

WHAT'S ON THIS WEEK

Film Screening

Films: "Kaktaria" (Bangladesh) & "A Year Ago in Winter" (Germany)
Venue: Auditorium, Goethe-Institut Bangladesh, H-10, Rd-9, Dhanmondi
Date: August 29
Time: 7:30pm onwards



Dress Exhibition

Title: Woman and Flower
Venue: Alliance Francaise de Dhaka, 26, Mirpur Road, Dhanmondi
Date: August 20-September 2
Time: 3pm-9pm



Nazrul Death Anniversary

Organiser: Chhayanaut Sangeet Bidyayon
Venue: Chhayanaut Premises
Date: August 27
Time: 10:30am



Film Screening

Film: "Tais-Toi"
Venue: Auditorium, Alliance Francaise De Dhaka, Dhanmondi
Date: August 27
Time: 6pm



Komol Chandra Sarkar: Flutes that are a class apart



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AZIBOR RAHMAN, Jhenidah
When 64-year-old Komol Chandra Sarkar plays his flute, he draws a huge crowd to his house. It is not just the mesmerising quality of his music; the self crafted instrument is also a

source of income for Sarkar. In fact so popular are his flutes that they can be found in different districts and markets in Khulna division. Veteran flutists of Jatra parties, music academies and clubs also flock to him in droves to buy his flutes. Sarkar also makes sculptures which attract

numerous buyers. Komol Sarkar told this correspondent that he used to collect *Nali* bamboo for his flutes from Sylhet a few years back. Now this *Nali* bamboo is available locally but sale has dropped significantly. He buys *Nali* bamboo at Taka 15-20 per piece. He

lamented the fact that he earned much more when Jatra, Jari gaan, and village theatres used to be staged in every nook and corner of the village in the mid-'70s. Today, he sells a flute at a Taka 10-20, while the big flutes are sold at Taka 50-60 each.

However the picture is not altogether bleak. Wholesale traders come to his house from Jhenidah town, Faridpur, Khulna, Kushtia and Chuadanga. In turn they sell these flutes in different parts of Bangladesh.

Sarkar said, he went to Khulna Betar for auditions twice over and bagged first position but was unable to take the post as his priority was his sons' education. His two sons now work in a Dhaka-based garments factory. Sarkar has received awards several times over for his exquisite renditions on the flute. While he has a few regrets, he expressed the view that that if he got a chance once again to join Khulna Betar he would do so. As for the moment, he said he wanted to make high quality flutes for the rest of his life.

Shariful Islam, a Lalon devotee of Jhenidah said, "Komol makes excellent flutes, which are used in a variety of institutions. When we perform Palagan, we use flutes made by him."

System of a Down's Tankian explores new "Harmonies"



Serj Tankian

REUTERS, Los Angeles

Life after System of a Down has been pretty good for Serj Tankian.

Stepping away from the chart-topping Los Angeles-based hard rock band, which went on indefinite hiatus in 2006, the singer-songwriter-political activist launched a solo musical career with the release of 2007's "Elect the Dead." The rock-driven set debuted at No. 4 on the Billboard 200 and has sold 319,000 copies, according to Nielsen SoundScan.

In addition to touring and promoting his solo music, Tankian has spent recent years writing new songs, overseeing his label, Serjical Strike, promoting various causes, publishing books, producing albums and scoring music for films, TV and videogames -- a lifestyle he never had time for while fronting System of a Down.

"I feel like I've established myself as an artist aside from System of a Down, and I'm comfortable with that," Tankian says, noting that the group regularly receives offers to perform but that no such plans are in the works. "It's been very emancipating and confidence-building."

Now, with nearly three years under his belt as a solo artiste, and amid numerous other side projects, Tankian is prepping the release of his second album, "Imperfect Harmonies," due September 21 on Serjical Strike/Reprise Records. This time around, he moves further away from the heavy-hitting sound he's

become known for with SOAD and "Elect the Dead" and delves deeper into elements of electronica, orchestral music and jazz.

It's uncertain whether Tankian's fan base, which largely consists of SOAD die-hards, will remain loyal to his evolving musical direction.

But at this point in his career, Tankian, 42, says he's more concerned about following his own musical interests than with how many albums he sells. "When I die, I'm not going to care whether I've sold X number more records or less," he says. "I'm going to care if I made the right expressions, if I explored enough and did something new, and put something new on this planet."

Nevertheless, Tankian was hard at work earlier this summer preparing fans for his symphonic transition by performing numerous concerts with backing orchestras in Europe.

Tankian already has several other projects lined up. His musical "Prometheus Bound" is scheduled to open in March 2011 at the American Repertory Theatre in Cambridge, Mass., and he's finishing up a "classical jazz symphony" that he hopes to premiere next year. The forthcoming year may also find the artist publishing a second poetry book, "Glares Through Oblivion," and starting work on a nonfiction title.

Beyond all this, Tankian says he'd someday like to score a film and record an instrumental jazz album, adding, "I want to try one of every-thing."

Showcasing ethnic jewellery

A CORRESPONDENT

Ethnic jewellery has its own identity and characteristics. Mixing patterns, textures and colours is one of the key elements when creating such ethnic items. Amman Rashid is the main designer of his brand "Aadi". He has been working on ethnic jewellery for the last six years. Inspired by the ethnic ornaments of the Africans, especially the ancient decoration and ornamentation, Rashid has devoted his life to designing jewellery.

The range of his creations includes earrings, neckpieces, anklets and bracelets in the most extraordinary designs as well as antique designs on spoons, lime boxes, ornament boxes and others.

Recently, Aadi organised a two-

day ethnic jewellery exhibition at Chondons, Gulshan-2. Over the years, Aadi has had other exhibitions as well where the response was superb. The exhibitions were held in 2006 and 2008.

'Aadi' is an ornament brand upholding the trend of using natural elements. Behind the making of each ornament, is a different story. This is why each of the brand's ornament bears exceptional names such as "Chirosokha," "Marfoti," "Adibashi," "Dhal," "Ekta Chabi Maira."

Rashid's artworks are unique in the sense that each item is different from the other. The ornament for all age groups are made from different types of thread, dry seeds, dry fruits, shells, snails, pebbles and various natural materials.



<p>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</p> <p>Channel i 01:05 Ebong Cinemar Gaan 01:30 Hridoyer Gaan 04:05 Drama Serial: Sai Loakti 05:15 Purple Fashion Show 06:00 Ramjanul Mubarak</p> <p>ntv 12:00 Grameenphone Aajker Shongbadpatra 02:30 Drama Serial: Megh Bolechhey Jabo Jabo 04:10 Janar Achhey Bolar Achhey 05:30 Hridoye Ramjan 06:05 Jibon Gorar Ashor 09:00 Kichhu Katha Kichhu Gaan</p> <p>ETV 04:02 Drama Serial: Nil Toyaley 05:45 Jhotpot Iftar 06:20 Drama: Rojadar 07:50 Siam O Shusthata</p>	<p>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</p> <p>Banglavisoin 12:05 Raat Biraatley 02:30 Drama Serial: Swapno Chura 04:10 Amader Jiboney Ramjan 06:00 Hamd Naat O Azan 09:05 Shundarjo Katha 11:25 Walton Amar Ponyo Amar Desh</p> <p>ATN NEWS 11:30 Sports Insight 02:15 Amader Katha 05:15 Pramanno Shomoy 07:30 Saat Rang (Live) 08:30 Visual Diary</p> <p>Boishakhi TV 01:40 Boishakhi Shur</p>	<p>Ciney Hits 05:30 Shudhu Cinemar Gaan 06:20 Shurja Konya 11:30 Boishakhi Shongskriti O Binodon</p> <p>HBO 10:30 The Sisterhood Of The Traveling Pants 2 01:00 Solo 03:00 Nights In Rodanthe 05:00 Dazed And Confused 07:30 Tropic Thunder 09:30 Fool's Gold 11:30 Double Impact</p> <p>Star Movies 11:05 Dead Poet'S Society 01:20 Nobel Son 04:55 Gone In Sixty Seconds 07:00 Trade 09:05 City Of Ember 10:50 Passengers</p> <p>Zee Studio 10:45 Little Fish 01:00 Gully Renker 01:30 Runaway Bride</p>	<p>03:40 Shur Shoptok 05:30 Shudhu Cinemar Gaan 06:20 Shurja Konya 11:30 Boishakhi Shongskriti O Binodon</p> <p>Star World 11:00 How I Met Your Mother 01:30 Moment Of Truth 03:30 Ugly Betty 07:30 Castle 08:30 The Simpsons 10:00 Whose Line Is It Anyways? 10:30 Criminal Minds</p> <p>Cartoon Network 08:00 Ed, Edd and Eddy 12:30 The Hulk 05:30 Hot Wheels: Battle Force 5 09:00 Pokemon 09:30 Dragon Ball Z 10:30 Richie Rich</p> <p>Discovery Channel 12:30 Destroyed In Seconds 05:30 Great White Appetite 08:30 MAN vs. WILD 10:30 Extreme Peril</p> <p>Travel and Living 11:30 La Ink</p>	<p>06:00 Feast Bazaar 10:00 5 Star Insider 10:30 La Ink</p> <p>National Geographic 07:30 True Stories 08:30 Wild: Snake Week 09:30 Big: Mega Bridges Week 10:30 Big Cats: Killer Leopards 11:30 True Stories</p> <p>BBC World 12:00 BBC World News 05:00 GMT with George Alagiah 07:00 Impact Asia 10:00 The Hub with Nik Gowing 12:00 World News Today with Zeinab Badawi</p> <p>CNN 12:00 World Report 02:30 Earth's Frontiers 03:00 Larry King Live 05:30 Talk Asia 10:00 Prism 10:30 Earth's Frontiers</p>	<p>Talk Show</p> <p>ATN Bangla 10:30am Hello Bangladesh Channel i 09:45am Grameenphone Trityo Matra 12:30pm Citycell Taroka Kathon</p> <p>ntv 12:10am Ei Shomoy DESH TV 11:45pm Shoja Katha Boishakhi TV 10:40pm Shongskriti Katha</p> <p>Drama Serial</p> <p>ATN BANGLA 08:40pm Gharjamai 09:20pm Poush Phaguner Pala 11:30pm Oit Channel i 07:50pm Mukim Brothers 09:35pm Swapno Bazar 11:30pm All Out ntv 09:45pm Asharey Galpo 08:20pm Ek E</p> <p>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 Morner Putul</p>
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<p>News Bulletin</p> <p>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,</p> <p>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,</p> <p>1:30pm, 5:00pm, 7:15pm, 10:30pm. 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,</p> <p>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,</p>	<p>Hoi Hoi Roi Roi On Banglavisoin at 08:15pm Drama Serial Cast: Abul Hayat, Afroza Banu</p> <p>Memoirs of a Geisha On Zee Studio at 09:30pm Genre: Drama/Romance Cast: Suzuka Ohgo, Togo Igawa, Mako</p> <p>Metro On Desh TV at 10:30pm Drama Serial Cast: Shahiduzzaman Selim, Bijori Barkatullah</p>	<p>RADIO FOORTI 07:30 Hello Dhaka 10:00 Morning Express 12:00 No Tension 04:00 Dhaka Calling 09:00 Knight Riders</p> <p>abc radio fm 89.2 06:00 Bhorer Janalay 09:00 Mukhorto Jiboney 12:00 Darun Dupurey 03:00 Duranto Bikeley 05:00 Shondha Tara 07:00 Shajer Maya 09:00 Raat-er Akashey 11:00 Galper Shesh Nei</p> <p>RADIO TODAY 07:15 Good Morning Dhaka 01:00 Today's Adda 04:00 U-turn 08:00 Tobe Tai Hok 11:00 Raat Vor Gan 02:00 Back to Back</p>
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