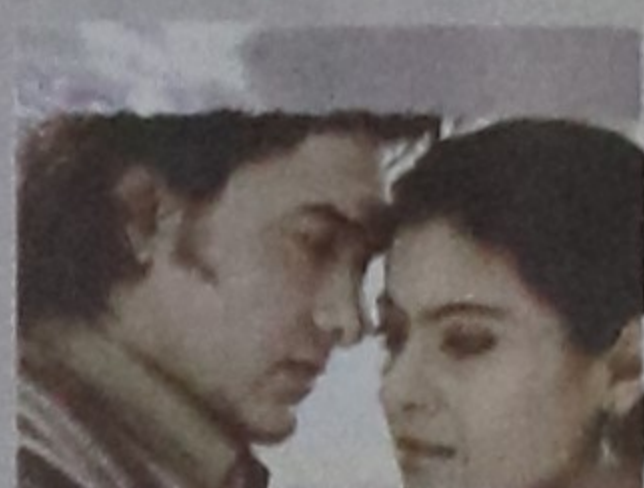


WHAT'S ON THIS WEEK

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



Film Screening
Film: Fanaa
Venue: Indian Cultural Centre, H 35, Rd 24, Gulshan-1
Date: January 5
Time: 6pm



Digital Biography and Photography Exhibition
Title: Jibon O Chitry Gunjon
Organiser: Gunjon
Venue: Alliance Francaise, 26, Mirpur Rd, Dhanmondi
Date: January 6-10
Time: 9am-12pm, 5-8pm



Dance Drama
Play: Hey Ananta
Punya
Troupe: Shadhona
Venue: National Theatre Hall, BSA
Date: January 9
Time: 7pm



Chhana O Muktijuddha sees light of day after a decade

Liberation War based children's film launched



PHOTO: MUMIT M

Rasheda K Chowdhury (2-R) and Badal Rahman seen with guests at the DVD launch.

CULTURAL CORRESPONDENT

"Chhana o Muktijuddha" a film for children based on the Liberation War, was released in DVD recently. The film, directed by Badal Rahman, is a production of Bangladesh Shishu Academy.

Although the shooting of the film started ten years ago, in 1998, it could not be released due some bureaucratic roadblocks. Recently the Home Ministry gave clearance to the film.

At the launching ceremony, Adviser for Cultural Affairs Rasheda K Chowdhury was present as the chief guest. Inaugurating the film, she noted the film would help motivate

the children to learn about our Liberation War. Noted children litterateur and writer of "Chhana O Muktijuddha," Anwara Syed Haq; director Badal Rahman; Director of Bangladesh Shishu Academy, Shaoli Sumon and popular actress Afsana Mimi also spoke at the event.

The cast of the film includes Amirul Islam; Shireen Bakul; Afsana Mimi; Intekhab Dinar; Pantha Shahriar; Badal Rahman and Pratik. Child artiste Pratik, who played the eponymous character role of Chhana in the film, has now joined the armed forces. Lux superstar Munmun was another child artiste of the film. Pankaj Palit is the cinematographer of the 120-minute film.

A composer-singer with a penchant for diversity

In conversation with Tomal

CULTURAL CORRESPONDENT

The recently released mixed album "Bedonar Gaan", under the banner of Soundtek, was well received in the audio market. The album features young and talented artiste Tomal -- as a singer and composer. The artiste spoke to The Daily Star about the album and his initiation in the music scene.

"I consider 'Dukho misturi,' 'Tomar karoney' and 'Tumi' -- featured in the album -- to be good songs. Popular singer Fahmida Nabi has recorded the last song," said Tomal.

However, in his view, the highlight of the album is a song titled "Maskara". Lini Sabrin, sister of renowned artiste Baby Naznin, has rendered the song.



Tomal

Tomal pointed out that the late sound engineer Mobin, who was a close friend, did the mixing of the song.

Tomal's musical career began with the band Tirthak in the early 1990s. The band released one album titled "Duari". Some songs of the short-lived band, in particular, "Bhalo achhi bhalo theko," title track "Duari" and "Tumi basho kina" are still popular among music enthusiasts.

"Along with some of my friends from Jahangirnagar University, I formed the band. The band dissolved in 1996," said Tomal.

"Telephone," an album released under the banner of G-Series in 1999, included songs composed by Tomal. The album featured him as a singer too.

Tomal's first mixed album project as a composer was "Shaht Ronga Shaatjon (in 2001). The album featured famed artistes including Partha Barua, Pantha Kanai, Pathik Nabi and the late Sanjib Chowdhury.

Fahmida Nabi's solo album "Mon-e Ki Porey Na," under Laser Vision, is also part of Tomal's repertoire.

Over the last five years Tomal has been a member of the band Nagar Baul; the band has James as its vocalist.

Tomal's taste in music is diverse, and he displays a great dedication to his art. In his words, "I like variety when it comes to music. My aim is to deliver my best in every album."

A signature trait of Tomal's albums is that each features an instrumental track.

Aim in Life on ntv tonight

CULTURAL CORRESPONDENT

Drama serial "Aim in Life" will be aired at 8:15pm on ntv tonight. The serial is written and directed by Masud Shezan. The serial is aired every Saturday and Sunday.

The story of the serial revolves around the eccentricities in a family. Dina, the daughter, considers herself as beautiful as Madhuri Dixit. She is convinced that one film can make her a superstar overnight. "Until then she occupies herself with finding flaws of film actresses and taking care of her beauty using herbal products. Dina's father, a retired government employee, often gets bored with the activities of his offspring. He decides to write a book on the aim of human life. He believes that aim is the main dilemma of human life.



Mosharraf Karim and Kusum Sikdar in the TV serial.

As part of the fieldwork for his writing, he starts interviewing people from all walks of life, including beggars.

Mosharraf Karim, Kusum Sikdar, Tinni, Rawnak Hasan and Challenger play the lead

John Travolta's teenage son dies

AP, Bahamas



Jett Travolta in an undated photo

The actor John Travolta's teenage son, Jett, died on Friday in the Bahamas after apparently suffering a seizure at his family's vacation home, the authorities said.

A house caretaker found Jett, 16, unconscious in a bathroom late Friday morning. He was taken by ambulance to a Freeport hospital, where he was pronounced dead, Superintendent Basil Rahming of the Freeport police said in a statement.

The teenager had a history of seizures, according to the statement. An autopsy is planned.

Jett was the oldest child of Mr. Travolta and his wife, the actress Kelly Preston. They also have an 8-year-old daughter, Ella Bleu.

Ms. Preston and Mr. Travolta have said that Jett became very sick and almost died when he was 2. He was later determined to have Kawasaki disease, an illness that leads to inflammation of the blood vessels in young children.

It is unclear whether the teenager was taking any medications for his seizures.

The family had arrived in the Bahamas on a private plane Tuesday and was vacationing at their home in the Old Bahama Bay resort community.



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

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-i
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, 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): 2:30 pm, 4:30 pm, 6:30 pm, 8:30 pm, 10:30 pm, 12:30 am

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

ATN BANGLA

08:30 Bibeker Kachhey Proshno
09:15 Talk Show: Asian City Top Spin
10:30 Onyodrishti
11:30 Shathdin
12:15 Cookery Show: Dekko Gura Moshla ATN Ranna Ghar
01:25 Khelar Jogot
03:15 New Year Special 2009
05:00 Gram Gonjer Khobor
05:10 Banijomela Protidin
05:40 Dhak Dhol
06:15 Ashey Pasher Manush
06:45 Projomkatha
08:00 Drama Serial: Shoa Paanch Arai Lane
08:40 Drama Serial: Syed Babir Bou
09:20 Drama Serial: Bharabari Barabari
11:30 Daily Soap: Doll's House
12:00 Grameenphone Lead News
CHANNEL i
09:30 Shanbadporey Bangladesh
09:45 Public Reaction
09:50 Grameenphone Tritio Matra
11:05 Tele Prescription
11:30 Hridoye Mati O Manush
12:30 Talk Show: Citycell Taroka Kathan
01:05 Musical Programme: Ebong Cinemar Gaan

01:30 Musical Programme: Sa Re Ga Ma
02:30 Selected Programme
03:05 Meridian Channel i
Khudey Gaan Raaj'08
04:30 Bank Aamader Bondhu
05:30 Special Programme
06:00 Rupantor
06:20 Superman
07:50 Drama Serial: Sakin Sharishuri
09:35 Banglalink Banglar Pathy
10:00 Drama Serial: Shaongshar
11:30 Drama Serial: Chondro Katha
12:00 Grameenphone Aiker Shangbadpotro

03:15 Ei Shoptaho
03:32 Dhun Ta Na
04:30 Desh Jurey Oporadh Porikroma
05:30 Sports Plus
05:45 Ekusher Shondha
09:30 Drama Serial: Ghatak Ebong Amra
10:50 Financial Bulletin
ntv
08:30 Aiker Shokaal
08:55 Bangla Feature Film
12:10 Talk Show: Ei Shomoy
01:05 Japan Video Topic
02:30 Drama Serial: Khoma
03:15 Drama: Madhumita
04:10 Ispahani Janar Achhey Bolar Achhey

11:35 Talk Show: Ei Shomoy
BANGLAVISION
08:30 Ebong Classer Bairey
09:30 Bangla Feature Film
12:30 Gaanalap
02:00 Daily Soap: Doll's House
03:05 Nodi O Jibon
04:20 Drama Serial: Jogphol
05:15 Law Chamber
05:45 Citycell Din-er Sheshey
06:20 Cinebit Shadakalo
06:50 Sports Vision
08:15 Daily Soap: Mohanagar
09:05 Visa Apnaar Agami
09:45 Drama Serial: Swapno Chura
11:15 Drama

05:15 Olpo Sholpo Golpo
06:00 Saajbela
07:00 Selected Programme
08:15 Drama: Ditiyo Aguntaak
09:00 Drama: Bondhu
09:30 Cinetune
11:00 Gaarwala
Rtv
09:00 Jegey Achho Ki
10:03 Apon Ghorey Porobash
11:03 Taroka Alap
11:30 Just Band
02:03 bangla feature Film
05:30 Cinema R Gaan
06:03 Protidin
07:00 Selected Programme
09:00 Drama Serial: Meyeti Ekhon Kothaye Jabey

02:50 Die Hard 2: Die Harder
04:55 Code Name: The Cleaner
06:30 Vip Access: Vip Ticket To 2009
07:00 1408
08:50 What Lies Beneath
11:00 Shut Up & Sing Dixie Chicks
12:40 Zombies
STAR WORLD
10:30 Koffee With Karan
03:00 Friends
04:00 The Simpsons
04:30 Shark
05:30 Criminal Minds
06:30 Kyle Xy
07:30 90210
08:30 Monk

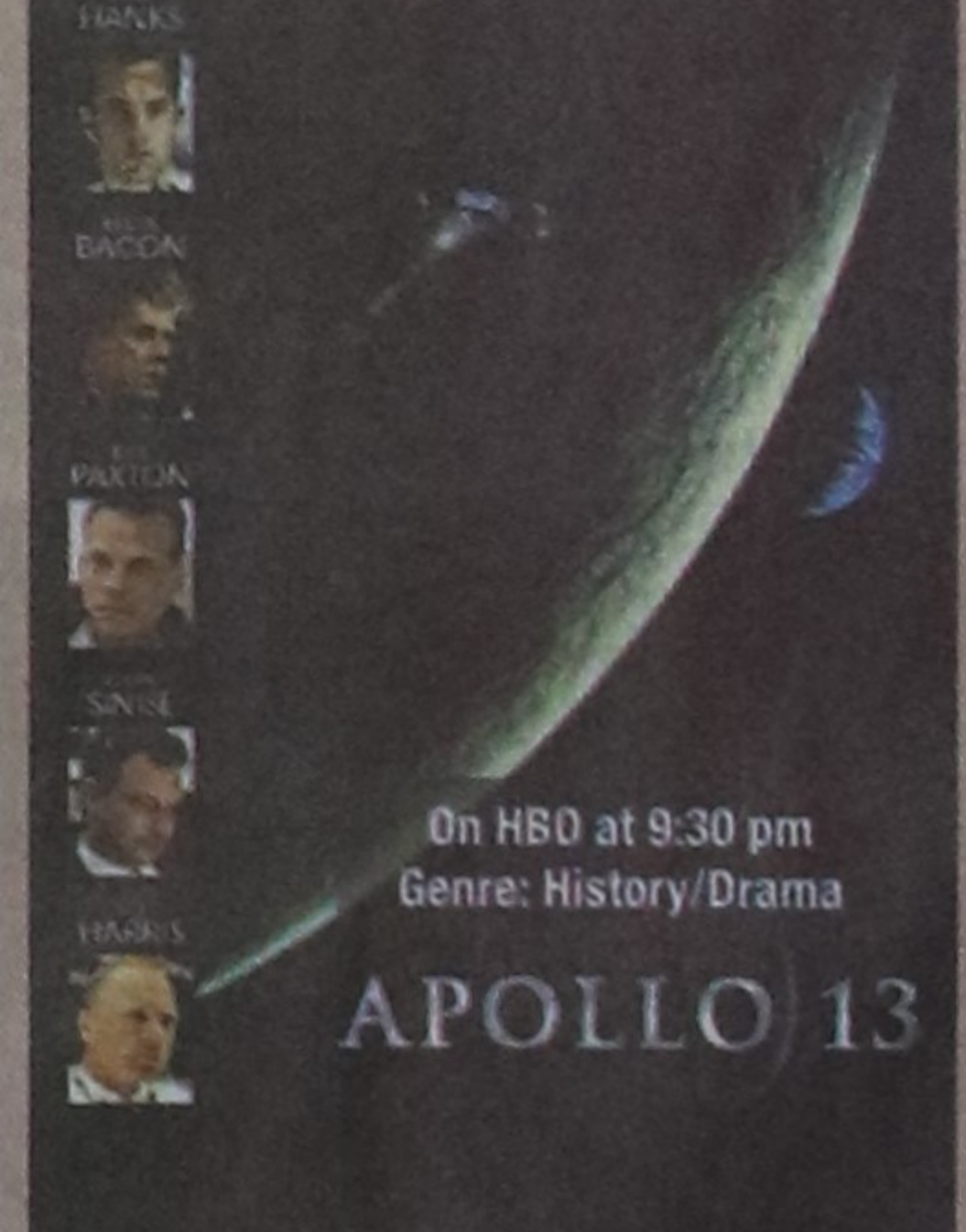
11:30 Indian Journeys
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09:30 The Great Wall
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HBO
09:30 Shockwave
11:30 RI Stine Presents: The Haunting Hours
01:15 Zodiac
04:30 Hollywood's 10 Best: Romantic Comedies
05:00 Connors' War
06:45 The Making Of Knocked Up
07:00 Hollywood Spotlight: Drew Barrymore
07:30 Charlotte's Web
09:30 Apollo 13
12:15 Lady In The Water
NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC CHANNEL
09:30 Super Cat
10:30 The Monkey Prince
11:30 Inside The Forbidden City
12:30 Built For The Kill
01:30 Hunter Hunted
02:30 Big Cat Challenge
03:30 ShowReal Asia
06:30 Fight Masters
07:30 Living With Big Cats
08:30 Journey to the Edge of the Universe
10:30 Super Pride
11:30 Street Monkeys
ZEE STUDIO
08:30 No Dead Heroes
10:15 The Whole Ten Yards
12:10 Sweet Home Alabama
02:40 Shall We Dance
05:30 Holes
08:15 Motor Cycle Diaries
11:00 101 Dalmatians



Bharabari Barabari
On ATN Bangla at 9:20 pm
Drama Serial
Cast: Sumaiya Shimu, Tania



Radio Foorti 88.0 FM
07:30am Hello Dhaka
10:00am Music Junction
12:00pm My Time
01:00pm No Tension
04:00pm Dhaka Calling
09:30pm Night Rider
01:00am 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-tum
08:00pm Tobe Tai Hok
11:00pm Raat Vor Gan



On HBO at 9:30 pm
Genre: History/Drama
APOLLO 13

ETV
08:30 Ekush-er Shokal
09:35 Golpo Sholpo Gaan
10:30 Ekushay Business
02:30 Drama Serial: Aziz Market Shahbag Dhaka 1000

05:25 Ithasher Ei Din-ey
05:35 Apnaar Jigyasha
06:45 Joto Modhur Bhulguli
07:15 Nokia Take Four
08:15 Drama Serial: Alm in Life
09:30 Super Hero Super Heroine

CHANNEL 1
08:40 Shuprobhaat Bangladesh
10:40 Bangla Feature Film
03:30 Drama: Ditiyo Aguntaak
04:00 Dance Programme
04:30 Shomoyer Swad

STAR MOVIES
08:00 Air Buddies
09:20 Treasure Raiders
10:55 Condemned, The
12:50 Namesake, The

THE HISTORY CHANNEL
09:30 Brother & Sisters
10:30 Boston Legal
11:30 Psych
09:15 Creative Vision
10:30 Mahabharata