

WHAT'S ON THIS WEEK

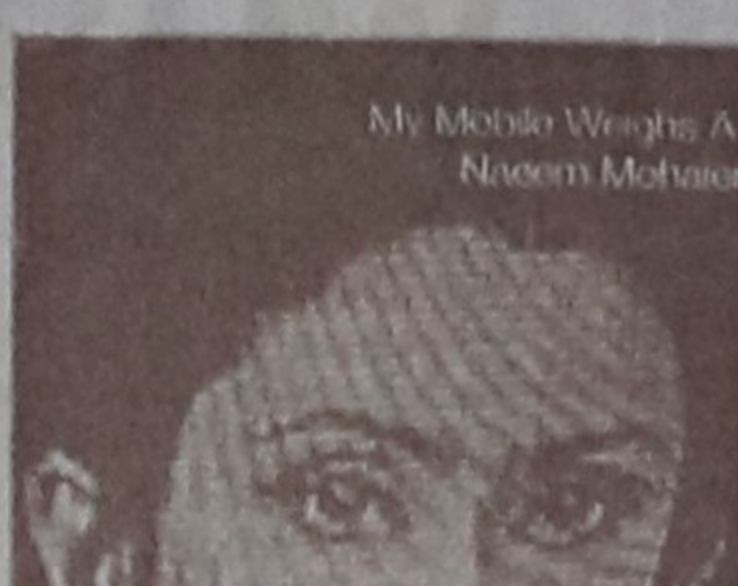
Film Screening

Title: Importance of Wim Wenders: A Retrospective
Organiser: Dhaka University Film Society and Goethe-Institut Bangladesh
Venue: Goethe-Institut Bangladesh, H 10, Rd 9, Dhanmondi
Date: September 15-17
Time: 2pm onwards



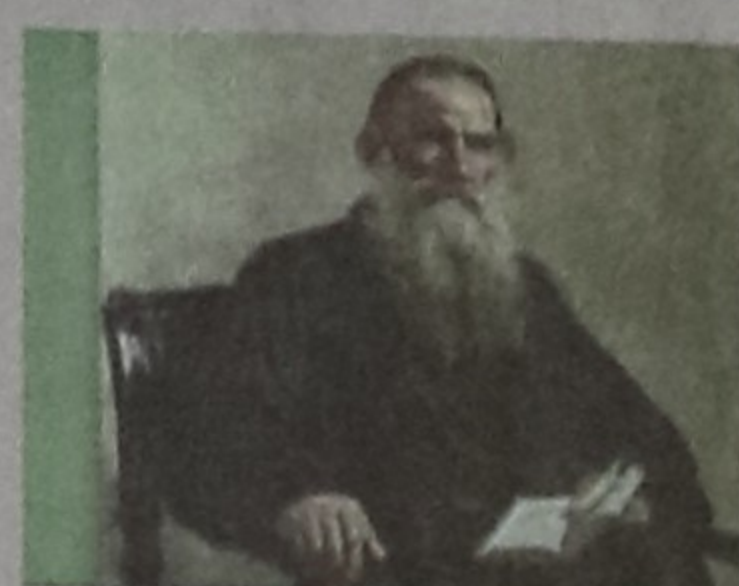
Installation and Photography Exhibition

Title: My Mobile Weighs a Ton
Artist: Naeem Mahomed
Venue: Gallery Chitra, H/21, R/4, Dhanmondi, Dhaka
Time: August 21-31
Time: 10am-8pm



Seminar

On the 180th birth anniversary of Leo Tolstoy
Organiser: Russian Centre of Science and Culture
Venue: Auditorium, RCSC, H 510, Rd 7, Dhanmondi
Date: September 11



Display of Books and Photos

To mark the 90th birth anniversary of Russian writer Boris Zakharenko
Venue: Library, Russian Centre of Science and Culture, H 510, Rd 7, Dhanmondi
Date: September 3-14



Limning aesthetic images

Paintings by Babul Mahmood



Childhood-1 (left) and Childhood-16 by Babul Mahmood.

TAKIR HOSSAIN

Bold colours, novel technique, meticulous adherence to brush stroke, subtle expression of spirit and clear perception are the main aspects of Babul Mahmood's paintings. He is one of the budding painters and has identified himself inextricably with the cultural heritage of Bangladesh. Babul's experimentation with technique marks the beginning of a timeless voyage of an innovative exploration.

Babul is a true narrator of our

social, cultural and natural milieu. He is among those promising artists of Bangladesh who has developed a distinctly individual style.

Babul Mahmood cherishes childhood nostalgia, when life was carefree and anything could be done. Spinning *latim* and flying kites were part of that passion. A poet once said that what a child "is", foreshadows what he will accomplish in future. Consequently, it is clear those days can surface in an artistic work, blending truth and beauty in a sensational manner

that can invite us to bask in the enjoyment of such exciting creative expressions.

Babul has concentrated on the theme of childhood and has tried to capture the theme in different forms, colours and shapes. Adroit use of light and shades are evident accomplishments, besides restless curves, round-square forms, rectangular-triangular lines and broken lines. This is because playing with forms is a foremost part of Babul's works. His application of paint is also singular and distinctive.

Use of bright colours is another unique feature of Babul's paintings. In his use of colours, Babul frequently goes for vital colours from our natural world. It is not a rare sight in his paintings to find the original forms being split and summoned up in a new garb, an interpretation that permits working over a wide range of themes. Some of his paintings blissfully project the serene ambience of nature of Bangladesh. The colours involved are azure, scarlet, black and emerald green, representing Mother Nature in torrential

colours and scenic depiction. Babul has taken the simple and general subjects of our surroundings and presented them in uncommon style that gives a deep expression of semi-abstract and abstraction.

As a painter, he thinks he has some responsibility to the motherland.

Babul Mahmood's solo painting exhibition will begin soon in Toronto, Canada.

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Michael Jackson turns 50

REUTERS, Los Angeles

Singer Michael Jackson turned 50 last Friday, a shadow of the superstar once known as the "King of Pop" whose records thrilled millions before his bizarre personal life eclipsed his musical brilliance.

Unlike Madonna's 50th birthday bash and launch of another world tour earlier this month, the singer who wishes he was Peter Pan appears to have no special celebrations planned and a much-touted musical comeback has so far come to nothing.

A semi-recluse since his harrowing 2005 trial and acquittal, Jackson has been living out of the spotlight for the past few months.

In a telephone interview with ABC television program "Good Morning America," Jackson said he will "just have a little cake with my children and watch some cartoons," and he added that he feels "very wise and sage, but at the same time very young."

Recent pictures of Jackson in Las Vegas showed him dressed in pajamas and slippers, and one had him sitting in a wheelchair, wearing a surgical mask.

Long-time Jackson family friend and lawyer Brian Oxman told Reuters the singer sometimes used the wheelchair to get around unobserved. "It is not an indication of any health problems. It is an effort to be unseen," he said.

Oxman added that for the 50th birthday, "no-one is planning anything special. He is just being quiet these days."

Billboard senior music analyst Geoff Mayfield saw nothing unusual in Jackson's low-key birthday. "I don't think our celebrities are real hot on how old they are getting. Why would a pop singer draw attention to the fact they are getting older?" Mayfield told Reuters.

Jackson's record label Sony BMG launched a big overseas promotion to mark his half-century and a career that started with his brothers in The Jackson Five, when Michael was 11, and which produced the 1982 album "Thriller" -- still the world's biggest selling album and one of the most influential.

Fans in 11 countries, including Japan, Britain, the Netherlands, Germany and Australia where Jackson has his biggest following have voted on Web sites for their favourite songs that have been compiled on a "King of Pop" hits album being released on Friday. Yet, a poll on AOL's pop culture news Web site PopEater.com suggested that Jackson's surgically-

altered face, his financial problems, the shuttering of his "Neverland" fantasy ranch, and the fallout of the 2005 trial, risked overshadowing his musical achievements.

Some 49 percent said Jackson's bizarre behaviour changed the way they viewed his classic hits of the 1980s, and 71 percent agreed there was "not a chance" of him making a comeback.

Jackson's last major public performance, in London in November 2006, fizzled out in disappointment when he sang only a few lines of an old song.

His last album of new music was "Invincible" in 2001, but the 25th anniversary reissue of "Thriller" this year has sold 635,000 copies in the US alone and is one of the 30 best-selling albums of 2008.

Oxman said that all stars go through difficult stages and he was hopeful that Jackson would yet resurrect his career. "We are anxious and waiting for him to do something," Oxman said.



Michael Jackson



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 Geetimoy
10:05 Open University
10:30 Shilpo O Shahitya
11:20 Amar Joto Gaan
12:10 Drama
01:00 Jib O Jibon
02:15 Educational Programme
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
08:35 Drama Serial: Neel Konthey Konyia
09:00 Drama
10:30 Shur Tarango
11:00 Talk Show: Date Line Dhaka

ATN BANGLA

08:15 Aker Shambadpotro
08:30 Drama: Nupur
09:15 Top Spin
10:30 Talk Show: Onyodrishti
11:05 Cookery Show
12:15 Shur Chhobi
01:25 Musical Programme
02:30 Drama Serial: Chander Geye Chand
03:15 Obitraam Bangladesh
05:10 Talk Show: Kaal-er Jalrar Dhoni
05:45 The Sword of Tipu Sultan

Channel-i

09:30 Shambadpotro Bangladesh
09:45 Public Reaction
09:50 Grameen Phone Tritomatra
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 Ma
05:30 Muktiudhho Protidin
06:20 TV Series: Super Man
07:50 Mega Serial: Ghar Kutum
08:20 Drama Serial: Amader Swapnolokey
09:35 Special Programme
10:00 Drama Serial: Shongshar
11:30 Mega Serial: 69
12:00 Grameenphone Aker Shambadpotro

ETV

08:30 Ekush-er Shokal
09:15 Drama Serial: Aziz Market, Shahbag, Dhaka 1000
10:30 Ekush-er Business
12:00 Ekush-er Dupur
12:30 Ekush-er Business: Special Focus
01:30 Ekush-er Business: Shaphol Jara
02:10 Musical Programme
03:30 Shangkanti Shath Din
04:00 Explosive
05:30 Sms Mania
06:30 Desh Jurey
07:45 Ekanto Katha
08:15 Musical Programme
09:30 Drama Serial: Ghatak Ebong Amra
10:10 Golpo Sholpo Gaan
10:50 Financial Bulletin
11:40 Sports Round Up
12:00 Ekush-er Raat
08:30 Aker Shokal

Bangladesh

06:20 Three Stooges
08:00 Drama Serial: Shoa Paanch Arai Lane
08:40 Drama Serial: Syed Barir Bou
09:20 Drama Serial: Orchid
11:30 Daily Soap: Doll's House
12:00 Grameenphone Lead News

RTV

08:55 Bangla Feature Film
12:10 Talk Show: Ei Shomoy
01:05 Japan Video Topic
02:30 House Full
03:15 Otopor
04:25 Brishtir Jonyo
05:30 Apnar Jigyasha
06:45 Shomporko
08:15 Drama Serial: Aim in Life
09:30 Closeup 1 Tomakey Khujchhey

Bangladesh

11:35 Talk Show: Ei Shomoy
09:00 Shomoyer Dorpon
09:30 R Music
11:00 Talk Show: Taroka Alap
11:30 Just Band
12:35 Drama Serial: Apon Ghoray Porobash
01:03 Protidin



Target Millionaire

On Rtv at 9:40 pm
Drama Serial
Cast: Dr Ezaz, Rahmat Ali



Bangladesh

02:30 Bangla Feature Film
06:00 Protidin
06:30 Musical Programme: Path Chaoatei Anondo
08:00 Cookery Show: R-Ranna
08:30 Good Shot
09:40 Drama Serial: Target Millionaire
11:30 Drama Serial: Dohon

CHANNEL 1

10:30 Bangla Feature Film

BOISHAKHI

08:05 Din Protidin
09:35 Mon-er Katha
10:05 Drama: Nijhum Shimanter Bolaka
10:30 Musical Programme: Adhunik Gaan
12:05 Shei Shur Ajo Achhey
02:05 Janthey Chai
03:05 Drama: Palabbar Path Nei
05:30 Music Today
06:00 Selected Programme
08:00 Apon Thikana
09:05 Musical Programme
10:05 Business Hour

HBO

10:00 Stuart Little 2
11:30 Free Willy 2
01:30 The Proposition
03:30 Hollywood's 10 Best: Cat Flights
04:00 It Could Happen To You
08:00 Hollywood Spotlight: Will Smith
06:30 Superman Returns
09:30 RV
11:30 She Creature

STAR MOVIES

08:45 End Of Days
10:45 Tears Of The Sun
12:45 Die Hard 1
02:55 Die Hard 2: Die Harder
04:55 Die Hard With A Vengeance
07:00 Die Hard 4
09:10 Die Hard 1
11:20 Die Hard 2: Die Harder

STAR WORLD

08:30 Friends
09:30 The Bold And The Beautiful
11:30 Seinfeld
01:30 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
07:30 Ghost Whisperer
08:30 Ugly Betty
09:30 Grey's Anatomy

Desperate Housewives

On Star World at 10:30 pm

TV Series

Cast: Teri Hatcher, Felicity Huffman, Eva Longoria Parker

03:30 Duronto Pathik

04:00 Gaan-er Khanta

04:30 Music One

05:15 Shomoyer Swad

06:00 Saaj Bela

08:15 Drama Serial: Duronto Pathik

09:00 Selected Programme

09:30 Cine Tune

11:00 Gaan Wala

10:30 Desperate Housewives

11:30 Blood Ties

12:30 The Moment Of Truth

NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC CHANNEL

08:30 Dangerous Encounters

09:30 Mumbai Mega Flood

10:30 Telemall- Sauna Belt

11:30 Super Snake

12:30 World's Deadliest Animals

01:30 Dangerous Encounters

02:30 A Different Sport

03:00 South India

03:30 Planet Carnivore

04:30 Serious Amazon

05:00 Munich

05:30 Big Bang

06:00 Bear Bandits

06:30 I Didn't Know That

07:00 What Would Happen If

07:30 Monster Crops

08:30 Inside The Body Trade

09:30 Pumped

10:30 Long Way Down

11:30 Animals Behaving Badly

12:30 Pumped

THE HISTORY CHANNEL

09:15 Eye Max

09:30 Chinese Warfare

10:30 Egyptian Warfare

11:30 The Doors

12:30 Al Qaeda 2007

01:30 Opus Dei Unveiled

02:30 Human Weapon

03:30 Digging for the Truth

04:30 Life and Death of a Star

05:30 Search for ET

06:30 David Copperfield

11:30 Beyond the Big Bang

ZEE STUDIO

08:45 Ruthless People

11:00 Ocean's Twelve

01:45 George Of The Jungle

03:30 Camera Buff

06:10 Snow Dogs

08:30 No Dead Heroes

10:30 E! News

11:00 Connie And Carla