

anniversary

# Rabirashmi Glows

Kalim Sharafi accorded reception at the second founding anniversary of the institution Rabirashmi

By Shahana Parveen

PERFORMERS of Rabirashmi literally glowed at an evening of Rabirashmi Sangeet at the main auditorium of the National Museum on Saturday evening. The enthralled audience with their brilliant presentation of Tagore's songs, once again proving that the institution is indeed the rightful one to carry on the legacy of the fine songs that Rabindranath Tagore created.

Saturday marked the second founding anniversary of Rabirashmi, an institution dedicated to the practice and teaching of Tagore's songs. Rabirashmi celebrated it by according a grand

Mahadeb Ghosh, the Director of Rabirashmi, said that he was exhilarated at having the opportunity to accord a grand reception to such a noted artiste. The reception was exceptionally grand. Sharafi was draped in a Sash and presented a large crest. Then began the flood of garlands. Well-wishers and Rabirashmi students one by one bedecked the grand man in garlands, almost drowning him beneath the pile of garlands.

Mahadeb Ghosh had to keep taking some of the garlands off as to let every one get a chance to put their garland on Sharafi. A bemused Sharafi let each of them have their chance and also posed for the cameras.

rebel all his life. Back in 1942 when he had just appeared for his matriculation exams, he was arrested for chairing 'anti-British' (Quit India) meeting. He had to spend over 15 months behind the bars for this. This was just the beginning of his rebellion against injustice. Interestingly, this rebel was an artist at heart. He took quite an interest in music and acted in a handful of dramas of IPTA. As a matter of fact his passion for acting and music led him to neglect his studies and he dropped out of medical school after a year! Sharafi's life is full of adventure. After spending quite sometime with IPTA, he came to Dhaka and started singing on the radio. This 'Abak Prithibi' earned him the wrath of the Pakistani secret forces and he was obliged to quit Dhaka. He then joined an American company in Chittagong. This was only the beginning of his juggling careers. He has served in various posts in several organisations since then.

Two things he staunchly stuck to were his love for music and his love for Bangladesh. Sharafi has been recognised for his work and awarded many awards. Among these are the 'Ekushey Padak' in 1985, 'Nasiruddin Gold Medal' in 1988 and 'Shadhinata Padak' in 1999. He was awarded the 'Shubha Guhathakura Smriti Award' in 2000.

At the musical soiree the performers sat in two rows with a row of 'diyas' (oil lamps) in front of them. They began the session with 'Aguner Parashmani'. The use of red and yellow lights on the stage and the sarees (white with orange borders) and purjabis (white with a splash of orange) they all adorned were all suggestive of the power and beauty of the glowing rays of the sun.

The singers also performed 'Koto Baro Bhabhe Chinu', 'Ami Chini Go Chini', 'Jodi Tore Dhak Shune', 'Praner Manush', 'Ami Shudhu Roinu Baki', 'Amar Mone Jekhoni Jagle Nare', 'Nachanle Jare Pawan Jay' and many other popular numbers. Any one in the audience could see the brilliance of the performers as they sang number after number. Who knows, they might create a few stars tomorrow.

The show was anchored by Bhaskar Bandhyopadhyay. Performers were members of Rabirashi and Benuka Lalitkala Centre.



Performers rendering the song 'Aguner Parashmani Chharaw Prane' at the 2nd anniversary of Rabirashmi at the National Museum auditorium

reception to noted Rabindra Sangeet exponent Kalim Sharafi. It was Kalim Sharafi who himself gave the organisation its name which means the rays of the sun.

It was a great opportunity for all who love and respect this great man to display their regard and affection for him. Sharafi's life in itself is a story to tell. He was a

# The Tradition Lives On...

Kachi-Kanchar Mela observes its 44th founding anniversary

By Mohammad Amjad Hossain

KACHI-KANCHAR Mela needs no introduction and October 5 is a milestone for this organisation. It's a day when Kachi-Kanchar Mela began journey in 1956 the Tarabagh residence of late Poet Sufia Kamal. Like every year, Kachi-Kanchar Mela observed its 44th founding anniversary. The two-day programme started with Lathi (stick) and Bratachari (kind of folk dance) dances by boys and girls of the Central, Gandaria, Dania and Madhaymoni Kachi-Kanchar Mela at the organisation's Segunbagicha premises. The Dhaka University Vice-Chancellor Dr AK Azad Chowdhury and the Secretary of

khela and Bratachari. In early 60s Kachi-Kanchar Mela re-introduced lathi khela in early 1960s as part of its exercise programmes. They started sending a group of ten boys were sent to Kushtia to acquire the skill of this game from Ustad Sirajul Huq Chowdhury. Ustad Sirajul Huq was later given posthumous award by Central Kachi-Kanchar Mela for his contribution to groom up children in this particular art. Late Sirajul Huq established a school in Kushtia for conducting training in lathi khela.

Young boys mesmerise the spectators by their skilful performance of the young boys and girls in colourful dress dances, conducted by Kefat Hossain. The



Students of the music class of the Central Kachi Kanchar Mela singing at the 44th founding anniversary

the Ministry of Social Welfare Dr Khondra Mohan Das graced the occasion as guests of honour.

Bratachari reminded of old days when it was very popular among the primary level and ashram schoolboys and girls as part of their physical exercise. Similarly, Lathi Khela is a traditional game of Bangladesh, when clubmen with bamboo sticks used to play significant role on behalf of zamindars to occupy lands particularly char lands by force.

The rural folks like in the past still enjoy stick dancing. It was also seen as a self-defence tactics in yesteryears.

Kachi-Kanchar Mela had a significant role to in both lathi

Central Kachi-Kanchar Mela authorities deserve acclamations for reviving this age-old tradition.

After the deliberations of the guests the cultural function began with another interesting event. This time about 25 children of same height with different colourful dresses performed doll dance. They moved like dolls to the sound of the background music. This part of the dance performance was conducted by Rehana Pervin Runa for which she received applause from the audience present including Japanese and Norwegian students of Kachi-Kanchar Mela who also took part in another dance sequence.

Chorus recitation by ten



Students of the Nrittya Bitan of the Central Kachi Kanchar Mela

youngsters drew attention of the audience.

The participation of the tiny tots from Japanese school was an added attraction. Ten of them presented Japanese song, which truly enchanted the audience. The theme of the song was Sekai Jo no kodomotachi ga (children of the world).

Another attraction of the cultural programmes was the presentation of a song by renowned singer of the country Subir Nandi, who was associated with Srimongal Kachi-Kanchar Mela in the '60s.

The last but the most attractive performance was a dance drama by Kachi-Kanchar students. They chose 'the struggle in life' as their theme, written and directed by Amanul Haque, one of country's

celebrated musicians.

Speakers recalled the founder-director of this children organisation Rukanuzzaman Khan with due respect.

On the second day, the reputed artist of the country Rafiqunnabi drew cartoons inaugurated paintings exhibition by the students of Shilpa Bitan of Kachi-Kanchar Mela. A large number of paintings were on display, including the ones that received awards. Shatadru Nandi's painting was one of the attractive inclusions.

His proud parents were among the audience. Artist Rafiqunnabi gave away the prizes to successful budding artists. The entire premises of the mela was decorated and the programmes presented by the children of Kachi-Kanchar Mela were appreciated by the audience, both local and foreign.



Japanese children who took part in the cultural function of Kachi Kanchar Mela

## Recommendations



### Papaa's 6th Solo

Nurun Nahar Papaa's on going show Aial Centre gallery. Dhanmandi is a portrayal of her nature she has seen through her inner eyes. Open from 12 to 9pm, the will run until Oct 25.

### Drama festival

The 9-day long Natyautsav, organised by Bangladesh Group Federation, began Oct 22 at the Dhaka Mahanagar Natya Manch at Gullistan. A total number of nine front-ranking theatre groups are participating in the utsav. The shows starts at 7 in the evening everyday. Nagarik Natyagan Ensemble will stage Janar Kanchashala this evening. Directed by Jamaluddin Hossain, the play is an adaptation from Bertolt Brecht.

### Rashid Khan

performs on Oct. 25 Contemporary Indian classical music maestro Ustad Rashid Khan will give a vocal recital at National Museum auditorium, Dhaka on October 25 at 7:00pm

### 10th Solo

The 10th solo painting exhibition by Khalid Mahmood Mithu started at the Devine Art Gallery of Pan Pacific Sonargaon Hotel yesterday. Anders Johnson, Ambassador of Sweden inaugurated the exhibition as chief guest, while Andre Raynaud, counselor of cultural, scientific and technical affairs, Embassy of France was also present as guest of honour.

### Exercise in Wreckage

The 4th solo painting exhibition by Bipul Shah started at the Zaimul Gallery, Institute of Fine Arts, University of Dhaka on October 17 at 5:00pm. The exhibition will remain open to all from 2:00pm - 8:00pm everyday till October 26.

## TV GUIDE

### PICK OF THE DAY



### Easy Money on Star Movies

Tonight at 12 midnight A basic slob with an abundance of revolting personal habits desperately tries to mend his ways in one year in order to meet the terms imposed by his late mother-in-law's will. Starring Rodney Dangerfield.

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World Living: Life-USA Special: Philadelphia Story 11:00 BBC World News 11:30 Euro Brief 12:00 BBC World News 12:30 India Business Reports 1:00 BBC World News 1:30 World Living: Click Online (Pres-Stephen Cole) 2:00 World News 2:10 World Focus: Correspondent: 3:00 World News 3:30 HARDtalk 4:00 BBC World News 4:30 World Living: Top Gear 5:00 BBC The World Today 5:30 World Focus: Correspondent: 6:30 Monday Action: Con Air 6:30 Middle Movie: Before & After 5:30 Comedy: White Men Can't Jump 7:45 Adventure/Drama: Free Willy 2 (PG) 9:45 Thriller: The Proposition 12:00 Mysteries & Scandals 12:30 Monday Comedy: Hocus Pocus (PG) 2:30 Night Of Laughter: Easy Money (PG) 4:30 Comedy: White Men Can't Jump

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6:00 BBC World News 6:30 Asia Today / Reporters 7:00 BBC News / Asia Today Inc. 7:45 Asia Business Report 8:00 BBC News / Asia Today Inc. 8:30 Asia Business Report 9:00 BBC News Inc. World Business Report / USA Direct / Asia Today / 24 Hours 9:30 Asia Today / Asia Business Report 10:00 BBC World News 10:30

### STARPLUS

6:00 Chupa Rustom



Daily soap Pratidin Joyar Bhata on Channel i at 10 tonight

Musical prog 9:00 Magazine Prog 9:35 Islamic Prog 10:10 Drama serial 10:45 Drama Serial 11:20 Bangla Film: Bhaggo Chokroo

### CHANNEL-1

8:00 Din Protidin 8:40 Amar Chobi 9:00 Drama: Choka Choki 9:45 Bangla Cinema: Love 12:00 Drama Everyday-Joar Vhata 12:30 Star Life 1:00 Job Line 1:30 Amar Chobi



### Born Free on HBO to night at 10 pm.

Based on Joy Adamson's best-seller and shot in Africa, in this 1966 animal adventure, a gamekeeper and his wife adopt an orphaned lion cub, Elsa. As the lioness grows up in her human family, her keepers reluctantly prepare her for her return to the wild. Starring: Virginia McKenna and Bill Travers.

2:00 Drama: Choka Choki 2:45 Bangla Cinema 6:00 Recting from Holy Quran 6:10 Srohanjoli (Birth day of poet Samsur Rahman) 6:40 Silpokhatha 7:15 Khobi O Khobita 7:45 Asia Cup Football 10:00 Drama Everyday: Joar Vhata 10:20 Drama: Choka Choki 10:45 Asia Cup Football 12:45 Bangla Cinema

### SONYENT. TV

7:30 Amrit Varsha 8:00 Sant Asaram Wani 8:30 Music Mantra (Trailer Show) 9:00 Good Morning Disney 10:00 Hum Sub Ek Hain 10:30 Milam 11:00 Shaheen 11:30 Intihaan 12:00 Movers

BTV 3:00 Opening Announcement, Recitation From The Holy Quran And Programme Outline 3:20 Open University Prog. 4:00 Bangla News 4:05 Educational Programme: Learning In The Lab Fun With Math 4:30 Sashtho Thatttho (Health Developing For Mother & Children) 4:45 Sports Programme 5:45 Pusti Thatttho 6:00 Mati-O-Manush 6:25 Unmesh 7:00 The Khabar 7:10 Dolanchapa (Song of Nazrul) 7:25 Barta Probaho 8:00 Bangla News at 8:20 Package Drama: Ekti Raat 10:00 News At Ten (English) 10:20 Bhalobaso More Gaan 11:30 Khabar/The News 11:45 Closing

### EKUSHEYTV

2:00 Aiker Potrikay 2:10 Photer Psychali 2:35 Chena Mukh Chena Shoor 3:00 Ekushey News Headlines 3:05 Bangla Movie: Prayoshchitto 5:30 Drishti 5:50 Aiker Potrikay 6:00 Ekushey News Headlines 6:05 Expedition to the Animal Kingdom 6:30 Charidike 7:00 Toyota World of Wildlife 7:30 Ekushey News 8:00 Bangla Movie: Jibon Porikha 10:10 BTV News 10:20 Bangla Movie: Jibon Porikha 11:00 Ekushey Nightly News 11:15 Bangla Movie: Jibon Porikha 11:45 Ekushey News Headlines

### ATN BANGLA

5:30 Islamic Program 7:00 Film Songs 7:30 Magazine prog 8:00 New Film Songs 8:30 Drama Serial 9:00 Musical Prog 9:35 Musical Prog 10:10 Drama Serial 10:45 Drama Serial 11:15 Bangla Film-Mashal 6:32 Children Prog 7:10 Musical prog 8:25

Hope 2:00 Friends 2:30 Star News 3:00 That 70's Show 3:30 Dharma Greg 4:00 Everybody Loves Raymond 4:30 Frasier 5:00 Chicago Hope 6:00 That 70's Show 6:30 Dharma & Greg 7:00 Everybody Loves Raymond 7:30 Frasier

### STAR MOVIES

7:00 Drama: Dangerous Minds (PG) 9:00 Comedy: Toys 11:30 Family/Adventure: Escape to Grizzly Mountain (G) 1:30 Action: Con Air 3:30 Middle Movie: Before & After 5:30 Comedy: White Men Can't Jump 7:45 Adventure/Drama: Free Willy 2 (PG) 9:45 Thriller: The Proposition 12:00 Mysteries & Scandals 12:30 Monday Comedy: Hocus Pocus (PG) 2:30 Night Of Laughter: Easy Money (PG) 4:30 Comedy: White Men Can't Jump

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### STAR WORLD

8:00 Creflo Dollar Daily 8:30 Kenneth Copeland Ministries 9:00 Life in the World with Joyce Meyer 9:30 World News 10:00 Fashion TV 10:30 Mork & Mandy 11:00 Hollywood Squares 11:30 Jackie Collins' Hollywood 12:00 The Oprah Winfrey Show 1:00 Home Improvement 1:30 Happy Days 2:00 French and Saunders 2:30 Blackadder Goes Forth 3:00 Murder Call 4:00 The Oprah Winfrey Show 5:00 Dr Quinn Medicine Woman 6:00 Fashion TV 6:30 The Bold & The Beautiful 7:00 Mork & Mandy 7:30 Happy Days 8:00 Baywatch 9:00 Hollywood Squares 9:30 Home Improvement 10:00 Star News Asia 10:30 Friends 11:00 That 70's Show 11:30 Everybody Loves Raymond 11:55 Star News Asia 12:00 Dharma & Greg 12:30 Frasier 1:00 Chicago

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### STAR SPORTS

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### ESPN

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Dharma & Greg on Star World at 7 in the evening. In tonight's episode Greg is forced to go with the flow when Larry makes a few improvements in the loft and lets in more than just a spring shower; and Dick Clark pays a visit during Edward's surreal flashback sequence.

outh, United Kingdom Final 9:00 Uefa Champions League 2000/01 Highlights Matchwk 4 H/Ls 11:00 Sportscenter: International Edition 11:30 Cricket- Icc Knock Out 2000 - Best Wickets Kenya, AFRICA 12:00 Billiards- Pool 2000 World Pool Masters 1:00 Live- English Premier Football League Southampton, ENGLAND- Manchester City Vs Southampton

### DISCOVERY CHANNEL

6:30 Go For It 7:30 Ushuaia 8:30 Lonely Planet 9:30 Animal in Danger 10:00 Eyewitness 10:30 ESPU-The Series 11:00 Outer Bounds 11:30 Shark Files 12:30 Wild Discovery 1:30 Medical Detectives II 2:00 Medical Detectives I 2:30 Discover Maga-



Toyota World of Wild Life on Ekushey TV tonight at 7.