RECOMMENDATIONS



Birth Centenary

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 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

Shiddidata

Venue: Mohila Samity

Date Group 03-06-03 Sbatik Natyagosty 04-06-06 Theatre Art Unit 05-06-03 Theatre School 06-06-03 Loko Natvadal(S.)



Exclusive

The timeless voice of Kalim Sharafi

CULTURE

Kalim Sharafi responds to the readers of the Bailly Star

FAYZA HAQ

AILY Star Readers: You took an active part in the Quit India Movement during the 40s. How did your artist self cope with your political self?

Kalim Sharafi: The Quit India Movement of 1942 which began with Gandhiji's call came about the time when I had just appeared for my Matriculation and Kolkata had been attacked by the Japanese during World War 11. All the Kolkata schools asked the students who were appearing for the exams. to shift to different centres and I went to Suri. Later, I went to my village home when the movement began. was not a professional singer but people came to me asked me to sing



Kalim Sharafi's voice blossomed in the Shodeshi songs when he was an activist of the Shodeshi uprising in the then British India. He took active part in the Quit India movement and was imprisoned. Once in jail, Pranab Guhothakurta, another jail mate filled the four walls of prison with passionate renditions of Tagore songs. This was Kalim Sharafi's first inclination towards Tagore songs. He sang songs of hope for humanity.





Maestros of the golden era, Debabrata Biswas, Suchitra Mitra and Hemanta Mukherjee.

during the political meetings to invoke anti British feelings. I sang patriotic songs composed by Nazrul and Tagore and even today we find both the Indian and Bangladeshi national songs are by Tagore. I was eventually arrested under the Defence of India Act as the World War was on. I was tried and sent to jail for 14 months. While I was in prison, there was the Great Famine of Bengal, which I feel was artificially created as it was found in Bengal alone. Being politically motivated I was compelled to do something for the starving people. After my release I did relief work. It was so bad that dogs and vultures fought for the human flesh. About 50

lakhs of people died and in a group we tried to help as much as possible by collecting rice from those better off to help the poverty stricken.

DSR: How were you involved with the theatre and is it true that you were refused admission at Santiniketan?

KS: As people said that I had a good voice, when I was still quite young, I joined the theatre called IPTA (Indian People's Theatre Association). While I was in jail, I had come into contact with some people who were arrested from Santiniketan, people like Pronob Guhothakurda whose sister Arundhuti was also a singer plus a famous actress some time later on .

I got a taste of Tagore songs from him and being encouraged by him I got into singing Rabindrasangeet. At this point I was interested in getting admitted at Santiniketan but was refused because of my Leftist leanings, as the principal Professor Anil Chandra was the conventional type. However, at Kolkata, coming into more contact I had enough impetus to sing progressive songs like Nai Nai Bhoi Hobe Hobe Joey, JBandh Bhegey Dao before large audiences. We sang anti British songs like Sonu Hind Ke Rehne Wale Suno Suno and Na Na Manbona Koti Mrittu Ke Kiney Nibo Bhoer Raije Thakbona. Later on one of the IPTA leaders, Shombho Mitra,

nized a group called Bohurupi and I got associated with him. In fact. lived with his family in an apartment in Kolkata when he came from

DSR: Tell us something about the Nobu Jiboner Gaan.

KS: This is a series of songs composed by the incomparable Botuk Da, known as Jotindra Moitra by all, a renowned poet and musician. He had set to tune the numbers he bunched as Nobojiboner gaan, songs of new life This depicted famine and freedom fights of the 40s in India. Lused to sing it and recorded it eventually in Bangladesh in the mid 90s.

DSR: How did you go in for Rabindrasangeet in a serious way? KS: Suchitra Mitra, Hemanta

Mukherjee and Debabrata Biswas known for their rendering of Tagore songs used to be in IPTA and that's how my interest in this genre was spurred on. I did have a guru and he was Shubho Guhothakurda.

DSR:What kind of hurdles did you face as an artist in Pakistan ruled Bengal? KS: At that time the Government

permitted functions with the approved list of artistes only. I sang Abak Prithibi Jonmeyee Dekhi Khubdho Shodesh Bhumi" at the



residence of the Director of Intelli-

Kalim Sharafi

A rare picture of 1972, of Kalim Sharafi (marked 'X'), flanked by Shuchitra Mitra, Feroza Begum, Rakhi Chokravarti, Dr. Anisur Rahman, Artist Kamrul Hasan and Hedayet Hossain Murshed at Joypara Dhaka.

whelming public response. I participatated in a Swadeshi Ganer Ashar at Chittagong to protest

ence, a choice that proved to be fatal. I was banned from singing over the radio.We organised a

against their cultural policies. It was an offence under section 93A. To evade arrest I went into hiding. DSR: Could you explain what the Rabindrik style of singing is?

KS: I am myself quite unsure of

what the word signifies. But it is more or less the distorted, artificial and obscure way of presenting Rabindrasangeet, no doubt about that. Over the last century eminent artistes have presented Rabindrasangeet in a standardised way and that is acceptable to all. The artificial way of presentation is very much unplesant to listen to. DSR: How long is it that you are

singing Rabindrasangeet and have you performed overseas?

KS: Whenever I have gone overseas it has not been to perform but visit my family or friends. As for singing I've now done that for about 50 years now. If I'm requested to perform I do so even now. DSR: What other songs do you

sing apart from Rabindrasangeet?

KS: Mostly patriotic songs. DSR: How do you evaluate the present practice of Rabindrasangeet?

KS: Some young men and women have specialized in Tagore songs at Santiniketan and they have come back to perform. There are a few schools that teach this particular genre such as *Chhayanot,* Surerdhara and Sangeet Bhaban as well as Bulbul Academy. DSR: Who would you say are the

good teachers of Rabindrasangeet? KS: Nowadays there are many who have returned from Santin-iketar and are teaching students here.

asangeet does not exist any more. How does this effect the general practice of Tagore songs?

who sing Tagore songs have great regard for Tagore, I believe. I don't believe that his songs can be twisted or manipulated.

TV GUIDE

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

BTV 12:10 News Headline 12:15 Suvechha Neen 12:30 Shangbadpotrer Pata 12:40 Shashiya Tathiya 1:00

Cartoon Film 1:30 Shobar Jannya Shiksha News Headline 2:00 2:05 Chawa Pawa Shindhu Hindol 2:30 3:00 News(English) 3:05 Shukhi Paribar 3:30 Alor Jharnadhara

4:00 News Headline 4:05 Sangeeta Open University 4:30 News Bhalo Thakun 5:05 Shustha Thakun News: Desh Janapodh

6:00 6:10 Shandha Maloti Programmes of Chittagong Centre 7:00 News Headlines Share Market Weather Forecast Series Drama

Hridoye Muktijodha 8:00 News at Eight (Bangla) 8:30 Patikriti 9:00 Lalghuri Priyo Mukh News at Ten

Weather Forecast

News Reporting 10:35 Jibon Bangladesh Moron Bangladesh 8:05 11:00 Upohar 8:40 11:30 Late Night News/News Headline CHANNEL-i

06:10 Islamic Programme 07:15 Prothom Sur 10:00 Music Plus 10:30 10:30 Drama Serial: Durer Akash

11:00 Close Up Rock Brigade 11:30 Drama: Abaak 12:00 Drama Serial: Super-12:40 Drama: Kotha Chhilo

Bangla Feature Film: Taka Poysa Jonopoder Khabor 5:45 i-Sports Music Plus Drama Serial:Poster Channel-i News

7:45 Ispahani-i Tele Quiz 7:50 Drama Serial:Sundar Sharbonash 8:25 Drama Serial:Grihagolpo Channel-i News Isphani-i Tele Quiz

ATN BANGLA

ATN Bangla News Weekly Drama: Ekion Nevamotulla Abong Kayokjon Pop Dhamaka 10:50 Drama Serial Chokhe Dekha 12:00 ATN Bangla News

12:20 The Daily Newspaper Discussing Prog: Aiker Sangbadpotro 12:40 Musical prog: ATN Music 1:20 Bengali Feature

film: Beyman Puppet Magazine The World of Jonathon Sing 4:50 The Daily Newspaper Discussing Prog: Aiker

Sangbadpotro 5:00 Gram Banglar Sangbad 5:15 Musical Prog: Music Vision

5:50 Musical Prog: Uro Cola Saat Rang Islamic prog: Islamee Sawal O Jawab 7:00 ATN Bangla **Evening News** 7:30 Computer Based

prog. ATN Computer Projukte Drama: Ragene Drama: Aronner Kache Fera Asha

ATN Bangla News Audio Magazine: Audio Mela 10:00 ATN Bangla News Music Prog: 11:00 ATN Bangla News

Bengali Feature Film: Proterod TARA BANGLA

Yes No Very Good Taka Na Sona 6:30 Aaiker Shironam 7:00 Gaan-War 7:20 Dhush Sambad 8:00 Adda Stop 8:30 Tara News Tara News 9:30

Bangladesh 10:00 Fashionay Bhushanay 10:30 11:30 Tara News **HBO**

News Magazine 6:30 The Trigger Effect 8:30 Primal Force 10:15 12:00 Singer

Shout 3:45 Get Carter 5:45 The Tailor of Panama

1:15 Rvan 4:30 The Wedding Singer

STAR MOVIES

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8:30 Cheers 09:30 Oprah Winfrey Show

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3:30 Beautiful 4:30 Hollywood Squares 5:00 5:30 Knight Rider

12:30 Dharma & Greg 1:00 1:30 2:28 2:30

6:30 The Simpsons 7:00 Everybody Loves

Border Patrol The Wedding

Rush Hour 11:30 Cyborg Saving Private

Black River 6:45 8:15 10:00 The Pilot's Wife 11:30 3:15 5:00 7:00 8:40 10:30 Baby Monitor:

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STAR WORLD

The Brady Bunch

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TODAY'S HIGHLIGHTS

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Sound Of Fear 12:15 Last Dance Raymond

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Kuch Hit Kuch

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HBO at 07:15 p.m. The Tailor of Panama. John LeCarre's spy

thriller is brought to the big screen. A British spy (Pierce Brosnan) is banished to Panama after having an affair with an ambassador's mistress. Once there he makes connection with a local tailor (Geoffrev Rush) with a nefarious past and connections to all of the top political and gangster figures in Panama. The tailor also has a wife (Jamie Lee Curtis), who works for the Panamanian president and a



huge debt. STAR MOVIES at 07:00p.m. Crosscut When Martin Niconi (Costas Mandvlor) goes across country to get away from a sorry family and associates problems, he finds a secluded area high in the Sierra Mountains area of California to begin life over as a

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8.00 8:30 Om Namath Shivay 9:30 Good Morning Disnev 10:30 Chartbusters 11:00 Music Mantra 11:30 Khwahish 12:00 Cook it up with

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Ghar Ek Mandir Alpaviram 4:30 Kaun Apna Kaun

Just Mohabbat 8:30 Biographies 9:00 Goonj-Ateel Ki 9:30 Kkusum

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Jayega

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Rush Hour

may be unsuccessful, the Chinese consul recruits the aid of a loyal Hong Kong inspector to help rescue his kidnapped daughter. Outlawed by the FBI, the inspector must form an unlikely partnership with a cocky, street smart LAPD officer who prefers doing

On HBO at 09:30p.m.

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DSR: The copyright of Rabindr-KS: If you really respect Tagore

you will not distort his works. Those

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(Rishi Kapoor, Juhi Chawla) 9:30 Krodh (Sunil Shetty,

MGM 6:30 Butterfly Revolution Something Short of 9:00 Paradise 11:30 Final Countdown 2:00 Colors Desperate Hours

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4:30 6:30 Buy And Cell Tuesday MGM Rigi 9:30 11:30 Dead Man Walking **ANIMAL**

PLANET 8:30 Aussie Animal Rescue 9.00 Wild Rescues 9:30 K-9 to 511 10:00 Crocodile Hunter Diaries

10:30 Jeff Corwin Experience 11:30 Croc Files II 12:00 Twisted Tales Dog 12:30 Planet's Funniest Animals

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21st Century Ark 5:30 Bears 6:30 Planet's Funniest Animals Saturday Superstars 7:00 8:30 Croc Week

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