

package drama

Adhuli: An Honest Social Commentary

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By Nadine Murshid

Date: July 19, 1999
Time: 5:30 PM
Place: Goethe Institut, Dhaka
Event: The screening of a package drama, Adhuli

THE screening of 'Adhuli' a drama by 'Lavlu Bhal' of 'Drooth' fame drew a large crowd and many assembled at the aforementioned place to watch Shahiduzzaman Selim, among others, at work.

The story of 'Adhuli' revolves around 'Adhuli', a society reject, and her grief-stricken family. 'Adhuli' is branded as a bad omen ever since her fiance and his friends drowned after the 'bride viewing ceremony'. Since that day, the whole village stopped interacting with that family, thinking that any connection with them would bring them misfortune. One day, two men from the city arrives to spend a week. They get to hear the story of Adhuli and are shocked by the superstitions of the villagers; they wonder why no one wants to marry her. Finally Adhuli's father finds a groom, and the family is again filled with laughter and excitement.

Everyone, including Adhuli

is very happy and they prepare for the wedding with zeal and enthusiasm, when her father tells her that the groom is the crazy son of their neighbor. Adhuli's dreams and happiness disappears in a moment and she begs her father to call off the wedding, but he says, 'The important thing is that you're getting married, not who you are getting married to.' To become a part of the social life from which they have been banned, her father goes against her will and even borrows money from the two gentlemen from the city. Adhuli goes to them for help, asks them if they would take her along with them, and when they find who the groom is they plan to take her along. Then Adhuli's father says that the only way they can do that is by taking her as a bride — which is quite impossible for any one of them. So, Adhuli is married to the mad man and her family, in exchange, accepted into the society from which they had been segregated ages ago.

A good story line accompanied by brilliant acting made the drama entertaining and enjoyable — kudos to everyone behind the making of 'Adhuli'. The screening of the drama was accompanied by an interview of the director where he claimed

that such package dramas were not a threat to aesthetic films (are they even made today?) since each has its own viewers and because they are not alternatives of each other. He said that package dramas are more powerful in the sense that they can relay messages to a wider audience, not the only ones who takes time out of their busy lives to watch a full-length film.

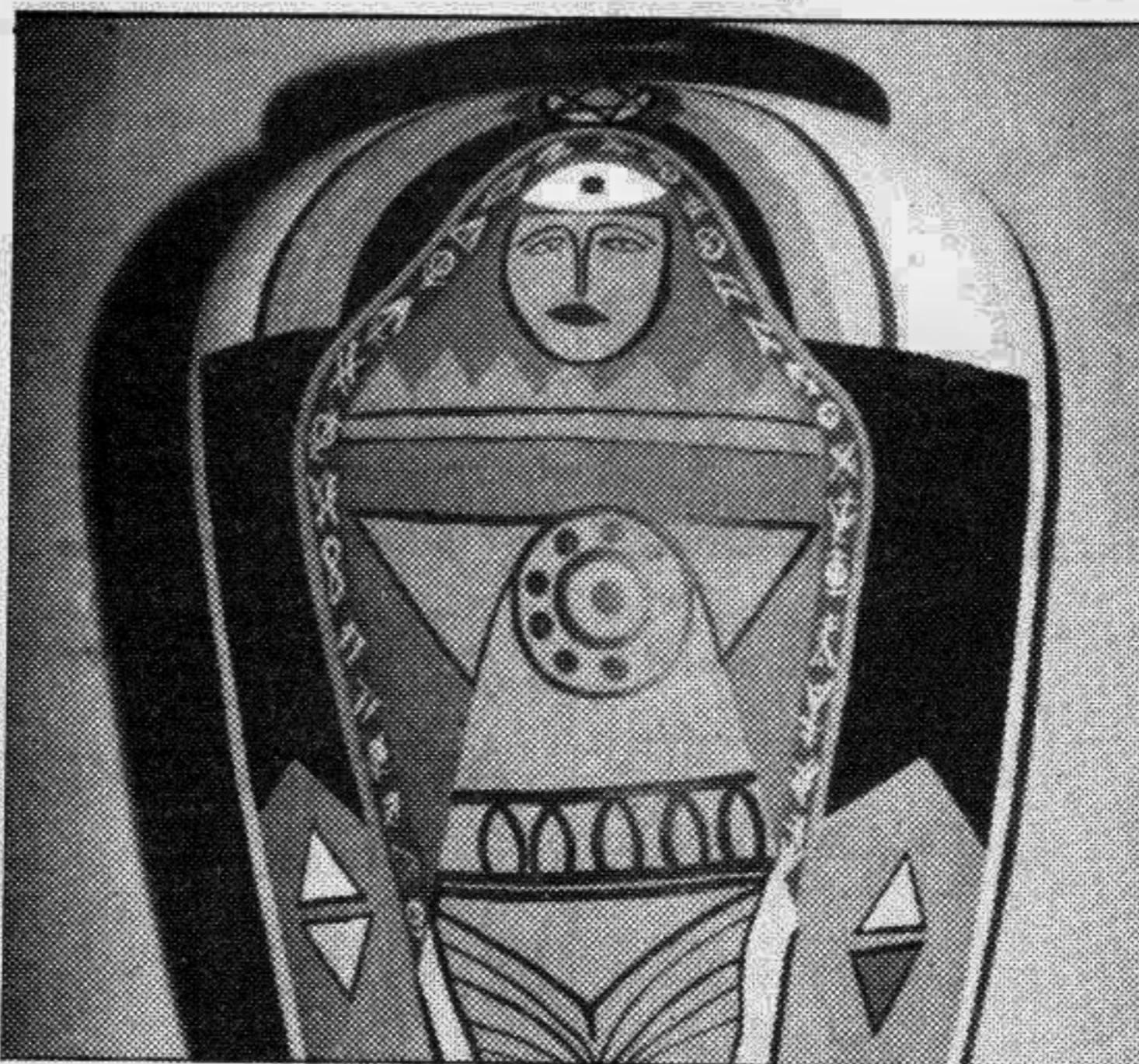
'Lavlu Bhal' as he is called by many, stressed on the fact that the package dramas produced today are better than the ones before, because previously, businessmen undertook the production only with the profit motive in mind, regardless of quality. Now, he said, there are known dramatists and filmmakers in the business and they undoubtedly do a good job. He said that filmmaker wannabes also gets the opportunity to produce something, which was otherwise impossible because of financial constraints. The production of package dramas are commercially more viable and more talented people can try their hands at drama production, he concluded.

All in all it was a good show for all drama-enthusiasts who are interested in the drama as well as what happens behind the camera.

exhibition

Art Meets Commerce

Three-day pottery show begins at Alliance Francaise today



By Cultural Correspondent

A three-day T-shirt and Pottery exhibition begins at the Alliance de Francaise in Dhamondi today.

Three leading designers — Baby Kabir, Morshed Nasser and Shafi Babu — have been jointly organised the exhibition. The three Vedas designers have collectively worked for the two opposite manners exhibition.

A total of 250 T-shirts and 50 potteries will be displayed at the three-day (July 21-23) exhibition. Price of the T-shirt ranging between Tk 90 to Tk 250 while the pottery price is Tk 50 to Tk 1500.

The exhibition will remain open from 4 pm to 8 pm everyday. This three Vedas designers will organise another three-day exhibition in Sylhet from August 5. Impress Telefilm Ltd is being sponsored both the exhibition.

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Popular music band LRB will cut the ribbon of the exhibition at a simple ceremony at 4 pm today, said a press release.

This will be the third exhibition of Morshed Nasser, second for Baby Kabir while Shafi Babu is being presented for the first time with Morshed and

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audio cassette

An Enchanting Collection

Flora Ahmed charms with 'Hridoyey Jegechhiley'

By Cultural Correspondent

TA GORE'S songs are popular with the people of the subcontinent and especially the Bengali-speaking people. They are unique in their composition and cannot be compared to any other type of music because of their singular style. Every now and then some new collection of Tagore's songs is brought out by an artist. They all tend to focus on the same line of songs and somehow it turns out that the popular singers of the time are embedded in a rigid circle of numbers that no one seems very interested in breaking out of. It is when an artist takes the trouble of getting a different collection of numbers together that people sit up to notice their effort, and seemingly it gets more appreciation than what it would deserve under normal circumstances.

Dakilay is especially enchanting. Listening to it one would almost feel like they are floating through clouds of a different world where the music becomes the world and the music the world and nothing else seems to matter. The second song on this side Jader Chhahiya Tomaray Bhulechhi is equally good.

Jaani Jaani Kwon Adikalay, Prohbu Toma Lagi Akhi Kaday and Prohbu Aji Tomar are the numbers on this side that will undoubtedly be to the liking of all listeners alike.

Flora's voice is rich, full and exotic, if one is allowed to define a voice of her like. The slow numbers seem almost tailor-made for her sensual voice and she does justice to every piece. Her tone is sombre, her singing with due devotional and the cassette takes every listener on a journey of sheer different enjoyment.

The first song on Side A Dukho Ratey Hay Naath Kay



lection owes as much to the singer as to the fact that the songs themselves are unique in their composition. This does not go to say that the singer has nothing to do with their presentation. Flora does justice to every piece in the collection. It is her voice that brings every song to life and endears them to the listeners ears. Everyone will not only enjoy this cassette but will also look forward to Flora's next presentation, which hopefully will be in the near future.

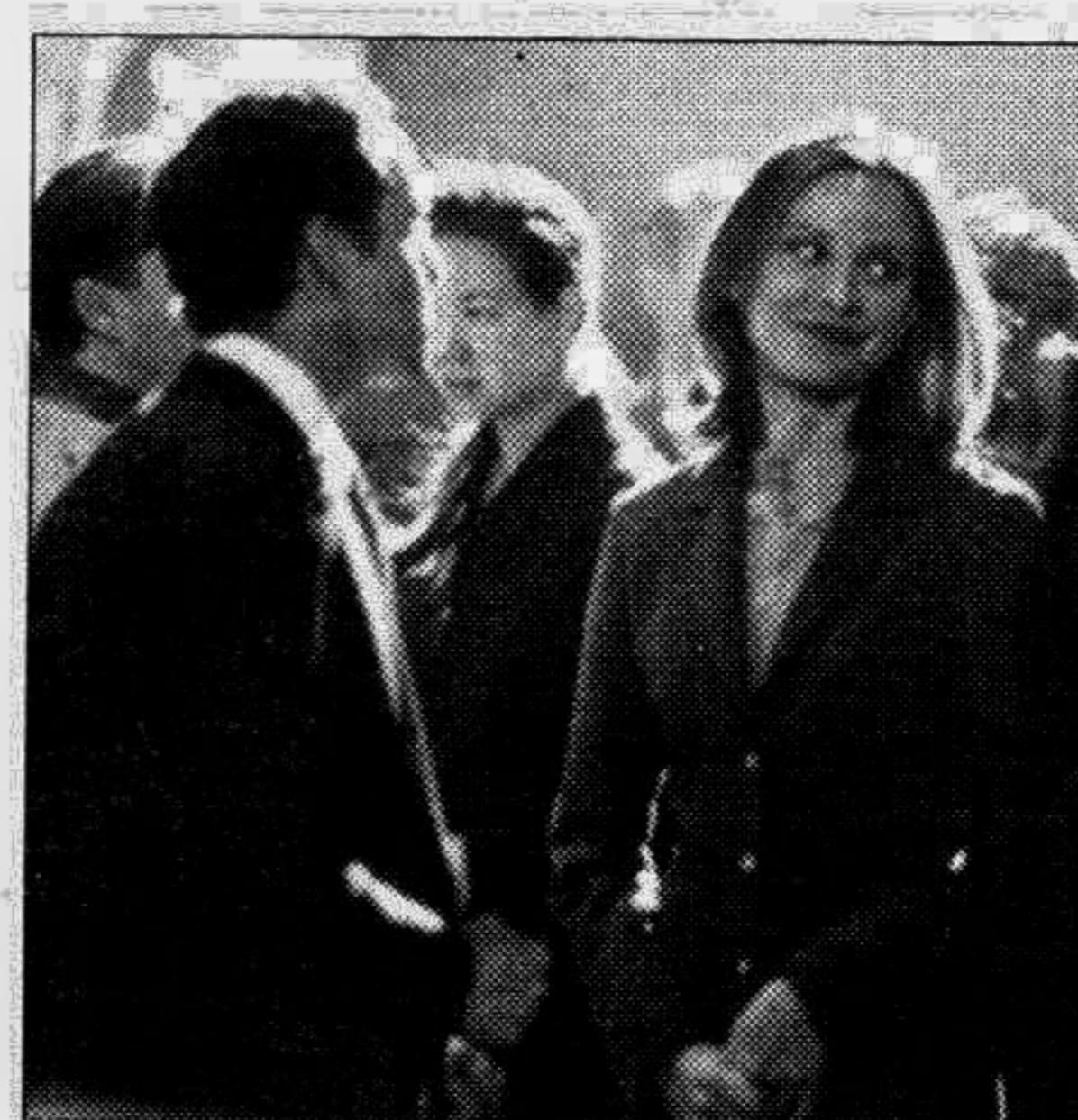
Ami Rayap Tomay Bhulaboy Na, and Hridoyey Jegechhiley are the numbers on the second side of the cassette that will ignite the interest of all. Flora's voice is just suited for these slow numbers that are soothed to listen to. The credit for the liking of the songs in this col-

TV Guide

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

BBC WORLD

6:00 BBC World News
6:30 World Living: Vinters' Tales - Jancis Robinson's Wine Course 7:00 BBC Newsroom inc. World Business Report/USA Direct/Asia Today /24 Hours 9:00 BBC Newsroom inc. World Business Report/Asia Today /24 Hours 10:00 BBC World News 11:30 Europe Direct 12:00 BBC World News 12:30 World Living: Wheels 1:00 BBC World News 1:30 Holiday Guide 2:00 World News 2:30 World Focus: Reporters 3:00 BBC World News 3:30 Hard Talk 4:00 BBC World News 4:30 World Living: Vinters' Tales - Jancis Robinson's Wine Course 5:00 BBC The World Today 6:30 World Focus: Reporters 7:15 World Business Report 7:30 BBC The World Today 8:30 World Living: The Big Trip 9:00 BBC World News 9:30 World Focus: Hard Talk 10:00 BBC World News 10:30 World Living: Face To Face India Talk 11:00 The World Today 12:30 World Focus: Hard Talk 1:00 BBC News 1:30 World Focus: Irish Journeys #3/3 - The Boys Of Summer 2:00 BBC World News 2:30 World Living: Top Gear - The Air Show #6/6 3:15 Europe Direct 4:00 BBC Newsdesk Inc. 24 Hours Business Report/24 Hours



Ally McBeal

on Star World at 11 pm

In *Theme Of Life* — Ally defends a doctor accused of transplanting a pig's liver into a woman without her permission; Ally and Georgia square off in a kickboxing match; and Whiffer dumps Fish or toying again with Janet Reno.

10:30 Picture This 11:00 Aaj Ki Baat 11:30 A Mouthful of Sky 12:00 Star News 12:30 The Bold And The Beautiful 1:00 Brittan Empire 1:30 Space Island One 2:30 Jewel in the Crown 3:30 Snowy River 4:30 Media TV 5:00 The Bold And The Beautiful 5:30 The Oprah Winfrey Show

6:00 Aerobics Oz Style 6:30 Hollywood Squares 7:00 Hawaii Cooks 7:30 Jack Hanna's Animal Adventure 8:00 2 Point 4 Children 8:30 Newhart 9:00 LA Heat 10:00 The Pretender 1:00: The Oprah Winfrey Show 12:00 NYPD Blue 1:00 The Bold And The Beautiful 1:00 Brittan Empire 1:30 Space Island One 2:30 Jewel in the Crown 3:30 Snowy River 4:30 Media TV 5:00 The Bold And The Beautiful 5:30 The Oprah Winfrey Show

6:00 Tilwat Aur Tar-Jaan 8:30 Khabraun 8:45 Mansoojaat Barai Khud Kafalat 9:00 Sur Savaris & Schra Ka Safer & Sada-E-Kasmin 9:40 Shana Ba Shana 9:50 Aaj Ki Kitaab+Aik Nazm 10:05 Boot Kay Ladoo 10:30 English Film: Chip And Dale 10:55 Milli Nagma 11:00 Khabraun 11:10 Serial 11:35 Serial 12:00 Urdu Khal 12:55 Quran-e-Hakeem 1:02 Bismillah 1:15 Drama Serial 2:00 Serial 2:50 The Earth Revealed 3:20 Arashai Puday 3:40 Natural World 4:35 How Things Work 5:00 Yeh Mumkum In Hae 5:25 Hamari Sehat 5:55 Kitab Quiz 6:25 Aliou Courses 7:00 Taranum 7:05 Felix The Cat (Cartoon) 7:30 Such Gup 7:45 English News 8:00 Morven Gold Raceday 8:25 Girgit 8:55 PTV Gold 9:00 Break for Headline News 9:20 Aap Ki Anwar Maqsood 10:00 Khabraun & Commercial News 11:00 Serial 12:00 NYPD Blue (Series) 12:45 Khas Khabraun/Close Down

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