

Dhaka Day by Day

Growing Popularity Of Band Music

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In the early part of the post-independence era, band music in the style of western musical composition came into vogue. In those days, two young friends, Sajed and Lulu, took their youthful effusiveness to musical heights and formed a band called "Souls" which was the pioneer of band music. The group introduced an array of music in the ambit of soft, slushy melodies to power chords and distortions. The impact was such that rocked generations of music lovers into re-discovery and self-esteem. The group has now entered its third decade of musical exploration, logging nearly 4,000 stage shows at home and abroad.

Following the trails blazed by Souls, other band music groups emerged from the middle of the eighties. Among them the leading ones include Feedback, Miles, Chime and Renaissance. In those days, musical groups led by Azam Khan, Ferdous Wahid, Firoz Shain created a craze among the pop music lovers. Then a lull came in their enthusiasm in the next few years. From the middle of the eighties, the popularity of band music began to pick up.

With the slogan that band music sets a definite trend in Bangla music and that it is not an aberration of our native culture, Bangladesh Musical Association was formed in 1987 to raise the status of band music to an honourable level and to promote the interests of band music groups. Most of the leading groups claim that they are interested in adding a new dimension in the world of Bangla music. The composition of words and lyrics is sought to be in consonance with the hopes and aspirations of the common man. At the same time, it is their aim to make proper use of modern musical instruments to heighten the effects of the melodies of the Bangla songs. It is also claimed by them that their songs bear elements of realism, bringing out the inconsistencies in our social scene. Some of them aim at popularising the folk songs through the

medium of band music. It is felt that at the present moment, an element of inertia seems to have crept in the band music arena.

The winter season is regarded as the season of band music, because most of its concerts used to be held in this season in the past. The mood of the young generation in winter seemed to get enveloped with the warmth of the fervour for band music. At the present moment, however, it seems that a sort of sluggishness is set to mar the rising spirits of the young band music lover. As few of such concerts are held in the city nowadays, the band music lovers feel frustrated. The market for audio cassettes of this music is also said to be passing through a lean period, particularly in respect of songs produced by new band groups. Of course the cassettes of the leading band groups are not generally affected thereby. In the opinions of the prominent band leaders, however, the present inertia is but a passing phase.

A section of band leaders regrets that there is no formal institution where one can learn to play western musical instruments in the western format. It is said that singing in band groups requires a different type of preparations from, say, singing in the classical mould. A better understanding of folk, classical, melody — is necessary for more subtle application and adaptation of tunes.

In spite of the present temporary lull in the band music arena, new band groups are coming up which testify to the growing popularity of this new trend in Bangla music. The frequency of band music programmes on the Bangladesh TV is an indicator in this respect. Among the new groups which lately came on the TV programmes, mention may be made of some of them, such as Seven Star, Pushpa Musical Band, Black Eyes, Torrent and Fair Touch.



Left Democratic Front (LDF) brought out a procession in the city yesterday, protesting the announcement of by-polls schedule. — Star photo

What's on today...

Art Photo Exhibition: The exhibition will be presented by the Photo-Line Club Nuparul Oradea, Romania. Venue: Gallery Tone. Time: 5 pm. The show will run till November 30, from 10 am to 8 pm everyday.

IUBAT award ceremony: International University of Business Agriculture and Technology (IUBAT) will organise the award ceremony. Venue: IUBAT campus. Time: 6:45 pm.

French film show: The film 'Rive Droite, Rive Gauche' will be screened. Venue: Alliance Francaise auditorium. Time: 6 pm.

Japanese film festival: The films, 'The Shimanto River', 'Sumo Do, Sumo Don't' and 'Tora-san Takes a Vacation' will be screened on the concluding day. Venue: Cultural Centre, Embassy of Japan. Time: 11 am.

Lions Clubs International: The organization will host a seminar on 'Leadership for Emancipation'. Venue: Purbani Hotel. Time: 4 pm.

BAFP lecture: The Bangladesh Academy of Family Physicians (BAFP) will hold a lecture on 'Psychiatry'. Venue: BSU lecture room, Eastern Plaza. Time: 9 am.

Saptagram Handloom Centre: The inaugural ceremony of the centre will be held. Venue: 60E Kamal Ataturk Avenue. Time: 3 pm.

Projomo '71: The fourth founding anniversary of its Dhaka city unit will be observed. Venue: 16/14, Azam Road, Mohammadpur. Time: 3:00 pm. Screening of the short film 'The War Criminals' will follow.

Women peasants' confce: The two-day South Asian Women Peasants' agricultural workers conference '95 will begin. Venue: BMDC auditorium, Sahbagh. Time: 10:30 am. Poet Sufia Kamal will inaugurate.

Asiatic Society talk: The 22nd monthly general meeting of the society will be held. Venue: The seminar room of the society. Time: 4:00 pm. Salauddin Ahmed, former defence secretary, will deliver a talk on 'Eradication of Poverty: Swanirvar Experience'.

Discussion on diabetic: A discussion meeting on 'Diabetic Education: The Price of Ignorance' will be held. Venue: Conference room of Bangladesh Private Medical Practitioners Association (BPMPA). Chief guest: President of the Bangladesh Diabetic Society Alamgir M A Kabir.

Weather

Dry weather likely

Light rain or drizzle is likely over regions of Khulna, Barisal, Patuakhali, Faridpur, Noakhali, Comilla and Chittagong during the next 12 hours till 6 pm today, reports UNB. Met Office says weather may remain mainly dry with cloudy sky elsewhere over the country. Night temperature is likely to rise by 1-2 degrees Celsius over the coastal regions and slight rise is expected elsewhere across the country. The sun sets today at 5.11 pm and rises tomorrow at 6.20 am. The country's highest temperature 31 degrees Celsius was recorded at Kutubdia and Chittagong and the lowest 14.2 degrees at Srimangal. The maximum and the minimum temperatures and humidity recorded in some major cities and towns yesterday were:

City/Town	Temperature in Celsius		Humidity in percentage	
	max	min	morning	evening
Dhaka	29.8	15.0	63	78
Chittagong	31.0	19.7	78	77
Rajshahi	28.4	16.6	81	-
Khulna	28.0	17.0	80	-
Barisal	28.2	16.4	82	-
Sylhet	28.6	17.0	71	78
Cox's Bazar	30.0	22.5	80	83

Viva rescheduled

The viva voce examinations for the post of assistant director under the office of the Chief Administrative Officer scheduled to be held tomorrow has been postponed for unavoidable circumstances. The examination will now be held on Nov 27 at the same time and venue, a press release of ISPR said yesterday, reports BSS.

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Sl No.	Name of the Posts & Scale of Pay	Age	Qualification & Experience
1	Sr. Research Officer (Immunology) Scale: Tk. 4800-7250/- plus other allowances.	40	PhD or equivalent degree in Immunology, or MPhil/MS/equivalent degree in Immunology with 7 yrs research experience; and 3 research papers published in reputed journals with evidence of continued research activities in recent past.
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