

An Evening to Get Inspired

Visiting students from Sri Niketan invited by Sadhana enchant audience

By Ziaul Karim

SADHANA or devotion is a keyword in Rabindranath Tagore's creative pursuit. Tagore even wrote a longish essay by the same name. Sadhana - the cultural organisation dedicated to patronise and promote different mediums of performing arts - upholds the Tagorian spirit of Sadhana through their effort to hold workshops and cultural evenings.

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The evening started with the rendition of the *Sandha Holo* sung by Shikha Chaterjee. The distinguishing feature of her voice was her ability to recreate the mood of Tagore's 'puja parba' song. She sang three more songs *Kotha Hote Baje Prem*

gently enthusiastic troupe. Then came Manisha Murali to transport the audience to the ambience of Shantiniketan with her smooth and almost silky voice. She sang *Sakarun Bina, Ananda Dhara Bahiche Bhubane, Aamar Sakal Niya Base Aachhi Sarbanasher Aashay and Aachha Sakhi*. She is currently doing her B. Muse.

What made her singing so thoroughly enjoyable was her vocalism endowed with accurate intonation and luminosity.

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nath, Nandini Bandapadhyay and Bithi Chaterjee. The opening group recital was composed with the song *Biswa Bina Rabe*. Lack of synchronisation in the recital was quite apparent. The accompanying song with the dance recitals such as *Darun Aagni Bina Re, Jai Din Shabana Din Jai or Sharat Tomar Aarun Aaloi* had a therapeutic effect on the audience and is sure to stay in their memory for a long time to come.

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As the Durga Puja draws near, Altamira, a designer fashion house has presented a new collection of Salwar Kameez and Saris, tastefully designed by artist Tawfiq and designer Moni.

It is a small two room shop in new DOHS, and is owned by Moni, who took part of her father's house to set up her boutique, around two years ago.

The new collection of Salwar Kameez has delicate embroidery work, hand paint design and block print. The artist has used bright colours of red, yellow, blue, and green as well as demure shades of brown, pink and purple on the Kameezes.

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Altamira's Puja Special

Fashion House Altamira presents their new collection

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on Rajshahi silk are quite attractive and reasonably priced. The Puja collection was launched on October 7. Actress Shomi Kayser performed the inauguration. When asked, she said, Salwar Kameez were nice, but they need to bring more variety to it. The Saris were unique and the price was reasonable for the ordinary people to afford.

The founder of Altamira, Moni said, she hopes to come in a big way in the fashion industry. Though the shop is small with almost no ventilation, the location is good, and they have a lot of customers. The prices of Salwar Kameezes start from Tk 1200 and the maximum is Tk 3000. The Saris are between Tk 2000 and Tk 3000.



Shikha Chaterjee performs on Saturday at the Indian Cultural Center auditorium. Manoj Murali, who leads the 8-member team from Shantiniketan, is on the harmonium, Shuvayu Sen with esraj while Manisha Murali listens attentively.

with rigorous training. This is the driving spirit of Shadhana, which is in existence in our cultural firmament for over a decade now.

This is the edge of globalisation and exchange of ideas between communities. Culture should not be out of this communication super highway. Shadhana quite well understands the need of the time: its recent effort to initiate student exchange programme reflects how it updates itself with the changing global scenario.

The evening of October 9 saw the first Shadhana invited troupe from Biswabharati Uni-

versity performs at Indian High Commission auditorium. The troupe was made up of students doing their graduation or post-graduation in music, dance and instrument. Three of them were singers, two were instrument players and the rest were dance artists.

Second to take the stage was Manoj Murali. Manoj sang with full-throated ease to charm the audience into spontaneously humming along with him. Free flowing is the word that would best describe his voice. Manoj sang *He Nikhil Bhran, Aami Ke Gaan Gaba Je, Tumi Rabe Nirabe* (I heard the sound of foot-tapping all around) and *Bhalobeshe Sakhi*. Manoj was the team leader of this emi-

the theme *Reeturang* or the seasonal colours. No doubt that Rabindranath Tagore is the most sensitive poet to the seasons in Bengali literature. So the idea to compose dance recitals with the seasons of Bengal as a theme was fantastic. But compared to the performance of the singers the dance session was not that impressive. Though the theme was seasonal colours there were a few recitals that were not on seasons, for example *Dhire Dhire Bao Ogo Utal Hawa* or *Dakhin Hawa Jago Jago*. Those who took part in the dance recitals were Sushmita Deb-

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TV Guide

Monday 11th October

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BBC WORLD

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Vj Nadya 11:30 MTV Chill Out Vj Shehnaz /

Amrita / Nikhil 12:30 MTV Hit Film Music 1:00

MTV HouseFull V Nafisa

Dia Hit Lists Vj Rahul

2:30 MTV Select Vj

Nikhil 3:30 Love Line Vj

Malaka 4:00 Essential

4:30 Pepsi Dance Connection

Special- TV MTV

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English Film: Goof Troop

10:55 Milli Nagma 11:00

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