

Music

In search of pure notes

Gayaki's musical evening captivates enthusiasts

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DURBA Rai Chowdhury who trained the members of Gayaki, that performed at the Alliance Francaise recently, says, "I studied classical music at Allahabad myself. Having finished classical and Rabindrasangeet in 1976, I went to Santineketan, to study more in the same genres. In '85, after my marriage I came to Bangladesh. In '93 I began my school 'Gayaki'. Before that I taught at Chhayanote and now I am teaching classical, Rabindrasangeet and songs of DL Roy, Atul Prasad etc. I sang in the radio here but as their instruments clashed with my singing, I gave that up.

"I went into singing as music was there in my family. My sister had done her masters from Rabindrabharati. I was doing my PhD in Rabindrasangeet at Santineketan when I had to give it up for family reasons. My first 'guru' was Santash Sarkar and later I studied with Kanika Bandhapaddya, Ashash Benarjee, Gora Sharbhardekari, Sitangshu Roy and ustad V V Wazalwar for classical music. Having music in my roots, my husband encouraged me enormously."

"I sang regularly on stage in Dhaka for Rabindrasangeet functions such as for 'Pahala Baishak' occasions with 'Chhayanote'. Earlier, in Calcutta, I had won a prize for 'dhrupad' in '75. I sing classical, 'Rabindrasangeet', Atul Prasad, DL Roy and Rajinta Kanta songs. I also sing 'harano diner gaan' such as those of Pratima and Shandha Mukharjee. Now I spend time in creating artists rather than spending the time on my own singing. I am 'Scholastic' from 8.30 pm to 3.25 in the afternoon. In the evening I tutor and once a week, on Sunday, I hold my 'Gayaki' classes at Dhanmandi. I teach classical which is the ABC of songs along with other songs such as Rabindrasangeet. When I am singing myself I have the 'harmonium', 'tabla' and 'tanpura' accompaniment."

"I myself like the eager and dedicated singers like Kanika Bandhapaddya, my 'guru ma' and Ajoy Chakrabarti, in Bangladesh I like Nilufer Yasmeen and Rizwana



Gayaki presents its seventh musical evening at Alliance Francaise on March 2.

Chowdhury Banna. I practice from two six hours before my performances, according to the needs. During the performance at the Alliance Francaise, I made my students sing Rabindrasangeet, Nazrulgeeti, and 'bhajan'.

"Amirul Aziz Kamal, who performs on the 'tabla' for the group says, "I learnt 'tabla' with Dhiren Sur and later learnt with Durba Rai Chowdhury's husband, Tapan Kanti Buddha at 'Sadarang' doing classical music and 'Rabindrasangeet'. I also learnt from Calcutta's Samar Shaha. Doing modern songs at one time, I could not assess my own abilities. I have performed at various places including the Shilpakala Academy. Having begun as a child I am now playing for 22 years. I have played other similar instruments too like 'khol' and 'pakhwaj' but I prefer the 'tabla'. Now I concentrate on music having given up all my other

work. Lisa Mawla, who sings along with her career as a hairdresser at Gulshan, says "My mother, who was also keen on singing, encouraged me. In my youth I had joined the 'Chhaya Note' along with my dancing. I left music and took it up again when 'Gayaki' took place. I sang with Durba Rai Chowdhury on stage singing 'Rabindrasangeet' liking its workings and tunes. The day I'm off from my work is when my singing classes take place so that I can devote some time to it such as one hour twice a week. I like listening to 'Rabindrasangeet' on TV and my favourites include 'Akash jurey shuninu' and 'Aghat korey jinee'. My favourite singers include Rizvana Chowdhury and enjoy 'kathak' in which Shibli and Bishwa Sri excel. During functions we practice for hours for a week.

Prithwiraj Boddha sings classical

songs and Bangal 'tappa' like 'Bhalo na bashiba jodi' and raag 'boiragi' which he did on that evening at Alliance Francaise. He says, "I have seen my parents singing since I was born. I like both classical and 'Rabindrasangeet'. I learn from my parents and did so with Ajoy Chakrabarti. I sing with my parents on stage in places like Indian and Russian Cultural Centres, Public Library and Shilpakala Academy on about eight occasions. When singing, I play the 'tanpura'. My favourite singers are Salamati Ali, Nazakat Ali and Barey Ghulam Ali."

Gayaki's students range from career women in their 40s and 50s to children at the school stage and do a good job of part-time singing, combining music with their work and education,

Exhibition

Stocktaking at the Art Institute

Annual Art Exhibition 2000 of Institute of Fine Arts comes to an end

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IT is a dream for every student of the Institute of Fine Arts to take part in the annual art exhibition of the institute. This year the Institute showcased its creative best at its annual exhibition which concluded on March 3.

Selected works from every department— Painting and Drawing, Print-making, Oriental, Ceramics, Sculpture, and Commercial— featured at the annual show.

Zainul, the institute's art gallery, displayed a rich combination of works of different mediums— oil painting, sculpture, tapestry, poster art, and wood work. This year's Best Media Award went to Prashanta Adhikari, a student of BFA 3rd year, for his work 'Porichiti - 2'. Done in watercolour the picture depicts a woman in happy mood.

'Jokhon Poristhiti Ghothe - 2' by Firoz Mahmud won the Experimental Award in drawing and painting. In a 2 part canvas he portrayed our war of independence in 1971.

Best award (ink) went to Shahid Kaji (2nd year new) for his fine ink work 'Motor Cycle - 2'. Best award (watercolour) went to Anupam Das for his realistic still life. Biswajit Gosshami won the best award

(pencil) for his brilliant sketch of an abandoned Vox Wagon. Apart from the award winning works the rest of the works by the students of department of drawing and painting were quite exciting to look at.

An installation work on Arsenic by Mijanur Rahman Milon, a BFA 3rd year student drew gallery-goers attention. The floor was covered with thousands of paper cut-out hands all featuring arsenic infection. He also painted on the photographs of arsenic affected women.

Most of the works displayed at the department of ceramics were ceramic wares with a few exception of figurative and abstract work. The best award went to Ranabir Pal (BFA 3rd year) for his abstract shaped little jars.

Works by the students of the Department of Sculpture were cynosure of the annual event. Most of the sculptures were done in wood, metal and plaster. There were also some drawings by the students of Sculpture. The Best Award in sculpture won by Mahmudul Hasan for his 'composition'.

The students of the department of crafts worked with jute, wood, paper and various other objects. Their works were colourful and attractive. The experimental award

went to Nurul Islam for his tapestry 'Nari - 1'.

Department of graphic design exhibited poster arts, illustrations, and typography by their students. Harun-ar Rashid (BFA 3rd year) was awarded the Best Award for his poster of Creative Crafts of Bangladesh.

Department of Oriental Arts mainly displayed washed watercolours. The Experimental Award went to Rabeya Begum Lipi (MFA) for 'Kopoi' an excellent watercolour depicting two women figures in blue.

Students of Print-making showcased their works done in woodcut, dry point, watercolour, etching and lithograph. The Best Award went to Rania Alam (BFA 3rd year) for her woodcut 'Still Life'.

The exhibition was inaugurated on February 23 by A K Azad Chowdhury, Vice Chancellor, University of Dhaka. Noted artist Safiuddin Ahmed was also present as special guest at the inaugural ceremony, which was presided over by Professor Mahmudul Huq, Director, Institute of Fine Arts.

All in all the annual art exhibition 2000 was really a fantastic experience. It was great to experience artworks by young and budding artists of tomorrow.

RECOMMENDATIONS

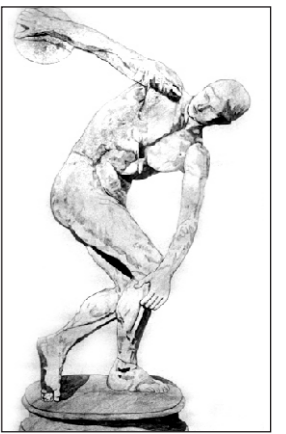
Nrityanchal Academy of Performing Arts

The inauguration of 'Nrityanchal Academy of Performing Arts' will be held at the Rajdhani High School (Opposite to Jatya Sangshad Bhaban) on March 15 at 4p.m. Cultural personality Kalim Sharafi will be present as chief guest.

Kubin's show

An art exhibition by Alfred Kubin (1877-1959) will be inaugurated at the Goethe Institut on March 11 at 6p.m. The exhibition presents fifteen pen and ink drawings of the so called 'Hans von Weber Mappe' (reprinted in a limited edition in 1989).

The exhibition will remain open to all from 2p.m. 8p.m. every day except Fridays and Saturdays till March 25.



Art to save life

A joint art exhibition by two sisters Tia and Nadia Chowdhury started at the North South University (BTA tower).

The money collected from the exhibition will help a disabled boy Shiekh Mohammad Shaheen for the implantation of artificial limbs. The exhibition time has been extended, it will reopen on March 12 and will come to an end on March 14.

TV GUIDE

EKUSHEY TV

12:00 Ekushey Headlines 12:05 Aiker Potrikay 12:15 Bangla Movie: Palki 2:40 Drishti 3:00 Ekushey Headlines 3:05 Drama Serial: Na 3:30 Pother Pachali 4:00 Chhironotee 4:30 Expedition to the Animal Kingdom 5:00 Circus 5:30 Drishti 5:50 Aiker Potrikay 6:00 Ekushey Headlines 6:05 Classic Cartoons 6:30 Chandike 7:00 White Plus Jana Ojana 7:30 Ekushey News 8:00 Protibedon 8:30 Noorjahan 9:30 E Ki Khela 10:00 Shorashori 10:30 News 11:00 Ekushey Late Night News 11:30 Protibedon 11:45 ETV Headlines

HBO

6:45 Executive Decision 9:30 Bugsy 12:15 Jerry Maguire 3:00 Body Snatchers 5:00 Arthur 7:00 Bird 10:15 Dolores Claiborne 1:00 Lethal Weapon 3:15 Why Do Fools Fall in Love 5:30 Michael Collins

STAR MOVIE

7:45 Action: Hot Boyz 9:30 Action: Illegal Entry 11:15 Thriller: The Rainmaker 1:45 Thriller: Lake Placid 3:30 Star Kids' Club: Operatin Spitsville 5:15 Comedy: Rushmore 7:00 Sunday Megamovie:

Instinct 9:00 Drama:

There Goes My Baby 10:45 Action: Hot Boyz 12:30 Action: Counter Force 2:30 Thriller: Best Laid Plans 4:30 Comedy: What About Bob? 6:30 Comedy: 100 Girls

STAR GOLD

8:30 Jubilee Plus 9:00 Amne Samne (Mithun Chakraborty, Bindhya Goswami) 12:00 Geet Bahar 12:30 Sunday Noon Show Suraj Ka Satvan Ghalda (Rajit Kapoor, Pallavi Joshi, Amrishi Puri) 3:30 Geet Bahar 4:00 Umrao Jaan (Rekha, Farouque Sheikh, Naseerudin Shah) 7:00 Geet Bahar 7:30 Sunday Blockbusters Naya Zamana (Dharmendra, Hema Malini) 10:30 Beete Hue Din 11:00 Teen Chor (Vinod Mehra, Om Prakash) 12:30 Teen Chor (Cont) 2:00 Geet Bahar 2:30 Amne Samne (Mithun Chakraborty, Bindhya Goswami) 5:30 Teen Chor (Vinod Mehra, Om Prakash)

STAR WORLD

6:00 JAG 7:00 Nash Bridges 8:00 The Pretender 9:00 Sir Arthur Conan Doyle's The Lost World 10:00 Ally McBea 11:00 The Practice 12:00

Martial Law 1:00 World

Championship Wrestling Thunder 3:00 Crown and Country 3:30 Travel Asia 4:00 Baywatch 5:00 The Simpsons 5:30 3rd Rock From the Sun 6:00 Star News Focus Asia 7:00 The X Files 8:00 Star Trek The Next Generation 9:00 TV Com 9:30 Star News Sunday 10:00 Star News Sunday 10:30 The X Files 11:30 Star Trek The Next Generation 12:30 Cops 1:00 Star News Focus Asia 2:00 The X Files 3:00 Crefo Dollar Daily 3:30 Kenneth Copeland Ministries 4:00 Life In The World With Joyce Meyer 4:30 World News 5:00 Grace Under Fire 5:30 Mork & Mindy

STAR PLUS

6:00 Kuccha Papad Pucca Papad 6:30 Star Geetmala 7:30 Good Morning India 8:30 The Sword of Tipu Sultan 9:30 Fox Kids Sunday 10:30 Janata Ki Adalat 11:00 Chupa Rustom 11:30 Chalti Ka Naam Antakshri 12:30 Family Fortunes 1:00 Musaffir Hoon Yaroon 1:30 Mirch Masala 2:00 Ek Main Aur Ek Tu 2:30 Mail Milap 2:40 Star Sunday Matinee: Zaalim (Akshay, Madhu, Ranjeet) 6:00 Shrimati Sharma Na Kehi Thi 6:30 Jubilee Plus 7:00 Star Bestsellers 8:00

Star Film Utsav: Pathar Ke

Sanam (Manoj Kumar, Waheeda Rehman, Mumtaz) 11:30 Jubilee Plus 12:00 Janata Ki Adalat 12:30 Kalash 1:00 Sonpari 1:30 Star Movie Show: Vardan (Vinod Mehra, Reena Roy) 4:30 I Love My India 5:00 Saans 5:30 Hit Ya Fit

DISCOVERY CHANNEL

6:30 Animal Survivors 7:00 In Care Of Nature 7:30 Outer Bounds I & II 8:00 Without Warning I 8:30 Wings 9:30 Let's Dance/There's No Food Like My Food 10:00 Crocodile Hunter's Croc Files II 10:30 Popular Mechanics for Kids III 11:00 So You Want To Be? 11:30 Real Kids, Real Adventures 12:00 Splat II & III 12:30 Lonely Planet III 1:30 Discovery Profile Series 7:30 Vital Breakthroughs 8:30 Land of the Mammoth 10:30 Discovery Showcase 11:30 Discovery Profile Series 12:30 Vital Breakthroughs 1:30 Land of the Mammoth 3:30 Discovery Showcase 4:30 Discovery Profile 5:30 21st Century Medicine

BBC WORLD

6:00 BBC News 6:30 This Week 7:00 BBC News

7:30 Holiday 8:00 BBC

News 8:30 EurDir 9:00 BBC News 9:30 Correspondent 10:00 BBC News 10:30 IT: India Tomorrow 11:00 BBC News 11:30 India Business Report 12:00 BBC News 12:30 Hospital 1:00 BBC News 1:30 Face To Face 2:00 BBC News 2:30 This Week 3:00 BBC News 3:30 Future War 4:00 BBC News 4:30 Click Online 5:00 BBC News 5:30 Eur Dir 6:00 BBC News 6:30 Rock Family Trees 7:00 BBC News 7:30 Dateline London 8:00 BBC News 8:30 Top Gear ex Waterworld 9:00 BBC News 9:30 Dancing in the Street 10:00 BBC News 10:30 India Business Report 11:00 BBC News 11:30 Holiday 12:00 BBC News 12:30 Future War 1:00 BBC News 1:30 Eur Dir 2:00 BBC News 2:30 Rock Family Trees 3:00 BBC News 3:30 Top Gear ex Waterworld 4:00 BBC News 4:30 Asia Business Report/Reporters 5:00 BBC News 5:30 Asia Business Report/Asia Today

CNN

4:00 World News 4:30 World Sport 5:00 CNN World View 5:30 Inside Asia 6:00 World News 6:30 The Artclub 7:00 CNN World View 7:30 World

Beat 8:00 Larry King

Weekend 9:00 CNN World View 9:30 Style with Elsa Klensch 10:00 World Report 11:00 World News 11:30 Inside Asia 12:00 World News 12:30 Your Health 1:00 World News 1:30 World Sport 2:00 World News 2:30 Diplomatic License 3:00 Larry King Weekend 4:00 World News 4:30 Ebizasia 5:00 World News 5:30 World Sport 6:00 World News 6:30 CNN Hotspots 7:00 World News 7:30 Business Unusual 8:00 World News 8:30 CNNdotCOM 9:00 World News 9:30 World Beat 10:00 World News 10:30 CNN IndiadotCOM 11:00 Style South Asia 11:30 Ebizasia 12:00 World News 12:30 Style with Elsa Klensch 1:00 CNN IndiadotCOM 1:30 CNNdotCOM 2:00 World News 2:30 The Artclub 3:00 World News 3:30 Diplomatic License

ZEE MGM

8:30 Original Sound Track 9:00 Hot Spot 11:00 Hollywood Remembers For 11:30 Club Fed 2:00 Return of the Musketeers 4:00 Total Recall 4:30 Mystic Pizza 6:30 Hollywood Remembers 7:00 Tender 9:00 Hollywood Remembers 9:30 Code Of

Silence 11:30 Cohen &

Tate 1:30 Foreign Body 3:30 Original Sound Track 4:00 Charade 6:00 Total Recall 6:30 Lethal Panther

ZEE ENGLISH

6:30 Kate & Allie 7:00 Cheek It Out 7:30 Music Zone 8:00 Late Show With David Letterman 9:00 Emma 10:00 Dave's World 10:30 Police Academy 11:30 For Your Love 12:00 Jesse 12:30 Movie Stars 1:00 Suddenly Susan 1:30 La Femme Nikita 2:30 Veronica's Closet 3:00 Here's Lucy 3:30 Emma 4:30 The West Wing 5:30 Touched By An Angel 6:30 Homicide-Life In Street 7:30 Heartbreak High 8:30 Here's Lucy 9:00 Royal Canadian Air Force 9:30 Kennedy 10:30 The West Wing 11:30 Late Show With David Letterman 12:30 Here's Lucy 1:00 Homicide Live on the Streets 2:00 Kennedy 3:00 Music Zone 4:00 Heartbreak High 5:00 Original Sound Track 5:30 Music Zone

ZEE CINEMA

9:30 Kuch Lamhe Kuch Nagme 10:00 Bollywood

Top 5 10:15 Movie Fare

10:30 Tazaa-Feature Film 1:30 Weekend Cinema 2:00 Laat Saab-Feature Film 5:30 Bollywood Top 5 5:45 Film Time 6:00 Milan Feature Film 9:45 Gunjan 10:00 Ikke Pe Ikka 10:30 Lux Zee Cine Awards Technical 2:30 Sajjan Ka Dard-Feature Film 5:30 Chehren 5:45 Weekend Cinema 6:15 Film Time

ZEE TV

6:15 Old Is Gold 6:30 Bhakti Geet 7:30 Amrit Kalash 8:00 Guldasta 8:30 Nickeloden 9:00 Nickeloden 9:30 Jai Ganesha 10:30 Vishnu Puran 11:00 Whirl Pool Mera Magic Mera Home 12:00 Zee Talkies 12:30 Quiz Contest 1:00 Dastak 1:30 Top Of The Tops 2:00 Hudd Kar Di 2:30 Zee & You 3:00 Jagannath-Cinema Hits 6:00 Ek Nazar 6:30 Nickelodeon On Zee 7:00 Nickelodeon 7:30 Thief Of Baghdad 8:30 Hamara Turnhare 9:00 Lux Zee Zine technical Awards-Sunday Superhits 12:00 Lakeeren 12:27 Intermission 12:30 Mehendi Tere Naam Ki 1:00 Whirl Pool Mera Magic Mera Home 1:30 Chust Durust Show 2:00 Dastaan 2:30 Ek Nazar 3:00 Dara Singh-Feature

Film 5:45 News In Hindi

ZEE MUSIC 6:00 Zee Music com 7:00 Aalap 7:30 Tararun 8:30 Hit Pe Hit 10:30 Hit Mix 11:00 Artist Of The Fortnight 11:30 Zee Music Box 12:00 Dial M 1:00 Hit Pe Hit 2:00 Jharokha 2:45 Blue 3:05 Tararun 4:00 Hit Pe Hit 5:00 Zee Music Box 5:30 Hit Mix 6:00 Dil Se 6:30 Zee Music Live/Best Of The Best 7:30 Hit Pe Hit 8:30 Fillers 9:00 Compact Disc 9:30 Zee Music Box 10:00 Sizzlers 10:30 Jharokha 11:00 Zee Music. com 1:00 Phoren Maal 12:35 Phoren Maal 1:35 Zee Music Box 1:30 Jharokha 2:00 Hit Pe Hit 3:00 Pyar Mohabbat Etc 3:30 Tararun 4:30 Phoren Maal 5:30 Sizzlers

STAR SPORTS

7:30 World Wide Rugby Super 12 Rugby 2001 Hamilton, New Zealand Queensland Reds Waikato Chiefs Round 9:30 Alp Tennis Sybase Open San Jose, CA USA Finals 11:10 Gillette world Sports special Gillette World Sports 11:30 Asia Sport Show 12:00 Nba Inside Stuff 2000/1 Nba Inside Stuff 12:30 Olympic

Magazine 1:00 Table

Tennis Itf Pro Tour 2001 Qatar Open Doha, Qatar Semifinals 3:00 Spanish Football League 2000/1 Spanish Football League 5:00 Formula One Highlights 6:00 West Indies Cricket The Cable & Wireless Test Series Guyana, Guyana South Africa West Indies 1st TestDay 2 Highlights 7:00 West Indies Cricket The Cable & Wireless Test Series Guyana, Guyana South Africa West Indies 1st Test, Day 3, 2nd & 3rd Session 12:00 Uefa Champions League 2000/01 Uefa Golf The Honda Classic Coral Springs, FL USA Third Round 4:30 Women's College Soccer San Jose, CA USA

ESPN

6:00 New Zealand Cricket Pakistan Tour Of New Zealand Auckland, New Zealand 1st Test, Day 4, Highlights 3:27 New Zealand Cricket Pakistan Tour Of New Zealand Auckland, New Zealand 1st Test, Day 5, 1st Session 5:30 Motorsports Asia

Cart Pole Qualifying

Monterrey, Mexico 2:00 Italian Serie A Football Italian Serie A 2000/2001 4:00 Alp Tennis Show 4:30 Cricket Talk Show Harsha On Line 5:30 Uefa Champions League Highlights 2000/01 Uefa Champions League Weekly #19 Matchwk 6:30 New Zealand Cricket Pakistan Tour Of New Zealand Auckland, New Zealand Pakistan @ New Zealand 1st Test, Day 4, 1st Session 8:30 New Zealand Cricket Pakistan Tour Of New Zealand Auckland, New Zealand Pakistan @ New Zealand 1st Test, Day 4, 2nd & 3rd Session 11:30 Football Focus 12:00 Uefa Champions League 2000/01 Uefa Champions League Athens, Greece Manchester United @ Panathinaikos Fc 2:30 New Zealand Cricket Pakistan Tour Of New Zealand Auckland, New Zealand 1st Test, Day 4, Highlights 3:27 New Zealand Cricket Pakistan Tour Of New Zealand Auckland, New Zealand 1st Test, Day 5, 1st Session 5:30 Motorsports Asia

ALPHA TV

6:30 Dabaddho 7:00

Anand Vilas/Arghya 7:30

News Bulletin 8:00 Aalap 9:00 News Bulletin 9:05 Bharat Bhromon 9:30 Swami Vivekanda 10:30 Apna Derjanya 11:00 Talk Jhaal Mishi 11:30 Netaji Subhash Chandra 12:00 Bidheshini Bodhu 12:30 Bhalobasa mondobasa 1:00 Ranna Ghar 1:30 Jemon Bolben Sir 2:30 Feature Film 5:00 Kelar Duniya 5:30 Daibaddho/Anand Vilas 6:00 Alpha Khabor 6.25 Jhankar 6.30 Mojar Kheia Kobitae 7:00 Wah Ki Darun Drisha Kash Bitorka 7:25 Jhankar 7.30 Googly 7.55 Jhankar 8.00 Alpha Bangla Rangamancha 10:00 News Bulletin Bengali 10:05 Ishkaborer Bibi 10.25 Ek Palake 10.30 Anya Bhuvan/Prapto Boyshkoder Janya 10.55 Ek Palake 11.00 Alpha Khabor 11.25 Ek Palake 11.30 Ki Daun 12.00 Saat Rang 12.25 Ek Palake 12.30 Surtaal 1.00 Bharat Bhromon 1.30 Feature Film 4.00 ek Akasher Niche 4.30Nayanantara 5.00 Ingeet 5.30 Football 6.00 Tritiyo Purush