

music

The Elixir of Life

A musical evening presented by Geeto Shudha

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MUSICAL evenings have always been one of the favourite leisure for the Dhakaites and if it features the songs of Rabindranath, Rajanikanta Sen, Atulprashad Sen and Djendra Lal Roy, the programme attracts a large number of music lovers with out fail. The point proved true on June 1 at the Shawkat Osman Auditorium, Public Library, where Geeto Shudha a music school, organized a musical evening comprising songs from the above-



mentioned trendsetter of Bengali songs.

Geeto Shudha organized a 15-day workshop on songs of Atulprashad Sen, Rajanikanta Sen, Djendra Lal Roy. Eminent Indian singer Moitroye Daam conducted the seminar. The programme of June 1 featured the songs learnt in this workshop by the students of Geeto Shudha.

The programme titled, 'Gaane Gaane Bandana Kari', was dedicated to the memory of the late singer Kanika Bandopadhyay. Papia Sarwar, Director of Geeto Shudha, began the programme remembering her Guru, Drubotra Josi, Kanika Bandopadhyay and Nilima Sen. She remembered that Kanika Bandopadhyay was the one who chose the name for Geeto Shudha.

She said, 'Rabindranath is the pioneer of the Bengali Culture and there is not a single area of Bengali Culture, where this versatile genius has not left his mark. It is inspirational that the audience of Bangladesh has become more interested in



Geeto Shudha enchants the audience

the songs of Rabindranath. But along with Rabindrasangeet, we should also put our attention to other such trendsetters of Bengali Songs, like Atul Prashad Sen, Rajanikanta Sen, and Djendra Lal Roy'. She expressed her sadness as the practice of these songs is becoming rare now a days in Bangladesh. She also added, 'With a view to uphold and revive these songs, Geeto Shudha organized the workshop and today's programme is the result of that workshop'.

The programme began ac-

cording to tradition with Rabindrasangeet. The artists sang three Rabindrasangeet songs: 'Chitto Pipashito Re', 'Aanande Rumuk Jumu Baje' and 'Aar Kato Kaal Thakbo Boshe'. This part of the programme came to an end with a song of Djendra Lal Roy: 'Aaji Gao Mahageet'.

All the songs were sung with dedication and sincerity. The audience was clearly moved by the songs. A touch of excellent teacher was clearly felt in all the presentation. The artists who sang were, Sarwar Hossain Babu, Alpana Chakma, Anisa Fazle Lisi, Lopa Hanif, Tah-

mina Khatun Putul, Maushumi Mallik Mau, Farzana Islam Preety, Nazmunnahar Kakali, Kamrunnessa Haq, Alimunna-har China, Nakul Chandra Das, Nadima Sharmin Khandaker, Shalla Rejwana, Julia Akbar, Suriya Mozammel, S. R. Nahrin, Rifa Tammin Mahbub, Dilruba Sharmin, Naznin Sul-tana, Sajda Hussain, Salmi Dajim, Shafiqur Rahman China, Shakila Islam, Ishita Jamal Dutt, Shamoita Jamal Joti, Samia Sali, Krishna Mitra, Samia Jaman, Phi and Mur-

shida Hussain Putul.

The next part was the songs by Moitroye Daam and Rupak Daam. The talented husband-wife duo kept the audience spellbound for the rest of the evening. Moitroye Daam, a regular artist of Aakash Bani and Durdarshan mainly sings songs of Atulprashad, Raninikanta, Djendra Lal, Rabindranath and also folk songs. Her training began under Sujala Das of Shilchar. She took training on Atuprashad, Raninikanta, Djendra Lal and Rabindranath under singer

Bhaktimoy Dasgupta. After his death she took training under Guru Prashad Sen, singer Arbinda Biswas and singer Shalojanjan Majundar. In 1975 she had the opportunity to receive training under the grandson of Rajanikanta, singer Dilipkumar Roy. Jatillesher Mukhopadhyay is her guru of modern songs.

Rupak Daam's Grandfather had the opportunity to work very closely with Rabindranath Tagore. Rupak grew up in this musical environment. He had the opportunity to receive training under Shallajaranjan Majundar, singer Prasad Sen, singer Arbinda Biswas, Dilipkumar Roy and Jatillesher Mukhopadhyay. He is a regular artist of Aakash Bani and Durdarshan.

Moitroye and Rupak Daam started with two songs of Rabindranath: 'Jagat Jure Udash Sure' and 'Gaane Gaane Toba Bandhan Jaak Chute'. Then they sang four Atulprashad: 'Aami Tomar Dharbona Haat', 'Chadni Raate Kego Aashiley', 'Jani Jani Tomare', 'Aamaro Parano Kotha Jai', alternately. Songs of Djendra Lal followed and to rap up this enchanting musical evening they sang a few modern songs of Jatillesher Mukhopadhyay. Deep conviction and love for music were clear in their songs. Their songs reflected their long trail of training. The soothing voice of Moitroye Daam touched everyone present. Rupak Daam could generate the same amount of appreciation among the audience.

Asked about her experience with the students of Bangladesh, Moitroye Daam said, 'I enjoyed it very much. The students are full of energy and interest. They had the basic for these kinds of songs and they tried their best to adopt these styles. But, I do not think 15 days are enough to capture the essence of these kinds of songs. The students should continue with their training to attain perfection'. She appreciated Papia Sarwar's initiative to revive these songs and hoped that this trend will gain a momentum. Asked if she would want to come back again to give training, she answered, 'Of course, if I get an invitation, I would love to come back again'.



Folk Art Exhibition

A month-long exhibition on traditional folk art and crafts began at the National Museum, Shahbagh. State Minister for Information Prof Abu Sayeed inaugurated the exhibition on May 21 and will continue upto June 22.

Vocal classical recital at Alliance Francaise de Dhaka

To discover up and coming artists, Alliance Francaise de Dhaka is launching a series of cultural evenings from 2nd till 30th June 2000. The programme includes Rabindra Sangeet by Ima & folk songs by Liza and on 30th June 2000 Nazrul Geeti by Motifzul Islam & Rabindra Sangeet by Pijush.

The programme will begin at 7 pm every day and will be held in the auditorium of Alliance Francaise de Dhaka. For further information, please contact the reception of Alliance Francaise de Dhaka from 9:00-12:00 and 17:00-20:00.



Thirteenth Young Artists' Art Exhibition 2000

The inaugural ceremony of the three week long Thirteenth Young Artists' Art Exhibition 2000, organised by Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy will be held at the premises of the institute of Fine Arts, University of Dhaka on June 1 at 5:30 pm.

Latifur Rahman, Chief Justice of Bangladesh will inaugurate the exhibition as chief guest and will distribute prizes among the award winning artist. Professor Qayyum Chowdhury will also be present as special guest.

Art Exhibition

The 4th anniversary and annual Art Exhibition 2000 of Pintu's Fine Art and Music School will be held today at the school premises 61/2 Lake Circus, Kalabagan Dhaka-1205 at 5.00 pm followed by the prize giving ceremony and a cultural programme. The inaugural session will be attended by eminent singer Sadi Mohammad.

Solo Photo Exhibition

The first solo photo exhibition by Mounirul Islam Bhuyan Shahin on Traditions of Indian Theatre is beginning at the Indian High Commission gallery today.

Traditional Indian Theatre has been highlighted in the five-day long photo show.

The exhibition will be open to all from 10 am to 8 pm everyday till June 7.



They

The inaugural ceremony of a fortnight long Group Art Exhibition of 51 artist couples 'They'.

Ferdousi and Rameedu Majumdar will jointly inaugurate the exhibition at 5 pm on Saturday, 3rd June 2000 at Arsal Centre, House-15, Road-7, Dhaka-1205.

TV Guide

Saturday 3rd June
(All programmes are in local time. The Daily Star will not be responsible for any change in the programme)

BTV

Morning Prog.
9:00 Opening Announcement, Recitation From The Holy Quran And Programme Outline 9:05 Patriotic Song 9:10 Khela Dhula 9:40 Sukhi Paribar 10:05 Sastho Tatho: Serial- Sukher Tori #9 ("Nazma Anwar, Joy, Ban-nay, Shamim Shahed) 10:35 Angona 10:50 Movie of The Week: Picnic ("William Holden, Kim Novak, Rosalind Russell, Arthur O' Connell) 12:35 A) Programme Outline For 2nd Session B) National Song 12:40 Closing

Evening Prog.
2:00 Special Event Live- 7th Pepsi Asia Cup 2000- Pakistan Vs India or 3:00 Opening Announcement, Recitation From The Holy Quran And Programme Outline 3:15 Patriotic Serial: Durer Aakash #10 ("Toni Dayes, Mitanur, Shams Suman) / Tele Film: 4:00 Samabd (Bangla News) 4:05 Nabagato (New Artist Audition Live Coverage) 5:25 Protichobi 6:00 Samabd (Bangla News) 6:05 Nibedit 6:30 Transmission From Chittagong Center 7:00 News For Weather 7:05 Geetimalyo (Song of Robindhury) 7:25 Series: Mowgli (Bangla Dub) 8:00 Bangla News At 8:30 Weekly Drama: Siree ("Subarna Mustafa, Khayrul Alam Soboo, Munira Bagom Maymili) 10:00 News At Ten (English) 10:30 Mini Series: 11:30 Samabd (Bangla News) 11:35 English News 11:40 A) Programme Outline For Sunday B) National Song 11:45 Closing

ZEE ENGLISH
8:00 Late Show With David Letterman 9:00 Candido Camera 9:30 Remarkable 20th Century 10:00 Music Zone 10:30 The Roseanne Show 11:30 OST 12:00 Touched By An Angle 1:00 The Roseanne Show 2:00 Music Zone 2:30 Kite And Alie 3:00 Candido Camera 3:30 Touched By An Angle 4:30 The Roseanne Show 5:30 Music Zone 6:00 OST 6:30 Spice 7:00 The Roseanne Show 8:00 Candido Camera 8:30 Here's Lucy 9:00 Over The Edge 9:30 Saturday Series: If Tomorrow Comes 10:30 Adult Comedy Benny Hill Show 11:00 News 11:30 Late Show With David Let-

terman 12:30 Here's Lucy 1:00 News 1:30 The Roseanne Show

ZEE MOVIES

8:30 OST 9:00 Film: 11:00 Remarkable 20th Century 11:30 Film: 1:30 OST 2:00 Great Railway Journeys 8:10 Just For Kids Film: 6:30 Re-

turnman 12:30 Here's Lucy 1:00 News 1:30 The Roseanne Show

MONACO- Monaco Grand Prix Qualifying 12:00 Futbol Mundial 12:30 Pepsi Asia Cup 2000 Dhaka BANGLADESH- Pakistan Vs India 5th Odi Highlights

PTV-2

8:00 Tilwat aur Tar-juma/Ham/Naat 8:20 Cartoons 8:30 Khabrain 8:45 Visi-tors Book 9:10 Phool Khush-bo 9:25 Dastarkhawan 9:40

Mehman 10:05 Aap Ki Anwar

Magsood 10:30 English Film

10:55 Milli Nagma 11:00

Khabrain 11:10 Men Pasand

11:35 Janan 12:55 Quran-E-

Hakeem 1:02 Bismillah 1:15

Grind 2:05 Drama Serial:

2:55 Hussool-E-Insaaf & Sports

Coaching 3:20 TV Encyclope-dia 3:40 Sports Time 4:05

Serial 5:05 Medicine 5:25

Computers 6:10 Sunheri

Yeedoon 7:00 English News

7:20 PTV Music Library 7:30

Virsa Pakistan 7:55 Ghazal

Uss Naye Saire 8:25 Andaz

Apna Apna (Fashion Tips)

8:45 Serial: Nido Bachaa

Party 9:00 Break for Head-lines News 9:05 Drama: Sila

10:00 Khabarnama & Com-mercial News 10:05 Haqeeqat

10:45 Drama: Sophiya

11:45 Do Sitarae 1:15 Urdu

Feature Film: Khas Khabrain- Close Down Film:

MTV INDIA

7:00 Non Stop Hits 8:00 MTV Party Zone Vj Sonia 8:15

MTV Classic 9:00 MTV Hun-gout 9:30 Pop Indonesia 10:00

MTV Non-Stop Hits 11:30

MTV Gao Baby 12:00

Made in India 12:30 MTV Hit

Film Music 1:00 MTV House

Full V Nafisa 1:30 MTV Non

Stop Hits 4:00 MTV Bakra

4:15 Non-Stop Hits 5:00 MTV

Best of Both Worlds 5:30

MTV Most Wanted 5:30

Shewza 7:30 MTV Fresh Vj

Cyras/Asif/Nikhil 9:30 MTV

Hil Film Music 10:00 House

Full V Nafisa 10:30 Non-Stop

Hits 11:00 MTV Loveline Vj

Malika 11:30 The Grind

12:00 MTV Unplugged 1:00

Non-Stop Hits Continue

11:00 NR Eyes 11:30 News

In English 12:00 Zee News:

Hindi 12:30 to 6:30 Every Half

Hour- Zee News: Hindi

11:00 NR Eyes 11:30 News

In English 12:00 Zee News:

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