

Concert

Spreading the spirit of humanity

Elixir, a band group of schoolboys, gives a sensational stage performance at the Russian Cultural Center to raise funds for Shuchi

AZIZ AMIRUL

IN SHA-ALLAH I would soon return home, completely cured, as I am continuously showered with blessing, love and help of the 13 crore people of Bangladesh!", said Shamima Sharmin Shuchi, the unfortunate cancer-struck meritorious student, while leaving for Bangkok, in an emotion-charged voice.

"By the grace of the god, Shuchi is now stable and recovering from her bone-marrow surgery, and is apparently out of danger", revealed Shirin Quader, the local guardian of Shuchi, while speaking at a charity concert held in aid of the girl at the Russian Cultural Center auditorium on September 22.

"The way the young members of the society have come forward to help Shuchi and even before that Amit, is a testimony to the great humanitarian spirit that is uniting us as a society and also we hope similar programmes would soon be taken to help numerous other 'Shuchis' in the country who are caught between life with death", said Mrs. Quader, thanking all for providing support in cash and kind.

Renowned singer and music teacher of Greenherald SFX School Timir Nandi and his colleague Abdul Halim organised the charity show as Elixir, the band group of the senior SFX students put up a brilliant performance of two hours with over a dozen popular numbers

of English and Bangla as well with some self-composed songs in front of an overbrimming crowd at the auditorium of the Russian Cultural Centre in Dhanmondi. This same group performed at Alliance Francaise in September 2000 to raise fund for Amit, the boy who suffers from Wild Polio virus.

Though the 200-plus audience waited eagerly for the show to start, yet the speeches delivered by the distinguished personalities was worth listening too.

"I am grateful to the people of this country who have once teamed up again to save a precious life of Shuchi after saving the life of little Amit", said a highly emotion-choked



Bibi Russell gives her inspiring speech.

Moshiur Rahman, father of Amit. "Right at the beginning of Shuchi's illness, it was me who knew well that the girl would recover because my son Amit, with his confidence and faith, told that Shuchi would definitely survive, just like Amit himself, because she has the love and support of the people of Bangladesh", added the humble father of Amit, a special guest of the evening who decided to come in aid of Shuchi with a support of Tk. 20,000!

Timir Nandi, a superbly enterprising organiser, gave a brief introducing of his young band members and their activities over the recent past. "My boys, all inside seventeen years, have been trying to do something to lessen the pain and sufferings of man in their small way for the last couple of years and I also felt that they should come in all style and behaviour for the cause of humanity and help the needy", spoke a busy Timir.

The auditorium, specially the back seaters cheered away as the boys emerged on the stage

a dreamlike soft bluish spotlight hanged on their head like a halo.

With the concert nearly completing its first hour, an announcement seemed to push the frenzied crowd to the brink of excitement. Bibi Russell, a celebrity figure in Bangladesh, arrived at the venue as a special guest. "All our hopes and aspiration lie among our youth, for a true and solid foundation of an ideal Bangladesh. It is the younger generation, who can build our tomorrow. We are eager to meet a healthy and smiling Shuchi very soon and I would request young singers and budding artists to save numerous other lives through various support activities", expressed Bibi in her brief welcome speech to the audience.

But it seems that the young performers themselves are the most dedicated and committed of all, fully determined to do some noble task.

Naved lead guitarist expressed his desire to providing some pleasing hours to the audience seeking their continual support which would ultimately

be the greatest inspiration for the members of Elixir.

Moin, one of the two vocals, also sought support from the audience and extend their heartfelt thanks and gratitude to Timir Nandi, their instructor in helping and guiding Elixir to its success.

"There is a general belief among the guardians that pop and band singers achieve perfection of their singing capacity through the intake of narcotic drugs, etc. But, we through our sincere, clean and dedicated efforts, would one day prove that this is wrong notion held by our parents and seniors. We hope to bring a basic changes in our attitude about band music in Bangladesh", said Mahin, main vocalist and guitarist.

Bobby Dias, presently based in India, handles the keyboard of Elixir. Still passing days with a limping ankle as a result of an accident. He returned to Dhaka a few days ago only to perform in the concert for the ailing

Shuchi. Soft-spoken Bobby thanking the Square Group, sponsoring company, urged other large groups and business houses to extend their hand of support for humanitarian cause.

"We request renowned singers and band groups of our country to come forward to lessen the sufferings of our bother and sisters", commented Arsalan, the Elixir drummer.

As the programme reached its end a call from Amit in his father's cellular phone changed the mood of the entire setting. A highly emotional Timir Nandi took the phone set to hear the voice of Amit, who called with the help of his mother, to extend his heartfelt thanks and regards to the organisers and audience of this special evening! Further, he wanted to hear and enjoy the songs of Elixir over phone.

The attractive yet emotion-filled musical concert finally came to an end with the spirit of bondage and caring for other.



Elixir's performance and commitment to stand by Shuchi, a cancer patient, is commendable.

RECOMMENDATIONS

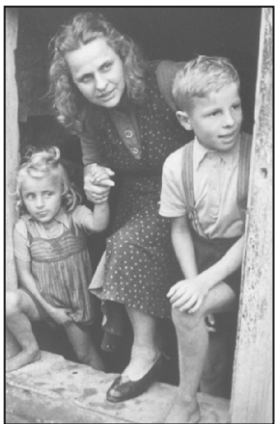


Photo-Exhibition : Germany 1945-1995.

Goethe Institute Dhaka holds a photo exhibition titled 'Germany 1945-1995' (Deutschland seit 1945), featuring fifty years of German history at House # 10, Road # 9, Dhanmondi R/A. The show runs from 2 to 8 p.m. every day, (except Fridays & Saturdays)



till September 30.

Solo exhibition

A solo painting exhibition by Ali Akbar is being held at the Gallery 21 (765 Satmasjid Road, Dhanmondi, Dhaka). The exhibition will remain open to all everyday from 10:00 a.m to 8:00 p.m. till September 30.

Sculpture show

The 3rd solo sculpture show by Maynul Islam Paul is being held at the La Galerie l' Alliance Francaise de Dhaka. The exhibition will remain open to all everyday from 5:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. till September 30.

Six Seasons

Shilparag Gallery at Dhanmondi (House#15, Road# 27 old) presents an exhibition on the theme six seasons. Leading artists of the country have captured in their canvases the rich variety of our seasons and their ambience. The month-long show will continue till October 14 everyday from 11 am to 8pm.

TV GUIDE

BTV

- 3:20 Open University
- 3:45 Swasthya Tathya
- 4:00 Khabar
- 4:05 Sports Programme
- 4:45 Sukhi Paribar
- 5:20 Apan Bhumi
- 5:45 Pashthi Tathya
- 6:00 Khabar
- 6:10 Programme on child rights
- 6:55 Dolan Champa
- 7:00 Headline News
- 7:05 Tukhur
- 7:30 Abhiyatra
- 8:00 News in Bangla
- 8:00 Drama Swarna Mriga
- 9:00 Headline News
- 9:30 film Chirle Chaplin
- 10:00 News in English
- 10:30 Nirbachan Sanglap
- 11:30 Khabar/The News

EKUSHEY

- 12:00 Ekushey Midday
- 12:20 Bangla Film: Jibon Shongee
- 2:40 Drishti
- 3:00 Ekushey Headlines
- 3:05 Drama Serial: Agun Laga Shondha
- 3:30 Jononi
- 4:00 Ispahani Ek Cup Cha
- 4:30 Expedition to the Animal Kingdom
- 5:00 Drishti
- 5:20 Aiker Potirak
- 5:30 Muktomoncho
- 6:00 Ekushey Headlines
- 6:05 Muktomoncho
- 6:30 Deshjure Headlines
- 6:35 Jati Jantay Chai
- 7:50 Ekushey News
- 7:58 Ek Minute
- 8:00 Drama Serial: Bondhon
- 8:30 Bangla Film: Zeed
- 10:00 News Simulcast From BTV
- 10:30 Bangla Film: Zeed
- 11:00 Ekushey Nightly News

ATN

- 5:30 Islamic Prog.
- 7:00 Anurodher Assor
- 7:35 Film prog: Cine Songlap
- 8:05 Drama serial: Uttaran
- 8:45 Nirbachon-2001 ATN
- 9:20 BNP Produced Election
- 10:35 Sapner Dhaka-Samriddo Dhaka
- 11:15 Awami League produced election prog: Joy Bangla Banglar Joy
- 11:35 Bengali film: Shamir Shohag
- 6:07 Child's prog: Shapla Saluk Gold Medel
- 7:20 Drama serial: Uttaran
- 8:00 Nirbachon-2001 ATN
- 8:35 Banglar Mukhomukhi
- 8:35 Sapner Dhaka-Samriddo Dhaka
- 9:10 BNP Produced Election
- 10:35 Awami League produced election prog: Joy Bangla Banglar Joy
- 11:05 Drama serial: Bondon
- 11:45 Bengali film: Ghorbari

HBO

- 6:30 Fierce Creatures
- 8:30 Nick of Time
- 10:15 Atomic Dog
- 12:00 Chances Are
- 2:15 Twists of Terror
- 4:00 Calendar Girl
- 5:45 Tainted Blood
- 7:30 Out of Sight
- 10:00 Wayne's World
- 12:00 King Cobra
- 2:00 Mo'Beter Blues
- 4:30 Out of Sight

STAR GOLD

- 10:30 Beete Hue Din
- 11:00 Geet Bahar
- 11:30 Farar (Dev Anand, Geeta Bai)
- 3:00 Geet Bahar
- 3:30 Shukriyaa (Rajiv Kapoor, Amrita Singh)
- 6:30 Geet Bahar
- 7:30 Monday Magic Yuvraaj (Vinod Khanna, Neetu Singh)
- 11:00 Anul Bollywood News
- 11:30 Mere Hamsafar (Jeetendra, Sharmila Tagore)
- 12:30 Mere Hamsafar (Contd..)
- 3:00 Geet Bahar
- 3:30 Shukriyaa (Rajiv Kapoor, Amrita Singh)
- 7:00 Yuvraaj (Vinod Khanna, Neetu Singh)

STAR PLUS

- 6:00 EK Main Aur EK Tu
- 6:30 Star Geetmala
- 7:30 Chhupa Rustam
- 8:00 Hit Ya Fit
- 8:30 Aatma
- 9:30 Fox Kids Daily
- 10:15 Sangeet Toppers
- 10:30 Small Wonder
- 11:00 Kabhie Kabhie Mere Ghar Mein Bhuchal Aata Hai
- 11:30 Saahil
- 12:00 Sansar
- 12:30 Hit Ya Fit
- 1:00 Hum Saath Saath Hein
- 1:30 Kahaani Ghar Ghar Ki
- 2:00 Sanskruti
- 2:30 Kyunki Saas Bhi Kabhi Bahu Thi
- 3:00 Shagun
- 3:30 Shanti
- 4:00 Meri Saheli
- 4:30 Kaahin Kissii Roz
- 5:00 Kabhie Kabhie Mere Ghar Mein Bhuchal Aata Hai
- 5:30 Hit Ya Fit
- 6:00 Small Wonder
- 6:30 Fox Kids Daily
- 7:15 Sangeet Toppers
- 7:30 Sanskruti
- 8:00 Hum Saath Saath Hein
- 8:30 Tu Tu Main Main
- 9:00 Kahin Kissii Roz
- 9:30 Kaun Banega Crorepati
- 10:30 Kahani Ghar Ghar Ki
- 11:00 Kyunki Saas Bhi Kabhi

Bahu Thi

- 11:30 Aaj Ki Baat
- 12:00 Shagun
- 12:30 Telebrands
- 1:00 Hit Ya Fit
- 1:30 Meri Saheli
- 2:00 Kaahin Kissii Roz
- 2:30 Tu Tu Main Main
- 3:00 Kabhie Kabhie Mere Ghar Mein Bhuchal Aata Hai
- 3:30 Saahil

STAR WORLD

- 6:00 Happy Days
- 6:30 3" Rock From The Sun
- 7:00 The Oprah Winfrey Show
- 8:00 Water Rates
- 9:00 Nash Bridges
- 10:00 Bugs
- 11:00 The Oprah Winfrey Show
- 12:00 Mike Hammer Private Eye
- 1:00 Fashion TV
- 1:30 The Bold & The Beautiful
- 2:00 Mork & Mindy
- 2:30 Happy Days
- 3:00 Baywatch
- 4:00 The Simpsons
- 4:30 3" Rock From The Sun
- 5:00 Star News Asia
- 5:30 Friends
- 6:00 That 70's Show
- 6:30 Everybody Loves Raymond
- 6:55 Asianews
- 7:00 Dharma & Greg
- 7:30 Frasier
- 8:00 Chicago Hope
- 9:00 Friends
- 9:30 That 70's Show
- 10:00 Dharma & Greg
- 10:30 Everybody Loves Raymond
- 11:00 Frasier
- 11:30 Chicago Hope
- 12:30 That 70's Show
- 1:00 Dharma & Greg
- 1:30 Everybody Loves Raymond
- 2:00 Frasier
- 2:30 3" Rock From The Sun
- 3:00 Creflo Dollar Daily
- 3:30 Kenneth Copeland Ministries
- 4:00 Life in the Word With Joyce Meyer
- 4:30 Media TV
- 5:00 Mork & Mindy

CHANNEL [V]

- 7:30 [V] So Long Gone
- 8:30 [V] Jumpstart
- 10:30 [V] Hit Machine
- 12:30 [V] Jungli Jukebox
- 1:00 [V] FDFS
- 1:30 [V] Hit Machine
- 4:30 [V] Hotline
- 5:30 Very [V]
- 7:30 [V] Hit Machine
- 9:30 [V] Jungli Jukebox
- 10:00 [V] FDFS
- 10:30 [V] Hit Machine

TODAY'S HIGHLIGHTS



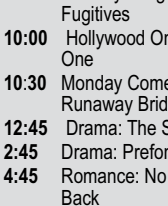
**EKUSHEY:** 8:00pm. *Banhdan-episode 42.* Shirin for the first time confides about how she got involved in business. New problem arises in Jolly's life when she learns about Akram's lack of reproductive abilities.



**STAR WORLD:** 5:30 and 9 pm. *Friends.* In, The One Where Everyone Finds Out, Ross decides it's time to get his life together, and plans to get his own apartment. Incredibly, Ugly Naked Guy is moving and his apartment's available. So, Ross, Phoebe and Rachel go over to take a look. While they're there, Phoebe and Rachel spot Monica and Chandler across the way, and Phoebe finds out what's going on.



- 11:30 Late Night [V]
- 12:00 [V] Hit Machine
- 12:30 [V] So Long Gone
- 1:00 [V] Hit Machine
- 2:00 Surviving the Wild
- 1:30 Sea Legends
- 2:00 Streets of the World
- 2:30 Hour Asia
- 3:00 Wild Discovery
- 4:30 Science Frontiers
- 5:30 Journeys to the Ends of the Earth
- 2:00 Middle Movies: Space Marines
- 4:00 Comedy: Three Musketees
- 6:00 Romance: No Looking Back
- 8:00 Monday Laughs : Three Fugitives
- 10:00 Hollywood One on One
- 10:30 Monday Comedy: Runaway Bride
- 12:45 Drama: The Scout
- 2:45 Drama: Prefontaine
- 4:45 Romance: No Looking Back



- 5:30 Powerzone
- 6:30 Science Mysteries
- 7:30 So You Want To Be II
- 8:00 Bonehead
- 8:30 Wild Discovery
- 9:30 Lonely Planet Treks
- 10:00 Treks in a Wild World
- 10:30 Shark
- 11:30 Junkyard Wars
- 12:30 Discovery Sunday
- 3:00 Powerzone
- 5:30 So You Want to Be
- 6:00 Bonehead Detectives of the Paleworld
- 6:30 Amazing Worlds
- 7:30 Sea Legends
- 8:00 Streets of the World
- 8:30 Hour Asia
- 9:30 Wild Discovery
- 10:30 Science Frontiers
- 11:30 Journeys to the Ends of the Earth

PICK OF THE DAY



**Wayne's World.** On HBO at 10 pm. Two best buddies broadcast Wayne's World, a talk show, on local public television. The show catches the eye of media mogul Ben Oliver who wants to do a big-budget version of their show. But while they're in it for the music and the jokes, he is in it for the money and Wayne's girlfriend.



- 1:00 Manzilion Apni Apni
- 1:25 Jhalak
- 1:30 Koi apna Sa
- 2:00 Choti Maa Ek anokha Bandhan
- 2:30 Hindi Feature Film
- 3:00 Ek Nazar
- 3:00 Nickelodeon On Zee
- 3:30 Ek Nazar
- 3:30 Deewane Toh Deewane Hai
- 4:00 Ek Tukda Chand Ka
- 4:30 Koshish
- 4:30 Choti Maa Ek Anokha

SPORTS

- 5:30 NFL Primetime Bristol, CT USA
- 6:28 NFL Football Tempe, AZ
- 9:00 NFL Sportscenter Motorcycle Programme
- 12:00 Film Individual Speed-way Wild C'Ship Gp
- 1:00 Cricket Programming Super Selector-October Launch
- 2:30 South Africa Cricket
- 3:30 English Premier Football League English Premier Football League 2001/02 Leeds
- 5:30 English Premier Football League English Premier Football League 2001/02 London, England
- 7:30 Sports Today
- 8:30 Spanish Football League 2001/02 Spanish Football League
- 10:30 PGA Tour Golf Marconi
- 12:30 Golf Programming Global Golf Spotlights Sergio Garcia
- 1:00 English Premier Football League English Premier Football League 2001/02
- 3:00 National Sports Report Class 1 Uim World Powerboat C'Ships Oslo, Scandinavia
- 4:00 Scandinavian Grand Prix
- 4:30 Asian Badminton Championships JVC
- 6:30 Go Kart Champions of the Future Karting Series 2001
- 7:00 Asian Festival of Speed 2001 Asian Int'l Series Bira, Thailand Rounds Nine & Ten
- 8:00 Sports Tonight
- 8:30 International Motorsports News
- 9:30 Trans World Sport
- 10:30 Sports Tonight
- 11:00 Cricket Talk Show
- 12:00 Sportline Tonight
- 12:30 PGA Tour Golf Marconi
- 2:30 Fivb World C'Ship of Beach Volleyball
- 3:30 Sportsline Tonight
- 4:00 Samsung Nations Cup
- 5:00 Sportsline Tonight
- 5:30 Five/Six Nations
- 6:30 Nations Championships
- 7:00 Business International

- 5:00 Careerscope
- 5:30 Zed TV Curtain Raisers
- 6:30 Financial Management
- 7:00 Once Upon A Time
- 7:30 Word Games
- 8:30 Walkin Tall
- 9:00 Medium
- 9:30 Funda Kya Hai
- 10:00 Zed TV Curtain Raisers
- 11:00 User Interface
- 11:30 Fashion Design
- 12:00 Crt Rsr-Women & Home
- 12:00 ZEE MUSIC
- 10:30 Hit Mix
- 11:00 Pyar Mohabbat Etc
- 11:30 Zee Music Box
- 12:00 Zee Music Plus
- 1:00 Hit Pe Hit
- 2:00 Jharokha
- 2:35 Just Jammin
- 3:05 Tara Rum
- 4:00 Hit Pe Hit
- 5:00 Zee Music Box
- 5:30 Hit Mix
- 6:00 Fillers
- 6:30 Zee Music Plus
- 7:30 Hit Pe hit
- 8:30 Blue
- 9:00 Cool Age
- 9:30 Zee Music Box
- 10:00 Sizzlers
- 10:30 Jharokha

ALPHA TV

- 10:30 Ranna Ghar
- 11:00 Saffalya
- 11:30 Gnihsajja
- 12:30 Bahari Ahaar
- 12:30 Manabi
- 1:00 Saat Kahan
- 2:30 Sastrang
- 3:30 Bangla Feature Film
- 5:00 Gaan Untd
- 5:30 Agni Juger Padatik
- 6:00 Alpha Khabor
- 6:25 Jhankar
- 6:30 Grohon
- 7:00 Guest House
- 7:25 Jhankar
- 7:55 Jhankar
- 8:00 Nayantara
- 8:30 Ek Akasher Niche
- 9:00 Mon Niye
- 9:30 Surjo Mukhi

CNN

- 10:30 Best of Insight
- 11:00 World News
- 11:30 World Report
- 12:00 World News
- 12:30 World Sport
- 1:00 World News
- 1:30 Best of Q & A
- 2:00 World News
- 2:30 World News
- 3:00 Larry King Weekend
- 4:00 Business International
- 4:30 Biz Asia
- 5:00 Asia Tonight
- 5:30 World Sport
- 6:30 World News
- 7:00 Business International

ZEE MGM

- 9:00 Death Wish
- 11:30 Butterfly Revolution
- 2:00 To Die For
- 7:00 No Dead Heros
- 9:30 Death Wish V
- 11:30 Butterfly Revolution

SITI CINEMA

- 10:30 Bahu Beti
- 3:30 Abhimanyu
- 6:30 Pyar Ka Sindoor