

WHAT'S ON THIS WEEK

Theatre

Play: Hargoj
Troupe: Swapnadal
Venue: Experimental Theatre Hall, Shilpakala Academy
Date: November 1
Time: 7pm



Photography Exhibition

Title: Indian Princes and Parisian Jewellers
Venue: La Galerie, Alliance Francaise de Dhaka, 26, Mirpur Rd, Dharmondi
Date: October 24-November 5
Time: 10am-12pm, 5-8:30pm



41st Anniversary of Udichi

Organiser: Bangladesh Udichi Shilpi Goshthi
Venue: TSC Auditorium, University of Dhaka
Date: October 29
Time: 4pm



Film Screening

Organiser: Zahir Raihan Film Society & AFD
Venue: Alliance Francaise, 26, Mirpur Rd, Dharmondi
Date: October 25-30
Time: 5pm onwards
Today: Nelly and Mr. Arnaut & The Savage Nights



Folk identity on Shakoor's canvas

Solo exhibition at Gallery Cosmos



The ballads of "Mymensingh Geetika", "Nakshi Kanthar Maath", "Gazir Pat" and "Manasha Pat" are recurring themes in Shakoor's works.

TAKIR HOSSAIN

Artist Abdus Shakoor Shah is widely recognised for his folk motifs and ballads. His present solo exhibition breaks new ground in its technical and material aspects. The works seem more time consuming and technically phenomenal than ever before. The exhibition, titled "Ballads and Paintings", is now on at Gallery Cosmos, Malibagh.

Shakoor's works predominantly use collages and he directly pastes pieces of colourful saree on his canvases. These pieces give his works a more decorative quality. The canvas appears more vibrant and lively for its slightly cracked surface. His works have always been done in oil, acrylic and watercolour.

Over a large span of his career (from 1996), Shakoor has been working on folk motifs. The

ballads of "Mymensingh Geetika" -- the famous Mahua and Malua love stories, "Nakshi Kanthar Maath", "Gazir Pat" and "Manasha Pat" are recurring themes in his works. Shakoor uses animal figures such as elephants, bulls, dogs, cats, tigers, parrots, peacocks, birds and serpents -- all as pleasant and decorative motifs.

"I try to present my country (and its folk elements) in my works," says Shakoor. Blue, black, yellow, white and crimson are used predominantly, giving a meditative approach to Shakoor's characters. The canvases' outlines are in black and white broad lines. The dense backgrounds give the viewers a romantic and imposing view. His ink drawings are done in contour, with a feeling of space on the background, which gives the composition a certain likeness to portraits.

Shakoor's paintings are not simple

illustrations of the traditional ballads. He uses calligraphy stylistically on his canvases which sometimes includes human figures along with birds and animals. Each work depicts a complete story that highlights the Bengali identity. His works are closely related to local myths, beliefs and visions. The paintings are raw in nature and at the same time modern in their expressions.

Shakoor's works delineate various types of male and female figures. He tries to focus on the expressions of female faces, specially the eyes. Women's ornamentation is another trait in his works. "I concentrate on colours and keep the woman's simple appearance in mind. Texts for my paintings come from different ballads such as the 'Mahua' and 'Malua' stories. I have used traditional motifs such as alpina patterns

and various types of animals. I have also used some geometrical shapes, for instance rectangles, straight lines and circular forms," said the veteran artist.

In Shakoor's "Ramala" series one gets glimpses of dusky village women who adorn themselves with modest ornaments. In his paintings, females wear bright clothes and silver jewellery. His "Malua" series authentically represents the rustic lifestyle, bringing to his canvas a blend of emotions, hardship and conflict.

Abdus Shakoor has won many awards, which are proof enough of his formidable skills. He has participated in over 90 group exhibitions in places like USA, England, Poland, Argentina, Japan, France, China, Iran, Panama, Italy and India.

"Ballads and Paintings" ends on November 7.

Film on Nehru, Lady Mountbatten shelved

PALLAB BHATTACHARYA, New Delhi

The makers of a proposed feature film on the alleged love affair between India's first Prime Minister Jawaharlal Nehru and Edwina Mountbatten, the wife of British India's last Viceroy Lord Mountbatten, has been shelved following differences with Indian government over depiction of some intimate scenes.

The Information and Broadcasting Ministry of India wanted the producers of the film "Indian Summer" to delete certain intimate scenes involving the characters of Nehru and Edwina from the script submitted for clearance before it is shot in India.

The director of the proposed film Joe Wright is reported to have said that the producers wanted to make it a "love" film and did not agree to the Indian government's suggestions.

Hollywood actors Hugh Grant was to have played the role of Lord Mountbatten and Cate Blanchett that of Edwina. There was no official word on who would have appeared the role of Nehru in the movie, which the producers had earlier claimed to be on the Partition of the Indian sub-continent.

However, sources in Indian Information and Broadcasting Ministry say the producers of the film have conveyed to it that the proposed film was being shelved for the time being due to budgetary constraints.

They said the ministry had cleared the shoot of the film on condition that certain intimate scenes between Nehru and Edwina be diluted.

Under Indian rules, a foreign film needs permission for its shoot in India and requires to adhere to the script cleared by the government.

The relationship between Nehru and Edwina has since long been in public domain as a number of books and articles have been written on the subject but the government of India was worried over certain scenes in the script of the film.

The proposed film delves into the alleged love affair between Jawaharlal Nehru and Edwina Mountbatten.



All programmes are in local time.
The Daily Star will not be responsible for any change in the programme.

On Air

BTV

08:45 Shokal-er Gaan
09:05 Documentary Programme
10:05 Open University
10:30 Nobo Anondey Jago
11:30 Quiz Quiz
12:10 Gharey Bairey
12:30 Maa O Shishur Katha
01:00 Oitijhyer Chalchitra
01:30 Hijal Tomal
02:15 Debate
03:00 Cartoon
03:30 Special Programme
04:30 Dolon Chapa
05:05 Simsimpur
05:35 Computer
06:15 Mati O Manush
07:40 Documentary Programme: Phirey Dekha
08:25 Documentary Programme: Amar Bangladesh
09:00 Drama Serial: Chhai
10:25 Road to Cinema

ATN Bangla

08:30 Drama Serial: Jyotsnakaal
09:10 Documentary: Kandeey Aamar Ma
09:15 Drama Serial: Jalkona
10:30 Talk Show: Hello Bangladesh
11:05 Asian City Top Spin
12:15 IT Zone
01:25 Musical Programme: Band View
02:30 Dance Programme: Nupurer Chhondey
03:15 Drama Serial: Rupali Manush
03:45 Children's Programme
04:20 Family Game Show: Ononya
05:00 Gram Gonjer Khobor
05:15 Kandeey Aamar Ma
05:20 Islamic Programme
06:15 Take Care
08:00 Travel Show: Rexona
08:00 Destination Unlimited
08:40 Drama Serial: Ghar Jamai

09:20 Drama Serial: Jyotsnakaal
11:30 Talk Show: Talking Point
12:00 Grameenphone Lead News

Channel i

08:05 Tagore Song
08:30 Shokaal-er Gaan
08:40 Ajker Chakri
09:30 Shagbadpotrey Bangladesh
09:45 Public Reaction
09:50 Grameenphone Tritiomatra
11:05 Sports Time (Live)
11:30 Shur Doria Epaar Opaar
12:30 Citycell Taroka Kathana
01:05 Ebong Cinemar Gaan
01:30 Sa Re Ga Ma
02:30 Talbia '09
03:05 Channel i Sherakantha'09
04:05 Muktiuddha Protidin
04:30 Apnar Shuswashta

ETV

08:00 Ajker Patrika
10:02 Ekusher Business
12:30 Ekusher Business
02:30 D W 2000
03:30 Drama Serial: Johur Ali Johuri
04:02 Bari Bari Jombey Khela
04:30 Desh Jurey sanglaap
05:30 Sports Plus
05:45 Campus-ey Campus-ey
06:15 Ekusher Sandhya
07:45 Baula Antar
08:30 Drama Serial: Hitlu
09:30 Drama Serial: Johur Ali Johuri
10:10 Cine Hits

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08:30 Shasthya Protidin
08:55 Drama Serial: 1920
09:30 Crime Watch

09:00 Kisu Katha Kisu Gaan
11:30 Mohua

BANGLAVISION

08:30 Drama Serial: Rupnagorer Koinya
09:00 Drama Serial: Diba
Ratni Khola Thakey
10:10 Chaturanga
11:35 Onno Nayan
12:30 Positive Bangladesh
01:30 Mega Serial: Gulshan Avenue
02:30 Bangla Feature Film
05:25 Orthoniti Shanglaap
06:15 Telepress Business
06:40 Point of Order
08:15 Drama Serial: Megh Bondhu
09:05 Shoundarja Kolha
09:45 Drama Serial: Gulshan Avenue
11:25 X Crime

RTV

08:00 Ei Din
09:00 Black Horse RTV
Golden Key
10:00 Very Filmy
10:45 Lata Herbal Tarokalap
11:30 Share Update
12:30 Cookery Show: R Ranna
01:00 Dhallywood Beats
02:03 Bangla Feature Film
06:03 Protidin
06:45 Amader Katha
07:30 Road to Democracy
09:25 Drama Serial: Mon Kora
10:10 Drama Serial: Shey Amar
Ekia Pakhi
11:30 A For Advertising
Channel 1
08:40 Shuprobhat Bangladesh

STAR MOVIES

10:05 Kate And Leopold
12:25 Chaos
02:30 The Terminator
04:40 Hot Shots! Part Deux
06:30 Over Her Dead Body
08:25 The Mod Squad
10:30 Outsourced
12:50 Starsky & Hutch

STAR WORLD

10:30 The Simpsons
11:00 Everybody Loves Raymond
11:30 According To Jim
12:00 Knight Rider
01:00 Whose Line Is It Anyway?
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02:00 Friends
02:30 The Unit
03:30 The Ellen Degeneres Show
04:30 The Bold And The Beautiful
05:00 7th Heaven
06:00 Lipstick Jungle
07:00 According To Jim
07:30 Psych
08:30 The Simpsons
09:00 Friends
09:30 Everybody Loves Raymond
10:00 The King Of Queens
10:30 America's Got Talent
11:30 Criminal Minds
12:30 Knight Rider

HBO

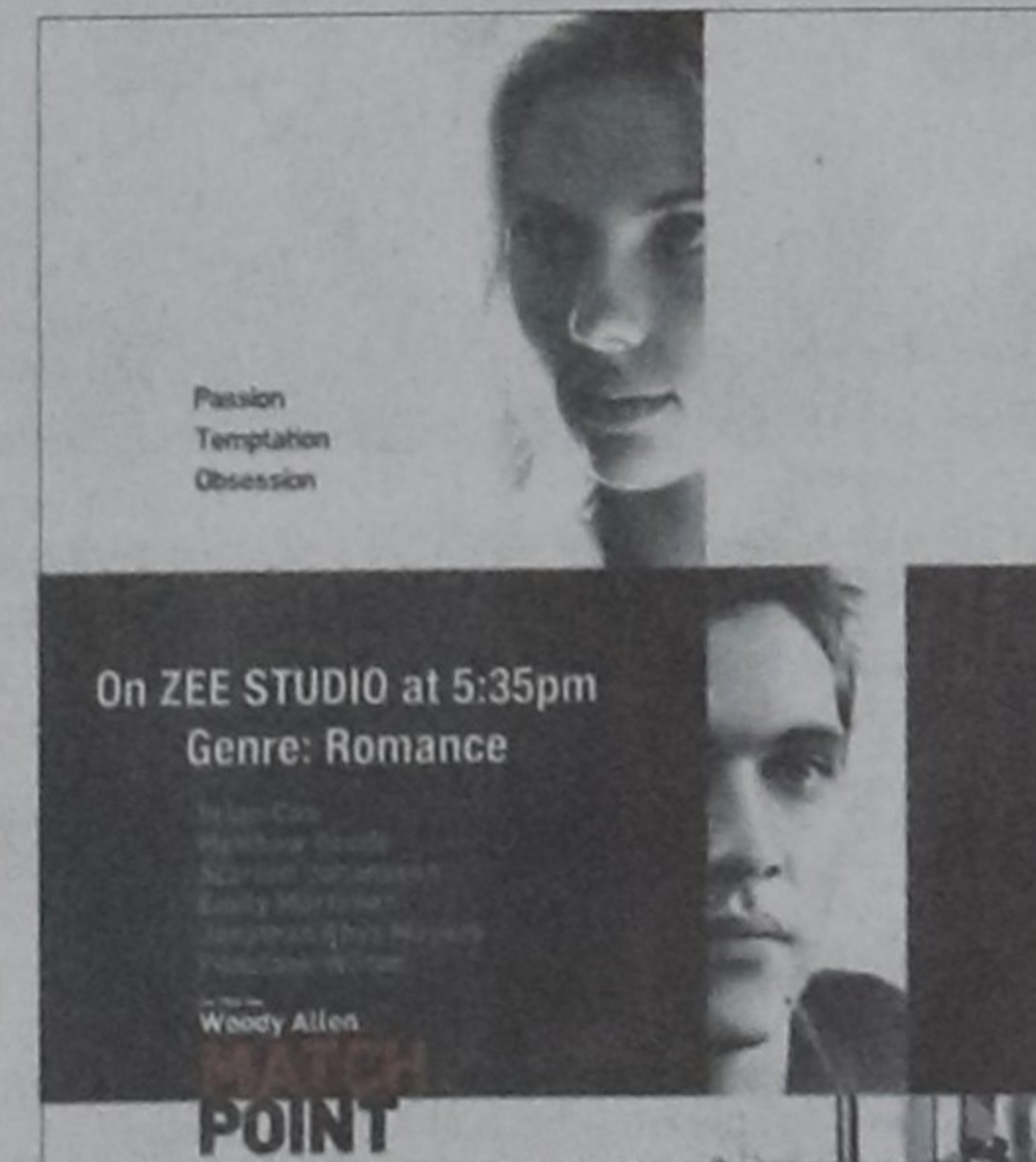
09:30 Stop-Loss
11:30 Kill The Conqueror
01:30 Things We Lost In The Fire
03:45 Tmz 091
04:15 Ladies Night
06:00 Little Secrets
08:00 Kill The Conqueror
10:00 Tmz 092
10:30 Year Of The Dog
12:30 Sleepy Hollow

ZEE STUDIO

09:30 Holy Man
11:00 Grosse Pointe Blank
02:55 Get shorty
03:25 Assassination of Richard Nixon
05:35 Match Point
08:25 Sorority Boys
10:30 He Got Game
01:15 The Last Time



Meghbondhu
On Banglavisian at 8:15pm
Drama Serial
Cast: Bijori Barkatullah, Mosharraf Karim



05:30 Shath Goenda
06:20 Cookery Show: Desh Bideshey Ranna
07:50 Drama Serial: Tulir Telesmati
08:25 Drama Serial: Gariber Kopaley Shanti Nai
09:30 Drama Serial: Bindu Thekey Britto
10:00 Drama: Akash Rangay Shomudro
11:30 Drama Serial
12:00 Grameenphone Ajker Shanbadpotro

10:05 Drama Serial: Ekta Kinley Ekta Free
11:30 Glamour World
12:10 Ei Shomoy
01:05 Japan Video Topic
02:30 Drama Serial: Kachher Manush
03:15 Drama Serial: Jhuth Jhamela
04:10 Quiz Show: Janar Acchey Bolar Achhey
05:30 Apnar Jiggasha
06:10 Shubho Shondhya
06:40 Rupali Pordar Galpo

12:00 Shangbaad Protidin
12:30 Basudha Cinema'r Gaan
Desh TV
12:15 Dur Path
04:30 Dur-er Janala
05:02 Cartoon
06:02 Ebar Jombey Khela
06:30 Sangbad Shondhya
09:45 Drama Serial: Bindu Thekey Britoy
10:30 Total Sports
11:45 Talk Show: Shojha Katha

09:10 Events of the Day
10:30 Nongor
11:00 Bangla Feature Film
03:30 Drama Serial: Kancher Putul
04:00 Drama Serial: Gahor Baldya
05:15 Ciney Tune
06:00 Saanjh Bela
08:15 Drama Serial: NO Question No Answer
09:00 Drama Serial: Kancher Putul
09:45 Events of the Day
11:00 Baul Fusion