

Musical soiree

A soulful performance of Majibhandari songs



Abul Sarkar (L) and Dilruba Khan deliver moving performances

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WITH acoustics of indigenous instruments, dance and tune, the mystic Majibhandari singers captivated the audience at the Plaza of National Art Gallery of Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy (BSA) on April 22.

Though Majibhandari songs are based traditionally on praise of Allah, the Prophet Muhammad (PBUH), Muslim pir (saints), they also focus on love for humanity, morality, secularism and divine love. The Sufis assemble at Majibhandari Sharif at Chittagong to

practice mystic rites and render spiritual songs.

Majibhandari songs originated in Chittagong about a century ago under the aegis of Syed Ahmadullah Majibhandari (1826-1906). Renowned bard Romesh Sheel composed over 300 Majibhandari songs, thereby popularising the genre all over country. Nowadays, followers of Chishtia Tariqah (the Sufis who believe in reuniting of the soul with the Almighty and the Prophet through dance and music) at the different dargah (shrines), rural bards and even urban solo sing-

ers who are not followers of the cult, render Majibhandari songs.

Representatives from all of these communities rendered Majibhandari songs such as *Iskul khulase re Mowlah, Doyal baba kebla kaba aynar karigar, Majibhandari mormo bujhe rashik o shujan* and others on the last day of the five-day-long regional musical soiree arranged by the Production Department of BSA.

The attraction of the evening was the presentation of Majibhandari Moromi Goshthi, a representative of the cult of Majibhandari Sharif, Chittagong.

The troupe rendered three songs - *Dom-e dom-e jopo re mon, Ke dilo je* and *Tarey bhokti bhorey*. Moreover, followers of the cult living at different corners of the country such as Abul Sarkar and his troupe, Jamal Dewan and his troupe, Matal Abdul Hai and his troupe, Kala Chan Dewan and his troupe, Bijoy Kumar Das and his troupe, Jahanara Bikrampur and her troupe and others performed.

Abul Sarkar's stentorian voice modulation during the rendition of the song *Rasul eshechhey* was highly appreciated by the audience. In response to the call

for an encore, Abul Sarkar and his troupe presented another song *Belayater maslah*, though the performers barring Majibhandari Marami Goshthi were supposed to render one song each.

11 solo artistes from Dhaka and other districts also performed. Dilruba Khan, Shahin Khan, Bulbuli Akhtar, Saleha Nasrin Swapna and Rahima Khatun were impressive. However, the inclusion of mediocre solo singers such as Popy Sarwar, JB Jharna and others was an anomaly.

In search of an enlightened generation

Prize-giving ceremony of Bishwa Shahitya Kendra, Chittagong

The prize-giving ceremony of Bishwa Shahitya Kendra, Chittagong was held recently at Chittagong Municipal Model High School, according to a press release.



Professor Abdullah Abu Sayeed (2-R) handing over a prize to a youngster at the occasion

About 1500 youngsters from 51 schools in Chittagong city were awarded at the event early in the morning. The programme started with the resonating beats of *dhol*. A raffle draw was held and four of the parents received books as prizes.

Addressing the crowd, educationist Professor Abdullah Abu Sayeed said, "An enlightened mind is like a luminous flame. By reading books, one is not only benefitted but he/she can educate several others. Enlightened individuals can guide a nation to greater heights."

Chairperson of Chittagong Board of Education, professor AJM Shahidullah; chief education officer of Chittagong City Corporation, Rowshan Akhter Hanif and others also spoke at the occasion.



On April 23, at The Ibsen Festival in Lahore, Pakistan, Centre for Asian Theatre staged its latest production *Resurrection*. Playwright-director Kamaluddin Nilu's play features Ibsen's life, philosophy and his perspective on art. Theatre troupes from China, India, Iran, Sri Lanka, Nepal and Mauritius will stage plays in the festival arranged by Rafi Peer Theatre Workshop.



The pre-final rounds of the talent hunt, Bengal Bikash, by Bengal Foundation began from April 22. The venue was Bengal Silpalaya. The first day of the pre-finals was on Tagore songs. The judges, Rezwana Chowdhury Banya, Iffat Ara Dewan, Mohiuddin Chowdhury and Laisa Ahmad Lisa are seen in the photograph. No contest was held on April 23 due to hartal. The pre-finals will continue till April 29 and contestants will take part in Nazrul songs, 'Songs of the three poets' (DL Roy, Atul Prasad and Rajnikant Sen), folk songs round and in the adunik songs round.

Sandeep Acharya is 'Indian Idol 2'

Sandeep Acharya has been crowned *Indian Idol* in the second season of Sony Entertainment Television's popular talent hunt show. The 22-year-old from Bikaner, Rajasthan beat the 19-year-old Karunya to win the title.

Although, the support for Sandeep in the audience was overwhelming, until a few days ago, Karunya had been tipped as the hot favourite for the title.

Judge Farah Khan acknowledged that Karunya was a better singer technically, but added, "*Indian Idol* is not just about singing. Sandeep has an immensely likeable personality."

Anu Malik concurred with his co-judge and said, "Karunya has an edge over Sandeep if we are to merely talk about singing. But Sandeep has shown a remarkably endearing personality throughout. It was difficult to choose one over the other, and finally, God's finger fell on Sandeep."

Sonu Nigam said, "Sandeep connected with the Indian audience in a big way, and made a place in their hearts. Also, Karunya may not have won the title, but we all know how incredibly talented both these singers are. They have a very promising future."

"Almost there" Karunya put up a brave show and congratulated Sandeep, "In a way, I am not surprised. The support he had from the public was mind-blowing." His mother, being more vocal, blamed the system of multiple voting. "A lot of multiple voting takes place, because of which my son did not make it.

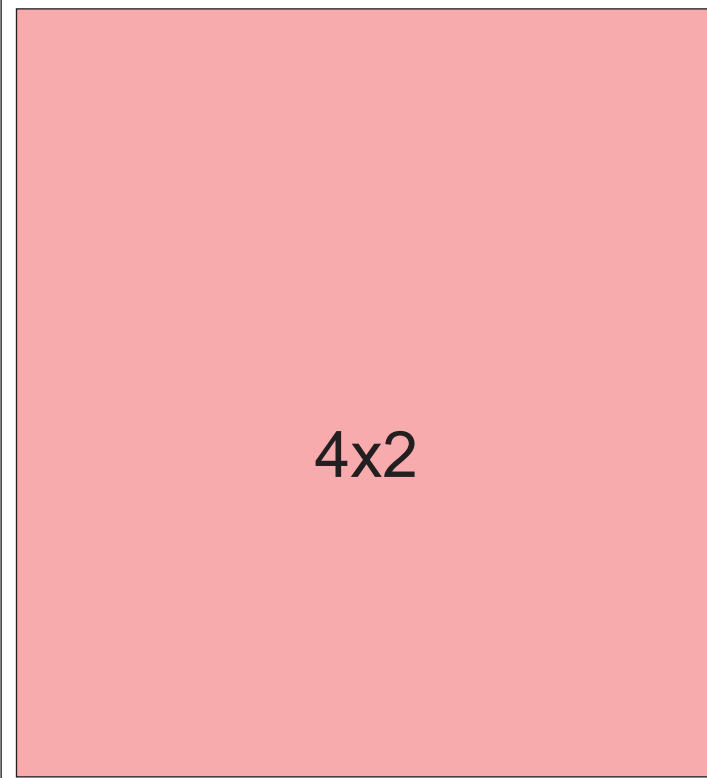


Sandeep Acharya

But I am sure that the ones who matter will agree that Karunya is the actual *Indian Idol*," she said.

Undoubtedly, the night belonged to Sandeep. And no one seemed happier than his mother, who had tears of joy in her eyes. "I knew it from day one that my son will make it."

Source: Internet



TV GUIDE

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

News Bulletin

BTV
News Headlines (Bangla) at 8:55 am, 12:10 pm, 2:00 pm, 3:00 pm, 4:00 pm, 7:00 pm.
News (Bangla) at 8:00 am, 1:00 pm, 5:00 pm, 8:00 pm.
News (English) at 3:00 pm, 10:00 pm.
Late Night News (Bangla and English) at 11:30 pm.

CHANNEL-i
News (Bangla) at 7:15 am, 9:00am, 2:00pm, 7:00pm, 9:00pm, 10:30pm, 12:15 am.
Telecast of BTV news (Bangla and English) at 11:30 pm.

ATN BANGLA
News (Bangla) at 7:00 am, 10:00am, 2:00 pm, 7:00 pm, 10:00 pm, 11pm.
News (English) 8:20am, 7:00pm

Telecast of BTV News (Bangla and English) at 11:30 pm.

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10:00 Grammen Phone Shironam

10:05 Zoo Adventure
10:30 Dhakar Cinema
01:05 Muktangon
02:35 Drama Serial: Ramizer Aaina
03:50 Shada Rater Manush
04:25 Bhinniya Swader Khorob
04:50 Snapshots Of Change
06:20 Shubho Shondhya
07:20 Tele Quiz
08:25 Drama serial: Labonya Probha

TARA BANGLA
News Headlines (Bangla) at 5:30pm, 7:30pm.
Tara News (Bangla) at 8:30 pm, 11:30 pm.
Tara News Bangladesh (Bangla) at 9:30 pm.

BBC WORLD
Every hour on the hour

CHANNEL-i

09:30 Shongbad Potrey Bangladesh
11:05 Trilijomatra Education Programme (Live)
12:30 Aaaj Dupurey
01:10 Ebong Cinemar Gaan
01:45 Public Reaction Drama
02:40 Bashundhara Amader Gaan
04:05 Sa Re Ga Ma
05:30 Banijo O Orthonti
06:00 Gillette World Sports special
06:20 Star Gate SG One
06:40 Business show
07:50 Drama Serial: Nil Jochhonai
08:20 Drama Serial: Shimana
09:35 Drama Serial: Sampurna Rangin
10:00 Drama Serial: Pothe Jetej Jetej

ATN BANGLA

09:10 Music Express
09:50 Drama Serial: Shada Raater Manush Dindarpan
11:25 **ATN BANGLA**
10:30 Annodrishti
11:05 Drama: Ek Jonome
12:20 Drama
01:25 Cholchittr Golpo
02:30 Drama serial: Nirob Koshto
03:10 Drama Serial: O Amar Chokkhu Nai
03:45 Shustho Thakun
04:20 Chotoder Prithibi
04:45 Quiz Show
05:10 Sonali Din
05:45 Islami Sawaal O Jobab (live)
06:20 BSB Education Zone
08:00 Drama Serial: Shukhnagar Apartment
08:30 Drama Serial: Flat No. 40
09:00 ATN Taroka (Music)
10:35 Kothamala

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09:10 Human nature
09:30 Drishti
10:30 Cartoon film
11:00 Briddhasram
12:05 Shahrar Shesher Bari
12:05 Apnar Agami
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04:00 Drama Serial: Tebhaga
05:00 Musical Programme
05:30 Zila Bulletin
06:00 Ae din Sei khoney
06:30 Top News
07:00 Shuktara

CHANNEL-1

08:40 Drama Serial: Album Jibon Dhara
09:15 Shohor Shesher Bari
09:50 Amader Atithi
11:00 Sports round-up

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08:40 Shuprobhat Bangla-desh
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PICK OF THE DAY

Shukhnagar Apartment
On ATN Bangla at 8 pm
Drama Serial
Cast: Subarna Mustafa, Aupi Karim

Last Samurai
On HBO at 9:30 pm
Genre: Action/Adventure
Cast: Tom Cruise, Ken Watanabe

08:05 Drama Serial: Album Jibon Dhara	08:30 Drama: Nokol Poshak	03:50 Volcano	05:30 The Great Sperm Race	09:30 Classic Boxing (T)
08:40 Drama: Roday Jabo	09:00 Drama: Roday Jabo	06:35 All Dogs Go To Heaven 2	06:30 Extreme Machines	10:30 Sports center India (R)
09:15 Shohor Shesher Bari	09:30 Bioscope	07:00 The Whole Ten Yards	07:30 Wild Discovery	11:00 Sports center Asia
09:50 Amader Atithi	11:00 Concert	08:40 Harley Davidson & The Marlboro Man	08:30 Days That Shook The World	11:30 Cricket Classics (R)
11:00 Sports round-up		09:00 Box The	09:30 Seven Wonders Of The Industrial World	11:30 Sports center Asia
		11:55 Brave New Girl	10:30 \$100 Taxi Ride	12:30 Atp Masters Series
			11:30 FBI Files	12:30 Nba Inside Stuff (R)
				01:30 Rugby 7's (T)
				01:30 English Premier Football League
				03:30 Arsenal Vs Tottenham Hotspur (T)
				04:00 Asian Tour Magazine Show (R)
				04:00 Atp Masters Series
				05:00 Cricket Classics (T)
				06:30 Pride Fc Archives (R)
				08:30 India Vs Sri Lanka 3rd Odi Highligh Ts(R)
				10:02 Born To Play: Masters of Football (R)
				10:30 Bull Riding 2006 (R)
				11:30 Sports center India
				09:30 Total Rugby
				10:00 World of Athletics
				12:00 Hockey World Cup: Finals Highlights
				12:30 Gillette World Cup Football Preview
				01:00 Gamer TV
				01:30 Total Rugby Legends
				02:30 Trans World Sports
				03:30 Barca TV
				05:30 WWE: Raw
				08:00 XFLUS : Ep 2
				11:00 Italian League Highlights