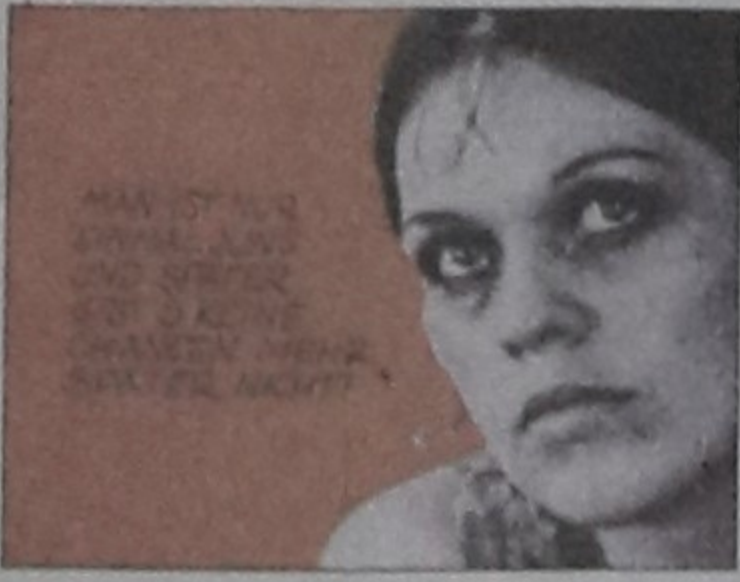


WHAT'S ON THIS WEEK

Exhibition

An exhibition of a collection of posters of R. W. Fassbinder films
Venue: Exhibition Gallery, Auditorium, Alliance Francaise, 26 Mirpur Rd, Dhanmondi
Date: October 20-23
Opening: 5pm, October 20



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

Film: Anna Karenina
Organiser: Russian Centre of Science and Culture
Venue: Modern Language Institute, DU
Date: September 30
Time: 12pm



Exhibition

Title: Eid o Aamar Swopnobhumi
Organiser: Nitya Uphar
Venue: Gallery Nitya Uphar, 3rd floor, Aziz Co-operative Super Market, Shahbag
Date: September 5-30
Time: 10am-6pm



In Focus

Dhulis forced to abandon ancestral profession



Dhols (right) gather dust as men and women of the Dhuli community are occupied in making handicrafts. PHOTO: STAR

AHMED HUMAYUN KABIR, *Pabna*

It is an irony of fate that the *dhuli* (drummers) who add a special touch to celebrations and festivals with their craft, have to endure lifelong poverty and misery. Amidst financial woes, some *dhulis* continue their inherited profession while most of them have been forced to pursue new lines of work. These cases are apparent in the village Dogasi (renowned for its *dhulis*) under the Sadar upazila in Pabna.

"Playing *dhol* is what I know best. My forefathers were *dhulis* and they led lives through this profession. There was a time when *dhulis* were in demand in the society. But those glorious

days are gone. Now the *dhulis* are not sought after. Occasionally, at *puja* or weddings, the *dhulis* are called to perform but for the most part they are jobless. It's becoming impossible to afford even the basic requirements as a *dhuli*, due to changes in the social trends," says Prem Chandra Das, a leader of the *dhulis* in Dogasi village.

There are at least 300 *dhuli* families in the Dogasi village. Most of them are dirt poor. A large number of them have already left their ancestral profession. Many of them have joined the local craftsmen. Over 100 out of the 300 *dhuli* families are now directly involved with making handicrafts. These are mostly items made of bamboo including

kula, *chalan*, *dhaki* and other household items.

"For *dhulis*, work is not available for the most part of the year. So we, along with our family members have taken up this profession. I usually earn Tk 80 to 100 a day from making handicrafts," said the 60-year-old *dhuli* Shambhu Das. "When we are called to play the *dhol* at special occasions, we oblige but the female members of our family continue with the handicraft making," he added. Each *dhuli* family can produce 4/5 items a day, according to sources.

"Once upon a time, *dhulis* were rewarded with handsome amounts for their performances. But now the demand of the *dhulis*

has receded. We are mostly neglected in the society. When the *puja* approaches, we are called. We are occasionally called to perform at weddings as well. But the remuneration is far from adequate. A group of *dhulis* usually receive Tk 5000 to 7000 (each group includes 7/8 *dhulis*) for a performance," Shambhu said.

Rajkumar, son of a *dhuli*, now works as a barber while Noba, son of Shambhu, is working at a shoe store. And this is how gradually a traditional way of life is coming to an end.

"We often cannot afford to buy a new *dhol*. A new *dhol* is worth Tk 6000/7000. We have to make do with our old *dhols*," said Ajit Kumar Das, a *dhuli*.

Couturier Valentino shows softer side in new film

It all began in Rome in 2004. That was when American journalist Matt Tyrnauer first met Valentino Garavani. Tyrnauer was profiling the fashion designer for U.S. magazine, *Vanity Fair* but admits he "wasn't a fashion writer" and didn't know what to expect.

But as he settled in with Valentino and Giancarlo Giammetti, his business partner of 50 years, he became enchanted by their relationship -- the heart and soul of Valentino's fashion success.

The idea of filming the spry Italian pair -- Valentino is 76, and Giammetti is five years his junior -- struck him later on when he was writing the article.

"I thought you know what, this could be a movie and it wasn't the fashion element, it was the relationship," Tyrnauer told CNN at the Venice Film Festival.

This was Tyrnauer's great discovery: Prior to his *Vanity Fair* profile, little was known about Valentino's relationship with Giammetti.

The friendship between Valentino, fussy as royalty and a stickler for detail and the shrewd and eternally patient Giammetti dates back to 1960, a year after Valentino opened his first fashion house in Rome, Italy.

Soon after, Giammetti dropped out of university to rescue Valentino's business from bankruptcy. In 1962 Valentino made his international debut in Florence, Italy's fashion capital at the time.

"People say Valentino and Giancarlo are like a marriage and I say it's bigger than a marriage," says Tyrnauer. "I think it's friendship in its truest sense and that's the story I wanted to tell."

... And they happen to build an enormous fashion empire and change fashion along the way," he continues.

So, Tyrnauer floated the idea of capturing everything in a documentary to the pair. Valentino's response: "... I say why not."

Thrilled, Tyrnauer rushed to gather a camera crew and headed for Rome.

"Once I started I refused to stop no matter what, because I thought if I stop I'll lose momentum and then God knows what will

happen," Tyrnauer remembers.

They filmed non-stop from June 2005 to June 2007, ending up with a monumental 250 hours of raw footage.

The final product, a 90-minute cinema vérité film called "Valentino: The Last Emperor", premiered at the Venice International Film Festival earlier this year.

It follows the two friends through the last leg of their splendid career in fashion, and also chronicles the last days of an empire.



Valentino Garavani

It charts highs and lows, from Valentino's tearful acceptance of the Legion d'honneur, the highest decoration in France, in 2006, to the period leading up to a hostile takeover of the couturier's business and, ultimately, "fashion's last king" being removed from the helm of the house he created nearly 50 years ago.

And, in between, Valentino and Giammetti bicker, test everyone's patience and load Valentino's beloved pugs on and off planes and

them for two years," says Tyrnauer.

Unexpectedly, Valentino himself took away something from the experience.

"...I realise when I see the film that sometimes I am a little rude," says Valentino.

As for Tyrnauer, he probably heaved a huge sigh of relief at the outcome in Venice where the film was given a 10-minute standing ovation.

Source: CNN

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 *Nupurer Chhondey*
- 09:15 *Asian City Vision 2020*
- 10:30 *Talk Show: Magic Teen*
- Chaakaar Taroka*
- 12:15 *Bangla Feature Film*
- 03:45 *Cookery Show: Vim Jhot Pot*
- Iftar*
- 04:10 *Islamic Programme*
- 05:00 *Gram Conjer Khobor*
- 06:20 *Islamic Programme*
- 08:00 *Islamic Programme*
- 08:40 *Islamic Programme*
- 09:20 *Islamic Programme*
- 10:00 *Islamic Programme*
- 11:30 *Islamic Programme*
- 12:00 *Islamic Programme*

CHANNEL i

- 08:30 *Shokaal-er Gaan*
- 09:30 *Shanbadpotre Bangladesh*
- 09:45 *Public Reaction*
- 09:50 *Grameenphone Trilo Matra*
- 11:05 *Amader Aaina*
- 12:05 *Mukho Bazar Orthoniti*
- 12:30 *Talk Show: Citycell Taroka*
- Kathan*
- 01:05 *Musical Programme: Ebong Cinemar Gaan*
- 01:30 *Shobaar Jonjo Shorboshey Bigyan Dharona*
- 02:35 *Selected Programme*
- 04:30 *Rupantor*
- 05:15 *Mukhtijudhho Protidin*
- 05:35 *Islamic Programme*
- 06:25 *Cookery Show: Pushiti Monohaar Iftaar*
- 07:50 *Drama Serial: Ghar Kutum*
- 08:25 *Drama Serial: Amader Swapno*

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- 08:30 *Ajker 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 *Islamic Programme*
- 05:30 *Hirdoye Raamjaan*
- 06:15 *Apsaar Jigyasha*
- 06:45 *Shankriti Ei Shopstaho*
- 08:15 *Drama Serial: Aim in Life*
- 09:00 *Drama: Pouno Ponik*
- 11:20 *ntv Deshdeshey Uttar*
- 11:35 *Talk Show: Ei Shomoy*

BANGLAVISION

- 08:30 *Musical Programme: Pran-er Gaan*
- 09:00 *Cinebit Shadakalo*
- 09:30 *Children's Programme: Ichchhey Ghuri*

Radio Foorti 88.0 FM

- 07:00am *Hello Dhaka*
- 11:00am *Amar 88*
- 03:00pm *Dhaka Calling*
- 07:00pm *Celebrity on the hot seat*
- 10:00pm *Back to Back music*

Radio Today 89.6 FM

- 07:15am *Good Morning Dhaka*
- 11:00am *Masli Unlimited*
- 01:00pm *Saturday World Music*
- 04:00pm *U-turn*
- 08:00pm *Top of The Week*
- 11:00pm *Raat Vor Gan*
- 2:00 am *Back to Back*

STAR WORLD

- 09:00 *Beauty And The Geek*
- 10:00 *How I Met Your Mother*
- 10:30 *Samantha Who?*
- 11:00 *Jimmy Kimmel*
- 12:00 *Are U Smarter Than 5th Grader*
- 01:00 *Blood Ties*
- 02:00 *The Unit*
- 03:00 *Beauty And The Geek*
- 04:00 *Last Comic Standing*
- 05:00 *Ncis*
- 06:00 *Tna Xplosion*
- 07:00 *Jimmy Kimmel*
- 08:00 *Smallville*
- 09:00 *Prison Break*
- 10:00 *Bones*
- 11:00 *Criminal Minds*
- 12:00 *Tna Xplosion*

NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC CHANNEL

- 09:30 *Amazing Moments*
- 10:30 *Telemall- Sauna Belt*
- 11:30 *Stuntmen of Bollywood*
- 12:30 *Taboo*
- 01:30 *Dangerous Encounters*
- 02:30 *I Didn't Know That*
- 03:30 *Preserve Our Planet*
- 04:30 *Going To School In India*
- 05:00 *I Didn't Know That*
- 05:30 *Big Bang*
- 06:00 *Blue Whales*
- 06:30 *I Didn't Know That*
- 07:00 *What Would Happen If*
- 07:30 *Search for the Super-snake*
- 08:30 *Inside The Forbidden City*
- 09:30 *Alien Contact*
- 10:30 *Animals Behaving Badly*
- 11:30 *Temple Of The Tigers*
- 12:30 *Search for the Super-snake*

ZEE STUDIO

- 08:30 *Shalin Handlock*
- 10:00 *Blood Brothers*
- 01:15 *The Magic Blade*
- 03:30 *Kiss Of Death*
- 05:30 *King Arthur*
- 08:15 *The Hollywood Reporter*
- 08:45 *Eraser*
- 11:00 *Remember The Titans*

Ghar Kutum
 On Channel i at 7:50 pm
 Drama Serial
 Cast: ATM Shamsuzzaman, Fazlur Rahman Babu

Surf's Up
 On HBO at 9:30 pm
 Genre: Animation
 Cast: Jeff Bridges, Zooey Deschanel, Shia LaBeouf

CHANNEL 1

- 08:40 *Shuprobhaat Bangladesh*
- 10:30 *Bangla feature Film*
- 04:30 *Music One*
- 05:15 *Islamic Programme*
- 06:00 *Selected Programme*

THE HISTORY CHANNEL

- 09:30 *Surf's Up*
- 11:15 *The Making Of Surf's Up*
- 11:45 *Android Apocalypse*
- 09:30 *Sticky Stuff*
- 11:30 *Creative Vision*
- 12:30 *Casanova*