

WHAT'S ON THIS WEEK

Film Screening

Film: *Though Fire, Water and... Brass Pipes*
Venue: Russian Centre of Science and Culture, H 510, Rd 7, Dhanmondi
Date: September 26
Time: 5pm



Photo Exhibition

Images of tourist sites of Moscow and St. Petersburg
Venue: Lobby, Russian Centre of Science & Culture, H 42, Rd 7, Dhanmondi
Date: September 1-30



Photography Exhibition

Title: *India*
Photographer: Raghu Rai (India)
Venue: Bengal Gallery of Fine Arts, H 275/F, Rd 27 (old), Dhanmondi
Date: September 7-13
Time: 11am-7pm



Solo Painting Exhibition

Artist: Shahabuddin
Venue: Gallery Chitrak, H 21, Rd 4, Dhanmondi
Inauguration: September 18
Time: 6pm



Mehreen experimenting with new sound

Upcoming album to feature compositions by bands

NUSRAT JAHAN PRITOM

Pop star Mehreen's next album will offer something novel to music lovers. Mehreen's upcoming album will feature music by rock bands. Several bands have already sent their demos to Mehreen, and come September 15 the best songs will be selected. The selected songs will be covered by Mehreen, along with bands. The album, which is likely to have 10/12 tracks, will be released by Eid-ul-Azha.

"It's a new concept, and I must acknowledge the help of Saif Ishtiaque, from the band Oblique," says Mehreen. "Usually we have a composer, and are guided by the composer/producer, but that is not the case this time."

The singer adds, "I am tired of technologically manipulated sounds. I want individual musicians playing drums, or flute, or other instruments. The feel is completely different."

A band can turn in one or more entries for selection. Saif and Shahriar, from Radioactive (winner of the DRockstar contest) are coordinating the process. Ovik came up with the concept.

"It will be a thrilling and learning experience for me, as



Mehreen

I've been doing mostly pop up until now, and rock is a completely different genre. Not only rock, the album will also have R&B, soul and other sounds," Mehreen says.

Mehreen's breakthrough was her debut album "Anari"

(2000). With her classically trained voice, which can readily switch to a stylish pop mix, Mehreen is poised to shine in other modes of music too.

The writer is a freelance contributor

Fashion.com on Channel i

CULTURAL CORRESPONDENT

Special Eid fashion programme "Fashion.com" will be aired this afternoon at 4:05pm on channel i. This episode of the programme will highlight attire collections of fashion house Rong, footwear of Gallerie Apex and hairstyle and make up by Ban Thai.

The programme is hosted by Samia Afrin and directed by Shanto. Sayeduzzaman Mithu and Samia Afrin are the producers of "fashion.com".



Samia Afrin

Divisive DeGeneres as American Idol judge

AP, Los Angeles

Ellen DeGeneres wants to represent the people on "American Idol," but the people are split about the talk show host's role as the Fox singing competition's fourth judge.

Fans took to the Internet after Wednesday's announcement to express either pleasant surprise or total shock that DeGeneres was picked to replace Paula Abdul.

"I mean, really? Ellen DeGeneres? I mean, really? 'Idol' blogger MJ Santilli at mjsbigblog.com."

Others on the Internet, including posters on the AmericanIdol.com forums, said they were pleased that DeGeneres, who admittedly

has no formal music experience, just a passion for tunes, would join Simon Cowell, Randy Jackson and Kara DioGuardi on "Idol."

"Hopefully, I'm the people's point of view because I'm just like you," DeGeneres said on her syndicated talk show Thursday. "I sit at home and I watch it, and I don't have that technical... I'm not looking at it in a critical way from the producer's mind. I'm looking at it as a person who is going to buy the music and is going to relate to that person."

DeGeneres' hiring as the show's fourth judge all but seals the departure of Abdul, the original third judge who announced she was quitting amid a contract dispute in July.

Chayanika's feast offering

A range of special plays this Eid

MAINUL HASAN

As TV channels buzz with Eid specials, Chayanika Chowdhury is here with her latest line of works. "This is the first time that seven plays directed by me are going on air on Eid. During the previous Eid ul Azha, six of my plays were aired," said Chayanika.

The plays *Prithibir Shob Bhalobasha*, *Jokhon Bristi Namlo* and *Prerona* are written by actress Bipasha Hayat. *Bikel Phurley Elo* and *Dhulo Bali* are written by Arun Chowdhury. *SMS* and *Maa* are written by Rumman Rashid.

Among the plays "Prithibir Shob Bhalobasha" won the first position from the BTV Eid Preview Committee. The story revolves around the everyday life of a housewife.

"In a family 'a mother' is the person who endlessly sacrifices to hold the family together. From raising and looking after the young, to the daily chores everyday is a brand new challenge to her but very often it is 'the mother' who also has to suffer the most. Very often her husband and children look down on her and blame her for no reason," said Chayanika.

The play features Pijush

Bandyopadhyay, Shaila Naser, Apurbo, Sohana Saba and Lekha Haque in the central roles.

Another play going on air on BTV is *Prerona*, the play features Tauquir Ahmed, Apurbo, Richi and Kushum Shikdar as the central characters.

Among other plays, *Jokhon Bristi Namlo* will be

central characters. Focusing on the younger generation, TV play *SMS* will be aired on Ekushey TV on the fourth day of Eid at 11:20 pm.

TV play *Maa*, featuring Diti, Bindhu and Apurbo, will be aired on Baishakhi channel.

"The plays were shot in Pubail, Ashulia, Rajendrapur, UTC and other



Emon and Prova in a scene from the TV play SMS.

aired on Banglavisat at 8:10 pm on the second day of Eid. The cast includes Tauquir Ahmed, Apurbo and Aupi Karim. *Bikel Phurley Elo* will be aired on Channel I, at 8:10 pm on the third day of Eid. The cast includes Mahfuz Ahmed, Tinni and Bindu.

Dhulo Bali, to be aired on RTV, features Tauquir Ahmed, Richi and Abul Hayat as the

exclusive locations," said Chayanika.

"The shooting for the plays began from April. The plays are related to our everyday life, and anyone watching them might discover an uncanny similarity with his own life. I am optimistic that the audience will like them very much," asserts Chayanika.



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-Ganjier 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
BTV
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

BTV

08:45 Shokar-er Gaan
09:05 Phirey Dekha
09:15 O Amar Desher Mati
09:35 Udayer Pathay
10:30 Kagaj Niye Mojar Khela
11:30 Mati O Manush
12:10 Swasthito Jigyasha
01:30 Shukhi Poribar
02:15 Sisimpur
02:45 Bangla Feature Film
05:45 Desh O Biggan
06:25 Islamic Programme
07:45 Documentary Programme: Phirey Dekha
08:25 Shobhyotar Joyjatra
08:30 Antarang Alokey
09:00 Drama: Unmochon
10:25 Package Spot

ATN BANGLA

08:15 Aiker Shangbadpotro
08:30 Children's Programme
09:10 Kandey Amar Maa
09:15 Drama Serial: Pashapashi
10:30 Hello Bangladesh
11:05 Talk Show: Asian City Top Spin
12:15 Bangla Feature Film
03:40 Square Hospital Shushtho Thakun
04:15 VIM Zhotpot Ifar
04:35 Islamic Programme
05:10 Jante 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: Eka
09:20 Drama Serial: Naksha
10:40 Talk Show: Mukto Shanglaap
11:30 Daily Soap: 14 May @
12:00 Grameenphone Lead News

CHANNEL i

08:05 Rabindra Sangeet
08:30 Shokaler Gaan
08:40 Aiker Chakri
09:30 Shanbadpotroey Bangladesh
09:45 Public Reaction
09:50 Grameenphone Tritio Matra
11:05 Amader Aina
12:05 Musical Programme:

Sa Re Ga Ma
12:30 Citycell Taroka Kathan
01:05 Ebong Cinemar Gaan
01:30 Shobar Jonno Shorboshesh
Biggan Dharona
02:30 Onnodin Eid Fashion
04:05 Fashion Dot Com
04:30 Ramjanul Mobarak
05:10 Talent Hunt: Sur Daria Epaar Opaar
06:30 Cookery Show
06:45 Kafela
07:50 Drama Serial: Sakin Sharishuri
09:30 Hridoye Mati O Manush
10:00 Drama Serial: Nine Months in Brick Lane
11:30 Drama Serial: Jatrawala
12:00 Grameenphone Aiker Shangbadpotro
ntv
08:55 Bangla Feature Film

12:30 Shashtho Protidin
ETV
09:30 Drama Serial: Bhabi
10:02 Deho Ghor
11:30 Mukto Khobor
12:30 Naachey Gaaney Number One
02:02 Bangla Feature Film
05:15 Sports plus
05:20 Bhubogurey Dot Com
05:45 Islamic Programme
06:45 Drama: Rojadar
07:45 Eid Shornbhar
08:30 Baula Antar
09:30 Drama Serial: Bhabi
10:10 Golpo Sholpo Gaan
11:45 Market Trend
12:02 Ekusher Raat
RTV
09:45 Drama Serial: Alta Shundori
10:45 Taroka Alap
11:30 Share Update



Jao Pakhi
On Desh TV at 9:45pm
Drama Serial
Cast: Intekhab Dinar, Prova

abc radio FM 89.2
08:00 Bhorer Janaboli
08:30 Mukhosho Jiboney
12:00 Darun Dapuriy
03:00 Duranto Bikelley
05:00 Shondhata
07:00 Shajer Maye
09:00 Rasul-er Akashay
11:00 Golper Shesh Nei
Radio Foorti 88.0 FM
08:00 Adhbabzi
12:00 Bawer Polia
02:00 Foorti Unlimited
06:00 Banger to Banger
10:00 Club Foorti
01:00 Back to Back music
Radio Today 89.6 FM
07:15 Good Morning Dhaka
11:00 Must Unlimited
01:00 Today's World Music
04:00 U Turn
08:00 Tobey Tai Hok
11:00 Rani Ehor Gaan



MAMMA MIA!
On HBO at 10:30 pm

12:10 Apnar Jigyasha
01:05 Meena
02:30 Drama Serial: Bela Bhumi
03:15 Drama Serial: Pathor
04:25 Gallery
05:30 Aiker Ifar
05:40 Shanskriti Eie Shaptaha
06:10 Islamic Programme
06:40 Islamic Programme
08:15 Drama Serial: Bari Bari Shari Shari
09:00 Drama: Shunchen Ekjon Radio Jocky'r Golpo
11:30 Apnar Jigyasha

12:30 Drama Serial: FDC
01:30 Swapnodin-er Gaan
03:00 Bexi-fabric Onnodin Protijogita
05:00 Apon Shimanay
05:30 Protidin
06:20 Islamic Programme
06:50 Islamic Programme
07:40 Road to Democracy
08:10 Lux Shoppers Guide
09:25 Dhrupadi Kahini
10:10 Drama Serial: Monkora
11:30 Jegey Achho Ki?

BANGLAVISION

08:00 Shubho Shokal

07:00 Islamic Programme
08:15 Prothom Alo-Hatli Award
09:45 Drama Serial: Jao Pakhi
10:30 Total Sports
11:45 Talk Show: Shoja Katha
CHANNEL 1
08:40 Shuprobhaat Bangladesh
09:10 Events of the Day
10:30 Selected Programme
11:00 Drama: Shankhanil Naki
Shankhachil
12:10 Telefilm: Khasru+Moina
02:00 Show Case
03:30 Drama: Premmoy Shopno

04:10 Fire
Entourage S512: Return To Queens Boulevard
05:00 The Making Of Mamma Mia
05:30 Hollywood One On One S6
06:00 The Making Of Vantage Point
06:15 Tmz 059
06:45 Twister
09:15 True Blood S11: To Love Is To Bury
10:30 Mamma Mia!
01:00 30 Days Of Night
STAR MOVIES
09:15 Ever After: A Cinderella Story

11:40 Blown Away
02:00 Runaway Bride
04:20 Horton
06:20 Flawless
08:20 The Condemned
10:30 Kickin' It Old Skool
12:35 Phone Booth
STAR WORLD
09:30 The Simpsons
10:30 Rodney
11:30 The Bold And The Beautiful Omn
01:30 America's Got Talent
02:30 Eureka
03:30 Heroes
05:30 Beauty & The Geek
06:30 Howie Do It
07:30 I'm a Celebrity Get Me Out Of Here!
09:30 Friday Night Lights
10:30 Criminal Minds
11:30 Grey's Anatomy
12:30 Seinfeld
BBC WORLD
08:00 World News Today
09:00 BBC World News
09:30 HARDtalk (r)
10:00 BBC World News
10:30 Earth Report (r)
11:00 BBC World News
11:30 Middle East Business Report
12:00 BBC World News
12:30 Click (r)
01:00 BBC World News
01:15 Fast Track
01:30 Thinking Big
02:00 BBC World News
02:30 Newsnight
03:00 BBC World News
03:10 Age Of Terror
04:00 BBC World News
04:30 Our World: The Winton Train (r)
05:00 BBC World News
05:30 Middle East Business Report (r)
06:00 BBC World News
06:30 Dateline London
07:00 BBC World News
07:15 Sport Today
07:30 Equestrian World
08:00 BBC World News
08:30 Working Lives Dubai
09:00 BBC World News
09:30 Thinking Big (r)
10:00 BBC World News
10:30 Final Score
11:00 BBC World News
11:10 Age Of Terror (r)