RECOMMENDATIONS

Birth Centenary

June 9

Nazrul Academy organises a discussion session and cultural programme celebrating Pollikobi Jasimuddin's birth centenary on June 9 at 5:30p.m. at Nazrul Academy Bhaban, Belalabad, Maghbazar, Dhaka. Sadeque Hossian Khoka, Mayor, Dhaka City Corporation will be present as chief guest at the occasion.

Anniversary

June 02-09

Independent University, Bangladesh celebrates its tenth anniversary at the National Museum. The celebration schedule is as below:

June 02 Cultural show by the students of IUB at 7 p.m.

June 03 Dewan Gazir Kissa by Nagorik Natta Sampraday at 7 p.m.

June 04 Inter University General Knowledge Contest Semi Final at 3 p.m. and Final at 7 p.m.

June 04-09 Inter University Painting Competition (Open from 10 a.m. to 4.30 p.m.)

Film festival

June 02-03

Action against Trafficking and Sexual Exploitation of Children (ASTEC) organises a video film festival as part of its nationwide campaign for prevention of trafficking in children and women at Bangladesh Shishu Academy. Video films Destination Unknown, Kranti, Chameli will be screened at the festival. The programme continues from 10.00 a.m. to 09.30 p.m. everyday.

This week in drama lane

Venue: Mohila Samity

Date	Group	Drama
02-06-03	Udichi	Chile Kottar Sapai
03-06-03	Natyagosty	Sbatik Pejgi
04-06-06		Theatre Art

Legend

The personification of music

Ustad Ali Akbar Khan

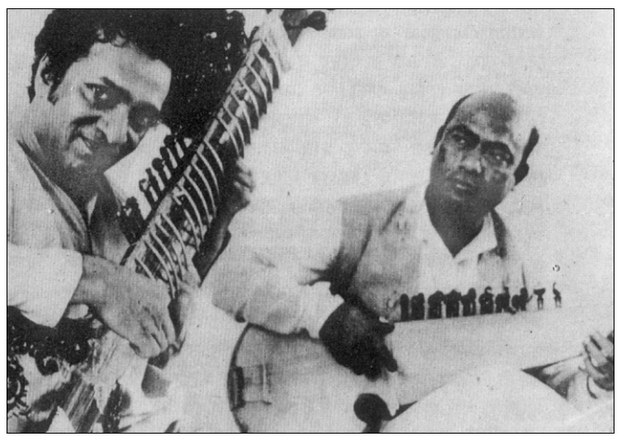
G.N. JOSHI

CONTINUED FROM YESTERDAY

HE was, like me, curious and anxious to know the basis for these illustrations, hence his ready cooperation. That night he gave a masterly exposition of Ragas Darbari and Malkauns on his sarod. During the marathon session lasting over 4 hours he gave very elaborate treatment to the melodies and put over a superb performance. All the painters present were carried to dizzy heights of ecstasy and pleasure, When at the end of the performance they came out of their trance, each of them was overwhelmed by the respective moods of the 2 ragas.

Towards dawn the mehfil came to an end. Before leaving the painters promised to send their pictures depicting the moods of the two ragas in a week or so, but not one of them did so, even after 3 weeks. When I met them to ask the reason for the delay, some of them requested me to let them hear a vocal rendering of the ragas in addition to the instrumental recital they had heard. 'It will then be easier for us to crystallize and express our ideas in colour,' they said.

I agreed to this and persuaded no less a person than Ustad Bade Gulam Ali Khan to partake in experiment number two. Khan Saheb was intrigued by the novel idea of the experiment. He too sang the same ragas, Darbari Kanada and Malkauns, for two hours each, before the distinguished gathering of painters. Mr. K. K. Hebbar the renowned artist was the only one to confess frankly, that it was impossible for him to draw pictures of the ragas in this way. All the other artists once again promised to send their pictures in a few days, but none of them ever did.



Pandit Ravi Shankar and Ustad Ali Akbar Khan acquainted the western musical world with the bewitching magic of our raga music.

The question as to whether these 2 branches of art - painting and music - are corelated is still undecided and this depresses me greatly. Whenever Ali Akbar Khan comes to India and meets me, his first question is whether I have made any fresh findings on this subject. I still have hopes of conducting another experiment and this time I am going to lay down the condition that the painters must draw on the spot, while listening to the expositions of the ragas.

Some years ago Ali Akbar wrote the music score for the Bengali film *Kshudhito Pashan* (Hungry Stones) which became very popular. It gives ample proof of Ali Akbar's fantastic imagination. He played the tape of background music for this film to me, and explained how he had made full use of various musical instruments. The skilful blending of the sarangi and sarod was a treat for my ears. Ever since I heard this combination of instruments, I have wanted to make a recording of a jugalbandi betveen these two instruments. Since 1954 Ali Akbar has been abroad. For the sarangi I could find no other artist to match him except the famous sarangi nawaz Pandit Ramnarayan. Both of them have agreed to make this recording, but as luck will have it, whenever Ali Akbar is on a visit to India Ramnarayan is abroad, and so this jugalbandi recording has yet to be made.

Ali Akbar, although at the pinnacle of success, is a very simple and modest person. He prefers to dress in the Indian tradition, in a long white malmal zabba and snow white pajamas. If an engagement is fixed for 10.30 Ali Akbar will invariably be there by 10.25. For the recordings he always comes fully decided on which ragas he will record and on many occasions has presented entirely new ragas of his own creation. Ragas Chandranandan, Prabhakali, Gauri-Manjiri, Hindol-Hem, Lajavanti are examples. Ragas Lajavanti and Prabhakali are his favourites and he has named his two daughters after them.

While recording is in progress he is so completely absorbed in his playing that he is oblivious of time. Even so, when I, with great reluctance, would touch him softly to bring him out of his trance, he always managed to achieve in a moment a perfect finish to his performance. This, more than anything else, proves the complete mastery and control he possesses over his instruments, the swar and the taal.

Excerpts from Down Memory Lane by G.N. Joshi.

Award

Honoured for the cause of children

Uro Shishu Shahitya Award 2003 given to three eminent writers

HARUN UR RASHID

CHILDREN'S literature in Bangladesh has crossed its initial stage and attained the intellectual as well as artistic perfection, opined the speakers at the ceremony of Uro Children's Literature 2003 held on May 31 at the Liberation War Museum. Professor Anisuzzaman, children's writer Ali Imam, popular novelist Imdadul Haque Milon and Harunur Rashid of Globe Soft-drinks were talking at the event that honoured three eminent writers--Rabeya Khatun, Humayun Ahmed and Selina Hossain--with the award for this year.

Bangladesh Shishu Shahitya Shangstha (BSSS), in association with Urocola, a soft-drink, confers this award for the three best books published in that year's Ekushey Book Fair. Besides the award, every year BSSS will hold a number of seminars on children's literature, publication ceremony of books for children and other activities that will promote endeavour writing for children.

Rabeya Khatun

Humayun Ahmed

Selina Hossain

The awardees for this year, Rabeya Khatun, Humayun Ahmed and Selina Hossain--all are very popular among the younger readers. Rabeya Khatun was given the award for her book *Shukhi Rajar Galpo* (The Story of the Happy King). She has written the book in her usual easy language incorporating a new style. Above all, the book contains all those old fairytales told anew.

Humayun Ahmed needs no description as regards his writing. He is perhaps the only writer the country has ever produced who holds attention of his readers and audience to the fullest extent. And he is popular not just among the teen-agers and youths, but among children and the elderly also. His *Pipli Begum*, *Botol Bhut* have immensely amused readers of all age groups.

Selina Hossain is another writer gifted with the ease of language and intellectual presentation of the subjects. She, however, has not written much for the kids, only a couple or two. But those very few are enough to show off her capacity in understanding the child psychology. Her *Mayorer Gari* is such a book.

Competitio

Essay-writing

CULTURE DESK

THE Russian Cultural Centre and Embassy of the Russian Federation jointly held an essay-writing competition recently for all school-college students in Bangladesh on *Russia's Northern Capital St. Petersburg: 300 years of Glorious History*. Students from all over the country sent their write-ups up to the mid-April of this year. On May 27 the Russian Cultural Centre organised the prize-giving ceremony of the competition.

Ambassador of the Russian Federation in Bangladesh N. G. Shevchenko, President of Bangladesh-Russia Friendship Association Justice K. M. Sobhan, Director of the Russian Cultural Centre Fyodor A. Rozovskiy attended the function.

A total of 70 competitors from ten districts participated in the contest. The Ambassador to Bangladesh handed out certificates and CDs to the winners.

Tamanna-E-Jannat, a student of Munsibagh Alim Madrassa, Narayanganj, won the first prize. The second place was secured by Pushpita Saha of Radiant International School, Dhanmondi, while the third place went to Saima Akhter of Lakshmi Narayan Cotton Mills High School, Narayngani. Class IX student Noor Shafayat of Dhaka Residential Model College was awarded a special prize for writing an informative essay on the selected topic.

A documentary on St. Petersburg followed the prize giving ceremony.

TV GUIDE

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

BTV

12:00 Opening Announcement
12:10 News Headlines
12:15 Shubhechha Nin
12:30 Shangbad Patrer Pata Theke
12:40 Shastya Tathaya
1:00 News
1:05 Priyo Shilpi Priyo Gan
1:30 Hajar Bachor Dhore
2:00 News Headlines
2:05 Cartoon Film
2:30 Priyo Manush
3:00 News (English)
3:05 Anu-Paramanu
3:30 Shukhi Paribar
4:00 News Headlines
4:05 Lekha Para
4:30 Open University
5:00 News
5:05 School Debate Competition
5:30 Chhotoder Khobor
6:00 News: Desh Janapad
6:10 Dolon Champa
6:35 Nupur Nikkan
7:00 a) News Headlines b) Share Market c) Weather Forecast
7:05 Naksha
7:30 Drama Serial: Ujan
8:00 News at Eight (Bangla)
8:30 Shamokalin Natok
9:30 Magazine Prog: Itayadi
10:00 News at Ten
10:25 Weather Forecast
10:30 News Reporting
11:00 Shindhu Hindol
11:30 Late Night News/News Headlines

ATN BANGLA

6:00 Islamic Prog:
8:00 ATN Bangla News
8:25 New Singer competition Prog: Nabin Boran
9:35 Musical prog: Surer Madure
10:10 Drama Serial: Erasha
12:00 ATN Bangla News
12:30 The Daily Newspaper Discussing Prog: Ajker Sangbadpotro
12:40 Film Song's prog: Shurchobi
1:20 Bengali Feature film: Proterod
4:20 Documentary Prog: Mater Subhas
4:50 The Daily Newspaper Discussing Prog: Ajker Sangbadpotro
5:00 Gram Banglar Sangbad
5:15 Reporting prog: Business Rebeyo
5:50 Musical Prog: Uro Cola Saat Rang
6:25 Islamic Prog: Islamee Sawal O Jawab
7:00 ATN Bangla Evening News
7:30 Weekly Drama: Ek Jon Neyamot Ulla Abong Kayokjon
8:40 Musical Prog: Pop Dhamaka
9:00 ATN Bangla News
9:25 Drama Serial: Chokhe Dekha
10:00 ATN Bangla News
10:30 Talk-Show Katha Mala
11:00 ATN Bangla News
12:00 Bengali Feature Film: Sato Janomer Pream

TARA BANGLA

1:30 Yes No Very Good
2:00 Taka Na Sona
6:30 Aajker Shironam
7:00 Gaan-War
7:20 Dhush Sambad
8:00 Aaschey Tara Jomchhey Para
8:30 Tara News
9:30 Tara News Bangladesh
10:30 News Magazine
11:30 Tara News

HBO

6:30 Teacher's Pet
8:15 Nowhere To Run
10:15 Here Come The Munsters
12:00 Snow Falling On Cedars
2:30 Snow Day
4:15 Box Office America Ep: 01
4:45 The Mummy
7:15 Dungeons & Dragons
9:30 61
12:00 Hideaway
2:15 Nowhere To Run
4:15 Dungeons & Dragons

SONY

7:00 Amrit Varsha
8:00 Sant Asaram Vani
8:30 Om Namah Shivay
9:30 Good Morning Disney
10:30 Chartbusters
11:00 Music Mantra
11:30 Indian Holiday
12:00 Cook It up With Tarla Dalal
12:30 CID
1:00 Kkusum
1:30 Meri Biwi Wonderful
2:00 Kahani Terri Merrii
2:30 Kutumb
3:00 Dhadkan
3:30 Ghar Ek Mandir
4:00 Alpaviram
4:30 Kaun Apna Kaun Paraya
5:00 Malgudi Days
5:30 Dekh Bhai Dekh
6:00 Just Mohabbat
6:30 Disney Hour
7:30 Chartbusters
8:00 Music Mantra
8:30 Ab Ayega Mazzaa
9:00 Kuch Kehti Hai Yeh Dhun
9:30 Kkusum
10:00 Kahani Terri Merrii
10:30 Achanak 37 Saal Baad
11:00 Aahat Dehshat Ke 6 Saal
11:30 Kutumb
12:00 Ghar Ek Mandir

ZEE CINEMA

7:30 Bismillah Ki Barqat (Tariq, Bhavana)
10:30 Balwaan (Sunil Shetty, Divya Bharati)
1:30 Zara Hatke Pratha (Irfan Khan, Shney Shroff)
5:30 Baazigar (Shahruk Khan, Kajol, Shilpa Shetty)
9:30 Aao Pyaar Karen (Saif Ali Khan, Shilpa Shetty, Somy Ali)

STAR MOVIES

05:00 Future Sport
06:45 Men of Honor
09:00 Cookie's Fortunes
11:00 A League of Their Own
13:15 Poetic Justice
15:00 Terminator 2
17:15 Babe
19:00 Pearl Harbor
22:00 Nostradamus
23:30 Double Deception

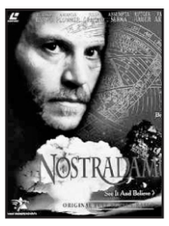
STAR WORLD

6:00 Kenneth Copeland Ministries
6:30 The Simpsons
7:00 Friends
7:30 Suddenly Susan
8:00 Hollywood Squares
8:30 The Brady Bunch
9:00 Cheers
9:30 Oprah Winfrey Show
10:30 Nash Bridges
11:30 Traders
12:30 World's Wildest Police Videos
1:30 Chicago Hope
2:28 Star Asia Travel
2:30 prah Winfrey Show
3:30 Bold And Beautiful
4:30 Hollywood Squares
5:00 The Brady Bunch
5:30 Knight Rider
6:30 The Simpsons
7:00 Everybody Loves Raymond
7:30 Dharma & Greg
8:00 Friends
8:30 The King Of Queens
9:00 Dharma & Greg
9:30 Grounded For Life
10:00 Frasier
10:30 Boston Public
11:28 Star Asia Travel
11:30 Baywatch

STAR PLUS

6:00 Kyun Hota Hai Pyarrr
6:30 Star Geetmala
7:30 Dr Morepen Tango - Daily
8:30 Shaka Laka Boom Boom
9:00 Taaza Hits
9:05 Hit Filmein Hit Sangeet - 20 M
9:30 Fox Kids
10:20 Hit Filmein Hit Sangeet - 20 M
10:30 Meri Saheli
11:00 Pal Chinn
11:30 Kabhii Sautan Kabhii Sahelii
12:00 Shanti
12:30 Hit Filmein Hit Sangeet - 20 M
12:55 Taaza Hits
1:00 Kasautii Zindagii Kay
1:30 Kumkum - Pyara Sa Bandhan
2:00 Bhabhi
2:30 Kyunki Saas Bhi Kabhi Bahu Thi
3:00 Shagun (461 - 560)
3:30 Kabhi Aaye Na Judai
4:00 Kahaani Ghar Ghar Kii
4:30 Kaahin Kissi Roz
5:00 Film Topper - 301 Series
5:05 Saans
5:30 Hit Filmein Hit Sangeet - 20 M
5:55 Taaza Hits
6:00 Hum Saath Aath Hain
6:30 Fox Kids
7:25 Film Topper - 301 Series
7:30 Kumkum - Pyara Sa Bandhan
7:55 Film Topper - 301 Series
8:00 Shaka Laka Boom Boom
8:30 Krisshna Arjun
9:00 Kasautii Zindagii Kay
9:30 Des Mein Nikla Hoga Chand
10:30 Kahaani Ghar Ghar Kii
11:00 Kyunki Saas Bhi Kabhi Bahu Thi
11:30 Kaahin Kissi Roz
12:00 Bhabhi

TODAY'S HIGHLIGHTS



HBO: 7.15 p.m. Dungeons & Dragons. The Empire of Izmer has long been a divided land. The Mages--an elite group of magic users--rule whilst the lowly commoners are powerless. Izmer's young Empress, Savina, wants equality and prosperity for all, but the evil Mage Profion is plotting to depose her, and establish his own rule. The Empress possesses a scepter, which controls Izmer's Golden Dragons. To challenge her rule, Profion must have the scepter, and tricks the Council of Mages into believing Savina is unfit to hold it.

STAR MOVIES: 10.00 p.m. Nostradamus. Rob Estes plays a homicide detective investigating a series of strange multiple murders, assisted by an oddball FBI agent, played by Joely Fisher,

PICK OF THE DAY

Pearl Harbor

On Star Movies at 7.00 p.m.

The classic story of the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor is told through the eyes of two boyhood friends, now serving as officers in the Army Air Corps. Rafe is an energetic young pilot who is selected to fly with the British in Europe while America is still not at war. After Rafe is shot down and presumed killed, however, Danny comforts

STAR GOLD

6:30 Geet Bahar
7:00 Geet Bahar
7:30 Lalkar
10:55 Kuch Hit Kuch Superhit
11:00 Hit Filmein Hit Sangeet - 20 M
11:25 Kuch Hit Kuch Superhit
11:30 Marte Dam Tak
12:25 Kuch Hit Kuch Superhit
2:30 Geet Bahar
3:00 Hit Filmein Hit Sangeet - 20 M
3:25 Kuch Hit Kuch Superhit
3:30 Chandaal
6:25 Kuch Hit Kuch Superhit
7:00 Hit Filmein Hit Sangeet - 20 M
7:25 Kuch Hit Kuch Superhit
7:30 Yeh Hai Mumbai Meri Jaan
10:55 Kuch Hit Kuch Superhit
11:00 Kuch Yaadein Kuch Baatein
11:30 Hit Filmein Hit Sangeet - 20 M
11:55 Kuch Hit Kuch Superhit
12:00 Imtihan

STAR SPORTS

6:30 International Motorsports News International Motorsports News 2003 (T)
7:30 Futsal First Pyramid International Futsal Tournament Cairo, Egypt Argentina Vs Italy Semi-Final 1(R)
9:00 Futsal First Pyramid International Futsal Tournament Cairo, Egypt Brazil Vs Egypt Semi-Final 2(R)
10:30 Spanish Football League 2002/03 Spanish Football League San Sebastian, Spain Real Sociedad Vs Valencia Cf (R)
12:30 Pga Tour Golf The Memorial Tournament Dublin, Oh Usa Final Round(S)
4:30 Race Day Monte Carlo, Monaco Monaco Grand Prix(R)
5:15 Formula One 2003 Formula One World Championship Monte Carlo, Monaco Monaco Grand Prix(R)
7:30 Chequered Flag Chequered Flag: Formula One Monte Carlo, Monaco Monaco Grand Prix(R)
8:00 Sportsline Tonight Sportsline (L)
8:30 Boxing Series Fight Time On Fox 2003 Miami, Fl Usa Julio Garcia Vs Johnny Rivera(T)
10:30 Sportsline Tonight Sportsline (T)
11:00 Hitz (R)
11:30 Pool Rack 'Em Up 2 - Women In Pool Tommy Donlon Vs Linda Leadbitter (T)

NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC

6:00 National Geo-Genius Sr 2
6:30 Mission Everest
7:00 Built For The Kill
8:00 Orchid Hunter
9:00 Wild Orphans
9:30 Next Wave S2
10:00 Mission Everest
10:30 Last Of The Dragons
11:30 Dogs With Jobs
12:00 Earthpulse
12:30 Built For The Kill
1:30 Croc Chronicles
2:00 Toyota World Of Wildlife S3
2:30 Bear Evidence
3:30 Baseclimbii:Defying Gravity
4:30 India Diaries
5:00 India Diaries
5:30 Africa From The Ground Up
6:00 Return To The Wild
6:30 Dogs With Jobs
7:00 Earth Pulse
7:30 Built For The Kill
8:30 Croc Chronicles
9:00 Toyota World Of Wildlife S3
9:30 Attack! In Pursuit Maneaters
10:30 Velvet Killer
11:00 Sea Bears Of The Diamond Coast
11:30 Hot Science

ADVENTURE ONE

6:00 Danger Diaries
7:00 Arctic Flyer
7:30 Chasing Time
8:00 Microlight Odyseey
8:30 Football Fever
9:00 Florida Aqua Caves
10:00 Danger Diaries
11:00 A Train To Nowhere
11:20 Nick's Quest
12:00 Surfer's Journal
12:30 Explorer's Journal
1:30 Out There
2:00 Football Fever
2:30 Across The Line - S2
3:00 Renegade Africa
3:30 Danger Diaries
4:30 On Assignment
5:00 Explorer's Journal
6:00 Chasing Time
6:30 Morning Glory
7:00 Football Fever
7:30 Flight Over Africa
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ESPN

7:30 Australia Tour Of West Indies The Cable & Wireless One Day Int'l Series 2003 Grenada, West Indies West Indies Vs Australia 7th Odi, Highlights(S)
9:00 Destination Outdoors 2003 Destination Outdoors (R)
9:30 LPGA Golf Asahi Ryokuken International Champion-