

WHAT'S
ON THIS
WEEKGroup Art
Exhibition

Featuring 167 artworks by 107 Bangladesh artists
Venue: Saju Art Gallery,
F 40-41, D.C.C North
Super Market, 2nd Circle,
Gulshan
Date: April 11-May 12
Time: 10am-8pm



Theatre

Play: Raja ...ebong
Onnyano
Troupe: Prachyanat
Venue: Experimental
Theatre Hall, BSA
Date: April 17
Time: 7pm



Baishakhi Fair

Organiser: BSCIC
Venue: Bangla
Academy premises
Date: April 14-20

Bangladesh
Documentary
Festival '09

Organiser: Bangladesh
Documentary Council
Venue: Shaikhul Qasim
Auditorium, Central Public
Library, Shahbag
Date: April 16-19
Time: 6pm



A touch of France

International French Drama Festival '09 at BSA



Simeo performs at the International French Drama Festival '09.

NADIA SARWAT

International French Drama Festival 2009, featuring eight popular French plays translated in Bengali, is on at the National Theatre Stage, Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy (BSA). Inaugurated on April 12, the festival has been organised jointly by Alliance Française de Dhaka, Natukey Theatre Dhaka and Fame School of Dance, Drama and Music, Chittagong. Supported by the French Embassy in Dhaka, this is the second International French Drama Festival.

National Professor Kabir Chowdhury inaugurated the festival, saying, "France for many years has been the global capital of art and culture. French

literature has influenced the world throughout decades. In Bangladesh also, our literary taste has been shaped by reading leading French litterateurs and dramatists."

Foreign Affairs Minister Dipu Moni was the chief guest at the event while Charley Causeret, the French Ambassador, was present as special guest. The guests of honour at the inaugural event included Ramendu Majumder, president of ITI world; Poet Syed Shamsul Haque; Nasiruddin Yousuf, president of Shammilito Shangkritik Jote and Professor Khan Sarwar Murshid. Jaqlis Bounin, deputy director of Alliance Française de Dhaka, presided over the event.

"Bangladeshis are in general avid theatre enthusiasts; hundreds of plays

are staged here every year. Major French playwrights and their works are quite familiar to the Bangladeshi audience. This festival aims at highlighting works by some new playwrights as well as the classic ones," said Bounin in his speech.

The opening ceremony included the staging of "Roméo et Jeannette" by Jean Anouilh. A production by the Indian theatre troupe Kalyani Kalamandalam (Kolkata), the play was translated by Basudev Chakrabarti and directed by Santanu Das.

Though the title reminds one of the famous Shakespearean romantic tragedy, "Roméo et Jeannette" is not a story of star-crossed lovers. Jeannette, a rude, yet spontaneous girl who does not care what others think of her, with her idiosyncrasies, immediately attracts her would be brother-in-law, Frederick. Frederick came to see his fiancée Julia and her family with his mother -- a formality, before their marriage. Overpowered by the irresistible attraction toward each other, Frederic and Jeannette decide to be honest about their relationship, only to discover that it's hard to cope with guilt, jealousy and lack of trust. Failing to deal with the reality together, they decide to die together instead.

The second day's programme featured a musical performance by contemporary French Artiste, Simeo. Simeo barged onto the stage with his instruments, putting on a real show. His performance was heavily pop-reggae accented with guitar, a bass, a finger-board, a snar drum and a chisel; there was even a glass of champagne. The combination of the instruments produced a unique music.

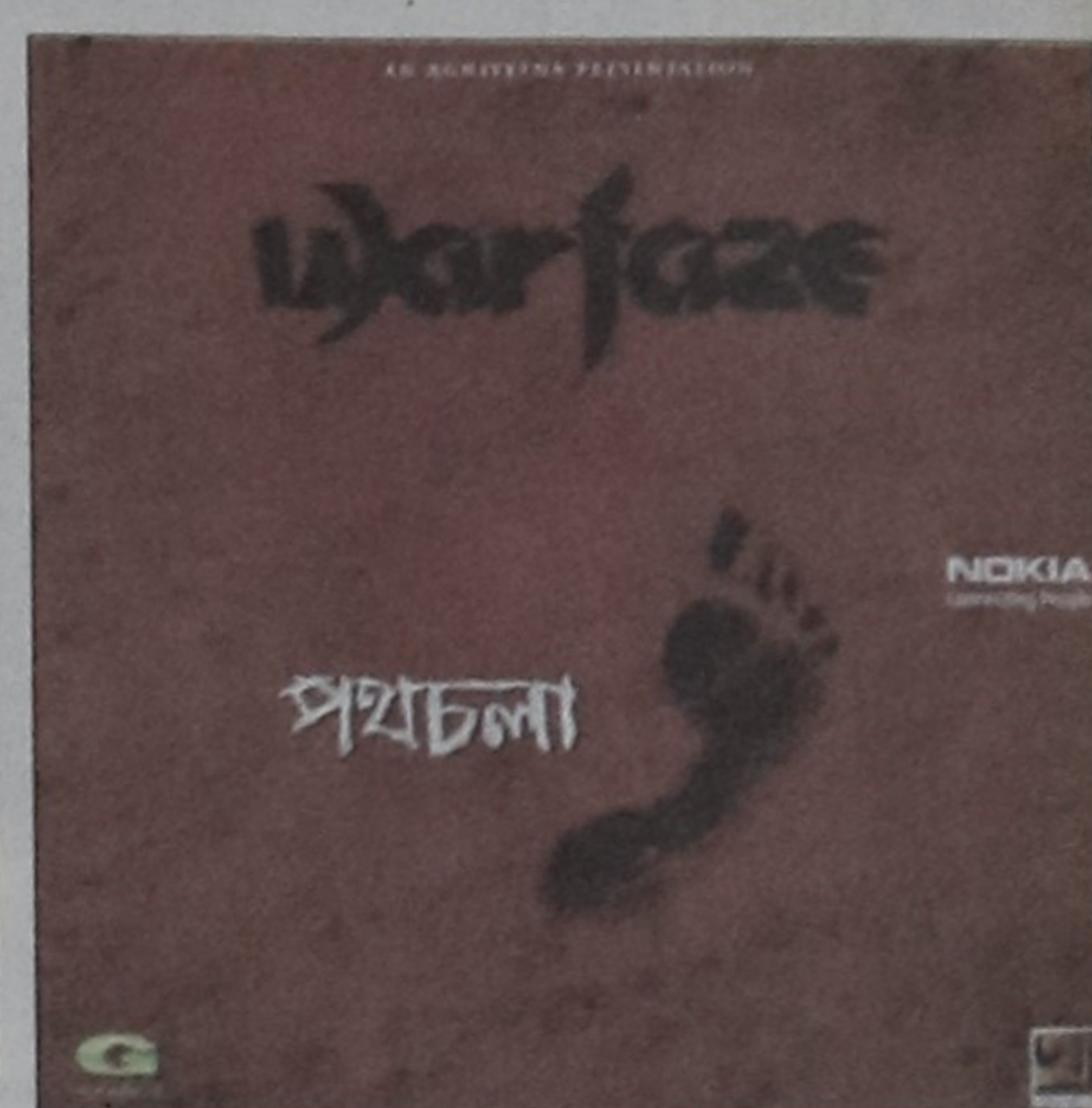
The festival will continue till April 19.

NEW RELEASES



Swapno Galpo

Solo album featuring Fahmida Nabi, songs composed by Tomal, Source: Laser Vision



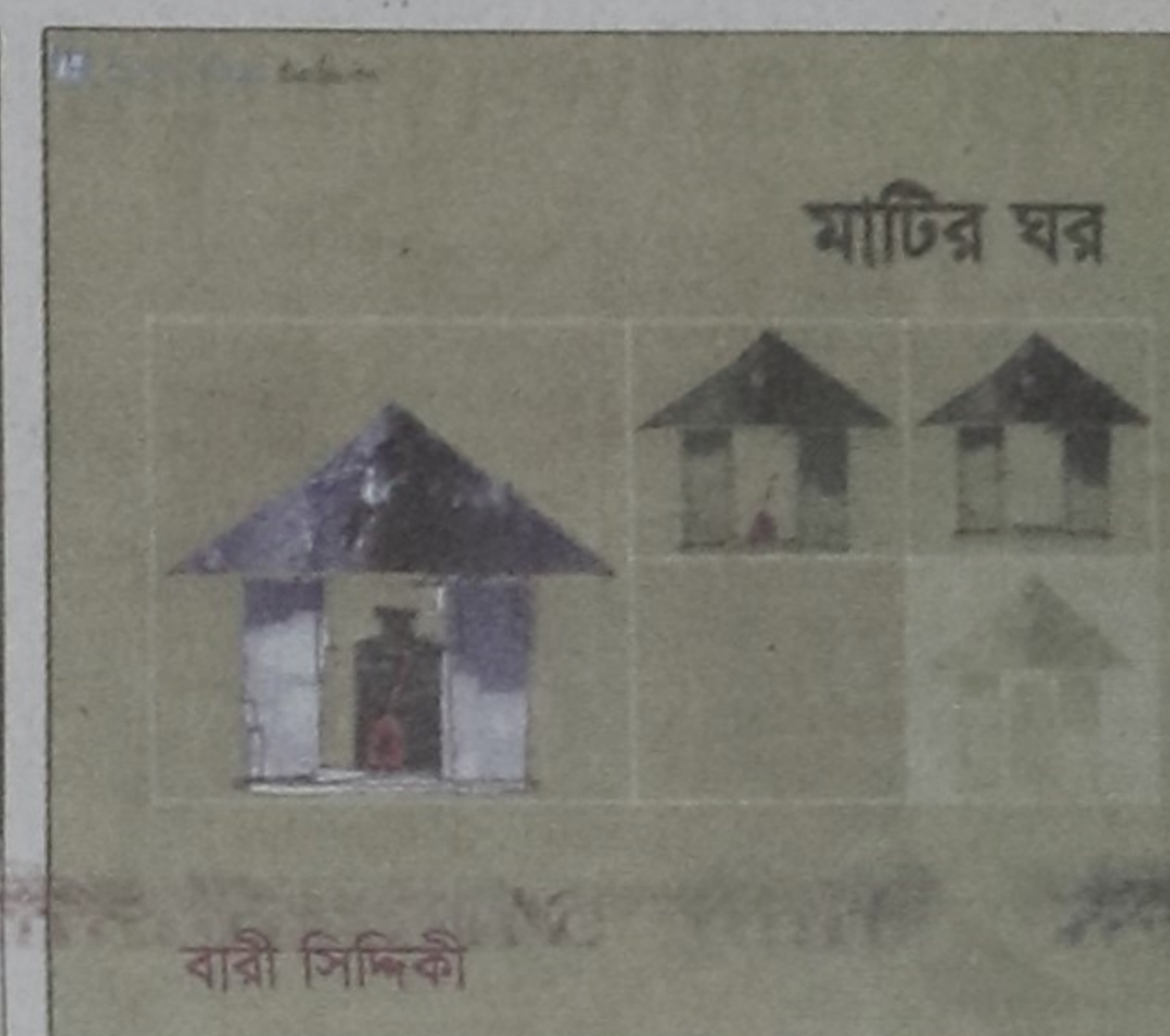
Poth Chola

Seventh album of Warfaze
Source: G-Series, Agniaveena



Paar Koro

Solo album of folk songs by Labik Kamal Gourab
Source: Bengal Music Company



Matir Ghar

Solo album featuring Bari Siddiqui
Source: Laser Vision



News Bulletin

BTV

News Headlines (Bangla) at 9:00 am,
News (Bangla) at 8:00 am 2:00
pm, 5:00 pm, 8:00 pm.
News (English) at 10:00am, 4:00 pm,
10:00 pm.
Late Night News (Bangla and English)
11:30 pm. (To be telecast on all
Bangla channels)

CHANNEL-i

News (Bangla): 7:00 am, 9:00 am,
2:00 pm, 9:00 pm, 10:30 pm, 12:30 am
Jonopad-er Khobor: 5:15 pm

ATN BANGLA

NEWS (Bangla): 8:00 am, 10:00 am,
2:00 pm, 7:00 pm, 10:00 pm, 11:00 pm,
1:00 am, 4:00 am
News Every Hour: 7:00am, 11:00am,
12:00pm, 01:00pm, 3:00pm, 04:00pm
News (English): 9:00 am, 6:00 pm.
Gram-Ganjor Khobor: 5:00 pm

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): 9:00am, 11:00 am,
1:00pm, 3:00pm, 5:00pm, 7:00pm,
9:00pm, 11:00pm
abc radio

English Bulletin: 1:30pm

RADIO TODAY

News: 08:45 am, 01:45pm, 06:45pm,
09:45pm, 11:45pm

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

On Air

ATN BANGLA

08:15 Aiker Shanbaadpotro
08:30 Shushtho Thakun
09:20 Educational Programme: BSB
Cambrian Education Zone
10:30 Cookery Show: ATN
Rannaghar
11:05 Islamic Programme
02:30 Bangla Feature Film
05:00 Gram Gonjer Khobor
06:20 Amra Korbo Joy
06:45 Documentary Programme:
Kaandey Amar Maa
08:00 Drama: 674 Din
09:20 Drama Serial: Tomaar Doa-e
Bhalo Achhi Ma
10:40 Bibeker Kachhey Proshno
11:30 Daily Soap: Doll's House
12:00 Grameenphone Lead News

CHANNEL-i

09:30 Shangbadpotrey Bangladesh
09:45 Public Reaction
09:50 Grameenphone Trilio Matra
10:30 Grameenphone Teleshomoy
11:30 Islamic Programme
12:05 Talk Show: Kora Alap
12:30 Musical Programme: Sa Re Ga
Ma
01:30 Grameenphone Trilomatray
Apni
02:35 Telefilm: Hai Hai Chan Dhuli
05:30 Muktiyudhho Protidin
06:00 Talk Show: Aloye Bhuban
Bhora
07:50 Channel i Abritti Chhondey
Chhondey
09:35 Drama Serial: Dainik Tolpaar
10:00 Drama Serial: Nine Months in
Brick Lane
11:30 Drama Serial: Chhayabithi
Toley
12:00 Grameenphone Aiker
Shangbadporto

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08:30 Aiker Shokaal
08:55 Ekanhey Amar Desh
09:30 Bhalobesho Mor Gaan
10:30 Apnaar Jigyasha

11:30 Marks All Runder '09
01:05 Chetony Islam
01:25 Daarshey Hadish
02:00 Tele-film: Nishad
04:10 Cookery Show: Siddiqua
Kabir's Recipe
05:35 Pran Junior Tiffin Phakey
06:15 Shubho Shondha
06:45 Shaajhi Mon-er Moto
08:15 Drama Serial: House Full
09:00 Super Hero Super Heroine
11:25 Talk Show
10:02 Shonamoni Shukhey Ashukhey
11:30 Job Line
12:30 Dhum Ta Na Na
02:00 Bangla Feature Film
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Channel 21

On Ekushey Television at 9:30pm

Drama Serial

Cast: Richi Solaiman, Dilip Chakrabarty

09:30 Drama Serial: Channel 21
10:10 Drama: Kochuri Pana
12:02 Phono Live Studio Concert

BANGLAVISION

08:00 Shubho Shokaal
08:30 Shyamol Bangla
09:00 Nodi O Jibon
09:30 Ebong Classer Bairey
10:10 Health Show: Bhalo Thakun
11:05 Housing Barta
11:35 Visa Apnaar Agami
12:30 Islamic Programme: Mohioli

01:30 Drama Serial: Gulshan Avenue
02:40 Family Show: Ghar Sangsar
03:20 The Family
04:10 Dhormo O Jibon
05:20 Talk Show: Choturango
06:00 Citycell Din-er Sheshey
06:20 Shyamol Bangla Exclusive
08:15 Drama Serial: Ontorikhyo
09:05 Drama Serial: Bijli Moholla
09:45 Drama Serial: Gulshan Avenue
11:15 Talk Show: Onno Nayan
12:00 Shangbaad Protidin

RTV

09:00 Musical Programme: Tomaar
Jonoy Amar Ei gaan
09:50 Drama Serial: Alta Shundori
11:03 Talk Show: Taroka Alap
11:30 Drama Serial: FDC
01:00 Griho Sholli
02:03 Documentary Programme

12:30 Islamic Programme: Islam O
Nari
03:05 Drama Serial: Shobuj Kanon
Boys' Hostel
03:30 24 Frame
04:30 Bob the Builder
05:30 Shindu Hillol
06:05 Sports Week
06:30 Jibon Onnesha
08:05 Drama Serial: Shesh Kothay
08:30 Aain O Jibon
09:30 Bigyanmoy Quran
11:05 Ekantyo Shinglaap

CHANNEL 1

08:40 Shuprobhaat Bangladesh
10:30 Special play: Thua
11:30 Islamic Programme
01:00 Drama: Subarno Rekha
Dekhley Giye
02:00 Gollachhut
03:30 Drama serial: Dosh Hajar Ek

06:00 Shurey Bandha Bondhu Aamar
07:45 Caravan 71 (Mujibnagar
episode)
09:30 Drama Serial: Shuvro
10:00 Drama: Baroder Bibaha
Sashro
12:00 Kol-er Gaan

BBC WORLD NEWS

08:00 World News Today
09:00 BBC World News
09:30 Asia Business Report
09:45 Asia Today (r)
10:00 BBC World News
10:30 World Business Report
11:00 BBC World News
11:30 World Business Report
12:00 BBC World News
12:30 World Business Report
12:45 Sport Today
01:00 BBC World News
01:30 World Business Report

08:30 Peschard's People (r)
09:00 BBC World News
09:30 Our World: Les Liaisons
Dangereuses (r)
10:00 World News Today
11:00 BBC World News
11:30 World Business Report
11:45 Sport Today
HBO

08:30 Art Heist
10:30 Robo Warriors
12:30 Free Willy 2
02:30 Android Apocalypse
04:30 Sweet Nothing In My Ear
06:30 The Making Of The Heartbreak
Kid
06:45 Jerry Maguire
09:30 Hard Target
11:30 Vacancy

STAR MOVIES

08:55 School For Scoundrels
11:00 Rambo III
01:00 Reign Of Fire
03:00 From Dusk Till Dawn 3
04:50 Pulp Fiction
07:40 The Simpsons Movie
09:30 House Of Fury
11:35 Kickin' It Old Skool

STAR WORLD

09:30 According To Jim
10:30 Hope & Faith
11:00 My Wife And Kids
11:30 Are You Smarter Than A 5th
Grader?

12:30 American Idol
01:30 Brother & Sisters
02:30 The Ellen Degeneres Show
03:30 Desperate Housewives
04:30 Ugly Betty
05:30 Hope & Faith
06:00 My Wife And Kids
06:30 American Idol
07:30 Friends
08:30 Kath & Kim
09:00 How I Met Your Mother
09:30 American Idol
10:30 Psych
11:30 Cops

ZEE STUDIO

08:30 Legend of the Red Dragon
10:10 Bringing Down The House
12:35 Rushmore
02:35 Down and Out in Beverly Hills
04:50 Homeward Bound: The
Incredible Journey
06:55 Raising Helen
09:30 Coyote Ugly



abc radio 89.2 FM

06:00 Eher-er Janshey
08:00 Mahorba Jibony
12:00 Duranto Bhatary
03:00 Shondha Tara
07:00 Shaal-er Maya
09:00 Raaler Akashay
11:00 Golper Shash Nil
Radio Forthi 88.6 FM
08:00 Addabasi
12:30 Juma Break
02:00 Foot Unlimited
06:00 Bumper To Bumper
10:00 Back To Back music
Radio Today 89.6 FM
07:15 Good Morning Dhaka
12:00 Back To Back
02:00 Rupali Gaan
06:00 World Music
10:30 Weekend Trio
12:30 Today's Happy
Moments
12:15 Raal Ver Gaan



On Star Movies at 4:50pm

Cast: John Travolta, Samuel L. Jackson, Tim Roth

Director: Quentin Tarantino

04:00 Drama: Ekoda Ek Bagher
Golay Badhlachhilo Har
05:15 Doctor's Voice
07:00 Shaptah Sheshey
08:15 Drama: 143
09:30 Show Case
11:00 Aamar Ghar
Taka
04:00 Drama: Ekoda Ek Bagher
Golay Badhlachhilo Har
05:15 Doctor's Voice
07:00 Shaptah Sheshey
08:15 Drama: 143
09:30 Show Case
11:00 Aamar Ghar

DESH TV

10:30 Khelar Shokaal
11:25 Dur Path
02:30 Bangla Feature Film

01:45 Sport Today
02:00 BBC World News
02:30 Peschard's People (r)
03:00 BBC World News
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