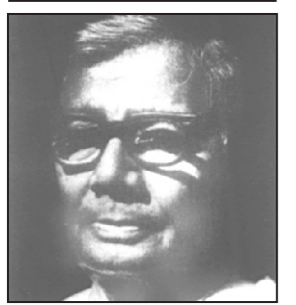


Exclusive

The timeless voice of Kalim Sharafi

Kalim Sharafi responds to the readers of The Daily Star

RECOMMENDATIONS



Birth Centenary

June 9 Nazrul Academy organises a discussion session and cultural programme celebrating Pollikubi Jasimuddin's birth centenary on June 9 at 5:30p.m. at Nazrul Academy Bhaban, Belalabad, Maghbazar, Dhaka.

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.

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.

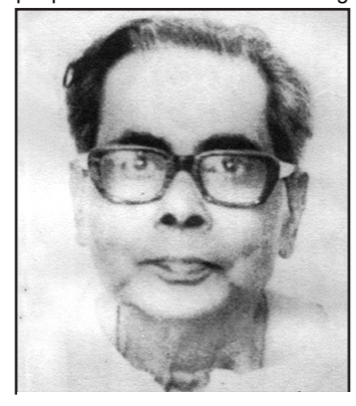
This week in drama lane

Table with 3 columns: Date, Group, Drama. Lists various plays and their venues.

FAYZA HAQ

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

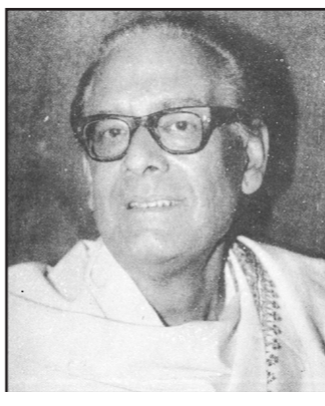
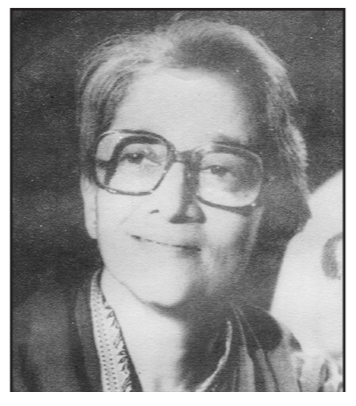
Kalim Sharafi: The Quit India Movement of 1942 which began with Gandhiji's call came about the time when I had just appeared for my Matriculation and Kolkata had been attacked by the Japanese during World War 11.



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 that both the Indian and Bangladeshi national songs are by Tagore.

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.



one of the renowned actors, organized a group called Bohurupi and I got associated with him. In fact, I lived with his family in an apartment in Kolkata when he came from Mumbai.

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.

DSR: How did you go in for Rabindrasangeet in a serious way?

KS: Suchitra Mitra, Hemanta Mukherjee and Deabrata 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.

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 artists only. Isang' Abak Prithibi Jonmeyer Dekhi Khudho Shodeshi Bhumi' at the



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residence of the Director of Intelligence, a choice that proved to be fatal. I was banned from singing over the radio. We organised a Shahitya Sammelan even under Martial Law and received over-

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

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 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 Chhayano, 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 Santiniketan and are teaching students here.

DSR: The copyright of Rabindrasangeet does not exist any more. How does this effect the general practice of Tagore songs?

KS: If you really respect Tagore you will not distort his works. Those who sing Tagore songs have great regard for Tagore, I believe. I don't believe that his songs can be twisted or manipulated.



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.

TV GUIDE

ATN BANGLA

- 6:00 Islamic Prog.
8:00 ATN Bangla News
8:25 Weekly Drama : Ekjon
9:35 Neyamatulla Abong Kayokjon
10:50 Musical prog : Pop Dhamaka
12:00 Drama Serial : Chokhe Dekha
12:20 ATN Bangla News
12:20 The Daily Newspaper
12:40 News Headline
12:45 Chawa Pawa
1:05 Shindhu Hindol
1:30 News(English)
1:35 Shukhi Paribar
1:45 Alor Jharnadhara
2:00 News Headline
2:05 Sangeeta
2:30 Open University
2:35 News
2:40 Bhalo Thakun Shustha Thakun
2:45 TV Seminar
2:50 News: Desh
2:55 Janapodh
3:00 Shandha Maloti
3:05 Programmes of Chittagong Centre
3:10 News Headlines
3:15 Share Market
3:20 Weather Forecast
3:25 Series Drama
3:30 Hridoye Muktiyodha
3:35 News at Eight (Bangla)
3:40 Patikriti
3:45 Lalghuri
3:50 Priyo Mukh
3:55 News at Ten
4:00 Weather Forecast
4:05 News Reporting
4:10 Jibon Bangladesh
4:15 Moron Bangladesh
4:20 Upohar
4:25 Late Night
4:30 News/News Headline
4:35 CHANNEL-i
4:40 Islamic Programme
4:45 Prothom Sur
4:50 Music Plus
4:55 Drama Serial: Durer Akash
5:00 Close Up Rock
5:05 Drama: Aabaak
5:10 Drama Serial: Superman
5:15 Drama: Kotha Chhilo
5:20 Bangla Feature Film: Taka Poysa
5:25 Jonopoder Khabori-Sports
5:30 Music Plus
5:35 Drama Serial:Poster Channel-i News
5:40 Ispahani-i Tele Quiz (Q)
5:45 Drama Serial:Sundar Sharbonash
5:50 Drama Serial:Grihagolpo
5:55 Channel-i News
6:00 Ispahani-i Tele Quiz

STAR MOVIES

- 6:45 Black River
8:15 The Keyman
10:00 The Pilot's Wife
11:30 Funny Bones
1:45 Corky Romano
3:15 Houseguest
5:00 You've Got Mail
7:00 Crosscut
8:40 Hard Cash
10:30 Baby Monitor: Sound Of Fear
12:15 Last Dance

AXN

- 6:30 Movie : Sand
7:30 Rollerjam
8:00 Who Dares Wins
9:00 Rated X
9:30 Earth Final Conflict
10:30 Boones Assassin
11:30 Test of the Toughest
12:30 Pacific Blue
1:30 Thicker Than

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 The King Of Queens
11:00 Grounded For Life
11:30 Boston Public
12:30 Dharma & Greg
1:30 Frasier
1:30 Chicago Hope
2:28 Star Asia Travel
2:30 Oprah 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

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 Adda Stop
8:30 Tara News
9:30 Tara News
9:30 Tara News
10:00 Fashionay Bhushanay
10:30 News Magazine
11:30 Tara News
11:30 HBO
6:30 The Trigger Effect

TODAY'S HIGHLIGHTS

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.

STAR MOVIES at 07:00p.m.

- 7:30 Raymond
8:00 Dharma & Greg
8:00 Friends
8:30 The Drew Carey Show
9:00 Whose Line Is It Anyway
9:30 J.A.G.
10:30 Law & Order: S.V.U.
11:28 Star Asia Travel
11:30 Baywatch
11:00 Geet Gata Chal
11:30 Hit Filmein Hit Sangeet
11:55 Kuch Hit Kuch Superhit
12:00 Shivraam
12:00 SONY
7:30 Amrit Varsha
8:00 Sant Asaram Vani
8:00 Om Namath Shivay
9:30 Good Morning Disney
10:30 Chartbusters
11:00 Music Mantra
11:30 Khwahish
12:00 Cook it up with Tarla Dalal
12:30 Sambhav
1:00 Kkusum
1:30 Kuch Kehti Hai Yey
2:00 Naam Kum Jayega
2:30 Kutumb
2:30 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 Biographies
9:00 Goonj-Atel Ki Kkusum
9:30 Naam Kum Jayega
10:30 Achanak
11:00 Dhadkan
11:30 Kutumb
12:00 Ghar Ek Mandir
12:00 SET MAX
8:30 Super Gaane
9:00 Hotlist
11:00 Deewana
1:30 Super Gaane
2:30 Giddh
5:00 Hotlist
6:00 Gajr Kanocni
9:00 Boogie Woogie
10:00 Bichhoo
1:00 Hotlist
2:00 ZEE TV
2:30 Piya Ka Ghar
2:30 Dollar Bahu
3:00 Astitva... ek prem kahani
3:30 Chausath Panne (Dil Na Jaane Kyon)
4:00 Miit
4:00 Kittle Party
9:00 Dollar Bahu
10:00 Piya ka ghar
10:30 Pyar Zindagi Hai
11:00 Chausath Panne
11:30 Astitva... ek Prem Kahani
12:00 Miit
12:00 STAR PLUS
6:00 Bhabhi
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
10:10 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
1:00 Gudugudee
1:30 Piya Ka Ghar
2:00 Pyar Zindagi hai
2:30 Cinema Hits
3:00 Ek Nazar
6:00 Bollywood Gupshup
7:00 Pyar Zindagi hai Chausath Panne (Dil Na Jaane Kyon)
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PICK OF THE DAY



Rush Hour On HBO at 09:30p.m. Realizing that the FBI and their by the book tactics may be unsuccessful, the Chinese consul recruits the aid of a loyal Hong Kong inspector to help rescue his kidnapped daughter.

- 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 Khichdi
9:00 Kasautii Zindagii Kay
9:30 Kehta Hai Dil
10:30 Kahaani Ghar Ghar Kii
11:00 Kyunki Saas Bhi Kabhi Bahu Thi
11:30 Kaahin Kissi Roz
12:00 Bhabhi

CHANNEL V

- 7:30 [VI] Hit Machine
8:00 [VI] Back To Back
8:30 [VI] Jumpstart
9:30 [VI] Hit Machine
10:00 [VI] Back To Back
10:30 [VI] Hit Machine
11:00 [VI] Back To Back
11:30 [VI] Hit Machine
12:00 [VI] Zabdardast Hits
12:30 [VI] Hit Machine
1:00 [VI] Fdfs
1:30 [VI] Hit Machine
2:00 [VI] Zabdardast Hits
2:30 [VI] Back To Back
3:00 [VI] Zabdardast Hits
3:30 [VI] Jungli Jukebox
4:00 [VI] Hit Machine
4:30 [VI] Hotline
5:30 Vito5@5
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6:15 [VI] Hit Machine
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9:30 [VI] Fdfs
10:00 [VI] Zabdardast Hits
10:30 [VI] Hit Machine
11:00 [VI] Juice

Late Night [VI]

- ZEE CINEMA
7:30 Rustam Sohrab (Prithviraj Kapoor, Suraiya)
10:30 Janta Hawaldar (Rajesh Khanna, Hema Malini)
1:30 Jeevan Marityu (Dharmendra, Rakhee)
5:30 Bol Radha Bol (Rishi Kapoor, Juhi Chawla)
9:30 Krodh (Sunil Shetty, Rambha)
6:30 Butterfly Revolution
9:00 Something Short of Paradise
11:30 Final Countdown
2:00 Colors
4:30 Desperate Hours
6:30 Buy And Sell
9:30 Tuesday MGM Rigi
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
1:00 Saturday Superstars
2:30 Vets In Practice
3:00 Postcards From The Wild
3:30 Crocodile Hunter II
4:30 Animals A-Z
5:00 Wild Rescues
5:30 21st Century Ark Bears
6:30 Planet's Funniest Animals
7:00 Saturday Superstars
8:30 Croc Week
9:00 Postcards From The Wild
9:30 Crocodile Hunter II
10:30 Animals A-Z
11:00 Wild Rescues
11:30 21st Century Ark
12:00 National Geographic
6:30 Built For The Kill
7:30 Croc Chronicles
8:00 Toyota World Of Wildlife S3
8:30 Attack! In Pursuit Maneaters
9:30 Velvet Killer
10:00 Sea Bears Of The

Diamond

- 10:30 Hot Science
11:30 Dogs With Jobs
12:00 Earth Pulse
12:30 Attack-In Pursuit Of Africa
1:30 Peopleoutther
2:00 Mission Everest
2:30 \$100 Taxi Ride
3:00 Young Global Hot Shots
3:30 Search For King Solomon's
4:30 Croc Chronicles
5:00 Toyota World Of Wildlife S3
5:30 Africa From The Ground Up
6:00 Return To The Wild
6:30 Dogs With Jobs
7:00 Earth Pulse
7:30 Story Of Reynard The Fox
8:30 People Out There
9:00 Mission Everest
9:30 \$100 Taxi Ride
10:00 Young Global Hot Shots
10:30 People's Planet
11:30 Croc Chronicles
12:00 Toyota World Of Wildlife S3
ADVENTURE ONE
6:00 Danger Diaries
7:00 On Assignment
7:30 Nick's Quest
8:00 Out There
8:30 The Hunt For Amazing Treasures
9:00 Ng Explorer
10:00 Racing The Moon
11:00 Beyond Limits
12:00 Surfer's Journal
12:30 Explorer's Journal
1:30 Ng Explorer
2:30 The Lonely Dorymen
3:30 Danger Diaries
4:30 Walk In The Desert
5:00 Explorer's Journal
6:00 Nick's Quest
6:30 Out There
7:00 The Hunt For Amazing Treasures
7:30 Ng Explorer
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11:30 Ng Explorer
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7:30 Sportsline Tonight
8:00 Sportsline Tonight
8:30 Hitz (R)
9:00 Futsal First Pyramid