

WHAT'S ON THIS WEEK

Group Art Exhibition

Title: Colour the Time
Venue: Radius Centre, Bay's Galleria, Gulshan
Date: July 9-22
Time: 10am-8pm



Solo Photography Exhibition

Title: River and Live
Photographer: Kabir Hossain
Venue: Drik Gallery, H 58, Rd 15A (new), Dhanmondi
Date: July 12-18
Time: 3-8pm



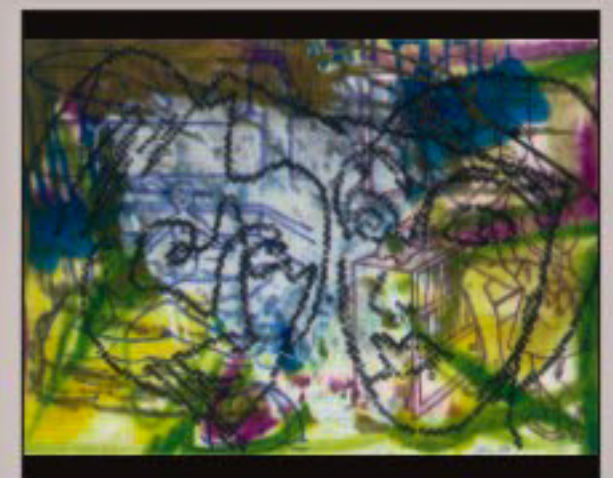
Uttam Kumar Retrospective

Organiser: Indira Gandhi Cultural Centre, High Commission of India
Venue: Main Auditorium, National Museum, Shahbagh
Date: July 23-25
Time: 11am onwards



Solo Art Exhibition

Title: Music from an Unknown Source
Artist: Sigmar Polke
Venue: Goethe-Institut H-10, R-9, Dhanmondi
Date: July 15-August 2
Time: 10 am-8 pm



Mokammel in Sydney

Movies can resolve conflicts



Tanvir Mokammel

PALLAB BHATTACHARYA, New Delhi

It was a big thumbs up for film director Tanvir Mokammel in Down Under. At a conference on Peace and Conflict Resolution organised by the University of Sydney, he not only shared his thoughts with peace activists, academicians, filmmakers, theatre activists, researchers and teachers from 17 different countries but also had his two documentaries "Swapnabhoomi" and "Karnaphulir Kanna" and last feature film "Rabeya" proving a big draw for Bangladeshis settled in Australia.

The five-day conference, which saw media and film personalities from the UK, Ireland, the USA, Japan, India, the Philippines, Thailand, Vietnam, Sri Lanka, Pakistan, Nepal, Bangladesh, Indonesia, New Zealand, and of course host Australia, opened on July 6, Mokammel told The Daily Star.

At the inaugural session, prominent peace activists from different regions of the world talked about the role the media and cinema could play in conflict resolution. On July 8 Mokammel was a discussant on the role of theatre activism in developing harmony and peace among conflicting nations and ethnic groups.

The next day, he, along with the screening his two documentaries, presented his discussion paper on the Role of Documentary Cinema in the Process of Conflict Resolution, narrating his experiences of battling the legal and psychological hurdles in Bangladesh to make the films and how they helped reduce tension among the conflicting parties.

Mokammel's latest feature film "Rabeya" set against the backdrop of

Bangladesh's Liberation War was shown at the Sydney Civic Theatre where a large number of Bangladeshi expatriates attended the screening.

In the question and answer session that followed, the audience was engaged in an absorbing conversation with the director about his art and other aspects of contemporary cinema in Bangladesh. The show was organised by the Bidesh Bangla Television of Australia.

"It was a great feeling interacting with the audience and its response to my films," Mokammel said. In his paper presented at the conference, Mokammel said documentaries on ethnic tensions, if made objectively and without bias, can bring about reconciliation and expressed satisfaction that "Swapnabhoomi" and "Karnaphulir Kanna" had helped in achieving that objective in Bangladesh.

Pointing out that the Bangladesh High Court had in the year 2008 paved the way for citizenship for stranded Biharis, Mokammel recalled an interesting anecdote in this context at the conference. According to him, "a Bengali judge of that bench, which pronounced the verdict, later told a lawyer, an acquaintance of mine, that his views about the Biharis changed immensely by watching 'Swapnabhoomi!'"

Similarly, "Karnaphulir Kanna" "definitely has made some impact in sensitising Bengalis about the plight of the Hill people in the Chittagong Hill Tracts," Mokammel said. He, however, rued that the documentary was banned in Bangladesh and he had to move the High Court seeking a lifting of the ban.

Soon after returning to Dhaka from Australia, Mokammel is preparing to fly to Mumbai to collect some historical footage for his near-completion mega documentary "1971" on Bangladesh's Liberation War.

Wedding bells for Farooki-Tisha

A CORRESPONDENT

After five years of low-key romance, filmmaker Mostofa Sarwar Farooki and actress Nusrat Imroz Tisha got married on July 16. The grand ceremony was held at a local hotel. Celebrities from different sectors attended the ceremony.

Tisha and Farooki's *gaye holud* was held on July 15 evening at their respective residences at Banani and Nakhhalpara in Dhaka. The duo announced their wedding on May 19, 2010.

Among celebrities, Abul Hayat, Abdul Jabbar, Nasiruddin Yousuff, Masud Ali Khan, Touquir Ahmed, Bipasha Hayat, Mosharraf Karim, Chanchal Chowdhury, Amitabh Reza, Shokh, Sajal, Ferdous, Habib, Nancy, Fahmida Nabi, Sharmin Lucky, Tahsan and footballers Joy and Aminul attended the ceremony.

Later eminent singers Habib, Fahmida Nabi and Nancy performed at the ceremony.



A smiling Tisha in her gorgeous wedding outfit and the turbaned Farooki.

Capturing the essence of two greats

Rabindra-Nazrul Jayanti observed in Pabna

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Pabna

The Institute of Fine Arts (IFA), Pabna celebrated the Rabindra-Nazrul Jayanti amid festivity in the organisation's premises on Thursday night. The programme was organised to mark the 149th birth anniversary of Kabiguru Rabindranath Tagore and the 111th birth anniversary of National Poet Kazi Nazrul Islam. The function featured a discussion and cultural programmes.

Among the artistes, Shafique Uddin

Ahmed, Abul Hassem, Belal Uddin Joarder spoke on the occasion. The speakers focused on Rabindranath and Nazrul Islam's literary works. Tagore's writings capture the very soul of human beings, while Nazrul's works are a revolt against injustice they pointed out.

Rabindranath Tagore is the poet of the entire mankind. His literary works are marked by wisdom and devotion. His songs and poems are soothing, the discussants said.

Nazrul Islam revolted for the benefit of mankind. He was a revolutionary poet.

But the subject matter of his writings are also love, religion and all other human traits, said the speakers. Through his literary works, Nazrul urged the need for secularism and socialism they added.

Later, a musical event was held. Among the artistes who gave musical renditions were Baishakhi, Aditi, Anika, Zerine, Shahin Bishwas, Tultul, Ayishi, Mayesha and Bashar. The artistes rendered Nazrul and Tagore songs. A dance festival was also held on the occasion. Prominent danseuse Jimia Afroz conducted the dance programmes.



PHOTO: STAR

Young dancers perform at a programme held at the Tito Auditorium in Bogra on July 16. The programme was a follow-up of a weeklong dance workshop organised by local cultural organisation 'Amra Ka Jon Shilpi Goshthi'. Participants of the workshop took part at the dance programme.

"Kagojer Ghar" on ATN Bangla tonight

A CORRESPONDENT

ATN Bangla will air TV serial "Kagojer Ghar" tonight at 8:00 pm.

The plot: The serial follows every day life of a joint family. The two elder sons of the family are well established with highly paid jobs while the younger son and the daughter are having their higher education at universities, and at the hierarchy sits the father and mother -- the eldest members of the family -- always guiding their children. Another character in the serial is Abdul, who has recently been appointed as the new caretaker of the house. At first Abdul as any outsider was under the impression that this was the perfect family, but as the days go by the real picture starts to unfold, he discovers a family deeply divided over opinion, differences and personal gains.

The cast includes Tauquir Ahmed, Tomalika, Shams Sumon, Hillol, Tinni, Apurbo in various casts.

The serial is written and directed by Chayanika Chowdhury.



Tauquir Ahmed and Tinni in a scene from the serial.



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

ATN BANGLA
01:25 Musical Programme: Shur-er Madhuri
02:30 Business Week
03:10 Sports Programme
03:45 Chardeyal-er Kabbo
05:30 Musical Programme
06:15 Law & Order
10:45 Documentary Programme
12:30 Grameenphone Lead News
CHANNEL i
01:05 Ebong Cinemar Gaan
01:30 Musical Programme: Sa Re Ga Ma
04:05 Muktiyudho Protidin
04:30 Amar Chhobi

05:30 Fan Club Tournament
06:20 Rong Roop
12:00 Grameenphone Aiker Shangbadpotro
ntv
12:50 Shastho Protidin
04:10 Janar Achhey Bolar Achhey
05:30 Apnaar Jigyasha
06:10 Shubho Shondha
06:45 Ainer Chokhey
07:20 Sholo Ana Bangali Ana
09:00 Drama: Shamikaran
ETV
02:02 Market Trend
02:30 Ekushey Business

03:30 Shonamoni Shukhey Ashukhey
Sports Plus
05:45 Ei Shoptaher Bishwa
06:30 Deshjurey Oporadh Porikroma
07:50 Musical Programme: Ta Na Na
RTV
02:30 Bangla Feature Film Prithibir Pathey Pathey
05:30 Protidin
06:00 Priomukh
07:00 Road to Democracy
11:30 Trade Talk
BANGLAVISION
10:10 Lal Golap
12:05 Ebong Manush
01:30 Media Bhuban
02:30 Bangla Feature Film
06:30 Travel Show
11:20 Shoili
DESH TV
05:30 Durpaath
06:25 Shangskriti Protidin
11:45 Total Sports

HBO
09:30 The Iron Giant
11:00 Kiss The Girls
01:30 You Don't Mess With The Zohan
03:30 Without A Paddle
05:30 The Making of The Curious Case Of Benjamin Button
06:30 Crocodile Dundee
08:30 The Curious Case Of Benjamin Button
12:00 The Pacific S108: Part Eight
STAR MOVIES
09:50 Frank Miller's Sin City
12:10 The Spirit
02:15 Face Off
04:50 Home Alone
06:55 The Spy Who Loved Me
09:30 Mighty Joe Young
11:50 Direct Contact
STAR WORLD
11:30 Glee
01:30 How I Met Your Mother
03:00 The Simpsons
04:30 Lost S6
07:30 White Collar

08:30 Friends
09:00 Rendezvous With Simi Garewal
09:30 Lost
10:30 Whose Line Is It Anyways? VIP
DISCOVERY CHANNEL
07:30 Time Warp
09:30 Man Vs. Wild
11:30 Stunt Junkies
12:00 Operation Junkyard
01:30 Inside Planet Earth
06:30 Rampage!
TRAVEL AND LIVING
10:30 La Ink Season 3
06:30 La Ink 2
09:30 Europe's Richest People
12:30 La Ink 2
BBC WORLD
12:00 BBC World News
01:30 Spirit Of The Open
02:30 Dateline London
04:30 My Country: Greece
06:30 Click
07:30 The Bottom Line
08:30 Heritage Heroes

09:10 The World Debate
11:30 Our World: Pakistan and the Great Game
CNN
12:00 World Report
01:30 Open Court
02:00 Going Green
03:00 Larry King Live
05:00 World's Untold Stories
06:00 Fareed Zakaria GPS
07:00 State of the Union with Candy Crowley
08:30 The Screening Room Xtra
10:00 Prism
11:00 African Voices
11:30 Business Traveller
TEN SPORTS
09:30 Sri Lanka v India 2010: 1st Test Day 1 (Live)
06:00 WWE NXT 2010
07:00 Moto GP 2010 Race: Eni Motorrad Grand Prix Deutschland -
11:00 WWE NXT 2010
12:00 Sri Lanka v India 2010: 1st Test Day 1 H/L

Talk Show
ATN BANGLA Shomoy
04:25pm Proshongo
Channel i 09:50pm Amar Ami
09:50am Grameenphone Tritiomatra
DESH TV 12:00pm Shoja
12:10am Talk Show: Ei Katha

Drama Serial
ATN BANGLA ETV
08:00pm Kagojer Ghor
08:20pm Gunin
08:40pm No Problem
09:30pm Lolita
09:20pm Leelaboti
09:00pm Briddhashrom
11:30pm Amader Shangshar
10:20pm Porshi Bari
CHANNEL i 08:15pm Jamai Mela
07:50pm Chaita Pagol
09:45pm Hoi Hoi Roi Roi
11:30pm Chandramagno
DESH TV 08:15pm Shimanto
08:15pm Graduate
10:30pm Bhajokat

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 (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,

1:30pm, 5:00pm, 7:15pm, 10:30pm.
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News (English) at 6:00pm
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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

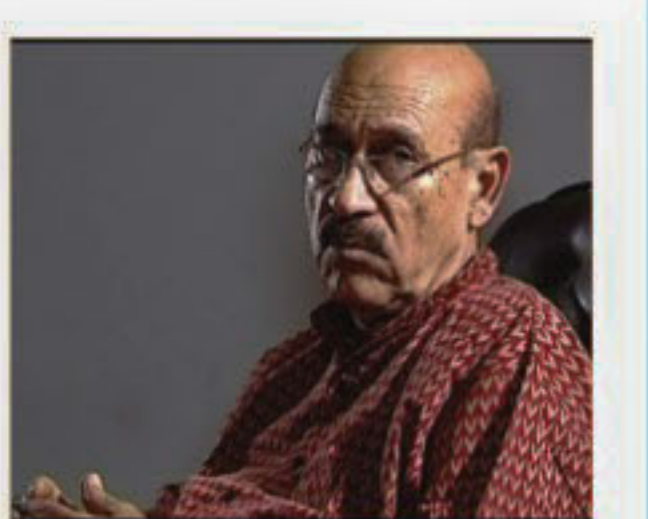
7:30pm, 10:30pm, 1:00am
ETV
News (Bangla): 9:00am, 11:00 am, 1:00pm, 3:00pm, 5:00pm, 7:00pm, 9:00pm, 11:00pm
News: 08:00 am, 12:00 pm, 03:00 pm, 06:00 pm, 09:00 pm, 12:00 am;
English Bulletin: 1:30pm, 7:30pm



Shamikaran
On ntv 9:00pm
Single Episode Play
Cast: Badhon, Mir Sabbir, Rahul Anand



The Curious Case of Benjamin Button
On HBO at 08:30pm
Genre: Drama/Romance
Cast: Brad Pitt, Cate Blanchett



Hoi Hoi Roi Roi
On Banglavisian at 09:45pm
Drama Serial
Cast: Abul Hayat, Sajal, Shanu



abc radio fm 89.2
06:00am Bhorer Janalaly
09:00am Mokhurito
09:00am Jiboney
12:00pm Darun Dupurey
03:00pm Duranto Bikeley
05:00pm Shondha Tara
07:00pm Shajer Maya
09:00pm Raat-er Akashey
11:00pm Golper Shesh Nei

RADIO FOORTI
07:30am Hello Dhaka
10:00am Morning Express
12:30pm No Tension
04:00pm Dhaka Calling
09:00pm Full Volume
11:00pm Back to Back music
RADIO TODAY
07:15am Good Morning Dhaka
11:00am Musti Unlimited
Today's Adda
01:00pm U Turn
04:00pm Tabey Tai Hok
08:00pm Today's Happy Moments
12:00am