

WHAT'S
ON THIS
WEEK

Photo Exhibition
On the occasion of 60th birth anniversary of Werner Herzog
Title: Film Must be Physical
Venue: Goethe-Institut Bangladesh, H 10, Rd 9, Dhanmondi
Date: Sep 16-Oct 8



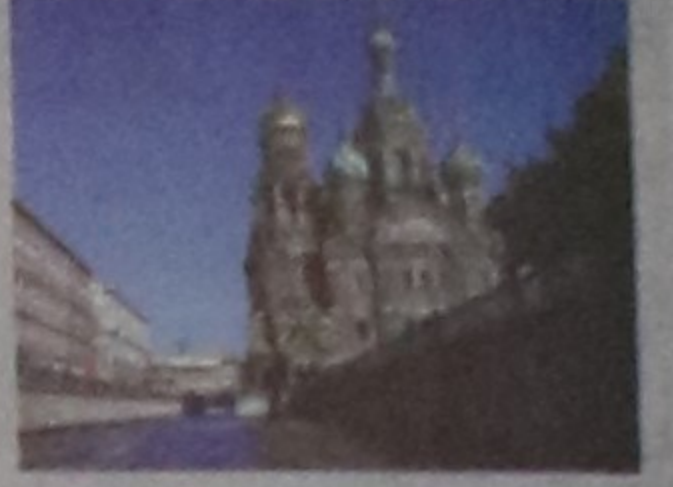
Solo Painting Exhibition
Artist: Shahabuddin
Venue: Gallery Chitrak, H 21, Rd 4, Dhanmondi
Date: September 18-Oct 9
Time: 10am-1pm, 5-8pm



Film Screening
Celebrating 50 years of Alliance Française de Dhaka (AFD)
Venue: AFD, 26, Mirpur Road, Dhanmondi
Date: September 27-30
Time: 5pm onwards
September 27: 'Quest for Fire' & 'Diva'



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



Life in Bangla filmdom

In conversation with Shahjahan Chowdhury

CULTURAL CORRESPONDENT

Shahjahan Chowdhury is a noted film director, script-writer and dialogue writer. His highly selective writings delineate our social, economic and political conditions, as well as the Liberation War.

Shahjahan is a journalist by profession. During the pre-Liberation period, he worked

with the newspaper *Khobor*. After Independence, he began working with *Bichitra*. Later, he went on to publish a monthly, *Nipun*. Its subjects are cinema, literature, poetry, essays and drama. Now he is the editor and publisher of the *Weekly Nipun*.

At the start of Shahjahan's career, he got a chance to work as a co-director with the legendary Pakistani

filmmaker Saroor Barabankvi who was then working on "Akhri Station". As he says, "I learned many things from this veteran filmmaker. In Bangladesh, I was always encouraged by Khan Ataur Rahman and Soovab Dutt. 'Ata bhai' (Khan Ataur Rahman) was my idol in Bangladesh. As a budding filmmaker, I felt confident, thanks to his loving and considerate approach. I learned scriptwriting, editing and various aspects of production from him."

"At one point, I also started writing lyrics. Some of my lyrics earned acclaim. Song writing completely depends on my mood. When I am in a pensive mood, Allah permits me to write," says Shahjahan. He doesn't write songs frequently though. He believes that lyrics should be significant and insightful.

"I was also closely associated with legendary musicians like Salil Chowdhury, Gauri Prasanna Majumdar and Naushad Ali. They persuaded me to write," he asserts. So far Shahjahan Chowdhury has made four movies: "Pinjar" (1975), "Shatru" (1985), "Uttarer Khep" (2004) and "Ek Khando Jami" (2004). "Uttarer Khep" and "Ek Khando Jami" won several awards in different categories.

"Uttarer Khep" is based on Shawkat Ali's novel with the same title. Renowned actress Champa bagged the National Award for her moving performance as the central character



Shahjahan Chowdhury

in the film. The film received a government grant.

"Ek Khando Jami" is based on a poem written by Shahabuddin Nagri. It is an Impress Tele-film production. Champa and Raisul Islam Asad don the main roles in the film.

Shahjahan's first movie "Pinjar" was a commercial hit. Besides making films, he has directed many TV plays.

Shahjahan is now busy with his upcoming film. The film, "Atmadaan," is adapted from Imdadul Haque Milon's "Suto-e Badha Projapoti". The film is based on the Liberation War. As the director says, "During the Liberation War, the Pakistani army tortured the masses. Husbands lost wives, parents lost children... I want to present a complete picture of the war". Fuji Colour has already provided a grant for the film.

Alamgir and Saberi Alam in a scene from *Atmadaan*.

Durga Puja commences

Idol makers have a field day

GOLAM MOSTAFA JIBON, Sirajganj

With the Sharodiya Durga Festival taking place, artisans, in particular idol makers in Sirajganj, have been working overtime to put finishing touches to the idols they have crafted.

"We are extremely busy but happy as the number of Puja mandaps has increased this year over the previous year. Besides, the retainer we get for making idols is better than last year. For this reason, we have taken on additional orders so that we can earn an additional income," said Nobin Chandra, the oldest idol maker in the area.

Nobin Chandra, 65, from the Kalibari slum in the town



The making of the deities.

has been in the profession since he was 15. Inspired by his now deceased father, Nobin has continued with his father's profession. This year he is making 10 Durga idols for 10 mandaps. Several assistants, including his

young son Kabul, are lending him a helping hand in making the idols, he said.

Like Nobin, about 50 artisans in the town now have their hands full in readying idols for Durga Puja. The artisans also prepare idols like

Durga, Ganesh and other deities for Puja mandaps.

The artisans said that Durga Puja is the greatest festival of the Hindu community and comes once a year. Therefore, they keenly await this auspicious occasion so that they can receive ample orders.

While visiting the workshops of idol makers, this correspondent found them very busy. They were working with the media of mud, water and using painting brushes. Meanwhile, they were engaged in last minute preparations to attire the idols with clothes and colour them with painting brushes.

Meanwhile, the town is ready for the festive occasion with ample lighting and tightened security measures in the various temples.

Authors reveal influential books

Lolita, The Satanic Verses and The English Patient have been named in a list of books that shaped the world of literature over the past 25 years.

Twenty-five authors including Amit Chaudhuri, Blake Morrison and Indra Sinha were asked by literary magazine *Wasafiri* for their top pick.

Gabriel Garcia Marquez's *One Hundred Years of Solitude* was the only book to be picked by more than one writer.

The list was created to coincide with *Wasafiri*'s 25th anniversary.

Marquez's novel, originally published in Spanish in 1967, tells the



Gabriel Garcia Marquez was awarded the Nobel Prize for literature in 1982.

story of one family's struggle in a fictional South American town. It was chosen by Nigerian poet Chika Unigwe, Ghanaian poet Nii Parkes and Indian poet Sujata Bhatt.

"Marquez completely redefines how one looks at reality," said Unigwe. "I cannot think of a single writer-friend I know who has not been influenced by Marquez."

Barack Obama's memoir, *Dreams from My Father*, also appeared on the list, as did works by Seamus Heaney, VS Naipaul, Ted Hughes and JM Coetzee.

Source: BBC



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-1
News (Bangla): 7:00 am, 9:00 am, 2:00 pm, 8:00 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, 1:00pm, 3:00pm, 4:00pm
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, 8:30 pm, 9:30 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

09:20 Shukh Anondo
10:05 Musical Programme
10:30 Chhorar Chhondey
11:00 Children's Programme
11:30 Anyo Kichhu
12:10 Musical Programme
12:35 Angana
02:30 Bangla Feature Film
05:05 Debate
05:30 Musical Programme
08:30 Drama: Ochena
09:45 Drama: Swapner Jaal Buni

ATN BANGLA

08:30 Tele-film: Antar Ali
09:45 Kandey Amar Maa
10:30 Hello Bangladesh
11:15 Shath Din
12:10 ATN Music Eid Special
01:25 Musical Programme: Shur-er Madhuri
02:30 Documentary Programme: Prapok
03:10 Khelaar Jagat
03:45 Chardeyalor Kabyo
04:20 Talk Show: Proshongo
05:15 Kandey Amar Maa
05:20 Bashuda Dhak Dhol
06:15 Law & Order
08:00 Drama Serial: Karo Kono Niti Nai
08:40 Special Programme on Durga Puja
11:30 Drama Serial: 14 May @
12:00 Grameenphone Lead News

CHANNEL 1

08:05 Tagore Song
08:30 Shokaler Gaan
08:40 Aker Chakri
09:30 Shanbadpotrey Bangladesh
09:45 Public Reaction
09:50 Grameenphone Tritio Matra
11:05 Tele Prescription
11:30 Hridoyer 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
04:05 Mukti Judha Protidin
04:30 Aktel Money Talk
05:10 Aamader Television
05:40 i-Speed
06:20 Super Man
07:50 Drama Serial: Sakin Sharishuri
09:30 Travel Show: Banglalink Banglar Pathey
10:00 Bishwa Jurey Amar Channel i
11:30 Deshjurey Channel i
12:00 Grameenphone Aker Shangbadpotro

ETV

08:30 Ekusheyer Shokal
09:30 Ekushey Business (Live)
12:02 Ekushey Dupur
03:30 Baula Ontor
04:30 Desh Jurey
05:15 Sports Plus
05:30 The Total Music
08:30 Drama Serial: Aziz Market Shahbug Dhaka 1000
09:25 Drama Serial: Lolita

Shari Shari

Talk Show: Shomporko

Music Jam

Talk Show: Ei Shomoy

Swastho Protidin



14 May @
On ATN Bangla at 11:30 pm
Drama Serial
Cast: Shams Shumon, Rosy Siddiqui

ntv

08:30 Swasthyo Protidin
08:55 Bangla Feature Film
12:10 Rock n Roll
01:05 Japan Video Topic
02:30 Drama Serial: Bela Bhumi
03:10 Ki Film
04:10 Quiz Show: Janar Achhey Bolar Achhey
05:35 Apnaar Jigyasha
06:40 Joto Modhur Bhulguli
08:15 Drama Serial: Baari Baari

Media Gossip

Ei Shoptaher Bishwa

Rtv

Just Band

Bangla Feature Film

R U Ready

Protidin

R Ranna

Road To Democracy

Drama Serial: Dorakala

Drama Serial: Kagoler Manush

11:30 Trade Talk

BANGLAVISION

08:00 Shubho Shokal
08:30 Krishokher Anondomela
10:10 Nagar Baul
11:35 Drama: Ghor
02:30 Drama: A Journey by Love
04:10 With Runa Laila
05:25 Choturango
06:15 Poncho Konyar Gaan
06:40 Soul Dance
08:15 Drama Serial: Rupnagar-er Konya
09:05 Apnaar Agami
09:45 Drama Serial: The Family
11:20 Selected Programme

DESH TV

12:15 Durpath

02:20 Love & Other Disasters

03:55 Young Master, The

06:00 John Rambo

07:55 Chaos

10:00 Vip Access: Surrogates

10:30 27 Dresses

12:40 New Police Story

STAR WORLD

10:30 30 Rock
11:00 In Case Of Emergency
11:30 Hope And Faith
12:30 Everybody Loves Raymond
02:30 Friends
04:30 The Simpsons
05:30 Seinfeld
07:30 Grey's Anatomy
08:30 Late Show With David

04:30 Trespass

06:00 Ogre

07:45 Iron Man

10:30 Balls Of Fury

12:30 Big Love S301: Block Party

ZEE STUDIO

09:30 The Europeans
11:30 The Great raid
02:30 Sorority Boys
04:30 A Lot Like Love
06:50 Get shorty on ampus
07:50 Metro
10:30 Mighty Joe Young
01:05 Ocean's Twelve

BBC WORLD

09:00 BBC World News
09:30 HARDtalk (r)
Ted Forstmann
10:00 BBC World News
10:30 Fast Track
11:00 BBC World News
11:30 India Business Report
12:00 BBC World News
12:30 Middle East Business Report (r)
01:00 BBC World News
01:30 Thinking Big (r)
The American Pipe Dream
02:00 BBC World News
02:30 Dateline London (r)
03:00 BBC World News
03:10 The Day After Peace (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
06:30 Newsnight (r)
07:00 BBC World News
07:15 Sport Today
07:30 Our World: Shana UK (r)
08:00 BBC World News
08:30 The Real... Hong Kong
09:00 BBC World News
09:10 The Day After Peace
10:00 BBC World News Special
11:30 India Business Report



On HBO at 7:45 pm

03:30 Kon Shadhoney Tarey Pai

04:30 Desh Amar

05:02 Thundercats

05:30 Bati Ghar

08:15 Drama Serial: Aladin-er Cherag

09:45 Drama Serial: Jao Pakhi

10:30 Total Music

11:45 Shojha Kaltha

12:15 You Kill Me

STAR MOVIES

10:20 El Cantante

12:15 You Kill Me

Letterman

09:30 Monk

10:30 Boston Legal

11:30 Grey's Anatomy

12:30 How I Met Your Mother

HBO

10:30 Shrek The Third

12:30 The Land Before Time XIII: The Wisdom Of Friends

02:00 The Bucket List

04:00 Oct '09: HBO Central (SA)