

RECOMMENDATIONS

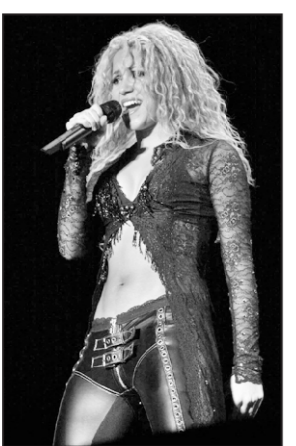
CD Launching

February 19, 20, 23, 24, 25 Bengal Foundation will hold ceremonies for launching of eight more CDs at the Bengal Shilpalaya. The programmes will start everyday at 6.30 p.m. The schedule is as follows: February 19 Rabindrasangeet album Aamar Mon Cheye Roy by Aditi Mohsin February 20 Nazrulgeeti album Khunji Tarey Aami Aaponay by Sharmin Shathi Islam February 23 Gonosangeet album Himalaya Thekey Sundarban. Rabindrasangeet album Eshechhi Tomar E Darey by Iqbal Ahmed February 24 Rabindrasangeet album Aamarey Jodi Jagaley Aaji by Mita Haque February 25 Rabindrasangeet album Aamar E Path by Ifat Ara Dewan

Exhibition

February 1-March 2 Saju Art Gallery is holding a painting exhibition titled, Grand Group Art Exhibition, displaying works of more than a hundred artists of the country. The exhibition will run through March 2 from 10 a.m. to 8.30 p.m. everyday except Friday.

Music



Colombian pop singer Shakira performs during her first concert in Mexico City on February 14.

Event

Singers spell out their thoughts

Students of Kalpana Bhattacharya speak their minds

FAYZA HAQ

Speaking to the students who had sung recently on an evening, at the Indian Cultural Centre, under the guidance of Kalpana Bhattacharya from Kolkata, one gets the impression that they had enjoyed themselves enormously and appreciated the encouragement to improvise as much as possible.

A B M Siddiqur Rahman Mojumdar, one of the solo singers that evening, said that he was learning from Kalpana since 1995. Before that he had learnt from Ustad Phul Mohammed ("Uchanga Sangeet") and Shudeen Das ("Nazrul Geeti"). Ahsen Morshed and Abdul Lateef. Mojumdar said that he preferred listening to and singing classical music as one finds many things in it to please oneself which he does not find in any other forms of songs. That evening he had sung a "mudhuwanti" "raag" which consisted of "kolomghandar" and "korimadham" expressing the feelings and emotions of the evening time.

Mojumdar said that his favourite singers are Sri Barin Mojumdar, Ustad Akhter Sadmani, Phul Mohammed. He had been learning singing from the Nazrul Academy since 1980 and before that he was posted in the far-flung rural areas and did not have the opportunity to learn until he came to Dhaka in 1976. He used to sing earlier but had no formal training. He begins his practice after 11:00 pm and once a week he has the accompaniment of his "tabalchi", Tapan Rai. He said that he enjoyed learning from Kalpana as she herself sang very well and was a strict teacher.

Suronjana Bhattacharya said, "I have been learning classical music earlier from Khwaja Mohammed Salimullah for a year in 1995 and I had to stop due to demands of running a family and also because I could not find a "guru". Through Alim Mama I was introduced to Kalpana Bhattacharya and since then I have been learning now for two years. Today we sang 'kalabati', 'misr kalabati' and then a 'chataranga' on 'desh raag'. We practiced for four weeks only and within this short time

there could easily have been some mistakes. We used to learn every evening and there were no fixed hours for the rehearsals. Among classical singers it is not just to say which guru one likes and does not like, as we are only in the learning process. However, I like Onil Kumar Shaha, Onup Borua and Nilofer Yasmeen. Along with classical music, I am learning 'Rabindra Sangeet' at 'Chayanot'. I prefer 'Uchanga Sangeet' as this is based on tune rather than words. Meanwhile, we do understand the

from Shantash Karmakar, at Sariatpur I studied with Pijush Kanti Thakur, and coming to Dhaka in 1998, I got admitted to the Nazrul Academy. Although I study both 'Nazrulgeeti' and classical, it is 'Uchanga Sangeet' that I prefer, although I believe that one who can sing classical songs well, will have mastery over other genres of songs too. Among the musicians in Bangladesh, I like Ustad Akhter Sadmani, Rashid Khan, Odai Chakrabarti and of course my present teacher. It is now three

as the 'bandish' can be broken in any way that the singer wants. I like 'thumri' too. In India I like Perween Sultana, Probha Atre, Rashid Khan and here in Bangladesh, I like Nilofer Yasmeen. 'Uchanga Sangeet' is the basis of all eastern music in the Subcontinent and that is why I like this genre so much." Hasina is a student of General History at the Eden College.

Anushe Anadi has been studying with Saghiruddin Khan and now for three years she is under the supervision of Kalpana Bhattacharya, studying on her own when Kalpana is in Kolkata. She has a 'tablachi' Madan Gopal, and has enough homework to do even when Kalpana is not here in Dhaka. Anushe said, "If you are looking for vocal, classical is the best to learn. I haven't been giving classical music as much time as I should have as I didn't have a 'guru' earlier. I used to learn by myself, earlier, with the 'tanpura', and I prefer the 'tanpura' as you don't have to pay much attention to the playing as you are singing. What I like most about Kalpana Bhattacharya is that she, more than any other teacher, encourages one to improvise. She will not say 'sing this in this way'. She will teach me a lot of ways to do something on my own. She gives me the power to experiment on my own which I think is wonderful. I come from a musical family, as my mother, Lubna Marium, dances."

Zarin Tabassum Haque has been learning from her father, who in turn, is a student of Kalpana Bhattacharya too. "I have done about four courses with Kalpana Bhattacharya. I am in the final year at the Nazrul Academy and I sing classical music beside, playing on the 'tanpura'. Today there were about 15 students. But I, like Anushe, did not sing in the chorus but accompanied Kalpana Bhattacharya."

Each and every one of the students felt that they had a lot to learn from their visiting teacher, Kalpana Bhattacharya.



Kalpana Bhattacharya's students seen at the Indian High Commission Cultural Centre

meaning of the words of classical music. This time we learnt 'desh', 'kolaboti', 'emon' and 'ashabori' incidentally I am a home-maker."

Suronjana added, "We cannot really master the singing within the short spell of time that our teacher Kalpana Bhattacharya is here and request the High Commission to extend her stay for three years. We don't see much reason in changing gurus."

Shukla Mondol said, "I have been learning classical music from my childhood from my father Monomjin Mondol. At Barisal I learnt

years that I've been studying with Kalpana Bhattacharya. In between I study my classical songs at Nazrul Academy. I like pop and band music too but certainly not as much as classical or 'Nazrulgeeti'. I work as a senior staff nurse at BARDEM side by side.

Hasina Akhter Rimi said, "I have been studying with Kalpana Bhattacharya for two years now, and side by side I study with Nilofer Yasmeen. Before that I learnt from BAFA and Nazrul Academy. Among 'Uchanga Sangeet' I like 'khiyals' as the artiste has a lot of freedom here

Drama

Presenting a murder mystery

NSUCDC performs Agatha Christie's 'The Mousetrap'

DILSHAD KARIM

What is theatre? Is it ecstasy or anguish? Or perhaps it is an experience of the entire gamut of human emotions; the torture of wandering through one's mind and the joy of finally finding oneself. No doubt, it's a mouse trap.

'People today are rich and poor. Unfortunately, they have no theatre' remarked Dr Israfil Shaheen.

North South University Cine and Drama Club (NSUCDC) performed a translated version of Agatha Christie's 'The Mouse Trap' to mark the 10th anniversary of establishment of the first private university in the country. This murder mystery has been running for more than 50 years at theatres in the United Kingdom and even today attracts thousands of theatre and mystery lovers. After three months of preparations



A scene from 'The Mousetrap'

around 'Three Blind Mice' a nursery rhyme, where a schizophrenic man barges into a guest house disguised as a sergeant after murdering his first victim. His second victim turns out to be one of the guests at the guest house and in his attempt to kill his third and last victim, gets

touch of comedy here and there.

'The Mouse Trap' had eight interesting and humorous characters portraying the many elements of human personality in various situations, time and place. The personalities of Mollie Ralston, Giles Ralston, Christopher Wren, Mrs Boyle, Major Metcalf, Ms Casewell, Mr Paravicini and Sergeant Trotter were played by Elita, Moum, Monwar, Mumtahana, Naela, Zeeshan, Indrilla, Arif and Shaam respectively. Each actor portrayed the characters well, that made for an appealing, hilarious and entertaining two hours.

The play certainly revealed a group of talented young people of North South University who had put their heart and soul into making the drama a success. For over three months, under the guidance of Dr Israfil Shaheen, these young actors had learned to look at the world through the eyes of others and play it out to its minute detail. If the success of this drama is any indication, we can look forward with relish to NSUCDC's future performances.



A still from 'The Mousetrap'

under the supervision of Dr Israfil Shaheen, NSUCDC braved the Dhaka audience and presented 'The Mouse Trap' translated by Prof. Abdus Selim at the Shaheed Zia Museum on the 3rd and 4th of February.

This mystery plot revolves caught red-handed. The story relates not only to blood-curdling murders, but also describes the shaky relationship between the husband and the wife. It shows the near-impossible task of keeping the guests happy and satisfied but also maintains a

TV GUIDE

BTV

- 9.15 Shuvestha Nin
9.25 Eider Gan
9.30 Bengali Feature Film
12.35 Cricket Quiz
12.45 Cricket Highlights
1.00 Khobor
1.45 Live telecast of South Africa VS New Zealand's Cricket Game
2.00 News Headlines
3.00 News (English)
4.00 News Headlines
5.00 Khobor
6.00 Khobor-Desh Jonopod
7.00 News Headlines (English)
7.05 Share Bazaar
Weather Report
8 o'clock News in Bengali
10.00 10 o'clock News in English
10.25 Shangbad Protibedon Special
10.30 Cchayachchondo
11.30 Late Night News/News Headlines

ALPHA TV BANGLA

- 6:30 Mathe Maidane
7:00 Joyce Meyer
7:30 Aalaap Bengali Spl
8:00 Purobi Bangla
8:30 Gaan Unltd.
9:10 Grihasaja
9:30 Hiyar Majhe
10:00 Saptahik Bhagya Chakra
10:30 Prapto Baeskoder Janye
11:00 Andolan
11:30 Ranna Ghar
12:00 Bhraman Kache Doore
12:30 Chena Mukh Achena Manush
1:00 Goyenda Paribar
1:30 Saregama
2:30 Madhumalati
5:00 Saptahik Bhagya Chakra
5:30 Mathe Maidane
6:00 News In Bengali
6:30 De Ray
7:00 Googly
7:30 Bhalobasa Theke Jai Telechobi
9:10 Prapto Baeskoder Janye
9:50 Andolan
10:30 News In Bengali
11:00 Ek Palak
11:15 Gaan Unltd.
11:30 De Ray
12:00 Abisasywa

ATN BANGLA

- 8:45 Film songs prog : Surchobi
9:35 Children Magazine: Alo Khusher Eid
10:25 Dance prog : Dance Dance
11:00 Indian Bangla Feature Film : Shamoli
12:00 ATN Bangla News
2:20 Musical Prog: Surer Badhan
2:30 ATN Bangla News Headlines
3:00 Tele Film: Phera Holona
5:50 Drama : Chaaya
7:00 ATN Bangla Evening News
7:30 Band Musical prog : Pop Dhamak Magazine : Pach Phuron
8:05 Drama: Ami Tumake Bhalobashe
10:00 ATN Bangla News
10:30 Film based prog : Taray Taray
11:00 ATN Bangla News

HBO

- 7:00 Contaminated Man
9:00 Pendulum
11:00 Death Warrant
12:45 The Butcher's Wife
3:00 What Dramas May Come
5:15 Python
7:15 Mrs. Winterbourne
9:30 Junior
11:45 The Phantom
1:45 U-Turn
4:15 What Dreams May Come
ZEE TV
6:30 Jagran
7:00 Shanti Sandesham
7:30 Jesus Calls
8:00 Life In The Word-Good News
8:30 Cartoon On Zee
9:30 Nilaam Ghar Bid Bid Boom
10:00 Jai Santoshi Ma
10:30 Sare Ga Ma Pa
11:00 Jeena Isi Ka Naam Hai
12:30 Khana Khazana
1:00 Zee & You
1:30 Thursday Premier Trailers
2:00 Simply Shekhar
2:30 Baazigar
6:30 Cartoon On Zee
8:00 Piya Ka Ghar
8:30 Kammal

9:00 Hum Ho Gaye Aap Ke

- 9:30 Astitva
10:30 Mit
10:30 Kittie Party
11:00 Mulk
11:30 Lipstick
12:00 Kammal

ZEE CINEMA

- 7:00 Dadamoni
7:30 Hindi Feature Film
10:15 Tvc Skyshop
10:30 Hindi Feature Film
1:30 Double Mazza
5:15 Tvc Skyshop
5:30 Double Mazza
9:00 Ikke Pe Ikka
9:30 Ek Ka Teen Premier
12:45 Tvc Skyshop

ZEE MUSIC

- 6:30 Zee Music Box
7:30 Taaza Maal
8:30 Dialogue
9:00 Sizzlers
9:30 Hit Pe Hit
10:30 Hit Mix
10:45 Tvc Skyshop
11:00 Taaza Maal
12:00 Pop Re Pop New
12:30 Tele Brands
1:00 Best of the Best
2:00 Jharokha
2:15 Tvc Skyshop
2:30 Tara Rum
3:30 Hit Mix
3:15 Tvc Skyshop
4:00 Zee Music Box
5:00 Pop Re Pop New
5:30 Hit Mix
5:15 Tvc Skyshop
6:00 Compact Disc
6:30 Zee Music Box
7:00 Tele Brands
7:30 Zee Music Box
8:30 Best of the Best
9:30 Sizzlers
10:00 Pop Re Pop New
10:30 Jharokha
11:00 Zee Music Box
11:30 Phoren Maal

STAR WORLD

- (+ 30 Minutes)
00:00 Xena : Warrior Princess
01:00 Walker, Texas Ranger
02:00 Cops
02:30 Kids Say The Darndest Things
03:00 Morris Cerullo
03:30 Benny Hinn
04:00 Kids Say The Darndest Things
04:30 Thunderbirds
05:30 J.A.G
06:30 Billboard Us Count-

TODAY'S HIGHLIGHTS

STAR MOVIES: 12.15 p.m. Ernest Goes to Africa The title says it all. There's a mix up involving stolen diamonds which Ernest has (naturally) made into a yo-yo and given to his would be girlfriend, Rene. But Rene wants a man of action, and doesn't think that Ernest fits the bill. After the bad guys come looking for the stolen diamonds and kidnap Rene, all of her fantasies come true as Ernest has to go to Africa to rescue her.

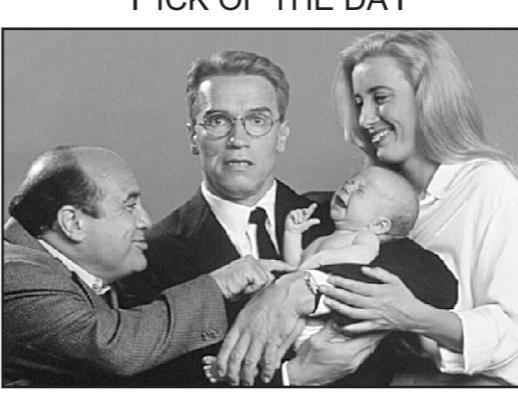
STAR MOVIES: 8.45 p.m. Adventures in Babysitting. Chris has a big night out planned when her boyfriend cancels on her. She agrees to babysit for a pre-teen girl and a pubescent boy. She's settled in for a dull night when a girlfriend calls her to say she's marooned at a downtown bus station with very seedy characters around.

- 08:30 down
09:30 The Lost World
10:30 Ally Mcbeal
10:30 Mutant X
11:30 Artistic Licence
13:30 Dark Angel
14:30 Kids Say The Darndest Things
15:00 Travel Asia
15:30 Baywatch Hawaii
16:30 The Simpsons
17:00 Malcolm In The Middle
17:30 Focus Asia
18:00 Iht World
18:30 The X Files
19:30 Star Trek The Next Generation
20:30 Rendezvous With Simi Garewal
21:00 Focus Asia
21:30 Top Drive
22:00 The X Files
23:00 Star Trek The Next Generation

STAR PLUS

- (+ 30 Minutes)
00:00 Film Topper - 1000 Series
00:05 Khichdi
00:30 Kyun Hota Hai Pyarr
01:00 Tu Tu Main Main
01:30 Shararat
02:00 Ek Mulaqat
02:30 Star Bestsellers
03:30 Hum Hai Kal Aaj Kal Aur Kal
04:00 Musafir Hoon Yaaron
04:30 Ssshhhh...Koi Hai...

PICK OF THE DAY



Junior At HBO on 9.30 p.m. Alex Hesse and Larry Arbogast are working on a new drug which will reduce the chances of a woman's body rejecting an embryo and thus causing a miscarriage. When their research funding is withdrawn, and human experimentation is denied to them, they decide to test the drug by briefly impregnating Hesse. Hesse however becomes attached to "his" unborn baby.

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STAR SPORTS

- (+ 30 Minutes)
00:00 America's Cup Finals
America's Cup 2003 Race #1 Highlights(S)
01:00 Australian Open The Australian Open Sponsored By Kia Motors Melbourne, Australia Mixed Dbls Final, Men's Singles
04:30 Pga Tour Golf Buick Invitational La Jolla, Ca Usa Second Round(R)
07:00 Golf Programming The Golf Club 2003 (T)
07:30 Sports Unlimited (T)
08:30 Five / Six Nations Championships Rugby Hq Asia (S)

- 01:00 [V] Sunday Stack
03:30 [V] Sunday Stack
07:00 [V] Sunday Stack
08:00 [V] Back To Back
08:00 [V] Jumpstart
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15:00 [V] Karaoke
15:30 [V] Sunday Stack
16:00 [V] Zabardast Hits
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17:00 [V] Weekend Spl
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19:00 [V] Zabardast Hits
19:30 [V] Sunday Stack
20:00 [V] Zabardast Hits
21:30 [V] Sunday Stack
22:00 [V] Weekend Spl
22:00 Billboard Us Countdown
23:00 Rewind
23:30 [V] Sunday Stack

NATIONAL

- (+ 30 Minutes)
00:00 Riddle Of The Dead
01:00 Rocket Men Of Mission
02:00 Science Times
03:00 Secret China
04:00 Man-Eaters Of India
05:00 Polar Bear Alert
06:00 Rocket Men Of Mission
07:00 Science Times
08:00 Secret China
09:00 Man-Eaters Of India
10:00 Polar Bear Alert
11:00 Desert Lake Venture
12:00 Evolution
13:00 Game For It
13:30 Earth Report
14:00 Phantoms Of The Night
14:30 On Assignment
15:00 Vietnam's Unseen War: Pictures Frm The Other....
16:00 Ng Explorer
17:00 Tomorrow's World
17:30 Quest For K2
18:00 Escape From Antarctica
19:00 Game For It
19:30 Earth Report
20:00 Evolution
21:00 Forgotten Rhino

22:00 My Backyard Serengeti

- 23:00 Living With Lions
ADVENTURE ONE (+ 30 Minutes)
00:30 Surfer's Journal
01:00 High Peak Rescue
01:30 Return To Everest
02:30 Danger Diaries
03:30 Korubu: First Contact
04:30 Ng Explorer
05:30 Explorer's Journal
06:30 The Hunt For Amazing Treasures
07:00 On Assignment
07:30 The Battle For Midway
08:30 Danger Diaries
09:30 Windborn
10:30 Ng Explorer
11:30 Explorer's Journal
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ESPN

- (+ 30 Minutes)
00:00 Pool World Pool League 2002 (T)
01:00 Sidelines Sidelines : L. A. Hoops (Re-Cap) (R)
02:00 Spanish Football League 2002/03 Spanish Football League Valencia, Spain Valencia Cf Vs Malaga (R)
03:00 Pool World Pool League 2002 (T)
04:00 nfl Yearbook 2001 Minnesota Vikings Yearbook (T)
04:30 Pro Billiards 2002 Sudden Death 7-Ball Baltimore, Md Usa (R)
05:30 America's Cup Finals America's Cup 2003 Race 2(L)
08:00 Winter X Games Classix Winter X Games Vi Classix - Co Usa (R)
08:30 Pro Billiards 2002 Sudden Death 7-Ball

09:30 Baltimore, Md Usa (R)

- 10:00 In The Driver's Seat Atpa Tractor Pulls (R)
10:00 English Premier Football League English Premier Football League 2002/03 (Encore) London, England Arsenal Vs Tottenham Hotspur (R)
12:00 Best Of Pga Golf The 90's (R)
12:30 Taking Guard Day 8(L)
13:00 Taking Guard Day 8(R)
13:30 Pool World Pool League 2002 (R)
14:30 Winter X Games Classix Winter X Games Vi Classix - Chix Mt. Aspen, Co Usa (T)
15:30 International Ironman Triathlon Ironman Triathlon - Final Hawaii, Hi Usa (R)
17:00 Pro Billiards 2002 Sudden Death 7-Ball Baltimore, Md Usa (T)
18:00 Best Of Pga Golf Rookie Sensations (R)
18:30 Spanish Football League 2002/03 Spanish Football League Valencia, Spain Valencia Cf Vs Malaga (R)
20:30 Pool World Pool League 2002 (T)
21:30 Follow Through Day 8(L)
22:00 Uefa Champions League Highlights 2002/03 Uefa Champions League Weekly #15 (T)
23:00 Best Of Pga Golf The Making Of A Tournament (R)
23:30 Follow Through Day 8(R)
STAR MOVIES
11:00 Angie
12:45 Murphys Romance
13:00 Shining Through
14:00 The Air Up There
14:05 Volunteers
14:15 Adventurers In Babysitting
15:00 D.O.A
15:05 Ernest Goes To Africa
16:00 Boiling Point
17:30 Men In Black
19:00 Final Fantasy: The Spirits Within
20:45 The Alarmist