DHAKA MONDAY AUGUST 28, 2006



Lalon devotees of his generation Lalon music is in deep trouble. In an

emotional voice, he says, "Many

local and foreign scholars come to

me for research purposes. A few

days back American scholar Dr

Carol Salmon came. I appreciate

their interest. But, I don't see any

positive initiatives for preservation

of the authentic tune of the Kalams.

It's true that transcription service of

radio and Bangladesh Shilpakala

Academy has preserved many

Kalams rendered by Fakirs Moksed

Ali Shah, Fakir Khodaboksha Shah,

Fakir Elahi Shah, Fakir Jhoru Shah,

Laily Fakirani and others. A few of

my Kalams rendered by me are

also preserved there. But, I like to

ask the researchers what they will

do after my death? That's why I

think they should take initiative to

preserve all the Kalams I can ren-

He has heard Lalon songs per-

formed in the metros and Lalon's

shrine. However, as he says, "Very

few singers, such as Farida

Parveen and Fakir Bazlu Shah

manage to render Kalams authenti-

Ministry of Cultural Affairs gives

aid to 25 Bauls. Interestingly Fakir

Abdul Karim Shah, a guru of the

Lalon Mentor Fellowship Project,

does not get any government

allowance. He said, "Most of the

true Lalon devotees do not get any

government allowance. In fact, the

project is highly politicised. And

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The Daily Star

CULTURAL FEAST

Nazrul Sangeet

Programme

Date: August 27-29

House-16, Gulshan

Theatre

Play: Chardewal

Troupe: Palakar

Date: August 31

Department, Dhaka

Play: Caretaker

Starts: 6:30pm

Play: Betrayal

Starts: 7:00pm

Date: September 4

Date: September 5

Date: September 6 Starts: 6:00pm

Date: September

Date: September 7 Starts: 6:00pm

Date: September 1

Time: 7 pm

Soiree

Starts: 6:00pm

Plays: Old Times and Night

Plays: The Lover and Dumb Waiter

Plays: Monologue and Dwarfs

Odissi Dance

Artistes: Chandana Raul and troupe

Venue: National Museum auditorium

Organiser: High Commission of India

collected from Indian Cultural Centre

RD. 142 H No. 2 or High Commission of

Complementary passes can be

India RD 96. H no 25 Gulshan 2

Classical Musical

Artist: Shaheenur Reza and Rezwan Ali

: Shuddha Sangeet F

Natok Sarani

Time: 7:00pm

Date: September 01-14

Time: 11:00 am- 8:00 pm

Parishad

Dhanmondi

Time: 6:00pm

Soiree & Recitation

Organiser: Nazrul Sangeet Shilpi

Venue: Nazrul Institute, Road no-28,

Solo Art Exhibition

Artist: Syed Mohammad Shamim

Venue: Art & Soul Gallery, Road-36,

Harold Peter Week

Organisers: Theatre and Music

University and British Council

Venue: British Council Auditorium

Fakir Abdul Karim Shah A torchbearer of Lalon songs

ERSHAD KAMOL, back from Kushtia

HESE days, whenever one is in a dilemma as to the authenticity of lyrics or tune of Lalon songs, one turns to Fakir Abdul Karim Shah to determine the authenticity of the songs composed by Fakir Lalon Shah. After the death of great gurus of Lalon songs, he is the only living guru who is the bearer of the authentic Lalon tune. Not just local scholars but also foreigners flock to him in the course of their research on Lalon songs.

Fakir Abdul Karim Shah was one of the two mentors of the 'Lalon Mentor Fellowship Project' (1996-98) arranged by Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy. The other mentor of the fellowship project was late Fakir Mahin Shah. On Fakir Abdul Karim Shah, renowned Lalon researcher Professor Abul Ahsan Choudhury said, "At present he is the only authentic Lalon singer in the country."

Karim's father was a palagaan singer. And from his boyhood he became a devotee of music. Initially he was a palagaan singer. Later he became a believer of Baul cult and Venue: Studio Theatre, Palakar, 133 subsequently achieved Khelafat, the authority to spread the belief of the cult. He does not have any academic knowledge on music, rather he has acquired knowledge on music as rituals from his gurus. During rendition he plays his ektara and *dugi* and moves the audience. "To me music is devotion," continues Karim Shah, "In fact, it's not



Fakir Abdul Karim Shah

my murshid (Lord) lives." The 87-year old Fakir, talking about Lalon songs, says, "About 2,000 Baul songs remain in my memory. These are not only Kalams (Lalon devotees call Lalon's verses as Kalams), but also Baul songs composed by other mystic poets. There are many who intentionally or out of ignorance, my self, but my soul sings, where claim all these songs as Lalon's. In

fact, Lalon songs are well composed and have unique mélange of tune and lyric. And the verses have such spontaneity that if the melody or word is distorted, the composition is interrupted. And tune of my ektara and rhythm of my dugi don't go well with the distorted lyric of the Kalams.

many of those who get government Fakir Abdul Karim Shah says grant are not Bauls at all. that after the death of the great

Srijon stages 50th musical programme Robin Ghosh honoured

CULTURAL CORRESPONDENT

Noted music director Robin Ghosh was honoured on the last day of the two-day musical soiree titled Phele Asha Diner Gaan organised by Srijon at the National Museum. The event began on August

Lyricist KG Mostafa presided over the programme while litterateur Selima Rahman was the special guest on the occasion.

The musical soiree got off to a start with Tahnina Islam's dance accompanied by Syed Meher Hossain on tabla. The performance was well appreciated by the crowd.

Then the singers took the stage and rendered Tagore, Nazrul and Lalon songs. Songs composed by Robin Ghosh were presented as a tribute to the composer. Apart from Bangla songs





Concert Music to raise awareness on drug abuse

KHALID-BIN-HABIB

'Say no to drugs' was echoed by thousands of youngsters who vowed to launch a nationwide movement against drug abuse.

ALO (an organisation for drug awareness) in association with djuice (Grameen Phone) organised a concert at the Gulshan Youth Club ground (behind Wonderland Park, Gulshan) on August 25

The concert had a lofty purpose: to raise awareness at all , spheres of national life about drug abuse and relentless aggression of narcotics.

Both mainstream and underground bands entertained the crowd. Among the bands that participated were LRB, Warfaze, Artcell, Black, Bangla, Ajob, Nemesis, Echoes, and Roots.

Ajob, Nemesis, Echoes, and Roots presented some pretty good numbers but the crowd seemed to expect more. Popular band Bangla performed their



Drive for drama in Rajshahi

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Raishahi

A Natyo Abhijatra (drive for drama) began in Rajshahi theatre Padma Rangamancha recently. Eminent litterateur Proffessor Hasan Azizul Haque inaugurated the ceremony.

Some 14 theatre organisations in Raishahi district and Raishahi University (RU) staged plays. RU Anushilon Natyo Dal staged the opening drama Chena Ga'yer NMP joint conveynor Kecchha. Kamarullah Sarkar Kamal read out a written statement at the press conference held at Padma Rangamancha.

Dramatist and RU teacher ofessor Molov Bhoumik



Bangla (top) and Hyder Husyn perform at the concert

older popular numbers. Songs like Nodir kul lagia. Moriley LRB wrapped up the concert. LRB kandishna, Mon torey parlamna performed a series of their hits and bujhaitey and many more were applauded. The addition of traditional instruments like the *dhol* though the concert was for drug and khomok added extra flavour to their performance.

Hyder Husyn who recently released an album titled Phaishsha inconsiderate. Gechhi. rocked the crowd with his solo performance. Songs per-Phaishsha gechhi, Shari and Tirish

against it." with Bhul jonmo followed by the well rendered Smritisharok, Rahur grash, Pothchola and Chiley kothar

shepai. Popular band Black performed one song with guest vocalist Arafat and another with Elita. After a fire and our organisation will continue spinning show the band Warfaze its endeavours to generate awaremade its way to the stage.

Talking about the hopes and aspirations of the concert's organisers, Captain Ghulam Hussain, secretary of ALO said, "We intend to hold similar events every year, ness on drug abuse.

everyone should take a stand

Ayub Bachchu with his band

It should be mentioned that

kept the audience on their toes.

Paramount Pictures drops Tom Cruise

Tom Cruise and Paramount Pictures have ended their 14-year production

able to Paramount."

Paula Wagner, the star's partner in The chairman of the studio's parent his production company, company cited the actor's off-screen Cruise/Wagner Productions, called Redstone's comments "offensive" antics as the main reason. and "undignified". In an interview with the Wall Street

She added that they were to set up Journal, Viacom Inc Chairman an independent operation financed Sumner Redstone said: "As much as from Wall Street. we like him personally, we thought it Cruise's latest film, Mission: was wrong to renew his deal. His recent conduct has not been accept-

star

Impossible III opened in May to lower-than-expected box office sales

commanded by an A-list Hollywood

This marks the end of one of the most profitable production deals Source: Internet

bochhor porey. Artcell began their performance

awareness, a number of people were smoking in the crowd, which was indeed very irritating and ALO's president Nehreen Rehman (Tootli) spoke during the formed by Hyder included show. She said, "Drug addiction is a serious threat to the society and

Goshthi Venue: Bishwa Shahittya Kendra, Dhaka Date: August 31

Solo Photography

Exhibition Save Shankhari Bazar

Organiser: Urban Study Group Venue: Nolinikanta Bhottoshali Gallery, National Museum Date: August 27-30 Time: 10:00am-8:00pm



Robin Ghosh (2-R) receiving a crest at the programme (top), ATM Jahangir performs a Tagore song

Robin Ghosh is also known for composing many popular Hindi and Urdu songs

ATM Jahangir presented Tagore song Amar iibon patro. Barkat Hossain rendered Nazrul song Tomar haather shonar rakhi.

Mamun Zahid Khan, Mumtarin Mahal, Sumon Majumdar, Shikha Rouf and Ali Mahmud rendered songs composed by Robin Ghosh -- Tara bhora rate, Ke smaranero prantorey, Bhuley gechhi shur ogo, Tomare legechhey ato je bhalo and Phuler kaney bhromor eshey

Rafiqul Alam, Subir Nandi, Lucky Akhand,

TV GUIDE

programmes.

Ferdous Ara, Farhana Akhter, Zakir Hossain

Tapan, Samima Parvin and Tapan Majumdar also

Since 2002, Srijon has been regularly arrang-

ing Phele Asha Diner Gaan (songs of yester-

years) on the last Saturday of every month at the

National Museum. Organisers hope to work as a

platform bridging generations through such

presented songs in the programme.

convenor Mamun-ur Rashid, Udichi district unit general secretary Tajuddin Biplob, theatre activists Monwarul Islam Bakul, Imran Hossain, Mahmud Hossain, Selim Jahangir and Omar Sharif attended the programme.

The speakers observed that Rajshahi city was in dire need of a modern stage for theatre. They voiced a demand that the city corporation authority should initiate the construction of a modern stage. They also demanded opening

of the historic Town Hall for staging plays.



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

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News Bulletin

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Campus	11:35	Ek Jonome
National Television	12:15	Motamot
School Debate	01:25	Cholochitrer Golpo
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Hridoye Muktijudhyo	03:10	Koshto Drama Serial: O
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Closeup1 Tomakei Khujchhe Bangladesh On ntv at 3:15pm **Talent Hunt** Hosted by: Debashish and Choiti

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8 Mile On Star Movies at 7:00pm Genre: Drama/Music Cast: Eminem, Kim Basinger

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:30	Bioscope	02:00	Risshton Ki Dor
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:00	Telebrands Tele		Drama
	Shopping	03:00	Ek Ladki Anjani Si
:30	Chartbusters Music		Drama
:00	Music Mantra Music	03:30	Matinee Movie -
:30	Music Beats Music		Khoon Pasina Movie
:00	Yeh Meri Life Hai	06:30	Contd. Movie
	Drama	07:00	Music Mantra Music
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	10:00	V Trailers - Star Plus	09:30	Miss Congeniality
	10:30	Shaka Laka Boom		Armed and Fabulou
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	05:00	Prithviraj Chauhan	09:30	The Oprah Winfrey
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	03:30	Mystery Hunters
Desperate House- wives	04:00	Energy in Action
Oprah Winfrey Show	04:30	Wild Discovery
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Extreme Machines

PICK OF THE DAY