

WHAT'S ON THIS WEEK

Selim Al Deen Birth Anniversary Celebration
Organiser: Dhaka Theatre & Shilpakala Academy
Venue: Shilpakala Academy
Date: August 17-21
Time: 4pm onwards



Solo Woodcut Print Exhibition
Title: Kaleidoscopic Complexity
Artist: Anisuzzaman
Venue: Bengal Gallery of Fine Arts, 275/F, Rd 27, Dhanmendi
Date: August 9-22
Time: 12-6pm



Theatre
Play: Half Akhrai
Troupe: Udichi
Venue: Experimental Theatre Hall, Shilpakala Academy
Date: August 21
Time: 7:30pm



Dance Recital
Organiser: Shadhona
Dancers: Tahmina Anwar and Mehraj Haque
Venue: Concom Worldwide Country Office, H 15 SW(D), Rd 7, Gulshan 1
Date: August 20
Time: 7pm



Selim Al Deen birth anniversary celebration An innovative staging of "Prachya"

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On the second day (August 18) of the ongoing Selim Al Deen birth anniversary celebration, Pantomime Movement (Chittagong) staged a mimodrama adaptation of Al Deen's acclaimed play "Prachya" at the National Theatre Hall, Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy.

Al Deen wrote the play in the late 1990s. Apart from Pantomime Movement,

Dhaka Theatre and Swapnadal (from Kolkata) have staged the play several times in Bangladesh and India.

"Prachya" is a tragedy -- narrative of an individual named Sayfarchan. The highlight of the play is the presentation of rural elements. Enacting so many elements of the rural Bengal through mimicry was seemingly a challenge for the performers.

Sayfarchan loses his wife, Nolo, on the wedding night after a cobra bites her. The



Performers of Pantomime Movement (Chittagong) in a scene from "Prachya."

play narrates Sayfarchan's journey home after marrying Nolo. As his wife succumbs to death, an enraged Sayfarchan vows revenge, and sets out to find the killer snake.

Al Deen was seemingly inspired by the indigenous myth of "Behula-Lakhindar." According to the myth, Lakhindar (husband of Behula) dies from snakebite on the wedding night and the story is narrated from the heroine's perspective. In "Prachya," Al Deen narrated the story from the male perspective.

Pantomime usually features music. The troupe used western classical, Indian classical and Bangladeshi folk tunes as background music. Some of the performers were attired in costumes (like sari) that were unusual for panto-

mime, to incorporate a rural essence.

Prior to the staging, convener of the celebration programme, Nasiruddin Yousuff, gave a brief introduction to the production and other activities of Pantomime Movement. Yousuff praised the troupe's bold endeavour of adapting this play.

"Al Deen always wanted to see innovative depictions of his works. If he were alive today, I'm sure he would have been elated to see this transformation of the play," said Yousuff, who is also the director of Dhaka Theatre's production of "Prachya."

Rizwan Rajon was the director of the mimodrama. Rajon also played the role of Sayfarchan. Among others,

Liza, Ishita, Shobhon, Shaon, Iftekhar, Rubel and Murad performed in the play.

As part of the celebration, the department of Drama and Dramatics, Jahangirnagar University staged Al Deen's play "Swarnobol" at the campus on the same day. Professor Afsar Ahmed was the director of the play.

The second day of the musical programme, "Bhanga Hater Mela," featured recitation by Jharna Sarkar. Nazrul singer Sujit Mustafa and Chandan Chowdhury rendered songs while noted dance duo Kabirul Islam Ratan and Sadia Islam Mou performed dance. Abu Sayeed's "Kittankhola" was screened at the Studio Theatre Hall.

Jackson to be interred on his 51st birthday

With his love of old-time Hollywood glamour, showy art and showmanship, Michael Jackson would probably have welcomed his family's announcement Tuesday that his remains will be interred in the star-laden, sculpture-speckled confines of Forest Lawn Memorial-Parkin Glendale.

Jackson will be interred August 29, which would have been his 51st birthday, in an intimate morning service for family and friends in the expansive cemetery's Great Mausoleum, according to a statement from the family publicist. The pop singer's remains will be placed in a crypt in the Holly Terrace section of the mausoleum, a

massive building that is the final resting place for stars from film's golden age, such as Jean Harlow, Carole Lombard and Clark Gable.

Jackson, who spent lavishly on antiques and fancy reproductions, is to be placed in an area decorated by sculptures and bronzes of American icons, including George Washington, Mark Twain, Abraham Lincoln and Teddy Roosevelt on a property that has replicas of Michelangelo statues and a stained glass window depicting the "Last Supper."

The funeral announcement capped two months of rumours that began even before Jackson's gold-plated casket was rolled into Staples

Centre on July 7 for a televised memorial.

But Jackson's family, led by his 79-year-old mother, Katherine, selected Forest Lawn, a 20-minute trip across the San Fernando Valley from their Encino home. Neither a cemetery spokesman nor the Jacksons' publicist would comment on the reasons for their choice.

In choosing Forest Lawn, Jackson's family opted for a place with the over-the-top qualities that the pop star loved in life and the privacy guarantees that eluded him. The 103-year-old property's 290 acres straddle the border of Glendale and Los Angeles.

Source: Internet



Michael Jackson will be interred in the cemetery's Great Mausoleum.

Fanush being released at the opening programme of the celebration.



News Bulletin

BTB
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 10:00 am. 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, 7:30 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
News: 08:00 am, 12:00 pm, 03:00 pm, 06:00 pm, 09:00 pm, 12:00 am;
English Bulletin: 1:30pm, 7:30pm
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

BTB

09:05 Documentary Programme: Phirey Dekha
10:05 Selected Programme
10:30 Rupali Pordar Shonar Din-y
11:20 Documentary Programme
12:10 Selected Programme
12:30 Maa O Shishur Katha
01:00 Metho Shur
01:30 Shukhi Poribaar
02:15 Selected Programme
03:05 Animation: Ali Baba Chollish Chor
04:30 Saangeta
05:05 Sisimpur
05:35 Monihaar
06:35 Shilpo O Shilpo
07:45 Phirey Dekha
08:30 Bangla Feature Film

ATN BANGLA

08:15 Drama Serial: Akjer Shagbadpotro
08:30 Drama: Jyotsnakaal
09:15 Asian City Top Spin
10:30 Hello Bangladesh
11:10 Bangla Feature Film
02:30 Talk Chart
03:10 Shundor Jibon-er Jonyo
03:40 Debate: BSB Cambrian Youth Parliament
05:10 Islamic Programme
06:15 Talk Show: Priyojon
06:45 Kandey Amar Maa
08:00 Drama Serial: Batasher Ghar
08:40 Drama Serial: Daaybondhon
09:20 Drama Serial: Pashapashi
11:30 Doll's House

CHANNEL i

08:05 Tagore Song
08:30 Shokaal-er Gaan
08:40 Akjer Chaakri
09:30 Shagbadpotrey Bangladesh
09:45 Public Reaction
09:50 Talk Show: Grameenphone Trilomatra

11:05 Musical Programme: Shur Doria Epaar Opaar
12:05 Grameenphone Trilio Matray Apni
12:30 Citycell Taroka Kathan
01:05 Ebong Cinemar Gaan
01:30 Sa Re Ga Ma
02:30 Hridoyer Gaan
03:05 Hridoyer Mati O Manush-er Daak
04:10 Mukti Judhyo Protidin
04:30 Talk Show: Nari Unnoyon Shakhti
05:30 Shur Dania Ei Paar Oi Paar
07:50 Cooking Show
08:20 Drama: Gonber Kopaley Shanti Nai
09:35 Drama Serial: Bindu Theke Brityo
10:00 Travel Show: RC Travel On

ETV

08:30 Ekusher Shokaal
09:55 Ekusher Business
02:30 Drama Serial: Hitlu
03:30 Drama Serial: Zahur Ali Zahuri
04:30 Desh Jurey
05:30 Sports Plus
05:45 Ta Na Na
06:15 Ekush-er Shondha
07:45 Drama: Bipanno Swapno
09:30 Ekusher Chokh
10:10 Fashion and Tune
11:45 Shangsritik Shomachar



Khoj
On Banglavisian at 8:15 pm
Drama Serial
Cast: Intikhab Dinar, Tohima Hamid

11:30 Talk Show: Aloye Bhuban Bhora
12:00 Grameenphone Akjer Shagbadpotro
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08:30 Swastho Protidin
08:55 Drama Serial: 1920
09:30 Rupali Pordar Golpo
10:05 Kichhu Katha Kichhu Gaan
12:10 Talk Show: Ei Shomoy
01:05 Tomader Bhulbona
02:35 Drama Serial: Kaachh-er

RTV

11:45 Taroka Alap
12:30 Star and Sports
01:00 Look at Me
03:00 Bangla Feature Film
05:30 Musical Programme: Sa Sa
06:30 Protidin
06:45 Crime Focus
07:30 Road to Democracy
09:25 Drama Serial: Alta Shundori
10:10 Drama Serial: FDC

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08:30 Drama Serial: Lucky Thirteen
09:00 Drama Serial: Rup Nogorer Konya
10:10 Telepress Business
11:35 Ebong Classer Bailey
12:30 Media Bhubaa
01:30 Drama Serial: Gulshan Avenue
02:40 Drama Serial: Mama Bhagney
03:20 Drama Serial: The Family
04:10 Good Night Raat Biraatey
05:20 Amar Ami
06:00 Din-er Sheshey
06:20 Reporters Eye
06:50 Point of Order
08:15 Drama Serial: Khoj
09:05 X Crime
09:45 Daily Soap: Gulshan Avenue
11:20 Jonotar Mukhomikhi

03:30 Drama Serial
04:30 Corporate World
06:00 Saaj Bela
08:15 Drama Serial: No Question No Answer
09:45 Events of the Day
11:00 RC Music Wagon

HBO

09:15 Dreamcatcher
11:45 Step Brothers
01:30 Big Fat Liar
03:15 We Are Marshall
06:00 The Making Of Music And Lyrics
06:15 Sweet Nothing In My Ear
08:45 Step Brothers
10:30 The Matrix
01:15 Star Trek First Contact

ZEE STUDIO

09:30 Fast Track

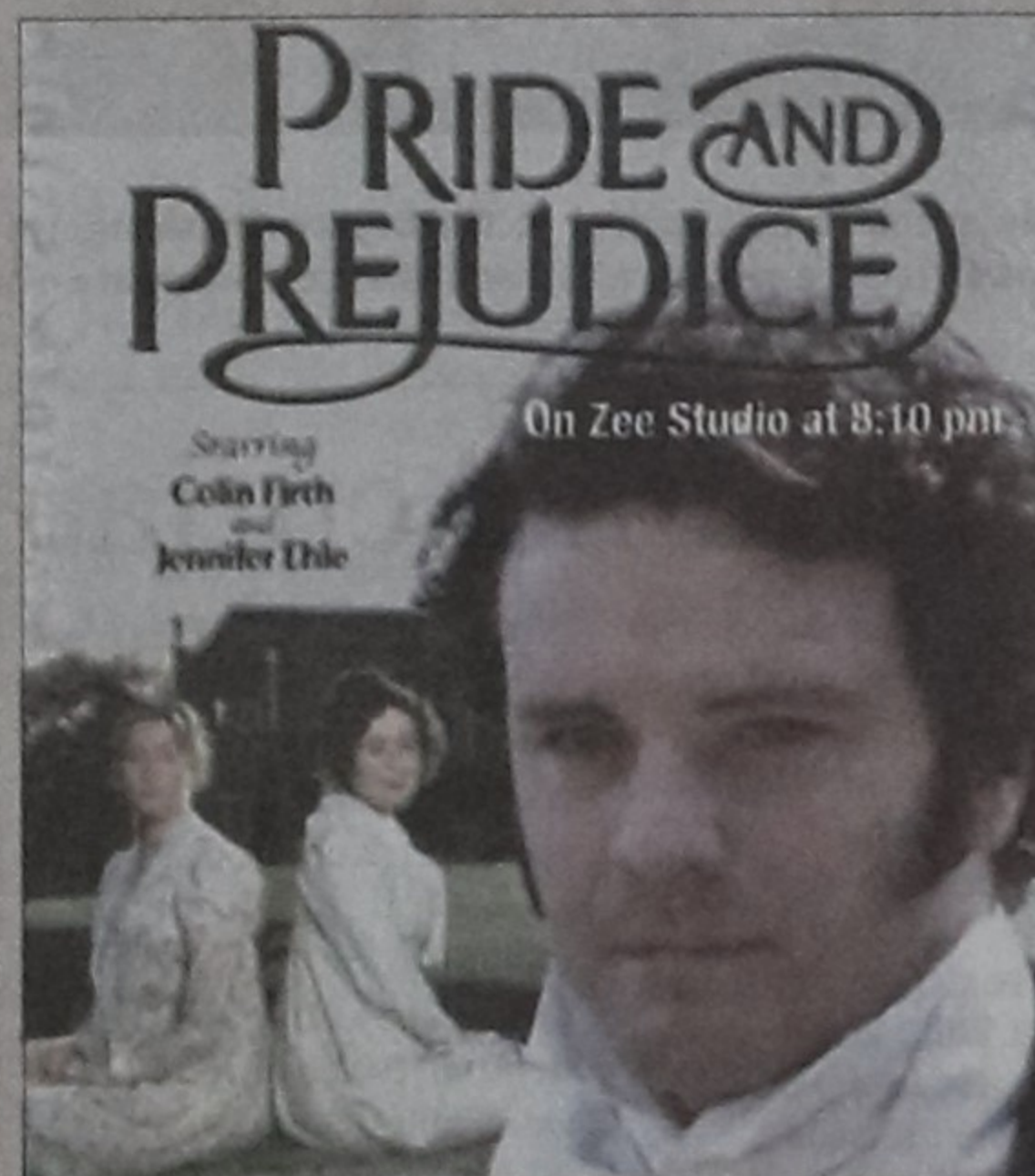
06:30 While You Were Sleeping
08:35 Fled
10:30 Awake
01:15 Reign Of Fire

STAR WORLD

10:30 Friends
11:00 Everybody Loves Raymond
11:30 Knight Rider
01:00 Howie Do It
02:00 Friends
02:30 Criminal Minds
03:30 The Ellen Degeneres Show
04:30 The Bold And The Beautiful
05:00 7th Heaven
06:00 What About Brian
07:00 According To Jim
07:30 90210
08:30 Friends
09:30 Everybody Loves Raymond
10:00 Two And A Half Men
10:30 Are You Smarter Than A 5th Grader?
11:30 Dirty Sexy Money

BBC WORLD NEWS

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
01:45 Sport Today
02:00 BBC World News
02:30 HARDtalk (r)
03:00 BBC World News
04:00 BBC World News
04:30 World Business Report
04:45 Sport Today
05:00 World News Today
06:00 BBC World News
06:30 World Business Report
06:45 Sport Today
07:00 World News Today
08:00 BBC World News
08:30 HARDtalk (r)
09:00 BBC World News
09:30 Life On The Edge (r)
10:00 World News Today
11:00 BBC World News
11:30 World Business Report
11:45 Sport Today



abc radio FM 89.2
06:00am Shonar Jantay
09:00am Mukhuria Jeoney
12:00pm Duran Dupury
03:00pm Duranto Bikoley
05:00pm Shondha Tara
07:00pm Shaj-er Maya
09:00pm Raal-er Akashy
11:00pm Golper Shish Nei
Radio Foorti 88.0 FM
07:30am Hello Dhaka
10:00am Morning Express
12:30pm No Tension
04:00pm Dhaka Calling
09:00pm Full Volume
11:00pm Back to Back music
Radio Today 89.6 FM
07:15am Good Morning Dhaka
11:00am Music Unlimited
01:00pm Today's Adda
04:00pm U Turn
08:00pm Tabey Tai Hok
12:00am Today's Happy Moments

DESH TV

12:15 Dur Paath
04:30 Dur-Durantey
05:02 Cartoon
06:02 Musical Programme
07:45 Murchhonal Swabdojaal
08:15 Talk Show: Ekoi Brittey
09:45 Drama
11:45 Talk Show: Shoja Katha
CHANNEL 1
08:40 Shuprobhat Bangladesh
11:00 Bangla Feature Film

11:30 The Talented Mr. Ripley
02:40 Vanity Fair
05:10 Get shorty
06:05 Sorority Boys
08:10 Pride and Prejudice
10:30 Coyote Ugly
12:50 Casanova
STAR MOVIES
10:35 Feast Of Love
12:30 Shortcut To Happiness
02:30 Double Impact
04:35 Alvin And The Chipmunks