

WHAT'S ON THIS WEEK

Dance Drama
 Play: Hey Ananta
 Troupe: Shadhona
 Venue: National Theatre Hall, Shilpakala Academy
 Date: January 28
 Time: 7:00pm



Photography Exhibition
 Title: Ghum
 Photographer: Bakin Rabbi
 Venue: Alliance Francaise de Dhaka, 26 Mirpur Rd, Dhanmondi
 Date: January 23-February 5
 Inauguration: Jan 23 at 6pm



Theatre
 Play: Shesh Sanglaap
 Troupe: Shomoy Natyadal
 Venue: Experimental Theatre Hall, Shilpakala Academy
 Date: January 23
 Time: 6:30pm



Photography Exhibition
 Title: Bangladesh in Frames II
 Organiser: Through the Lens: Bangladesh
 Venue: Drk Gallery, H 58, Rd 15A (new)
 Date: January 21-25
 Time: 3-8pm



Hope for better cine culture

11th Dhaka Int'l Film Festival ends

JAMIL MAHMUD

The 11th Dhaka International Film Festival ended yesterday. Arranged by Rainbow Film Society, the nine-day festival was inaugurated on January 14 at the National Museum, Shabbagh. The festival featured around 200 feature, documentary, short and independent films from 66 countries. Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina inaugurated the festival.

The festival was held at three auditoriums of the Central Public Library and National Museum. First launched in 1992, the festival this year was the biggest considering the entries of films and participation of the countries. A number of foreign delegates, including filmmakers, film critics and film journalists, attended the prestigious festival.

The festival featured 10 categories, including 'Competition', 'Focus', 'Retrospective' and 'Short and Independent'. 'Competition' was the key section, as 17 films including two Bangladeshi films 'Third Person Singular Number' and 'Gahiney Shobdo' featured in the section were running for the top award worth a cash money of Tk. 100,000. Veteran Indian filmmaker Saeed Akhtar Mirza headed the international jury board.

The award presentation ceremony was held yesterday, the last day, at the National Museum Auditorium. "The Other Bank" by George Ovashvili (Georgia/Kazakhstan) received the Best Film Award. Mostafa Sarwar Farooki received the Best Director Award for "Third Person Singular Number". The jury board also selected one Best Actor (Tedo for "The Other Bank"), Best Actress (Pataneh Malek-Mohammadi for "Super Star"), and Best Cinematographer (Alireza Zarrin-Dast for "Super Star").



Crests in hand, the awardees with the jury and guests.

PHOTO: MUMIT M.

Ahmed Muztaba Zamal, festival director, sees the mega event as a success and regards the inclusion of two Bangladeshi films for the competition as inspiring. "As the festival has been held every alternate year, we try to include films that are released in the interim; however, we give priority to more recent films. Regarding the submission, two films are enough for the competition," said Zamal.

Initially eight Bangladeshi films were submitted for the competition section, from where the judges selected two.

Although Zamal thinks two films is enough, Badal Rahman, filmmaker and deputy director of the festival committee, is of the view that more entries from Bangladeshi films would be encouraging. "I think four instead of two would be more encouraging," said Rahman.

A total of 22 Bangladeshi films were

screened throughout the festival in different categories. There was a different section titled 'Bangladesh Panorama' where five feature films were screened. Nevertheless while the festival authorities were pleased with the inclusion of local films the Women Section, where 20 films were screened, featured no entry from Bangladesh. The festival authorities asserted that there were no such submissions in the category.

Though the festival was a success, the turnout of the spectators over the nine days was not up to the mark, Zamal and Rahman pointed out. "The chilly weather was the prime obstacle for local filmgoers. Other than that, the recent incident in Dhaka University threw a shadow over the festival. But, overall we are satisfied with the viewers' attendance throughout the festival," said Rahman.

The festival is an outcome of film society activities and Rahman believes that regular film society activities are essential to build up a better film-oriented society. Rahman also conceives of the festival as a continuous activity, which will work in future to help create more film lovers and filmmakers.

With the slogan "Better Film, Better Society, Better Audience", Rainbow Film Society has regularly arranged the festival. The festival is dedicated to promote a better cine culture in Bangladesh. In the short span of 17 years, DIFF has attained international recognition with 11 festivals.

The festival organiser was the Rainbow Film Society in association with Embassy of Royal Netherlands, Embassy of France, Embassy of Switzerland, GMG Airlines, Religion Today Film Festival and SIGNIS.

Third Int'l Children's Film Festival begins today

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

With the slogan "Future in Frames", the 3rd International Children's Film Festival begins today at the Osmani Memorial Hall. Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina is expected to inaugurate the festival. The inaugural session will presided over by Mustafa Monwar, chairman of the festival advisory committee.

Screening of German film "The Crocodiles" (directed by Christian Ditter) will follow the inauguration. Several venues around the city have been selected for the screenings.

Apart from popular and well-known

venues such as the Central Public Library and National Museum premises, the films will also be screened at Shishu Academy, Russian Centre of Science and Culture, Alliance Francaise de Dhaka, Iranian Cultural Centre, German Cultural Centre, British Council Auditorium, UCEP Auditorium, Mirpur; Pallima Sangsad Auditorium, Malibagh; Bangladesh College of Lather Technology Auditorium, Hazaribagh and Star Cineplex.

Everyday films will be screened in four sessions starting from 11:15am. Apart from film screening, a daylong seminar will be held on January 27. The festival will run till January 29.

Literary conference in Satkhira

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Satkhira

Bijoy Sahitya Sangsad organised a daylong literary conference at Satkhira Poursava auditorium on January 21.

The Bijoy Sahitya Sangsad authorities also distributed Bijoy Sahitya Award '09 to 10 eminent literateurs and poets of the country.

The literary conference was inaugurated by two distinguished poets-Makid Haider and Sajjad Kadir.

Chaired by freedom fighter Enamul Haque Biswas, the conference was addressed by among others Satkhira Government Women College principal, Professor Abdul Hamid; Satkhira Government College vice-principal Nimai Chandra Mondal; Subhas Chandra Sarkar; poet Lili Haque; Wasim Haque; Nishikanto Bannerjee and Sheikh Azhar Hossain.

Speakers said literateurs awaken the conscience of man and encourage them to raise their voice against injustice.

Poets and authors also inspire patriotism through their writings and the fight against corruption, they added.

Later, the Bijoy Sahitya Sangsad authorities handed out the Bijoy Sahitya Sangsad Award for 2009 to Al Kamal Abdul Wahab (posthumous), poet Sajjad Kadir; Gazi Azizur Rahman; Shailendra Nath Kabasi, Narendra Shushandhya; M Nazrul Islam; Shuvra Ahmed; Reja Swapan; Sayem Ferdous and Ahmed Sabbir for their outstanding contribution to poetry and literature in Bengali.

Finally, poet Makid Haider as chief guest handed crests to the winners. Over 100 literateurs and poets participated in the programme.



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

On Air

BTV

- 09:05 Documentary Programme: Phirey Dekha
- 10:05 Rumjhum
- 10:30 Pilot Programme
- 11:30 Mati O Manush
- 12:10 Swasto Jigyasha
- 01:10 Cholo Bodley Jai
- 01:35 Shukhi Poribaar
- 02:15 Sisimpur
- 02:45 Bangla Feature Film
- 05:35 Geeti Malya
- 06:10 Karukaj
- 06:30 Special Programme
- 07:40 Documentary Programme: Phirey Dekha
- 08:25 Shobhyotar Joyjatra
- 08:30 Dance Programme: Tarana
- 09:00 Package Single Episode TV play: Tomar Jonno Morley Pari
- 10:25 Musical Programme: Praney Money Ontorey

ATN BANGLA

- 09:10 Kaandey Amar Maa
- 09:15 Asian City Vision 2020
- 10:30 Hello Bangladesh
- 11:05 Shah Cement Nirmaner Taroka
- 01:30 Documentary: Prapok
- 06:15 Square Hospital Shushtho Thakun
- 08:00 Drama Serial: Projapoti Mon
- 08:40 Drama Serial: Eka
- 09:20 Drama Serial: Jolkona
- 10:40 Talk Show: Mukto Sanglap
- 11:30 Drama Serial: Maa Tui Kemon Achhish
- 12:00 Talk Show: Grameenphone Lead News

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- 08:05 Tagore Song
- 08:30 Shokaler Gaan
- 08:40 Aiker Chakri
- 09:30 Shanbadpotrey Bangladesh
- 09:45 Public Reaction
- 09:50 Grameenphone Tritiyomatra
- 11:05 Amader Ainain
- 12:30 Citycell Taroka Kathan
- 01:05 Ebong Cinemar Gaan
- 01:30 Shobaar Jonyo Shorboshesh Bigyan Dharona
- 02:30 Muktijudha Protidin
- 05:30 Talent Hunt: Surdoria Bagha Gayen
- 07:50 Drama Serial: Sakin Sharishuri
- 09:35 Hridoye Mati O Manush
- 10:00 Drama Serial: Koyekti Kataghuri
- 11:30 Drama Serial: Khunjei Phiri

- 12:00 Grameenphone Aiker Sangbadpatra

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- 08:30 Swastho Protidin
- 08:55 Bangla Feature Film
- 10:05 Bangla Feature Film
- 12:00 Washington Barta
- 12:10 Talk Show: Ei Shomoy
- 01:05 Cartoon
- 02:30 Drama Serial: Chokkor
- 03:10 Busyder Easy Show
- 04:25 Gallery
- 05:30 Alokpaat
- 06:40 Shangskriti Ei Shoptaho
- 08:15 Drama Serial: Graduate
- 09:00 Drama: Shunyasthan Puron
- 11:30 Band Show
- 12:00 Talk Show: Ei Shomoy

ETV

- 09:30 Drama Serial: Bhabhi
- 10:02 Dehoghari
- 11:30 Baula Antor
- 12:30 DW Euromax
- 1:30 Bangla Feature Film

- 06:45 Look At Me
- 09:25 Drama Serial: Dorakata
- 10:10 Drama Serial: FDC
- 11:30 Jegey Achho Ki

DESH TV

- 10:30 Khelar Shokal
- 12:15 Dur Paath
- 01:00 Cartoon
- 03:00 Bangla Feature Film
- 04:00 Desh Janopad
- 07:45 Desh Top Chart
- 08:15 Drama Serial: Maer Doa Poribahan
- 09:45 Drama Serial: Jao Pakhi
- 10:30 Total Sports
- 11:45 Talk Show: Shoja Katha

BANGLAVISION

- 08:30 Drama Serial: Babar Hotel
- 09:00 Ebong Class-er Bairey
- 10:10 Jonotaar Mukhomukhi
- 11:35 Anyo Nayan
- 12:30 Media Bhubaan
- 01:30 Daily Soap: Gulshan Avenue
- 02:30 Bangla Feature Film

BBC WORLD

- 08:00 BBC World News
- 08:30 Africa Business Report
- 09:00 World News Today
- 10:00 BBC World News
- 10:30 Simpson's World
- 03:30 BBC World News
- 11:30 Middle East Business Report
- 12:00 BBC World News
- 12:30 Click (r)
- 01:00 BBC World News
- 01:10 The Doha Debates
- 02:00 BBC World News
- 02:10 The Conspiracy Files
- 03:00 BBC World News
- 03:30 Newsnight
- 04:00 BBC World News
- 04:30 Extra Time (r)
- 05:00 BBC World News
- 05:30 Middle East Business Report (r)
- 06:00 BBC World News
- 06:30 Dateline London

- 04:50 Scream
- 07:15 Derailed
- 09:30 Mr. Brooks
- 12:00 The Pacifier

HBO

- 08:00 The Making Of Get Smart
- 08:30 Tmz 154
- 09:00 Miss congeniality 2: Armed And Fabulous
- 11:30 Generation Kill Part 4: Combat Jack
- 12:30 Red Water
- 03:00 The Making Of Kung Fu Panda
- 03:30 Burn After Reading
- 05:30 I Spy
- 07:30 True Blood 24: Beyond Here Lies Nothin'
- 09:00 Tmz 155
- 09:30 Nancy Drew
- 11:30 The Time Machine

STAR CRICKET

- 03:15 ICC U-19 Cricket World Cup 2010 (Live)
- 07:00 Boys To Men

- 11:30 ICC U-19 Cricket World Cup 2010 H/Is
- 12:30 Thunder Down Under

STAR SPORTS

- 06:00 Australian Open 2010 (Live)
- 02:00 Australian Open 2010
- 06:00 Nike Football Locker Room 2009/10
- 06:30 Sports Max
- 07:30 Australian Open 2010
- 08:30 TNA Ppv 09/10
- 11:30 Australian Open 2010
- 12:30 Australian Open 2010

ESPN

- 07:00 NBA Regular Season 2009/10 (Live)
- 09:30 Castrol Football Crazy
- 10:00 World Of Gymnastics
- 10:30 Football Forecast - FA Cup 2009/10
- 11:00 Hitz 09/10
- 11:30 World Sport 2010
- 12:00 PBA All STAR Shootout
- 12:30 2009 Remax World Long Drive Championship
- 02:00 Castrol Football Crazy
- 02:30 Sportcenter Weekend
- 03:30 Sportcenter Week In Review
- 04:00 Global Football
- 04:30 Lillehammer 1994 : 16 Days Of Glory
- 08:30 Atlanta 1996 : Atlanta's Olympic Glory
- 12:30 Winter X Games 12

Fox History & Entertainment

- 08:30 Creative Vision
- 09:30 Hitler's Bodyguard: Kill the new Chancellor
- 10:30 Stephen Hawking - Master of the Universe: Part 1
- 11:30 Creative Vision
- 12:30 The Cult of the Suicide Bomber: Episode 2
- 01:30 Everday Einstein
- 02:30 Marco Polo: Part 4
- 03:30 The Tudors: Episode 10
- 04:30 Indian Journeys: City of Djinns
- 05:30 Commando - On The Frontline: Enemy Contact
- 06:30 The Cult of the Suicide Bomber - Part II: Episode 1
- 07:30 Deadliest Warrior: Yakuza vs. Mafia
- 08:30 Stephen Hawking - Master of the Universe: Part 1
- 09:30 Crusoe: Episode 10
- 10:30 Stephen Hawking - Master of the Universe: Part 2
- 11:30 The Cult of the Suicide Bomber - Part II: Episode 2

DISCOVERY CHANNEL

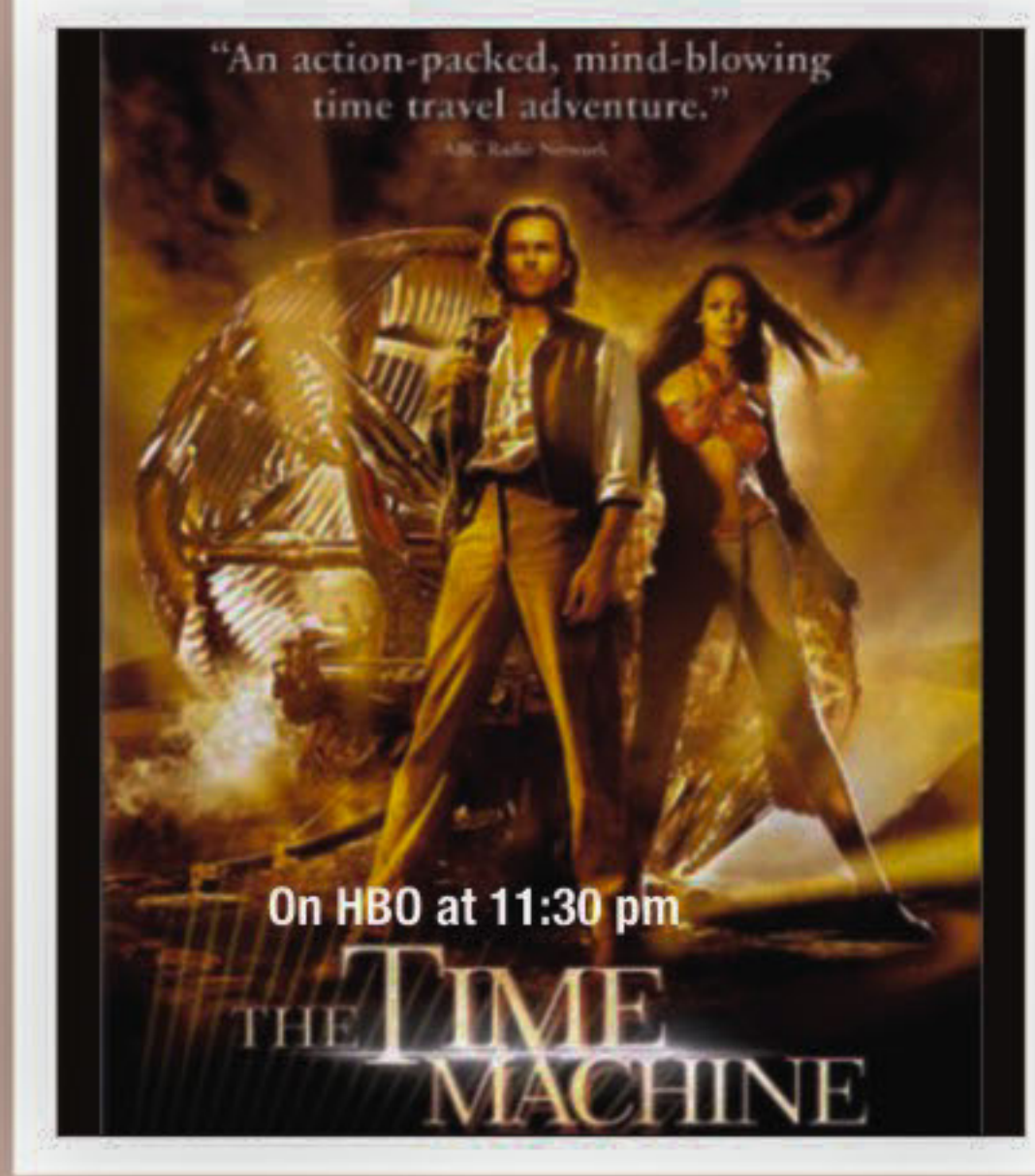
- 11:30 Destroyed In Seconds
- 12:30 Man Vs. Wild
- 01:30 Engineering Hurricanes
- 02:30 Raging Nature
- 07:30 Build It Bigger (Season 3)
- 10:30 Man Vs. Wild (Season 4)



Graduate
 On ntv at 8:15 pm
 Drama Serial
 Cast: Zahid Hasan, Tisha



- abc radio FM 89.2**
- 06:00 Bhorer Janajaly
- 09:00 Mukhorto Jiboney
- 12:25 Standard Charterred-The Daily Star
- Jiboner Joygaan
- 03:00 Duranto Bikelley
- 05:00 Shondhatara
- 07:00 Shajer Maya
- 09:00 Raat-er Akashey
- 11:00 Golper Shesh Nei
- RADIO FOORTI 88.0 FM**
- 08:00 Addabazi
- 12:00 Boier Poka
- 02:00 Foort 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



- 07:00 BBC World News
- 07:15 Sport Today
- 07:30 Spirit Of The Arts
- 08:00 BBC World News
- 08:30 My Country: South Africa
- 09:00 BBC World News
- 10:00 BBC World News
- 10:30 Our World: Guantanamo Reunited (r)
- 11:00 BBC World News
- 11:30 Simpson's World (r)
- ZEE STUDIO**
- 08:30 Born Romantic
- 10:30 Giving up the Ghost
- 12:30 Evelyn
- 02:35 Benny & Joon
- 07:30 ICC U-19 Cricket World Cup 2010
- 11:00 Airtel Champions League Twenty20 2009 H/L
- 01:43 KFC Twenty20 Big Bash
- 03:15 KFC Twenty20 Big Bash
- 05:00 Australia Cricket Weekly
- 05:30 Sachin The Great
- 06:00 Vb Series 2004/05 (Triseries - Aus /pak /wi)
- 07:30 ICC U-19 Cricket World Cup 2010 H/Is
- 08:30 Summer Of 99
- 09:30 KFC Twenty20 Big Bash - Highlights
- 10:30 India Cricket Weekly 2010
- 11:00 STAR Mail 2010