

WHAT'S ON THIS WEEK

Anniversary Programme & Seminar
Organised by: Moviya
Film Society
Venue: Seminar Hall (Ground Floor), Central Public Library, Shahbagh
Date: November 10
Time: 05:30pm



Photography Exhibition

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



Photography Exhibition

Title: Amar Bangla
Photographer: Naiibuddin Ahmed
Venue: National Museum Auditorium
Date: November 7
Time: 6pm



Solo Painting Exhibition

Title: Colours of Nature, Rhythm of Life
Artist: Gulshan Hossain
Venue: Bengal Gallery of Fine Arts, H 275F, Rd 27 (old), Dhamondi
Date: October 30-November 10
Time: 12-8pm



Boons of cultural exchange

Ralph Samuelson on Asian Cultural Council

TAKIR HOSSAIN

Ralph Samuelson is a senior advisor to the Asian Cultural Council (ACC). Recently he visited Bangladesh on the occasion of the opening of the only printmaking studio in the country, Cosmos-Atelier 71.

Samuelson graduated from Cornell University and did his masters in music from Wesleyan University.

Samuelson about his background and current profession:

"New York is my hometown. I've been fascinated with music since childhood. I started playing musical instruments when I was just five. I joined John D. Rockefeller 3rd Fund in 1976 and was appointed the director in 1991. Since 2008, I've been a senior advisor of the ACC."

About ACC:

"The foundation was established in 1963 by John D. Rockefeller III who was an ardent admirer of Asian art. He wanted to find a way for artistes and scholars in America and Asia to connect with each other. He wanted to create a bridge between Asia and America to get to know each other better. Even after 46 years, we are trying to continue providing grants to Asian artists and scholars to come to the U.S. and Americans to go to Asia."

"ACC now has four offices in Asia -- located in Tokyo, Hong Kong, Taipei and Manila. Offices in those places have actually more to do with fundraising for ACC. A group of friends in those countries got together and said that we would like to raise money to help ACC carry out more exchange programmes in our country."

How does ACC collect funds?

"Rockefeller created the programme and he provided money for that. After his death, we no longer had that support. So we started raising money in the US and Asia. We receive generous contributions from Japan, Hong Kong, Taiwan and Philippines. We also raise money from large foundations like Ford, Rockefeller, the Starr and others."

About ACC's process of evaluating artists:

"Artists and scholars who are eager to receive ACC grants may apply to the office in New York or at



Ralph Samuelson at the inauguration of Cosmos-Atelier 71.

one of our Asian centres. Back in the day, one had to write a letter. For example, in 1970s, one of our early grant recipients, Bangladeshi historian Dr Enamul Haque, wrote a letter to us. The letter came to us after a very long time. He received our reply within a few weeks. The processing system was very lengthy. In recent years, applicants could send their letters via email. Interested individuals can also apply at our website -- www.asianculturalcouncil.org.

"Initially, we review the proposal. We call in experts in different sections to review the works. We have an advisory committee who help in the selection process. We also ask applicants to send us samples of their works. For example, if you are an artist, you should send us 2D reproductions of your artworks. If you are a music composer, you should send us clips or samples of your compositions and so on. Each year we receive around 1000 applications from U.S. and different Asian countries. We provide 100 grants every year. Grants are provided in both traditional and contemporary art (painting, printmaking, sculpture), archaeology, architecture, art history, arts administration, art criticism, conservation, crafts, dance, designing, film, literature, music, photography, theatre and video."

On his current involvement with ACC:

"In my 32 years of involvement with ACC, I failed to finish some of my personal projects. In mid 2008, I went on retirement from my post of director. After that I was placed as a senior advisor. The new director is Jennifer Goodale. She is an excellent philanthropic professional and art specialist."

"In recent years ACC has extended its role and is encouraging cultural exchange among Asian countries. For example, someone from Bangladesh might want to go to China and someone from Indonesia might want to come to Bangladesh to study art. ACC grants can now enable an artist or scholar to pursue that."

On Bangladeshi art scene:

"During my recent trip, I was introduced to many artists and renowned personalities in the Bangladeshi cultural scene. I think Bangladesh now has a vibrant and active art scene. I admire Bangladeshi art. Artists here seem concerned about the social history and issues. I think Bangladeshi art is headed the right way."

"This Is It": The biggest concert film of all time

Michael Jackson's "This Is It", the backstage documentary filmed before the star's death in June, became the highest-grossing concert film worldwide with \$21.3 million during the last weekend, lifting its five-day total to \$32.5 million in the USA and \$68.5 million internationally, according to studio estimates from Nielsen EDI.

The \$101 million total eclipses the record set by "Hannah Montana/Miley Cyrus: Best of Both Worlds Concert Tour", which earned \$70.6 million worldwide last year.

Sony Pictures, which released the film and initially said the movie would play for two weeks, announced Sunday that it would play through the Thanksgiving weekend. Sony's "\$60 million to acquire rights was money well spent," says Paul Dergarabedian of Hollywood.com.

"This Is It" stands to be a juggernaut all over the world, where Jackson's star never came under the glare it did in the USA.

And considering the film was a concert movie without the concert, "This Is It" earned strong reviews from critics, who praised its personal glimpse into the reclu-



Michael Jackson and emerging guitarist Orianthi in a scene from "This Is It".

"This is a rare glimpse into a genius's work," says Sony's Rory Bruer.

Source: USA Today

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

On Air

BTV

09:15 Documentary Programme
10:05 Open University
10:30 Musical Programme
12:30 Maa O Shishu Katha
01:00 Methoshur
01:30 Shukhi Poribar
02:15 Swadhin Shilpa
03:05 TV Series: Ali Baba Cholish
Chor
03:30 Chetonaay Muktijuddha
04:30 Saangeeta
05:05 Sisimpur
05:35 Ityadi
06:15 Inside Out
07:25 Protayashar Pathay
07:40 Documentary Programme: Phirey Dekha

08:25 Amar Bangladesh
08:30 Ontorey ontorey
09:00 Drama
10:50 Geet Shatadal

ATN BANGLA

08:30 Drama: Jyotsnakaal
09:10 Kandey Amar Maa
09:20 Asian City Top Spin
10:30 Talk Show: Hello Bangladesh

11:10 Bangla Feature Film
02:30 Cinema Cinema
03:10 Shundor Jibon-er Jonyo

04:20 Glamour Touch
05:10 Kandey Amar Maa
05:20 Islami Sawal O Jobab

06:15 Shobor Jonno
08:00 Drama Serial: Batasher Ghar
08:40 Drama Serial: Dayebondhon

09:20 Drama Serial: Pashapashi
11:30 Drama Serial: Roilo Bak Ek
12:00 Grameenphone Lead News

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08:05 Tagore Song
08:30 Shokal-er Gaan

08:40 Ajker Chakri

09:30 Shangbaadpotrey Bangladesh

09:45 Public Reaction

09:50 Talk Show: Grameenphone

Trilomatra

11:05 Special Programme
12:30 Citycell Taroka Kathan
01:05 Ebong Cinemar Gaan
01:30 Musical Programme: Sa Re Ga

02:30 Special Programme
03:05 Hridoy Mati O Manusher

03:50 Shikha Shilpo Shangskriti
04:15 Mukti Juddho Protidin
04:35 Talk Show: Unnayan Shakti

05:30 Shikkhar Chalchitra
06:00 Cookery Show

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09:30 Star and Sports

10:00 Drama Serial: Monkara

11:45 Taroka Alap

12:30 Drama Serial: Shey Amar Ekla

Pakhi

02:03 Bangla Feature Film

06:00 Protidin

06:45 Crime Focus

07:30 Road to Democracy

09:25 Drama Serial: Tobou Boshonto

10:10 Bangalink Eid Concert
11:30 Tomaar Jonyo Amar Ei Gaan

BANGLAVISION

Drama Serial: Megh Bondhu

08:30 Drama Serial: Diba Ratri Khola

Thakey

X Crime

12:30 Ebong Classer Bairey

Cookery Show

10:10 Drama Serial: Gulshan Avenue

Drama Serial: Babar Hotel

03:20 Drama Serial: Diba Raatri

Khola Thakey

04:05 Raat Biraatey

01:30 Drama Serial: Gulbonir Dhaka

05:00 Abashon Mela

06:15 Reporter's Eye

07:00 Point of Order

08:15 Drama Serial: Khoj

09:05 Media Bhuban

11:30 Dirty Sexy Money

ETV

08:30 Ekusher Shokal

09:30 Drama Serial: Jahan Ali Jahuri

11:30 Ekush-er Business

02:30 Dehotori

03:30 Chona Pona

05:30 Sports Plus

06:45 Sangskriti Samachar

07:30 Ekush-er Shondha

08:30 Tomaar Jonyo Mortey Mari

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