

## WHAT'S ON THIS WEEK

### Outcome Exhibition

Of Miniature Painting Workshop and Int'l Residency Programme '08  
**Organiser:** Britto Arts Trust and Porapara Space for Artists  
**Venue:** Theatre Institute, Chittagong  
**Date:** September 19-22



### Joint Art Exhibition

To mark the 36th anniversary of Bangladesh-Thailand Diplomatic Relations  
**Organiser:** Royal Thai Embassy, Dhaka  
**Venue:** Gallery-2, Drik Gallery, H 58, Rd 15A (New), Dhanmondi  
**Date:** September 16-27



### Film Screening & Photo Exhibition

**Title:** Shajira **Director:** Photo: Molla Sagar  
**Venue:** Alliance Francaise De Dacca, 26 Mirpur Road  
**Photo exhibition at the gallery from September 19 to 25 (9am-12pm & 5pm-9pm)**  
**Film screening at the auditorium on September 19, 21, 23 and 25 (7pm)**



### Solo Art Exhibition

**Title:** The Sign of Reality  
**Artist:** Josala McNamara  
**Venue:** Zainul Art Gallery, Faculty of Fine Arts, DU  
**Date:** September 17-22  
**Time:** 12pm-8pm



## Prachyanat premieres "Kinu Kaharer Thetar"



A scene from *Kinu Kaharer Thetar*.

### CULTURAL CORRESPONDENT

Prachyanat now brings its 15th production titled *Kinu Kaharer Thetar* on stage. The premiere of the play was staged at the experimental theatre hall at Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy on August 18. Written by Manoj Mitra and directed by Kaji Toufiqul Islam Imon, the play transports the audience to an imaginary country named Putna, ruled by a fraudulent king. A comedy, the play moves forward with several humorous incidents that ultimately lead the audience to a crucial truth. The storyline of the play unfolds with an incident where a country girl is violated by the ujjir (minister) of Putna. As the king depends a lot

on the guilty, he is not interested in punishing him at all. But the problem arises when the issue threatens even the monarchy. The Company Lord (Iatt saheb) declares, 'If this goes without trial, I will abdicate the throne'. Guided by the vicious ujjir, the king sets another person, Ghontakorno, to confess the guilt on behalf of the ujjir. Ghontakorno and his wife are also happy as they are compensated well with 'four bags of money' by the king. But situation does not remain the same when the king himself gets into a similar kind of trouble. All of a sudden the king gets entangled in problems for killing a goat. The Lord manages to sentence him to death by hanging. Even Ghontakorno cannot save the king this time.

"Though an imaginary country, Putna is like present-day Bangladesh. The king, the ujjir, the Company lord, Ghontakorno and others remind us of the political hypocrites, the problem faced by our judicial system and, of course, the plight of the common people," said Kaji Toufiqul Islam Imon. Mitul Rahman, Nasiful Walid Amlan, Rantik Bipu, Hira Choudhury, Rinkon Shikdar, Bilkis Jahar and others play different roles in *Kinu Kaharer Thetar*. The light design of the play was effectively done by Abul Hasnat Bhuiya Ripon. Rinkon Sikder's set design complemented the production. This acclaimed play by Manoj Mitra has been staged before by several other theatre troupes.

## Shefaly: A nightingale from the hills

NADIA SARWAT

Growing up in Baghaichhari, in the hilly district Rangamati, Shefaly did not have many who appreciated her passion for music. Yet the talented singer emerged as one of the best 35 contestants on the mega-popular talent hunt *Close Up 1* this year. Despite obtaining the highest marks from the three judges on the show, Shefaly was dropped from the competition, as she did not get sufficient SMS votes from the audience. This however, could not dent the young singer's ambition and she remains devoted to her craft. "My father was the only person in my area who encouraged me to sing. It is a remote area and I never had the opportunity to receive formal music lessons. I learnt songs by listening to tapes. Folk songs mesmerise me and I grab every single tape I can get my hands on. I listen to the songs over and over again until I'm convinced that I've perfected them," she says. The fact that Shefaly has no formal train-



Shefaly

ing is not at all apparent when she sings. With a perfect voice for folk songs, she has managed to hone her skills and confidence of a complete artist. Shefaly has participated in several cultural programmes in Baghaichhari and throughout Rangamati. About *Close Up 1*, Shefaly says, "One of my relatives got me registered for the competition, and I didn't face much difficulty to move up till the track round, where votes from the audience matter. I was quite confident and my renditions of folk songs like *Kaanar haat-bazar*, *O mui na shunum*, *Baukumta batash jamon* and others were appreciated by the judges. As I'm from an area that has no mobile network coverage, I didn't get the support of people from my area. I got about 17,000 SMS from the audience." She did get a second chance though, which the authorities termed as the "wild card" or "yellow card". But Shefaly humbly refused to take the opportunity as she felt that she had already been denied the respect she deserves for her talent. "I feel that the system is unjust and

contestants are not evaluated solely based on their skills. Even if I take the 'wild card' option and come back to the show, I'd be constantly under the threat of being dropped as I know I won't get the votes of the people from my area -- a support other contestants have. This should not be the way...why involve the judges then?" asks a frustrated Shefaly. "I came here with a dream to achieve something significant," she continues, "and I think my efforts have not gone in vain. I met the renowned *tabla* artiste Debu Chowdhury here. After listening to my songs, he approached my parents and said that he wants to adopt me as his daughter. Under his guidance, I've started taking music lessons. I'm truly grateful to him for opening a window of opportunities. Upcoming talents desperately need sponsors or benefactors." Shefaly is hoping to have her debut album, titled *Bondhurey Tui Lok Bhalona* (produced under the banner of LNB) released this Eid. The young singer seems optimistic and upbeat.

## Cannes winner submitted for Oscar

*The Class*, winner of the Palme d'Or at this year's Cannes Festival, has been named as France's official entry for the 2009 foreign language film Oscar. Directed by Laurent Cantet, the film depicts a year at a tough Paris school, featuring real students and teachers. Titled *Entre les murs* in France, it will receive a gala screening at the London Film Festival next month. France is one of several countries to unveil their foreign film submissions in the run-up to next year's Oscars. Earlier this week it was

announced that Germany's entry would be a drama about the militant left-wing Baader Meinhof group. The Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences will announce the five nominees for the prize on 22 January. Last year's winner was Austrian film *The Counterfeiters*, which told of concentration camp prisoners ordered to forge bank notes during World War II. 1992 drama *Indochine* was the last French entry to win the foreign language film Oscar. Source: BBC



A scene from *The Class*.



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

## On Air

### News Bulletin

**BTV**  
 News Headlines (Bangla) at 8:55 am, 12:10 pm, 2:00 pm, 3:00 pm, 4:00 pm, 7:00 pm.  
 News (Bangla) at 8:00 am, 1:00 pm, 5:00 pm, 8:00 pm.  
 News (English) at 3:00 pm, 10:00 pm.  
 Late Night News (Bangla and English) 11:30 pm. (To be telecast on all Bangla channels).  
**CHANNEL-1**  
 News (Bangla) at 7:15 am, 9:00am, 2:00pm, 7:00pm, 9:00pm, 10:30pm, 12:15 am.  
**ATN BANGLA**  
 News (Bangla) at 7:00 am, 10:00am, 2:00 pm, 7:00 pm, 10:00 pm, 11pm. News (English) 8:20am, 7:00pm  
 Latest News (Bangla) at 9:00 a.m., 10:00 am, 11:00 am, 4:00pm, 6:00 pm and 8:00 pm.  
**CHANNEL-1**  
 News (Bangla) at 8:00am, 12:00pm, 2:30pm, 6:30pm, 7:30pm, 10:00pm, 12:30am  
**BANGLAVISION**  
 News (Bangla) at 7:30am, 1:30pm, 5:00pm, 7:15pm, 10:30pm.  
 News Headlines (Bangla) at 10:00am, 12:00am, 4:00pm.  
 News (English) at 6:00pm  
**Rtv**  
 News (Bangla) at 7:00pm, and 10:30pm.  
**ntv**  
 News (Bangla) 7:30am, 12:02pm, 2:00pm, 7:30pm, 10:30pm, 1:00am  
**ETV**  
 News (Bangla): 1:00pm, 3:00pm, 5:00pm, 7:00pm, 9:00pm, 11:00pm

**05:15** Muktijuddho Prodidin  
**06:25** Pushi Monahaar Itaar  
**07:50** Mega Serial: Ghar Kutum  
**08:20** Drama Serial: Amader Swapnolokey  
**09:35** Travel Show: Banglalink Banglar Pathay  
**10:00** Drama Serial: Shongshar  
**11:30** Mega Serial: 69  
**12:00** Grameenphone Aiker Shangbadpatro  
**ETV**  
**08:30** Ekusher Shokal  
**09:30** Drama Serial: Aziz Market, Shahbag, Dhaka 1000  
**10:30** Ekushey Business  
**ATN BANGLA**  
**08:15** Aiker Shanbadpatro  
**08:30** Drama: Mupur  
**09:15** Drama Serial: Amader Nurul Huda  
**10:30** Talk Show: Onyodrishti  
**11:05** Shathdin  
**11:30** Sports Show  
**12:15** Business Week  
**01:25** Prapak  
**02:30** Drama Serial: Chander Gaye Chand  
**03:15** Obirraam Bangladesh  
**03:45** Cookery Show: VIM Zholpot Itar  
**04:10** Islamic Programme: Mobarak Ho Mahe Ramjaan  
**05:00** Gram Gonjer Khobar  
**06:25** 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  
**Channel-1**  
**08:30** Shokaa-er Gaan  
**09:30** Shangbadpatroey Bangladesh  
**09:45** Public Reaction  
**09:50** Grameen Phone Trilomatra  
**11:05** Tele Prescription  
**11:30** Hridoye Mati O Manush  
**12:30** Citycell Taroka Kathan  
**01:05** Musical Programme: Ebong Cinemar Gaan  
**01:30** Musical Programme: Sa Re Ga Ma  
**02:30** Musical Programme: Hridoyer Gaan  
**03:05** Meridian Channel i Khuday Gaan Raaj'08  
**04:05** Talk Show  
**04:30** Alor Khojey Kojona  
**04:00** Explosive  
**05:30** Ekusher Shondha  
**06:30** Dush Jurey  
**07:45** Bhalobasha Karey Koy  
**08:15** Amader Shisu  
**09:30** Drama Serial: Ghatak Ebong Amra  
**10:10** Golpo Sholpo Gaan  
**10:50** Financial Bulletin  
**11:40** Ei Shoptaher Bishwa  
**12:00** Ekush-er Raat  
**ntv**  
**08:30** Aiker Shokal  
**08:55** Bangla Feature Film  
**12:10** Talk Show: Ei Shomoy  
**01:05** Japan Video Topic  
**09:30** Closeup 1 Tomakey Khujchhey Bangladesh-2008  
**11:35** Talk Show: Ei Shomoy  
**Rtv**  
**08:40** Net Fun  
**09:00** Talk Show: Shomoyer Daaran  
**09:30** Musical Programme: R Music  
**11:00** Taroka Alap  
**12:35** Drama Serial: Apon Ghorey Porobash  
**01:05** Prodidin  
**02:30** Bangla Feature Film  
**05:30** Net Fun  
**06:00** Prodidin  
**06:30** Musical Programme: Path  
**BANGLAVISION**  
**08:30** Shur-er Rhuboney  
**09:00** Cinebit  
**09:30** Bangla Feature Film  
**02:00** Daily Soap: Mohanagar  
**02:30** Drama Serial: Shomudro Jal Nodi O Jiban  
**03:05** Drama Serial: Nagorey Nagarik  
**05:15** Islamic Programme  
**06:40** Citycell Din-er Sheshey  
**06:50** Sports Vision  
**08:25** Daily Soap: Mohanagar  
**09:05** Visa Apnar Agami  
**09:45** Drama Serial: Swapna Chura  
**11:25** Drama  
**12:00** Shangbad Prodidin  
**08:15** Drama Serial: Duronto Pathik  
**09:00** Proshno-Uttar  
**09:30** Cine Tune  
**11:00** Selected Programme  
**STAR MOVIES**  
**08:50** Impy's Island  
**10:30** Van Wilder 2: The Rise Of Taj  
**12:05** The Bourne Identity  
**02:10** Kung Fu Killer  
**03:45** Kung Fu Killer II  
**05:20** She's The One  
**07:00** I Think I Love My Wife  
**08:35** Maid In Manhattan  
**10:25** Three Bunnies Of Melquiades Estr  
**12:30** Like Mother, Like Daughter  
**George Clooney**  
**07:30** World Trade Center  
**09:30** Failure To Launch  
**11:30** Blade: Trinity  
**STAR WORLD**  
**09:30** The Bold And The Beautiful  
**03:30** 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** Private Practice  
**10:30** Desperate Housewives  
**11:30** Blood Ties  
**THE HISTORY CHANNEL**  
**09:30** Saturn: Lord of the Rings  
**10:30** Spaceship Earth  
**11:30** Alexander Graham Bell  
**12:30** Biography  
**01:30** Mera India  
**02:30** Human Weapon  
**03:30** The JFK Assassination  
**05:30** Fact of Fiction #2  
**10:15** Casanova  
**11:30** World Trade Center  
**NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC CHANNEL**  
**09:30** Killer Tigers of India  
**11:15** Telemail: Sauna Belt  
**11:30** Wanderlust  
**12:30** Pumped  
**01:30** Temple Of The Tigers  
**02:30** Amazing Moments  
**03:30** Titanic's Nuclear Secret  
**04:30** Animals Behaving Badly  
**05:30** Hot Science From India  
**06:30** Beijing Olympic Stadium  
**07:30** Amazonia's Giant Jaws  
**08:30** Gorilla Murders  
**09:30** Predators In Peril  
**10:30** Ghosts Of The Black Sea  
**11:30** Mega Thursday  
**ZEE STUDIO**  
**10:30** One Fine Day  
**12:55** Cocktail  
**03:30** Coffee And Cigarettes  
**05:55** The Hollywood Reporter  
**06:15** Ruthless People  
**08:15** Play Dirty  
**11:00** The Color Of Money



**Showa Paanch Arai Lane**  
 On ATN Bangla at 8:00 pm  
 Drama Serial  
 Cast: Mosharrar Karim, Chanchal Chowdhury

**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 Masti Unlimited  
 01:00pm Today's Adda  
 04:00pm U-tum  
 08:00pm Tobe Tai Hok  
 11:00pm Raat Vor Gan  
 02:00 am Back to Back

**maid in manhattan**  
 On Star Movies at 8:30 pm, Genre: Romance  
 Cast: Jennifer Lopez, Ralph Fiennes

**12:00** Ekusher Dupur  
**12:30** Ekushey Business: Special Focus  
**01:30** Ekushey Business: Shaphol Jara  
**02:10** Drama Serial: Aziz Market Shahbag Dhaka 1000  
**03:30** Shangkriti Shath Din  
**02:30** House Full  
**03:15** Drama: Swapna Shongini  
**04:25** Islamic Programme  
**05:25** Islamic Programme: Hridoye Romjaan  
**06:45** Shomporko  
**07:15** Nokia Take Four  
**08:15** Drama Serial: Aim In Life

**08:00** Chaotei Anondo  
 Cookery Show: R-Ranna  
**08:30** Good Shot  
**09:40** Drama Serial: Meyeli Ekhon Kothay  
**11:30** Drama Serial: Dohon

**CHANNEL 1**  
**10:30** Bangla Feature Film  
**03:30** Duronto Pathik  
**04:00** Gaan-er Khanta  
**04:30** Music One  
**05:15** Hridoye Raamjaan  
**07:00** Raamjaan-er Swad

**HBO**  
**09:30** The Thirteenth Floor  
**11:30** Over The Hedge  
**01:15** Connors' War  
**03:30** Fair Game  
**04:35** Confessions Of A Young Bride  
**06:30** Hollywood Spotlight