audio cassette

An Expatriate Enchantress

Rabindra Sangeet exponent Rakhi Chakravarty

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by Muneera Parbeen

RAKHI Chakravarty is an expatriate Bangladeshi singer. She has taken extensive training in Rabindra Sangeet at Shantiniketan, having trained under VV Wazelwar, Shantideb Ghosh, Biren Palit and the likes of Kanika Bandhapadhay and Nilima Sen.

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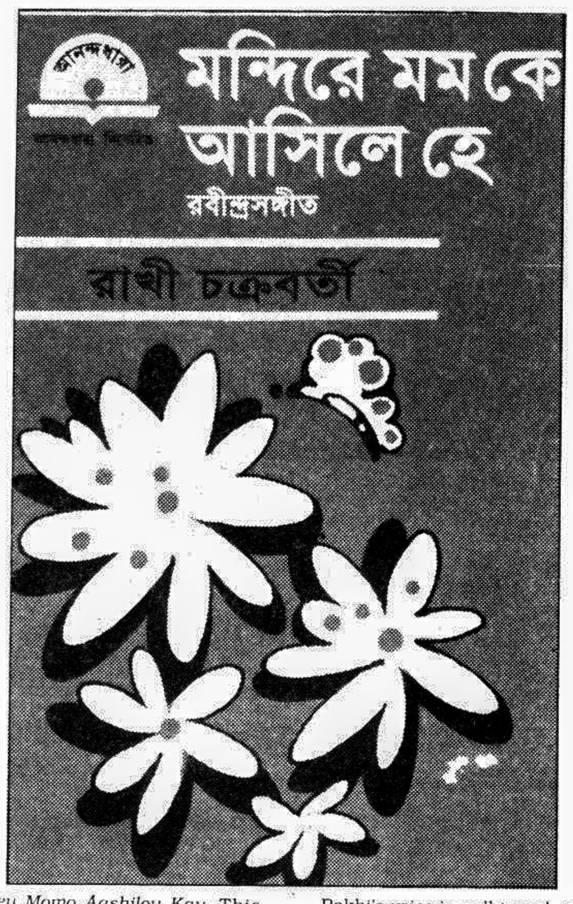
After Independence however, Rakhi moved on to England, settling there for good. She however always kept in touch with the Bangladeshi cultural area, singing for the BBC and expatriate gatherings regularly. She has recently brought out a cassette on Rabindra Sangeet after a long gap. *Mandirey Momo Aashiloy Kay* has been brought out by Anandadhara.

The collection is well-chosen and basically consists of slow numbers which are the more popular among Tagore's creations.

Aji Pronami Tomarey Chalibo, on side A is a devotional song whose beauty is brought out by the full, rich voice of Rakhi. *Madhur Tomar Shesh Je Napai*, the other song on this side is also a very popular piece by Tagore. It is presented beautifully as well. *Chokher Aloy Dekhechilem* is the other number that stands out on this side.

On the second side, the 1st song is the title number *Mandirey Momo Aashiloy Kay*. This number based on very different beat easily stands out as the best number in the cassette with its rich 'tabla' rhythms in the background. *Shakhi bhabona kaharay bole, chander hashic badh buengechey* and *Hai E Ki Shomapon* are the other songs worth listening to on this side.

Rakhi's voice is well tuned, a proof of her continuous practice to keep it atuned in the rich shades of Tagore's music. She has been singing for over 30 years, and time has apparently had no effect on her silken voice. This cassette in a digital recording base will only help us to appreciate her more.



tv preview

Diapannita: The Premiere

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Venue: Russian Cultural Centre

Date: 19th April 1999

Occasion: The Premiere of ëDipannitaï, a drama serial by Uttam Guha

It was just another evening: hot, humid and scalding, but not for Uttam Guha and his team - they were too busy to feel the heat. With the premiere of his latest drama just ahead, Uttam had no rest till the beginning of the premiere show at 7.30pm.

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The story begins with a scene where Morjina (Munira Yusuf Baby) wakes up to find herself behind a boat at the coast of the beach of St Martin Islands. As the sun shines brightly, she gets up and sees a boat approaching the coast.

Thereís my husband, heís coming back to meÕ. Heis comingÕi she moves towards the water, her hands reaching out to welcome her husband who had disappeared.

When they come closer, she realizes that it was just another fisherman in his boat, not her husband. Dejected and despondent, the mentally unstable Morjina moves away, waiting for the day when her husband will come back.

In order to fight illegal trade, the home ministry builds an institution called ëcoast guardï, and eliminates trafficking of goods, women and children and creates a socially friendly environment for all. The St. Martin Islands become the paragon of beauty and safety, where everyone leads a happy and fulfilling life.

Toiyob, a fisherman who had gone fishing returns home after quite some time and is held up by the coast guards, who searches his boat and finds nothing. iWe go fishing with our lives on the line, whereis the time for all this?i iSorry, we just had some information about it, thatis alli. On the other side, Toiyobis wife, Moyna, on hearing the news of Toiyobis arrival, comes to the coast to see her husband and takes him home. Then, one day, Moyna takes Toiyob to the coast of the beach and tells him that she is going to be the mother of his child. iIim going to be a father! Iim going to be a fatherli, Toiyob squeals out in ebullience and euphoria.

Days pass by, with everyone as contended as they can get, until, one fine day, Keramot, the devious con man comes back to the village. Keramot is seen as the picture of evil and corruption, as a man to be despised, not because of who he is, but because of what he did to others. The story goes on to show Keramots heinous crimes and how it affected the lives of the people in the village. The story depicts the tale of the ordinary people in the beautiful village, where people like Keramot had no place, it shows how they handle lifeis many tragedies, and what happens to people like Keramot.

This beautifully written play is of great entertainment value and has a story to tell... a good story to tell, and this is what makes it different from other drama serials. Brilliant acting on the part of all the actors and actresses involved, especially Munira Yusuf Baby, made it a better treat for all who were lucky enough to be there at the Russian Cultural Centre. And the ones who werenit there? No big deal, because iDipannitaï will be aired on BTV from a month from now. So, all you drama-lovers, happy waiting!

TV Guide

Friday 23rd April
(All programmes are in local time. The Daily Star will not be responsible for any change in the programme)

BBC

6:00 BBC News Followed by Weather **6:30** World Living: Talking Movies Tom Brook presents all the latest news and reviews from the US cinema scene with reprots from Hollywood and New York **7:00** BBC News Followed by Weather **7:30** Asia Today **7:45** World Business Report **8:00** BBC News Followed by Weather **8:30** Asia Today **8:45** World Business Report **9:00** BBC News Followed by Weather **9:30** Asia Today **9:45** World Business Report **10:00** BBC News Followed by Weather **10:30** USA Direct: From New York, the latest in news, entertainment and sport from across the USA including today's American Business News from Wall Street **11:00** BBC News Followed by Weather **11:30** World Focus: Panorama The BBC's flagship current affaris progrmame — with the best in reporting from Britain and around the world. **12:00** BBC World News Followed by Weather **12:30** Moneywise **1:00** BBC World News Followed by Weather **1:30** World Living Top Gear: A look at the Lexus IS200. James May tests out the two-litre sports salon from Toyota and Tiff Needlel takes to the track in two four-door supercars — the Mitsubishi Lancer EVO5 and the Subaru Imprezza 22B. **2:00** BBC World News Followed by Weather **2:30** World Focus: Panorama **3:00** BBC World News Followed by Weather **3:30** Hardtalk **4:00** BBC World News Followed by Weather **4:30** World Living: Talking Movies **5:00** The World Today **6:30** Wild World: Lifesense 3/6Partners for Life: The programme compares attitudes between different cultures to doemstic animals, from the viewpoint of animals in our lives and homes **7:00** BBC World News **7:15** World Business Report Followed by Weather **7:30** The World Today **8:00** World Living: Talking Movies **9:00** BBC World News Followed by Weather **10:00** BBC World News **10:15** World Business Report Followed by Weather **10:30** Question Time India: Dr Prannoy Roy chairs a distinguished panel of politicians and independent viewpoints in front of an audience asking the most important questions of the day **11:30** The World Today **12:30** Hardtalk

CHANNEL [V]

8:30 Rewind VJ Sophiya **9:30** Zabardast Hits **12:00** House Arrest **12:30** Udam Singh **1:00** Zabardast Hits **2:30** First Day First Show **3:00** Turn On T [V] **4:30** BackBench **5:30** Turn On T [V] **7:00** Weekender Bheja Fry **7:30** First Day First Show **8:00** House Arrest **8:30** The Indian Top Ten **9:00** News Magazine **9:30** First Day First Show Special **10:00** Turn On T [V] **10:30** The Ticket **10:45** Turn On T [V] **11:00** Get Up & Dance **2:00** Turn On T [V]

STAR PLUS

6:30 Ninaad **7:30** Good Morning India **9:15** Dress Circle **9:30** Good Morning India **11:30** It's a Small World **12:00** Prime Minister Speak **12:30** This Week That Year **1:00** Meri Awaz Suno **1:30** Good Food Guide **2:00** Is Duniya Ke Sitarey **2:30** Yeh Hai Raaz **3:00** Swabhiman **3:30** Tea Time Cinema: "Kala Sona" (Feroz Khan, Parveen Babi) **6:30** Small Wonder **7:00** So Let's Yahoo **7:15** Dress Circle **7:30** Star News (Hindi) **8:00** Eureka **8:30** Maal Hai To Taal Hai **9:00** Pal Chinn **9:30** Star News **10:00** Mustercard Family Fortune **10:30** Star Talk **11:00** Aaj Ki Baat **11:30** Ek Din Ek Jeevan **12:00** Saans **12:30** The Bold And The Beautiful **1:00** Newhart **1:30** Baywatch Nights **2:30** The Knock **3:30** Series: L A Law **4:30** Santa Barbara **5:30** The Oprah Winfrey Show

STAR MOVIES

7:30 Comedy : True Identity **9:30** Drama: Swing Kids **11:30** Family: Ernest Saves Christmas 12 **1:30** Thriller: Blood and Wine **3:30** Comedy : True Identity **5:30** Drama: Norma Rae 12 **7:30** Drama: Raging Bull **9:30** UK Top Ten **10:00** Friday Night: All Stars: Heavens Prisoners 15 **12:15** Friday Fury: Best of Martial Art Films **2:15** Drama: Norma Rae 12 **5:00** Drama: Raging Bull

PTV-2

8:00 Tilwat Aur Tarjuma/Hamd/Naat **8:20** Boltay Haath **8:35** Sada-E-Kashmir **9:10** Dastar Khwaan **9:35** Karb (Serial) **11:00** Aap Ke Farmaesh Pop **11:30** Fakir-E-Alam Game Show **12:30** Sports Prog **2:02** Bismillah **2:15** Fehm-ul-Quran **2:40** Natak Rang (Sindhi) **3:25** Ek Raat Ek Kahani (Drama) **4:40** Sehat Aur Sukoon (Drama) **5:25** Biology for 10th **5:55** Uffaq (Serial) **6:25** Aiou Course **7:20** Full House (Comedy Eng. Film) **7:45** English News **8:10** Fun Time Poppet Show **8:00** Tiffin **8:45** Paal Do Paal (Serial) **9:00** Break for Headlines News **10:00** Khabarnama & Commercial News **10:35** Lollywood Top Ten Countdown Film Music **11:35** Serial: Pinjira **12:00** Friday Night Classic Cinema & Khas Khabrain/Close Down

The Sempsons on Star World at 12:30 pm

Peak Practice on Star World at 8 pm

ZEE INDIA TV

7:00 Jagran **7:30** To 11:30 PM Every Half Hour - Zee News Hindi **12:00** Zee CountDown **12:30** The Dream Marchant **1:00** Vision Beyond-50 **1:30** BQC **2:00** Zee News- Hindi **2:20** Zee Face To Face **2:30** Hum Zamen **3:00** Zee News-Hindi **3:30** Beech Shahar **4:00** Teer Kaman **4:30** Jaanch Ya Aanch **5:00** The Tech. Show

MTV INDIA

7:00 Non-Stop Hits **8:00** MTV Hanging Out Vj Rahul/Sonia **9:00** Classic MTV Vj Sarah/Rahul **10:00** Non-Stop Hits **10:30** MTV Most Wanted Vj Nadya **11:30** MTV Chill Out Vj Shehnaz/ Amrita / Nikhil **12:30** MTV Hit Film Music **1:00** MTV HouseFull V Nafisa **1:30** MTV In Control- **Cricket** **2:30** MTV Select Vj Nikhil **3:30** Love Line Vj Malaika **4:00** Non-Stop Hits **4:30** Pepsi Dance Connection Special- **TV MTV 5:30** MTV Most Wanted Vj Nadya **6:30** MTV Chill Out Vj Shehnaz/Amrita/Nikhil **7:30 MTV** & Kenwood India Hit List Vj Rahul **8:00** MTV & Smirnoff Mega Mix Vj Nafisa **8:30** Non-Stop Hits **9:30** MTV Hit Film Music **10:00** House Full Vj Nafisa **10:30** Non-Stop Hits **11:30 The Grind (Beach Show)** **12:30** Non-Stop Hits Continue....

MUSIC ASIA

7:30 Aalaap **8:00** B&W Gems **8:30** All Time Hits **9:00** Hit Parade **9:30** World Premirere **9:45** Brake Fail **10:30** Hit Mix **11:00** Colgate Zig Zag Best Of The Day **11:30** Bajaj Music Box **12:00** World Premiere **12:15** Medimix Madhur Moments **12:30** Bakeman's Star Ek Mood Anek **12:45** Pop Re Pop **1:00** Jharokha **1:30** Teen Interact **2:00** Pop Re Pop **2:15** World Premiere **2:30** Orpat Telephone Pop O Mania **3:00** All Time Hits **3:30** Medimix Madhur Moments **3:45** Bakeman's Star Ek Mood Anek **4:00** World Premiere **4:15** Pop Re Pop **4:30** Bajaj Music Box **5:00** Super Vasmol 33 Keshkala Old Is Gold **5:30** Hit Mix **6:00** Brake Fail **6:45** World Premiere **7:00** Hit Parade **7:30** All Time Hits **8:00** Bakeman's Star Ek Mood Anek **8:15** Medimix Madhu Moments **8:30** Music Mag **9:00** Double Mint Double Mazaa **9:30** Bajaj Music Box **10:00** Old Tavern Sizzlers **10:30** Jharokha **11:00** Brake Fail **11:45** Shabab **12:15** Pop Re Pop **12:30** Old Tavern Sizzlers **1:00** Sa Re Ga Na **1:30** Jharokha **2:00** Bajaj Music Box **2:30** World Premiere **2:45** Pop Re Pop **3:00** Geeton Ki Bahar

STAR WORLD

6:00 Aerobics Oz Style **6:30** Brittas Empire **7:00** Pierre Franey's Cooking in France **7:30** The Wonder Years **8:00** Lassie **8:30** Newhart **9:00** Walker Texas Ranger **1:00** The Oprah Winfrey Show **12:00** Santa Barbara **1:00** The Bold And The Beautiful **1:30** Topical Heat **2:00** Movie TV **3:00** Lassie **3:30** Small Wonder **4:00** Brittas Empire **4:30** World News **5:00** Asia News Update **5:05** World Business Report **5:30** Home Improvement **6:00** Dr Quinn Medicine Woman **7:00** Heartbeat **8:00** Peak Practice **9:00** The Bold And The Beautiful **9:30** Home Improvement **10:00** Dr Quinn Medicine Woman **11:00** Heartbeat **2:30** The Simson **1:00** Series: Home Improvement **1:30** Series: Newhart **2:00** Brittas Empire **2:30** The Bold And The Beautiful **3:00** The Wonder Years **3:30** Mr Belvedere **4:00** Arobics Oz Style **4:30** World News **5:00** Voyage to the Bottom of the Sea

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10:25 Janmadin (Birthday Greetings) **10:35** Daily Sope: Shree Ram Krishna **11:00** Daily Sope: Dropadi (*Rupa Ganguli, Suneetra, Kushal, Sankar) **11:15** Classical/Folk Songs **11:30** Parliament Hour / Musical **12:30** Daily Sope: Kunja Villa **1:00** Daily Sope: Aakash Choaa **1:30** Daily Sope: Rupkatha **2:00** Daily Sope: Kanakanjali **2:30** Daily Sope: Shree Ram Krishna **3:00** Daily Sope: Maha Probhu **3:30** Daily Sope: Mohini **3:55** Daily Sope: Bhangagarar Khela **4:20** Nepali Prg. **5:05** Aainer Darpan / Shilpa Jagat / Health Prog./ Drama **5:30** News **5:40** Gaan **5:50** Palli Katha **6:10** Shilpi **6:40** Khas Khabar **6:50** Daily Sope: Janmabhumi (*Sabbaysachi, Anuradha, Shankar) **7:30** Bangla Sambad **8:00** Bela Abela (Serial *Mamtasankar, Biplab Chatarjee, Sreela Mazumdar, Apurba) **8:30 Abashesee** (Serial *) **9:00** Daily Sope: Janmabhumi (*Sabbaysachi, Anuradha, Shankar) **9:30** Daily Sope: Dropadi (*Rupa Ganguli, Suneetra, Kushal, Sankar) **10:00** Khas Khabar **10:10 Bengali Movie**

DD CHANNEL-1 (National)

5:55 Vande Mataram & Thought of The day **6:00** Serial: Aradhana **6:30** UGC Prog. **7:30** Samachar **7:45** Suba Sabera **8:45** The News **8:50** This Morning's Business **9:00** Suba Sabera **9:30** Nayna **10:00** UGC Prog. **10:30** Serial : Tarang **11:30** Serial : Youg **12:30** Serial: Aurat **1:00** Serial: Aparaajita **1:30** Serial: Itihaas **1:30** Serial: Waqt ki Raftar **2:30** News in Hindi **2:40** News in English **2:50** Serial: Roop Suhane **3:00** Serial: Aap Ki Shanti **3:30** Serial : Ujala **4:00** Tea Time Monoranjan **4:30** Sunhare Sapne **5:00** Choti Se Aasha **5:30** Music **6:00** Buzurgon Ke Liye **6:15** CIET Programme **6:30** Dilli Aajtak **6:45** Falak **7:00** Krishi Darshan **7:30** Samachar **7:45** Paricramma **8:00** Fera Feri **8:25** Serial: Geet Bahar **9:00** Samachar **9:30** The News **10:00** Serial: Idhar Udhar **10:30** Serial: Nehle Pe Dehla **11:32** Serial: Iyadgaar **12:02** Spl. Prog.

SONY TV

7:30 Kabhi Yeh Kabhi Woh **8:00** Risiprasad **8:30** Movers & Shekars **9:00** Chartbusters (Trailer Show) **09:30** Cine Clips **10:00** Star Yaar Kalakar (Contest Show) Gust — **Radhika Vs Monaj Prabhakar** **11:00** The Poppadum Show **11:30** Bhanwar (Based On Tru Story) **#60 Ep** **12:30** World of Cricket **1:00** Chartbusters (Trailer Show) **1:30** Cine Clips **2:00** Boogi Woogi **2:30** Kabhi Yeh Kabhi Woh **3:00** Rang Birangee-Songs **3:30** Junoon **4:00 Cine Mateeni-Hindi Feature Film: Dream Girl (*Hema Malini, Dharmendra)** **7:30** Cine Clips (Trailer Show) **8:00** Chartbusters (Trailer Show) **8:30** **Toofan Mail** With Guest- **(Anchore- Rossan Abbas)** **9:00** Just Mohabbat #94 (*Kabita Kapoor) **9:35** **Heena # Ep-18 (*Simone Singh, Rahul Bhat, Rakhi Vijan, Neena Kulkarni)** **10:05 Choti Si Asha #6** **10:40** Moovers & Shakers **11:10** Ek Mahal Ho Sapno Ka **11:45** Junoon **12:15** Cine Clips **12:30** Dekh Bhai Dekh **1:00** Chamatkar **1.30** Bhanwar (Based On True Story) #60 Ep **2.00** Saaya #22 **2:30** Rang Birangee-Songs **3:00** Kabhi Yeh Kabhi Woh **3:30 Cine Nite Show-Hindi Feature Film: Main Suhagan Hoon**

Ernest Saves Christmas on Star Movies at 11:30 am

ZEE TV

6:00 Yaadon Ki Pal B/W Songs **6:30** Zee News (Rept) **6:50** Jhalak-Trailer **7:30** Jagran **8:00** Jr. Horlicks-Choti Choti Batein **8:30** Adhikar **9:00** Disney Hour (Cartoon) **10:00** Zara Has Ke-Filmi Chakkar **10:30** Ek Nazar **11:00** Cross Fire **11:30** Zanjeerein #65 **12:00** **Techaar #99** (*Sachin Khedkar, Mrinali Kulkarni, Alokhnath, Akhaye Anand, **Kunika**, Mahesh Thakur) **12:30** Khana Khazana (Cooking Tips) **1:00** Baat Ban Jaaye #87 (*Rohit Roy, Nikki, Rakhi) **1:30** Naye Nazrane **2:00** Daily Sope-Hum Panch (Rpt.) (*Amita, Rakhi Vijan) **2:30** Saath Saath #6 (*Seema Kapoor, Rituraj) **3:00** Raahat **3:30 Cinema Hits-HF Film: Mera Saaya (*Sunil Dutta, Sadhna)** **6:30** Ek Nazar (Film Trailer show) **7:30** Disney Hour Cartoons **8:00** Eno-Chalo Cinema **8.30** Close Up Antakshiri (game show Anchore-Anu kapoor, Renuka Sahani) **9.00 Rishtey** #Ep **Highway (*Aditya Srivastava, Kartika Rane)** **10:00** **ASHIRWAD #Ep-40 (*Sandhya Mredul, Nasir, Poonam Narula, Govind Nameed, Navin Nischal)** **12.30** Rin Super 7 Muqabala **1:30** Raahein #3 **2:00** Zee News **2:30** Zee Arabia: Do Aur Do Panch **3:00 Hindi Feature Film: Sazaa (*Dev Anand, Nimmi)**

Heartbeat on Star World at 11 pm

DD METRO

3.00 Jharokha **3.10** SPORTS TIME **3:30** Dhalti Sham Ki Suraj **4.00** Ank Ajooba **4:30** Sports Hour **5.30** Jaldi Jaldi Game **6:00** Mickey And Donald **6.30** He Man & Thje Masters of Universe **7:00** Chip And Dale **7.30** Telesoccar **7:50** Entertainment Now/Cinema Cinema **8.00** Light Music/ Mazhab Nahi Shikha **8.30** Shreemam Shreemati (Serial) **9.00** All The Best (Countdown-20) **10.00** Ehsaas (serial) **10.30** Aaj Tak (News Up-date) **10:50** Road Watch **11.00** Jharokha (Trailerr Show) **11:05** Journeys To Art **11:30** Feature Film In English.

DD INT'L

9:30 Opening & News in English **9:45** Business Plus **10:00** Chitrahar (meet the film star) **10:30** Asian AM **11:00** Light Music **11:15** Suravi (Renuka sahani) **11:45** Gul Gulshan Gulfam (serial) **12:15** Bharat Samachar (News in Hindi)

ZEE CINEMA

8:15 YAADGAR Manoj Kumar, Nutan **11:15** MOVIE FARE **11:30** JIGRI DOST Jeetendra, Mumtaz **2:30** MADHYANTAR **2:45** RERUN **3:15** MAAHIR Govinda, Farah **6:15** EK MOOD ANEK **6:30** CINE SANGEET **6:45** CHALO CINEMA **7:15** HOUSE-FULL HITS KHILADI Akshay Kumar, Ayesha Jhulka **10:30** MAHAVEERA Raj Kumar, Dharmendra, Dimple Kapadia **1: 45** LIMCA IKKE PE IKKA **2:15** ARJUN **5:15** NAAMI CHOR

CARTOON NETWORK

5:30 World Famous Toons **6:30** The Real Adventure of Jhonny **7:00** Tom & Jerry Kids **7:30** The Popeye Show **8:00** Scooby & Scrappy D **8:30** Perils Of Penelope **9:00** Josie & Pussycate **9:30** Drink The Little **10:00** Flinstone Kids **10:30** Riche Rich **11:00** Top Cat **11:30** Captain Planet **12:00** Scooby Doo **12:30** The Cartoon Grand Pix **1:30** Fantastic Max **2:00** Crocadoo **2:30** The New Scooby Doo Moyles **3:30** Sky Commanders **4:00** Centurons **4:30** Swats Kats