

WHAT'S ON THIS WEEK

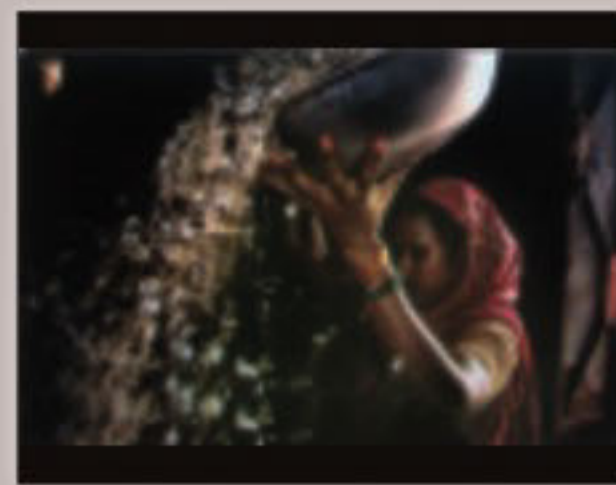
Painting and Installation Exhibition
Title: "Save Our Trees-Save Our Planet"
Artist: Gulshan Hossain
Venue: Goethe-Institut, H-10, R-9, Dhanmondi
Date: May 3-24
Time: 10am-8pm



Solo Art Exhibition
Title: Nocturnal Shades
Artist: Hamiduzzaman Khan
Venue: Bengal Gallery of Fine Arts, H-275/F, R-16, Dhanmondi
Date: May 4-16
Time: 12pm-8pm



Photography Exhibition
Title: Rural Exodus
Venue: Alliance Francaise de Dhaka, 26, Mirpur Road, Dhanmondi
Date: May 28-June 12
Time: 5pm-8pm



Group Art Exhibition
Venue: Saju Art Gallery, D.C.C Market, Gulshan-2
Date: May 7-June 6
Time: 10am-8pm



3rd International French Drama Festival to begin from May 15



From (left): Al Nomaan, Jacques Bounin and Mashrur Arefin at the press conference.

MAINUL HASSAN

The weeklong 3rd International French Drama Festival is around the corner. Jointly organised by Alliance Francaise de Dhaka, Natukay Theatre Group and Fame School of Dance and Drama, the festival will start from May 15 at Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy. "Several French plays have been translated into Bengali for the festival and will be staged by Bangladeshi troupes," said Jacques Bounin, deputy director, Alliance Francaise de Dhaka, speaking at a press conference at Alliance Francaise, yesterday. "It was the major success of our two previous theatre festivals held in 2008

and 2009, which encouraged us to hold yet another French theatre festival in Bangladesh this year. We hope to expand the festival by inviting theatre troupes from different countries in the coming years," he added. Among others Al Nomaan, convenor of Natukay, as well as the coordinator of the festival and Mashrur Arefin, head of retail banking and chief communications officer, City Bank, was present at the conference. City Bank and American Express are the sponsors of the festival. "When I arrived in Bangladesh, I was impressed by a lively theatre scene here. I also noticed that works of French playwright Molière are very popular here, so I thought of taking an

initiative to introduce the French playwrights and their works in Bangladesh. "A theatre festival provides us with an opportunity to learn about each other's culture," Bounin said. Natukay Theatre Group will stage "Thakur Ghorey Key Rey" (adaptation of "Don't Dress for Dinner" by Marc Camoletti) on May 15. On May 16 Bibartan Theatre, Jessore will stage "Deyal" ("The Wall" by Jean-Paul Sartre). On May 17, two plays will be staged -- "Sheshkhela" by Theatre Baily Road (an adaptation of Samuel Beckett's "Endgame") and "Biye Birambona" (translation of "The Forced Marriage" by Molière) by Theatre for Cancer Foundation. On May 19

Prachyanat will stage "Gondar" (a translation of "The Rhinoceros" by Eugene Ionesco). On May 20, based on Samuel Beckett's "All That Fall", Fame School of Drama, Chittagong, will stage the play "Shob Jhorey Jaye". "Of the plays, five will have their debut in Bangladesh. The plays have been specially selected and translated for this festival," informed Jacques Bounin. The plays are "Don't Dress for Dinner", "The Wall", "Endgame", "All That Fall" and "Drums on the Dam". This year at the festival, the organisers will honour four theatre personalities for their contribution to the medium -- the late Shawkat Osman, ITI Worldwide President Ramendu Majumdar, poet Syed Samsul Haque and Ataur Rahman. Channel i and Radio Today are media partners of the event. The festival is being supported by The French Embassy, Bangladesh. National Professor Kabir Chowdhury will inaugurate the event on May 15. Colonel (ret'd) Shawkat Ali, deputy speaker of the Parliament, is expected to be present at event as the chief guest. As part of the festival, Alliance Francaise is also holding a weeklong workshop, which began from May 8, to train directors. The workshop titled "Presenting Western and French Plays," ends today at BSA. 3rd International French Drama Festival has been dedicated to the memory of the late dramatist Professor Sayeed Ahmed.

Short films on water receive recognition



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Winning filmmakers with Manzar-e-Hasin Murad (centre) and Asaduzzaman Noor.

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The award-giving ceremony of a short film competition and festival on the theme "Water for Life" was held on May 11 at the auditorium of Russian Centre for Science and Culture, Dhanmondi, Dhaka. Ten films were awarded at the programme. Three of them received crests, certificates and money; the rest received complimentary prizes. After the award-giving programme, winning films were screened at the venue. Non-government organisation WaterAid Bangladesh along with Desh TV arranged the competition. Most of the winners are students of different universities. Al-Haseeb Nomanee of Jahangirnagar University received the best award for his three-minute film "Innocence, Medium: Watercolour". Rubayet Bin Walid and Mouna Priyo Khaled -- both students of Stamford University -- received the second and third prize respectively, for their films "Armageddon" and "Kohor Daria". Other winners are -- Simit Roy, Rakibul

Hasan, Ishtiaque Mahmud, Shahriar Mustafiz, Fatema-tuz-Zohra, Shahniat Jamal Shikhor and Nahid Morshed. Nomanee's film narrates the nearly dead state of the river Buriganga through the eyes of a child. The child shares his impressions of the river with his friend through Internet. Apart from direction, Nomanee is also the cinematographer of the film. At the award giving ceremony, Dr. Khairul Islam of WaterAid Bangladesh; Asaduzzaman Noor, lawmaker and managing director of Desh TV and Manzar-e-Hasin Murad, independent filmmaker and teacher, were present as guests. In his speech, Asaduzzaman Noor hoped that Desh TV would collaborate in more such programmes in future. Manzar-e-Hasin Murad, who was also the head of the judges' panel, said that through the films it was proven that as a medium cinema can fulfil social responsibilities. The winning films will be aired on Desh TV. The films narrate stories related to water and its implications on the lives of people.

TV serial "Agnirath" on ATN Bangla



(From left) Majnun Mizan, Anisur Rahman Milon and Nadia in a scene from the serial.

A CORRESPONDENT

Second episode of the TV serial "Agnirath" will be aired tonight at 8:40 pm on ATN Bangla. Jointly written by Naznin Hasan Chumki and Rajibul Islam, the serial is directed by the latter. The story of the serial revolves around Mozaffar, an honest, educated and unemployed young man who denies his father's dubiously acquired properties. His sister Rini is forced to live with the parents despite being married, as her husband demands dowry. One day, Mozaffar is arrested by the police and the story gets a twist. The cast includes Anisur Rahman Milon, Nadia, Badhon, Fazlur Rahman Babu, Shahed, Chitralakha Guho and Majnun Mizan.



A still from "Innocence, Medium: Watercolour".

ON AIR

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

BTV 12:30 Maa O Shishur Katha 01:30 Shukhi Poribaar 02:40 Nandito Shondhan 03:05 Bangla Feature Film 06:30 Surtal 07:00 Unnoyoney Bangladesh 07:50 Phirey Dekha 08:30 Ontorey Ontorey 09:20 ICC T20 World Cup	CHANNEL i 01:05 Musical Programme: Ebong Cinemar Gaan 01:30 Musical Programme: Sa Re Ga Ma 03:05 Hridoye Mati O Manusher Daak 03:45 Amader Shikkha Amader Shangskriti 04:10 Muktijudhyo Protidin 04:30 Alor Pathay 06:00 Musical Programme: Chhayajhankaar 06:20 Banglalink Banglar Pathay 12:00 Gramphone Aiker Shangbadpotro	ntv 01:05 Swastho Protidin 04:10 ntv Janar Achhey Bolaar Achhey 05:30 Mohilaangan 06:45 Amaro Gaitey Ichhchhey Holo 11:30 Sur Bhora Neelima	ETV 10:50 Financial Bulletin 04:30 Children's Programme 05:25 Shangskriti Shonmarchar 05:45 Sports Plus 06:30 Deshjurey 07:50 Drama 10:10 Baula Antor	Rtv 02:03 Bangla Feature Film 06:03 Protidin 06:30 Star n Sports 11:10 Tomaar Jonyo Amar Ei Gaan	DESH TV 04:30 Dur Durantey 05:30 Dur Paath 06:25 Bejey Utlo Ki Shomoyer
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BANGLAVISION 03:35 Cinebit Shadakalo 05:25 Music Vision 06:05 Shamol Bangla 06:40 Point of Order 09:05 Media Bhuvan 11:25 Selected Programme	Zee Studio 01:30 The Rich Man's Wife 03:40 Alice 06:45 The Duchess 09:30 Bad Company 12:10 The Pink Panther	HBO 11:00 You Got Served 12:30 Multiplicity 02:45 Glitter 05:00 Rocket Science	07:00 Lois & Clark: The New Adventures Of Superman 09:00 Tmz 233 09:30 Paul Blart: Mall Cop 11:30 Cradle 2 The Grave	BBC WORLD 12:00 BBC World News 12:30 World Business Report 12:45 Sport Today 01:00 BBC World News 01:30 World Business Report 01:45 Sport Today 01:00 BBC World News 01:30 HARDtalk (r) 02:00 BBC World News 02:30 World Business Report 02:45 Sport Today 04:00 BBC World News 04:30 World Business Report 04:45 Sport Today 05:00 GMT with George Alagiah 06:00 BBC World News 06:30 World Business Report 06:45 Sport Today 07:00 Impact Asia with Mishal Husain 08:30 World Business Report	08:45 Sport Today 09:00 BBC World News 09:30 HARDtalk (r) 10:00 The Hub with Nik Gowing 11:30 World Business Report 11:45 Sport Today
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Talk show ATN BANGLA 12:30am Hello Bangladesh CHANNEL i 09:50am Gramphone Tritio Matra 12:30pm Citycell Taroka Kathan 11:30pm Aloye Bhubaan Bhora RTV 07:30 Road To Democracy	Drama Serial ATN BANGLA 08:00pm Batasher Ghar 08:40pm Ogni Rath 09:20pm Shubamo Swapno CHANNEL i 05:30pm Fashion 07:50pm Chondro Shikhor Meghboti ntv 08:15pm FnF BANGLAVISION 08:15pm Pati Gonit 09:45pm Gulshan Avenue
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News Bulletin BTV News Headlines (Bangla) at 9:00 am. News (Bangla) at 8:00 am 2:00 pm, 5:00 pm, 8:00 pm. News (English) at 10:00am, 4:00 pm, 10:00 pm. Late Night News (Bangla and English) 11:30 pm. (To be telecast on all Bangla channels). CHANNEL-i News (Bangla): 7:00 am,	9:00 am, 2:00 pm, 9:00 pm, 10:30 pm, 12:30 am ATN BANGLA NEWS (Bangla): 7:00 pm, 10:00 pm, 11:00 pm, 1:00 am, 4:00 am News Every Hour: 7:00am, 11:00am, 12:00pm, 01:00pm, 3:00pm, 04:00pm News (English): 9:00 am, 6:00 pm. BANGLAVISION News (Bangla) at 7:30am,	1:30pm, 5:00pm, 7:15pm, 10:30pm. News Headlines (Bangla) at 10:00am, 12:00am, 4:00pm. News (English) at 6:00pm Rtv News (Bangla): 2:30 pm, 4:30 pm, 6:30 pm, 8:30 pm, 10:30 pm, 12:30 am ntv News (Bangla): 7:30am, 12:02pm, 2:00pm,	7:30pm, 10:30pm, 1:00am ETV News (Bangla): 9:00am, 11:00 am, 1:00pm, 3:00pm, 5:00pm, 7:00pm, 9:00pm, 11:00pm abc radio News: 08:00 am, 12:00 pm, 03:00 pm, 06:00 pm, 09:00 pm, 12:00 am; English Bulletin: 1:30pm, 7:30pm	ICC T 20 World Cup England Vs Sri Lanka On BTV at 9:20 pm Live from Beausejour Stadium, St Lucia	The Duchess On Zee Studio at 6:45 pm Genre: Drama Cast: Keira Knightley, Ralph Fiennes	Patigonit On Banglavisian at 8:15 pm Drama Serial Cast: Mosharrarf Karim, Tisha Nei	RADIO FOORTI 07:30 Hello Dhaka 10:00 Morning Express 12:00 My Time 01:00 No Tension 04:00 Dhaka Calling 09:00 Night Rider 01:00 Back to Back music RADIO TODAY 07:15 Good Morning Dhaka 11:00 Musti Unlimited 01:00 Today's Adda 04:00 U Turn 08:00 Tobey Tai Hok 11:00 Raaf Bhora Gaan 12:00 Today's Happy Moments
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