

WHAT'S ON THIS WEEK

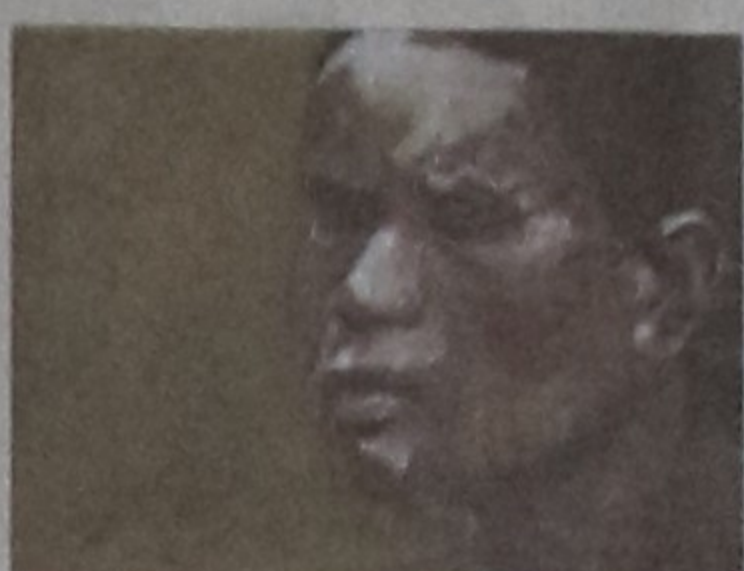
Solo Art Exhibition

Artist: Jamal Ahmed
Venue: Gallery Chitrag, Rd 4, H21, Dhanmondi RA
Date: November 14-23
Time: 10am-8pm



Art & Photography Exhibition

on Bangladesh Street Culture
Artists: Rokeya, Kuhu, Smita, Ujwala and Anil
Venue: Bay's Galleria, 5th floor, 57, Gulshan Avenue
Date: November 8-23
Time: 11am-9pm (Fridays 3pm-11pm)



Punk Rock Concert

Organiser: Goethe-Institut, PASCH and BLACK
Venue: Goethe-Institut Bangladesh, H 10, Rd 9, Dhanmondi
Date: November 24
Time: 6:30 pm
Tickets will be available from November 16



Theatre

Play: Shonai Madhab
Troupe: Loko Naytadal
Venue: Experimental Theatre Hall, BSA
Date: November 21
Time: 6pm



Cultural programme by Nandan

CULTURAL CORRESPONDENT

On the evening of November 14, cultural organisation Nandan held a musical soiree titled "Notun Kiron Chhoriye Dao" at Rameshchandra Dutta Memorial Auditorium, Chhayanat Sanskriti Bhaban. Artists rendered "Pancha Kabir Gaan", songs of five poets (Rabindranath, Nazrul, Rajnikant, Atul Prasad and D.L. Roy) at the event. The first to perform was Saiful Islam Khan. He rendered two Tagore songs, "Durey kothao durey dure" and "Onek katha boley chhilem". Enakhki Saha Roy performed two Rajnikant numbers "Keu nayan mudey dekey alo" and "Jagao pathikey o shey".

A B M Mahiuddin performed Tagore songs, Anjuman Ara Kakoli sang Atul Prasad songs; Tanzina Pervin Toma performed D L Roy numbers. Other artists to perform were Pronati Roy, Nilotpal Datta, Rezaul Karim and Iffat Ara Dewan.

This was the 21st programme arranged by the organisation. Nandan organises musical programme every three months. The performances were interspersed with brief remarks on the songs by Dr Karunamoy Goswami.



Iffat Ara Dewan (R) renders a song at the musical soiree.

The men who could have been Bond

It seems strange now to think that when Daniel Craig was first cast as British secret agent James Bond for 2006's successful franchise reboot, "Casino Royale," his hiring was met with consternation by a number of 007 fans.

Of course, that debate is now moot: Craig proved himself a fantastic Bond, possibly the best since Sean Connery originated the role in 1962, while "Casino Royale" was not only the best Bond movie



Richard Burton

Could have been Bond in: "Dr. No" (1962)

Case file: Although Sean Connery is now seen as the gold standard for the character, he was a relatively minor actor when producers were searching to cast the part in the first Bond film, "Dr. No." Cary Grant, James Mason, Rex Harrison and eventual 007 Roger Moore were all contenders, while Bond author Ian Fleming favoured David Niven. But the top name on the list was Richard Burton, who turned down the opportunity and apparently passed again after Connery left the series in 1967.

Paul Newman

Could have been Bond in: "Live and Let Die" (1973)

Case file: When Sean Connery exited the official series for good after "Diamonds Are Forever" (although he did return in the nonofficial "Never Say Never Again"), studio United Artists warned producers that they didn't want an unknown like George Lazenby taking the role again. Apocryphal reports suggest that the studio wanted superstar Paul Newman to take a crack at the part. It is unknown whether the late, great Newman was ever even approached (Burt Reynolds was apparently the other marquee

in decades but a box office and critical hit -- and now followed by "Quantum of Solace." But what if Craig had not been offered the role? Producers Michael G. Wilson and Barbara Broccoli reportedly looked at some 200 actors, ranging from stars like Jude Law and Eric Bana to relative unknowns like Sam Worthington and Dominic West. Many were campaigning for Clive Owen, whose ferocious intensity often got him touted as a potential Bond.

Any number of actors have been linked to the role of 007 over the years, going right back to the start of the series. Some of the could-have-been-Bonds make sense, while others just seem downright bizarre. Take a look at this list, which ranges from rumoured contenders to contracted players.



name the studio suggested), but it's hard to imagine him, with his underlying sensitivity, as the ruthless, cold secret agent. The part ended up going to Roger Moore, who wisecracked his way through seven entries for 12 long years.

Mel Gibson

Could have been Bond in: "For Your Eyes Only" (1981)

Case file: Gibson was relatively



unknown and still a few years away from becoming a full-blown action star with "Lethal Weapon" when he was offered the role of Bond if Roger Moore failed to return. Gibson turned the part down, although he was reportedly called several more times by Eon Productions over the years. While he's got the moves and the look, there's a sort of manic intensity to Gibson that would have worked 'against' Bond's cool persona.

Hugh Jackman

Could have been Bond in: "Casino Royale" (2006)

Case file: At one point Pierce Brosnan was expected to star in "Casino Royale," so attention turned to who would take over after that. Top of the list at the time was Hugh Jackman, the previously

unknown Australian actor who had vaulted to instant stardom as Wolverine in the "X-Men" movies. Jackman certainly showed the requisite action chops and animal fury as the clawed superhero. But take away those mutton chops and he's got rather soft features, which might have been disconcerting on 007. Plus the series has not had great luck with Australians before -- see George Lazenby as proof.

Clive Owen

Could have been Bond in: "Casino Royale" (2006)

Case file: This British specialist in antihero roles ("Inside Man," "Children of Men") had been a favourite to take over as Bond ever since his dashing yet gritty turn in "Croupier," the UK export that first got him some serious attention in the States. His tough-guy demeanour, dry wit and smouldering persona seemed tailor-made for 007 status, yet Owen himself consistently said he was not interested in the role. Even a reported personal phone call from "Casino Royale" director Martin Campbell apparently couldn't persuade him.

Gerard Butler

Could have been Bond in: "Casino Royale" (2006)

Case file: Not exactly possessing a sparkling film resume, with "Dracula 2000" and the woeful screen version of Andrew Lloyd Webber's "Phantom of the Opera" under his belt, the Scottish Butler was nevertheless given serious consideration by the Bond organisation in early 2005. Could they have been trying to channel fellow Scotsman Sean Connery for their series reboot? Butler did prove himself a considerable action hero in "300" two years later, so there's a very good chance he might have done as well in the tux as in a loincloth.

Compiled by Cultural Correspondent

Jhenidah Gono Shilpi Sangstha celebrates 25th anniversary



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Members of Jhenidah Gono Shilpi Sangstha unit sing at the programme.

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Jhenidah

On the occasion of its 25th anniversary, Bangladesh Gono Shilpi Sangstha's Jhenidah unit arranged a five-day long "Gono Shilpi Utsab" at the local Shilpakala Academy auditorium starting from November 13. Artists of Gono Shilpi Sangstha's units from different corners of the country are performing at the event.

The festival opened last Thursday. Renowned journalist Kamal Lohani inaugurated the programme with the slogan "Srishtir Drohey Mili Ek Mohona-e." The event was chaired by Abdus Salam, president of Jhenidah Gono Shilpi Sangstha. Deputy Commissioner (DC) of Jhenidah, AKM, Rafiqul Islam; well-known actor Khairul Alam

Sabuj; dramatist Professor Malay Bhowmik; actors Professor Rahmat Ali and Taru Mostafa, among others, attended the inauguration.

In his address, Kamal Lohani stated that politics and culture are not antithetical to each other. They are closely related. He said that those who have vandalised the "Achin Pakhi" sculpture should be punished. He also urged all to boycott war criminals at the upcoming polls. At the programme, actor Khairul Alam Sabuj was honoured with a crest.

On November 13, the event featured performances by artistes of Jhenidah Gono Shilpi Sangstha. Gono Shilpi Sangstha units of Dhaka, Madaripur, Barisal and Jhenidah were scheduled to perform on the subsequent days at the festival.



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

On Air

BTV

- 09:05 Selected Programme
- 09:30 Smritimoy Geetimoy
- 10:05 Open University
- 10:30 Gaal Golpo
- 10:55 Selected Programme
- 11:20 Musical Programme
- 12:10 Drama: Oli Baarbaar Phirey Ashy
- 01:00 Krishna Katha
- 01:30 Shobbar Jonyo Shikhya
- 01:25 Educational Programme
- 02:30 Amader Ranna
- 03:05 Cartoon
- 04:05 Shilpa Prangan
- 04:30 Shur Lahori
- 05:05 Educational Programme
- 06:15 Musical Programme
- 07:00 Mati O Manush
- 09:00 Drama Serial: Neel Naakphool
- 10:30 Tarana
- 11:00 Hajjar Taarer Bina
- ATN BANGLA**
- 08:15 Aiker Shanbadpotro
- 08:30 Drama Serial: Nupur
- 09:15 Drama Serial: Amader Nurul Huda
- 10:30 Onyodrishti
- 11:05 Shath Din
- 11:30 Top Spin
- 12:15 Selected Programme
- 01:25 Kheiaar Jogot
- 02:30 Drama Serial: Chander Gaye Chand
- 05:10 Kaal-er Jatra Dhoni
- 05:30 The Sword of Tipu Sultan
- 06:20 Ashy Pasher Manush
- 08:00 Drama Serial: Showa Paanch Arai Lane

- 08:40 Drama Serial: Syed Barir Bou
- 09:20 Drama Serial: Bharabari Baraban
- 11:30 Daily Soap: Doll's House
- 12:00 Grameenphone Lead News
- CHANNEL I**
- 08:30 Shokaal-er Gaan
- 09:30 Shanbadpotrey Bangladesh
- 09:45 Public Reaction
- 09:50 Grameenphone Trilo Matra
- 11:05 Selected Programme
- 11:30 Hindoye Mati O Manush
- 12:30 Talk Show: Citycell Taroka Kathan
- 01:05 Musical Programme: Ebong

ETV

- 06:00 Rupantor
- 07:50 LUX Channel I Super Star
- 09:35 Travel Show: Banglalink Banglar Pathay
- 10:00 Selected Programme
- 11:30 Drama Serial: Kobi
- 12:00 Grameenphone Aiker Shangbadpotro
- 08:30 Ekush-er Shokal
- 09:35 Dhum Tana
- 10:30 Ekushey Business
- 02:30 Drama Serial: Aziz Market Shahbag Dhaka 1000

Rtv

- 11:45 Ei Shoptaher Bishwa
- 08:40 Zebra Crossing
- 09:00 Shomoyer Dorponoy
- 09:30 Musical Programme: R Music
- 11:00 Taroka Alap
- 11:30 Jagey Achchho Ki
- 01:03 Protidin
- 02:30 Bangla Feature Film
- 05:30 Net fun
- 06:30 Children's Programme
- 08:00 Cookery Show: R Ranna
- 08:30 Drishyo Kalpo
- 09:00 Drama Serial: Mayati Ekhon Kothaye Jabey

HBO

- 04:25 Drama Serial: Bristhir Jonyo
- 05:25 Ithasher Ei Din-ey
- 06:45 Special Programme: Shomporko
- 07:15 Nokia Take Four
- 08:15 Drama Serial: Aim in Life
- 09:30 Closeup 1 Tomakey Chujchhey Bangladesh
- 11:35 Talk Show: Ei Shomoy
- BANGLAVISION**
- 09:00 Drama Serial: Byasto Doctor
- 09:30 Bangla Feature Film
- 02:00 Daily Soap: Mohanagar
- 02:30 Drama Serial: Shomudro Jol

STAR MOVIES

- 08:45 Turner and Hoock
- 11:00 Maurice0
- 08:45 Ice Age
- 10:10 First Blood
- 11:45 Fantastic Four: Rise Of The Silver Surfer
- 01:20 Casino Royale
- 03:45 Butterfly On A Wheel
- 05:20 Premonition
- 07:00 Nanny Diaries, The
- 08:50 Match Point
- 10:55 Bats
- 12:25 The Initiation Of Sarah

STAR WORLD

- 10:30 Koffee With Karan

On Star World at 8:30 pm TV Series

- Cast: America Ferrera, Eric Mabius, Vanessa Williams
- 03:30 Friends
- 04:00 Life With Bonnie
- 04:30 According To Jim
- 05:30 My Name Is Earl
- 06:00 Stacked
- 06:30 How I Met Your Mother
- 07:00 How I Met Your Mother
- 07:30 Ghost Whisperer
- 08:30 Ugly Betty
- 09:30 Boston Legal
- 10:30 Boston Legal
- 11:30 Heroes
- THE HISTORY CHANNEL**
- 09:30 Battenes
- 10:30 Bells
- 11:30 Saddam Hussein
- 12:30 Al Qaeda 2007
- 01:30 Biography
- 02:30 Battle of Britain
- 03:30 Sex In The 20th Century
- 04:30 Quest for King Arthur
- 09:30 Haven
- 10:30 P-51 Mustang
- 11:30 Lost Book of Nostradamus
- NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC CHANNEL**
- 09:30 Caught On Safari: Live!
- 11:15 Creative Vision-NGC
- 02:30 Caught On Safari: Live!
- 03:30 Guardians of Nature
- 11:30 Caught On Safari: Live!



Shomporko
On ntv at 6:50 pm
Talk Show
Today's Guest: Dilara Zaman, Rubaiya Zaman



- 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

UGLY BETTY



- 01:30 Cinemar Gaan
- 02:30 Musical Programme: Sa Re Ga Ma
- 02:30 Selected Programme
- 03:05 Meridian Channel I Khudey Gaan Raaj
- 04:30 Bank Aamar Bondhu
- 05:25 Talk Show: Muktijudhho

- 04:02 Explosive
- 05:30 Sports Plus
- 06:30 Desh Jurey
- 08:20 Drama Serial: Tun Tun Bhila
- 09:30 Drama Serial: Ghatak Ebong Amra
- 10:00 Golpo Sholpo Gaan
- 10:50 Financial Bulletin

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- 09:40 Pradorshini
- 11:30 Drama Serial: Dohon
- 08:30 Aiker Shokaal
- 08:55 Bangla Feature Film
- 12:10 Talk Show: Ei Shomoy
- 01:05 Japan Video Topic
- 02:30 House Full

- 03:05 Nodi O Jibon
- 04:20 Drama Serial: Joghpol
- 05:15 Law Chamber
- 05:45 Citycell Din-er Sheshey
- 06:20 Cinebit Shadakalo
- 06:50 Sports Vision
- 08:25 Daily Soap: Mohanagar
- 09:05 Visa Apnaar Agami

ZEE STUDIO

- 12:00 The Return
- 08:30 Free Willy
- 10:30 Stuart Little
- 12:45 Spiderman
- 03:20 Once Upon A Time In Mexico
- 05:30 Gone In 60 Seconds
- 08:00 The Hollywood Reporter