

Music

Recreating the tradition

Atahar Tito: promoting the new generation folk music

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HOW much do we know about local folk music, the heart of our traditional music? Adaptation of Western music has certainly put the Bengali folk music behind curtain. It's not that the music is lost, it does not reach the young generation often that they would get the chance to listen what it really sounds like. There are very few Bauls that we get the chance to listen to. Recently some solo performers and musical groups, devoted to keep alive the folk music have introduced a new blend of folk music. Yes the local instruments such as the Ektara does have some impact on the music, but if these songs were performed with modern musical instruments and the Ektara was replaced with the

Atahar Tito is not a typical Baul singer. He does not wonder from place to place. Unlike the Bauls who are usually nonchalant about their social status, Tito aims at making an acknowledged career from singing folk songs. He wants to create something new which is a blend of folk songs and western music. Atahar's music range from local folk songs to western hard rock. While asked about the management of this wide variety of music Tito said, "I am fond of rock music and as a young artist of the new millennium, I just can not confine myself to one style only. But my passion is to sing songs which are a combination of western style and eastern rhythm." His words became evident when he started singing and won the best solo performer award in the 'Benson & Hedges Star Search 2000'.



is to be released on the first of Boishakh" while talking about his music career. Famous singer Paban Das Baul's song such as 'Dil Ki Doya' has a lot of influence on Atahar. While talking about Baul songs, Tito said that there is a rich collection of folk songs in the country and they need to be presented to this generation.

Tito is right. The time has come to take a look and find out within our own country. Not only Tito, musical groups such as Bangla and

Shironambeen are also doing this and promoting Bengali folk music.

Tito will perform folk songs mixed with western rhythm at the forthcoming 'Benson & Hedges Baul musical evening'. Artists promoting Bengali folk music should be focused so that their music can reach its listeners. There are a lot of listeners and music lovers for this type of music and definitely this new generation folk music will become very popular then ever before.



Spanish Guitar these songs would have become more communicative. And this is what these artists are trying to do. By keeping the essence of the song intact they are creating a new generation of folk music, which can mostly be described as folk-fusion.

Born in 1972, Tito is an avid fan of James, Nagar Baul and comes from Khulna district. "To become recognised I had to face a lot of hardship," said Tito. "When I won the award I did not have any money to bring out an album. Soundtech helped me out and my first collection of folk songs

Beauty Pageant

Beautiful forever

Final round of Lux-Anandadhara Miss Photogenic Bangladesh 2001 tonight

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BEAUTY contests are getting more and more popular in the country. A number of annual pageants are held in the country now but the most coveted title still remains the Lux-Anandadhara Miss Photogenic Bangladesh 2001.

This year the name of the title underwent a little change with the words Bangladesh 2001 having been added to it. The change in name has only enhanced the extent of popularity of the title which has paved the way for many a media star including the glamorous model Mou, popular film stars Moushumi and Popy and newer TV stars Opi Karim and Mila Hossein in the past.

The preliminary rounds of the contest have already been held and the final round gets underway this evening at Hotel Sheraton's Winter Garden.

A brief profile of the ten finalists of this year's final round, who face the crucial test of glamour and beauty this evening are as follows.

Ayesha Hossain Anika: Five ft 4 inches tall, a graduate and working as an air stewardess. Anika wants to be a lawyer in future.

Urmil Hossain: Five ft 2 inches tall, a candidate of this year's HSC exams. Urmil wants to be a Chartered Accountant in the future.

Dalia Nasrin Shampa: Five ft 3 inches tall, a student of second year BSS. Shampa wants to be a successful lawyer in addition to being a model in future.

Tasmin Hossain Shumi: Five ft 4 inches tall and a student of 2nd year in university. Shumi wants to be an actress and model in future.

Mita Siddique: Five ft 3 inches tall



Who will be crowned Lux-Anandadhara Miss Photogenic 2001 tonight?

and a second year student of Accountancy. Mita aims to be a fashion designer.

Meher Afroz: Five ft 6 inches tall and a student of Honours degree in mathematics. Meher wants to open a school for dances in the future.

Shubra Das: Five ft 3 inches tall and doing her masters degree alongside holding a full time job.

Syeda Farhana Rahman Jecy: Five ft 2 inches tall and student of first year HSC. Jecy aspires to be a singer.

Humaira Haider Shurovi: Five ft 5 inches tall and a student of first year Honours. Shurovi is looking for success as a singer and fashion designer in the future.

Bibha Ahmed (not available).

RECOMMENDATIONS



Solo exhibition
The 1st solo painting exhibition by Omar Khalid Rumi is now being held at Gallery 21. The exhibition will remain open from 10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. everyday till April 15.

Set design exhibition

The British Council in association with Bangladesh Group Theatre Federation and Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy has organised a Set Design Exhibition is now being held at the British Council auditorium. The show will run up to April 11.

Paintings on the Berlin-Wall

A photography exhibition by Pierre Claquin on the paintings of the Berlin-Wall is now being held at the Goethe-Institut. The exhibition will remain open to all till April 12.

Art Exhibition

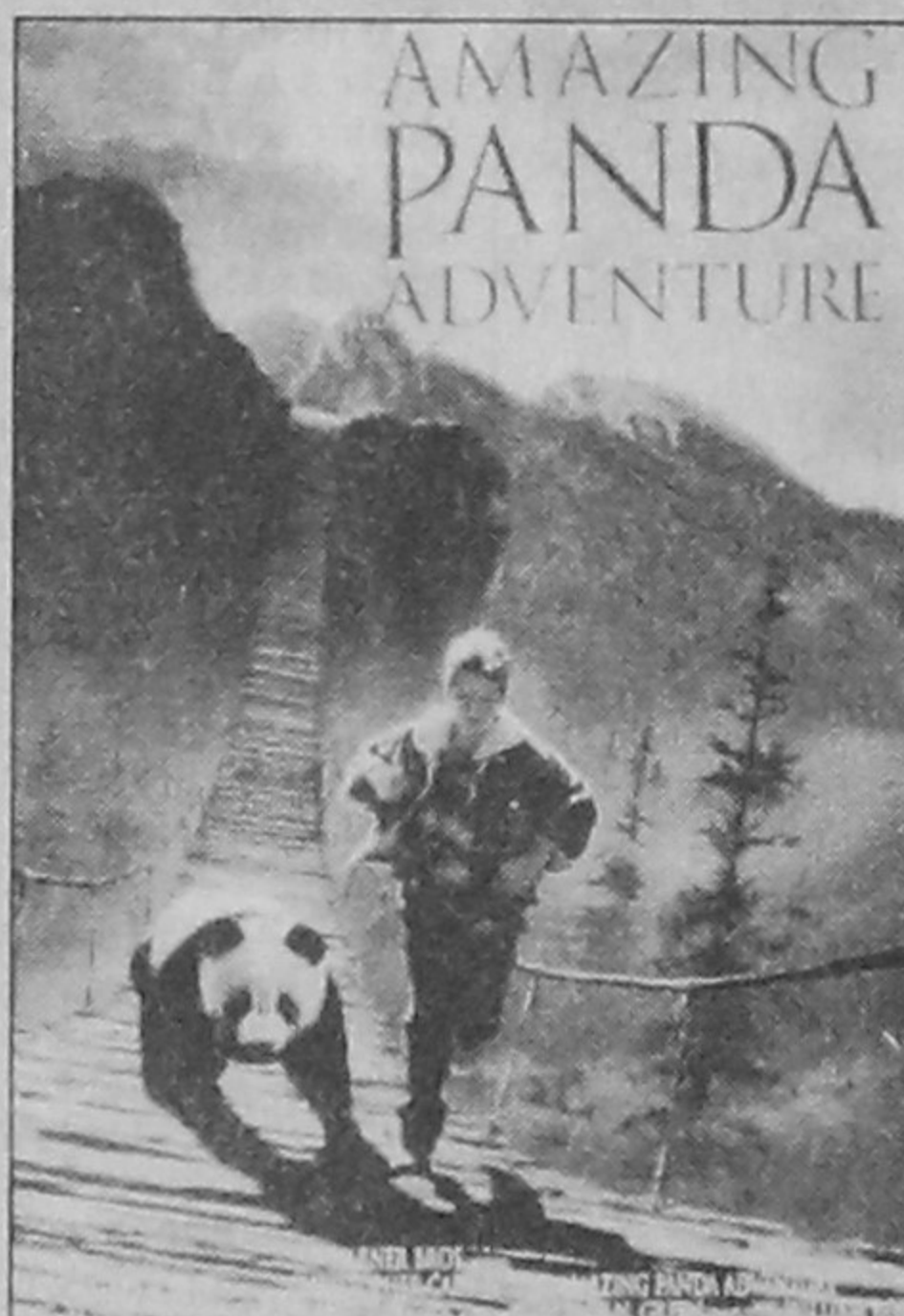
A solo show by Nasim Ahmed Nadvi is now being held at Anil Centre. The exhibition runs from 2-8 p.m. till April 9.

Solo exhibition of prints

A solo exhibition of prints by Nasreen Begum is being held at the Zainul Gallery, Institute of Fine Art, University of Dhaka. The exhibition will continue everyday from 2 p.m. - 8 p.m. till April 12.

TV GUIDE

PICK OF THE DAY



The Amazing Panda Adventure on HBO at 8:15 p.m.



Cricket: Bangladesh vs Zimbabwe one day international Live from Zimbabwe on Eksuhey television at 1:30 p.m.

EKUSHEY TV
12:00 Ekushey Midday
12:20 Mukto Khobor
12:40 Ei Shoptah 1:30
Cricket: Bangladesh vs Zimbabwe One Day International Live From Zimbabwe 9:30 English series: MacGyver 10:30
BTV News 11:15 Ekushey Late Night News

Journeys to the Ends of the Earth 12:30 Lifestyle
1:30 Health Showcase
2:30 India Hour: Gulistan
3:30 Trailblazers 4:30
Journeys to the Ends of the Earth 5:30 Discover Magazine

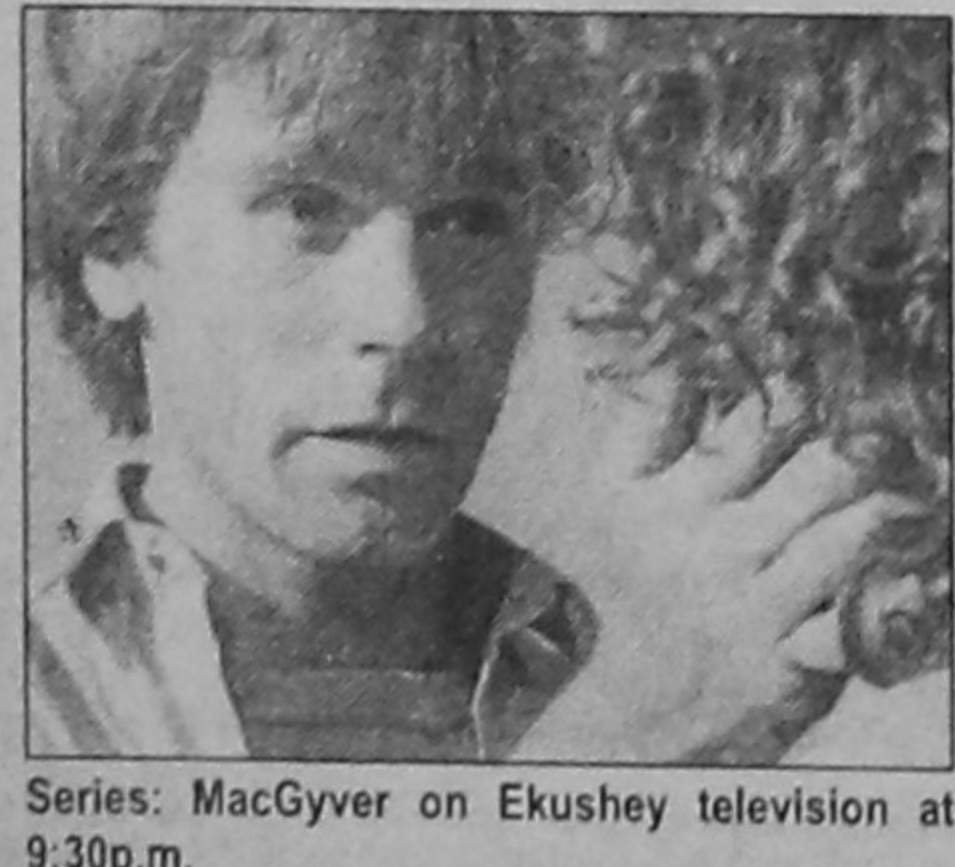
HBO
6:30 The Natural 9:15
Body Language 11:15
The Benefice of the Vanities 2:00 Raising Cain
4:00 Kidnapped in Paradise 6:00 Junior 8:15 The Amazing Panda Adventure 10:00 I Know What You Did Last Summer
12:00 Out for Justice 2:00 Spies Like Us 4:15 Junior

STAR MOVIE
6:30 Drama: Light Sleeper 8:30 Comedy: Heartbreak Hotel 10:15 Comedy: Inspector Gadget 12:00 Drama: Lulu On The Bridge 1:45 Action: Judgement Day 3:15 Comedy: Runaway Bride 5:15 Action: Killing Zone 7:00 Thrillumentary: The Narrow Margin 8:45 Thriller: Three Days of the Condor 10:30 Comedy: Heartbreak Hotel 12:30 Drama: Kiss The Sky 2:30 Comedy: Runaway Bride 4:30 Drama: Light Sleeper

DISCOVERY CHANNEL
6:30 Real Kids, Real Adventures 7:00 Popular Mechanics for Kids IV 7:30 High Adventure 8:30 Lonely Planet 9:30 Cafe Digital 10:00 Beyond 2000 10:30 Treks in a Wild World 11:00 Lonely Planet Treks 11:30 Ushuaia 12:30 On The Inside 1:30 Ultimate Guide 2:30 Extreme Machines IV 3:30 Discover Magazine 4:30 Eyewitness 5:00 Without Warning I 5:30 Assignment Discovery 6:30 Real Kids, Real Adventures 7:00 Popular Mechanics for Kids IV 7:30 Lifestyle 8:30 Health Showcase 9:30 India Hour: Gulistan 10:30 Trailblazers 11:30

STAR WORLD
7:00 The Simpsons 7:30 Things People Do 8:00 The Bold & The Beautiful 10:00 TV Com 10:30 Travel Asia 11:00 Fox Kids Goosebumps 1:00 World Championship Wrestling Worldwide 2:00 Mission Impossible 3:00 Baywatch 4:00 Hercules 5:00 Xena 6:00 Sir Arthur Conan Doyle's The Lost World 7:00 First Wave 8:00 Water Rats 9:00 3rd Rock From The Sun 9:30 Star News 10:00 Baywatch 11:00 First Wave 12:00 Sir Arthur Conan Doyle's The Lost World 1:00 Xena 2:00 Hercules 3:00 Key of David 3:30 Morris Cerullo 4:00 Beany Hinn 4:30 Space Island One 5:30

BBC WORLD
6:00 BBC News 6:30 World Business Report 7:00 BBC News 7:30 Asia Today/World Business Report 8:00 BBC News 8:30 Asia Today/World Business Report 9:00 BBC News 9:30 Asia Today/World Business Report 10:00 BBC News 10:30 Talking Movies 11:00 BBC News 11:30 USA Dir 12:00 BBC News 12:30 Click Online 1:00 BBC News 1:30 Correspondent 2:00 BBC News/Dancing in the Street, Pole to Pole, Global Protest Brits 3:00 QED 4:00 BBC News 4:30 Holiday 5:00 BBC News 5:30 This Week 6:00 BBC News 6:30



Series: MacGyver on Eksuhey television at 9:30 p.m.

Doggie Howser 6:00 J A G

STAR PLUS
6:30 Star Geetmala 7:30 Cine Jharokha 8:00 Hit Ya Fit 8:30 Good Morning India 9:30 Fox Kids 10:30 National Geographic Special 11:30 Hit Ya Fit 12:00 Kuchha Papad Puuca Papad 12:30 Mirch Masala 1:00 TSN 1:30 Gharwali Uparwali 2:00 Tu Tu Main Main 2:30 National Geographic Special 3:30 Tea Time Cinema: Hirasat (Mithun, Shatrughan Sinha, Anita Raj & Hema Malini) 4:30 Musaffir Hoon Yaroon 7:00 Chhupa Rustom 7:30 Chalti Ka Naam Antakshhi 8:30 STAR Mast Movies: 11:30 Aaj Ki Baat 11:45 Star Mast Movie 12:30 Siski 1:00 Kalash 1:30 Sewalal Mewawala 2:00 Tu Tu Main Main 2:30 Part 3:00 EK Main Aur Ek Tu 3:00 National Geographic Special 4:30 Musaffir Hoon Yaroon 5:00 Gharwali Uparwali 5:30 Shrimati Sharma Na Kehi Thi

STAR GOLD
8:30 Bollywood News 9:00 Shrimathi (Shyama, Nazir Khan, Johar) 12:00 Geet Bahar 12:30 Jeene Ki Raah (Jeetendra, Tanuja) 3:30 Bollywood News 4:00 Palki (Rajendra Kumar, Waheeda Rehman) 7:00 Geet Bahar 7:30 Reid & Taylor Saturday Special: Do Bigha Zamin (Balraj Sahni, Nirupa Roy) 10:30 Jubilee Plus 11:00 Rupaye Dus Karod (Rajesh Khanna, Amrita Singh) 12:30 Rupaye Dus Karod (Contd) 2:00 Geet Bahar 2:30 Shrimati (Shyama, Nazir Khan, Johar) 5:30 Rupaye Dus Karod (Rajesh Khanna, Amrita Singh)

AXN
6:30 Grandeur Musashi RV 7:30 18 Wheels of Justice/Wages of Sin 8:30

Walker's World/World Extreme Games 9:30 Rollerjam 10:30 Grandeur Musashi RV 11:30 I Dare You 12:30 Heart of Courage 1:30 World's Most Amazing/Videos II 2:30 Pensacola III/At Poverty Level 3:30 Movie: Starman 5:30 Grandeur Musashi RV 6:30 Rollerjam 7:30 Heart of Courage 8:30 Eco-Challenge/Sabah Highlight 10:30 Premiere Movie: When The Bough Breaks 12:30 Eco-Challenge Sabah 2:30 Movie: When The Bough Breaks 4:30 Pensacola III/At Poverty Level 5:30 Rollerjam

HALLMARK TV
1:45 The Mysterious Death of Nina Chereau 4:15 Danger Bay 5:00 Mopatop's Shop 5:30 Shazam 6:00 Make Yourself at Home 6:30 Space Sentinels 6:43 Construction Site I 7:00 Clifford 7:30 Construction Site/Grown up for a day 7:43 Construction Site/A Good Mixer 8:00 Wishbone/Groomed For Greatness 8:30 Bravestarr/Fallen Idol 9:00 Secret World of Alex Mack, The Illimages 9:30 Archie and Sabrina Surprise Package 10:00 New Adventures of the Lone Ranger/The Black Mare 10:30 The Sleepers Awaken 11:00 The Monkey King 3:15 Danger Bay 4:00 Sea Change 5:30 Jason and the Argonauts 7:30 Cupid & Call 9:45 Don Quixote

ZEE MGM
6:30 Choose Me 8:30 Original Sound Track 9:00 Last Tango In Paris 11:00 Hollywood Remembers 1:30 Moonstruck 1:30 Hollywood Remembers 2:00 Convicts 4:00 Total Recall 4:30 Final Alliance 6:30 Hollywood Remembers 7:00 Last Tango In Paris 9:00 Hollywood Remembers 9:30 Choose Me 11:30 Moonstruck

ZEE CINEMA
6:00 Noorjehan - Feature Film 9:00 Kuch Lamhe Kuch Nagme 9:15 Tara Rum 9:45 Movie Fare 11:15 Anokha Bandhan-Feature Film 1:00 Cine News 1:15 Madhyantar 1:30 Daag-Feature Film 5:00 Darnam 5:15 Flash Back 5:45 Film Time 6:00 Arzoo-Feature Film 9:45 Chappal Chai 10:00 Weekend Cinema 10:30 Jigar - Feature Film 2:15 Kuch Lamhe Kuch Nagme 2:30 Bhalha Bhalha-Feature Film 5:30 Chetren

ZEE ENGLISH
6:30 Benny Hill Show 7:00 Capitol 7:30 Music Zone 8:00 Late Show With David Letterman 9:00



First Wave on Star World at 11:00 p.m.

Street 5:30 The West Wing 6:30 Living Single 7:30 Touched By An Angel 8:30 Police Academy 9:30 Nothing Last Forever 10:30 La Femme Nikita 11:30 Central Park West 12:30 Full House 1:00 Police Academy 2:00 Late Show With David Letterman 4:00 Benny Hill Show 4:30 Too Close For Comfort 5:00 Original Sound Track 5:30 Music Zone

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ZEE MUSIC
6:00 Dial M 7:00 Aalap 7:30 Tararum 8:30 Hit Pe Hit 10:30 Hit Mix 11:00 Fillers 11:30 Zee Music Box 12:00 Best of the Best 1:00 Hit Pe Hit 2:00 Jharokha 2:35 Compact Disc 3:05 Tararum 4:00 Hit Pe Hit 5:00 Zee Music Box 5:30 Hit Mix 6:00 Just Jammin 6:30 Dial M 7:30 Hit Pe Hit 8:30 Zee Music Com 9:30 Zee Music Box 10:00 Sizzlers 10:30 Jharokha 11:05 Zee Music Live/Cool-Age 11:35 Zee Music Live/Pyar Mohabbat Etc 12:00 Phoren Maal 1:05 Zee Music Box 1:30 Jharokha 2:00 Hit Pe Hit 3:00 Just Jammin 3:30 Tararum 5:00 Phoren Maal 10:00 Sizzlers

ALPHA BANGLA
7:00 Monihar 7:30 News Bulletin 8:00 Aalap 9:00 News Bulletin 9:05 Bharat Bhromon 9:30 Cine News 10:00 Mayuraskhi Tumi

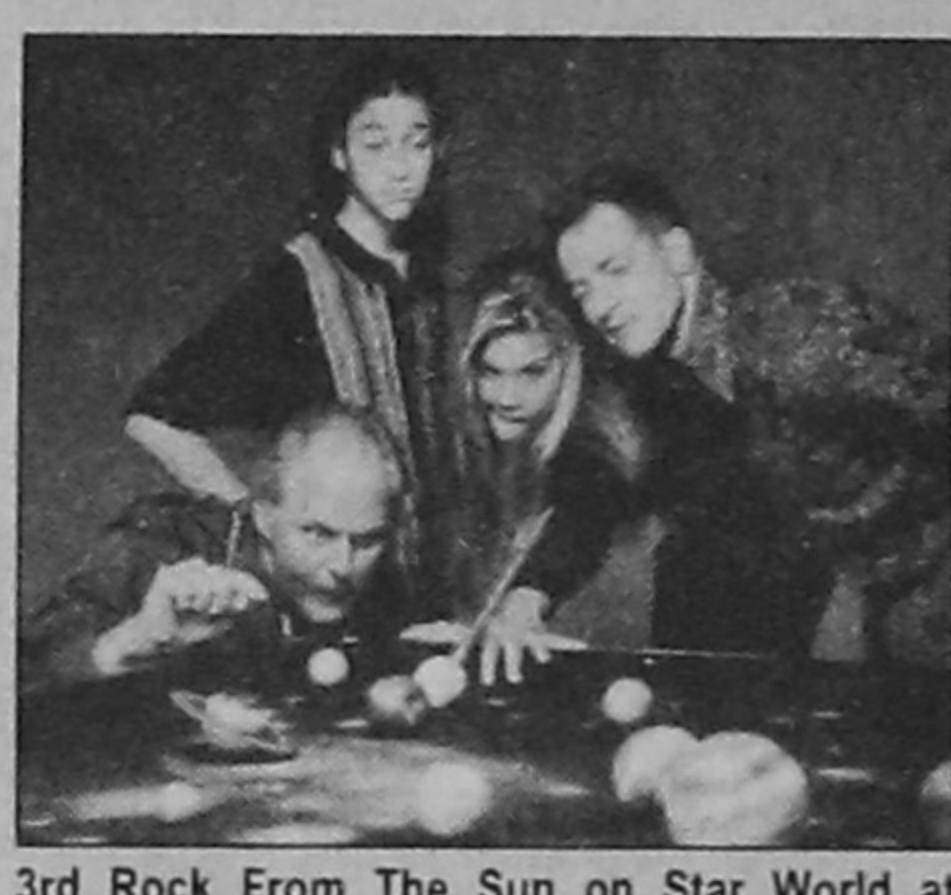
SET MAX
7:30 Music Mania 8:00 Rang Birangee 8:30 Mini

Movies: Pyar Bina Jag Soona 9:30 Kanhaiya Mal 1:00 Hotlist 1:30 Pop Pourn 2:00 Music Mania 2:30 Antahena 6:00 Mini Movies: Raaj Drohi 7:00 Hotlist 7:30 Music Mania 8:00 Pop Pourn 8:30 Sanjay Dutt Special: Aag Aur Gaag 12:00 Music Mania 12:30 Jaan Pehchaan 3:30 Hotlist 4:00 Rang Birangee 4:30 Agni Pareeksha

SONY TV
7:30 Armit Varsha 8:00 Sant Asaram Wani 8:30 Uttar Ramayar 9:00 Shree Ganesh 10:00 Dinosauers 10:30 Good Morning Disney 11:30 Mere Angane Mein 12:00 Family No 1 12:30 Hum Sub Ek Hain 1:00 Haal Kaisa Ha Janaab Ka 1:30 Weeker Matl 2:00 Boogie Woogie 2:30 Alpivram 3:00 Aural 3:30 Ghar Ek Mandir 4:00 Nazdeekiyan 4:30 Ithaas 5:00 Ajnabi 5:30 Charbusters 6:00 Music Mantra 6:30 Disney Hour 7:30 CID Files 8:00 CID Files 8:30 Jeeto Chapparr Phadd Ke 9:30 Weeker Prime: Shool 1:30 Kanyadaan 2:00 Your Honour 2:30 Dil Vil Pyar Vyar 3:00 Dinosauers 3:30 Late Night Fi 6:30 The Popaddun Show 7:00 Rang Birang

STAR SPORTS
7:00 Futbol Mundial 7:30 Golf Programming GolfGlobe 2001 8:00 Extreme Magazine Yoz Magazine 8:30 Sports Unlimited 9:30 Augusta Masters Augusta Masters 2001 Augusta, GA USA Day Two Highlights 10:00 NCAA Men's Basketball C'Ships 2001 NCAA Men's Division 1 Basketball C'Ships Minneapolis, MN USA Michigan State @ Arizona Semifinal @ Arizona Semifinal 12:00 SBK Superbike Kyatami, South Africa Highlights 12:30 NCAA Men's Basketball C'Ships 2001 NCAA Men's Division 1 Basketball C'Ships

ESPN
6:00 NBA Basketball Metrodome, Minneapolis,



3rd Rock From The Sun on Star World at 9:00 p.m.

Minneapolis, MN USA Duke @ Maryland Semifinal 2:30 Spanish League Highlights 2000/01 Spanish League Highlights 3:00 Augusta Masters Augusta Masters 2001 Augusta, GA USA Day Two Highlights 3:30 National Rugby League National Rugby League 2001 Parramatta, Nsw, Australia Melbourne Storm @ Parramatta Eels 4:30 Ithaas 5:00 Ajnabi 5:30 Charbusters 6:00 Music Mantra 6:30 Disney Hour 7:30 CID Files 8:00 CID Files 8:30 Jeeto Chapparr Phadd Ke 9:30 Weeker Prime: Shool 1:30 Kanyadaan 2:00 Your Honour 2:30 Dil Vil Pyar Vyar 3:00 Dinosauers 3:30 Late Night Fi 6:30 The Popaddun Show 7:00 Rang Birang

MN USA Phoenix Suns @ Minnesota Timberwolves 8:30 School Quiz Show ESPN School Quiz Olympiad 9:00 Sportscenter Hindi 9:30 Classic's Big Fights Boxing Hour Ross-McLarin: The Trilogy 10:30 Sportscenter: International Edition 11:30 Cricket Classics Boycott's Best England v Australia 12:30 Cricket Talk Show Harsha On Line 1:30 NBA Action 2:00 NBA Basketball Metrodome, Minneapolis, MN USA Phoenix Suns @ Minnesota Timberwolves 4:30 College Wrestling NCAA Div. 1 Wrestling Championship Iowa City, IA USA 6:30 ATP Tennis Show 7:00 West Indies Cricket The Cable & Wireless Test Series Antigua, South Africa @ West Indies 4th Test, Day 2, 1st Session 10:00 School Quiz Show ESPN School Quiz Olympiad 10:30 West Indies Cricket The Cable & Wireless Test Series Antigua, South Africa @ West Indies 4th Test, Day 2, 2nd & 3rd Session 3:30 Cricket Classics: Boycott's Best England v Australia (Centenary) 4:30 LPGA Golf Nabisco Championship Rancho Mirage, CA USA Second Round