

## WHAT'S ON THIS WEEK

### Theatre

Play: Tushagni  
Troupe: Loko Nalyadal  
Venue: Experimental Theatre Hall, BSA  
Date: October 16  
Time: 7pm



### Photography Exhibition

Title: Heresias  
Photographer: Pedro Meyer (Mexico)  
Venue: Drik Gallery, H 58, Rd 15A (New), Dhanmendi  
Date: October 9-20  
Time: 3pm-8pm  
Inauguration: October 8 at 5pm



### Bonsai Exhibition

Organiser: Bonsai Society  
Venue: WVA Auditorium, Rd 27, Dhanmendi  
Date: October 16-18  
Time: 10am-8pm (Oct. 16: 1pm-8pm)



### Srotar Ashor

Organiser: Chhayarat  
Venue: Rameshchandra Dutta Smriti Mankendra, Chhayarat Sanskrit Bhawan  
Date: October 18  
Artists: Fahim Hossain Chowdhury, Laisa Ahmed Lisa, Rezaul Karim, Latifun Julo, Nandita Dutta Dhara

## READER'S CORNER

# A peek into Japanese art, culture and traditions



(L-R) Kabuki sculpture at Edo Museum in Tokyo, Japan. "Sakura" or cherry blossom and kanji writing continue to inspire Japanese art.

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I recently viewed a Kabuki performance, which was inspiring. Thanks to divine providence, my long-cherished desire to get a glimpse of Japanese art, tradition and culture was realised when my parents and I went to the country last year.

Truly I had a love affair with Japan. Though I did not know much about the country until I went there, the instant my feet touched the Japanese soil, I was transformed forever. Here was a country where a thriving culture blended the traditional and contemporary, a

nation that has made remarkable achievement in terms of technology, yet never strayed from its roots.

Japanese art highlights vibrant colours and is based on the country's fascinating traditions. Japanese kimonos and sushi, along with its vast array of handicrafts are well known around the world. There's also the tranquil shrines and temples that provide solace to the weary traveller.

And nature too figures highly. The Japanese never tire of the exquisite "sakura" or cherry blossoms and "momiji" (maple tree). In fact famous artist Vincent Van Gogh, a great admirer of Japanese art, was moved to say that

the Japanese "live in nature as if they themselves were flowers."

The kanji, the Chinese characters used in the modern Japanese writing system, is another marvel. Often it is embellished with block prints and exhibited in schools or tourist haunts.

The festivals too are worth mentioning. Take for instance the "Matsuri," or the "Aomori" spring fest, or the "Sakura" festival. In Hanabi, the residents dress in their traditional finery and present their dances and plays. Likewise, festivals such as "Neputa Matsuri" continue to attract millions of visitors annually. Japanese theatre embraces plays with dragons or

samurai fights. In the course of a theatrical performance they play drums.

Many Japanese still eat and sleep on the floor. In addition, they continue their tradition of eating with chopsticks. Even while travelling, they carry a set of chopsticks.

For a nation whose art, culture and traditions date back thousands of years, it is noteworthy that they have not forgotten their roots. May be there is a lesson in this for other countries.

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## Drama serial "Ghar Shangshar" on Rtv

CULTURAL CORRESPONDENT

Rtv's new drama serial *Ghar Shangshar* will be aired tonight at 9:10 pm. Written by Nurul Islam, the serial is directed by Moin Khan.

The serial traces the life of Khalil, a man who tries to create a comfort zone for his family. A loving wife, children and a comfortable home -- his life seems to be picture perfect until his children grow up. One day, it is revealed that his eldest son is in love with his tenant's daughter. This creates tension in the family. Khalil's daughter dies in a street accident. As the head of the family, Khalil has to witness his home crumble.

The cast includes Khairul Alam Shobuj, Abul Kashem, Chitralekha Guha, Shireen Bokul, Bannya Mirza, Ahsan Habib Nasim, Runa Khan and others.



Shireen Bokul and Bannya Mirza in the serial.

## Hollywood's growing interest in the Indian movie market

PALLAB BHATTACHARYA, New Delhi

It may not yet be a marriage between Hollywood and Bollywood, but reflects a burgeoning relationship between the two.

First, it was Hollywood legend Steven Spielberg's DreamWorks studio and India's Anil Ambani-promoted Reliance Entertainment to agree to start a joint venture to make 35 movies in five years beginning in January next and then media baron Rupert Murdoch's 20th Century Fox studios and Indian producer Vipul Shah to ink a multi-million dollar deal to make movies.

The joining of hands by Spielberg, the highest grossing Hollywood director ever, and Ambani will give the latter's telecom-to-entertainment firm a global profile in entertainment industry.

The joint venture between the top Hollywood studio and the Indian company comes at a time when the American credit crisis dries up funds from traditional sources like the Wall Street.

The 20th Century Fox and Shah, whose *Singh is King* is a Bollywood box-office hit this year,



Reliance Anil Dhirubhai Ambani Group's head honcho Anil Ambani (R) with DreamWorks SKG founder Steven Spielberg (L) and CEO of the studio, Stacey Snider.

will together produce a fantasy action movie and a romantic comedy.

The lucrative Indian entertainment market has prompted Sony Pictures to release its film *Quantum of Solace*, the latest James Bond movie, in India first and then in the US -- something never done before.

Several Hollywood movies are raking in the moolah in India, largely due to the expanding multiplex culture.

Warner Bros, another Hollywood biggie, has acquired the rights for worldwide distribution of Hindi action comedy Chandni Chowk to China starring Akshay Kumar, the hero of *Singh is King* and Disney and Yash Raj Films will release *Roadside Romeo* soon.

Hollywood studios with their technical competence find India's cinema industry a highly attractive business proposition and have shown their willingness to go beyond Bollywood and even venture into regional films in India.

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, 8:00pm, 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  
**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

**BTv**  
09:05 Talk Show  
09:30 *Smritimoy Geetimoy*  
10:05 Open University  
10:30 *Laukik Bangla*  
11:20 *Deshar Gaan*  
12:10 *Ei Aamar Bangladesh*  
12:30 *Maa O Shishur Katha*  
02:15 Educational Programme  
03:00 Cartoon  
03:30 *Shukhi Ponbaer*  
04:30 *Dolon Chanpa*  
05:05 *Sisimpur*  
05:30 *Computer*  
06:15 *Nobo Anondoy Jago*  
07:00 *Mati O Manush*  
08:30 Educational Programme  
08:35 *Shei Hashi Shei Shur*  
09:05 *Pronoyer Hashi*  
09:30 Selected Programme  
11:00 Selected Programme  
**ATN BANGLA**  
08:15 *Ajker Shanbadpotro*  
08:30 Drama Serial: *Syed Barir Bou*  
09:15 Drama Serial: *Swapno Mongol*  
10:30 Talk Show: *Onyodishti*  
11:15 Live Programme: *Top Spin*  
12:15 Computer Based Programme: *IT Zone*  
01:30 Musical Programme: *Band View*  
02:30 Drama Serial: *Laaray Lappa*  
03:15 Drama Serial: *Rupali Manush*  
03:45 Children's Programme  
04:20 Islamic Programme  
06:20 *Take Care*  
08:00 Drama Serial: *Shonaar Phool*  
08:40 Drama Serial: *Ghar Jamai*  
09:20 Drama Serial: *Raangila Bao*  
11:30 Talking Point  
12:00 Grameenphone Lead News  
**CHANNEL-1**  
09:30 *Shangbad Potrey Bangladesh*  
09:45 *Public Reaction*  
09:50 *Grameenphone Trilho Matra*  
11:05 *Sports Time*  
12:30 Talk Show: *Citycell Tarokakathan*

01:05 *Ebong Cinemar Gaan*  
01:30 Musical Programme: *Sa Re Ga Ma*  
02:35 *Boat Race*  
03:05 *Mendian Channel I Khudey Gaan Raa'08*  
04:05 *Apnaar Shushashtho*  
05:15 Talk Show: *Mukhtijudho Protidin*  
06:00 *Shath Goenda*  
06:20 *Cookery Show*  
07:50 Drama Serial: *Prithibir Shob Rup Mekhey Achhey Ghashey*  
08:25 *Jibon Jekhaney Jemon*  
09:35 Musical Programme: *Doinik Tolpaar*  
10:00 Drama Serial: *Shonshar*  
11:30 Drama Serial: *Kobi*  
12:00 *Grameenphone Ajker Shangbadpotro*

01:03 *Protidin*  
02:03 *Bangla Feature Film*  
06:03 *Protidin*  
08:00 *Wide Angle*  
08:30 *Heart Beat*  
09:10 Drama Serial: *Ghar Shangshar*  
11:30 Drama Serial: *Dohon*  
12:00 *Editor's Comment*  
**ntv**  
08:30 *Ajker Shokaal*  
08:55 Drama Serial: *Eit Kaath-er Khancha*  
09:30 *Crime Watch*  
10:05 *Gallery*  
10:30 *Music Express*  
11:30 *Golpo Kathar Natok*  
12:10 *Ei Shomoy*  
01:05 *Japan Video Topic*

09:00 *Kichhu Katha Kichhu Gaan*  
09:45 Drama Serial: *Neer*  
11:30 Talk Show: *Ei Shomoy*  
**BANGLAVISION**  
08:30 *Street Show: Raat Biraleay*  
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*  
05:15 *Cine Bit*  
06:45 *Citycell Din-er Sheshey*  
08:25 *Daily Soap: Mohanagar*  
09:05 *Home Care*  
09:45 Drama Serial: *Gulshan Avenue*  
11:25 *Nana Ranger Dinguli*  
12:00 *Shangbad Protidin*

08:15 Drama: *Dash Hajar Taka*  
09:00 Drama: *Hirok Baari Shonaar Churi*  
09:30 *Music Wagon*  
11:00 Musical Programme: *Shur Ponchomi*  
**BAISHAKHI**  
08:05 *Din Protidin*  
09:35 *BSB Cambrian Challenge*  
10:35 *Bangla Feature Film*  
01:05 *Chitra Geeti*  
02:35 Drama Serial: *Shonaar Kakon*  
03:05 *Drama*  
05:00 *Nacho To Dekhi*  
05:30 *Cartoon*  
06:00 *Baishakhi Music Time*  
07:30 *Arshitey Ami*  
09:05 Drama Serial: *Chhoiyaal*

06:00 *Last Dance*  
09:15 *Snow Dogs*  
10:10 *101 Dalmatians*  
**HBO**  
08:45 *The Grimm Brothers' Snow White: A Tale Of Terror*  
10:45 *Justice League Of America*  
12:30 *Bad News Bears*  
02:45 *Wild Wild West*  
05:00 *Taking Flight The Development Of Superman*  
05:45 *Connors' War*  
07:30 *Vegas Vacation*  
09:30 *Disturbia*  
11:30 *Click*  
**STAR MOVIES**  
08:25 *X-Men: The Last Stand*  
10:30 *Mega Snake*  
12:05 *Crash And Burn*  
**STAR WORLD**  
10:00 *Stacked*  
10:30 *Grey's Anatomy*  
11:30 *The Moment Of Truth*  
12:30 *Prison Break*  
01:30 *Jimmy Kimmel Live*  
02:30 *The Ellen Degeneres*  
03:30 *Fashion House*  
04:30 *Cold Case*  
05:30 *Grey's Anatomy*  
06:30 *Friday Night Lights*  
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 Live*  
**THE HISTORY CHANNEL**  
08:30 *Creative Vision*  
09:30 *BBQ Tech*  
10:30 *Da Vinci's World*  
11:00 *Creative Vision*  
12:30 *Longitude*  
01:30 *Biography*  
02:30 *Infamous Murders*  
03:00 *Infamous Murders*  
03:30 *Human Weapon*  
04:30 *BBQ Tech*  
05:30 *Great Britain*  
06:30 *Longitude*  
07:30 *God's Gold*  
08:30 *Fast Food Tech*  
09:30 *Sex In The 20Th Century*  
10:30 *Human Weapon*  
**NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC CHANNEL**  
08:30 *Monkey Thieves*  
09:30 *Animals Behaving Badly*  
11:30 *Super Factories*  
12:30 *NG's Amazing Moments*  
01:30 *Built for the Kill*  
**Click**  
On HBO at 11:30pm  
Genre: Comedy  
Cast: Adam Sandler, Kate Beckinsale

**Boat Race**  
On Channel 1 at 2:30 pm  
Live from Ghagor river, Gopalganj Kotalipara

**RTV**  
09:00 Talk Show: *Shomoyer Dorpon*  
09:30 Special Programme: *Naari O Nokhyoto*  
10:30 Drama Serial: *Dohon*  
11:03 *Kingfisher Taroka Alap*  
11:30 Drama Serial: *Din Choley Jay*  
12:25 Drama Serial: *Adda*

02:30 Drama: *Eit Kacher Khacha*  
03:15 Drama Serial: *Teen Purush*  
03:50 Drama Serial: *Neer*  
05:25 *Itihasher Ei Diney*  
05:30 *Apnaar Jigyasha*  
06:15 *Shubho Sandhya*  
06:45 Musical Programme  
08:15 *Siddiqua Kabir's Recipe*

**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 Gsn  
02:00 am Back to Back

**CHANNEL 1**  
08:40 *Shuprobhat Bangladesh*  
10:30 *Bangla Feature Film*  
03:30 *Muyur Bahon*  
04:30 *Music One*  
05:15 *Rang Beronger Khorob*  
06:00 *Bioscope*  
07:00 *Prashno Uttar*

What if You Had a Universal Remote... That Controlled Your Universe?

**ADAM SANDLER**  
**CLICK**  
KATE BECKINSALE CHRISTOPHER WALKEN

10:05 *Shur-er Bhuboney Anondo Dhoni*  
10:10 *Adventures Of Sharkboy And Lavag*  
11:45 *Metro*  
01:45 *You Got Served*  
03:20 *Bounty, The*  
05:20 *Rise*  
07:00 *Supernova*  
08:30 *From Hell*

02:30 *Amazing Moments*  
01:00 *Taboo*  
04:30 *Monkey Thieves*  
05:00 *Monkey Thieves*  
05:30 *Big Bang*  
06:30 *Kick Fighters*  
07:30 *Monkey Thieves*  
08:30 *Dangerous Encounters*  
09:30 *Street Monkeys*  
10:30 *Rat Genius*