

## art Creating Colours with Children



Masuma Khan

MASUMA Khan, who is giving regular lessons with the children at Alliance Francaise, with workshops every Friday morning, began her courses at the French cultural centre in '86. Earlier she had begun with the Goethe Institut but could not continue there for lack of space. The then director of the Alliance Francaise Andre Raynouard then helped her out. Masuma says, "I feel that the imagination of the children is enormous, but they need some guidance. I feel comfortable with children and they too enjoy my presence. There should be more than cable TV to guide

by Fayza Haq



Children learning at Masuma's class at Alliance Francaise

them. There is pin drop silence in my class as I teach them composition, perspective and how to handle water colour and pastel. The classes are held four times a year and they consist of three months each. I teach the children how to observe, draw lines and then put colours. The age range of the children is from 7 to 16."

Masuma adds, "Sometimes the guardians want dramatic progress in three months and

expect masterful strokes in a short time which is impossible to obtain. In any case, the children come back again and again. It is very heartening when a medical student once came to me and told me that I had taught him when he was a child. Sometimes a toddler I had known seven years ago, comes to learn from me as a grown child."

"Once 20 students painted for two and a half hours on a 20

feet paper and worked on the theme of a happy village. The purpose was to portray the dreams and hopes of children of Bangladesh. This was partly sponsored by the UNICEF and partly by Alliance Francaise and this gave me enormous satisfaction."

She says about her students, "I feel very satisfied when parents come to me and say that the child has poor marks in Art or that the child lacks confi-

dence and lo behold, in three months, the child improves by leaps and bounds. It is a child who hesitates when confronted with paints, at first after the workshop is full of enthusiasm — this is heartening indeed. I am allotted two rooms and 30 seats but on request more are often taken. The youngest boys like to paint aeroplanes and cars while all go crazy about cartoons. Girls like to paint scenes with flowers and villages. I help the

children to compose their themes. Guiding 30 students is not easy. It is tiring but nevertheless gives me great pleasure and a sense of satisfaction. I bring simple drawings and books on children's paintings and this helps to guide the children. The art materials are brought by the children themselves."

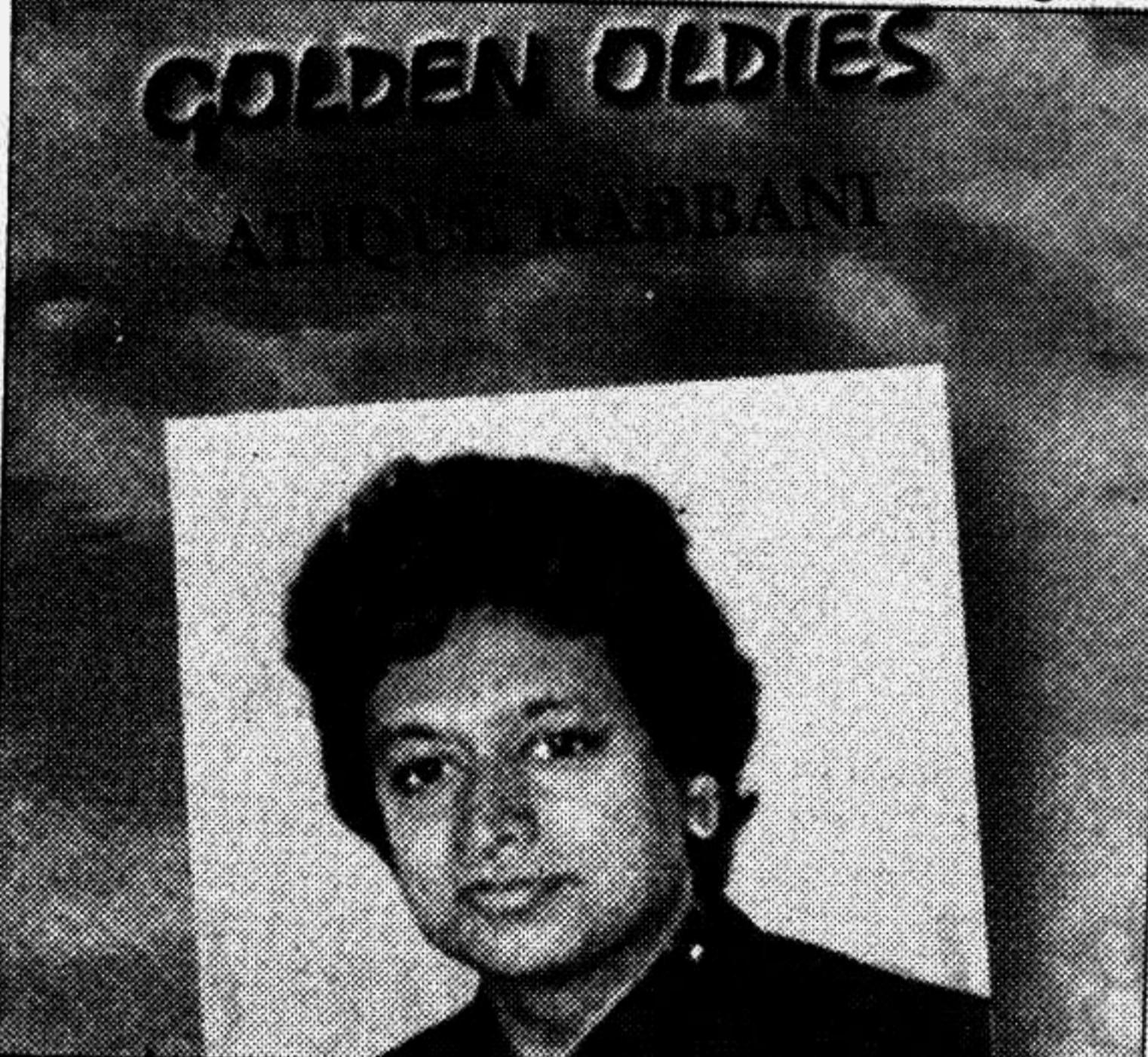
Masuma continues about herself when asked to elaborate on her own work, "I used to do impressionism around the late nineties. Now I am doing semi-abstract in acrylic, oil and water-colour. Last time I dealt with nature, life, feelings and the theme of water. I have had 11 solos in the United Nations Information Centre, Alliance Francaise (thrice), Goethe Institut (twice) and the Lion's Club sponsored me too. I have had three exhibitions of the workshops held at Alliance Francaise."

Masuma loves to experiment with forms. In many of her works she has tried to blend abstract with the reality and the blending has led to a new dimension, which have made the paintings interesting. Love as a human emotion pervades all the paintings. Whether the artist has depicts the travails of a person who remains sleepless at night or a forsaken woman, the artist deals with the subject in her own style. Her paintings always speak of hope. Even in a painting like "Insomnia" the artist depicts optimism despite the struggle against oppression and the loneliness of modern time.

Masuma won the President's medal in All Pakistan Competition in '60-'61. She won a Jaycees prize in '85 and in '97 who was selected one of the top ten women of Bangladesh by "Annana."

## audio cassette Going West with Golden Oldies

Rabbani's brush with old English songs



ATIQUE Rabbani makes a bold venture with his album of old English music, just out from Dawn studio. The cassette titled 'Golden Oldies' contains numbers as popular and favourites as Vincent, Jamaican Farewell, Yesterday When I Was Young and Annie's Song.

by Muneera Parbeen

The problem with singing old numbers is that they are all already popularised by more or less famous singers and when these songs are brought out again, there is the unfair but unavoidable comparison with the original ones. This undue factor does work in subduing the charm of the new pieces and many a listener remains biased to the original ones.

With *Golden Oldies* too, it's

extremely difficult not to be biased, to be very frank. Songs which have been favourites for ages are put to test again on a new platter. Atique Rabbani's voice is naturally full and husky, it however does not strike out as one that has been enriched with continual practice. However, modern songs really are not limited by the appeal of a well 'tuned-sound' as we are so often inclined to expect in South Asia. Rabbani's voice is rich and full in this piece, at times reminding you of Julio Iglesias and his cooling love songs in his heavily Spanish-accented English.

This is not to say that one or two numbers in the cassette does not play up to the mark. "Jamaican Farewell" is not only sung well but also accompanied by good background music. *Yesterday When I Was Young* is another number that stands out among the rest. Rabbani's voice is rich and full in this piece, at times reminding you of Julio Iglesias and his cooling love songs in his heavily Spanish-accented English.

All in all, *Golden Oldies* is not really worth spending even a few takas on. It is far more worth the *quid* if one takes the trouble to seek out the original ones which are also widely available. The recording of the cassette at low noise, is also not recommended.

## TV Guide

Sunday 25th April  
(All programmes are in local time. The Daily Star will not be responsible for any change in the programme)

BBC

6:00 BBC World News Headlines 6:30 World Living: Holiday 7:00 BBC World News 7:30 World Focus: Correspondent 8:00 BBC World News 8:30 World Focus: Simpson's World 9:00 BBC World News 9:30 Hard Talk: 10:00 BBC World News 10:30 This Week 11:00 BBC World News 11:30 India Business Report 12:00 BBC World News 12:30 Wild World: Land of the Tiger #4/12- Sacred Waters Pt-2 1:00 BBC World News 1:30 Hard Talk: 2:00 BBC World News 2:30 30 World Focus: This Week 3:00 BBC World News Headlines 3:05 World Weekend: Crossing The Lines #3/3- War Rules 4:00 BBC World News 4:30 World Living: Talking Movies #11/13 5:00 BBC World News 5:30 Reporters 6:00 BBC World News Headlines 6:05 World Weekend: Peoples Century #17/26 - 1959 Endangered Planet 7:00 BBC World News 7:30 World Living: Top Gear 8:00 BBC World Headlines 8:10 Dateline London 9:00 BBC World Headlines 9:05 World Focus: Panorama Special: When Good Man Do Nothing 10:00 BBC World News 10:30 India Business Report 11:00 BBC World News 11:05 World Weekend: Crossing The Lines #3/3- War Rules 12:00 BBC World News 12:30 World News Headlines 1:00 BBC World News 1:05 World Weekend: Peoples Century #17/26 - 1959 Endangered Planet 2:30 World Living: One Foot In The Past #2/3- One Foot In The Continent 4:30 HARDtalk: 5:00 BBC

World Newsdesk inc. World Report/24 Hours

CHANNEL [V]

8:30 Rewind VJ Sophiya 9:30 Catch 10:00 House Arrest 10:30 Turn on TV



Xena on Star World at 11:00 am

11:30 Cabaret Cabaret 12:00 Toofan TV 12:30 First Day First Show 1:00 Udam Singh 1:30 Indian Top 10 2:00 Zabardast Hits 4:00 Sunday Special Virgin Choice 5:00 Zabardast Hits 7:30 Kingfisher Manga Hai 8:30 Zabardast Hits 10:00 Ajeeb Dastan 12:30 Star News Sunday 1:30 India Business Week 2:00 Colgate Total World Cup Magic Moments 3:00 Movie: "Forever Amber" 5:00 Series: The Knock

STAR PLUS

6:30 Ninaad 7:30 Good Morning India 8:30 Animals of Farthing Woods 9:00 Animal Adventure 9:15 Dress Circle 9:30 Ek Do Teen 10:30 Janata Ki Adalat 11:00 Shotgun Shoot 11:30 Prime Minis-

STAR MOVIES

7:30 Comedy: License to Drive 18 9:30 Comedy: Getting Away With 12 11:00 Bhaskar Ghose Show 11:30 Sunday Best: Light Sleeper 15 1:30 Romance: Matinee 3:30 Thriller: Island of Dr Moreau 5:30 Comedy: Noises Off 7:30 Beautiful Women of Film: Vital Signs 15 9:30 The Bhaskar Ghose Show 10:00 Sunday Night Premiere: The Game 12:15 Comedy: Noises Off 2:30 Thriller: Light Sleeper 15 4:15 Comedy: Getting Away With Murder 12 6:00 Drama: Vital Signs 15

MTV INDIA

7:00 MTV Hanging Out VJ Sonia 9:00 House of Style 9:30 Non-Stop Hits 0:30 Best of ... 1:30 Made in India VJ Cyrus 2:00 MTV Hipshakers 2:30 MTV Hit Music 1:00 MTV House Full V Nafisa 1:30 Non-Stop Hits 2:30 MTV In Control-Cricket 3:30 MTV-U VJ Cyrus 4:30 MTV Ek Do Teen VJ Raageshwari 5:30 MTV & Kenwood India HitList VJ Rahul 6:30 Non-Stop Hits 7:30 MTV Recycled 9:30 MTV Hit Film Music 10:00 House Full VJ Nafisa 10:30 MTV Fresh VJ Rahul 11:00 Shimroo Mega Mix VJ Nafisa 11:30 Destination Dance - The Grind - Beach Show 12:00 MTV Unplugged 1:00 Non-Stop Hits Continue...

MUSIC ASIA  
7:00 Aalaap 8:00 B.W. Gems 8:30 All Time Hits

The X-Files on Star World at 8:00 pm



The Crow on Star World at 11 PM

In Double Take, Draven is furious when the discovers that a young woman has assumed Shelly's identity. He tracks her down but during their confrontation realises that she has taken the ID to escape from the Mob, which has already killed her husband. Draven's intervention unwittingly exposes her to her pursuers, forcing him to save her from becoming their latest victim. Along the way, both Draven and the woman Antonia Scanlin, are able to find that rare friend of the opposite sex who can understand how deeply in love they were with their dead partners. Draven cannot yet move on to re-unite with Shelly, but he can help Antonia to her heart's desire.



The Game on Star Movies at 10 PM

There are no clues in 'The Game' and that will make life very difficult for Nicholas Van Orton, a shrewdly successful businessman who is always in control. Well-bred and well-schooled, Van Orton lives a well-ordered life until an unexpected birthday gift from his brother destroys it all. Starring Michael Douglas and Sean Penn.

9:00 Hit Parade 9:30 World Premiere 9:45 Brake Fall 10:30 Hit Mix 11:00 Colgate Zig Zag Best Of The Day 11:30 Bajaj Music Box 12:00 World Premiere 12:15 Madinix Madhur Moments 12:30 Bakeman's Star Ek Mood Anek 12:55 Pop Re-Pop 1:00 Jharokha 1:30 Best Of The Best 2:15 World Premiere 2:30 Double Mint Double Maaza 3:00 All Time Hits 3:30 Madinix Madhur Moments 7:30 Pop Buster 08:00 Bakeman's Star Ek Mood Anek 8:15 Madinix Madhur Moments 8:30 House Of Choice 9:00 Pop Korn 9:30 Bajaj Music Box 10:00 Tavern Sizzlers 10:30 Jharokha 11:00 Brake Fall 11:45 Shabab

DD 7 9:00 Sure Sadhak 9:30 Movie Club Film (Last Thursday's Film Rpt) 2:30 Sawal Zabaw 1:30 Movie Club Film (Last Friday's Film Rpt) 3:30 Geet Sangeet 4:30 Sunday Bangla Film 5:30 News 7:30 Pop Buster 08:00 Bakeman's Star Ek Mood Anek 8:15 Madinix Madhur Moments 8:30 House Of Choice 9:00 Pop Korn 9:30 Bajaj Music Box 10:00 Tavern Sizzlers 10:30 Jharokha 11:00 Brake Fall 11:45 Shabab

DD CHANNEL-1 (National)  
5:55 Vande Mataram & Thought of The Day 6:00 Serial: Aradhana 6:30 UGC Programmes 7:30 Samachar 7:40 Rangoli 8:40 The News 8:50 The World News 9:00 Gao Saachi Bani 9:30 Shri Krishna (Serial) 10:30 Serial: Sangeet 4:30 Sunday Bangla Film 5:30 News 7:30 Bangla Samadhi 8:00 Serial: Pratigya 8:30 Serial: Baro Theke Atharo 9:00 Serial: Surja Snaan 9:30 Serial: Sidhanta 10:30 Sambad

DD INT'L 9:30 Opening & News in English 9:45 Business Plus 10:00 Chitraraj (meet the film star) 10:30 Asian AM 11:00 Light Music 11:15 Suravi (Renuka Sahani) 11:45 Gul Gulshan Gulshan (serial) 12:15 Bharat

SONY TV 7:30 Khoa Khoa Chand 8:00 Rishiprasad 8:30 Ramayan 9:30 The Popadum Show 10:00 Chartbusters (Trailer Show) 10:30 World Of Cricket 11:00 Indian Holiday (Travel Show) 11:30 Cine Clips (Trailer Show) 12:00 Bajaj Ki Lrehren (Film Magazine Show) 12:30 The Monster Quiz

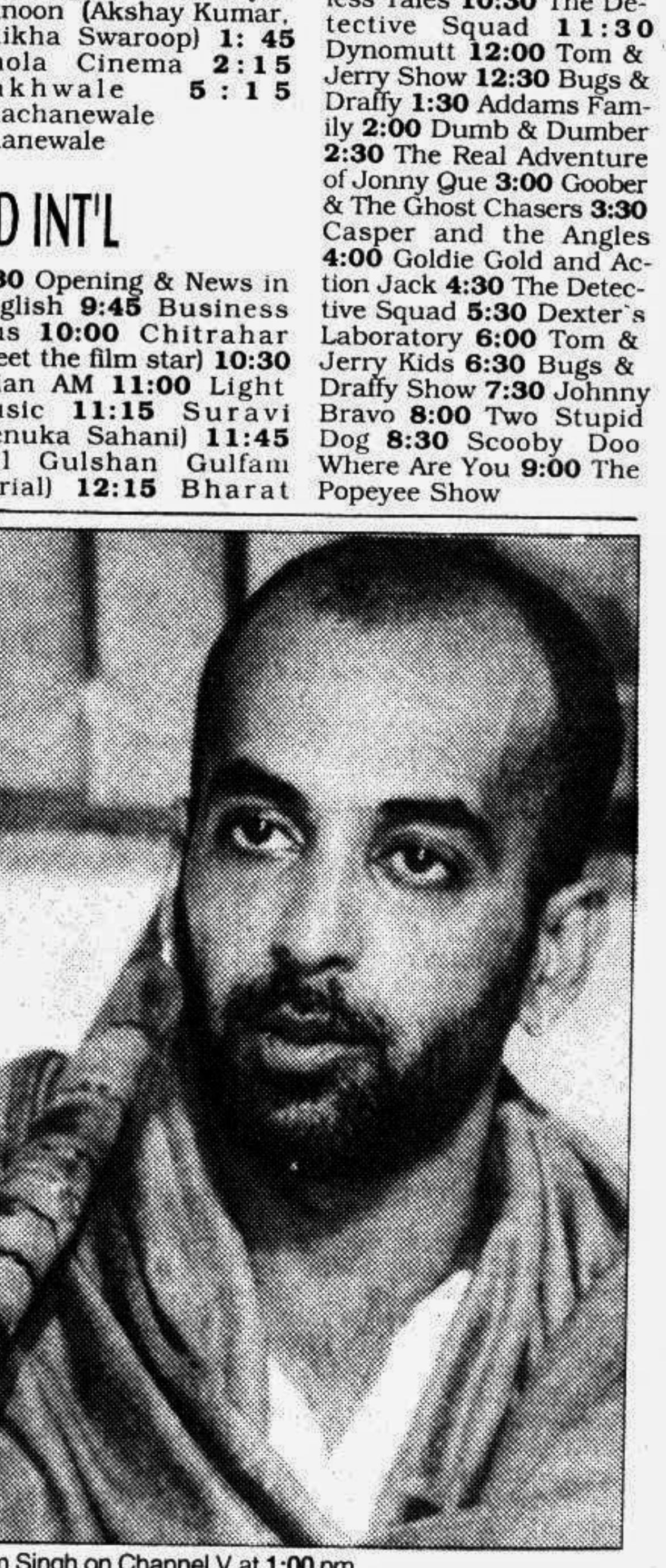
1:00 Malgudi Days 1:30 The Good Home Show 2:00 Uncensored (Anchore: Archana Puran Singh) 2:30 Cine Prime Hindi Film Show : Koshish ("Sanjeev Kumar, Jaya Bhaduri") 5:30 Mahayagya (Serial) 6:00 Aahat Jadoo Pt-2 6:30 Boogi Oowgi 7:00 CID (Serial) Death By Drowning Pt-2 7:30 Aadab Aarz Ha 8:30 RAMAYAN 9:30 Kehne Mein Kya Hari Ha 10:00 Special: India Down Under: Cricket 1:00 Star Yaar Kalakar Gust (Game Show On Songs) 2:00 Toofan Mail 2:30 Rangeela Re (Hit Songs Show) 3:00 The Popadum Show 3:30 Cine-Hindi Feature Film: Main Chup Rahungi

ZEE CINEMA

8:15 B&W Hits Ek Phool Char Kante (Sunil Dutt, Waheeda Rehman) 11:15 2:30 Madhyantar 2:45 Ujala Film Baatein 3:15 Movie of the Month Yaarana (Rishi Kapoor, Madhuri Dixit) 6:15 Ek Mood Anek 6:45 Ilke Pe Ikka 7:15 Salma (Raj Babbar, Salma Agha) 10:30 Kaya Kanoon (Akshay Kumar, Shikha Swaroop) 1:45 Chola Cinema 2:15 Rakhwale 5:15 Naachanewale

Gaanewale

DD INT'L 9:30 Flintstones 7:30 The Popeye Show 8:00 Scooby & Scrappy D 8:30 Cave Kids 9:00 Big Bag 10:00 Timeless Tales 10:30 The Detective Squad 11:30 Dynomutt 12:00 Tom & Jerry Show 12:30 Bugs & Druffy 1:30 Addams Family 2:00 Dumb & Dumber 2:30 The Real Adventure of Jonny Que 3:00 Gooyer & The Ghost Chasers 3:30 Casper and the Angles 4:00 Goldie Gold and Action Jack 4:30 The Detective Squad 5:30 Dexter's Laboratory 6:00 Tom & Jerry Kids 6:30 Bugs & Druffy Show 7:30 Johnny Bravo 8:00 Two Stupid Dog 8:30 Scooby Doo Where Are You 9:00 The Popeye Show



Udam Singh on Channel V at 1:00 pm