

## 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



### Group Art Exhibition

by 19 artists from Bangladesh, India, Nepal, Pakistan and Sri Lanka  
**Title:** Off the Beaten Path  
**Organiser:** Britto Art Trust  
**Venues:** Drik Gallery, Dhanmondi; Galleri Kaya, Uttara; Bengal Gallery of Fine Arts, Dhanmondi  
**Date:** September 2-9  
**Time:** DG: 3pm-8pm, GK: 11am-8pm, BGFA: 11am-8pm



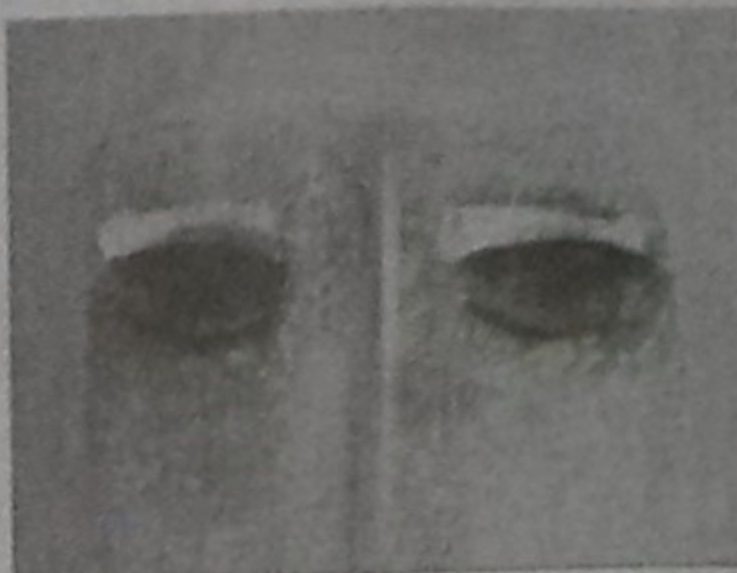
### Jamdani Mela

An exhibition of Jamdani Saroes  
**Venue:** Drik Gallery, H 58, Rd 15A (new), Dhanmondi  
**Date:** September 3-7  
**Time:** 3pm-8pm



### Solo Exhibition

**Title:** The Intimate World of Colour  
**Artist:** Hamiduzzaman Khan  
**Venue:** Asiatic Society of Bangladesh Gallery of Fine Art, Nimtoli, Ramna  
**Date:** August 23-September 9  
**Time:** 12pm-8pm



## Becoming "Shera Kontho"

In conversation with Zhilik

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Zanita Ahmed Zhilik won the top spot at the popular talent hunt *Channel i Shera Kontho 2008*. A student of class IX at Mohammadpur Preparatory High School, success seems to have favoured her at an early stage. *The Daily Star* caught up with the young singer. Zhilik talked about her journey through *Shera Kontho*, future plans and more.

Born into a culturally oriented family, Zhilik was introduced to music at an early age. Her father M.A. Jalil, an enlisted artiste of Bangladesh TV and Radio, was her first mentor and teacher. Zhilik's initiation in music happened when she was only three.

"My father has always been my biggest source of inspiration. If it wasn't for him I could have never made it this far," said Zhilik.

When she was seven, Zhilik trained under Bashanti Gomez. From 2006 Zhilik has been taking music lessons from Manindra Nath Roy, a family friend.

Talking about her first experience on *Shera Kontho*, Zhilik said, "I remember the day very well. I woke up at 5 in the morning, did *reyaz* till 6 and then went to the Channel i office at Tejgaon for the auditions. At the audition my judges were Shafiq Tuhin and Shammi Akhter. I was a bit nervous but confident nevertheless. After singing six songs, I was given the 'yes card'."



Zanita Ahmed Zhilik

"Music is my passion and I'm always up for a challenge. When I came to know about the contest I felt that I must take part in it as it

would be a great opportunity for me to have my skills evaluated," she said.

Apart from that another reason

was to meet the two main judges - Runa Laila and Sabina Yasmin -- considered legends in our country.

On the contest Zhilik said, "*Shera Kontho* was a huge platform for young singers. I have learnt so much at the camp. I had the opportunity to sing in front of Runa Laila and Sabina Yasmin. In the 'Band Round' I had the chance to perform with LRB and Ayub Bachchu. I was ecstatic!"

"Also, thanks to the contest, I could interact with Runa Laila ma'am and Sabina Yasmin ma'am. Runa Laila ma'am even gave me a nickname, 'Bijli', said a smiling Zhilik.

Speaking of the grand finale, Zhilik said, "The final was aired live so I was nervous. There were so many people in the audience! I tried to stay composed and give the best performance I could."

"At the finale, I performed the song *O ki bondhu kajol bhomora* rey. Coincidentally at my first audition, I performed this song," Zhilik added.

About her future plans Zhilik said, "Music is something without which I don't feel complete, at the same time I want to complete my studies as well. I would try to pursue both -- carry on with my singing without hampering my studies. I have full support of my family so I think I will be successful. I will try my best not to disappoint those who have made me *Shera Kontho* with their support and votes."

## Toronto film festival gets off to a romantic start

REUTERS, Toronto

The curtain rose on the Toronto International Film Festival on Thursday night with romance "*Passchendaele*" playing to a packed theatre and starting a 10-day parade of films and stars at one of the world's top movie gatherings.

In keeping with tradition, the event opened by shining its spotlight on a Canadian movie, but Hollywood invades in the days ahead with the likes of George Clooney, Brad Pitt and even Paris Hilton in town.

Before the festival ends on September 13, more than 300 films will screen here as filmmakers hope to gain attention that earns box office bucks and movie fan buzz ahead of Hollywood's upcoming Oscar season. Last year's Toronto darling, teen pregnancy comedy "*Juno*," went on to win wide acclaim.

But Thursday belonged to Canadian actor Paul Gross, who wrote, directed and starred in "*Passchendaele*," a love story set against the backdrop of Canadians fighting in World War I.

"In the end, love is all that can counter the implacable brutality of war, Gross told the opening night audience.

Beyond the romance, "*Passchendaele*" explores class and ethnic clashes in the country and serves up a healthy amount of Canadian patriotism.

Gross told Reuters that seeing his movie selected for opening night at a festival that has long promoted Canadian filmmakers was particularly gratifying.

"This film took an uncommonly long time to get around to making, and hundreds of people



Gerard Butler and Thandie Newton in *RocknRolla*, one of the most anticipated films at the festival.

were involved," he said of the labour of love that took more than 15 years from idea to movie. "This is a great tribute to the people involved."

But even as the red carpet rolled out for the Canadians, British director Guy Ritchie on Thursday also screened his newest gangster movie "*RocknRolla*," starring Thandie Newton, Gerard Butler and rapper Chris "Ludacris" Bridges. And the "*RocknRolla*" cast will not be the only Hollywood stars in town.

Oscar-winning directors Joel and Ethan Coen ("*No Country for Old Men*") screen their latest

comedy "*Burn After Reading*," starring Brad Pitt and George Clooney, telling the story of a gym instructor who tries to blackmail a former CIA agent.

Fourteen year-old Dakota Fanning, who won the hearts of moviegoers as a child actor in films such as "*War of the Worlds*," grows up in front of audiences in coming-of-age tale, "*The Secret Life of Bees*," and directors including Spike Lee and China's Wong Kar Wai also bring their movies to Toronto.

Paris Hilton, who has earned a reputation for grabbing the media spotlight, did it again on

Thursday when a report in the *New York Post* said she had asked festival organisers to cancel two screenings of a documentary about her, "*Paris, Not France*," in favour of just one showing that would garner greater attention.

Meanwhile, audiences looked forward to upcoming movies ranging from 18th century romance "*The Duchess*" with Keira Knightley to cop drama "*Pride and Glory*" starring Colin Farrell and Edward Norton -- all leading to the festival's final gala film, "*The Good, the Bad, the Weird*."



On Air

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

### BTV

09:05 Selected Programme  
09:30 Smitimoy Geetimoy  
10:05 Swastha Sheba  
10:30 Holdey Pakhir Palok  
11:20 Desher Gaan  
11:30 Shukhi Porbaar  
12:10 Amader Mukti Juddho  
01:30 Nari O Shifu  
02:15 Sisimpur  
02:45 Bangla Feature Film  
05:45 Islamic Programme  
07:00 Geeti Malyo  
07:25 Amader Katha  
08:25 Drama Serial: Shangshaptaak  
09:20 Drama Serial: Koshlo  
09:20 Chhuyechhey Amay  
10:30 Selected Programme

### ATN BANGLA

08:15 Aikter Shanbadpotro  
08:30 Nupurer Chhonhey  
09:15 Top Spin  
10:30 Talk Show: Magic Teen  
11:05 Chaakaar Taroka  
11:05 Shatidin  
12:15 Musical Programme: Anondo Oshru  
03:45 Cookery Show: Vim Jhot Pot Ittar  
04:10 Islamic Programme  
05:00 Gram Gonjer Khobor  
06:20 Health Show: Square Hospital  
08:00 Drama Serial: Onno Boshonto  
08:40 Drama Serial: Chor Kuthuri  
09:20 Drama Serial: Ek Jonomey  
10:00 Mukto Shonglaap  
11:30 Daily Soap: Doll's House  
12:00 Gramenphone Lead News

### CHANNEL i

08:30 Shokaal-er Gaan  
09:30 Shanbadpotre Bangladesh  
09:45 Public Reaction  
09:50 Gramenphone Tritio Matra  
11:05 Amader Aaina  
12:05 Mukto Bazar Orthontli

### ETV

08:30 Ekush-er Shokal  
09:15 Drama Serial: Aziz Market, Shahbag, Dhaka 1000  
12:00 Ekush-er Dupur  
12:30 Total Music  
02:00 Bangla Feature Film  
05:45 Ekush-er Shondha  
06:30 Shoptaho Ghurey Desh Jurey  
07:50 Dhun Ta Na  
09:30 Drama Serial: Aziz Market  
10:10 Shahbag Dhaka 1000  
10:10 Explosive  
11:40 Shangkritir Shatidin  
12:00 Ekush-er Raat

### Rtv

08:40 Sa Sa Dhin Tai  
09:30 Drama Serial: Tonatunir Golpo  
11:00 Kingfisher Taroka Alap  
11:30 Fashion Show: R you Ready  
12:35 Drama Serial: Mukhush Neel  
01:03 Protidin  
02:30 Bangla Feature Film  
06:00 Protidin  
06:30 Cinema Ar Gaan  
08:00 Street Show: Zebra Crossing  
08:30 Musical Programme: R- Music  
09:40 Drama Serial: Apon Ghorey Porobash  
11:30 Jegay Achchho Ki?

### ntv

08:30 Aikter Shokaal  
08:55 Bangla Feature Film  
12:10 Talk Show: Ei Shomoy  
01:05 Cartoon  
02:30 Drama Serial: House full  
03:20 Close-up 1 2008  
04:25 Educational Programme  
05:30 Hridoye Raamjaan  
06:45 Shangkriti Ei Shoptaho  
08:15 Drama Serial: Aim In Life  
09:00 Arong Eid Preview 2008  
11:35 Talk Show: Ei Shomoy

### BANGLAVISION

08:30 Musical Programme: Pran-er Gaan  
09:00 Cinebit Shadkalo  
09:30 Children's Programme: Ichchhey Ghuri  
10:10 Banglavisoin Cafe  
11:35 Home Care  
12:30 Musical Programme: Bengal  
02:30 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



Doll's House  
On ATN Bangla at 11:30 pm  
Drama Serial  
Cast: Humayun Faridee, Tropa Majumder

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 Ami  
09:45 Drama Serial: Gulshan Avenue  
11:25 Law Chamber  
12:00 Shangbad Protidin

### CHANNEL 1

08:40 Shuprobhaat Bangladesh  
10:30 Bangla feature Film  
03:30 Drama Serial: Hanur-er Mongol Hok  
04:30 Music One

05:15 Islamic Programme  
06:00 Selected Programme  
07:00 Cookery Show: Romjaan-er Swad  
08:15 Duranto Pathik  
09:00 Gaan-er Khala  
09:30 The Right Tune  
11:00 Rupantor-er Golpo

### BOISHAKHI

09:05 Drama Serial: Arai Theke  
09:35 Drama  
10:30 Musical Programme: Shei Shur  
Ajo Achhey Shomoy Haar  
Maney Jaar Kachhey  
12:05 Islamic Programme  
02:30 Music Today

07:30 Enter The Dragon  
09:30 Music And Lyrics  
11:30 Manticore

### STAR MOVIES

10:00 Van Wilder 2: The Rise Of Taj  
11:35 Smother  
11:35 Wicker Man, The  
12:55 Courage Under Fire  
04:50 Glory  
07:00 Apocalpyto  
09:10 Tremors  
10:50 Factory Girl

### STAR WORLD

09:30 How I Met Your Mother

12:30 Ncis  
NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC CHANNEL

01:30 Planet Carnivore  
12:30 Taboo  
01:30 Built for the Kill  
02:30 Planet Carnivore  
03:30 Planet Mechanics  
04:30 Going To School In India  
05:00 I Didn't Know That  
05:30 Big Bang  
06:00 Bear Bandits  
06:30 I Didn't Know That  
07:00 What Would Happen If

### THE HISTORY CHANNEL

10:30 Egyptian Warfare  
11:30 Marilyn and Me  
01:30 Cold Cuts  
02:30 Saturn: Lord of the Rings  
03:30 Human Weapon  
04:30 Return to Fallujah  
05:30 A Woman Named Jackie  
08:30 North & South  
11:00 Sanjay Leela Bhansali  
11:30 The Doors  
12:30 Biography

### ZEE STUDIO

10:30 Honey I Blew Up The Kid



07:30 Built for the Kill  
08:30 The Serpent  
09:30 Inside Sumo's Ultimate  
11:30 Taboo  
12:30 Built for the Kill

12:30 50 First Dates  
02:45 Mona Lisa Smile  
03:30 Snatch  
08:00 The Hollywood Reporter  
08:30 Princess Diaries 2: The Royal Engagement  
11:00 Raising Helen