

Music

Reviving baul music

Benson & Hedges presents its Heart & Soul concert



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BENSON & Hedges have been in the forefront of the musical scene of the country with their continuing contribution in promoting music talents of the country. Through their different ventures in the promotion of local musicians as well as helping to organise programmes by international artists in the country, they have been one of the private organisations to earn a name as a great patron of music.

has been a renewed interest in the sounds of these traditional songs among the new generation for sometime now. Young people have presented them to the masses again with a little bit of fusion with modern beats and sounds. Experiments on folks with modern instruments resulting in fusion sounds have been growing in popularity as alternative music.

As part of Benson and Hedges' promotion of folk music a special evening of folk songs titled Heart & Soul was arranged at the Pan Pacific Sonargaon Hotel on April 6. This Baul musical event was an opportunity for the music lovers of the country to take a taste of the hundreds of year-old folk songs of Bengal.

The evening started with an introduction to Baul music, its origin and history. This was followed by a soul stirring performance by Baul Shahjahan Munshi. This famous blind Baul singer started the Benson & Hedges Baul music extravaganza with Lalon and his songs. He began with 'Je Name Shomon Jontrona, Jabere Mon E Shongsare, Murshid Bine Ki Dhon' Lalon's supernatural lyrics that have been popular for

Next Bauls Rob Fakir and Aklima Fakir



took the stage. These two singers always perform together. They are quite famous in Kushiya from where they hail and have also performed at the Bangladesh Festival in London in 1999. They perform only Lalon's songs. The magnificent sound of the Ektara and other local instruments filled the hall as they rendered the best of Baul songs starting with 'Hridkomole Bhab Darale, Ojan Khobor Apni Hoy'. A short break followed their performance.

Next came on stage Bangla, a fusion group that tries to amalgamate Bengali folk songs with western music. They started with 'Shahaj Manush'. As their female vocal Anusheh hit the microphone the whole hall room fell under the spell of her marvellous voice. Among the titles they presented were 'Ke Jash Re' and 'Namaj Amar'.

Best solo performer of Benson & Hedges Star Search 2000 Atahar Tito took the stage next. He presented 'Tumi Je Amar Pranero Behala', 'Amon Ek Khan Ghar Banaila' and others. His music was not truly traditional in its form but a fusion of western and folk tunes.

The best band of Star Search 2000, Steeler from Chittagong took the stage next. They performed their popular

numbers as 'Ekjon Baul Se', Paban Das Baul's 'Dil Ki Doya'. The audience sang along with the band as they performed this tremendously popular song. They concluded with a presentation of 'O Pran Preyoshi'.

The main attraction of the show was yet to come. The Baul of city Nagar Baul next on the line up. The audience went crazy as James made his much awaited appearance. Baul Rob Fakir performed with James and it was really this combination of the village Baul and the city Baul performing side by side that made the crowds go crazy with their dual music. 'Lace Fita' was the number with which James started his performance following up with 'Nagar Baul', 'Jedin Bondhu Chole Jabo', 'Mira Bai', 'Dukhini Dukko Koro Na' 'Jao Pakhi' and 'Banglar Lathial'. The crowds sang along with the band. The song that pulled the curtain on the Heart & Soul show was 'Jatra'. Nagar Baul prolonged the song mixing it with contributions of Rob Fakir and his Dholplayer.

It was an enchanting evening and the music of the East and the West will remain in the memories of the audience for a pretty long time.

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 10:00a.m. to 8:00p.m. everyday till April 15.



Dress show
 Shatabdi is going to hold a dress exhibition on the eve of Pahela Baisakh (1st day of Bangla new year) from April 12 to 14 at Ariel Centre from 11:00 a.m. till 8:00 p.m. every day. The show will include Sari, Kamiz and Panjabi.

Art Show
 A solo exhibition of etchings by Mela Ferrer, a Spanish artist, opens on April 13 at 5:00 p.m. at Shilparag, H#15, R# 16, Dhanmondi. The show will remain open till April 26 from 10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. daily.

TV GUIDE



Vergin Takdum Takdum on Ekushey TV at 8 p.m.

EKUSHEY TV
 12:00 Ekushey Midday 2:00 Classic Cartoons 2:30 E Shoptaher Bishsho 3:00 Ekushey Headlines 3:05 Bangla Film: 5:30 Gillette World Sports Special 6:00 Ekushey Headlines 6:05 The Big Fight 7:00 Mukto Khobor 7:30 Ekushey News 8:00 Vergin Takdum Takdum 9:00 Shukrobarer Drama: Ebnabel Golper Shuru 10:00 Ekushey Test Special 10:30 BTV News 11:15 Ekushey Late Night News 11:30 El Shoptaha 11:45 Ekushey Headlines

CHANNEL-i
 6:15 Drama: Kagojer Bwo 6:50 Akattorer Dinguuli 7:40 I Dream of Jennie 8:00 Din Protidin 8:25



The Simpsons on Star World at 4 p.m.

Bestsellers
STAR MOVIE
 8:30 Drama: Song For The Season 10:15 Thriller: The Narrow Margin 12:00 Drama: Rocky Marciano 1:45 Drama: Kiss The Sky 3:30 Comedy: I'll Be Home For Christmas 5:00 Thriller: Three Days of the Condor 7:00 You-Pick-the-Flick: TBA 8:45 Thriller: Entrapment 11:00 Thriller: Deceived 1:00 Action: Aspen Extreme 3:00 Drama: Lulu On The Bridge 5:00 Drama: Coming Home

STAR WORLD
 6:00 Murder Call 7:00 The Oprah Winfrey Show 8:00 Home Improvement 8:30 Happy Days 9:00 Walker Texas Ranger 10:00 Martial Law 11:00 The Oprah Winfrey Show 12:00 The Drew Carey Show 12:30 Whose Line Is It Anyway? 1:00 Media TV 1:30 The Bold & The Beautiful 2:00 Mork & Mindy 2:30 Happy Days 3:00 Baywatch 4:00 The Simpsons 4:30 Home Improvement 5:00 STAR News Asia 5:30 Friends 6:00 World Championship Wrestling World-wide 6:55 STAR News Asia 7:00 Jesus Christ Superstar 9:00 Friends 9:30 STAR News 10:00 Jesus Christ Superstar 12:00 3" Rock From The Sun 12:30 French and Saunders 1:30 French and Saunders 2:00 Jesus Christ Superstar 3:00 Morris Cerullo 3:30 Exalted Word 4:00 Creflo Dollar, Changing Your World 4:30 World News 5:00 Outback Adventure 6:00 The Adventures of Sinbad

STAR PLUS
 6:00 Tu Tu Main Main 6:30 STAR Geetmalia 7:30 Cine Jharokha 8:00 Hit Ya Fit 8:30 Good Morning India 9:30 Star Morning Show: Pushpanjali (Sanjay Khan, Naina Sahu) 12:30 Hit Ya Fit 1:00 TSN 1:30 Shrimati Sharma Na Kehni Thi 2:00 Men Saheli 2:30 Jubilee Plus 3:00 Pani 3:30 Shanti 4:00 I Love My India 4:30 Cine Jharokha 5:00 Hit Ya Fit 5:30 Chhupa Rustam 6:00 Small Wonder 6:30 Fox Kids 7:30 Ek Main Aur Ek Tu 8:00 Family Fortunes 8:30 Tu Tu Main Main 9:00 Star Superhit 11:30 Aaj Ki Baat 11:45 Star Superhit 12:30 Ek Main Aur Ek Tu 1:00 Chahi Ka Naam Antakshri 2:00 Gharwali Uparwali 2:30 Chhupa Rustam 3:00 Shrimati Sharma Na Kehni Thi 3:30 Kalash 4:00 I Love My India 4:30 Janata Ki Adalat 5:00 Siski 5:30 STAR

STAR PLUS
 6:00 BBC News 6:30 World Business Report 7:00 BBC News 7:30 Asia Today/Asia Business Report 8:00 BBC News 8:30 Asia Today/World Business Report 9:00 BBC News 9:30 Asia Today/Asia Business Report 10:00 BBC News 10:30 Click Online 11:00 BBC News 11:30 Money Prog 12:00 BBC News 12:30 Hardtalk 1:00 BBC News 1:30 top Gear/Aqua/Extr Mach 2:00 BBC News 2:30 Life ex Panorama 3:00 BBC News 3:30 Hardtalk 4:00 BBC News 4:30 Talking Movies 5:00 BBC News 5:30 Life ex Panorama 6:00 BBC News 6:30 IT: India Tomorrow 7:00 BBC News 7:15 World Business Report 7:30 Talking Movies 8:00 BBC News 8:30 Life ex Panorama 9:00 BBC News 9:30 Asia Today 10:00 BBC News 10:30 Question Time India 11:30 World Business Report 12:45 World Sport 1:00 BBC News 1:30 world Science/Phys World Predictions/Future Fant 2:00 BBC News 2:30 World Business Report 3:00 BBC News 3:30 Correspondent 4:00 BBC News 4:30 World Business Report/Asia Today 5:00 BBC News 5:30 Hardtalk

DISCOVERY CHANNEL
 6:30 Let's Dance & Eat 7:00 I Love My Music, My House and My Animal 7:30 High Adventure 8:30 Lonely Planet III 9:30 Assignment Discovery 10:30



Friday the 13th on HBO at 12 midnight Six unsuspecting camp counsellors stumble into gruesome woodland action in a horror tale that has become a classic of its kind. Camp Crystal Lake turns from a rustic playground to a creepy scene of terror as the youths are fiendishly stalked by an unseen killer. Don't miss it this one started it all. Starring: Kevin Bacon, Harry Crosby

BBC WORLD
 6:00 BBC News 6:30 World Business Report 7:00 BBC News 7:30 Asia Today/Asia Business Report 8:00 BBC News 8:30 Asia Today/World Business Report 9:00 BBC News 9:30 Asia Today/Asia Business Report 10:00 BBC News 10:30 Click Online 11:00 BBC News 11:30 Money Prog 12:00 BBC News 12:30 Hardtalk 1:00 BBC News 1:30 top Gear/Aqua/Extr Mach 2:00 BBC News 2:30 Life ex Panorama 3:00 BBC News 3:30 Hardtalk 4:00 BBC News 4:30 Talking Movies 5:00 BBC News 5:30 Life ex Panorama 6:00 BBC News 6:30 IT: India Tomorrow 7:00 BBC News 7:15 World Business Report 7:30 Talking Movies 8:00 BBC News 8:30 Life ex Panorama 9:00 BBC News 9:30 Asia Today 10:00 BBC News 10:30 Question Time India 11:30 World Business Report 12:45 World Sport 1:00 BBC News 1:30 world Science/Phys World Predictions/Future Fant 2:00 BBC News 2:30 World Business Report 3:00 BBC News 3:30 Correspondent 4:00 BBC News 4:30 World Business Report/Asia Today 5:00 BBC News 5:30 Hardtalk

STAR SPORTS
 8:30 Sportsline Today 9:00 Sportsline Today 9:30 Film World Moorcycle Championship Motogp 2001 Suzuka City, Japan Highlights 11:00 Oxford & Cambridge Uni. Boat Race The Oxford/Cambridge Boat Race 2001 London, England Highlights 11:30 Watersports World 12:30 Sportsline Today 1:00 Table Tennis Ifft Pro Tour 2001

HIGHLIGHT
 Joseph Pinytek Ochieno, Ugandan opposition leader, with Tim Sebastian on BBC World's Hardtalk at 12:30 and 3:30 p.m. Joseph Ochieno is said by some to be a rising star in Uganda's opposition, and a possible future leader. Yet political opposition is not a comfortable place to be in Uganda. Yoweri Museveni's administration operates a so-called "no party" democracy where opposition parties are not allowed and President Museveni himself is lauded by Western governments for having brought peace and prosperity to the country. As Joseph Ochieno tells Tim Sebastian, free elections are top of his list for change in Uganda.

2001 Dunedin, New Zealand Nsw Waratahs @ Otago Highlanders Round
ZEE MGM
 6:30 Committed 8:30 Original Sound Track 9:00 Johnny Be Good 11:00 Hollywood Remembers 11:30 Car 54 Where Are You 1:30 Hollywood Remembers 2:00 Bat-21 4:00 Total Recall 4:30 Foreign Body 6:30 Hollywood Remembers 7:00 Committed 9:00 Hollywood Remembers 9:30 Johnny Be Good 11:30 Car 54 Where Are You 1:30 Bat-21 3:30 Original Sound Track 4:00 Foreign Body 6:00 Total Recall

ZEE ENGLISH
 6:30 Benny Hill Show 7:00 Capitol 7:30 Music Zone 8:00 Late Show With David Letterman 9:00 Three's Company 9:30 Here's Lucy 10:00 Dave's World 10:30 Er 11:30 Full House 12:00 Capitol 12:30 All My Children 1:30 Dave's World 2:00 Three's Company 2:30 Friends 3:00 Suddenly Susan 3:30 Fresh Prince of Bel Air 4:00 Gregory Hines Show 4:30 Here's Lucy 5:00 Three's Company 5:30 All My Children 6:30 Suddenly Susan 7:00 Full House 7:30 ER 8:30 Friends 9:00 Fresh Prince of Bel Air 9:30 Late Show With David Letterman 10:30 Living Single 11:00 Jesse 11:30 Friends 12:30 Full House 1:00 Late Show With David Letterman 2:00 All My Children 3:00 Music Zone 4:00 Benny Hill Show 4:30 Capitol 5:00 Original Sound Track 5:30 Music Zone

ZEE CINEMA
 9:00 Kuch Lamhe Kuch Nagme 9:15 Tara Rum 9:45 Movie Fare 10:00 Ginny Aur Johnny-Feature Film 1:00 Chatpati Chat 1:15 Madhyantir 1:30 Army Feature Film 5:00 Darpan 5:15 Making of A Legend 5:45 Film Time 6:00 Badalley Rishley Feature Film 9:45 Cine News 10:00 Ikke Pe Ikka 10:30 Pehchan-Feature Film 2:15 Kuch Lamhe Kuch Nagme 2:30 Chat Girl-Feature Film 5:30 Chehne 5:45 Film Time 6:00 Madine Ki Galivan-Feature Film
ZEE MUSIC
 6:00 Zee Music Box 7:00 Aalap 7:30 Taranum 8:30 Hit Pe Hit 10:30 Hit Mix 11:00 Dil Se 11:30 Zee Music Box 12:00 Zee Music Plus 1:00 Hit Pe Hit 2:00

9:00 Ashinwad 9:30 Chandan Ka Palna Resham Ki Dori 10:00 Khamoshiyan... Kab Tak 10:30 Pradhan Mantri 11:30 Kaise Kahoon...? 12:30 Koshish...Ek Aashaa 1:00 Thief Of Baghdad 2:00 India's Most Wanted 2:30 Ek Nazar 3:00 Baiju Bawra-Feature Film 5:45 News In Hindi
AXN
 6:30 Dual/Max Steel 7:30 Shinakkenden/Samura X 8:30 Nightman II /Fear City 9:30 Action Heroes/Action Heroes 10:30 Dual/Max Steel 11:30 Shinakkenden/Samura X 12:30 The Net/Transplant 1:30 Action Heroes/Action Heroes 2:30 Beastmaster II/Centaurs 3:30 Movie: On The Border 5:30 Who Dares Wins/Dual 6:30 Max Steel/Shinakkenden 7:30 Samurai X/Who Dares Wins 8:30 Planet Ex II/Planet Ex II 9:30 18 Wheels Of Justice/The Road To Hell 10:30 Survivor II 11:30 Seven Summits 12:30 Profiler II/Power Compuits 1:30 Survivor II 2:30 Seven Summits/Silverstone 4:30 Rally 3:30 18 Wheels of Justice/The Road To Hell 4:30 Profiler II/Power Compuits 5: Nightman II /Fear City

ALPHA TV
 6:30 Aatpake Bandha 7:00 Monhaar 7:30 News Bulletin 8:00 Aalap 9:00 News Bulletin 9:05 Bharat Bhromon 9:30 Ki Likhi Tomai 10:00 Saregama 11:00 Ki Darun Drishya 11:30 Grhasaja 12:00 Bahan Aahaar 12:30 Kashinath 1:00 Ingeet 1:30 Ek Akasher Niche 2:00 Nayantara 2:30 Sabuj Dweepar Raja/Feature Film 5:00 Shesh Prashna 5:30 Ekushe-pa 6:00 Alpha Khabor 6:25 Jhankar 6:30 Football 7:00 Wah Ki Darun Drisha Kash Bitorka 7:25 Jhankar 7:30 Cine News 7:55 Jhankar 8:00 Nayantara 8:30 Ek Aksher Niche 9:00 Mayurakshi Tumi 9:30 Daibaddho 10:00 News Bulletin Bengali 10:05 Ingit 10:35 Ek Palake 10:40 Football 11:10 Ek Palake 11:15 Alpha Khabor 11:40 Ek Palake 11:45 Bhowanipurer Chattujera 12:15 Wah Ki Darun Drisha Kash Bitorka 12:25 Ek Palake 12:30 Ki Likhi Tomai 1:00 Bharat Bhromon 1:30 Feature Film 4:00 Prapto Boyshkoder Janya 4:30 Talk Jhaal Misti 5:00 Sat Kahani 5:30 Khelar Duniya 6:00 Swami Vvekanda
SONY TV
 7:30 Amrit Varsha 8:00 Sant Asaram Wani 8:30 Chartistbusters 9:00 Good Morning Disbry 10:00 Music Mantra 10:30 Hum Sub Ek Hai 11:00 Shaheen 11:30 Chamakkar 12:00 Di Vil Pyar Vyar 12:30 Hum Sub Ek Hai 1:00 Movers & Shakers 1:30 Boogie Woogie 2:30 Alpvrnam 3:00 Aurat 3:30 Ghar Ek Mandir 4:00 Nazdeekiyan



3rd Rock from the Sun on Star World 12 midnight