

Music

A classy musical evening

High Commission of India presents two prolific vocalists Sulochana Brahaspati and Sharayu Kalekar

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Two classical singers from India, Sulochana Brahaspati and Sharayu Kalakar, gave a wonderful performance of vocal classical music in the city on the evening of May 4.

Dhaka's music lovers savoured a classy recital by the duo of highly proficient artistes on May 4 evening.

The recital began with raga 'Puria Dhanesri', an evening raga, to create the mood of the performance. This raga, performed by Sulochana, was composed by Acharya Brahaspati, her husband. This evening raga is devoted to the parting hour of the day. The raga based on it is quite mesmerizing and the music Sulochana presented drew a vivid picture of the twilight hour. The cattle return home and birds flying back to their nests and the like.

'Bihag' was performed next.

The soulful melody of Bihag sought the blessings of goddess Durga for safety from all evil.

Sulochana Brahaspati has a good musical as well as academic background. An M.A. in English, she was born in Allahabad. Sulochana stands forth as the only woman vocalist representative of the Rampur-Sadarang Parampara and is one of the foremost classical artiste in India today.

She received her early training from Pandit Bholanath Bhatt of Allahabad and Ustad Mushtaq Hussain Khan of Rampur. But it's noteworthy that her present attainment in music is also the result of the contribution of her husband late Dr. Acharya K.C.D. Brahaspati, who was both a music scholar and a gifted composer. His authority on music combined with his profound musical vision and elements that were both artistically and intellectually complementary helped create a style that fulfilled all cannons of

Shastriya Sangeet or classical music.

It is to Acharya Brahaspati that Sulochana Brahaspati owes her thorough knowledge of the theoretical and practical aspects of Raga, Tala and Swara. Her repertoire consists of hundreds of Acharya Brahaspati's compositions, written under the title "Anagarang".

Sulochana is adept in Dhrupad, Khayal, Thumri, Dadra and Tappa.

The Alap and Dhrupad Ang are pronounced in her music. Her commitment in maintaining these fundamental musical styles is the strong base on which she weaves the intricate patterns of her musical imagination.

Sulochana has had the privilege of being invited to almost all the prestigious All India Music Conferences throughout the country and she enjoys the honour of having performed in countries as Russia, Hungary, Mongolia, Nepal, West

Germany, UK, France, Holland, Italy, Czech Republic and other European countries.

For the last few years, Sulochana Brahaspati has been involved in a musical encounter, forging an alliance between the East and the West. Along with the illustrious French group, Ensemble Gradiva, Brahaspati has been touring Europe, juxtaposing the ecclesiastic Tenebrae of the holy-Easter week with the night time Raga Darbari.

Sulochana has been honoured with numerous musical awards right from her early years. She received the President Gold Medal Award for standing first in vocal music in the first All India Radio Music Competition in 1955. Besides, she has been honoured with the Uttar Pradesh Sangeet Academy Award in 1984 and Sangeet Academy Award in 1994.

Dr. Sharayu Kalakar is one of the leading representatives of the Rampur-Sadarang tradition of Hindustani classical music.

She is an Ex-Vice-Chancellor of the Indira Kala Sangeet Vishwavidyalaya, Khairagarh, the lone University of Music and Fine Arts in India. She has been performing vocal recitals in the All India Radio and in prestigious music conferences since her childhood.

She has received sound and systematic training in vocal music from the renowned musician late Pandit Bholanath Bhatt of Allahabad for twenty years. For over twelve years, she learnt music from the illustrious musicologist and composer late Acharya K.C.D. Brahaspati. Under the guidance of music scholar, she did a commendable research work on the Rampur-Sadarang tradition. Accomplished in rendering of Dhrupad, Khayal, Thumri, Dadra and Tappa, Kalakar is one of the leading scholars in the field of applied research work in music.

Modon Gopal Das, a talented tabla player in Bangladesh, assisted with tabla in the recital.



A jugalbandi with Sharayu Kalekar (R). It was Sulochana's first performance in Dhaka. On May 4 the city's music enthusiasts toasted her music for the second time within a space of a year.



Sulochana Brahaspati enthrals the music lovers of the city on May 4, 2001.

RECOMMENDATIONS

Theatre

Bangladesh Shilpkala Academy has organised a week-long theatrical shows from May 6 to 12 at Shawkat Osman Auditorium of the National Public Library Directorate, Shahbag. Seven theatre groups from across the country are due to take part in the programme. Inaugural ceremony will be held today at 6:00p.m.

Photography Show

A solo photography exhibition by Albert Khan is now being held at Aerial Centre, House # 15, Road # 7, Dhamondi. The show runs from 2 to 8 p.m. daily till May 12.

Photography

A photo show featuring works of noted photographer and author of two important books on photography Mohammad Rafiqul Islam is now being held at National Photographic Gallery at 63/2 Science Laboratory Road, Dhaka.

Satyajit Ray Retrospective

Satyajit Ray Retrospective organised by Zahir Raihan Film Society is now being held at the auditorium of the High Commission of India at Road No. 2, Dhamondi. Screening schedule: Mahanagar (The big city) and Pratidawandhi (The Adversary) on May 11 at 3:00 & 6:00 p.m. respectively. Seemabaddha (Company Limited) and Jana Aranya (The Middle Man) on May 12 at 3:00 & 6:00 p.m. respectively. Goopy Gyne Bagha Byne (The adventures of Goopy and Bagha) and Hirak Rajar Deshe (The Kingdom of Diamonds) on May 18 at 3:00 & 6:00 p.m. respectively.

Photography Show

A week-long photography exhibition and a slide show featuring the natural beauty of the Sunderbans is now being held at International School, Plot# 80, Block# E, Basundhara, Dhaka. The show runs till May 10 daily from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Art Show

"Mindscape" - 4th solo painting exhibition by Syed Iqbal is now being held at the Bengal Shilpaly, Road # 27, House # 275/F, Dhamondi. "Mindscape" is a series of sensitive art work by the artist. The show comes to an end today.

TV GUIDE



PICK OF THE DAY

Fallen

On HBO on May 7 at 10 p.m. In this award-winning Suspense thriller academy award winner Denzel Washington is a homicide detective who apprehends a Demonic serial killer and witnesses his execution. But the murders continue prompting the detective to investigate again, in the process making a startling discovery of a most unlikely prime suspect.

BTV	8:40 Spy Cam	1:00 TSN
3:20 Open University	9:15 Business File	1:30 Kahaani Ghar Ghar Ki
3:45 Sports Programme	10:00 Drama: Apode	2:00 Sanskruti-9
4:00 Khabar	11:00 Bangla Cinema: Moner Agun (Ditti/Sohel Chy)	2:30 Kyunki Saas Bhi Kabhi Bahu Thi
4:05 Programme on mother and child health		3:00 Shagun
4:30 Educational programme	6:30 Strays	3:30 Shanti
4:45 Programme on Population Control	8:15 The Last Boy Scout	4:00 Meri Saheli-218
5:20 Anu Paramanu	10:30 Beethoven	4:30 Kaahin Kissii Roz
5:45 Programme on Nutrition	12:15 So I Married an Axe Murderer	5:00 Hit Ya Fit
6:00 Khabar	2:15 Eyes of a Stranger	5:30 Shruti Sharma Na Kehti Thi
6:10 Unmesh	4:00 Life in a Day	6:00 Small Wonder
6:35 Dolan Champa	5:45 Stand and Deliver	6:30 Fox Kids Daily
7:00 Sangbad Shironam	8:00 First Daughter	7:30 Sanskruti
7:05 Children programme	10:00 Fallen	8:00 Tu Tu Main Main Gharwalli Uparwali
8:00 News in Bangla	12:30 Against all Odds	9:00 Kahan Kissii Roz ...
8:30 Drama Swikriti	3:00 So I Married an Axe Murderer	9:30 Kaun Banega Crorepati
9:00 Sangbad Shironam	11:30 Jhanak Jhanak Payal Bajie (Sandhya, Gopi Kishan)	10:30 Kahan Ghar Ghar Ki
9:30 Film Show		11:00 Kyunki Saas Bhi Kabhi Bahu Thi
10:00 TV Serial: Dere		11:30 Aaj Ki Baat
10:30 News in English		12:00 Shagun
10:55 Special programme on Engineers Day		1:30 Star Morning Show : Sarhad (Raj Babbar, Danny, Farah)
11:30 Khabar/The News		4:30 Kyunki Saas Bhi Kabhi Bahu Thi
11:45 Closing		5:00 Raymond

EKUSHEY	3:00 Geet Bahar	2:30 Raymond
12:00 Ekushey Midday	3:30 Bachpan (Sanjeev Kumar, Tanuja)	3:00 Frasier
12:20 Bangla Film: Dhoni Gorib	4:30 Kyunki Saas Bhi Kabhi Bahu Thi	3:30 Creflo Dollar Daily
1:00 Drishiti	5:00 Shanti	3:30 Keeneth Copeland
2:00 Ekushey Headlines	5:30 Hit Ya Fit	4:00 Life in the Word With Ministries
3:30 Jononi		4:30 Life in the Word With Joyce Meyer
4:00 Ek Cup Cha		5:00 Nash Bridges
4:30 Expedition to the Animal Kingdom		5:30 Media TV
5:00 Circus Circus		6:00 Murder Call
5:30 Drishiti		6:30 Star News Asia
5:50 Ajker Potrikay		7:00 Baywatch
6:00 Ekushey Headlines		7:30 The Simpsons
6:05 Classic Cartoons		8:00 Home Improvement
6:30 Chardike		8:30 Star News
7:00 Toyota World of Wildlife		9:00 Star News
7:30 Ekushey News		10:00 Sabrina, the Teenage Witch
8:00 Drama Serial: Bondhon		10:30 Star News
9:00 Bangla Movie: Khoka Babur Prothibortton		11:00 Star News
10:30 BTV News		11:30 Star News
11:00 Ekushey Nightly News		12:30 Star News

CHANNEL-i	1:30 Click Online	1:30 Sabrina, the Teenage Witch
6:15 Drama: Dusapne Tilotoma	2:30 Correspondent	2:30 Sabrina, the Teenage Witch
7:10 Drama: Apon Thikana	3:30 Hardtalk	3:00 Star Geetmala
8:00 Din Protidin	4:30 Top Gear	3:30 Star Geetmala
8:25 Job Line	5:30 Correspondent	4:00 Star Geetmala
9:00 Amar Chobbi	6:30 Face to Face	4:30 Star Geetmala
10:10 Addar Table	7:00 Correspondent	5:00 Star Morning Show : Sarhad (Raj Babbar, Danny, Farah)
10:40 I Close Up	8:30 Correspondent	5:30 Star Morning Show : Sarhad (Raj Babbar, Danny, Farah)
11:15 Drama: Dusapne Tilotoma	9:30 Star Morning Show : Sarhad (Raj Babbar, Danny, Farah)	6:00 Star Morning Show : Sarhad (Raj Babbar, Danny, Farah)
12:40 Drama: Apon Thikana	10:30 Mastermind India	6:30 Star Morning Show : Sarhad (Raj Babbar, Danny, Farah)
2:00 Job Line	11:30 World Business Report	7:00 Star Morning Show : Sarhad (Raj Babbar, Danny, Farah)
3:00 Bangla Cinema: Anupatlo (Nayan/Sabnaj)	12:30 Hardtalk	7:30 Star Morning Show : Sarhad (Raj Babbar, Danny, Farah)
6:00 Reciting from Holy Quran	7:30 Star Geetmala	8:00 Star Geetmala
6:10 Suvo Sandha	8:00 Hit Ya Fit	8:30 Star Geetmala
6:40 Aker Vithore Pauch	8:30 Good Morning India	9:00 Star Geetmala
7:15 Drama: Jekhane Simanto	9:30 Star Morning Show : Sarhad (Raj Babbar, Danny, Farah)	9:30 Star Geetmala
8:30 I Tele Quiz	12:30 Hit Ya Fit	10:00 Star Geetmala

STAR PLUS (INDIA)	6:00 Siski	1:00 Star News
6:30 Star Geetmala	1:30 Star News	2:30 Star News
7:30 Chhupa Rustam	2:00 Star Geetmala	3:00 Star Geetmala
8:00 Hit Ya Fit	2:30 Star Geetmala	3:30 Star Geetmala
8:30 Good Morning India	3:00 Star Geetmala	4:00 Star Geetmala
9:30 Star Morning Show : Sarhad (Raj Babbar, Danny, Farah)	4:30 Star Geetmala	5:00 Star Geetmala
12:30 Hit Ya Fit	5:30 Star Geetmala	6:00 Star Geetmala

STAR WORLD	6:00 Murder Call	1:00 Raymond
11:00 Woodland Bollywood News	7:00 The Oprah Winfrey Show	2:30 Frasier
12:00 Hamrahi (Rajendra Kumar, Janmuna)	8:00 Home Improvement	3:00 Creflo Dollar Daily
12:30 Hamrahi (Contd...)	8:30 Happy Days	3:30 Keen