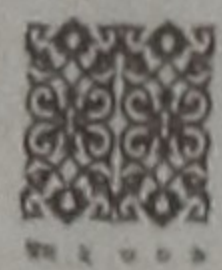


WHAT'S ON THIS WEEK

Exhibition

Title: Poshakey Ronger
Venue: Gallery Nitya
Upahar, Aziz Cooperative
Super Market, Shahbagh
Date: August 28-
September 19
Time: 10am-6pm



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Film Screening

Film: The Big Day
(France)
Filmmaker: Jacques Tati
Venue: Alliance
Francaise de Dhaka, 26,
Mirpur Road, Dhanmondi
Date: September 4
Time: 10:30am & 5pm



Solo Sculpture Exhibition

Sculptor: Mohammad
Atiqul Islam
Venue: Gallery, Asiatic
Society, Nimtoli, Ramna
Date: August 28-
September 6
Time: 2-8pm



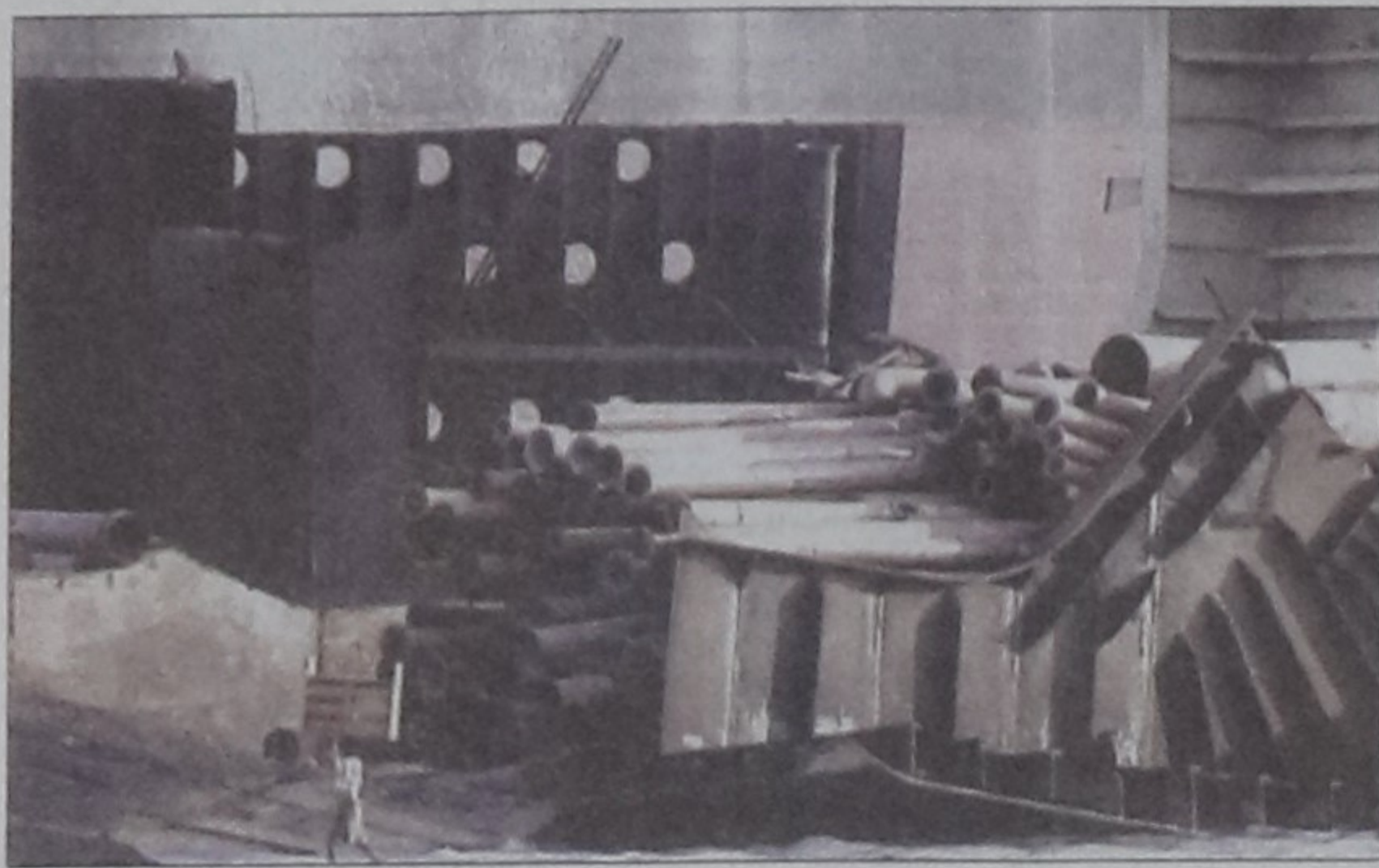
Photo Exhibition

Title: Our stories: Middle
Class Bangladesh
Date: August 27-
September 9
Venue: Goethe-Institut
Bangladesh, H 10, Rd 9,
Dhanmondi
Time: 10am-6pm



4th Fukuoka Asian Art Triennale to begin soon

Two Bangladeshi artists taking part in the Japanese festival



Scenes from "The Last Rites".

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The Fukuoka Asian Art Triennale is a major international exhibition held under different themes, featuring artworks in different mediums. The exhibition, held once every three years, plays an important role in exploring new ideas.

The exposition -- held in Fukuoka, Japan -- presents paintings, sculptures, installations, video works, workshops, performances and collaborative art by invited artists from all corners of Asia. This year, the Fukuoka Museum (organiser of the event) celebrates its 10th founding anniversary. The 4th Asian Art Triennale will begin on September 4 in Fukuoka.

Bangladesh had participated in the last three Triennale. This year, Bangladeshi painters Yasmin Kabir and

Ronni Ahmmed have received invitation from the museum. They are jointly working on a video installation.

"The Last Rites," a silent video installation, by Yasmin Kabir in collaboration with Ronni Ahmmed, highlights the ship breaking yards of Chittagong. Every year, hundreds of rundown ships are sent to yards in Bangladesh. Thousands of people, mainly from the impoverished northern districts, come to the yards in search of jobs. Risking their lives, just to be able to send some money home, they breathe in dust and toxic fumes, working in inhumane conditions.

Bengal Gallery of Fine Arts has played a significant role in selecting the artists for participation in the Triennale.

Yasmin Kabir and Ronni Ahmmed will leave for Japan on August 31. Subir Chowdhury, director of Bengal Gallery, will accompany them.



Buzzworthy District 9: Exploring Apartheid through Sci-Fi

Less than 24 hours after losing out on the movie of his career, Neill Blomkamp found the other movie of his career.

In 2006 Blomkamp, a young director of commercials and shorts, was plucked from obscurity to direct a big-budget feature based on the best-selling Halo video games, endorsed by no less than Peter Jackson, the "Lord of the Rings" filmmaker. But weeks after Blomkamp was hired, the project was abruptly shelved by its Hollywood backers.

Instead of wallowing in self-pity he and Jackson devised a new film that is arguably just as ambitious.

At the start of that film, "District 9", an alien spacecraft stalls over Johannesburg but over Johannesburg.

When its extraterrestrial passengers emerge, they are sequestered in a sprawling shantytown and shunned by even the lowest strata of human society. Amid an effort to relocate the creatures to a new camp, a corporate bureaucrat (played by Sharlto Copley) is infected with a virus that begins turning him into an alien, forcing him to confront his prejudices and his loyalties while he runs for his life.

If it all sounds like a science-fiction parable for South Africa's segregationist history, Blomkamp, 29, says that is no accident. "The whole film exists because of that," he said.

Growing up in Johannesburg, Blomkamp was a visual effects prodigy who at 14 was already working alongside Copley at a computer graphics company. Though Blomkamp moved to Vancouver, British Columbia, and Copley relocated to Cape Town, their memories of Johannesburg at the end of apartheid stayed with them.

Blomkamp described his hometown as "this amazing, racially charged, powder-keg city -- an urban prison."



In "District 9", an alien spacecraft stalls over Johannesburg.

Copley, 35, added that among his peers at that time, "there wasn't much political conversation."

"We were all just sheltered from what was going on," he said, "and it was only looking back that you realised, God, that's how it was."

Shot in Johannesburg in 2008 on a \$30 million budget ("Halo" was rumoured to have one reaching \$175 million or higher), "District 9" is Blomkamp's feature-length expansion of his short film "Alive in Joburg." Written by Blomkamp with Terri Tatchell, it offers familiar sci-fi, fantasy and horror conventions: the shaky cinéma vérité of "Cloverfield"; the colossal alien mother ships of "Independence Day"; the gooey metamorphosis of David Cronenberg's remake of "The Fly."

"I was trying to make the science fiction feel vaguely familiar," Blomkamp said. "The South African component would be the alien component."

The plight of the film's crustacean-like extraterrestrials can be easily read as a

metaphor for the persecution of South African blacks under apartheid. But Blomkamp said he was also trying to comment on how the country's impoverished peoples oppress one another. While "District 9" was being filmed in the Chiawelo section of Soweto, Alexandra and other townships were ravaged by outbursts of xenophobic violence perpetrated by indigenous South Africans upon illegal immigrants from Zimbabwe, Malawi and elsewhere.

Ultimately, Blomkamp said, the onus is on American moviegoers to acclimate themselves to unfamiliar ideas.

"The rest of the world has always been open to films from all over the place," he said. "The Americans have to, in the 21st century, start dealing with the fact that they may be watching popcorn films not from America."

"Soon," he said, "we'll all be making films for the Chinese."

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On Air

BTV

08:45 Shokaler Gaan

09:05 Documentary Programme: Phirey Dekha

09:15 Selected Programme

10:05 Open University

10:30 Swasto Sheba

11:00 Kanoney Kushum Koli

12:10 Smriti Ekattur

12:35 Ongona

01:00 Shur Lohori

01:10 Shukhi Ponbaar

02:20 Dhormo O Jibon

02:45 Adharey Alo

03:05 Cartoon

03:30 Maa O Shishur Katha

04:30 Boi Potro

05:05 Debate

06:10 Malanchyo

06:35 Mati O Manush

07:45 Documentary Programme

08:35 Drama Serial: Brikhyer

Kachhey Wrin

09:20 Pathey Probashay

11:00 Chenajana

ATN BANGLA

08:30 Drama Serial: Daybondhon

09:10 Kandeey Amar Maa

10:30 Talk Show

11:05 Asian City Top Spin

11:30 Shath Din

12:10 Cookery Show: Dekko Gura

Moshila ATN Ranna Ghar

01:25 Musical Programme: Shur-er

Madhuri

02:30 Documentary Programme:

Prapok

03:15 Law & Order

03:45 Chardeyalor Kabyo

04:15 VIM Zhotpot Iftar

04:35 Khotomey Quran

05:10 Jantey Chai

05:35 Islamic Programme

06:35 Rasul-er Deshey

06:45 Islamic Programme

08:00 Drama Serial: Karo Kono Niti

Nai

08:40 Drama Serial: Bhooter Goli

09:20 Drama Serial: Naksha

11:30 Daily Soap: Doll's House

12:00 Grameenphone Lead News

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08:05 Tagore Song

08:30 Shokaler Gaan

08:40 Akker Chakri

09:30 Shanbadpotrey 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 Hridoyer Gaan

03:05 Channel i Shera Kontho

04:10 Mukti Judha Protidin

04:30 Islamic Programme

05:10 Aamader Television

05:40 I Speed

12:10 Talk Show: El Shomoy

01:05 Tomader Bhulbona

02:30 Drama Serial: Bela Bhumi

03:45 Drama: DVD

04:10 Quiz Show: Janar Achhey

Bolaar Achhey

05:40 Joto Modhur Bhulguli

06:10 Islamic Programme

06:40 Hridoye Ramjan

08:15 Drama Serial: Baari Baari

Shari Shari

09:00 Talk Show: Shomporko

09:45 Music Jam

11:30 Apnar Jigyasha

12:30 Swastho Protidin

ETV

08:30 Ekushey Shokal

09:30 Ekushey Business(Live)

12:02 Ekush-er Dupur

03:15 El Shoptaho

03:30 Drama: Bashona Bibhrom

Just Band

01:30 Bangla Feature Film

05:30 Protidin

06:20 Islamic Programme

07:30 Islamic Programme

09:25 Drama Serial: Dorakata

10:10 Drama Serial: Kagojer Manush

11:30 Trade Talk

BANGLAVISION

08:00 Shubho Shokal

08:30 Drama Serial: Babar Hotel

09:00 Drama Serial: Megh Bondhu

10:10 Selected Programme

11:35 Din Bodoler Manush

12:30 X Crime

01:30 Drama Serial: Khonj

02:30 Kingbadontir Dhaka

02:40 Drama Serial: Antyo Rikhyo

03:20 Nodi O Jibon

04:10 Gaanapal

05:20 Islamic Programme

Shoja Katha

08:00 Starter For 10

10:15 Pitch Black

12:30 Sweet Nothing In My Ear

02:30 Sep '09: HBO Central (SA)

03:00 The Making Of Zodiac

03:45 Miss Pettigrew Lives For A Day

05:30 The Amazing Panda Adventure

07:15 The Making Of Vantage Point

07:30 Hollywood One On One 54

08:30 Music And Lyrics

10:30 The Heartbreak Kid

12:45 True Blood S110: I Don't

Wanna Know

ZEE STUDIO

09:30 He Got Game

12:30 Homeward Bound 2: Lost in

San Francisco

02:30 Double Take

04:30 The Thirteenth Floor

(r)

01:00 BBC World News

01:10 The World Debate: Are There

Too Many... (r) People In The

World

02:00 BBC World News

02:30 Dateline London (r)

03:00 BBC World News

03:30 Panorama: The Trauma

Industry (r)

04:00 BBC World News

04:30 Talking Movies (r)

05:00 BBC World News

05:30 India Business Report (r)

06:00 BBC World News

06:15 Sport Today

06:30 Newsmight (r)

07:00 BBC World News

07:30 Our World: Spain's Dark Past

(r)

08:00 BBC World News

08:10 Age Of Terror (r)

09:00 BBC World News

09:10 The World Debate: Are There

Too Many... (r) People In The

World

10:00 BBC World News

10:30 India Business Report (r)

11:00 BBC World News

11:30 Panorama: The Trauma

Industry (r)

STAR MOVIES

11:20 The Wives He Forgot

01:10 School For Scoundrels

03:15 There Will Be Blood

06:15 Starship Troopers

08:40 Death At A Funeral

10:30 Rogue Assassin

12:30 Storm Warning

STAR WORLD

10:00 Whose Line Is It Anyway?

10:30 30 Rock

11:00 In Case Of Emergency

11:30 Kath & Kim

12:30 Everybody Loves Raymond

02:30 Friends

04:30 The Simpsons

05:30 Seinfeld

07:30 Whose Line Is It Anyway?

08:00 Miss Universe 2009

10:30 Boston Legal

11:30 Grey's Anatomy

12:30 Friends

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 10:00 am, 4:00 pm,