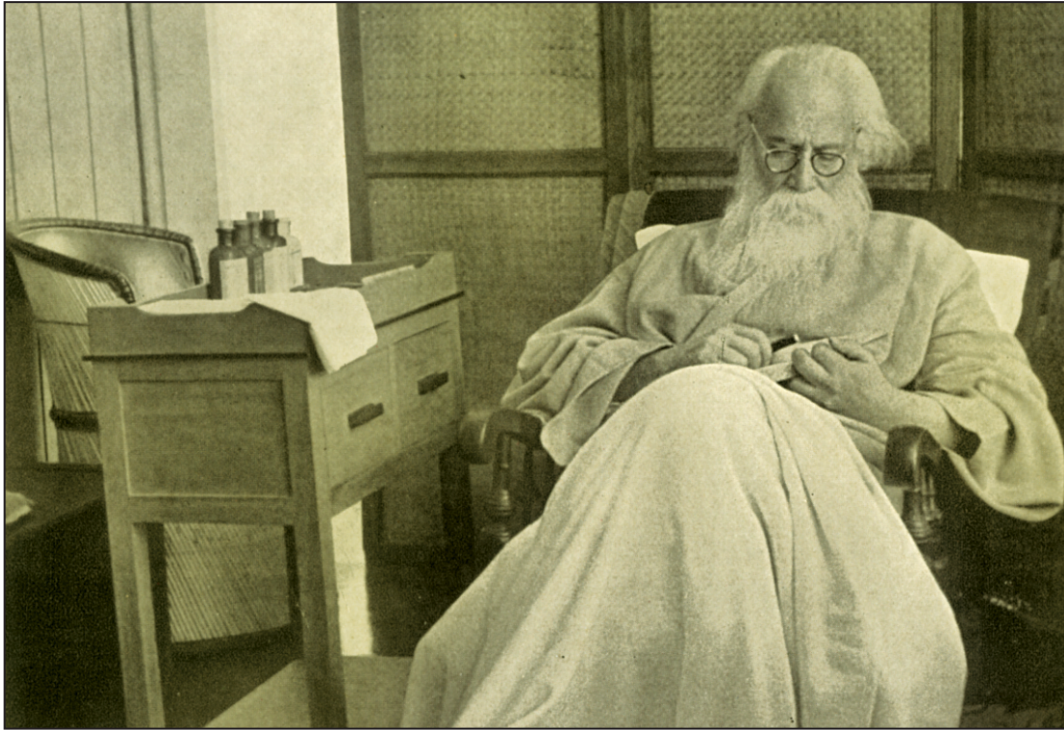


Tagore's thoughts and philosophy on death

An evening of Tagore songs at Alliance Francaise



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...

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 adversities...

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It 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, anticipating that he would never see her

again. As he grew up and encountered many more deaths of his dear ones -- of father, siblings, sister-in-law, wife and daughter -- death assumed different meanings for him on different occasions. And not all of

A frail Tagore lost in thought

ALL TIME GREATS

Mohammad Rafi: The creative musical titan

A little-known story about great Hindi and Urdu 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.



Mohammad Rafi

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, Kenya, West Indies...

Rafi has lent his voice to actors such as Amitabh Bachchan, Dharmendra, Jeetendra and Rajesh Khanna to Balraj Sahni, Prithviraj Kapoor and Raj Kapoor. Rafi personified the rebellious image of Shammji Kapoor and also sang for younger heroes such as Biswajit and Joy Mukherjee.

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.

Among his well known numbers are Yeh hai Bombay meri jaan, Hum kisise kum nahin, Sukh ke sab saathi, Hindustan ki kasam, Madhuban mein Radhika naache re and Yeh mera prem patra.

His singing endeavours won him wide recognition. 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).

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

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 numerous fans.

Compiled by Cultural Correspondent

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 Museum.

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; folkore researcher Shamsuzzaman Khan and general secretary of Sammitlo 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, Rabeya. A father-daughter relationship develops surpassing the barriers of language and culture.

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

French adore Zidane headbutt song



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 Records in Paris.

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 career.

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

"The next day, the major players rang us," said Lipszyc, quoted by the French newspaper Le Figaro.

He said Warner made the best offer to distribute the song - an advance of 45,000 euros for the clip, percentages on the sales and a guarantee that La Plage Records would retain authorship.

The hit was distributed to 20 countries and a video clip was made at the Charlety stadium in Paris.

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 goes.

Source: BBC News

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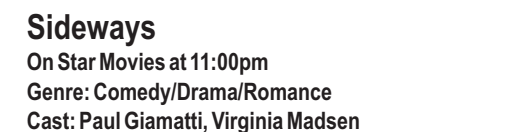
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PICK OF THE DAY



Lux Channel-i Superstar On Channel i at 09:35pm Grooming session of the talent hunt



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

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