

# Culture

## Classical music

# Classical Performance at Its Best

*Indian Cultural Troupe all set to enthrall music lovers at the National Museum Auditorium from Jan 22-24*

**By Muneera Parbeen**

THE Indian High Commission in Dhaka presents a three-day cultural programme at the National Museum Auditorium next week. The performances will be held on January 22, 23 and 24.

Participants include Priyadarshini Govind, Meeta Pandit, Mukesh Sharma and Anupriya. They will be presenting vocal and instrumental classical music and Bharatnatyam dance.

The programme will start on January 22 with a Bharatnatyam dance performance by Priyadarshini Govind. Meeta Pandit

This young and talented artist gave her first public performance in Bharat Bhawan Bhopal at "Pt. Krishnarao Shankar Pandit Prasang" at the tiny age of seven. Ever since she has been entrancing audiences in every place in India that she has been participating in.

Meeta's voice is unique it has tremendous power and range, tempered with astounding sweetness stretches over an amazingly wide range of three octaves. She has her own distinct style and ingenuity in presentation. She unfolds the *Khyal* with traditional *Ashtang Gayaki* (*gayaki* with eight folds). Her alaaps have a mesmerizing impact as she is able to convey her musical



**Anupriya.**

ment. This marks her style with a sense of solidity and weight that adds to the graciousness of the Gwalior vocalism.

Critics in India say she is the rightful inheritor of the 200 year old family tradition.

She is an A-Grade artist of AIR & Dordarshan and also features on other Television Channels.

Mukesh Sharma and Anupriya are two other extremely talented musicians from India. Mukesh comes from a musical family. His father Late Pandit Rasik Behari Lal was an eminent Sarod Player. Mukesh has received training from many distinguished musicians like Shri Suprabhat Paul, late Dr. Rama Ballabh Misra and Pandit Birju Maharaj. Lately, he has been learning under the Sarod maestro Ustad Amjad Ali Khan.

He is the recipient of many awards, including Sur Mani title and Yuva Pratishan Puraskar. He is an 'A' grade artist of All India Radio and Dordarshan. Mukesh's ability to transform the audience's experience of time and space through music is well known to music loving communities in India as well as UK, France, Latvia, Spain, Mauritius, Reunion, Sri Lanka, USA, Russia, Italy and Gulf Countries etc. His biography has been published in "Asian American WHO's WHO" and "Biography Today".

Anupriya, a classical Hindustani Violinist, has been described by critics as having "A keen aesthetic sense" with a flawless bowing technique. Further her music combines various traditions, particularly that of the *Sarangi* and Violin, and is particularly well known for the subtle nuances that she infuses with such imagination into her work. Her

father Dr. Chandrakant Deotale is a well-known poet in Hindi. She has studied with some of the greatest musicians of our time particularly Shri P.L. Dandwate, Shri S.L. Kandra and Ustad Amjad Ali Khan. She is learning from Shri Mukesh Sharma for the last 12 years. Now she is under the guidance of great Sarangi maestro Pandit

Ramnarayan ji. She has received Sur Mani Award and a senior fellowship from the Ministry of Culture, Govt. of India. Anupriya has performed at various major concerts in India & Spain, Italy, Reunion, Russia, UK, Latvia, Singapore, Japan and Gulf countries.

Mukesh and Anupriya also a large number of CD recordings to their credit

This couple has been able to combine their work and life in innovative and fruitful directions. Their collaboration in Jugalbandi (duet) or dyadic bonding has resulted in interesting experiments in fusion music. This duet though not unique, is perhaps the sole example of such musical work. They use both the *Sarod* and Violin to express themselves in terms of different levels of pitch and sound to integrate them harmoniously.

Priyadarshini Govind, a native of Tanjore, received her training in Bharatnatyam from Guru Swamimalai K. Rajarathnam and *abhinaya* from 'Padma Bhushan' Smt. Kalandi Narayanan. After her first performance in 1974, she has been performing in all the major centres in India. She has also travelled extensively in Europe, North America, South Africa,



**Meeta Pandit**

Afghanistan, Tunisia and Asia on concert tours.

Priyadarshini has to her credit several coveted awards like "Kalaimamani", the highest award of the state of Tamil Nadu, "Vasanthalakshmi" and "Narasimhachari" by the Narada Gana Sabha, "Singar Mani" by Sur Singar Samsad "Yuva Kala Bharathi" by Bharata Kalachar, etc.

She is a regular performer in Dordarshan and other satellite channels. She has also trained in Nattuvangam from veteran conductor Kamala Rani and is also learning Kalarappayitu, the martial art of Kerala, from Guru Raju.

*Sarod*, a traditional Indian musical instrument, has been developed from Rabab, a string instrument that comes from the Middle East. *Sarod* has 19 metal strings, 4 carry the melody, 4 are tuned to vibrate the basic notes and the 11 lower strings are tuned to the notes of the *Raga*. The instrument is hollowed out from a single piece of teakwood. The larger end is covered with a stretched skin, while the finger-board has a metal plate. *Sarod* is one

of the most difficult instruments to play, demanding a perfect sense of pitch, because unlike the *Sitar* it has no frets to help the player. *Sarod* being literally a derivation from *Sarood* meaning melody in Persian.

The violin although a well-known instrument in the international classical music scene is quite rare in North Indian classical music.

This group will be supported by co-artists Neela (Nattuvangam), Haribabu (Mridangam), Sudev (Vocal), and Kanna (Violin).

Complementary passes for the performance in Dhaka can be collected from the Information & Culture Wing, High Commission of India, Dhaka and for the performance at Chittagong from the Assistant High Commission of India, Chittagong.



**Mukesh Sharma**

will present her classical vocal music on January 23. On January 24, a *sarod-violin* Jugalbandi will be presented by Mukesh Sharma and Anupriya. The duo will also be performing at the Muslim Institution Hall, Chittagong on January 23.

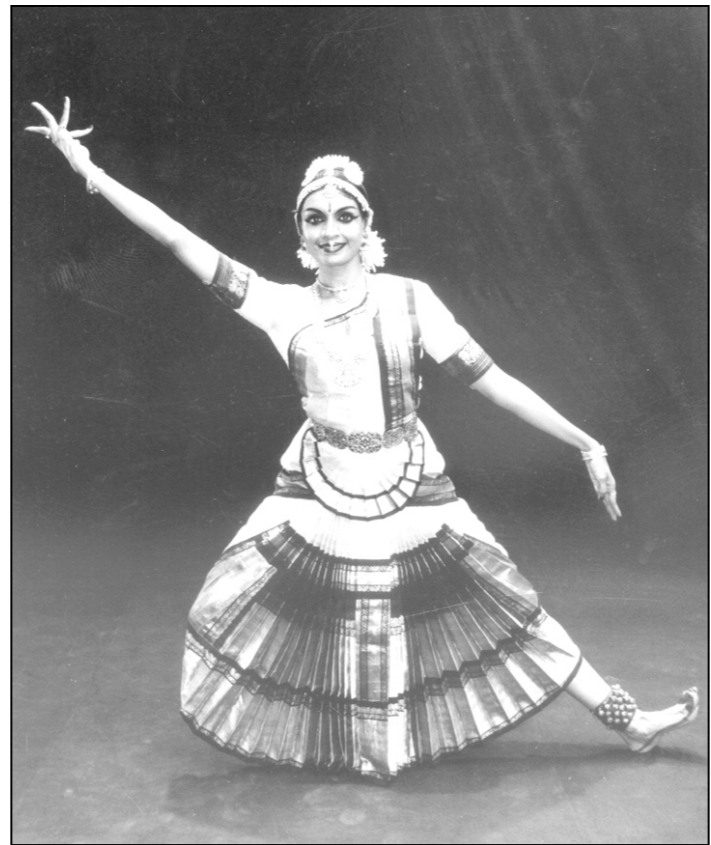
Dhakaites are already familiar with some of these artists who have performed in the city before.

Meeta is sixth in line in the unbroken lineage of musicians of the legendary Pandit family of Gwalior Gharana. She has been groomed with meticulous care first by her grandfather Padma Bhushan Pt. Krishnarao Shankar Pandit and then by father and guru Pt. L.K. Pandit. Meeta also has the unique distinction of being the first female musician in the family. She also learnt from her elder brother Late Sri Tushar Pandit for a while.

ideas most vividly. The intricate *taans* well balanced and with sparkling clarity are at astonishing and have a brilliant finish. The rendering of the breathtaking traditional Tappa is one of the most thrilling items in her concerts. Besides *Khyals*, Meeta is equally adept in Tarana, Tappa, Ashtapadi & Pad.

Meeta has won many prestigious titles and awards, including like the Sur-Mani by Sur Singar Samsad, Excellence in Music Award by St. Mary's and Lady Shri Ram College, Pt. Nikhil Banerjee Smriti Award by Sangeet Bhawan in Lucknow.

Meeta also experiments with composing music. The *bhajans* she has composed have been highly acclaimed in different times. She continues in her quest for new dimensions by means of synthesis of traditional and aesthetic refine-



**Priyadarshini Govind**

## Recommendations

### Kittankhola

The screening of the film *Kittankhola* will be held at the Goethe Institut (German Cultural Centre) today at 6 in the evening. Based on the theatrical presentation by Selim Al Din, the film is directed by Abu Sayeed.

### Cassette Release

An album titled *Sur Baje Tar Amar Prane* by Rabindrasangeet singer Mansura Begum will be held at the Indian High Commission Cultural Centre auditorium on January 18 at 6:30 in the evening.



### Art exhibition

**Alka mathur and Naresh Kapuria's joint show opens at Bengal Gallery on January 18.** Alka Mathur is a familiar name in the Dhaka art circle. These two artists together promise a mind stirring show for the city's gallery-goers.

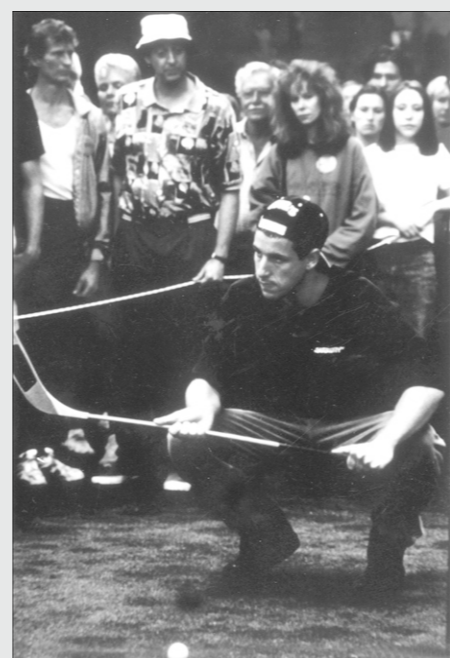
### The War We

#### Forgot

A photography exhibition on the history of country's Liberation War has opened at the Bangladesh National Museum. The show displays historic images of the internationally renowned press and other photographers who were in Bangladesh during the War in 1971. The works of Abbas, Bruno barbey, Henri Bureau, David Burnett, Horst Faas (Associated Press), Michel Laurent (associated Press), among others, have been kept on display. The exhibition is open for all from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily and will come to an end on January 30.

# TV GUIDE

## PICK OF THE DAY



### Happy Gilmore

**Tonight on HBO at 10**

**Adam Sandler stars in the title role of "Happy Gilmore", a hockey slapper who discovers that his wicked slap shot easily converts into a crushing 400 yard tee shot with potential for big bucks. This lands him on a Pro Golf Tour, where he is about to turn the gentlemen's game into a contract sport.**

**Happy Gilmore is directed by Dennis Dugan and stars Adam Sandler, Chris-**

BBC News 3:30 World Business Report 4:00 BBC News 4:30 Asia Business Report 4:00 BBC News 7:30 Holiday 8:00 BBC News 8:30 Hardtalk 9:00 BBC News 09:30 Asia Today 10:00 BBC News 10:30 Hospital 11:00 BBC News World Business Report 11:30 Jancis 12:00 BBC News 12:35 World Business Report 1:00 BBC News 1:30 Hardtalk 2:00 BBC News 2:30 Talking Movies 3:00

**HBO**  
7:00 Heartbreak Ridge 9:15 Batman Returns 11:45 Always Outnumbered 2:00 The Stepdaughter 4:00 Rush Hour 6:00 Hostile Waters 8:00 Every Mother's Worst Fear 10:00 Happy Gilmore

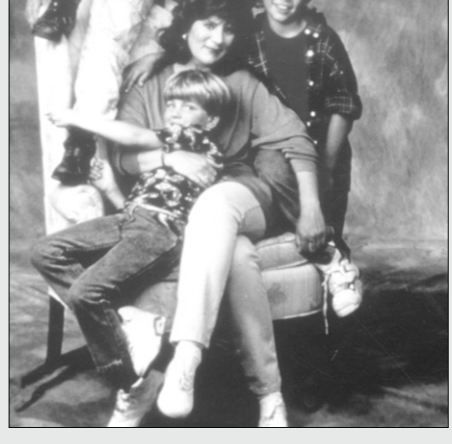
Everybody Loves Raymond 3:00 Fraser 3:30 Grace Under Fire 4:00 The Bold & The Beautiful 4:30 Mork & Mindy 5:00 Happy Days 5:30 Baywatch 6:30 Hollywood Squares 7:00 Home Improvement 7:30 STAR News Asia 8:00 Friends 8:30 JAG 9:00 STAR News Asia 9:30 The Pretender 10:30 Law & Order Special Victims Unit 11:30 Friends 12:00 STAR News 12:30 JAG 1:30 The Pretender 2:30 Law & Order Special Victims Unit 3:30 JAG 4:30 The Pretender 5:30 Creflo Dollar Daily 6:00 Kenneth Copeland Ministries

### STAR PLUS

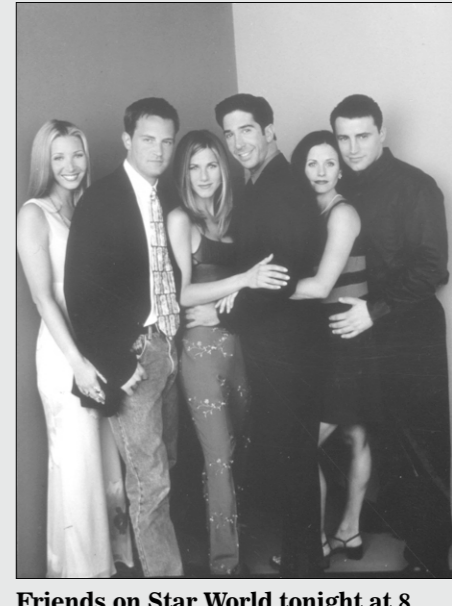
6:00 Tu Tu Main Main 6:30 STAR Geetmala 7:30 Hit Ya Fit 8:00 Cine Jharokha 8:30 Good Morning India 9:30 Star Morning Show 12:30 Hit Ya Fit 1:00 TSN 1:30 Small Wonder 2:00 Meri

### STAR GOLD

8:30 Bollywood News 9:00 Meraa Ghar Mere Bauche (Smita Patil, Raj Babbar) 12:00 Geet Bahar 12:30 Tumse Achha Kaun Hai (Shammi Kapoor, Babita) 3:30 Bollywood



**Home Improvement on Star World today at 7 in the evening**



**Friends on Star World tonight at 8**

6:00 Dark Skies/Moving Targets 7:00 World Most Amazing Video II 8:00 Cyberteam in Akhabara/Flame of Recca 9:00 Slam Dunk/Samurai X 10:00 Charlie's Angels I/Angels in Trap 11:00 World Most Amazing Video II 12:00 Farscape II/Taking the Stone 1:00 Movie: Streetfighter Zero 3:00 Who Dares Wins/Cyberteam I/Aurat (Dimple Kapadia, Jeetendra, Sujata Mehta) 12:30 Aaj Ki Aurat (Contd) 2:00 Geet Bahar 2:30 Nadiya Ke Par (Dilip Kumar, Kamini Kaushal) 5:30Aaj Ki Aurat (Dimple Kapadia, Jeetendra, Sujata Mehta)

### STAR MOVIES

7:15 Comedy: Doctor Dolittle 9:00 Thriller: Species 2 11:00 Action: Land Of The Free 1:00 Drama: One From The Heart 3:00 Comedy: Secret Life Of Girls 5:00 Action: Alien Intruder 7:00 Action: Rambo 3 9:00 Action: Question Of Privilege 11:00 Comedy: Doctor Dolittle 1:00 Action: Eighteen Shades Of Dust 3:00 Drama: That Championship Season 5:15 Thriller: Pi

**18 Shades of Dust on Star Movies today at 1:00 p.m.**

age/Heart of Courage 7:00 Pensacola III/A wing and a Prayer 8:00 Movie: Mortal Thoughts 10:00 Charlie's Angels I/Angels Trap 11:00 Pensacola III/A Wing and a Prayer 12:00 Movie: Mortal Thoughts 2:00 Dark Skies/Moving Targets 3:00 Silk Stalkings V/Black and Blue

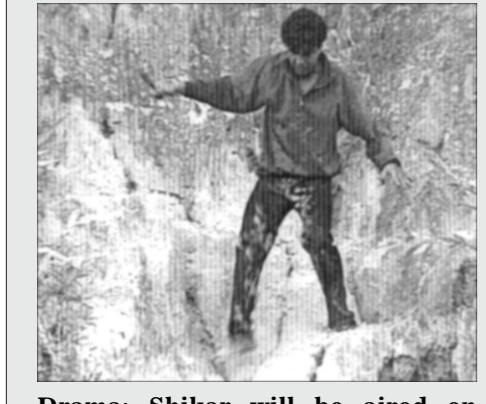
### ZEE CINEMA

10:30 Insaan (Reena Roy, Vinod Khanna) 2:00 Surksha (Mithun, Ranjeeta) 6:00 Alag Alag (Rajesh Khanna, Tina Munim) 10:30 Baharon Ki Manzil (Dharmendra, Meena Kumari) 2:30 Gaal Gulabi Nain Sharabi (Kiran Kumar, Radha) 6:30 Ustadi Ustad Se (Vinod Mehra, Ranjeeta)

### Z MGM

6:30 Murder on the Orient Express 9:00 Something Short of Paradise 11:30 Hard Choices 2:00 Action: Even 4:30 Bullet for a Pretty Boy 7:00 The Ambulance 9:30 The Believers 11:30 Dead On Sight 1:30 Terror on Tour 4:00 Beneath the 12 Mile Reef

**BTV**  
Morning Session 9:45 Opening Announcement 10:00 Live telecast of the question-answer part of the 21st parliamentary session of the 7th National Parliament Evening Session 3:00 Opening Announcement 3:20 Open University 4:00 Khabar 4:05 Pushitathya 4:20 Sports Programme 5:10 Lal Shabujer Pala: Entertainment programme for the



**Drama: Shikar will be aired on Ekushey television tonight at 9. Written by Obaidul Gani Chandan the drama is directed by Minhajur**

children 5:40 Chande Anade (repeat) 6:00 Khabar 6:10 Shobar Jonnya Shiksha: Mass educational programme 6:35 Programme from Chittagong station 7:00 Sangeeta 7:25 Drama Series: Ocean Girl (Episode 1) 8:00 News in Bengali 8:20 Drama Series: Sattyajiter Goppo 9:00 Drama Series: Ora Kajona 10:00 News at Ten 10:20 Abahoman Bangla: A programme on Bengali culture 10:45 Sur Lahori: A programme of Classical Music 11:30 Khabar / The News 11:45 Close Down

**DISCOVERY CHANNEL**  
6:30 Eyewitness II 7:00 In Care Of Nature 7:30 Outer Bounds I & II 8:00 Without Warning I 8:30 Lonely Planet V 9:30 Beyond 2000 15 10:00 Next Step 10:30 Go For IT! 11:30 Intimate Escapes 12:30 Wild Discovery 1:30 Medical Detectives I 2:00 Medical Detectives I 2:30



**Doctor Dolittle on Star Movies tonight at 11**

Lifeline 3:30 Eyewitness II 4:00 In Care Of Nature 4:30 Outer Bounds I & II 5:00 Without Warning I 5:30 Lonely Planet V 6:30 Let's Dance/there's No Food Like My Food 7:00 Real Kids, Real Adventures 7:30 Wild Discovery 8:30 Hunters 9:30 Trauma I/VLive in the ER 10:30 On the Inside 11:30 Deadly Sins 12:30 Wild Discovery 1:30 Hunters 2:30 Trauma I/VLive in the ER 3:30 On the Inside Inside 4:30 Deadly Sins 5:30 Lifeline



**Jag on Star World tonight at 8:30**

World Sport 2:00 World News 2:30 Insight 3:00 Larry King Live (Replay) 4:00 World News 4:30 Biz Asia 5:00 Asia Tonight 5:30 World Sport 6:00 World News 6:15 Asian Edition 6:30 Biz Asia 7:00 World News 7:30 World Beat 8:00 Asia Tonight 8:30 World Sport 9:00 World News 9:30 CNN Indiadotcom 10:00 World News 10:30 Biz Asia 11:00 World News 11:30 Q&A South Asia 12:00 World News 1:00 Style South Asia 1:30 World Business Today 2:00 World News 2:30 Q&A 3:00 World News Europe 3:30 CNN Newsroom

### BBC WORLD

6:00 BBC News 6:30 World Business Report 7:00 BBC News 7:30 Asia Today Inc. World Business Report 8:00 BBC News 8:30 Asia Today Inc. World Business Report 9:00 BBC News 9:30 Asia Today Inc. World Business Report 10:00 BBC News 10:30 BBC News 10:30 Hardtalk 11:00 BBC News 11:30 Holiday 12:00 BBC News 12:30 Mastermind India 1:00 BBC News 1:30 Hardtalk 2:00 BBC News 2:30 Earth Report 3:00 BBC News 3:30 Hardtalk 4:00 BBC News 4:30 Click Online 5:00 BBC News 5:30 Earth Report 6:00 BBC News 6:30 Mastermind India 7:00 BBC News 7:15 World Business Report 7:30 Holiday 8:00 BBC News 8:30 Hardtalk 9:00 BBC News 09:30 Asia Today 10:00 BBC News 10:30 Hospital 11:00 BBC News World Business Report 11:30 Jancis 12:00 BBC News 12:35 World Business Report 1:00 BBC News 1:30 Hardtalk 2:00 BBC News 2:30 Talking Movies 3:00