

WHAT'S ON THIS WEEK

Painting Exhibition

Title: Dhaka-Kolkata
Venue: Bengal Gallery of Fine Arts, H 275/F, Rd 27 (old), Dhanmondi
Date: November 13-22
Time: 12-8pm



Theatre

Play: Mrichchhakatika
Troupe: Dept. of Theatre, Dhaka University
Venue: Natmandal, DU
Date: November 10-15
Time: 7pm everyday



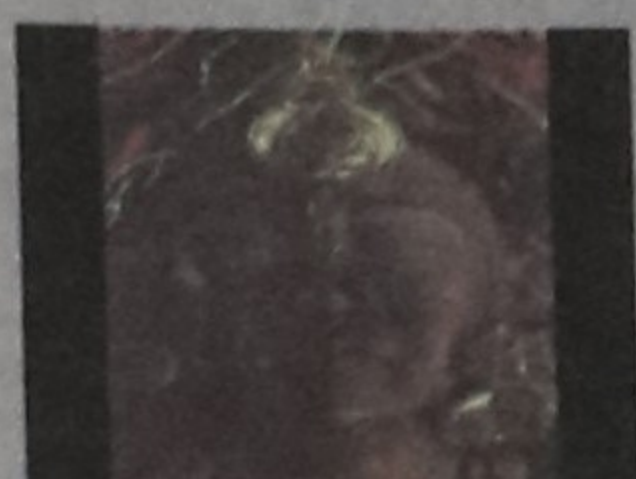
Int'l Ibsen Seminar and Theatre Festival

Title: Ibsen Through New Eyes
Venue: Shikokala Academy & Jahangirnagar University
Date: November 12-23
Time: 5pm onwards



Hand Crafted Jewellery Exhibition

Title: Taste, Style, Timeless
Venue: Chondan, H 9, Rd 103, Gulshan 2
Date: November 12-14
Time: 9am-8pm



One of the earliest Indian plays resurrected

Sudraka's "Mrichchhakatika" staged at Dhaka University



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The ancient Indian classic play "Mrichchhakatika" is being staged at Natmandal, University of Dhaka. Starting on November 10, the play is being staged over six days. The Department of Theatre, DU has produced the play based on the work -- with the same title -- by Sanskrit play-

wright Sudraka.

"Mrichchhakatika" is regarded one of the earliest Indian plays written in Sanskrit. The title of the play literally means "The Little Clay Cart". The play was written in the second century B.C. According to theatre historians, the play belongs to the genre 'prakaran'. Researchers feel that "Mrichchhakatika" does not

take elements from Indian myth.

Adapted from Mohit Chattopadhyay and Sukumari Bhattacharya's translations, the play was directed by Ashikur Rahman Leon.

The story of the play follows a young and noble man named Charudatta of Pataliputra (now Patna), and his love for a rich courtesan Basantsena. The love affair

becomes complicated when Shangsthanak, an aristocrat and a close relative of the king, also shows interest in Basantsena.

Laced with romance, court intrigue and comedy, the plot gets several twists and turns. Though the play is dominated by romance and comedy, it wonderfully depicts depravation, protest against misrule and the victory of truth --

aspects that are still very relevant.

The plot is further complicated by thieves and mistaken identities, thus making it entertaining.

Charudatta meets Basantsena accidentally, when the courtesan takes shelter in his residence to hide and save herself from Shangsthanak's advances. Charudatta falls for Basantsena. Shangsthanak also wants her. Shangsthanak abuses his power to get her. He kills Basantsena and tries to set up Charudatta for murder.

But Basantsena somehow escapes her death, appears at the court and reveals the truth.

Meanwhile, with the help of a noble, Sharbilak, who turns to theft due to poverty, popular leader Aarjak dethrones the king and takes over as the new ruler. Finally, Charudatta and Basantsena can savour their love.

Enamul Haq Tutul and Mahfuza Khan Asha respectively enacted the roles of Charudatta and Basantsena. Other lead roles were played by Shahman Maishan, Nusrat Zahan, Rabbi Ibne Siddiqui, Meherunnesa, Masud Rana and Sanjib Kumar Dey.

A group of DU students played and rendered classical music throughout the performance, which suited the production. The play will be staged everyday at 7pm till November 15.

Steven Tyler: "I'm not leaving Aerosmith"

Steven Tyler came out of his self-imposed Aerosmith exile Tuesday night to announce, "There's absolutely no validity to the rumours" that the band is breaking up.

Tyler joined bandmate Joe Perry onstage at the Fillmore in New York for the announcement, then they launched into their mega hit, "Walk This Way." But despite the show of unity, sources say the underlying causes of the Aerosmith rift have not been fixed.

"I just want New York to know, I am not leaving Aerosmith," Tyler said in NYC, abruptly calling a halt to Perry & Co.'s plans to find a new Aerosmith frontman.

"Joe Perry, you are a man of many colours," Steven continued. "But I, (expletive), am the rainbow!"

A terse Perry, when asked after the show to explain the surprise appearance, told TMZ.com that Tyler "couldn't stay away."

Tyler has been estranged from the band since the summer, when he fell off the stage during a show in South Dakota, bringing Aerosmith's summer tour to a screeching halt.

Word is, Steven Tyler, who had embraced sobriety for decades, has fallen off the wagon, much to the dismay of his bandmates.

And in his present state, Tyler has not been willing to sit down with the group and make the final album the band owes their record company. Perry

and the rest of the crew are said to be anxious to complete the project and collect the remaining cash from their lucrative Sony/Columbia deal.

Rolling Stone reported that the nub of Aerosmith's internal strife is a disagreement over what direction the band should pursue.

"Perry wants to record a new album in the style of the band's bluesy, '70s albums, while Tyler prefers to stock an album with hit songs written outside the band, such as 'I Don't Want to Miss a Thing,'" Rolling Stone said.

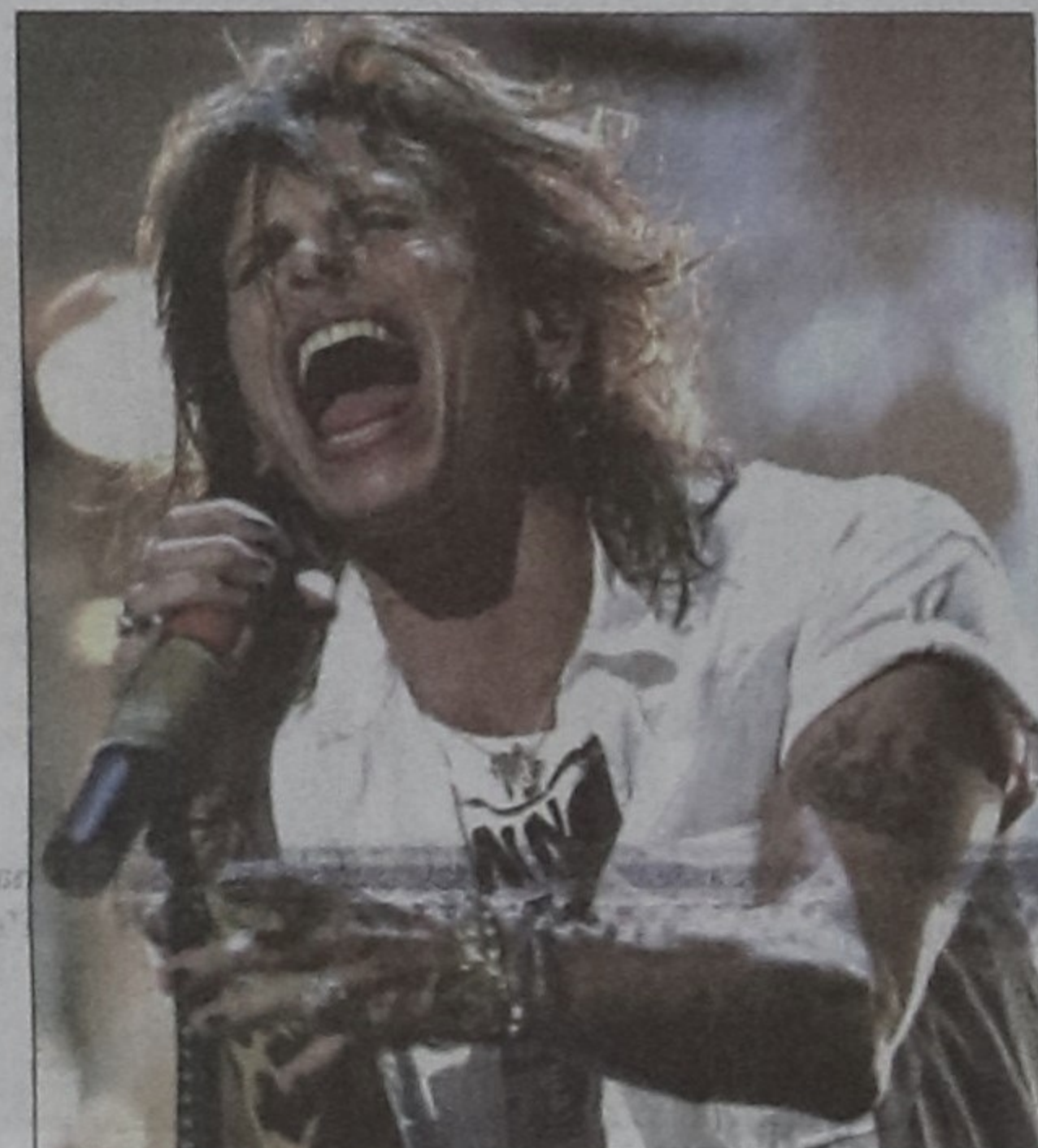
However, Tyler, 61, has been disinclined to record anything at all -- perhaps because he is

having more fun criss-crossing the continent.

The band also is annoyed that Tyler -- because of his issues -- has made it difficult for them to get tour insurance to go back out on the road. And since most of the members of Aerosmith are in their 60s, they would like to make their last bit of hay while they are still able to stand upright!

The group has been plagued by illnesses and injuries over the past several years and members have been asked repeatedly about possible retirement.

Source: Internet



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

On Air

BTV

10:05 Tiffin-er Adday
10:30 Amader Ei Bashundhara
10:55 Quiz: Maa O Shishu
11:20 Holdey Pakhir Palok
12:10 Amader Aangina
02:30 Pratyay
03:15 Bangla Feature Film
07:00 Shampatik
07:40 Documentary Programme: Phirey Dekha
08:25 Shabhyatar Jayjatra
08:30 Package Serial: Anunatok
09:00 Package Single Drama: Meye Thakey Scotland-e
10:25 Ranangoner Dinguli
10:50 Gaan Chirodin

ATN BANGLA

09:10 Kaandey Amar Maa
10:30 ATN Rannaghar
11:05 BSB Cambriyan Youth Parliament
12:05 Special Islami Programme
03:00 Bangla Feature Film
06:20 Amra Karbo Joy
08:00 Tatka national Dance Star
09:20 BBC Buzz
10:40 Bibeker Kachhey Prashno
11:30 Drama Serial: Roilo Baki Ek
12:00 Talk Show: Grameenphone Lead News

CHANNEL I

08:05 Tagore Song
08:30 Shokaler Gaan
09:30 Shanbadpotrey Bangladesh
09:45 Public Reaction
09:50 Grameenphone Trilio Matra
11:30 Islam Ki Boley
12:05 Kora Alap
12:30 Grameenphone Trilio Matray Apni
01:05 Lux Channel I Superstar '09
01:30 Sa Re Ga Ma
02:30 Special programme
04:30 Shamoyiki
05:30 Talent Hunt: Surdoria Bagha

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08:30 Swastho Protidin
08:45 Crime Watch
12:10 Music Euphoni
02:30 Tele Film: Rimjhim Bristi
04:10 Siddika Kabir's Recipe
05:40 Tiffin-er Phakey
06:40 Rup Madhuri
08:15 Drama Serial: Ekta Kinley Ekta Free
11:30 Journey Of Hope
12:00 Talk Show: Ei Shomoy



Channel i Shera Kontho
On Channel I at 7:50 pm
Musical Talent Hunt

ETV

09:30 Deho Tori
10:02 Shonamoni Shukh-e Ashukh-e
12:30 D W Today Tomorrow
01:30 Bangla Feature Film
04:30 Mukta Khabor
05:25 Shaptaha Jurey
05:45 Sports Plus
07:50 Nachey Gaaney Number One
09:30 Drama Serial: Bhabhi
10:10 Drama: Ekti Chithi O

Opekhar Ghari

10:50 Phono Live Studio Concert
10:00 Drama Serial: Tabu O Bashanto
10:45 Taroka Alap
11:30 Share Update
12:30 Bangla Eid Concert
02:03 Documentary
03:00 Tele Film: Falu Da Great
06:00 Protidin
06:45 Dhrupadi Kahini
07:30 Road to Democracy
09:25 Black Horse RTV Golden Key
11:30 Jiboney Jibon Aano

DESH TV

10:30 Khelar Shokal
12:15 Dur Paath

11:05 Housing Barta
01:30 Daily Soap: Gulshan Avenue
02:40 Drama Serial: Diba Ratri Khola Thakey
05:25 Din Badoler Manush
06:20 Special Programme: Vision Living Ony Alor Gaan
08:15 New Drama Serial
09:05 Drama Serial: Kushum Kumari
09:45 Drama Serial: Gulshan Avenue
11:25 Anna Nayan
Channel 1
08:40 Shuprobhat Bangladesh
09:10 Events of the Day
10:30 Drama: Gugli
11:30 Aalor Kafela
03:30 Drama Serial: No Question

03:15 Shine
05:30 Heat and Dust
08:30 To Gillian on her 37th Birthday
10:30 The Pink Panther
12:40 Capote
STAR MOVIES
10:45 Picture This
12:35 Wishful Thinking
02:25 Con Air
04:35 The Hills Have Eyes 2
06:20 Two Weeks
08:15 Swimfan
10:00 Opening Night: 2012
10:30 Raiders Of The Lost Ark
12:50 Comebacks, The
STAR WORLD
09:30 Late Show With David Letterman

09:00 Friends
09:30 Seinfeld
10:00 Whose Line Is It Anyway?
10:30 Psych
11:30 Eureka
12:30 Desperate Housewives

HBO

09:30 Get Smart's Bruce And Lloyd Out Of Control
11:00 The Game
01:30 Ocean's Thirteen
04:00 Tmz 103
04:30 The Contractor
06:30 License To Wed
08:30 Get Smart's Bruce And Lloyd Out Of Control
10:00 Tmz 104
10:30 The Matrix

BBC WORLD

08:45 Asia Today (r)
09:00 World News Today
10:00 BBC World News
10:30 Survivor's Guide To Work Weathering The Storm
11:00 BBC World News
11:30 World Business Report
12:00 BBC World News
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01:00 BBC World News
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01:45 Sport Today
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09:00 BBC World News
09:30 World Have Your Say
10:00 World News Today
11:00 BBC World News
11:30 World Business Report
11:45 Sport Today

