

WHAT'S ON THIS WEEK

Group Art Exhibition
Featuring 167 artworks by 107 Bangladeshi 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



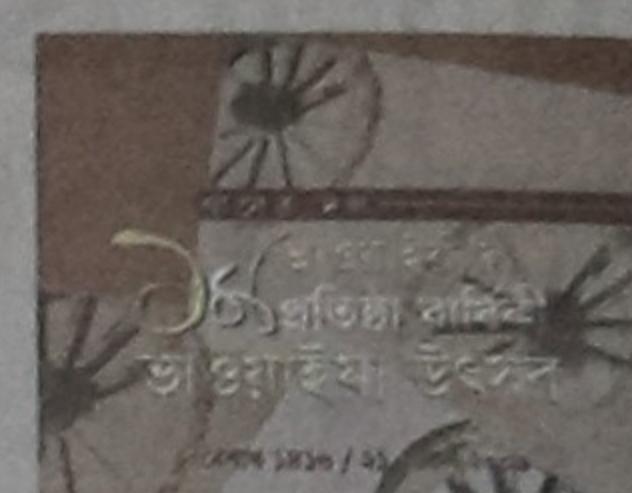
Dance Festival
Featuring Classical and contemporary dance
Organiser: Srishti Cultural Centre
Venue: National Theatre Stage, BSA
Date: April 25-26
Time: 7:00pm



Baishakhi Fair
Organiser: BSCIC
Venue: Bangla Academy premises
Date: April 14-24
Time: 10am-8pm



1st Anniversary Programme
Organiser: Bhawaiya
Venue: National Music and Dance Centre, BSA
Date: April 21
Time: 5:45pm



Pottery industry facing grave threat in greater Dinajpur

KONGON KARMAKER, Dinajpur

These are hard times for the potters of greater Dinajpur area. Today they have to deal with multifarious problems: a slump in sale, high prices of clay, lack of capital and wood along with inadequate technical support from the local authorities.

Traders say that earthenware and clay products are rapidly being replaced with aluminium, plastic, steel and other alternative materials. Even toys for children are being made with wood and cloth. Besides, many of the elites think it below their dignity to buy earthenware. However, those who know point out those clay utensils are far more hygienic than those made of silver or other metals.

To observe the plight of potters first hand, this correspondent visited several places in the district: Dinajpur, Thakurgaon, Panchagarh, Jaipurhat and Nilphamari.

Mintu Paul, a hard-pressed potter, said that after the Liberation

War (1971), many artisans left the country. Confronted with dipping sales, many in the potter communities are now considering alternative professions.

Statistics bear out Paul's contention. Over the last 30 years, potter families have declined from 150 to 20. Many have migrated to India or taken to alternative professions such as shop-keeping, rickshawpulling and rowing boats.

Or take the case of Phul Mohammad. Around 15 years ago Phul Mohammad migrated to Dinajpur town from the Khansama village for better prospects. However, his skills as a potter have not been appreciated; today his offspring are in search of more lucrative professions.

Even as demand for high quality earthenware registers an upswing, former potters such as Bhutti Paul of Biral upazila, Dinajpur says that his community lacks the know how to fashion such products and market them to the urban buyers.



Pottery traders sitting idle at Dinajpur Rail-Bazaar owing to absence of customers.

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The inaugural ceremony of "Touching the Reality", artist Golam Faruque's second solo exhibition, was held at Shilpangan, Dhamondi, recently. Ahmed Al. Shourbagy, Deputy Chief of Mission, Embassy of Arab Republic of Egypt inaugurated the exhibition. Noted artist and chairman of the Department of Drawing and Painting, Faculty of Fine Arts, DU Farida Zaman was the special guest. A.Z.M. Saifuddin, chief executive officer, Paper Rhyme delivered the welcome speech. The exhibition is on till April 26.

Kambakkht Ishq to premiere at Cannes film festival

Sajid Nadiawala's much-awaited "Kambakkht Ishq" is all set to be officially premiered at Cannes film festival on May 15.

Actors Akshay Kumar, Kareena Kapoor as well as Hollywood stars, Sylvester Stallone, Brandon Routh and Denise Richards are likely to show up.

Since the release of the film is uncertain due to the ongoing multiplex strike, screening the movie in Cannes festival seems to be a good idea.

Rumour mills suggest that the makers of the film are planning to cut down the running time of the film and dub it in English for a proper release.

Considering the success of Slumdog Millionaire, Sajid is apparently targeting the international audiences more. An astronomical amount of prints are also going to get released all over the globe.

Source: Internet



'Kambakkht Ishq' is a romantic comedy about an Indian stuntman who takes Hollywood by storm but cannot find true love.

| All programmes are in local time. The Daily Star will not be responsible for any change in the programme. | |
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| On Air | |
| BTV | <p>08:45 Pakhik Barta 09:00 Talk Show 09:30 Shashoto Shur 10:00 Open University 10:30 Golpo Theke Natok 11:20 Desher Gaan 11:30 Ei Prithibi 12:10 Educational Programme 12:30 Maa O Shishur Katha 01:00 Desh O Bigyan 01:30 Mati O Marush 02:15 Mukti Pathay 02:40 Children's Programme 03:30 Shukhi Porbaar 04:05 Uddhob O Jibon 04:30 Tagore Song: Geet Bilaan 05:05 Mon-er Katha 05:30 Agricultural Programme 06:15 Quiz Quiz 06:45 Shondha Maloti 07:15 Pathey Probashey 08:35 Drama Serial: Gaath-er Katha 09:10 Drama Serial: Shadharon Golpo 10:30 Musical Programme 11:15 Drama Serial: Shadakalo Mon 11:25 Musical Programme: ATN Music 12:15 Shornali Shadakalo 02:35 Selected Programme 03:15 Drama Serial: O Amar Chokhkhku Nai 03:45 OpenTV Bioscope 04:20 Agricultural Programme: Shornali Mon 05:10 Game Show: Onnonya 05:35 Obraam Bangladesh 06:20 Talk Show: Katha Mala 06:45 Kaandey Amaar Ma 08:00 Drama Serial: Baaksho 08:40 Drama Serial: Nodir Naam Nayantara 09:20 Drama Serial: Joyotsna Kaaal 11:30 Chhoto Chhoto Kosto 12:00 Grameenphone Lead News</p> |
| CHANNEL i | <p>09:30 Shangbaadpotre Bangladesh 09:45 Public Reaction 11:05 BBC Bangladesh Shanglaap 12:30 Talk Show: Citycell Taroka Kathan 01:05 Ebong Cinemar Gaan 01:30 Musical Programme: Sa Re Ga Ma 02:30 Hridoyer Gaan 03:05 i Sports 03:30 Boi Ebong Boi 03:50 Aloye Bhuban Bhora 04:30 Musical Programme: Saangeetmala Muktijudhoy Protidin Talk Show: Khola Akash Business Show 07:50 Channel I Abritti Chhongey Chhongey 09:35 Drama Serial: Shob Kichhu Bhengye Porey</p> <p>04:30 Shanghai 05:30 Sports Plus 06:30 Binodoner Bishwa 07:45 Talk Show: O Bondhu Amar 08:30 Drama Serial: Akey Shunyo Dash 09:30 Drama Serial: Tomtom 10:10 Golpo Shiojo Gaan 10:50 Financial Bulletin 12:00 Ekush-er Raat</p> <p>08:30 Ajker Shokal 08:55 Drama Serial: Bari Bari Shari Shari 09:30 Chhobir Naam 10:05 Drama Serial: House Full 11:00 Musical Programme: Kichhu Katha Kichhu Gaan 12:10 Ei Shomoy 01:05 Japan Video Topic 02:30 Drama Serial: Swapno Jatra Bhengye Porey</p> <p>04:10 Ispahani Janar Achhey Bolar Achhey 05:25 Itthasher Ei Din-ey 05:35 Apnaar Jigyasha 06:10 Shubho Shondha 06:45 Frankly Speaking 08:15 Drama Serial: Ei Kaath-er Kacha Kacha 09:45 Drama Serial: Palolik Mon 11:35 Talk Show 03:15 Tomi Mianr Recipe 11:30 Drama Serial: Joyotsna Kaaal 04:00 Drama Serial: Ghatak Ebong Amra</p> |
| RTV | <p>09:30 Reporter's Eye 10:10 Sports Vision 10:35 Amar Ami 11:35 Visa Apnaar Agami Dash 02:40 Drama Serial: Mama Bhagney 03:20 Drama Serial: Jogphol 06:00 Citycell Diner Sheshey 06:20 Ebong Clesser Bairey 08:15 Drama Serial: Mama Bhagney 09:45 Drama Serial: Sada Megh Kalo Megh</p> <p>11:10 Raat Biraatey 11:10 Drishyo Kaalpo 09:30 Tomaar Bina Taar-er 10:03 Drama Serial: Meyefi Ekhon Kothaye Jabej 11:03 Taroka Alap 11:30 Drama Serial: Neel Nirjoney R U Ready 01:03 Bangla Feature Film</p> |
| STEVE MARTIN | <p>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</p> <p>On Zee Studio at 5:00 pm A Simple Twist of Fate A twist of fate brought this unlikely pair something incredible... each other.</p> |
| BBC WORLD NEWS | <p>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</p> |
| STAR MOVIES | <p>08:35 White Fang 10:45 Phantoms 12:45 New Police Story 01:05 Scoop 05:00 Breaking And Entering 07:00 Pride 09:30 Chaos 11:35 Double Impact</p> |
| STAR WORLD | <p>08:30 Friends 09:30 According To Jim 10:00 My Name Is Earl 10:30 Hope & Faith 11:00 My Wife And Kids 11:30 Are You Smarter Than A 5th Grader? 12:30 Beauty & The Geek 01:30 Reaper 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 Are You Smarter Than A 5th Grader? 07:30 Friends 08:30 According To Jim 09:00 My Name Is Earl 09:30 Beauty & The Geek 10:30 Heroes 11:30 Most Daring</p> |
| HBO | <p>10:00 Earthstorm 12:00 Hollywood One On One 38 12:30 The Thirteenth Floor 02:30 Excess Baggage 04:30 Basilisk 06:15 The Patriot 09:30 Hollow Man 11:45 The Invasion</p> |
| ZEE STUDIO | <p>08:30 Hell Boats 10:30 Alex And Emma 12:30 Big Business 02:40 Lords of Dogtown 05:00 A Simple Twist of Fate 07:20 Bruce Almighty 09:30 Holes 12:10 The Whole Ten Yards</p> |