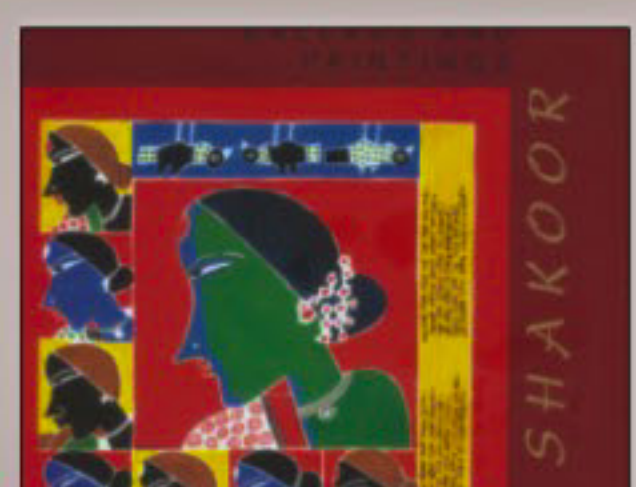


WHAT'S ON THIS WEEK

Cultural Festival
 Title: Jatiyo Sangskritik Shammelan
 Organiser: Udichi Shilpi Goshthi
 Venue: Central Shaheed Minar premises
 Date: January 7-9
 Inauguration: 3:30pm



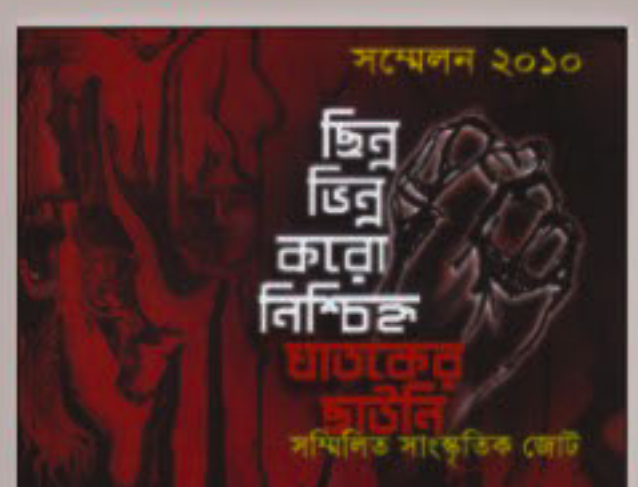
Book Launch
 Title: Ballads and Painting
 Author: Abdus Shakoor Shah
 Venue: Garden Gallery, R-4, H-23, Baridhara
 Date: January 11
 Time: 6pm



Musical Soiree
 Title: Srotar Ashor
 Venue: Ramesh Chandra Dutta Memorial Auditorium, Chhayanaout
 Date: January 8
 Time: 7pm



Council '10
 Organiser: Shammilita Sangskritik Jote
 Venue: Central Public Library premises, Shahbagh
 Date: January 8
 Time: 10am onwards



Theatre Review

Harold Pinter's "Homecoming" at Natmandal



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Pinter's play offers psychodrama in a family setting.

JAMIL MAHMUD

As part of their curriculum, Master's students of the Department of Theatre, Dhaka University, staged Nobel Laureate English playwright Harold Pinter's "The Homecoming" on January 6. The play was staged at Natmandal and will be staged every evening at the venue till January 11. Adapted by Professor Abdus Selim, the play has been directed by Ziaul Haque Titas.

Pinter's "Homecoming" involves a six-member working class family in North London. Teddy, the eldest son of the family, is a professor, who teaches philosophy at an American university. The plot focuses on Teddy's homecoming along with his wife Ruth, a mother of three, who grew up in the same neighbourhood

before leaving for America with Teddy. Romance, nostalgia, lust and perversity unfold as the couple settles down in the family home.

Ruth teases Teddy's brothers -- Lenny, who appears to be a pimp, and Joey, a wannabe boxer -- and their father Max, a retired butcher in his 70s. The family members taunt one another in an incestuous game of one-upmanship. Meanwhile the sixth member of the family Sam, Max's brother, calmly observes everything.

As the play begins, through a dream sequence it's revealed that Lenny desires Ruth. Max's working class background is evident through his constant swearing and cursing. Lenny and Joey share their stories of lust at ease with their father in front of other family members.

Ruth decides to stay with her in-laws

and Teddy returns home to America without her.

The ending would pose a question: was it a psychological game -- involving his family members -- planned by Teddy? The answer, however, is left for the audience to figure out.

The original Broadway production of "Homecoming" won a Tony Award for "Best Revival of a Play" in 2008.

Enamul Haque Tutul plays Teddy, while Rajiv Chandra Das dexterously enacts Max. Sharmin Aktar Lima, Mahfuza Khan Asha and Nusrat Jahan Keya take turns playing Ruth. The cast also includes Shahman Moishan, Belayet Hossain and Rabbi Ibne Siddiqui.

The set of the play was innovative considering the available space. Director of the play, Titas, also did the lighting.

Cultural show to address the rights of disabled children

ABU AHMED, Sakhira

A discussion and cultural function were held at Shahid Abdur Razzak Park in the town recently to create awareness among the people so that the rights of children with disabilities could be ensured.

The discussion, jointly organised by local NGOs IDEAL and DRRA and

funded by International NGOs- Action Aid aimed at raising awareness about the rights of children with disabilities who account for 3 percent of people with disabilities.

Chaired by IDEAL director Dr. Nazrul Islam, among those who addressed the gathering were Jatiya Party lawmaker MA Jabbar; Sadar Upazila chairman Alhaj Nazrul Islam and Sakhira Press Club president Abu Ahmed. Speakers

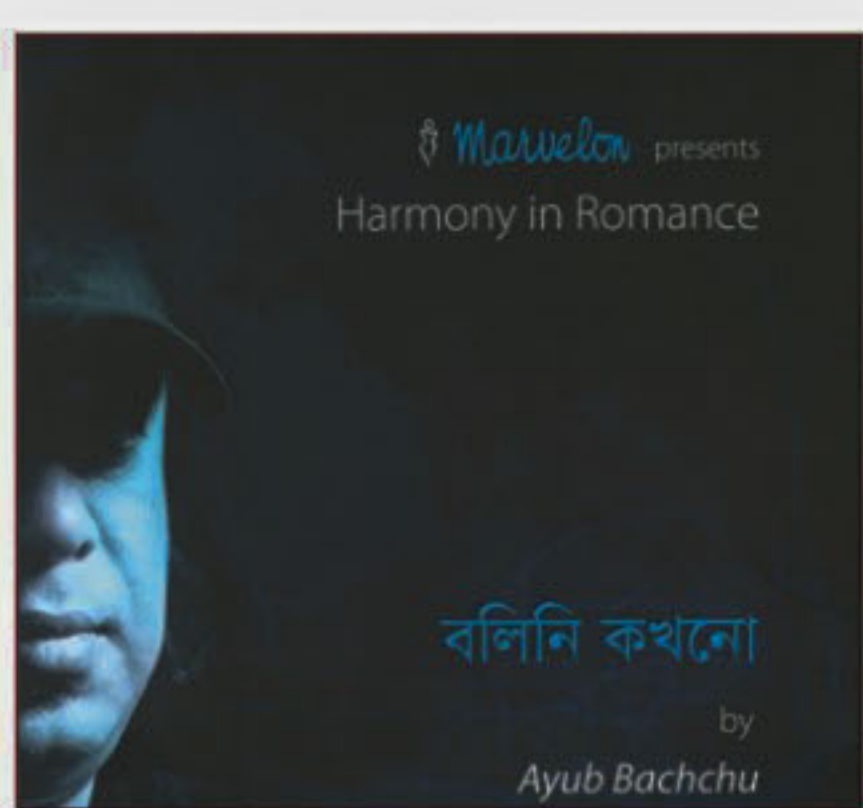
called on the public to stand by the children with disabilities and help ensure their rights.

They also called for inclusive education for them so that they can be integrated into the mainstream.

Later, local performers including children with disabilities presented a cultural show, with highlights such as the play "Ador" and "Pot Gaan."

NEW RELEASES

Mon-e Rekho Mor Gaan
 Solo album of Ferdousi Rahman
 Source: Soundtek



Boloni Kokhono
 Solo album by Ayub Bachchu
 Source: Marvelon

Nutan-er Bani
 Solo album of Rabindra Sangeet featuring Ismat Noor
 Source: Laser Vision



Wakil-er Gaan
 Solo album by Syed Wakil Ahmed
 Source: Gaanpoka



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

On Air

- BTV**
 - 08:15 Cartoon
 - 09:05 Documentary Programme: Phirey Dekha
 - 09:15 Esho Gaan Shikhi
 - 09:35 Bangla Feature Film
 - 12:30 Bidyangan
 - 01:45 Protyoy
 - 02:20 Tri-National Cricket Series Bangladesh vs. Sri Lanka
 - 07:00 Shamprotik
 - 07:40 Documentary Programme: Phirey Dekha
 - 08:25 Shobhyotar Joyatra
 - 09:00 Package Tele-film
 - 10:25 Ranangoner Dinguli
 - 10:50 Sonar Tori
- ATN BANGLA**
 - 09:10 Kaandey Amar Maa
 - 09:20 Educational Programme: BSB Cambrian Education Zone
 - 10:30 Cookery Show
 - 11:05 Debate: BSB Cambrian Youth Parliament
 - 03:15 Bangla Feature Film
 - 05:00 Gram Ganjer Khobor
 - 06:20 Amra Karbo Joy
 - 08:00 Talika national Dance Star
 - 09:20 Drama Serial: Pashapashi
 - 11:30 Drama Serial: Maa Tui Kemon Achchish
 - 12:00 Talk Show: Grameenphone Lead News
- CHANNEL i**
 - 08:05 Tagore Song
 - 08:30 Shokaler Gaan
 - 09:30 Shanbadpotrey Bangladesh Public Reaction
 - 09:45 Grameenphone Tritio Matra
 - 10:30 Grameenphone Tele Shomoy
 - 11:30 Islam Ki Boley
 - 12:05 Kora Alap
 - 12:30 Grameenphone Tritiyo Matray Apni
 - 01:05 Lux Channel i Superstar '09
 - 01:30 Sa Re Ga Ma
 - 02:30 Muktiyuddha Protidin
 - 05:30 Surdoria Bagha Gayen
 - 07:50 Meridian Channel i Khudey

- 10:00 Gaanraaj
- 11:30 Drama Serial: Ganber Kopaley Shanti Nei
- 12:00 Talk Show: Shath Din-er Ostoprohor
- 12:00 Grameenphone Ajker Sangbadpatra
- ntv**
 - 08:30 Swasthya Protidin
 - 08:45 Crime Watch
 - 09:30 Bhalobasho Mor Gaan
 - 10:30 Apnar Jiggasha
 - 12:10 Music Euphony
 - 02:30 Tele-film: Chotushkon
 - 04:40 Documentary: Shantir Obhijatri
 - 05:40 Tiffin-er Phakey
 - 06:10 Shubho Shondhya
 - 06:40 Rupmadhuri
 - 08:15 Drama Serial: Ekta Kinley Ekta Free
- RTV**
 - 10:00 Drama Serial: Tabuo
 - 10:45 Taroka Alap
 - 11:30 Share Update
 - 12:30 Drama Serial: Dui Pokhyo
 - 02:03 Documentary
 - 03:10 Tele Film
 - 06:00 Protidin
 - 06:45 Dhruvadi 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
 - 01:02 Cartoon

- 02:30 Tele-film/ Drama on request
- 04:05 Music Together
- 05:25 Din Bodoler Manush
- 08:15 Drama: Patiganit
- 09:05 Drama Serial: Rang-er Dunia
- 09:45 Drama Serial: Gulshan Avenue
- 11:25 Talk Show: Anyo Nayan
- ZEE STUDIO**
 - 08:30 Assassination of Richard Nixon
 - 10:35 Capote
 - 01:30 Anacondas: The Hunt for the Blood Orchid
 - 03:35 The Mirror has two faces
 - 06:45 Spiderman
 - 09:30 Father of the Bride 2
 - 11:55 The Grudge 2
- HBO**
 - 08:30 The Chamber

- 09:00 World News Today
- 10:00 BBC World News
- 10:30 Survivor's Guide To Work
- 11:00 The Migrant's Story
- 11:30 BBC World News
- 12:00 BBC World News
- 12:30 World Business Report
- 01:00 BBC World News
- 01:30 World Business Report
- 01:45 Sport Today
- 02:00 BBC World News
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- 03:00 BBC World News
- 03:30 Survivor's Guide To Work (r) The Migrant's Story
- 04:00 BBC World News
- 05:00 BBC World News
- 05:30 World Business Report
- 05:45 Sport Today
- 06:00 World News Today

- 11:00 Match: Texas vs. Alabama
- 03:00 Royal Trophy 2010, The PBA Viper Championship
- 04:30 2010 Argentina - Chile Dakar
- 05:00 NBA Fastbreak 2009/10
- 05:30 Fina Aquatics World
- 06:00 Premier League World
- 06:30 KIA X Games Asia 2009 - Inline Vert
- 07:00 NBA Action 2009/10
- 07:30 Premier League World First Edition
- 08:30 Sportscenter India
- 09:00 Sportscenter Asia
- 09:30 Cev Beach Volleyball
- European Championship Tour - Austrian Masters
- 10:30 Sportscenter India
- 11:00 Sportscenter Asia
- 11:30 Football Forecast
- 12:30 Barclays Premier League 2009/10 Match: Manchester United vs. Wigan Athletic

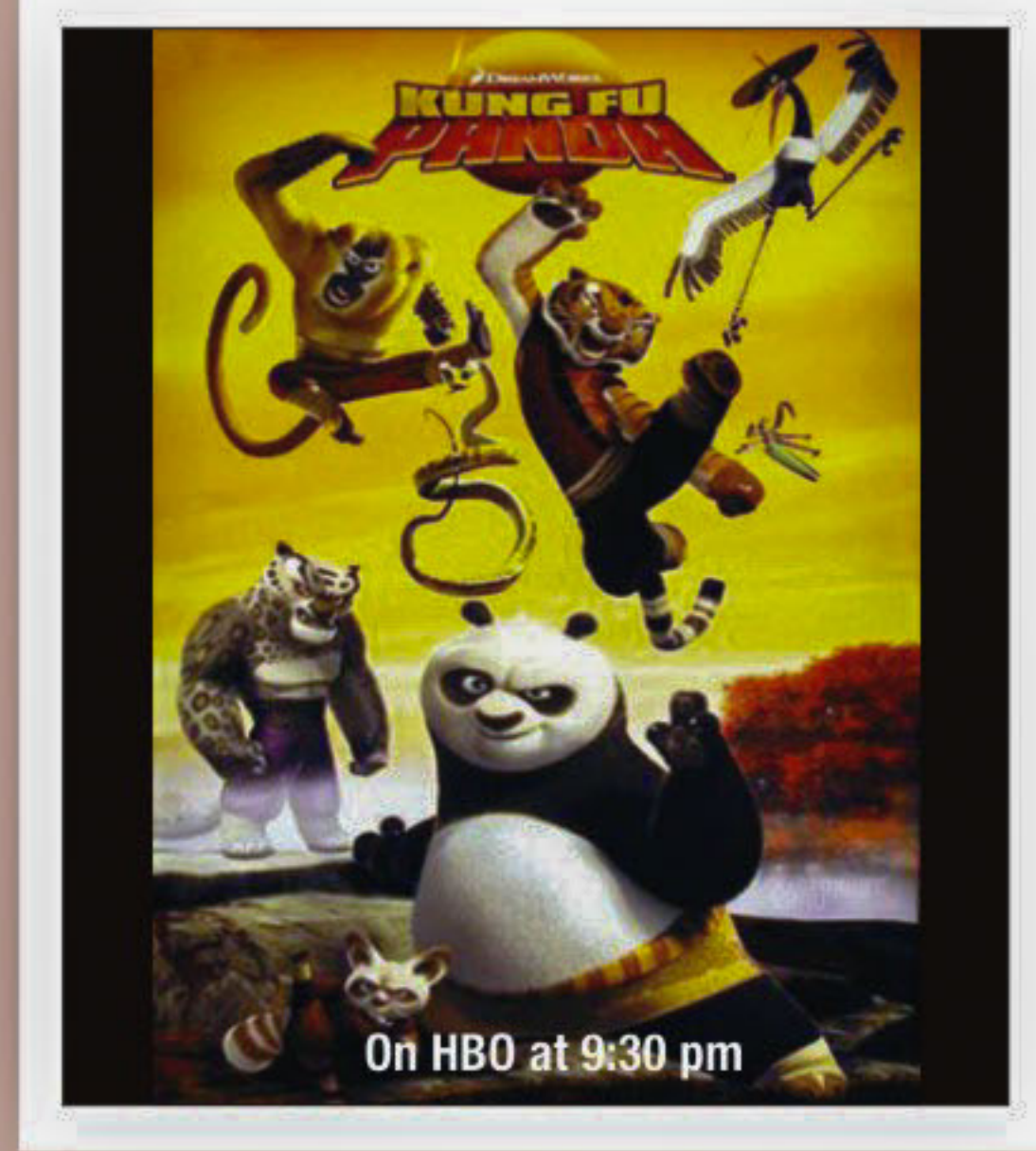
STAR SPORTS

- 09:00 Hyundai Hopman Cup
- Xxii Match: Russia vs. Great Britain
- 01:30 Best Of Australian Open Tennis 2009 - Women's Singles Highlights
- Match: Dinara Safina vs. Jelena Dokic
- 02:30 Best Of Australian Open Tennis 2009 - Women's Singles Highlights Match: Svetlana Kuznetsova vs. Serena Williams
- 03:30 Hot Water 2009/10
- 04:30 TNA Sikander 09/10
- 05:30 Behind The Baseline
- 06:00 King Of Wake World Cup Series '08 #6
- 06:30 Hyundai Hopman Cup Xxii Match: Russia vs. Great Britain
- 09:30 Score Tonight
- 10:00 TNA Sikander 09/10
- 11:00 FEI Equestrian World 2009
- 11:30 Best Of Australian Open Tennis 2009 - Men's Singles Highlights Match: Andy Roddick vs. Novak Djokovic
- 12:30 FEI World Cup Jumping 2009/10



Shongshar
 On Desh Tv at 9:45 pm
 Rangmistary Show: Drama
 Cast: Joya Ahsan, Swadheen Khashru

- abc radio FM 89.2**
 - 06:00 Bhorer Janalay
 - 09:00 Mukhorito Jiboney
 - 12:00 Darun Dupurey
 - 03:00 Duranto Bikelley
 - 05:00 Shondhataro
 - 07:00 Shajer Maya
 - 09:00 Raat-er Akashay
 - 11:00 Golper Shesh Nei
- RADIO FOORTI 88.0 FM**
 - 08:00 Addabazi
 - 12:00 Boier Poka
 - 02:00 Foorti Unlimited
 - 06:00 Bumper to Bumper
 - 10:00 Club Foorti
 - 01:00 Back to Back music
- RADIO TODAY 89.6 FM**
 - 07:15 Good Morning Dhaka
 - 11:00 Musti Unlimited
 - 01:00 Today's World Music
 - 04:00 U Turn
 - 08:00 Tobey Tai Hok
 - 11:00 Raat Bhor Gaan



On HBO at 9:30 pm

- 09:00 Reality Game Show
- 09:45 Drama Serial: Dhupchhaya
- 12:00 Talk Show: Ei Shomoy
- ETV**
 - 09:30 Deha Tori
 - 10:02 Shonamoni Shukhey
 - Oshukhey
 - 11:30 Sanskriti Samachar
 - 12:02 Ekushey-er Dupur
 - 12:30 DW Today Tomorrow
 - 01:30 Bangla Feature Film
 - 05:25 Shaptaho Jurey
 - 06:30 Spondon
 - 07:50 Musical Night With Ustaad

- 03:00 Bangla Feature Film
- 04:00 Desh Janopad
- 07:45 Travel Show: Pothey Jetey Jetey
- 09:45 Rangmistari Show: Drama: Shongshar
- 11:45 Call-er Gaan
- BANGLAVISION**
 - 09:00 Nodi O Jibon
 - 10:10 Bhalo Thakun
 - 11:05 Housing Barta
 - 12:05 The Spirit of Islam
 - 01:30 Drama Serial: Gulshan Avenue

- 10:45 Vantage Point
- 12:30 The Kite Runner
- 03:00 Missionary Man
- 04:45 Door To Door
- 06:30 The Making Of Sherlock Holmes
- 07:00 Daddy Day Care
- 09:00 Tmz 144
- 09:30 Kung Fu Panda
- 11:45 Vantage Point
- BBC WORLD**
 - 08:00 BBC World News
 - 08:30 Asia Business Report
 - 08:45 Asia Today (r)

- 07:00 World News Today
- 08:00 BBC World News
- 08:30 Survivor's Guide To Work (r) The Migrant's Story
- 09:00 BBC World News
- 09:30 Our World: Hard Labour (r)
- 10:00 World News Today
- 11:00 BBC World News
- 11:30 World Business Report
- 11:45 Sport Today
- ESPN**
 - 07:30 2010 Citi Bcs National Championship Game