

WHAT'S ON THIS WEEK

Solo Painting Exhibition
Title: Jai Bangla
Artist: Shahabuddin
Venue: Bengal Gallery of Fine Arts, H 275/F, Rd 27 (old), Dhanmondi
Date: Sep 27-Oct 10
Time: 12-8pm



Theatre
Play: Troilus O Cressida
Troupe: Nagarik Natya Sampradaya
Venue: Experimental Theatre Hall, Shilpakala Academy
Date: October 1
Time: 7pm



Theatre
Play: Koina
Troupe: Prachyanat
Venue: National Theatre Hall, Shilpakala Academy
Date: October 1
Time: 7:30pm



Solo Painting Exhibition
Title: Kantha Kahini
Artist: Fahimda Erum Kaki
Venue: La Galerie, Alliance Francaise de Dhaka, 26, Mirpur Rd, Dhanmondi
Date: October 1-14
Time: 10am-12pm & 5pm-8:30pm



Werner Herzog and his film language

Photography exhibition at Goethe-Institut



Werner Herzog during the shooting of his films "Fitzcarraldo" (top) and "My Best Friend".

JAMIL MAHMUD

To celebrate the 60th birthday of German filmmaker Werner Herzog, Goethe-Institut Bangladesh (GIB) arranged a photography exhibition titled "Film Must be Physical" at its cultural centre. The exhibition opened on September 16. Fifty photographs are on display. Angela Grünert, director of GIB, filmmaker Morshedul Islam and photographer Imtiaz Alam Beg spoke at the inaugural.

Herzog was born on September 5, 1942 in Munich, Germany. He is one of the last representatives of the grand era of the European film industry. Herzog is often associated with the German 'New Wave' movement along with Rainer Werner Fassbinder, Margarethe von Trotta, Wim Wenders and others.

Herzog's films often feature protagonists with impossible dreams, people with unique talents in obscure fields or individuals who find themselves in conflict with nature. In most of his films, Herzog wants his leading actors to act beyond their limits. "I'm looking for a new grammar of images, images that fit our era, images never yet seen," Herzog said about his works.

Herzog has produced, written and directed over 40 films, published more than a dozen books of prose, and directed as many operas. He describes directing primarily as "athletic work." His screenplays, mostly written as prose, leave plenty of room for improvisation.

The photographs on display -- both colour and black and white -- capture one of the most influential German filmmakers at work. Among the photographs, 37 were taken by Beat Presser, a Swiss photographer. Presser was the assigned photographer for three Herzog films -- "Fitzcarraldo" (1982), "Cobra Verde" (1987) and "Invisible" (2001).

Presser has successfully captured the physical dimension of Herzog at work. The images show the director in action, running or giving instructions, becoming visible as an impassioned creator and a tireless motor on top of his game.

The remaining 13 photographs belong to the Filmmuseum Berlin.

A retrospective of Herzog films is part of the exhibition. The films "Even Dwarfs Started Small," "My Best Friend" and "Aguirre, Wrath of God" will be screened at the auditorium of GIB during the exhibition.

The exhibition will end on October 8.

"Living with parents is natural"

Aishwarya-Abhishek to Oprah

Aishwarya Rai and Abhishek Bachchan discussed their family life on The Oprah Winfrey Show on September 28.

With about five billion fans globally, Ash, 35, and Abhishek, 33, described living with the latter's superstar parents -- Amitabh and Jaya Bachchan -- as normal and absolutely natural. Abhishek's grandparents also lived with them before they passed away.

The young couple have to abide by a few household rules -- like having one meal a day together if everybody is in town in Mumbai.

When they have time for themselves, they prefer to spend it at home with family and friends rather than going out.

Before they were man and wife, Ash and Abhi were co-stars. After working with Ash in a few films, Abhi says he developed feelings for the actress who's been called the most beautiful woman in the world.

"I was filming in New York for a movie," he says. "And I used to stand

on the balcony of my hotel room and wish that, 'One day, wouldn't it be nice if I was together with her, married.'"

Years later, the co-stars returned to New York City as a couple. They were there for the premiere of "Guru," a

film they worked on together, but Abhi had something special in store.

"After the premiere, we were back in the hotel," he says. "So I took her to the very same balcony, and I asked her to marry me."

After the engagement, Ash and

Abhi's wedding became one of the most anticipated events in India. For months, the media reported on every detail and speculated about the couple's plans.

Then, in April 2007, the celebration began. "Indian weddings are elaborate," Abhi says. "As a culture, we like to celebrate everything... Our weddings go on for sometimes a week, 10 days."

On the day of the wedding ceremony, thousands of fans filled the streets outside Abhi's home, hoping to get a glimpse of the Bollywood stars. Once inside, the couple held a private ceremony for family and friends.

Soon after the wedding, Ash says the media started speculating about a possible pregnancy. "I have been proclaimed pregnant already a couple of times. I'm like, 'Okay, is that a hint?'" she says. "People would be watching every little bulge, and I'm like, 'Oh my God. If you're not in shape, you're pregnant.'"

Source: Internet



Abhishek (L) and Aishwarya with Oprah (C).

Hugh Jackman scolds cell phone offender during show

AP, New York

Hugh Jackman knows how to stop the show. He did it recently when a cell phone call interrupted a preview performance of "A Steady Rain," the Broadway play that stars Jackman and Daniel Craig. The moment captured on an amateur video shown by the TMZ.com Web site appears to have been recorded by someone in the audience.

It shows Jackman breaking character to tell the owner of the ringing cell phone, "You want to get that?" as the audience erupts in cheers. As the ringing persists, Jackman pleads: "Come on, just turn it off." He then paces the stage of the Gerald Schoenfeld Theatre, waits about a minute for the ringing to stop and the

play resumes.

Producers of "A Steady Rain" declined to comment.

The interruption occurred during an intense moment in the play, when Jackman's character, a Chi-



Daniel Craig (left) and Hugh Jackman in "A Steady Rain."

cago policeman, reveals haunting memories.

A customary loudspeaker announcement reminds theatergoers to turn off their phones. Since the incident, ushers who seat patrons and pass out playbills at Schoenfeld are also instructing patrons to silence their phones.

"A Steady Rain," a taut drama about the relationship between two policemen, opened yesterday for a limited engagement through December 6. The play by Keith Huff already has proven to be a potent box-office winner, playing to capacity audiences since it began previews on September 10.

Jackman won a Tony Award in 2004 for his performance as Peter Allen in the musical "The Boy from Oz." Craig, filmdom's latest James Bond, is making his Broadway debut.

Channel i steps into 11th year

Two-day special programme begins today



Media personalities at last year's Chalachchitra Mela.

CULTURAL CORRESPONDENT

Channel i steps into 11th year today. To celebrate the occasion, the channel has planned a two-day special programme that will begin this morning.

The day will begin with a special episode of the regular talk show "Tritiya Matra". The show will be aired at 9:50am. Starting from 11:05am, the main anniversary celebration will be aired live throughout the day from the channel's Tejgaon studio. Celebrities and renowned personalities from different sectors will grace the event. Shahidul Alam Sachchu and Amirul Islam are the producers of the programme.

Humayun Ahmed's single episode play

"Bonkumari" will be aired at 7:50pm tonight. The play follows an individual who has lost his way deep into a jungle. Humayun Faridi, Majnun Mizan, Jayanto Chattopadhyay and Jarbini play the central roles.

A commemoration programme "Amar Janmodiney Jara Nei" will be aired at 11:30pm tonight. The programme has been planned, directed and hosted by Shykh Seraj.

Highlight of the second day's programme is live coverage of the 2nd Chalachchitra Mela. The mela will start from 11:05am (on October 2) at the Bangabandhu International Convention Centre and will continue till 5pm. The mela also marks the 56th anniversary of Bangla film industry. Renowned film personalities will attend the programme.



PHOTO COURTESY: BANGLAR CHOKHI

Bangladesh Theatre staged its production "Sea Morog" at the Experimental Theatre Hall, Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy last Monday. Written by Asadullah Farazi, the play was directed by Humayun Kabir.

Dramatic holidays

New TV serial "Ekta Kinley Arekta Free" on ntv

CULTURAL CORRESPONDENT

TV serial "Ekta Kinley Arekta Free" goes on air on ntv starting

from tonight at 8:15pm. Jointly directed by Matia Banu Shuku and Nurul Alam Ateque, the serial has been written by the former.



Mir Sabbir in a scene from the serial.

The story revolves around Shubho who opens a quaint resort in Cox's Bazar. Shubho is an ardent admirer of eco-tourism and nature, and the resort reflects his visions. Shubho's companion Sam wants to establish the resort as a profitable business. With the promotional tag "Ekta Kinley Arekta Free," the resort soon becomes a popular hangout joint. Couples start arriving -- a mute entrepreneur and his kleptomaniac wife, a stingy civil servant and his terminally ill wife and others. An accident, however, changes the tranquil ambience.

The cast includes Jayanto Chattopadhyay, Majnun Mizan, Litu Anam, Mir Sabbir, Dihan, Jyotika Jyoti, Moutushi Biswas and others.

A TV show dedicated to stars and their fans

CULTURAL CORRESPONDENT

"Tomar Jonno Mortey Pari" will be aired on Ekushey TV tonight at 7:50pm. Anchored by Debashish Biswas, the programme is directed by Salman Mahmud.

The programme features a star and his/her fans. The fans are sought out through different competitions held across the country. On the show the fans will have the opportunity to meet their favourite star. The show will also decide who the best fan is. Tonight's featured star is actress Srabonti. Silvana Sadia is the producer of the programme.



Actress Srabonti is the featured guest on tonight's show.