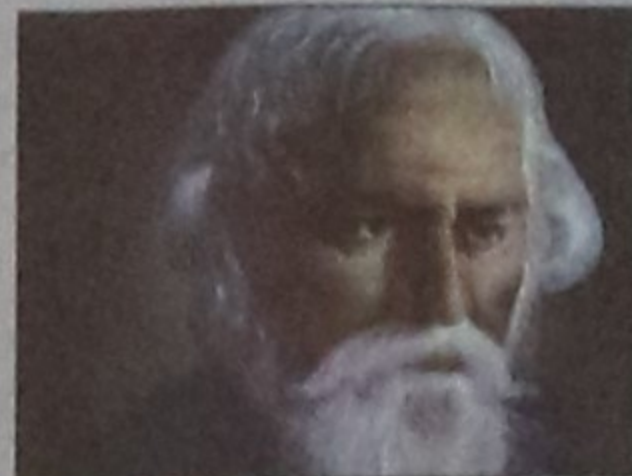


WHAT'S
ON THIS
WEEK

Rabindra Sangeet
Organiser: Dakkhini
Rabindra Sangeetangan
Venue: Auditorium,
National Music and
Dance Centre, BSA
Date: January 23-25
Time: 6pm



**Bangladesh-India
Friendship Art
Exhibition '09**
Title: Friendship
Organiser: Gallery Chitrak
Venue: Gallery Chitrak, H
21, Rd 4, Dharmadoli
Date: January 23-27
Time: 11am-6pm



Pitha Utsab
Organiser: Coffee
House, BSA
Venue: Coffee House
premises, BSA
Date: January 23-31
Time: 3pm-9pm



Modhu Mela '09
Celebrating 185th birth
anniversary of Michael
Madhusudan Dutt
Organiser: DC Office,
Jessore
Venue: Sagardari,
Jessore
Date: January 25-31
Time: 2pm onwards



Fakir Aftabuddin Khan: Musical Savant

MOHAMED MIJARUL QUAYES

Mian Tansen, the famed maestro of Akbar's Court, is a very important milestone in the field of Indian classical music, which in its turn has influenced the very development of music itself in the sub-continent. He was the introducer of the Seni Gharana. The heritage of Mughal Music did not in filtrate Bengal till the advent of the English. But since then Bengal has played a very significant role in this line. Bangladesh today enjoys a very important position in the realm of music, Indian classical music in particular. In this connection, the Khan family of Brahmanbaria have a traditional heritage as the flag-carriers of the Seni Gharana which Tansen had introduced in the 16th century Mughal Court. This family has contributed immensely to the expansion of Indian classical music, not only through the hereditary practice of the 'ragas' and 'raginis' but also through the creation of new musical instruments and production of illustrious musicians who have introduced the wonderful sublimity and finesse of Indian Music to the outside world through the ages. The central figure in the 'Sangeet Sadhana' of the family undoubtedly was 'Sur Samrat' Ustad Alauddin Khan, the younger brother and disciple of Aftabuddin Khan.

The village of Shibpur in the then sub-division of Brahmanbaria can well be called the "Centre of Indian Music", for this is the adobe of Khans. The history of the Khans can be traced to Sadat Hossain Khan or Sadu Khan, who had learnt to play the sitar from Ustad Quasem Ali Khan, the Royal musician of the Tippera Court. Sadu Khan had five sons - Samiruddin Khan, Aftabuddin Khan, Alauddin Khan, Nayab Ali Khan and Ayet ali Khan.

Aftabuddin was an ardent lover of music from his very childhood. It is said that at school, he used to practice 'talas' (beats) on his desk. Sadu Khan appreciated this musical inclination of his son, but his wife did not and was rather strict and demanding about studies. Aftabuddin rebelled, and left the village without telling his parents on. After a few months, his father,

having traced him to a neighbouring village, brought him home and arranged for his music lessons.

Aftabuddin had his ABC in music from his father. Later he went to Bangora (in Brahmanbaria) to master the 'tabla'. His 'gurus' were the brothers Ramdhan and Rama Kanai 'Tabalchees' of the Zamindar of Bangora. Of Aftabuddin's memory prowess, it is said that he could easily master 'bol's taught in the morning by evening. Anyway, within a short time, Aftabuddin became adept with the 'tabla'. Apart from this 'tabla', he could play the flute with extraordinary skill from his very childhood and this art was self-taught. The third instrument that he played admirably was the harmonium.

Aftabuddin's fame as a musician spread wide. At this time he married the daughter of one Gul Mahmud of Shreerampur. Sometime later, he came in contact with the Maharishi Mano Mohon Swami of neighboring Shatmora village. The Swami was not only a 'hrishi' but also a born poet. The two joined hands. The Swami wrote songs and Aftabuddin set them to music. These two were so close that it is said that they could communicate with each other from a distance. The story is told that once when Aftabuddin was splitting firewood, he had a strange sensation. Leaving the axe aside, he headed for Shatmora. Saying that he was remembered there. On reaching, he found that Mano Mohan had just finished writing a song and was thinking of Aftabuddin for having it set to music!

The long music career of Aftabuddin was not restricted to performing alone. He invented two instruments. One he called the 'Sur Sangraha'. It is somewhat like the sarod but the sound is softer. His other invention was the melodious 'Megh Dambur'.

Aftabuddin had three daughters, no son. His grandson (by his eldest daughter), Ustad Phuljhuri Khan (1920-1982), was another talented musician of the county.

For his saint like lifestyle Aftabuddin was called 'Fakir'. Aftabuddin Khan died on 25th January in 1933.

The writer is Bangladesh Ambassador to Russia.



Fakir Aftabuddin Khan

Short film Missing Moment to be screened at Children's Film Festival



CULTURAL CORRESPONDENT

"Missing Moment", a short film, will be screened at the 2nd International Children's Film Festival '09.

Directed by Rashik Ahsan Rafi, the film depicts the strong bonds of friendship between two children. However, some unavoidable circumstances separate them--causing much angst.

The screenplay of the film has written by Anto Azad. Child artistes Afrain and Sneha perform along with Pankaj Ghosh, Roksana Munmun and Arif Mahbub Tomal in the film.

The film will be screened on January 29 at the Shawkat Osman Auditorium, Central Public Library at 11am.

Mahanagar reaches 300

Banglavisión will telecast the 300th episode of the daily soap "Mahanagar" tonight at 8:15 pm. Written by Ferdous Hasan, the serial is jointly directed by Sajjad Suman and Ferdous Hasan.

The story revolves around the family of Anfar Miyan. Raj, one of the younger members of the family, is unemployed and care-free. His grandfather Anfar Miyan used to be a well-known politician and businessman. Dalim Miyan, Angur Miyan and Akhrot Miyan -- Anfar Miyan's sons -- are a teacher, a government employee and a Naxalite respectively. Gradually Raj rebels when he discovers the questionable family history.

Mamunur Rashid, Khairul Alam Sabuj, Afroza Banu play the lead roles in the serial.



Sumaiya Shimu and Apurbo play lead roles in the TV play.

"Prioyodarshini" on Rtv tonight



A scene from the film (Top) Shoyeb and Momo in the serial.

Rtv will telecast TV serial "Prioyodarshini" tonight at 10:00 pm. Written by Pronab Botta, the serial's director is Arun Chowdhury.

The serial revolves around a family, featuring the women members of the family in lead roles -- their everyday life, hurdles, difficulties and more. As the serial progresses, many untold stories start to unravel.

The cast includes Subarna Mustafa, Dolly Zahur, Bonna Mirza, Sharmili Ahmed, Shoyeb, Momo and others have played lead roles in the serial.



On Air

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

BTV

09:05 Selected Programme
09:30 Shashoto Shur
10:05 Open University
10:55 Selected Programme
10:20 Gaaner Jhormatolaye
12:10 Drama
01:00 Krishi Katha
01:30 Shobbar Jonyo Shikhya
02:15 Educational Programme
02:40 Cookery Show: Amader Ranna
03:05 Cartoon
03:30 Educational Programme: Maa O Shishur Katha
04:05 Shangkriti Moncho
04:30 Musical Programme: Shur Lahori
05:05 Debate
06:15 Malanchyo
07:00 Mati O Manush
07:25 Mukti Judher Dinguli
08:35 Drama Serial: Shesh Shomudro
09:00 Drama
10:30 Tarana
11:00 Special Programme

ATN BANGLA

08:30 Drama Serial: Naksha
09:15 Drama Serial: Tomaar Doyaye
10:30 Bhalo Achhi Ma
11:15 Hello Bangladesh
12:15 Shathidin
01:25 Cookery Show: Dekko Gura
08:40 Drama Serial: Syed Babir Bou
09:20 Drama Serial: Bharabari Barabari
11:30 Daily Soap: Doll's House
12:00 Gramephone Lead News

CHANNEL i

09:30 Shanbadpotrey Bangladesh

09:45 Public Reaction
09:50 Gramephone Trito Matra
11:05 Tele Prescription
11:30 Hridoye Mati O Manush
12:30 Talk Show: Citycell Taroka
01:05 Musical Programme: Ebong
01:30 Cinemar Gaan
01:30 Musical Programme: Sa Re Ga Ma
02:30 Selected Programme
03:05 Musical Programme: Meridian
04:30 Channel i Khudey Gaan
04:30 Bank Aamader Bondhu
05:30 Special Programme
06:00 i Speed
06:20 Superman
07:50 Mega Serial: Sakin Sharishuri

04:30 Desh Jurey Oporadh
05:30 Ponkroma
05:30 Sports Plus
05:45 Ekusher Shondha
06:30 Total Music
08:30 Drama Serial: Tuntuni Bhila
09:30 Drama Serial: Ghatok Ebong
10:10 Amra
10:10 Tini
08:30 Ajker Shokaal
08:55 Bangla Feature Film
12:10 Talk Show: Ei Shomoy
01:05 Japan Video Topic
02:30 Drama Serial: Chena Chena
03:15 Layey
03:15 Drama: Golla Chhut
04:10 Ispahani Janar Achhey Bolar Achhey

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 Telepress Business
12:10 Shagbad Protidin
08:40 Shuprobhaat Bangladesh
10:40 Bangla Feature Film
03:00 Drama: Titirashu
04:00 Pheley Asha Din
05:15 Musical Programme
06:00 Saajbela
07:00 Cine One
08:15 Drama: Droho

10:00 Drama Serial: Prioyodarshini
11:30 Biz Event
09:30 Aeonflux
11:30 Superman II
02:00 We Are Marshall
04:45 Hollywood Spotlight: Matthew McConaughey
05:15 Hollow Man
07:30 Enter The Dragon
09:30 Evolution
11:30 Aeonflux
08:05 Rang Rup
08:30 Ognibina
11:30 Sholor Path
03:05 Drama Serial: Jaalshaaz
04:30 School Angina

05:15 Arthur And The Minimoys
07:00 Alvin And The Chipmunks
08:40 Night At The Museum
10:30 Shallow Hal
12:25 The Thin Red Line
08:30 Kyle Xy
10:30 Koffee With Karan
01:00 Seinfeld
03:00 Friends
04:00 The Simpsons
04:30 Shark
05:30 Criminal Minds
06:30 Kyle Xy
07:30 90210
08:30 Monk
09:30 Brother & Sisters
10:30 Boston Legal
11:30 Psych

FOX HISTORY & ENTERTAINMENT CHANNEL

09:15 Creative Vision
10:30 Mahabharata
11:30 Mahatma: A Great Soul
12:30 Tour of Duty
01:30 Barack Obama
03:00 Legends of Wimbledon
07:30 The Story of David
08:30 Mahatma: A Great Soul
09:30 Secrets of the Forbidden City
11:30 Tour of Duty

NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC CHANNEL

09:30 Gods & Goddesses
11:00 Monkey Thieves
11:30 Built For The Kill
12:30 Most Dangerous Moments
01:30 Built For The Kill
02:30 NG's Amazing Moments
03:30 Built For The Kill
04:30 Rivers And Life
05:30 Perilous Journeys
06:30 Barack Obama- NGC
07:30 Death of the Universe
08:30 Naked Science
09:30 Martian Robots
10:30 Barack Obama- NGC
11:30 Monkey Thieves

ZEE STUDIO

08:30 The Mystic Masseur
11:05 Mansfield Park
01:30 Tuck Everlasting
03:35 50 First Dates
05:45 Cop Land
08:05 The Preacher's Wife
11:00 The Chronicles Of Namia - The Lion, The Witch & The Wardrobe



Syed Barir Bou
On ATN Bangla at 8:40 pm
Drama Serial
Cast: Bonna Mirza, Chitrallekha Guho

09:35 Banglalink Banglar Pathay
10:00 Drama Serial: Shongshar
11:30 Special Programme
12:00 Gramephone Ajker Shagbadpotro

ETV

08:30 Ekush-er Shokal
09:35 Drama Serial: Aziz Market, Shabag, Dhaka 1000
10:02 Bhoboghurey Dot Com
10:30 Ekushhey Business
02:30 Spondon
03:15 Ei Shoptaho
03:32 Dhum Ta Na

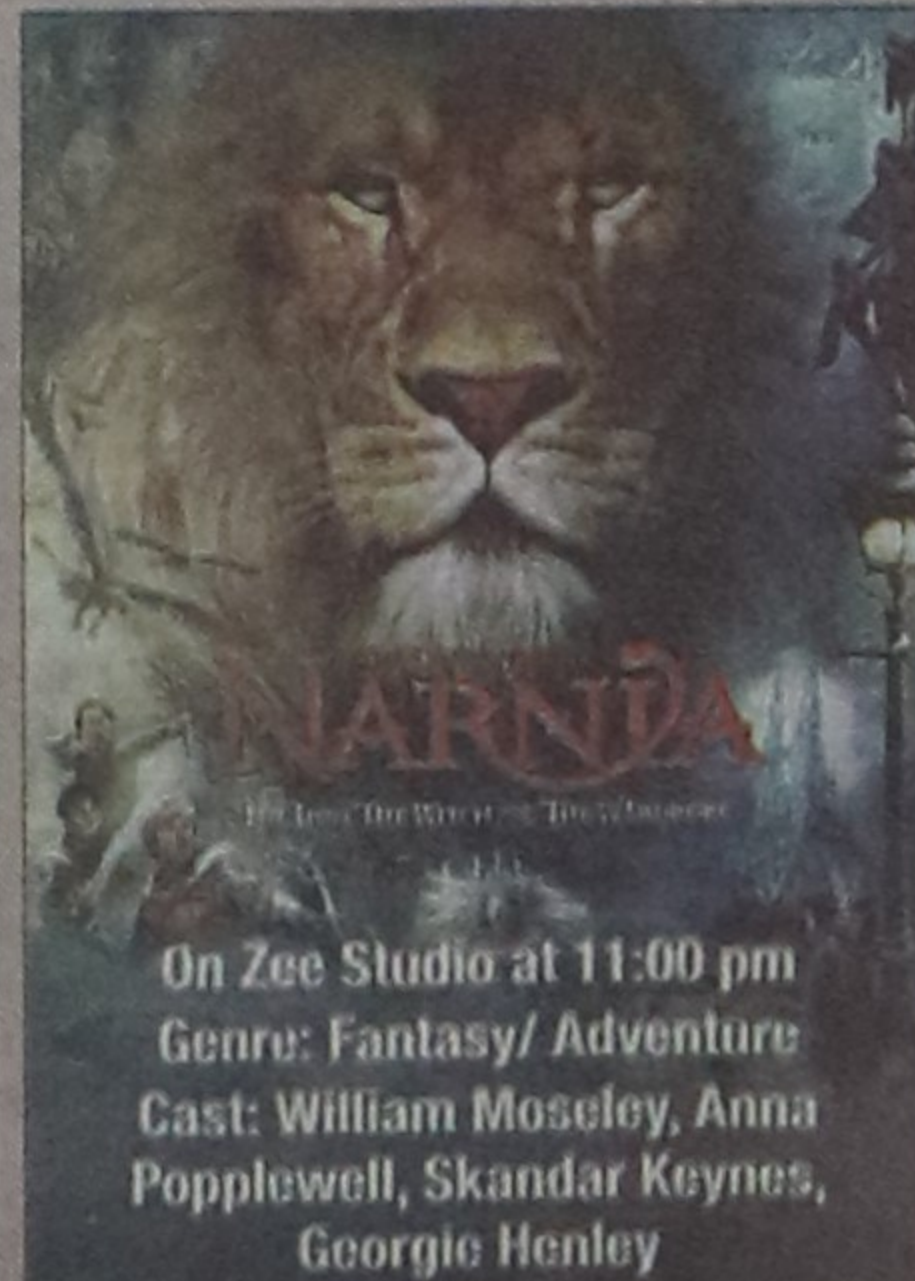
05:25 Iltashar Ei Din-ey
05:35 Apnaar Jigyasha
06:45 Shomporko
07:15 Nokia Take Four
08:15 Drama Serial: Aim in Life
09:30 Super Hero Super Heroine
11:35 Talk Show: Ei Shomoy

BANGLAVISION

08:30 Ebong Classer Bairay
09:30 Bangla Feature Film
12:30 Gaanapal
02:00 Daily Soap: Mohanagar
02:30 Talk Show: Onno Nayan
03:05 Nodi O Jibon



abc radio 89.2 FM
09:00am Mukhonto Jiboney
12:00pm Danan Dupurey
03:00pm Duranto Bikelley
05:00pm Shondhara
07:00pm Shajer Maya
09:00pm Raat-er Alaudhey
11:00pm Jay Golper Shesh Nei
Radio Forth 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
Radio Today 89.6 FM
07:15am Good Morning Dhaka
11:00am Most Unlimited
Today's Aside
04:00pm Urum
08:00pm Tobe Tai Hok
11:00pm Raat Vor Gan



On Zee Studio at 11:00 pm
Genre: Fantasy/ Adventure
Cast: William Moseley, Anna Popplewell, Skandar Keynes, Georgie Henley

11:00 One Family
09:00 Jegey Achho Ki
10:03 Drama Serial: Apon Ghorey
11:03 Taroka Alap
11:30 Band Show
02:30 Bangla Feature Film
05:30 Cinema R Gaan
06:03 Protidin
07:00 Selected Programme
09:00 Drama Serial: Meyeti Ekhon
Kothaye Jabey

Rtv

05:30 Eye Witness
06:30 Shahityo Diganto
07:00 News Hour
08:05 Roots
08:30 Tone and Tune
09:25 Science Dot Com
11:05 Diganto Shangleap

STAR MOVIES

08:45 Bean
10:20 The Contract
11:55 The Dark Is Rising
01:40 Ronin
03:40 Flirting With Disaster