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The Bangladeshi Fashion Drum Begins to Beat

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By Shahana Parbeen

THE 9th floor of Rahman Chamber at Motijheel reverberated with the sound of drums and music on Tuesday afternoon. Bibi Productions was celebrating the completion of its fourth year. The exploding drums and the *baul* songs set every body swinging to the mood. The members of Bibi Productions along with the *Bayati Shapan* and his group, were almost in a frenzy. Every new song seemed to inject new vigour into them as they danced without inhibitions in the narrow space between the stage and the audience. Their joy was boundless and befittingly so.

In addition to the completion of 4 successful years in business Bibi Russel had something more to celebrate. She has been awarded Honorary Fellowship from the London Institute on May 13 last for her significant role in promotion of our local weavers. Her tireless perseverance has finally gained her international recognition in yet another field of her work.

What is more, she has been appointed a cultural advisor by UNESCO for supporting traditional African weavers.

Amidst the songs and laughter, Bibi shared her thoughts with the visitors present. She said that she feels that the award belongs not only to her but also to her 20 workers as well as all the weavers whose craft she has been so tirelessly promoting. She wants to dedicate her life for their cause, to save this dying culture of our country, she said. And she feels that each and every Bangladeshi needs to come forward and help the weavers. Considering the products on display, Madame Russell has got some pretty innovative creations made from natural products and most everyone is sure to like to use them.

Items were displayed on the 1st floor of Rahman chamber. There were Jamdani sarees with intricate work on the *Paar* (border). The price range of these sarees was from Tk. 1600 to 6500. Men's Punjabis in checks were on sale for Tk 340 and around. Other items in-

cluded bedsheet, ladies' shawls in cotton and Rajshahi silk, shoulder bags (Tk 175), caps (Tk 30), and bangles made of straw, jute and cane.

A particularly eye catching item on display and sale were the casual shoes made of cloth. With prices ranging from Tk 100 to 180 these ought to be a hit with the fashionable young ladies because of their innovative styles, colourful materials used and comfortable heels.

Since most of the items to be displayed were as yet stuck at the Zia Airport due to some 'technical problems' on their way back from an exhibition in London, the people here will not be able to see all them all. Copies of a few have been put on display and these include a very eye catching blue dress made of Jamdani material. Also on display are a bride's outfit and a groom's outfit made from red Jamdani material.

The displays here range in colour varying from electric blue to earth brown, yellow, green, white, black, magenta - you name it, they have it. Despite the varying range of

colours, the items are not exotically bright or flamboyant. There is a certain soberness in the colours and ought to make good practical wear.

Judging from the items on display, our weavers still have some way to go to make more standard products (although everything on display were attractive). However if more such practical and wearable items are made, they are bound to gain more popularity on a broader spectrum.

As Bibi Russell danced with her workers to the frenzied beat of drums and music, of *Tak Dum Tak Dum Baje Bangladesher Dhol*, it was plain for everyone to see the joy that was hers in having gained such a prestigious fellowship in recognition of her hard work. Congratulations to Madame Russell for winning such recognition. By the looks of it, she seems to be just the right person who may just be able to take our work to the front rows of the international fashion arena. And the Bangladeshi fashion drum will then find a befitting place to beat it heart out.

TV preview

Chokha Chokhi: The Premiere

By Nadine Murshid

Venue: Muktijudhha Jadughar
Time: 4:00pm

CHOKHA Chokhi is a social drama, which depicts the life of the family of Afasar Saheeb. How Afasar Saheeb who is an able and sturdy human being who can accept almost anything, plays the role of a mentor, a confidante for his granddaughter, forms the backdrop of the drama.

It's quite a simple (as opposed to complex, and not as in ordinary) story and the treatment is pretty good although it comes from a person who is perhaps better known as an actor than a director. One could say, that it's a simple yet interesting story of anybody's life and how it can change in just a matter of a few days.

The drama begins with Afasar Saheeb (played by Sirajul Islam) forbidding the local fishermen to catch small fishes. He stands there, monitoring the

fishermen, when his grandson, who lives in the city, appears and informs him of his father's whim to get his sister married off to a wealthy and

educated young man. Afasar Saheeb is displeased and won-

Written and Directed by Abul Hayat



ders why his son (played by Abul Hayat), would get his daughter married off before she has completed her studies.

He, who seems to be more modern than his son who lives in the city, feels angry and questions his son's actions. He leaves for the city, upset, not only because of the questionable decision of his son, but also because his wife (played by Rowshan Jamil), without whom he had never gone anywhere, refuses to go to the city with him.

So, he sets off with his grandson to the city to find his daughter-in-law (played by Dilara Zaman), in tears because her husband is being so irrational and stubborn, and his grand-daughter (played by Bipasha Hayat) lying in bed, because she has been restricted from going out of the house. She tells her grandfather about the love of her life, and he reassures

her, that he will do something about the whole thing. Determined to put a stop to the wedding, he sets off to see the parents of his grand-daughter's lover. He tells them about his grand-daughter, her love for their son and vice versa, and explains that they should give him their word, so that he can put a stop to the proposed wedding. They categorically refuse him on his face, much to his chagrin and he leaves their home, dejected and dumbfounded.

When he goes back to his son's place they receive the terrible news of his

wife's death -- she had died of a heart attack. He rushes to the village to see his wife for one last time. His family worries about him, wondering whether he'll be able to bear the catastrophe. Grief stricken and woeful no one can believe that

she is no more and the only one who seems calm is Afasar Saheeb himself. He is the one who tries to pacify everyone with his wise words. At the end, he says his bitterness and pain saying

"Rag hochhey burj upor kothar borkhela paro
Amar agey choley gelo, kal shokaler fajorer namajer ojupar
amakey debey koy?"

Altogether the teledrama was pretty good, though Abul Hayat himself said 'If our budget was a lakh or two more, we could have done a better job.'

The actors and actresses have done justice to their roles especially Sirajul Islam. Rowshan Jamil and Abul Hayat were brilliant and Bipasha Hayat was also quite good. Dilara Zaman, Wahida Mallik, Abul Kashem, Eliza Chishti, Pantha Reza, Al Masum, Minu, Litu Anam and Abdur Rahman too did a good job.

Congratulations to Abul Hayat for the commendable job. Impress Telefilm Ltd, which has been promoting and supporting talented directors and writers since its formation some time ago too deserves due credit for their contribution. Hopefully they will continue to churn out the good work to entertain the audience with the same zeal and enthusiasm as they are doing today.

TV Guide

Thursday 15th July

(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 6:30 World Living: Travel Show-Holiday Guide 7:00 BBC News Inc. World Business Report/USA Direct/Asia Today 2/4 Hours 9:00 BBC News Inc. World Business Report/Asia Today 2/4 Hours 10:00 BBC World News 10:30 USA Direct 11:30 Europe Direct 12:00 World 12:30 World Living: Face To Face India Talk (Anchore-Karan Thapar) 1:00 World News 1:30 Talking Movies 2:00 BBC World News 2:30 World Focus: Irish Journeys #2/3 The Long March 3:00 BBC World News 3:30 Hard Talk 4:00 BBC The World Today 4:30 World Living: Travel Show-Holiday Guide 5:00 BBC The World Today 6:30 World Focus: Irish Journeys #2/3 The Long March 7:00 BBC World News 7:15 BBC World Report 7:30 BBC The World Today 8:30 World Living: Top Gear — The Air Show 9:00 BBC World News 9:30 Hard Talk 10:00 BBC World News 10:30 Money Wise Presented By Sucharita Ghose (On Indian Business Market) 11:00 The World Today 12:00 World News 12:30 Hard Talk 1:30 World Focus: The Sky At Night 2:00 BBC World News 2:30 World Living: The Big Trip #4/16 Caribbean 3:15 Europe Direct 4:00 BBC News Inc. World Business Report/USA Direct/Asia Today 2/4 Hours



Home Improvement on Star World at 5:30 pm

The Beautiful 1:30 Series: Rality TV World's Most Why Plane Goes Down 2:00 Star News 2:30 The Bold And The Beautiful 1:00 Brittas Empire 1:30 Dangerfield 2:30 Tropical Heat 3:30 Series: LA Law 4:30 Murphy 5:30 The Oprah Winfrey Show

STAR MOVIES

8:00 Thriller: Silent Fall 10:30 Horror: House IV 12:30 Action: The Long Kiss Goodnight 3:30 Action: Blown Away 5:15 Comedy: Earth Girls Are Easy 7:15 Ci-Fi: Species 9:30 The Ticket 10:00 Film Fever: Flash Frame 12:00 Drama: Red Surf 2:15 Horror: House IV 4:00 Comedy: Waltz of the Torreadors 5:45 Ci-Fi: Species

STAR WORLD

6:30: Hollywood Squares 7:00 Hawaii Cooks 7:30 Animal Adventure 8:00 2 Point 4 Children 8:30 Newhart 9:00 Buffy The Vampire 10:00 Alley McBeal 11:00 The Oprah Winfrey Show 12:00 The Practice 1:00 The Bold And The Beautiful 1:30 Tropical Heat 2:30 Media TV 3:00 Animal Adventure 3:30 2 Point 4 Children 4:00 Hollywood Squares 4:30 Sky World News 5:00 Asia News Update 5:05 Fox World Business Report 5:30 Home Improvement 6:00 Series: Rality TV World's Most 7:00 Walker Texas Ranger 8:00 Thieves 9:30 The Bold And The Beautiful 10:00 Series: Rality TV World's Most: Why Plane Goes Down 11:00 Walker Texas Ranger 12:00 Koran-e-Hakim & Bismillah 1:15 Serial 2:00 Serial 2:45

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10:30 Janmaddin (Birthday Greetings) 10:35

Perspective & Health Forum 3:40 Talmi Malumat 4:35 Aur Kanoor 5:25 Serial 5:55 Serial: Chayan 6:25 Lou Course 7:05 Mukabil Hai Aaina 7:20 Ainnak Wala Zin 7:45 English News 8:05 Jivan Sangeet 8:45 Serial 9:00 Break for Headline News 10:00 Khabarnama & Commercial News 10:35 Mast Mast Sanyo (Musical Show) 11:15 Sunhere Yadon 12:15 Serial: Khas Khas Khabraan- Close Down

ZEE INDIA TV

7:00 Jagran 7:30 to 11:30 PM Every Half Hour-Zee news Hindi 12:30 News in Hindi 12:57 News Headlines 1:00 Appi Ki Adalat 1:30 India Debates 2:00 Namaste India 2:30 Zee Sports Show 3:00 Session With Seshan 3:30 Centre Stage 4:00 Teer Kaman 4:30 Agenda 2000

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 Chilli Out VJ Shehnaz/Amrita/ Nikhil

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WALKER TEXAS RANGER

11 pm



Kinetic Mega Show on Star Plus at 10 pm

Kushal Sankar 10:00 Khas Khabar 10:10 Ben-gali Movie

DD CHANNEL-1

5:55 Vande Mataram & Thought of The Day 6:00 Aradhana 6:30 UGC Programmes 7:30 Samachar 7:45 Suba Sabera 8:45 The News 9:00 Current Affairs-Suba Sabera 9:30 Tapasya: Serial 10:00 UGC Programmes 10:30 Tarang 11:30 Yous 12:30 Aurat 1:00 Aparaaajita 1:30 Ithaa 1:30 Wagti Ki Raftar 2:30 News in Hindi 2:40 News in English 2:50 Roop Suhane 3:00 A