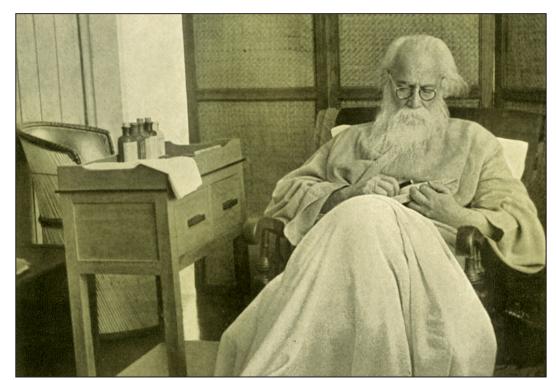


Tagore's thoughts and philosophy on death

An evening of Tagore songs at Alliance Francaise



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T was midnight when Rabi, who would one day become Kabiguru Rabindranath Tagore, was woken up and told his mother

had died. He was too young to feel anything. But when he saw his mother's lifeless body wrapped in white, being brought out of the house he felt frightened, anticipatA frail Tagore lost in thought

again. As he grew up and encountered many more deaths of his dear ones -- of father, siblings, sister-inlaw, wife and daughter -- death assumed different meanings for him

them are associated with fear or pang. "Tagore also saw in death the opportunity to attain nearness with God, so death is welcome there," points out Rezwana Chowdhury Banya, one of the most celebrated Tagore singers of the country.

Banya along with Laisa Ahmed Lisa, Mohiuzzaman Chowdhury and students of music school 'Surer Dhara' presented a selection of the songs yesterday, that reflect Tagore thoughts on death. The venue: Alliance Francaise. Unesco Bangladesh, arranged the musical soiree titled Rabindranather Gaan-e Mrityu Bhabna to commemorate Tagore's 65th death anniversary.

Whether one is happy or sad, engulfed in frustration or blessed with unexpected fortune, Tagore has songs to match every situation. His songs often help us get over difficulties and stay resolute against adversaries. The experience of seeing a dear one die is universal and thus everyone can relate to these death-related songs of his. "Through our presentation we will try to expose the audience to the great wealth of Tagore's songs that depict Tagore's thoughts and philosophy on death," Banya observed.

The programme was open to all.

Ustad Momtaz Ali Khan remembered

Book and album launch at National Museum



(From L-R) Shamsuzzaman Khan, Rupu Khan, Kalim Sharafi and Pilu Momtaz at the book launch, a dance performance

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To celebrate Ustad Momtaz Ali Khan's 91st birth anniversary a cultural programme was held by Ustad Momtaz Ali Khan Academy on August 1. The programme featured discussion, book and album launch as well as a cultural programme at the National

Veteran Tagore Exponent Kalim

Sharafi was the chief guest at the event. Among others, popular artiste of the '70s and daughter of Ustad Momtaz Ali Khan, Pilu Momtaz; folklore researcher Shamsuzzaman Khan and general secretary of Sammilito Sangskritik Jote Golam Kuddus attended the programme.

The speakers expressed grave concern on the current state of our folk music and the need to uphold and preserve the genre.

After the discussion a book titled Ustad Momtaz Alir Gaan and an audio album Amar Bondhu Dorodia were launched. The book was launched by Kalim Sharafi. Pilu Momtaz and others launched the audio album. The album features 12 songs written and composed by Momtaz Ali.

Fifty songs -- all provided by record collector Rafiqul Haque --

have been included in the book. Haque presented a rare gramophone record of the singer recorded by HMV in 1936 to the organisation. The record has two songs Amar Bondhu Sawdagor and Durey Chakrite Jaiyo Na Pranonath.

After the discussion the cultural programme began with a dance performance and it was followed by a recitation of Baromashi songs of Momtaz Ali, by youngsters

Buzz

'Kabuliwala' comes alive on celluloid

Based on Rabindranath Tagore's short story, the film Kabuliwala will be released on August 4 at movie theatres, says a press release. The film is directed by Kazi Hayat and produced by Impress Telefilm Ltd.

The classic story focuses on fatherly love that surpasses all barriers. Kabuliwala, a simple Afghan trader comes to Bengal to sell dry fruits and nuts for living. Like others of his community, Rahmat, otherwise known as Kabuliwala, is also a moneylender. In Mini, a little girl, he finds the image of his own daughter. Rabeva, A fatherdaughter relationship develops surpassing the barriers of language and culture. Kabuliwala often brings gifts for Mini and 'Khoki' as he affectionately calls Mini waits eagerly for him. One day Rahmat disappears and it is later discovered that he has been imprisoned for murder. Years later, he is released and comes to visit Mini believing that she still waits for his gifts. But in course of time Mini has changed a lot and seems alien to him.

The film features Dighi, Manna, Subrato, Doyel and others in lead roles.



Child artiste Dighi(C) seen with Manna (R) and Subrato in the film

musical titan A little-known story about great Hindi and Urdu Among his well known numbers are Yeh hai

Mohammad Rafi: The creative

playback singer Mohammad Rafi (December 24, 1924-July 31, 1980): Once when a less known composer Nisar Bazmi, who migrated to Pakistan in the early 1960s, didn't have enough money to pay him, Rafi charged a fee of one rupee and sang for him. In the words of Laxmikant (of the Laxmikant-Pyarelal duo). "He always gave without thinking of the returns."

Apart from his philanthropy, Rafi won laurels for his mellifluous voice which backed up many an actor of his times. He was on par with the musical titans Kishore Kumar and Mukesh. Even with the passage of time, he still remains popular in the Indian subcontinent and even in distant climes such as the UK. Kenva. West Indies which have a large Indian expatriate community. His legacy remains alive with new Bollywood singers such as Sonu Nigam, Mohammad Aziz, Shabbir

Rafi has lent his voice to actors such as Amitabh Bachchan, Dharmendra, Jeetendra and Rajesh Khanna to Balraj Sahni, Prithviraj Kapoor and Rai Kapoor. Rafi personified the rebellious image of Shammi Kapoor and also sang for younger heroes such as Biswajit and Joy Mukherjee. He even sang for singer-actor Kishore Kumar in films such as Raagini, Baaghi shehzaada and Shararat

Rafi's songs encompassed a large range of genres, such as classical to patriotic songs. desolate lamentations to romantic numbers, qawwalis to ghazals and bhajans and from slow tunes to peppy songs.



Mohammad Rafi

Bombav meri iaan. Hum kisise kum nahin. Sukh ke sab saathi, Hindustan ki kasam, Madhuban mein Radhika naache re and Yeh mera prem His singing endeavours won him wide recogni-

tion. He received Filmfare awards for Chaudhvin ka chand ho (from the film of the same name), Baharon phool barasao (Suraj), Dil ke jharoke mein (Brahmachari) and Kya hua tera vaada (Hum kisise kum nahin). In 1965, Rafi was honoured by the Government of India with the Padma Sri award.

Rafi also sang duets with Lata Mangeshkar, Geeta Dutt and Asha Bhosle. With Lata he was known for Teri bindiya re (Abhimaan), Dafliwale (Sargam) and Atthara baras ki (Suhaag), among others. In conjunction with Asha Bhosle, he sang Gunguna rahe hai (Aradhana) and Chura liya hai tumne (Yaadon ki baaraat) and

Rafi joined forces with famous composers such as Shyam Sunder, Naushad, OP Nayyar, Shankar Jaikishan, SD Burman, Madan Mohan and Laxmikant Pyarelal. OP Nayyar went so far as to say, "If there had been no Mohammad Rafi, there would have been no OP Nayyar.'

When Rafi passed away, he left a vacuum in the musical and film world. Yet the maestro's legacy remains alive with his successors and

Compiled by Cultural Correspondent

French adore Zidane headbutt song

Records in Paris.

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Zinedine Zidane's infamous World Cup headbutt has inspired a song that, thanks to the internet, has rocketed to the top of the French pop charts. The hit was written as a "joke... to entertain our friends," said Sebastien Lipszyc of La Plage

The French star, affectionately known as 'Zizou' in France, was banned for three games and fined £3,260 for head-butting Italy's Marco Materazzi during the World Cup final.

Fifa also suspended Materazzi for two games and fined him £2.170 for provoking Zidane, who was playing in the last game of his

Lipszyc, whose company composes advertising jingles and sound-effects, said Coup de Boule (Headbutt) was written "in half an hour" and emailed to about 50 friends. That evening, he and his two colleagues heard it on Skyrock, a popular

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Kaisa Yeh Pyar Hai

Thodi Khushi Thode

Kabhie To Nazar Milao

Rishton Ki Dor Drama

Aisa Des Hai Mera

Ek Ladki Anjani Si

Matinee Movie -

Contd. Movie

Comedy

Khoobsurat Movie

Music Mantra Music

Kabhie To Nazar Milao

Chartbusters Music

Kaisa Ye Pvar Hai

Ek Ladki Anjaani Si

Aisa Des Hai Mera

Thodi Khushi Thode

Gham Drama

Thriller/Horror

Kaisa Ye Pyar Hai

Music Beats Music

Kyun Hota Hai Pyarrr

V First Day First Show-

V Trailers - Star Plus

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V Trailers - Star Plus

Shaka Laka Boom

Shaka Laka Boom

Bolly V - Star Plus

V First Day First Show

Des Mein Nikla Hoga

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STAR PLUS

Gham Drama

"The next day, the major players rang us," said Lipszyc, quoted by the French newspaper Le He said Warner made the best offer to distrib-

ute the song - an advance of 45,000 euros for

he clin inercentages on the sales and a quarar tee that La Plage Records would retain author-The hit was distributed to 20 countries and a

video clip was made at the Charlety stadium in The African-style song has become a tube de

l'été (summer hit) in France, booming out at beaches, campsites and bars.

Zidane, il l'a frappé, la Coupe, on l'a ratée (Zidane hit him, the Cup - we missed it), the song

Pyar Ke Do Naam

TV GUIDE

PICK OF THE DAY

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

News Bulletin

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)

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

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English) at 11:30 pm. **TARA BANGLA**

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The Day After I Am David 12:30 Dry Cycle Bigger Than The Sky 02:00 03:45 Blue Crush 05:30 Long Weekend. The 07:00 Hoodlum

Sideways

On Star Movies at 11:00pm Genre: Comedy/Drama/Romance Cast: Paul Giamatti, Virginia Madsen

Three Men And A Little

Lady

11:00 Sideways 01:00 Out Of Time 02:45 Piccadilly Jim STAR WORLD The Drew Carey Show The Oprah Winfrey

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Ekradhaekshyam 05:00 Hum Saath Aath Hain V Trailers - Star Plus 05:30 V First Day First Show-Mum Tum Aur Hum 06:25 Bolly V - Star Plus 06:30 American Dragon: Jack

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Wild Discovery

Animal Camera

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Africa's Great Rivers 09:30 Perfect Disaster 10:30 Space and Universe 11:30 A Haunting

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Hunter Hunted 11:30 Seconds From Disaste 01:00 Mummy Road Show Bettle Battles:Kwang 01:30 Bang Planet Wild Totally Wild 03:00 03:30 Megastructures 06:00 Nat Geo Junior 06:30 Megastructures

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