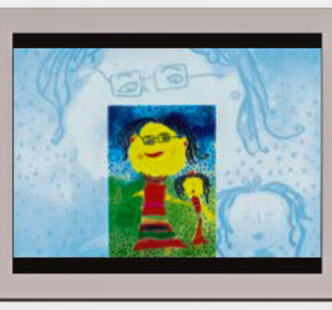
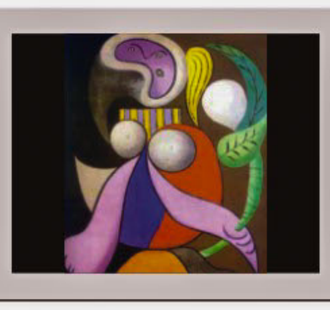
WHAT'S ON THIS WEEK

Children's Painting Exhibition
Title: Aamar Rongey Aamar Ma
Organiser: Rang
Venue: Drik Gallery, H 58, Rd 15A (New), Dhanmondi
Date: August 16-19
Time: 11am-8pm



Dress Exhibition
Title: Woman and Flower
Venue: Drik Gallery, H 58, Rd 15A (New), Dhanmondi
Date: August 20-September 2
Time: 3pm-9pm



Selim Al Deen Birth Anniversary Celebration 2010
Venue: Experimental Theatre Hall, Shilpakala Academy
Date: August 18-21
Time: 7:30pm
Inauguration: Today at 4:30pm

Dress Exhibition
Organiser: Nahida Sharmeen
Venue: Bengal Gallery of Fine Arts, H-275F, R-16, Dhanmondi
Date: August 14-20
Time: 11am-8pm

Selim Al Deen Birth Anniversary

Celebrations at Shilpakala

Discussants at the conference.

A CORRESPONDENT

Today marks the 61st birth anniversary of noted playwright Selim Al Deen. Al Deen was born in Senerkhil village, under Shonagazi upazilla of Feni. He completed his masters in Bengali Literature from Dhaka University and did his PhD from the Department of Bangla, Jahangirnagar University on the subject 'Modhyo Juger Bangla Natyo' (Medieval Plays of Bengal). Al Deen is widely credited for his post-colonial approach to the neo-theatre movement in Bangladesh. His notable works include "Keramat Mangal," "Prachya," "Hat Hadai," "Joiboti Koinnar Mon," "Chaka," and "Nimojjon." He received the Ekushey Padak in 2007.

To celebrate the birth anniversary of 'Natyacharya' Selim Al Deen, a four-day programme begins today at the Experimental Theatre Hall of Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy (BSA). The slogan of this year's celebration: "Prachya Moncher Partha Hey Tumi Punyaslok Selim Al Deen".

Theatre troupe Swapnodol and BSA have jointly organised the festival, which features plays, music, seminar and exhibition of posters, photography, books and videos. This is the third such programme following the theatre icon's untimely demise on January 14, 2008.

A press conference was held on August 16 at the Seminar Room of BSA to discuss the celebration arrangement. Convener of the festival and chief secretary of Swapnodol, Zahid Ripon, gave a presentation on the festival while deputy director of BSA, Golam Sarwar, responded to queries from the media. Actress Shimul Yusuf was present, among others, on the occasion.

Widow of Selim Al Deen, Begumzadi Meherunnesa, will inaugurate the festival at 4:30 pm today while eminent cultural personalities Nasiruddin Yousuff, Kamal Lohani, Dr. Afsar Ahmed and others will hold a discussion on Al Deen's life and works.

The four-day programme features four plays: three written by Al Deen and "Festoon-e Lekha Smriti," an adaptation of Al Deen's accounts of the Liberation War. Dr. Jaharabi Ripon's adaptation, "Festoon-e Lekha Smriti" will be staged on the inaugural day by Swapnadal.

BSA will stage Al Deen's "Putra" on the second day (August 19) while Swapnodol will stage "Hargoj" on the third day (August 20) of the festival. A seminar, titled "Selim Al Deen-er Natok: Muktijuddho O Protibadi Chetonar Katha Chitra," will be held at the Seminar Room (7th floor) of BSA on August 20 at 3 pm.

Dhaka Theatre will stage Al Deen's "Nimajjan" on the concluding day. Shimul Yusuf will also deliver a speech on the concluding day.

Actors rehearse for the festival.

Dhaka University Theatre Festival 2010

"Ishi Cha" and "Rockaby" staged on the sixth day

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Two plays were staged on the sixth day of the ongoing theatre festival at Natmandal, Dhaka University. The plays --"Ishi Cha" and "Rockaby" -- were adaptations of African-American playwright Ed Bullins and existentialist playwright Samuel Beckett's works.

"Ishi Cha" was an adaptation of Ed Bullins' "Death List". Aungojai Marma adapted the play and Taslima Jahan directed it. The play highlights an indigenous revolutionary, who makes a death list of individuals from his own community. The list includes high officials in the government, journalists, politicians and cultural personalities.

The revolutionary believes these people are barriers to achieving his political goal. He argues with his beloved about the matter. Eventually he loses to the power of the state.

Masud Rana played as the revolutionary; Camellia Moushumi Khan played his lover. Saifuzzaman Shyamol was the set designer of the production.

Beckett's "Rockaby" narrates an elderly woman's crisis during her last days. Everyday the woman puts on an evening gown and waits for someone. She starts to hear a dull, expressionless prerecorded voice of her own, recounting details of her own life, and that of her dead mother's.

Farhana Khanam directed the play based on a translation by Kabir Chowdhury. Tahmina Islam and Nafisa Parvin played the lead roles. Nasirul Islam and Farhana Khanam jointly designed the set and light and also planned music for the play.

The festival wraps up today with the play "Colonel Ke Keu Chithhi Lekhe Na". The play is an adaptation of Gabriel Garcia Marquez's novel "No One Writes To The Colonel". Amitav Roy will direct the play based on a translation by Ashok Dasgupta. A concluding ceremony will be held prior to the staging of the play.

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Scene from "Ishi Cha" (left) and "Rockaby".

Michael Douglas diagnosed with throat cancer

AFP, *Los Angeles*

Oscar-winning US actor Michael Douglas, 65, is fighting throat cancer and will undergo chemotherapy, People magazine reported Monday.

Hollywood royalty Douglas, a son of screen legend Kirk Douglas, was set to receive eight weeks of radiation and chemotherapy treatment, his spokesman told People online.

His doctors expect Douglas to make a full recovery, the spokesperson added.

"I am very optimistic," Douglas was quoted as saying in a statement.

His spokesperson did not immediately confirm the report to AFP.

Douglas has starred in hits such as "Fatal Attraction" (1988), "Wall Street" (1988), "War of the Roses" (1990), "Basic Instinct" (1992) and "Traffic" (2001).

In September he will appear in the "Wall Street" sequel by Oliver Stone, "Money Never Sleeps."

Douglas has been married since 2000 to Welsh actress Catherine Zeta-Jones. They have two children. He has a son Cameron, from his earlier marriage to Diandra Douglas.

Life and times in the city

TV serial "Metro" on Desh TV

A CORRESPONDENT

Drama serial "Metro" will be aired on Desh TV today. Written and directed be Pantha Shahriar and Fattah Tanvir, respectively, the serial is aired Tuesday through Thursday at 10:30 pm every week.

The story zooms in on various aspects of Dhaka metropolitan city, various sections of people living here and their hopes, dreams and aspirations. People often mask their true emotions behind mask and welcome unwanted changes just for their personal benefits.

The cast includes Asaduzzaman Noor, Raisul Islam Asad, Mamunur Rashid, Subarna Mustafa, Wahida Mallik Jolly, Shahiduzzaman Selim, Bijori Barkatullah and others.

A scene from "Metro".

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

ATN Bangla
- 12:15 IT Zone
- 01:25 Band View
- 06:15 Islami Sawal O Jobab
- 08:00 Rexona Destination Unlimited
- 10:45 Documentary Programme: Bihongo Katha
- 12:30 Grameenphone Lead News

Channel i
- 01:05 Ebong Cinemar Gaan
- 01:30 Hridoyer Gaan
- 04:05 Drama Serial: Koshto Shudhui Amar
- 05:15 Drama: Shey Ebong Ja Hoy Na
- 06:00 Ramjanul Mubarok
- 12:00 Grameenphone Aajker Shongbadpatra

ntv
- 02:30 Drama Serial: Megh Bolechhey Jabo Jabo
- 04:10 Janar Achhey Bolar Achhey
- 05:35 Hridoye Ramjan
- 06:05 Jibon Gorar Ashor
- 06:45 Rupali Pordar Galpo
- 09:00 Kichhu Katha Kichhu Gaan

ETV
- 04:02 Drama Serial: Nil Toyaley
- 05:45 Jhotpot Iftar
- 06:20 Drama: Rojadar
- 07:50 Siam O Shusthata
- 10:10 Ciney Hits

DESH TV
- 04:30 Dur-er Janala
- 05:30 Durpath
- 06:02 Mahey Ramjan
- 06:25 Atto Dordhon
- 07:45 Ekoi Brintey
- 12:30 Total Sports

Banglavision
- 12:05 Raat Biraatey
- 02:30 Drama Serial: Swapno Chura
- 04:25 Amader Jiboney Ramjan
- 06:00 Hamd Naat O Azan
- 09:05 Shundarjo Katha
- 11:25 Walton Amar Ponyo Amar Desh

ATN NEWS
- 11:30 Sports Insight
- 02:15 Amader Katha
- 05:15 Pramanno Shomoy
- 07:30 Saat Rang (Live)
- 08:30 Visual Diary
- 09:00 NEWS HOUR

Boishakhi TV
- 01:40 Boishakhi Shur
- 03:40 Shur Shoptok
- 05:30 Shudhu Cinemar Gaan
- 06:20 Shurja Konya
- 11:30 Boishakhi Shongskriti O Binodon

HBO
- 10:30 Battle Planet
- 12:30 The Adventures Of Pluto Nash
- 02:30 10,000 B.C.
- 07:30 Mortal Kombat Annihilation
- 09:30 Get Smart
- 11:30 The Golden Compass

Star Movies
- 11:05 Seabiscuit
- 01:30 Slow Burn
- 03:10 Elegy
- 07:00 Stir Of Echoes: The Homecoming
- 08:35 Red Dawn
- 10:35 Beer For My Horses

Zee Studio
- 10:45 Battle for Haditha
- 01:30 Princess Diaries 2: Royal Engagement
- 04:00 D3:The Mighty Ducks
- 06:50 What Just Happened
- 09:30 Confessions of a Dangerous Mind

Star World
- 12:30 VIP
- 01:30 Moment Of Truth
- 03:30 Ugly Betty
- 07:30 Castle
- 08:30 The Simpsons
- 10:30 Criminal Minds

Cartoon Network
- 08:30 Toon Toast
- 12:30 Shrek
- 08:00 My Giant Friend
- 08:30 Dragon Ball
- 10:30 Richie Rich

Discovery Channel
- 12:30 Man vs. Wild
- 01:30 Bull Shark
- 05:30 Surviving Sharks
- 06:30 Anacondas With Nigel Marven
- 09:00 How Do They Do It?
- 10:30 Extreme Peril

Travel and Living
- 11:30 La Ink
- 06:30 La Ink
- 10:00 Star Insider
- 10:30 La Ink

National Geographic
- 07:30 True Stories
- 08:30 Wild: Snake Week
- 09:30 Super Cars Week 2
- 10:30 Big Cats
- 11:30 True Stories

BBC World
- 12:00 BBC World News
- 05:00 GMT with George Alagiah
- 07:00 Impact Asia with Mishal Husain
- 09:30 HARDtalk
- 10:00 The Hub with Nik Gowing
- 12:00 World News Today with Zeinab Badawi

CNN
- 12:30 World Sport
- 02:30 Revealed
- 03:00 Larry King Live
- 09:00 The Brief
- 10:00 Prism
- 11:00 International Desk
- 12:00 Quest Means Business

Talk Show

ATN Bangla
- 10:30am Hello Bangladesh
- 11:10am Asian City Vision 2020

Channel i
- 09:45am Grameenphone Tritiyo Matra
- 12:30pm Citycell Taroka Kathon

ntv
- 12:10am Ei Shomoy

DESH TV
- 11:45pm Shoja Katha

Boishakhi TV
- 10:40pm Shongskriti Katha

Drama Serial

ATN BANGLA
- 08:40pm Gharjamai
- 09:20pm Poush Phagun-er Pala
- 11:30pm Otit

CHANNEL i
- 07:50pm Mukim Brothers
- 09:35pm Swapno Bazar
- 11:30pm All Out

ntv
- 09:45pm Asharey Galpo
- 11:30pm Polayon Porbo

ETV
- 08:20pm Ek E Shunyo
- Dosh
- 09:30pm Jahur Ali Jahuri

BANGLAVISION
- 08:15pm Hoi Hoi Roi Roi
- 09:45pm Gulshan Avenue

DESH TV
- 08:15pm Shubhro
- 10:30pm Metro

Boishakhi TV
- 08:00pm Roshamia
- 09:10pm Momer Putul

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**

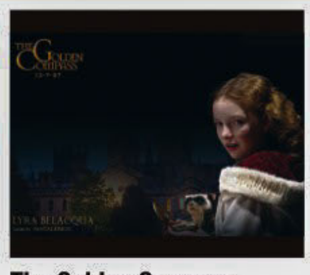
Rtv
News (Bangla): **2:30 pm, 4:30 pm, 6:30 pm, 8:30 pm, 10:30 pm, 12:30 am**

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**

Swapno Bazar
On Channel i at 09:35pm
Drama Serial
Cast: Chanchal Chowdhury, Chandni



The Golden Compass
On HBO at 11:30pm
Genre: Adventure/Fantasy
Cast: Nicole Kidman, Daniel Craig, Dakota Blue Richards

Jahur Ali Jahuri
On Ekushey TV at 9:30pm
Drama Serial
Cast: Anisur Rahman Milon, Kushum Shikdar

abc radio fm 89.2
- 06:00 Bhorer Janalay
- 09:00 Mukhorito Jiboney
- 12:00 Darun Dupurey
- 03:00 Duranto Bikeley
- 05:00 Shondha Tara
- 07:00 Shaj-er Maya
- 09:00 Raat-er Akashey
- 11:00 Galper Shesh Nei

RADIO FOORTI
- 07:30 Hello Dhaka
- 10:00 Morning Express
- 12:00 No Tension
- 04:00 Dhaka Calling
- 09:00 Knight Riders

RADIO TODAY
- 07:15 Good Morning Dhaka
- 11:00 Masti Unlimited
- 01:00 Today's Adda
- 04:00 U-turn
- 08:00 Tobe Tai Hok
- 11:00 Raat Vor Gan
- 02:00 Back to Back