

WHAT'S ON THIS WEEK

Solo Painting Exhibition

Title: Memories and Desire
Artist: Najma Akhter
Venue: Alliance Francaise de Dacca, 26 Mirpur Rd, Dhanmondi
Date: October 17-29
Time: 9am-12pm, 5pm-8pm (Saturdays 5pm-8pm)



Art Exhibition

Organiser: Chaturanga
Venue: Zainul Gallery, Faculty of Fine Arts, DU
Date: October 23-29
Time: 3pm-8pm



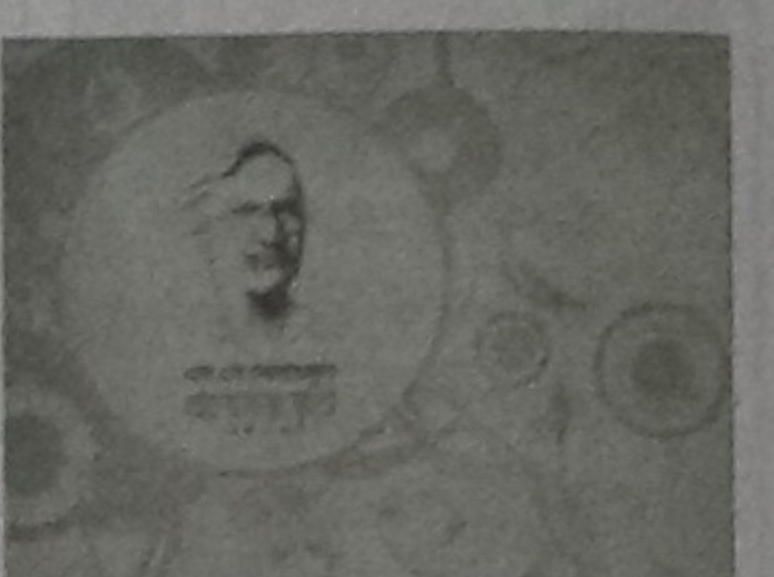
Photography Exhibition

Title: Andharer Alo
Organiser: Nitya Upahar
Venue: Gallery Nitya Upahar, 50, Aziz Co-operative Super Market, Shahbag
Date: October 20-28
Time: 10am-8pm



Award Giving and Theatre

Title: SM Solaiman Prasad
Beta: 108
Organiser: Theatre Art Unit
Venue: Experimental Theatre Hall, BSA
Date: October 25
Time: 6pm
"Arina Sundari" will be staged at 7pm



Maple Leaf Int'l School stages "Valmiki Pratibha"

JAMIL MAHMUD

The students of Maple Leaf International School staged Rabin Dranath Tagore's "Valmiki Pratibha" at the Shishu Academy auditorium on October 23.

At 20, Tagore wrote his first musical, "Valmiki Pratibha," which showcases the metamorphosis of the bandit Ratnakar to Valmiki, who wrote the epic "Ramayana".

Although primarily written and performed as a musical, "Valmiki Pratibha" was adapted into a dance-drama by the Maple Leaf production team.

The plot of the dance-drama centres on the bandit chief Ratnakar, who to appease the

Goddess Kali, asks his followers to kidnap a young girl from the neighbouring villages for sacrifice. The indomitable bandit chief is moved by the pleas of the young girl on the altar prior to the sacrifice and decides to let her go.

Neither Ratnakar nor his band of brigands can comprehend the sudden change in him. Realising that their chief is no longer interested in the regular activities of pillaging and plundering, Ratnakar's followers desert him.

During this unsettling time Ratnakar comes upon two hunters in the act of killing a pair of 'krounchomithun' (cranes). He tries to stop them but in vain. Soon the cries of a



Students of Maple Leaf Int'l School in the dance-drama "Valmiki Pratibha".

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bird for its dead mate is replaced by the wails of the young girl in captivity. And in that instant Ratnakar is blessed by the Goddess Saraswati for his atonement. With her boon Ratnakar utters the first 'shlok' that heralds the birth of the immortal poet Valmiki.

Unique in its operatic presentation, "Valmiki Pratibha"

was first staged in December 1881 at the 'Biddawajjan Samagran Sammilan' where Tagore himself played the titular role. Through it, Tagore, who was then influenced by the spectacle of European opera, vigorously explored a wide range of dramatic styles and emotions, including usage of revamped 'kirtans', Indian

folk and traditional raaga based compositions blended with the adaptation of traditional English and Irish folk melodies.

Azizur Rahman Tuhin directed the dance-drama. Fariha Hashmi played the role of Valmiki. Nashiba Nowar provided the vocals for the role.

Beyonce would like to be known as "Sasha Fierce"

REUTERS, Los Angeles

Just like the "Seinfeld" episode where George wanted everyone to call him "T-Bone," Beyonce Knowles would like to be known by a bold new name.

The R&B singer has christened herself "Sasha Fierce" for her new double album, "I Am... Sasha Fierce," set to be released next month, and has released a lengthy justification for the comical moniker.

"I have someone else that takes over when it's time for me to work and when I'm on stage, this alter ego that I've created that kind of protects me and who I really am," the former Destiny's Child frontwoman said in a statement.

"Sasha Fierce is the fun, more sensual, more aggressive, more outspoken side and more glamorous side that comes out when I'm working and when I'm on the stage."

Additionally, she has set up a cryptic MySpace page (<http://www.myspace.com/sashafierce>) that gives a "lucky person" the opportunity to receive a personal message and a gift.

As George found out, nicknames usually do not work when they are self-bestowed. His colleagues thought he should be called Koko the monkey. In real life, rapper Eminem had better luck with his alter ego "Slim Shady," which he said came to him while he was on the toilet.

Beyonce released her previous solo album, "B'Day," to coincide with her 25th birthday in September 2006.



Beyonce Knowles as Etta James in the upcoming movie "Cadillac Records".

It debuted at No. 1 on the U.S. pop chart and yielded the No. 1 single "Irreplaceable".

"I Am... Sasha Fierce" will be distributed by Columbia Records.

Lindsay Lohan booted from "Ugly Betty"



Lindsay Lohan (left) and America Ferrera in "Ugly Betty".

Lindsay Lohan's professional life is only getting uglier, so to speak, since news broke that Lohan's stint on "Ugly Betty" is being cut short because of tension on the set. According to multiple sources, after "Betty" Lohan doesn't have any lucrative projects lined up, and she's not on the shortlist for any roles, either.

"It's over for Lindsay," said one well-placed Lohan source. "She's got no film work, after this 'Ugly Betty' news she's not going to land any jobs."

What's the cause? It's not a matter of will she show up or not anymore, it's that she can't carry a movie, she's just not a draw anymore. When you aren't a draw, you aren't going to get auditions. It's that simple, the source said.

Another industry source added, "Every project she's had has fallen through. She's not even filling up her time with independent films, which is usually the strategy when work gets slow. She's a good actress, she's just stuck right now."

Source: Internet

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 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.
BTv
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.

BTv

08:20 Shuprobhat
09:05 Dance Programme
09:25 Cricket: Bangladesh Vs New Zealand
10:05 Swastho Sheba
11:40 Sissimur
12:10 Swasthosheba
04:00 Bangla Feature Film
08:35 Drama Serial: Shangshaptaak
09:00 Drama: Hosta
10:30 Selected Programme
11:00 Selected Programme

ATN BANGLA

08:15 Aiker Shanbadpotro
08:30 Nupur-er Chhondey
09:15 Shushtho Thakun
10:30 Talk Show: Onyodrishti
11:15 Top Spin
12:15 Shesh Okhkhok
01:30 Prapok
02:40 Bangla Feature Film
05:30 Char Deyal-er Kabyo
06:25 Health Show
08:00 Drama Serial: Sagai
08:40 Drama Serial: Chor Kuthuri
09:20 Drama Serial: Ek Jonomey
10:40 Mukto Shinglaap
11:30 Daily Soap: Doll's House
12:00 Grameenphone Lead News

Channel- i

08:30 Shokaal-er Gaan
09:30 Shangbadpotro Bangladesh
09:45 Public Reaction
09:50 Grameen Phone Trilomatra
11:05 Amader Aaina
12:05 Mukto Bazaar Orthonili
12:30 Citycell Taroka Kathan
01:05 Musical Programme: Ebong Cinemar Gaan
01:30 Shobaar Jonyo Shoroboshesh Bigyan Dharana
02:30 Selected Programme

04:05 Educational Programme: F M Method
04:30 Shotyer Shondhaney
05:25 Muktiudhro Protidin
07:50 Mega Serial: Ghar Kutum
08:20 Drama Serial: Shagolom Bhalobasha
09:35 Hridoye Mati O Manush
10:00 Drama Serial: Shongshar
11:30 Drama Serial: Kabi
12:00 Grameenphone Aiker Shangbadpotro

ETV

08:30 Ekush-er Shokal
09:30 Drama Serial: Aziz Market, Shahbag, Dhaka 1000

11:40 Shahbaag Dhaka 1000
12:00 Ei Shoptaho
Ekush-er Raat
Ntv
08:30 Aiker Shokal
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 Golpo Kathar Natok
05:25 Ithasher Ei Din-ey
06:15 Shubho Shondha
06:45 Shangkriti Ei Shoptaho
08:15 Drama Serial: Aim in Life
09:00 Drama: Ekakityo

02:10 Bangla Feature Film
06:00 Proidin
06:30 Ei Amaar Bangladesh
08:00 Zebra Crossing
08:30 Musical Programme: R Music
09:40 Drama Serial: Apon Ghorey Porobash
11:30 Jegey Achiho Ki
BANGLAVISION
08:30 Drama Serial: Shomudro Jol
09:00 Cinebit Shadakalo
09:30 Drama Serial
10:10 Banglavisian Cafe
11:00 Election Express
11:35 Home Care
02:00 Media Bhubon

09:45 Drama Serial: Gulshan Avenue
11:25 Law Chamber
12:00 Shangbad Protidin
BAISHAKHI
08:35 Musical Programme
09:35 Shey Amay Bhalobashey Na
10:35 Shei Shur Ajo Achhey
11:05 Apnar Doctor
12:05 Islamic Programme
02:35 Bangla Feature Film
06:00 Saangeeta Music Time
07:30 Musical Programme
09:05 Drama Serial: Shey To Chirantoni
09:35 Drama Serial: Shey Amay Bhalobashey Na

07:00 The 6th Day
09:30 Ghost Rider
11:45 Queen Of The Damned
STAR MOVIES
10:45 Eragon
12:30 The Scorpion King
02:00 Adrift
03:35 I Think I Love My Wife
05:10 Night At The Museum
07:00 Butterfly On A Wheel
08:35 Supernova
10:05 From Hell
12:05 Conan The Destroyer
STAR WORLD
09:30 How I Met Your Mother
10:00 Samantha Who?

07:30 Smallville
08:30 Prison Break
09:30 Bones
10:30 Criminal Minds
11:30 Most Daring
12:30 Nos
NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC CHANNEL
09:00 Fangs of the Forest
09:30 NG's Amazing Moments
10:45 Creative Vision
11:30 Food Lovers Guide To The Planet
12:30 Taboo S4
01:30 Dangerous Encounters
02:30 What's Sexy?
03:30 Preserve Our Planet



Jogphol
On Banglavisian at 8:20 pm
Drama Serial
Cast: Abul Hayat, Srabonti

10:02 Deho Ghor
11:30 Binodon-er Bishwa
12:30 Bhuboghurey Dot Com
01:20 Talk Show: Aaina Ghar
02:10 Bangla Feature Film
05:30 Sports Plus
06:30 Desh Jurey Oporadh Ponkroma
07:50 Dhum Ta Na
09:30 Drama Serial: Aziz Market

11:35 Talk Show: Ei Shomoy
Rtv
09:30 Drama: Bhalo Manush
10:30 Just Band
11:00 Taroka Aalap
11:30 R U Ready
12:30 Barney Barney Rochito
01:03 Protidin

02:30 Drama Serial: Mondo Bhalo Shadakalo
03:05 Drama Serial: Gulshan Avenue
04:20 Sports Vision
05:15 Street Show: Raat Biraatey
05:45 Citycell Din-er Sheshey
06:20 Nagonk Kontho
08:25 Drama Serial: Jogphol
09:05 Talk Show

10:05 Dance Programme: Nachoto Dekhi
HBO
10:15 The Lake House
12:15 The Associate
02:30 Fortress 2: Re-Entry
04:15 Hollywood One On One 12
04:45 Kiss Kiss, Bang Bang
06:45 The Making Of Ghost Rider

10:30 Jimmy Kimmel Live
11:30 Are U Smarter Than 5th Grader
12:30 Blood Ties
01:30 The Unit
02:30 Beauty And The Geek
03:30 Last Comic Standing
04:30 Nos
05:30 Most Daring
06:30 Jimmy Kimmel Live

Merchant Ivory Festival
On Zee Studio at 11:00 pm
Tonight's film: In Custody
Genre: Drama
Cast: Om Puri, Shabana Azmi, Shashi Kapoor

04:30 Street Monkeys
05:30 Search for the Supersnake
06:30 Rough Trades
07:30 Street Monkeys
08:30 Cats
09:30 Naked Science
10:30 Food Lovers Guide To The Planet
11:30 Street Monkeys
12:30 Monkey Thieves
THE HISTORY CHANNEL
09:00 Creative Vision
09:30 Ancient Greece
11:30 Whatever Love Means
01:30 Biography
03:30 Human Weapon
04:30 The Evil Genius
05:30 Biography
06:30 Frenchman's Creek
08:30 Shackleton
11:00 Subhash Ghai
11:30 Galileo & Sinful Spyglass
12:30 Biography
ZEE STUDIO
09:00 Troy
12:30 Turner and Hoob
02:45 Batman & Robin - Hindi
05:30 Charlie Chaplin
06:00 Flight Plan
08:15 The Hollywood Reporter
08:45 Ruthless People
11:00 In Custody