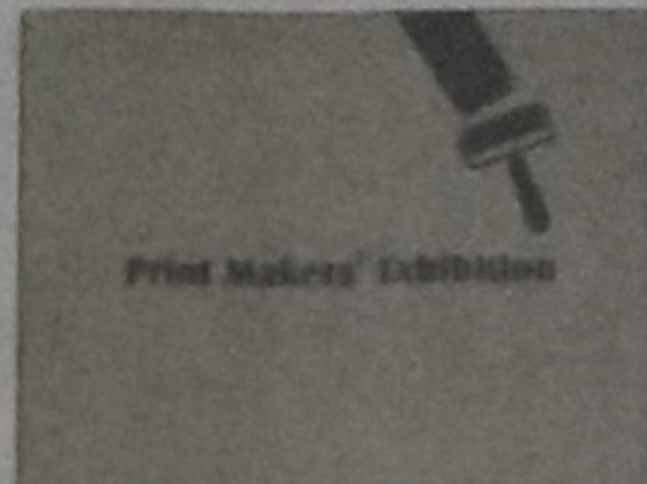


WHAT'S  
ON THIS  
WEEKPrint Makers'  
Exhibition

Organiser: Shilpangan  
Venue: Shilpangan  
Gallery, H 26, Rd 3,  
Dhanmondi  
Date: December 25-  
January 8  
Time: 12pm-8pm

Little Magazine  
Mela

Organiser: Little  
Magazine Mela Ujjapan  
Parishad  
Venue: Aziz Super  
Market, Shabag  
Date: December 18-20  
Time: 3:30 pm onwards

Group Art  
Exhibition

Venue: Zainul Gallery,  
Faculty of Fine  
Arts, DU  
Date: December 15-21

## Group Art Exhibition

## Film Screening

Film: On My Own  
Again  
Venue: Alliance  
Française de Dacca,  
26 Mirpur Road,  
Dhanmondi  
Date: December 24  
Time: 5:30pm

Five-century-old temples  
in ruins

The dilapidated Shib mandir in Maheshpur.

PHOTO STAR

AZIBOR RAHMAN, Jhenaidah

A Shib mandir (temple) and a Dol mandir -- that are both over 500 year-old -- in Jhenaidah are on the verge of collapse due to lack of maintenance and renovation. The temples -- still bearing the signature of past artistic designs -- are in Maheshpur upazila town in the district. These once exquisite edifices are now in shambles as weeds have taken over causing cracks; no restoration has been done, seemingly, since their creation.

The temples are located 45 kilometers

to the west of the district town, and are believed to have been built during the reign of Shaista Khan in the 1600s (mid to late). Both temples, known as 'Dol' and 'Shib' bhangla' style (with a 'chala' style roof), typical of this region.

Although time and nature have damaged most of the terracotta plaques on the temple walls, their shape and structure still bear authenticity of the heritage they are part of.

The roof of the Shib mandir is inwardly concave with a thickness of 3.6 feet, and the temple stands 25 feet high. Cracks have developed in the walls. Weeds are growing all over the structure, and it has become a

shelter for stray animals. The Shib mandir has three domes.

According to locals, Hindu devotees stopped coming to the temples around two decades back, since the structures became hazardous. They added that if the temples were not restored, a heritage site would be lost.

Maheshpur Puja Ujjapan Committee President, Ranjan Master said that no fund has been sanctioned yet for the repair of the temples since he was elected. He added that the committee can repair the temples if the government comes forward and grants necessary fund.

## Hugh Jackman to host Oscars

The producers of the Academy Awards are counting on a mutant wolverine who is People magazine's reigning Sexiest Man Alive to inject some desperately needed razzle-dazzle into their annual telecast.

Hugh Jackman, the Australian actor known to film audiences for playing a furry comic-book hero in the "X-Men" movies, will be host of the 81st incarnation of the Oscars, the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences announced last weekend. ABC will broadcast the awards show on February 22, 2009.

Its producers said they hoped to achieve multiple goals with the casting of Jackman. First, there is a desire to put more "movie" in the annual movie business extravaganza. Jon Stewart and Ellen DeGeneres, recent hosts, are both primarily known as television stars. Laurence Mark, a co-producer of the Oscars telecast, with Bill Condon, said there was also a desire to steer clear of stand-up comedians.

"We are trying to get away from this late-night talk show rut," Mark said. "It seemed to

us that we needed to turn a corner and get somebody who is, imagine that, a movie star."

Jackman's selection is also an attempt to play to the audience at home, which has been shrinking in recent years. Viewers of the ceremony are

artistic credibility, an important credential for the M.C. of the film awards show. He has won positive reviews for turns in films like "The Prestige" and "Kate & Leopold." He won a Tony Award in 2004 for his role in the musical "The Boy from

ent phenomenon from the Tonys. The film honours are an awkward hybrid -- a telecast about the movies set in a theater -- that require their host to oscillate between jocular chitchat and solemn introductions, while sprinkling in just the right amount of self-deprecation.

This year Jackman will have the added pressure of serving as the ringmaster of a lavish self-congratulation-a-thon at a time of global economic crisis.

The telecast has come under harsh criticism in recent years as a lumbering snore that takes itself too seriously and lacks spontaneity. Star wattage has dimmed, with many members of the A list refusing to attend unless they are nominated or have a coming film to promote. A trend toward honouring small, independent movies that most people have not seen has dented viewership.

Ratings for last year's Oscars plunged to a record low, with about 32 million people tuning in, compared with 55.3 million a decade ago.

Source: Internet



Hugh Jackman

overwhelmingly female -- the Oscars are known in the advertising world as the Super Bowl for women -- and producers clearly expect Jackman to turn out that demographic in droves.

Jackman, 40, has never been nominated for an Oscar but has

Oz." He also has experience as an awards show MC, winning an Emmy in 2005 for his appearance as host of the Tonys. He presided over that ceremony three times.

The Oscars are a very differ-

## New U2 album on the "horizon"

AFP, Los Angeles

Irish supergroup U2 will release their first album in nearly five years next March, the band's record company announced Thursday.

Interscope Records said the band's long-awaited 12th studio album "No Line On The Horizon" is to be released in North America on March 3.

It is the group's first album since "How to Dismantle An Atomic Bomb" was unveiled

in late 2004. The album went on to sell nine million copies worldwide.

The statement said recording sessions for the new album began in Fez, Morocco last year and continued in Dublin, New York and London.

U2 -- comprised of singer Bono, guitarist The Edge, bassist Adam Clayton and drummer Larry Mullen Jr -- is one of the most successful bands in history, its albums having sold more than 140 million copies worldwide.

All programmes are in  
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## 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, 9:00 am, 2:00 pm, 7:00 pm, 9:00 pm, 10:30 pm, 12:15 am.

## ATN BANGLA

News (Bangla) at 7:00 am, 10:00 am, 2:00 pm, 7:00 pm, 10:00 pm, 11:00 pm, News (English) 8:20 am, 7:00 pm, Latest News (Bangla) at 9:00 am, 10:00 am, 11:00 am, 1:00 pm, 3:00 pm, 4:00 pm, 6:00 pm and 8:00 pm.

## CHANNEL 1

News (Bangla) at 8:00 am, 12:00 pm, 2:30 pm, 6:30 pm, 7:30 pm, 10:00 pm, 12:30 am

## BANGLAVISION

News (Bangla) at 7:30 am, 1:30 pm, 5:00 pm, 7:15 pm, 10:30 pm.

## News Headlines (Bangla) at

10:00 am, 12:00 am, 4:00 pm, News (English) at 8:00 pm

## Rtv

News (Bangla) 2:30 pm, 4:30 pm, 6:30 pm, 8:30 pm, 10:30 pm, 12:30 am

## ntv

News (Bangla) 7:30 am, 12:02 pm, 2:00 pm, 7:30 pm, 10:30 pm, 1:00 am

## ETV

News (Bangla) 1:00 pm, 3:00 pm, 5:00 pm, 7:00 pm, 9:00 pm, 11:00 pm

## BTV

09:05 Selected Programme  
09:30 Smritimoy Geelimo  
10:05 Swastho Sheba  
10:30 Amader Angina  
10:55 Debate  
11:20 Musical Programme  
12:10 Selected Programme  
02:15 Sisimpur  
02:45 Bangla Feature Film  
05:35 Band Show  
06:15 Wrestling  
07:00 Geeti Malyo  
08:35 Drama Serial: Shangshaptak  
09:00 Drama: Lokuchuri  
10:30 Selected Programme

## ATN BANGLA

08:15 Akter Shambadpotro  
08:30 Dance Programme  
09:15 Asian City Top Spin  
10:30 Ongikaar  
11:15 Narider Bhabna  
12:15 Shesh Okhkhori  
01:25 Prapok  
02:40 Bangla Feature Film  
05:30 Char Deyaler Kabyo  
06:20 Square Hostipat  
Shushtho Thakun  
06:45 Projomno Katha  
08:00 Drama Serial: Sagai  
08:40 Drama Serial: Eka  
09:20 Drama Serial: Ekjonomey  
10:40 Mukto Shonglaap  
11:00 Election Hour  
12:00 Grameenphone Lead  
News

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09:45 Public Reaction  
09:50 Grameenphone Trilio  
Matra  
11:05 Talk Show: Amader Aaina  
12:05 Musical Programme: Sa  
Re Ga Ma  
12:30 Talk Show: Citycell Taroka  
Kathan  
01:05 Musical Programme:  
Ebong Cinemar Gaan  
01:30 Shobaar Jonyo  
Shorboshesh Bggyan  
Dharona  
02:30 Selected Programme

## ETV

08:30 Ekush-er Shokal  
09:35 Drama Serial: Aziz Market  
Shabag Dhaka 1000  
10:02 Deho Ghor  
02:02 Bangla Feature Film  
05:30 Sports Plus  
05:45 Ekusher Shondha  
07:50 Dance Show: Dhum Ta Na  
09:30 Drama Serial: Aziz Martjet  
Shabag, Dhaka 1000



Jogghol

On Banglavisian at 8:15 pm

Drama Serial

Cast: Anisur Rahman Milon, Srabonti

03:30 Akter Money Talk  
04:05 Educational Programme:  
FM Method  
04:30 Shoyter Shondhaney  
05:30 Mukhti Judhyo Protidin  
06:00 Amar Bangladesh  
07:50 Mega Serial: Ghar Kutum  
Drama Serial: Shagotom  
Bhalobasha  
09:35 Agricultural Programme:  
Hridoye Mati O Manush  
10:00 Drama Serial: Shongshar

## CHANNEL 1

08:40 Shuprobhaat  
Bangladesh  
Drama: Odhomo  
Tele-film: Apod  
12:10 Shoptaho Sheshey  
02:00 Drama: Ratan  
04:00 Show Case  
04:30 Music One  
05:15 Shomoyter Swad  
06:00 Saaj Bela

07:00 Cine Tune  
08:15 Drama: Ditiyo Aguntaak  
09:00 Vote Bitarko  
BANGLAVISION  
08:00 Shubho Shokaal  
08:30 Shomudro Jol  
09:00 Cinebit Shadakalo  
09:30 Drama Serial: Dontoirkyho  
10:10 Drama: Olpo Dekhar  
Golpo  
11:03 Selected Programme  
11:35 Home Care  
12:30 Gharey Bahirey  
02:30 Drama: Kriti Shontaan



## Radio Foru 88.0 FM

08:00am Saturday Morning  
Show  
12:00pm Boyer Poka  
02:00pm Food's Unlimited  
07:00pm Celebrity on The  
HotSeat  
10:00pm Back to Back music  
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NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC  
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09:30 Amazing Moments  
10:45 Creative Vision-NGC  
11:30 Dangerous Encounters  
12:30 Inside Sumo's Ultimate  
Clash  
01:30 Hippo Hell  
02:30 Planet Carnivore  
03:30 Taboo S4  
04:30 Saving The King Of  
Snakes  
05:00 Snake Wranglers  
05:30 Guardians Of Nature  
06:30 Rough Trades  
07:30 Street Monkeys  
08:30 Strange Days  
09:30 Naked Science

## STAR WORLD

08:35 Meh Of Honor  
10:45 The Beach  
12:45 Envy  
09:30 Carpoolers  
10:00 The Knights Of  
Prosperity  
10:30 Koffee With Karan  
12:30 The Simpsons  
01:30 Psych  
02:30 Jimmy Kimmel  
Live  
03:30 Last Comic  
Standing  
04:30 Who Wants To Be A  
Superhero  
05:30 Most Daring  
06:30 Jimmy Kimmel Live  
07:30 Smallville

## ZEE STUDIO

08:30 Blind Guy  
Dating  
10:30 Eraser  
03:15 Snatch  
05:30 Air Force One  
08:15 The Hollywood  
Reporter  
08:45 The Perfect Murder  
11:00 He Got Game

On Star  
World at  
11:30 pmCast: Masi  
Oka, Hayden  
Panettiere,  
Cristine  
Rose