

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

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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

musician in the family. She also learnt from her elder brother Late Sri Tushar Pandit for a while.

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 enthralling 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 *Khayal* with traditional *Ashtang Gayaki*



Anupriya.

times. She continues in her quest for new dimensions by means of synthesis of traditional and aesthetic refinement. 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 Doordarshan. Mukesh's ability to transform the audiences 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 *Sarang* 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. Kandara 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 Jugalbanti (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. Kalanidhi Narayanan. After her first performance in 1974, she has been



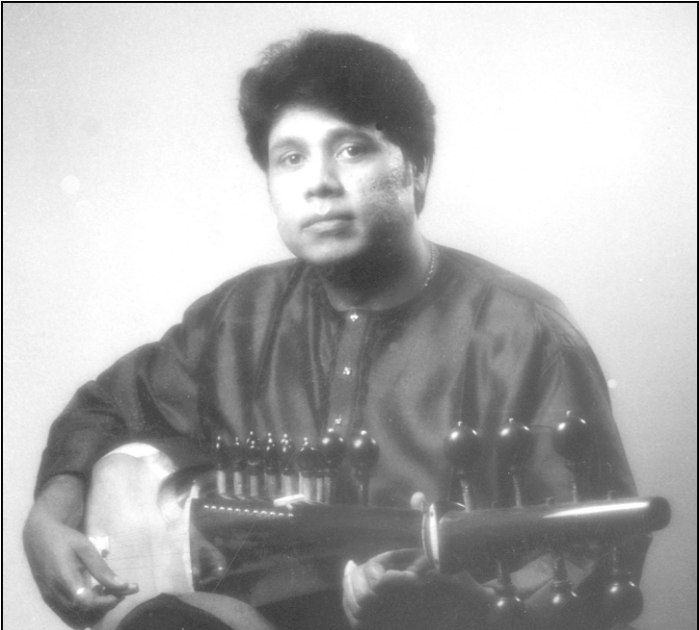
Meeta Pandit

performing in all the major centres in India. She has also travelled extensively in Europe, North America, South Africa, 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' & 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 Doordarshan and other satellite channels. She has also trained in Nattuvangam from veteran conductor Kamala Rani and is also learning Kalarappayattu, 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, and are tuned to vibrate the basic notes and the 11 lower strings are tuned to the notes of the *Raga*.



Mukesh Sharma

Bharatnatyam dance performance by Priyadarshini Govind. Meeta Pandit will present her classical vocal music on January 23. On January 24, a *sarod*-violin Jugalbanti 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

(*gayaki* with eight folds). Her alaaps have a mesmeric impact as she is able to convey her musical ideas most vividly. The intricate *taans* well balanced and with sparking 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 *Khayals*, 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



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.

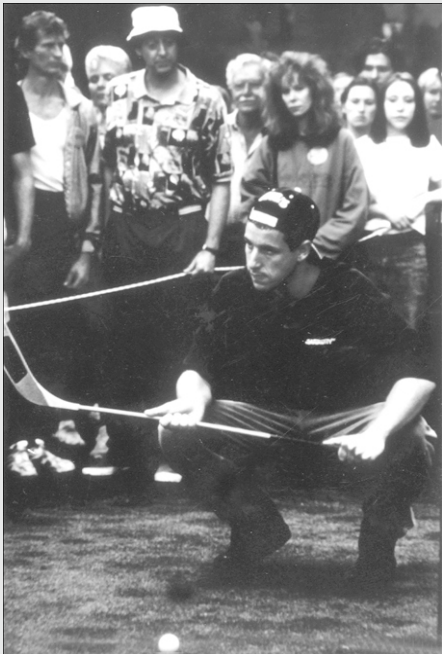
The War We

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 player 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, Christopher McDonald and others.

Report 4:00 BBC News 4:30 Asia Business Report/World Business Report 5:00 BBC News 5:30 World Business Report Inc. Asia Today

HBO

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

Gilmore 12:00 Wolfen 2:30 Rush Hour 4:30 Every Mother's Worst Fear

STAR WORLD

6:30 Life In The World With Joyce Meyer 7:00 World News 7:30 Grace Under Fire 8:00 Mork & Mindy 8:30 Murder Call 9:30 The Oprah Winfrey Show 10:30 Home Improvement 11:00 Happy Days 11:30 That 70's Show 12:00 Dharma & Greg 12:30 Chicago Hope 1:30

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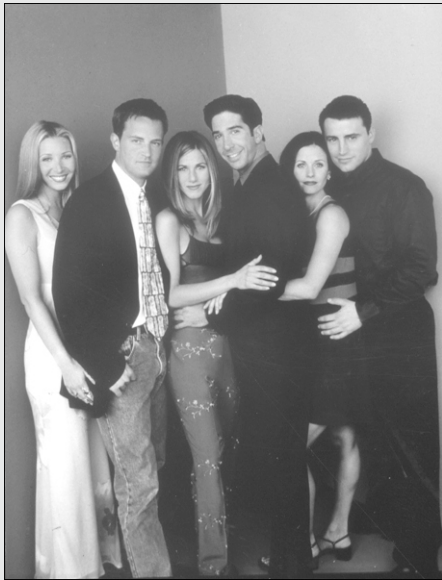
STAR PLUS

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 Saheli 2:30 Saans 3:00 Shagun 3:30 Siski 4:00 Kyunki Saas Bhi Kabhi Bahu Thi 4:30 Cine Jharokha 5:00 Hit Ya Fit 5:30 Love My India 6:00 Small Wonder 6:30 Fox Kids 7:30 Kahani Ghar Ghar Kii 8:00 Tu Tu Main Main 8:30 Kabhi Kabhie Mere Ghar Mein Bhuchaal Aata Hai 9:00 Kora Kagaz 9:30 Kaun Banega Crorepati 10:30 Kahaani Ghar Ghar Kii 11:00 Kyunki Saas Bhi Kabhi Bahu Thi 11:30 Aaj Ki Baat 12:00 Shagun 12:30 Telebrands 1:00 Kahaani Ghar Ghar Kii 1:30 Star Movie Show 4:30 Kyunki Saas Bi Kabhi Bahu Thi 5:00 Saans 5:30 Meri Saheli

STAR GOLD

8:30 Bollywood News 9:00 Merara Ghar Mere Bachche (Smita Patil, Raj Babbar) 12:00 Geet Bahar



Friends on Star World tonight at 8

12:30 Tumse Achha Kaun Hai (Shammi Kapoor, Babita) 3:30 Bollywood News 4:00 Nadiya Ke Par (Dilip Kumar, Kamini Kaushal) 7:00 Geet Bahar 7:30 Mangal Masti-Tumsa Nahin Dekha (Shammi Kappor, Ameeta, Pran) 10:30 Bollywood News 11:00 Aaj Ki 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) 5:30 Aaj Ki Aurat (Dimple Kapadia, Jeetendra, Sujata Mehta)

Drama: That Championship Season 5:15 Thriller: Pi

AXN

6:00 Dark Skies/Moving Targets 7:00 World Most Amazing Video II 8:00 Cyberteam in Akihbara/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 in Akihbara 4:00

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: Allen 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



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

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 children 5:40

12:00 Ekushey News Headlines 12:05 Aiker Potrikay 12:15 Bangla Movie: Santona 2:40 Drishti 3:00 Ekushey News Headlines 3:05 Drama Series: Koyekon Opradhi 3:30 Amader Kotha 4:00 Chitrogeeti 4:30 Expedition to the Animal Kingdom 5:00 Circus Circus 5:30 Drishti 5:50 Aiker Potrikay 6:00 Ekushey News Headlines 6:05 Classic Cartoons 6:30 Charidike 7:00 Deho Tori 7:30 Ekushey



Doctor Dolittle on Star Movies tonight at 11

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/IVLive in the ER 10:30 On the Inside 11:30 Deadly Sins 12:30 Wild Discovery 1:30 Hunters 2:30 Trauma I/IVLive in the ER 3:30 On the Inside 3:30 4:30 Deadly Sins 5:30 Lifeline

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(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 News 9:00 World News 9:30 CNN Indiadotcom 10:00 World News 10:30 Biz Asia 11:00 World News 11:30 Q&A 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

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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: Sattayajiter Goppo 9:00 Drama Serial: 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

EKUSHEY TV

News 8:00 Drama Series: Nei Kono Thikana 8:45 Drama Series: Shikar 10:00 BTV News 10:20 Mukto Khobor 11:00 Ekushey Late Night News

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 11:30 Intimate Escapes 12:30 Wild Discovery 1:30 Medical Detectives I 2:00 Medical Detectives I 2:30 Lifeline 3:30 Eyewitness II