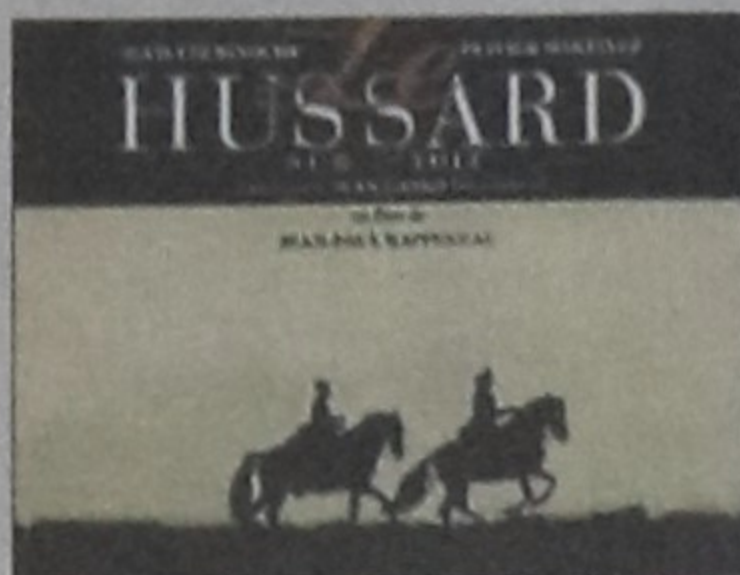


WHAT'S
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Film Screening

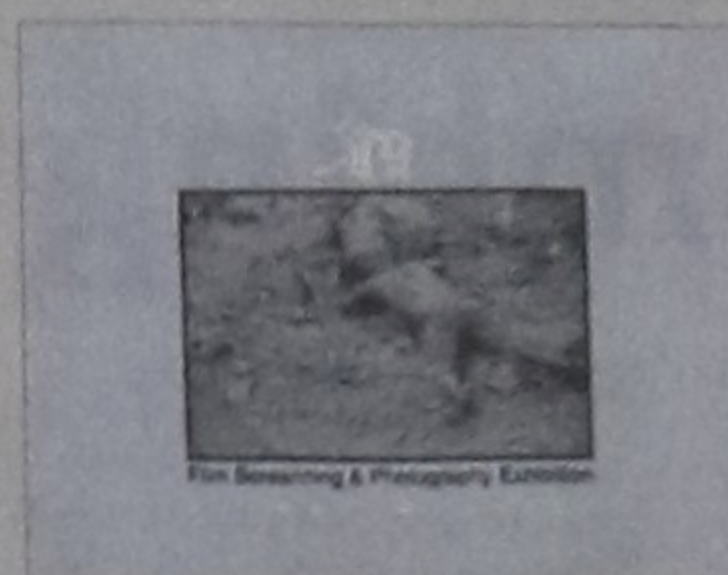
Film: The Horseman on the Roof
Director: Jean-Paul Rappeneau
Venue: Auditorium, Alliance Francaise de Dacca, 26, Mirpur Road, Dhanmondi
Date: September 26
Time: 10:30am and 7pm

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: Shapna, Director
Photographer: 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)



Exhibition

Title: Eid o Aamar Swoprobhumi
Organiser: Nitya Upahar
Venue: Gallery Nitya Upahar, 3rd floor, Aziz Co-operative Super Market, Shahbag
Date: September 5-30
Time: 10am-8pm



The Sign of Reality

Jossiaa McNamara's solo exhibition

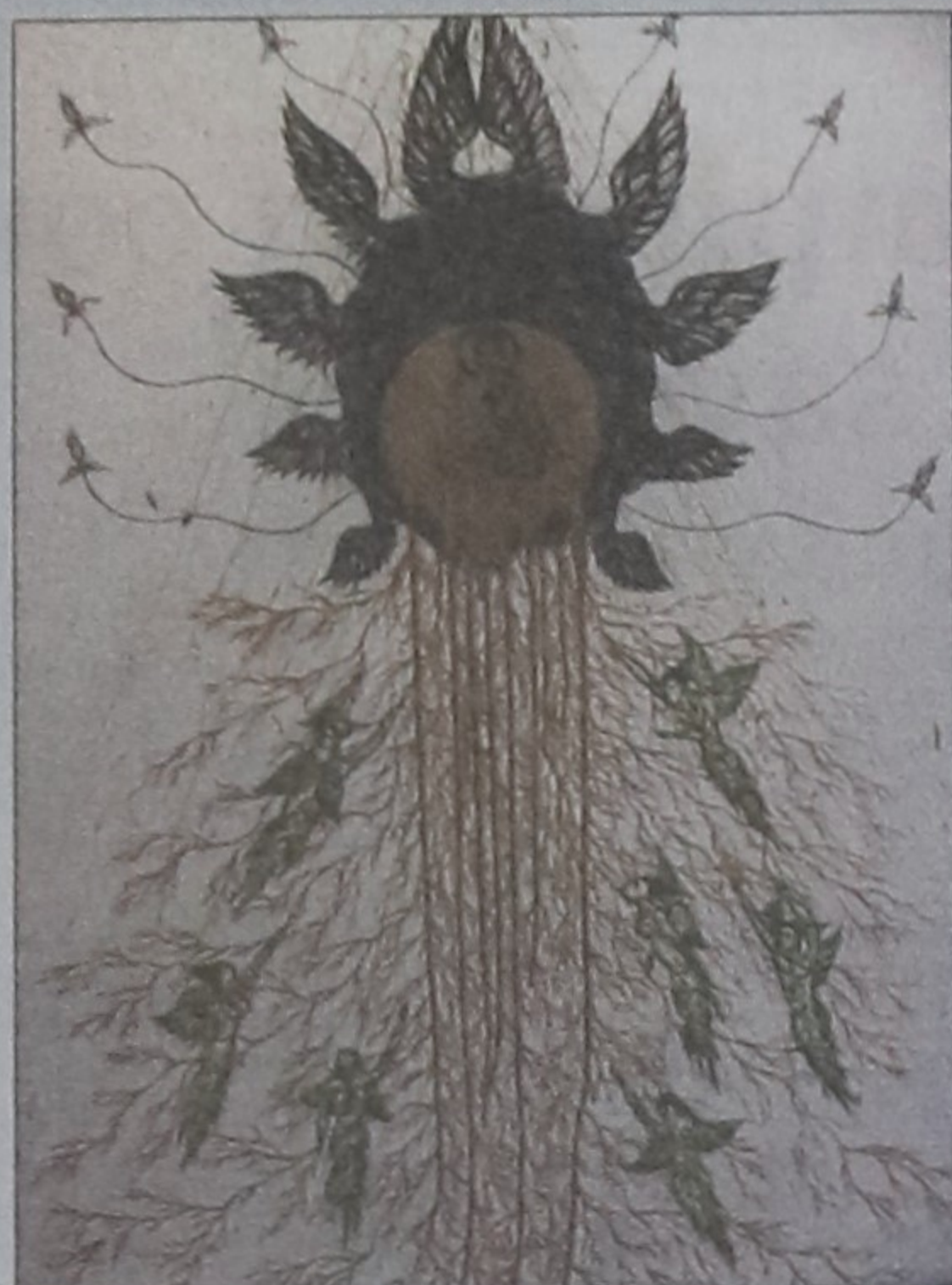
ERSHAD KAMOL

Religion, culture and spirit are the main features of the artworks by Fijian artist Jossiaa McNamara. The six-day solo art exhibition titled "The Sign of Reality" by McNamara ended on September 22 at the Gallery Zainul, Faculty of Fine Arts (FFA). The exhibition was a part of McNamara's nine-month Commonwealth scholarship programme at the Department of Printmaking of FFA.

McNamara's Polynesian and Melanesian cultural heritage and Christian origin is apparent in the works. The artist has presented the religious beliefs and culture of that part of the world in his exotic and non-naturalistic art. Blending signs of different religions and cultures, McNamara has portrayed the 'spirit' of the journey to achieve 'ultimate peace'.

Following the Polynesian and Melanesian art traditions, the artist has presented the images of Vishnu, Durga, Buddha and other gods and traditional motifs of Bangladesh. Moreover, he has used verses from different religions in several languages such as Bangla and Hebrew.

To better understand the artworks in different mediums such as oil on canvas, mixed media, etching and lithography, one has to know McNamara's



The Seat of Nirvana



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background. A senior artist in residence of Research Programme at the Oceania Centre for Arts and Culture, University of South Pacific in Fiji, Jossiaa McNamara has travelled the world to learn about the religions, cultures and folk arts.

He said, "I chose Bangladesh for the Commonwealth Scholarship programme considering the diverse culture and religions here. I like to fuse the signs of

different religions and traditions in my works. Travelling throughout the country, I enriched my ideas and incorporated those in my latest works."

According to McNamara, the knowledge and the wisdom that transcend in man are mightier than the materialistic reality that surrounds him. "The Sign of Reality" series interprets life as a journey, where man has to face a certain higher truth, which is the very seed of his creation. In

fact it's the gateway to his inner universe at the centre of which lies the divine essence of his spiritual nature," he added.

McNamara's idea has been reflected in the artworks titled *Eyes of the Seven Spirits*, *The Fundamental Signs*, *Dark Clouds of the Gods*, *In the Heart of Creation*, *Reaching for Stars*, *The Enlightened Ones*, *Redemption*, *The Seat of Nirvana*, *Growth of Perfection*, *The Fear*, *Judah and Seeds of Birth*.

David Blaine hanging tough after beginning 60-hour stunt

For three days and two nights, illusionist David Blaine will enjoy an unusual view of New York City's Central Park -- one that can only be enjoyed from six stories in the air, while hanging upside down.

The famed magic man will be suspended upside down for 60 hours.

The magician's latest stunt, called the "Dive of Death," began at 8:30 Monday morning as he was hoisted into position. The effort will reportedly culminate in Blaine dropping to the ground at 11 pm Wednesday.

Dr. Ronald Ruden, Blaine's physician, told ABCNews.com that when he first heard the name of the stunt, "It scared the crap out of me."

Considering the various health hazards Blaine may face as he hangs in the position for about 60 hours, Ruden's concern is warranted. He said the stunt will be all endurance -- no smoke and mirrors.

"How he does this I'm not 100 percent sure," Ruden said. "He seems to have the ability to use his mind to control his body to not experience pain and discomfort, as well as take away his basic drives to eat and sleep and defy his fear."

Blaine told "Good Morning America" right before he was hoisted into the air that he always found images of Harry Houdini hanging upside down "compelling to look at."

Houdini dangled upside down wearing a straightjacket and tried to escape as quickly as possible, but Blaine's niche is testing his endurance.

"I always liked that idea of being upside down," Blaine said. "So I started experimenting on how long could somebody actually be put upside down. And there was no documentation of it. Nobody

really had research on it. I invited doctors to kind of look and watch me as I was doing experiments. And although the dangers are high, I think there's a way to override that."

Blaine said he has prepared for the challenges of the 2½-day hang by losing some weight, performing special exercises and practicing dangling upside down.

But there are certain health considerations that simple conditioning cannot address. During his

physicians agreed that Blaine will face multitude of risks associated with the unusual increase in blood pressure that Blaine will experience.

"The heart is centred pretty close to the head, so it does not have to pump blood very high," Ruden said. "When you flip it around, though, the toes are four and a half feet from the heart. So the heart has to pump blood to a higher altitude than what it is used to."

"Certainly, (the stunt) could potentially be very dangerous because the brain relies on gravity to allow blood to flow out of the skull," said Dr. Wendy Wright, assistant professor of neurology and neurosurgery at Emory University Hospital in Atlanta.

"Hanging upside down could cause blood to pool in the skull and pressure could build up inside the brain and eyes," Wright said. "This may result in congestion in the blood vessels causing strokes, or even rupturing of blood vessels causing bleeding. Seizures or death may also result."

So as Blaine quite literally turns millions of years of evolution on its head, he will also be tempting injury and death. And any pre-existing health conditions could make the stunt even more risky.

Cardiovascular issues are only part of the picture. Wright said Blaine will also have to contend with a restricted ability to breathe, because his diaphragm will be upside down, with the weight of his intestines pushing upon it. And a lack of proper blood flow to his legs, if profound, may cause muscle tissue to die off as it is starved of oxygen.

And then there is the risk of plummeting to certain death.

"If you fall, there's nobody there to catch you," Ruden said. "You become street pizza."

Should Blaine survive the stunt, it will be the latest entry in an increasingly bizarre and death-defying resume.

Blaine is a man who has been buried alive and has spent days encased in a block of ice. In short, it is likely that he will have a few tricks up his sleeve -- or down it, as the case may be -- to avoid harming himself.

Source: Internet



Illusionist David Blaine hangs upside-down above Times Square as he begins his widely-publicised trial of endurance on September 22.

ordeal, Blaine will not eat or sleep. He will urinate through a catheter. And doctors not involved with the stunt say there are definite risks involved with his attempt.

"He's practiced a lot, but I'm not sure how long he has done it," Ruden said. "I'm pretty certain that the longest he has done it so far is around six hours."

In particular, Ruden and other

This, in turn, means a higher blood pressure. With this risk come a number of possible problems -- not the least of which are stroke and possible blindness as the blood pressure in his eyes increases.

Blaine said doctors will be on hand during the stunt, checking for brain hemorrhaging and stroke and making sure his vision stays clear.



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 Ajker Shanbadpotro
08:30 Drama Serial: Syed Banir Bou
09:15 Drama Serial: Swapno Mongol
10:30 Talk Show: Onyodrishti
11:05 Selected Programme
12:15 Computer Show: IT Zone
01:30 Musical Programme: Band View
02:30 Drama Serial: Laarey Lappa
03:15 Drama Serial: Rupali Manush
03:45 VIM Zhopot Ifar
04:10 Mobarak Ho Mahe Romjaan
06:20 Take Care
08:00 Drama Serial: Shonaar Phool
08:35 Drama Serial: Ghar Jamai
09:00 Drama Serial: Raangila Bao
11:30 Talking Point
12:00 Grameenphone Lead News

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09:30 Shangbad Potrey Bangladesh
09:45 Public Reaction
09:50 Grameenphone Titilo Matra
11:05 Sports Time
12:30 Talk Show: Citycell Tarokakathan
01:05 Ebong Cinema Gaan
01:30 Musical Programme: Sa Re Ga Ma
02:35 Hridoyer Gaan
03:05 Meridian Channel I Khudey Gaan Raaj'08
04:05 Apnaar Shushashtho
04:30 Drama Serial: Shath Goenda
05:15 Talk Show: Mukhtjudho Protdin
06:20 Pushi Monohar Ifaar
07:50 Drama: Mon Poboner Nao
08:25 Jibon Jekhaney Jemon
09:35 Musical Programme: Doinik Tolpaar
10:00 Drama Serial: Shonshar

11:30 Drama Serial: 69
12:00 Grameenphone Ajker Shangbadpotro

ETV

08:30 Ekush-er Shokaal
09:15 Drama Serial: Tomtom
10:30 Ekushey Business
12:00 Ekusher Dupur
12:30 Ekushey Business: Special Focus
01:30 Ekushey Business: Shophol Jara
02:10 Drama Serial: Ghatak Ebong Amra
03:30 Cine Hits

11:50 Financial Bulletin

RTV

09:00 Talk Show: Shomoyer Dorpon
09:30 Naari O Nokhotro
10:03 Talk Show
11:00 Kingfisher Taroka Alap
11:30 Din Choley Jaay
12:35 Drama Serial: Adda Protdin
01:03 Protdin
02:03 Bangla Feature Film
06:30 Selected Programme
08:00 Portidin Bangladesh
08:30 Heart Beat
09:10 Drama Serial: Ghar Shonshar
09:40 Drama Serial: Adda

11:30 Golpo Kathar Natak

El Shomoy

12:10 Japan Video Topic
02:30 Drama: El Kacher Khacha
03:15 Drama Serial: Teen Purush
03:50 Drama Serial: Neer
04:25 Islamic Programme
06:15 Apnaar Jigyasha
06:45 Musical Programme
08:15 Cookery Show: Siddiqua Kabir's Recipe
09:00 Musical Programme: Kichhu Katha Kichhu Gaan
09:45 Drama Serial: Neer
11:30 Talk Show: El Shomoy

05:55 Islamic Programme

Citycell Din-er Sheshey

06:40 Daily Soap: Mohanagar
09:05 Home Care
09:45 Drama Serial: Gulshan Avenue
11:25 Nana Ranger Dinguli
12:00 Shangbad Protdin

CHANNEL 1

08:40 Shuprobhat Bangladesh
10:30 Bangla Feature Film
03:30 Drama: Moyur Baahon
04:00 Mon Bari
04:30 Music One
05:15 Islamic Programme
07:00 Raamjaaner Swad

01:15 George Of The Jungle

Big Business

03:15 The Hurricane
05:45 Out Cold
11:00 Just Married

HBO

10:45 Raising Cain
12:30 My Best Friend's Wedding
02:45 A Perfect World
05:30 Lois & Clark: The New Adventures Of Superman
07:30 Shockwave
09:30 V For Vendetta
12:15 Mindhunters

02:30 The Ellen Degeneres Show

Fashion House

03:30 General Hospital
05:30 Grey's Anatomy
06:30 Who Wants To Be A Superhero?
07:30 Friends
08:00 Seinfeld
08:30 That '70s Show
09:00 Hope And Faith
09:30 America's Got Talent
10:30 Bones
11:30 Jimmy Kimmel

THE HISTORY CHANNEL

09:30 Modern Marvels
10:30 Boy's Toys
12:15 Creative Vision
12:30 Casanova
01:30 Marco Polo
03:00 Infamous Murders
03:30 Marco Polo
04:30 Modern Marvels
05:30 Boy's Toys
06:30 Casanova
07:30 In Search of Real Frankenstein
08:30 Modern Marvels
09:30 Investigating History
10:30 Human Weapon
11:30 Built for Speed

NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC CHANNEL

08:30 Deadly Obsession
09:30 Hyenas Queen
11:15 Telemail: Sauna Belt
11:30 Strongman
12:30 Most Dangerous Moments
01:30 Deadly Obsession
03:00 I Didn't Know That
04:00 Monkey Thieves
04:30 The Boas Of Belize
05:00 Net Geo Junior
06:30 I Didn't Know That
07:00 What Would Happen If
07:30 The Boas Of Belize
08:00 Monkey Thieves
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12:00 Monkey Thieves
01:00 Hollywood's 10 Best
01:15 George Of The Jungle
03:15 Big Business
05:45 The Hurricane
09:00 Out Cold
11:00 Just Married



Mohanagar

On Banglavisión at 8:25 pm

Drama Serial

Cast: Apurbo, Shumaiya Shimu



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-turn
08:00pm Tobe Tai Hok
11:00pm Raat Vor Gan
02:00 am Back to Back



V for Vendetta

On HBO at 9:30 pm

Genre: Action

Cast: Natalie Portman, Hugo Weaving

News Bulletin

BTB

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-i

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 am, 10:00 am, 11:00 am, 1:00pm, 3:00 pm, 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

BANGLAVISIÓN

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

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News (Bangla) at 7:00pm. and 10:30pm.

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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

BANGLAVISIÓN

08:30 Street Show: Raat Birateley
09:30 Bangla Feature Film
02:00 Daily Soap: Mohanagar
02:30 Top Story
03:05 Daily Soap: Gulshan Avenue
04:20 Drama Serial: Swapno Chura

08:15 Char Bioscope

Loral

09:00 Music Wagon

ZEE STUDIO

08:30 In The Line Of Fire
11:15 The Last Shot
01:00 Hollywood's 10 Best

STAR WORLD

09:30 My Name Is Earl
10:00 Stacked
10:30 Grey's Anatomy
11:30 The Moment Of Truth
12:30 Prison Break
01:30 Northern Expo