

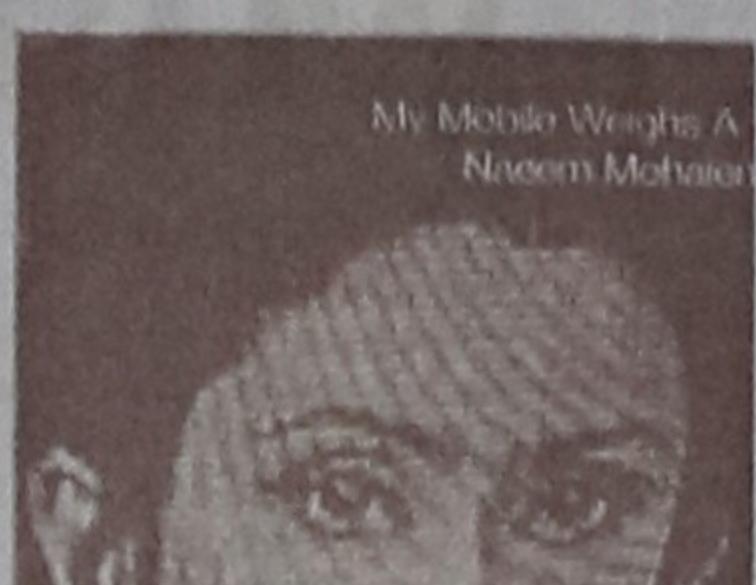
## WHAT'S ON THIS WEEK

**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



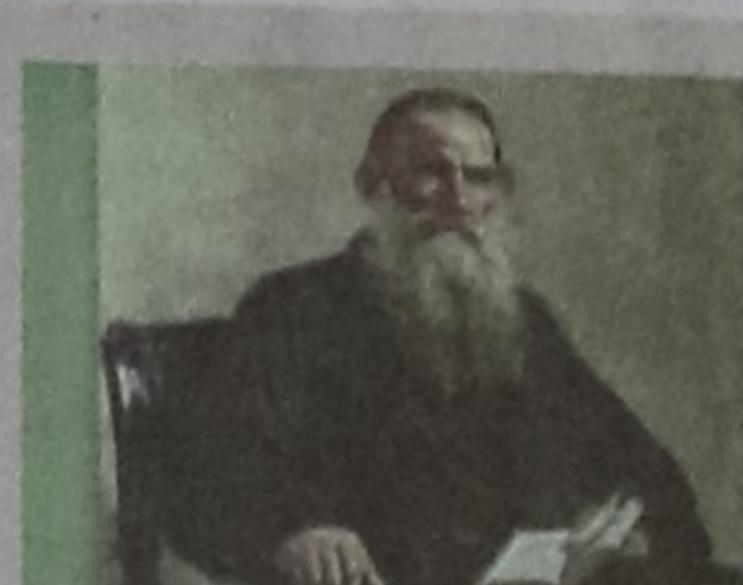
## Installation and Photography Exhibition

Title: My Mobile Weighs A Ton  
 Artist: Naem Mohaleem  
 Venue: Gallery Chitrak, 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 Zanader  
 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 application 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 an uncommon style that gives a deep expression of semi-abstraction 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 Shafqata  
 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 Konthay Konya  
 09:00 Drama  
 10:30 Shur Tarango  
 11:00 Talk Show: Date Line Dhaka

08:20 Three Stooges  
 08:00 Drama Serial: Shoa Paanch Arai Lane  
 08:40 Drama Serial: Syed Barir Bou  
 09:20 Drama Soap: Doll's House  
 12:00 Grameenphone Lead News  
 09:30 Shangbadpotre Bangladesh  
 09:45 Public Reaction  
 09:50 Grameen Phone Triomatra  
 11:05 Tele Prescription  
 11:30 Hridoy Mati O Manush  
 12:30 Citycell Taro ka Kathan  
 01:05 Musical Programme: Ebong Cinemar Gaan  
 01:30 Musical Programme: Sa Re Ga Ma  
 05:30 Muktidhobh Protidin  
 06:20 TV Series: Super Man  
 07:50 Mega Serial: Ghar Kulam  
 08:20 Drama Serial: Amader Swapnokey  
 09:35 Special Programme  
 10:00 Drama Serial: Shongshar  
 11:30 Mega Serial: 69  
 12:00 Grameenphone Ajker Shangbadpotro

08:30 Ekush-er Shokal  
 09:15 Drama Serial: Aziz Market, Shahbag, Dhaka 1000  
 10:30 Ekushey Business  
 12:00 Ekushey Dupur  
 12:30 Ekushey Business: Special Focus  
 01:30 Ekushey Business: Shaphol Jara

Target Millionaire  
On Rtv at 9:40 pm  
Drama Serial  
Cast: Dr Ezaz, Rahmat AliDesperate 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  
 10:00 Ajker Shokal

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

11:35 RTV  
 09:00 Shomoyer Darpon  
 09:30 R Music  
 10:00 Talk Show: Taroka Alap  
 11:00 Just Band  
 12:35 Drama Serial: Apon Ghorey Porobash  
 01:03 Protidin

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

10:30 CHANNEL 1  
 10:30 Bangla Feature Film

02:30 BOISHAKHI

08:05 Din Protidin  
 09:35 Mon-er Katha  
 10:05 Drama: Nijhum Shimantara Bolaka

12:05 Shei Shur Ajo Achhey  
 02:05 Janley Chai  
 03:05 Drama: Palabara Path Nei  
 05:30 Music Today  
 06:00 Selected Programme  
 08:00 Apon Thikana  
 09:05 Musical Programme  
 10:05 Business Hour

12:05 HBO

10:00 Stuart Little 2  
 11:30 Free Willy 2  
 01:00 The Proposition  
 03:30 Hollywood's 10 Best: Cat Fights

04:00 It Could Happen To You  
 06:00 Hollywood Spotlight: Will Smith

06:30 Superman Returns  
 09:30 RV  
 11:30 She Creature

12:05 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 4.0  
 09:10 Die Hard 1  
 11:20 Die Hard 2: Die Harder

12:05 STAR WORLD

08:30 Friends  
 09:30 The Bold And The Beautiful  
 10:30 Seinfeld

11:30 The Doors  
 12:30 Al Qaeda 2007  
 01:30 Opus Dei Unveiled

02:30 Human Weapon  
 04:30 Digging for the Truth  
 06:30 Life and Death of a Star

08:30 Search for ET  
 06:30 David Copperfield  
 11:30 Beyond the Big Bang

12:05 ZEE STUDIO

08:45 Ruthless People  
 11:00 Oceans Twelve  
 01:45 George Of The Jungle

03:30 Camera Buff  
 05:30 Hope And Faith

06:30 Snow Dogs  
 08:30 No Dead Heroes

10:30 E! News  
 11:00 Connie And Carla