

WHAT'S ON THIS WEEK

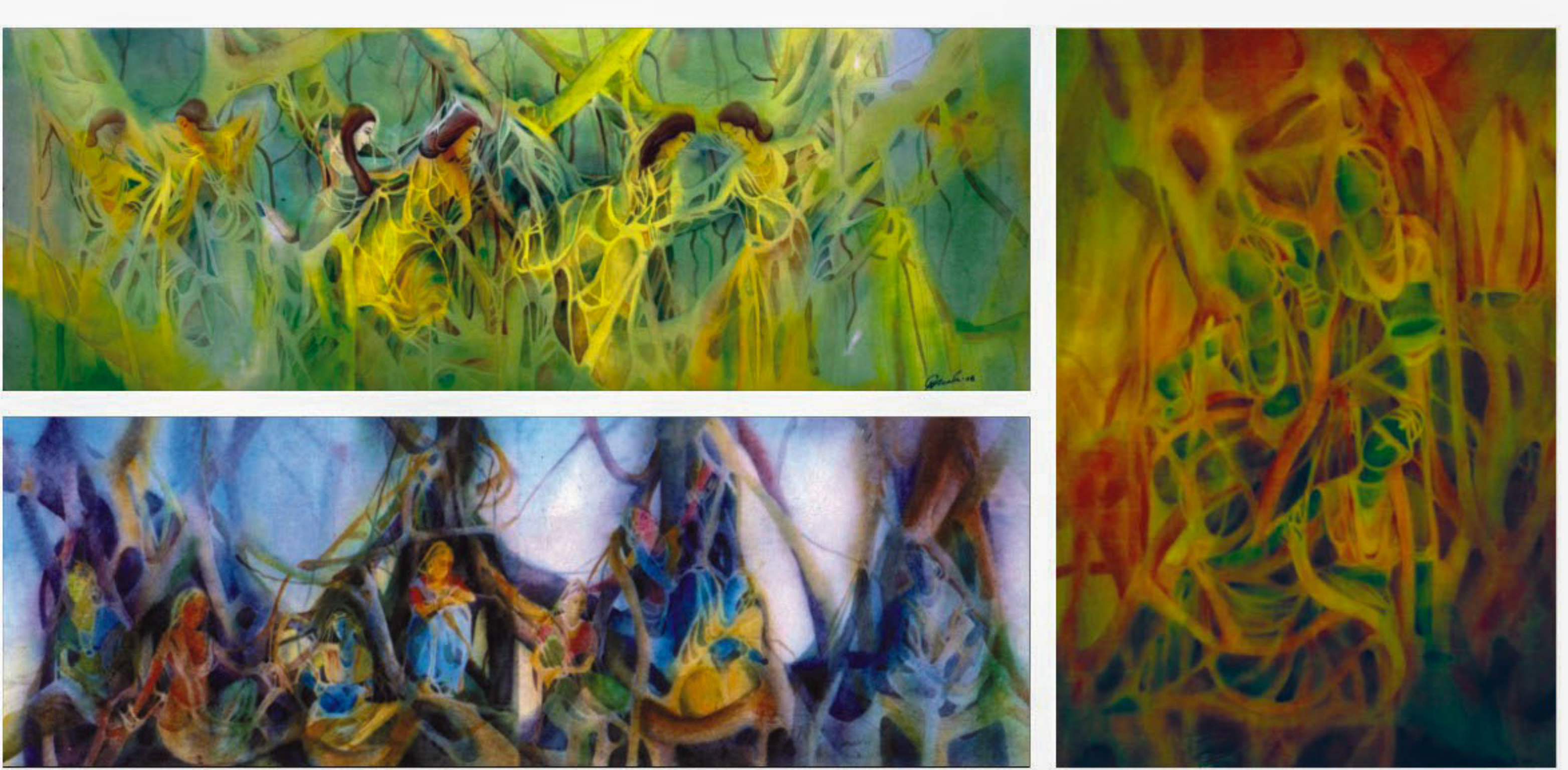
Master Painters
Artists: Zainul Abedin, Quamrul Hassan, SM Sultan
Venue: Art Gallery, National Museum, Shahbagh
Date: October 8-November 6
Time: 10am-8pm

Solo Photography Exhibition
Title: Wedding Diary
Photographer: Prito Reza
Venue: Drik Gallery, H 58, Rd 15/A (new), Dhanmondi
Date: October 28-November 5
Time: 3-8pm

Film Festival
Eric Rohmer Retrospective
Organiser: Zahir Raihan Film Society and Alliance Francaise de Dhaka (AFD)
Venue: Auditorium, AFD, 26, Mirpur Road, Dhanmondi
Date: October 21-29
Time: 3pm onwards

Solo Art Exhibition
Title: Dematerialization of Reality
Artist: Kazi Salahuddin Ahmed
Venue: La Galerie, Alliance Francaise de Dhaka, 26, Mirpur Road, Dhanmondi
Date: October 29-November 11
Time: 3-9pm

Shakuntala lives in Malay Bala's canvas



(Clockwise from top left): Shakuntala With Friends-11 (Wash Painting), Shakuntala (Wash Painting) and Shakuntala With Friends-3 (Wash painting).

ZAHANGIR ALOM

Painter Malay Bala has earned much acclaim in the contemporary art scene. He is also a lecturer at the department of Oriental Art, Faculty of Fine Arts (FFA), Dhaka University. Mingling romanticism with mythical idyll is what sets his work apart.

Shakuntala, daughter of the heavenly nymph Menoka and the sage Bishwamitra, is the subject of a series that the artist has been working on for a while.

Inspired by the Sanskrit classic "Abhigyan Shakuntalam" (Recognition of Shakuntala) written by poet Kalidas, artist-teacher Malay Bala has exquisitely depicted vignettes of Shakuntala in a number of his paintings.

"My artworks may create an impression of illusion, but I hope a true connoisseur will value the essence of Oriental art," Malay said.

According to the artist, the myth of Shakuntala involves heaven, earth and everything in between. After being abandoned at birth by her parents, the newborn is saved by a shakun (vulture), which shelters her under its wings. Sage Kanva finds the baby girl and decides to raise her as his daughter.

As she grows up, Shakuntala (literally, protected by a shakun) turns into an exquisite beauty.

One day, king of the land Dushyanta comes across Shakuntala in the forest while pursuing a deer during his hunt. The king and the beautiful maiden fall in love at first sight and get married. However, caused by the short-tempered sage Durbasha's curse, Dushyanta forgets Shakuntala. A heartbroken Shakuntala gives birth to Dushyanta's son, Bharat. Observing her distress, Menoka takes her daughter Shakuntala up to heaven. In the end, Dushyanta remembers Shakuntala when he comes across the ring he had given her when they got married.

"The idea of a dishevelled beauty living in the forest draws me. If my depiction of Shakuntala can take away some of the monotony of materialistic life, I'll be encouraged to continue this series and paint more episodes where forms, colours, textures and expressions will narrate newer stories," Malay said.

Malay washed the paper and brushed the colours gently. Each painting (watercolour) took the artist around a month to complete. His works on other media, like mural painting and oil, are also distinctive.

Malay Bala mentioned *sharanga* [six qualities of Oriental Art] -- knowledge of appearances;

correct perception, measure and structure of forms; action of feelings on forms; infusion of grace, artistic representation; similitude and artistic manner of using the brush and colours.

This style was popularised by Abanindranath Tagore [nephew of Rabindranath Tagore] who centring on the basis of *sharanga* and inspired by aesthetics of *Ajanta* and Mughal miniature paintings, initiated *Nabyo Bongiyto Chitrareeti* (Neo Bengal Painting Style) that upheld *Swadeshi* (patriotic) values. Later, following that trend, Oriental Art department was founded in this part of Bengal in 1955.

"My mission is to popularise the Oriental style. When I'm at work, I try to focus on imagination, and not imitation, so that urbanites can meet their affluent past, where nature and people lived in harmony," the artist said.

Born on December 10, 1978 in Gopalgonj, Malay Bala stood first securing first class in both his BFA (Honours) and MFA examinations. He bagged Dilnasheen Khanam Gold Medal in 2001.

He also received Best Watercolour Award (2001) and Experimental Painting Award (2003), participating at annual art exhibitions organised by FFA.

Aside from a solo exhibition, the artist has participated in a number of group art exhibitions and attended several workshops on art.

TV Watch "Anubhabey Shimanto" on Channel i

A CORRESPONDENT

Telefilm "Anubhabey Shimanto" will be aired today at 3:10 pm on Channel i. Written by Farhad Limon, the telefilm has been directed jointly by Sajjad Soni and MA Munna.

Inter-relationship crisis is the central theme of the film. The story zooms in on a family. It unfolds, when young Anubhab finds his father's diary. The father abandoned Anubhab and his mother before he was born. Anubhab's unbound curiosity forces his mother Shammi to inform him about his father.

Anubhab's father Shimanto was an expatriate Bangladeshi. He came to the country looking for his father Zulfiqar, who too had aban-



Tisha and Litu Anam in a scene from the film.

doned Shimanto and his mother during his childhood. The plot reaches its climax when a grown up Anubhab meets his grandfather Zulfiqar.

Litu Anam and Tisha play the lead roles. Tisha dons three different characters in the film. The cast also includes Jayanta Chattopadhyay and SM Mohsin.

Workshop on Kathakali dance

For the first time a workshop on Kathakali dance will be held in Bangladesh. Shanto Marium University of Creative Technology and Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy (BSA) are jointly arranging the workshop. The workshop started yesterday at the university's dance floor and will continue till October 31, according to a press release.

A press conference was held on October 25 at the Seminar Room of BSA in this regard.

Kathakali is a south Indian (Kerala) dance form. It developed in the 1700. A synthesis of five elements -- literature, music, acting, sculpture and dance -- is associated with it that constitutes a unique visual poem.

Professor T Shankar Narayan, former Principal of Visva Bharati University, Santiniketan,

India will direct and conduct the workshop. Renowned Bharatanatyam guru Thankamani Kutty; popular Bharatanatyam artiste Malabika Sen with other noted Indian dancers Mohan Govindan Kutty, Kavil Poduvattil Gopakumar, Amanda Krishnan Moolayil, and Sukumaran Chruver will also conduct the workshop.

As an output, a dance production will be held at National Theatre Hall of BSA on November 2.

Aside from workshop and dance production, Shato Marium University of Creative Technology will honour seven Bangladeshi dancers -- Dr. Shoma Momtaz, Shukla Sarkar, Shamim Ara Nipa, Shibli Mohammad, Shaju Ahmed, Mumun Ahmed and Tamanna Rahman.



Kamal Lohani (centre), Lily Islam and others at the press conference.

Oliver Stone is a fan of Indian cinema

Oliver Stone says he loves Indian cinema because of its flexibility to switch between comedy, romance and tragedy in a single story.

The Oscar winning filmmaker said Indian cinema was "very prolific and vital" and he had used that vitality in his 1994 film "Natural Born Killers".

"Indian cinema is very prolific. I can't keep up. I used that vitality in 'Natural Born Killers'. I love that the films switch from comedy to romance and then to tragedy. I love that," the BBC quoted Stone as saying.

Stone is in Mumbai to receive a lifetime achievement award at a prominent film

festival. On whether he would make a film in India, Stone said he would love to "if there was a great story."

"...If I had Danny Boyle's luck, I'd make 'Slumdog Millionaire'," he said.

Source: Internet

Programme Schedule

<p>ATN BANGLA</p> <p>11:15 BSB Cambrian Education Zone</p> <p>02:50 Bangla Feature Film</p> <p>06:15 Amra Korbo Joy</p> <p>08:00 Ganey Ganey Galpo</p> <p>10:45 Bihango Katha</p> <p>Channel i</p> <p>12:30 Muktijuddha Protidin</p> <p>02:50 Tele-Film: Anubhabey Shimanto</p> <p>05:30 Special Drama</p> <p>07:50 Channel i Shera Kantho'10</p> <p>11:30 Fun Club Tournament</p> <p>12:00 Grameenphone Ajker Shangbadpotro</p>	<p>ntv</p> <p>10:05 Bhalobasho Mor Gaan</p> <p>02:30 Tele-film: Eti Ebong</p> <p>06:10 Shubho Shondhya</p> <p>06:45 Roop Madhuri</p> <p>09:45 Drama: Dhrubotara</p> <p>11:30 Hip Hip Hurrey (Live)</p> <p>ETV</p> <p>11:30 Shangkriti Shamachar</p> <p>01:30 Bangla Feature Film</p> <p>04:30 Mukto Khabor</p> <p>05:25 Shaptaho Jurey</p> <p>06:30 Spondon</p> <p>07:50 Musical Programme: Guru James</p> <p>10:30 Ride On The Top</p>	<p>Banglavisio</p> <p>12:05 The Spirit of Islam</p> <p>04:05 Music Together</p> <p>06:10 Drama</p> <p>Desh TV</p> <p>09:30 WEKA Beach Cricket 2010 (Live)</p> <p>06:00 Beach Concert (Live)</p> <p>11:45 Close up Call-er Gaan: Shirin</p> <p>Boishakhi TV</p> <p>01:35 Nazrul Sangeet: Tabo Gaaner Bhashay Shurey James</p> <p>02:35 Bangla Feature Film</p>	<p>Diganta TV</p> <p>11:30 Meley Dhori Ichchheyguli</p> <p>12:30 Score Card</p> <p>04:30 Pothey Prantorey</p> <p>08:05 Rangroop</p> <p>09:25 Chena Ochena</p> <p>HBO</p> <p>12:00 Duplicity</p> <p>02:30 Jackie Chan's Who Am I?</p> <p>05:00 The One</p> <p>07:00 Duma</p> <p>09:30 Simon Sez</p> <p>11:00 Star Trek</p> <p>Zee Studio</p> <p>10:40 The Weather Man</p> <p>01:30 The Lost City</p> <p>03:45 Six Days Seven Nights</p> <p>06:00 Made in Hollywood</p> <p>07:00 Meet the Fockers</p>	<p>05:15 Boishakhi CNN</p> <p>Sharabishwa</p> <p>08:00 Style Update</p> <p>08:40 Friday Drama: Nokshikatha</p> <p>10:45 Shomoy Katuk Ganey Ganey</p> <p>09:30 Shadow Conspiracy</p> <p>11:45 Reign of Fire</p> <p>Star Movies</p> <p>11:40 The Terminator</p> <p>01:30 Sorority Row</p> <p>03:15 Make It Happen</p> <p>07:00 A Dangerous Man</p> <p>08:40 The Eye</p> <p>10:25 Mothman</p> <p>12:00 The Devil's Tomb</p> <p>Star World</p> <p>12:30 Masterchef Australia</p> <p>01:30 The Bold And The Beautiful</p> <p>03:00 The Simpsons</p> <p>03:30 Ugly Betty</p> <p>06:30 How I Met Your Mother</p> <p>08:30 VIP</p> <p>09:30 Moment of Truth</p> <p>10:30 Royal Pains</p> <p>National Geographic</p> <p>01:30 Megastructures</p> <p>04:30 Monkey Thieves</p> <p>06:30 Big Tanks</p> <p>08:30 Nat Geo Wild</p> <p>10:30 Nat Geo Amazing!</p>	<p>11:30 True Stories: Pentagon 9/11</p> <p>Discovery Channel</p> <p>12:00 Destroyed In Seconds</p> <p>07:30 How the Universe Works</p> <p>08:30 Man vs. Wild</p> <p>10:30 Worst Case Scenario</p> <p>11:00 Destroyed In Seconds</p> <p>BBC World</p> <p>09:30 Talking Books: Robert Harris</p> <p>10:00 BBC World News</p> <p>12:45 Sport Today</p> <p>02:30 Talking Books: Robert Harris</p> <p>05:00 GMT with George Alagiah</p> <p>07:00 Impact Asia</p> <p>09:30 Click</p> <p>10:00 The Hub with Nik Gowing</p> <p>12:00 World News Today with Zeinab Badawi</p> <p>CNN</p> <p>02:30 The Best of BackStory</p> <p>03:00 Larry King Live</p> <p>08:00 International Desk</p> <p>09:00 The Brief</p> <p>10:30 Political Mann</p> <p>11:00 International Desk</p>
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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 (English) at 6:00pm

News Every Hour:
7:00am, 11:00am, 12:00pm, 01:00pm, 3:00pm, 04:00pm
News (English): 9:00 am, 6:00 pm.

BANGLAVISIO
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

Nokshikatha
On Boishakhi TV at 08:40pm
Genre: Horror
Cast: Sajal, Swagata

The Eye
On Star Movies at 08:40pm
Genre: Horror
Cast: Angelica Lee, Lawrence Chou

Ghatak Baki Bhai
On ETVA at 09:30pm
Drama Serial
Cast: Fazlur Rahman Babu, Tania Ahmed

Talk Show

ATN Bangla	12:05pm Kora Alap
12:30am Grameenphone	04:30pm Shamoyiki
Lead News	ntv
Channel i	12:00am Ei Shomoy
09:45am Grameenphone	RTV
Tritiyo Matra	10:45am Tarokalap

Drama Serial

ATN Bangla	Nouka
09:20pm Haat-er Rekha	10:00pm Tourist
Katha Boley	BANGLAVISIO
10:55pm Ochena	08:15pm Dyalectar
Manush	09:05pm Chandrabindu
11:30pm Amader Shongshar	09:45pm Gulshan Avenue
ntv	ETV
08:15pm FnF	09:30pm Ghatok Baki
Rtv	Bhai
07:45pm Kagojer	

RADIO FOORTI

08:00 Addabazi

12:00 Boier Poka

02:00 Foorti Unlimited

06:00 Bumper to Bumper

10:00 Club Foorti

01:00 Back to Back music

abc radio fm 89.2

06:00 Bhorer Janalay

09:00 Mukhorito Jiboney

12:00 Darun Dupurey Dhaka

03:00 Duranto Bikeley

05:00 Shondhata

07:00 Shajer Maya

09:00 Raat-er Akashay

11:00 Golper Shesh Nei

RADIO TODAY

07:15 Good Morning

11:00 Musti Unlimited

01:00 Today's World Music

04:00 U Tum

08:00 Tobey Tai Hok

11:00 Raat Bhor Gaan