unplugged

02:30 Drama Serial: Mondo Bhalo Shada Kalo

03:05 Daily Soap: Gulshan Avenue
04:20 Sports Vision

05:30 Street Show: Raat Biraatey
06:05 Din-er Sheshey

06:20 Amader Othithi
06:50 Agricultural Programme: Shamol Bangla

08:25 Drama Serial: Nogorey Nagonik
09:05 Talk Show: Amar Amil

09:45 Drama Serial: Gulshan Avenue
11:25 Law Chamber

12:00 Shangbad Protidin

CHANNEL 1

08:40 Shuprobhaat Bangladesh
10:30 Ha Du Du

11:00 Talk Show: Aprake Bolchhi
12:00 Tele-film

02:00 Shoptaho Sheshey
03:30 Drama: Deyal Almar

04:30 Music One
05:15 Show Case

06:00 Saagbela
07:00 Cookery Show: Shomoyer Swad

08:15 Drama Serial: Moza
09:00 Drama: Foza Bhai

09:00 Rohomoter Opar Dorja

BOISHAKHI

09:05 Drama Serial: Aral Theke
10:30 Musical Programme: Shei Shur

Ajo Achhey Shomoy Haar
Maney Jaar Kachhey

12:05 Islamic Programme
02:50 Bangla Feature Film

05:00 Drama Serial: Shey Aray
Bhalobasheyna

06:00 Selected Programme
07:30 Musical Programme: Prio Shilpi

Shera Gaan
09:00 Drama: Nijum Shimanter

Bolaka
09:35 Drama Serial: Shey Aray

Bhalobasheyna

07:00 Hollywood's 10 Best: Romantic

07:30 Comedies
09:30 Charlie's Angels

11:30 Are We Done Yet?
The Animal

STAR MOVIES

08:30 The Sandlot 2
10:10 102 Dalmatians

11:55 Home Of The Brave
01:40 Right At Your Door

03:15 Epic Movie
04:40 Guardian, The

07:00 Step Up!
08:45 Employee Of The Month

10:35 Aliens

STAR WORLD

08:30 Beauty And The Geek
09:30 How I Met Your Mother

10:00 It Always Sunny In Philadelphia
10:30 Tna Wrestling

11:30 Are U Smarter Than 5th Grader
12:30 Blood Ties

01:30 The Unit
02:30 Beauty And The Geek

03:30 Last Comic Standing
04:30 Ncis

05:30 Tna Xplosion
06:30 Tna Wrestling

07:30 Smallville
08:30 Prison Break

09:30 Bones
10:30 Criminal Minds

11:30 Jimmy Kimmel Live

DISCOVERY CHANNEL

09:30 Born Different
10:30 Man Made Marvels: The Great Wall

11:30 Man Vs Wild
12:30 Ultimate Olympics

01:30 Hunters
02:30 Discovery Atlas: China Revealed

04:30 Africa's Big Five
05:30 Bone Detectives

06:30 Wolf Digger
07:30 The Rivers Of Life

08:30 The Inula Of Tamil Nadu
09:30 India With Sanjeev Bhaskar

10:30 Dirty Jobs - Season II
11:30 Building The Future

TRAVEL & LIVING

08:30 Mexico City
09:30 Bridesillas - Season 3

10:30 Anthony Bourdain No Reservations Season 2
11:30 Tranny & Susannah Undress

12:30 Anthony Bourdain: No Reservations (Season 4)

01:30 Planet Food

02:30 Honeymoon Adventures
05:30 Army National Guard 2

04:30 1000 Places to See Before You Die

05:30 Tranny & Susannah Undress
06:30 Project Runway

07:30 Beach Towns with Attitude
08:30 Hairy Biker's Ride Again

09:00 Indian Food Made Easy
09:30 Oberoi Udaivilas, India

10:00 World Cafe: Asia
10:30 Anthony Bourdain: No Reservations

11:30 Private Jets Revealed

NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC CHANNEL

11:30 Super Cat
12:30 Close Encounters

01:30 Miniature
02:30 Bite Force

03:30 Strange Days
04:30 Nat Geo Junior Hunt - Season 2

05:00 I Didn't Know That
05:30 Big Bang

06:00 Sita Tiger
06:30 I Didn't Know That

07:00 What Would Happen If
07:30 Built for the Kill

08:30 Planet Camivore
09:30 Taboo

10:30 Planet Camivore
12:30 Built for the Kill

THE HISTORY CHANNEL

08:30 Creative Vision
09:15 Eye Max

09:30 Machines of the Gods
10:30 Robots

11:30 When Billie beat Bobby
12:30 Modern Marvels

02:30 Mars: The Red Planet
03:30 Atlantis

04:30 Brotherhood of Terror
05:30 Biography

06:30 Jane Eyre
08:30 Ssdat

11:00 Subhash Ghai
11:30 Rolling Stones

ZEE STUDIO

08:45 Anandhobha

11:00 Turner And Hooh

01:00 Hollywood's 10 Best

01:15 Rabbit Proof Fence

03:30 50 First Dates

05:30 Eraser

08:15 The Hollywood Reporter

08:45 101 Dalmatians

11:00 Down And Out In Beverly Hills



Moja Marey Foza Bhai
On Channel 1 at 8:15 pm
Drama Serial
Cast: ATM Shamsuzzaman, Tushar Khan



Jimmy Kimmel Live
On Star World at 11:30 pm
Late-night show hosted by Emmy-winning comedian Jimmy Kimmel

HBO

08:30 Casper
10:30 The Net 2.0

12:30 Norbit
02:30 Hideaway

04:30 Mission: Impossible III