

NEWS bytes

RADIOHEAD
releases stirring
new video

Radiohead's Thom Yorke and Jonny Greenwood deliver a stripped-down rendition of "Present Tense" in a new video directed by renowned filmmaker Paul Thomas Anderson.

The simple clip finds the pair in campfire sing-along mode, performing the song in a nearly dark room lit up by just a dim orange glow. With the only percussion coming from a Roland CR-78, Greenwood and Yorke create an



intricate tangle of guitar lines that move gracefully beneath Yorke's vocals. The new "Present Tense" clip marks Radiohead's second video with Anderson, who also helmed the band's last visual for "Daydreaming", which arrived days before their most recent album, "A Moon Shaped Pool". Radiohead also announced the album with a sinister stop-motion clip for "Burn the Witch".

After spending much of the summer on the road in support of "A Moon Shaped Pool", Radiohead have only a handful of live dates left this year. Their only US concert is a headlining slot at the two-week Austin City Limits Festival, September 30 and October 7, while in between they'll perform in Mexico City.

Source: Rolling Stone



A still from "The Poison Thorn".

Three Bangladeshi films
in Asiatica Film Mediale

A CORRESPONDENT

A documentary film on 1971 rape survivors, titled "Bishkanta" ("The Poison Thorn") is in the main competition of 17th Asiatica Mediale Film Festival, taking place in Rome. The Festival will also showcase two other Bangladeshi films, "Under Construction" and "My Bicycle", in the Panorama section.

Asiatica Mediale is the most representative event in Italy dedicated to Asian cinema, mainly with Italian and European premieres (features, documentaries, shorts), special events and homage to film directors. Running from September 17 to Oct 2, the festival this year showcases over 40 films from 20 countries including Afghanistan, Bangladesh, China, Philippines, India, Iran, Kazakhstan, Pakistan, Turkey and Vietnam.

"The Poison Thorn", directed by Farzana Bobby, revolves around the narratives of three

rape survivors of Liberation War on 1971 of Bangladesh.

Rubaiyat Hossain's feature film "Under Construction" is about a middle class Muslim woman struggling to find herself in the sprawl of urban Bangladesh. The film has participated in major film festivals worldwide, most recently in the Open Doors section at Locarno Film Festival. However, the film was not found listed on the official site of the festival.

Another film participating in the festival is "My Bicycle", a story told for the first time in an indigenous language in Bangladesh. Aung Rakhine's debut feature film that has been screened at Tallinn Black Nights and Göteborg film festival is a mature, sophisticated representation of Bangladesh's most marginalised population.

All three films are distributed by Khona Talkies, a Bangladeshi production and distribution company.

"Beef brain must on Eid menu"
...Apurbo

SHAH ALAM SHAZU

Apurbo is a popular name on the small screen. As always, several of his plays were telecast on Eid. The dashing actor talked to The Daily Star about his Eid plays, his favourite food and hangouts during Eid:

How many of your plays were telecast this Eid?

Apurbo: About 13 to 14. I played a variety of roles, including a cop, owner of an ad agency and a boatman. I always try to do unusual kind of roles, and this Eid was no different.

How do you usually spend the free time during Eid?

Apurbo: I always celebrate the day with

my family at our home. Relatives and friends of mine hang out at our rooftop, or sometimes I go to my friends' homes on the occasion.

Did you watch your own plays during Eid?

Apurbo: I watched almost all my plays both last Eid, and quite a few this time around as well.

What's your favourite Eid cuisine?
Apurbo: Beef brain is a must have for me on Eid day.

Do you enjoy traveling during Eid?

Apurbo: My child, wife and I sometimes visit places near Dhaka during Eid vacations. Apart from this, we love to travel within Dhaka as the city becomes traffic-free during the festival.



PHOTO: SHEIKH MEHEDI MORSHED



Salman Shah's 45th birth anniversary today

MEMORIAL FESTIVAL ON SEPT 29

A CORRESPONDENT

Today, September 19, marks the 45th birth anniversary of Salman Shah, the shooting star of Dhallywood who shone bright but left us too soon. Marking the occasion, Salman Shah Smriti Parishad will organise a daylong festival at the premises of Bangladesh

Film Development Corporation (BFDC) and the Jashim floor.

Salman Shah, born Shahriar Chowdhury Emon on this day in 1971 in Sylhet, began his career as a child on Bangladesh Television, and pursued singing in his teen years. But with 1993 film "Keyamot Theke Keyamot" by Sohanur Rahman Sohan, he shot to superstardom overnight with his suave

charm. In the next four years he worked in another 26 films, producing hit after hit - "Tumi Amar" "Sujon Sokhi", "Bikkhobh", "Swopner Thikana", "Ei Ghor Ei Songsar", "Tomake Chai", "Swopner Prithibi", "Sotyer Mrittu Nei", "Prem Piyashi" and "Buker Bhitore Agun" to name a few. Apart from films, he also worked in a handful of TV plays with great success.

"Wanted to be a part of 'Rock On' eight years ago"
...Shraddha Kapoor

Actress Shraddha Kapoor, who will be seen in "Rock On 2" on Saturday confessed her craze and love for the original "Rock On", saying that she wanted to be a part of it eight years ago.

"I am a big fan of 'Rock On' film and songs. Eight years back I had gone to watch 'Rock On' with my brother and parents. I loved the film. I had told there only that whenever a sequel of this movie will be made, then definitely I will act in the film," she said at a press conference prior to the concert for "Rock On 2" music launch.

"This is a very different film of mine. I am nervous and excited to perform on stage."

Asked his favourite from the music of the sequel, actor Farhan Akhtar said: "It is very difficult to say one favourite song. There is not just one favourite song in the movie."

Musician-actor Shashank Arora, who will join the 'Magik' band in the film, this time as a new member, also shared his excitement. "I always wanted to be an actor. Finally I got a chance. I am very happy. When I got a call for 'Rock On 2', I was really excited," he said.

The upcoming musical drama film is directed by Shujaat Saudagar, produced by Farhan and Ritesh Sidhwani, and has music by Shankar-Ehsaan-Loy.

While Farhan Akhtar, Arjun Rampal, Prachi Desai, and Purab Kohli reprise their roles from "Rock On", Shraddha will be sharing screen space opposite Farhan Akhtar, while Shashank is a supporting character.

Source: IANS



EID TV WATCH

"Neeler Bou Rashi" on Ekushey TV

A CORRESPONDENT

On the occasion of Eid, Ekushey TV is telecasting a seven-episode special mini-series "Neeler Bou Rashi" everyday at 11:25pm. Written by Iffat Arefin Mahmud, the play is directed by Zahid Hasan. The final episode of the series will air today.

The story of the mini-series revolves around Zahid Hasan and his efforts in choosing a bride. In the play, along with Zahid Hasan noted actresses like Mou, Sarika, Nadia and Tareen are in the cast.



SUBHRAR WARDROBE
on
ATN Bangla

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

On the sixth day of Eid festivities, ATN Bangla will air a telefilm titled "Subhrar Wardrobe" at 11:50pm. Scripted by Shafiqur Rahman Shantanu and directed by BU Shubho, the telefilm casts Emon and Neha in starring roles.

The story revolves around a married couple whose house lacks a wardrobe. Upon purchasing a new one, strange events occur, and dark secrets begin to emerge as the husband discovers a stranger hiding inside their newly bought wardrobe.

SARGAM to celebrate Arupratan Choudhury's birthday



A CORRESPONDENT

SARGAM, the lone monthly on music in the country, will celebrate the 64th birth anniversary of Ekushey Padak recipient artist, social worker, dentist and singer of Shadhin Bangla Betar Kendra Dr. Arupratan Choudhury today. The celebration programme will take place at 5pm at Akhter Imam Memorial Hall, Segunbagicha, Dhaka.

Information Minister Hasanul Haq Inu will grace the occasion as chief guest while Professor Emeritus Anisuzzaman will be present as special guest. Eminent educationists, doctors, singers and journalists will attend the programme as guest of honour.