RECOMMENDATIONS

Film

Mystic songwriter Hasan Raja in silver screen

Mohurat of the film Hasan Raja held

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ANGLADESH is a land wallowed in folk music. The ennui, the desire for a spiritual union with the supreme being, and themes of everyday life of the cultivator, fisherman, boatman, weaver. potter, blacksmith are expressed in folk songs.

The variety of folk songs is rich and as many as 70 types are recognised by the experts. When it comes to folk music of Bangladesh Lalon Shah and Hasan Raja are the twounrivalled maestros. These composers have reached the heart of the millions with their mystic soulful numbers.

We know very little about these great musicians who have created a magic spell on the millions for over a century now. Research on these virtuoso composers can be counted on finger. And films on their lives and works are a rarity. But film production company Hask Productions is about break that

'Nesha Lagilo Re Baka Du Noyone Nesha Lagilo Re' this celebrated song by Hasan Raja was being played in the background at the Mohurat or clapstick ceremony of the film Hasan Raja, a full length feature film on the life of Hasan Raja, the great poet, musician and philosopher on October 8 at the FDC (Film Development Corporation). Famous Nazrul song exponent Firoza Begum was present as chief guest at the ceremony while Motiur Rahman Chowdhury, editor daily Manob Jomin and Dewan Mohammed Tasawar Raja the grandson of Hasan Raja were also present as special guests

Renowned film director Chashi Nazrul Islam makes a come back in the Bangladesh film scenario after quite some



time with this film. Produced by actor Helal Khan the story, screenplay and dialogues of the film are created by noted playwright Professor Momtajuddin Ahmed. Sujeyo Sham is the music director for Hasan Raja while composer Sri Bidit Lal Das is being associated with film as music advisor. The central characters of the film are portrayed by Helal Khan, Shomi

zaman Uthpol, Amol Bosh, Abul and Professor Momt-ajuddin Ahmed.

'If I am able to complete this film on the great poet and musician Hasan Raja, then it is will be a great victory against the current of the present trend,' said Chashi Nazrul Islam at his welcoming speech at the Mohorat. With the presence of



Noted playwright Prof. Memtajuddin Ahamad who wrote the screenplay, dialogue of Hasan Raja, expresses his feelings at the mahurat

Kayser, Bobita, Shimla, Ashraf Moni, Khurshid-ud- event was a thriving one. After

renowned film actors, directors Nasreen Jashim, Rebeca and cultural personalities the his speech actor Amjad Hossain, film directors Jahangir Khan and Badal Khondoker spoke on the occasion. They all focused on the necessity of decent films. 'I am what I am today only for Hasan Raja', said Sri Binit Lal Das, music advisor for the film. He also said that before this the initiative for making a film on the life of Hasan Raja were taken twice

but unfortunately they failed. 'My father use to say, 'I could not understand him ' about my grandfather', said Tasawar Raja the grandson of Hasan Raia. 'I also feel the same way. My grandfather can be defined in many ways. He was a Jamindar (landlord) of Sylhet but lived a very simple life. It is sad that the people of Bangladesh do not have a clear idea about him. I hope this film will serve that purpose.' 'I knew nothing about Hasan

Raja' said Professor Momtajuddin Ahmed, 'I did not think him as an ordinary man at first, but when I went by the river Shurma, saw his Bojra (boat), saw his house, his cloths, came to know about his life I realised what a simple man Hasan Raja was.' He continued, 'Maybe this

is my last work. I did not want to make an art film, I wanted to make a film which will be enjoyed by everyone and people will realise what a great man Hasan Raja was.'

CULTURE

While talking about the film Motiur Rahman Chowdhury, editor daily Manob Jomin said that he thinks the film industry is in the right track now and these decent films will change the concept of the film scenario in Bangladesh.

Chief guest of the occasion Firoza Begum said, 'I want the people involved with the film in such a way that people like us can go to the movies and watch it.' She continued. 'For 60 years I am in the music industry but I first heard Hasan Raja's songs after the War of Liberation, but I should have heard it long before that. The philosophy of his songs is exceptional.'

The 'Mohurat' ceremony came to an end when all the actors and actresses who will be starring in *Hasan Raia* came on stage. Before this attempt, there were at least two attempts to make film on the life of Hasan Raj, but unfortunately those were aborted. Hasan Raja was born Deowan Hasah Raja Chaudhury on January, 1855 in the village of Lakhansiri near Sunamganj town, in Sylhet, Bangladesh. His father Dewan Ali Raja Chaudhury was a very powerful landlord of the area. His properties included the area of Laksmansiri and Rampasha in Sunamganj, as well as the Amberkhana, Sadagarhtala, and Tilagarh sections of Sylhet

Today most Bangladeshis are familiar with the name Hasan Raia and many can sing or cite at least a line from one of his songs, but most of them know a very little about his life. He was said to be extremely obstinate and uncontrollable as



Chashi Nazrul Islam gives his welcome speech at the mahurat of Rasan Raja

a child. He disliked school as a child, so he never really had the benefit of a formal education. In his later years he regretted his lack of schooling and donated quite a bit of his wealth for the education of those who could not afford it.

There are many conflicting accounts of his early years as years as a zaminder. To some of his subjects he had a reputation as a cruel, greedy landlord and a decadent womanizer who was

people living on his land. To others he was a generous and beneficent landlord who was compassionate to humans and animal alike.

The name of Hasan Raja might have remained obscure if not Rabindranath Tagore took an interest in this mystic poet. There are many references of Hasan Raja in various articles and lectures of Rabindranath Tagore. His name was also mentioned in the lecture entitled



ceremony of the film Hasan Raja

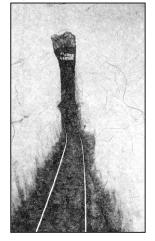
of horse racing and the breeding of birds then the welfare of the

more interested in his hobbies The Religion of Man, Tagore gave as part of the Hibbert lecture series at Oxford in 1930.



Returns

This Hollywood blockbuster runs at the country's premier cinema hall Modhumita from tomorrow. The Mummy Returns is the sequel of The Mummy and have all the ingredients of its earlier one. With its spinetingling adventures against breathtaking landscapes, The Mummy Returns is sure to thrill cine buffs Hordes of canine bodied Anubis warriors-literally hounds from hellbound across the Sahara in attack formation while carnivorus pygmy mummies ambush their pray in the jungles of the Nile



Graphic prints show

Noted French artist Jean-Michel Alberola's solo exhibition of graphic prints is now being held at the French cultural centre, Alliance Française, at

Six Seasons

5:30 Sizzlers

ALPHA TV

Grohon

Sheshprashna

Bideshini Badhu

Surer Ei Dharana Dharay

Kichu Smriti Kichu Gaan

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

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pm Open University Health programme

Cartoon Samurai X Musical programme for

Drarma-o- Jiban Khabar Programme on traditional 6:10

professions News headlines 7:05 Nazrul song Documentary

Newsc in Bangla Drama serial Šhuba Buddhi-8:30 2[™] episode News headlines

9:05 Musical programme Swaralip 10:00 News in English

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1:00 Expedition to the Animal Kingdom

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Ekushey Headlines

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Drama: Onno Ak Chaya

Chips & Bytes

Ekushey News

Serial: Alif Laila

11:00 Ekushey Nightly News

11:30 E Shoptaher Bishsho

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6:20 Drama: Joar Vata

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10:10 Addar Table

10:40 | Music

Talk Show: Khara Alap

Classic Cartoons

Expedition to the Animal

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11:05 Bengali Film: Monafeq **BBC WORLD**

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Song Prog: Gun Sudu

Drama Serial: Gunjon

Film Magazine : Anuvobe Shadkalo

Asia Today/Asia **Business Report** BBC News Asia Today/World Business Report

Asia Today/Asia Business Report 10:00 BBC News 10:30 Top Gear

11:00 BBC News Reporters 10:00 News: Simulcast from BTV 12:00 BBC News 12:30 Hardtalk

12:00 Ekushey News Headlines 1:30 **Talking Movies** 2:00 BBC News 2:30 Simpson 3:00 **BBC** News 3:30 Hardtalk

World Business Report

Top Gear

Simpson

BBC News

BBC News

Asia Today

Drama: Neportho Khahini 4:00 **BBC News** Anuvhobe Anukhane 4:30 Holiday 5:00 **BBC News** 5:30 Simpson 11:20 Drama: Joar Vata 6:00 **BBC News** 12:00 Chitti Pelam 12:40 Talk Show: Khara Alap 6:30 Face to Face **BBC News**

Drama: Neportho Khahini 1:20 7:00 7:15 7:30 3:00 6:00 Bengla cinema: Fule-shari Reciting From Holy Quran 8:00 8:30 6:40 7:15 7:20 I Music 9:00 Chanel I Sangbad 9:30

Surjer Sawpno 8:40 Drama: Mama Bhagnei Khandho Channel I Sangbad 9:20 Suvo Muktir Gane

10:00 BBC News 10:15 World Business Report 10:30 IT India Tomorrow 11:00 BBC News 11:45 World Business Quize: 60 Sec. Report/World Sport **12:00** BBC News 10:30 Channel I Sangbad 11:00 Tele Film: Patro Lekoke 12:30 Hardtalk

Click Online Islamic Prog. Health care Prog:

3:00 Film Songs Prog: 4:00 **BBC News** Report/Asia Today "Daliwood Bichitra" Asia Business

Band Musical Prog Report/Asia Today "Band Show" Drama Serial: Brettyer **HBO** Bhalobasha Soapdish

10:35 Drama Serial "Bondon" 8:30 Dead Gain 11:15 Bengali Fsilm: Somor 10:45 Blowback Islamic Prog. : Sundor 12:30 Howling V The Rebirth Jeebaner Jannee 2:30 Sacrifice 6:45 Cook Prog: Ranna Born Free A New Adventure ATN Bangla News

6:15 Clueless 8:15 Bulletproof Spartacus 10:00 Shakespeare In Love Dead Again

STAR GOLD 10:30 Amul Bollywood News 11:00 Geet Bahar Ram Bharose (Randhir 11:30 Kapoor, Rekha) Amul Bollywood News

Hira Aur Patthar (Shashi Kapoor, Shabana Azmi) Geet Bahar 7:30 Lamhe Pyaar Ke Khuddaar (Amitabh Bachchan, Parveen

11:00 Amul Bollywood News 11:30 Mehndi Lagi Mere Nanda)

12:30 Mehndi Lagi Mere Haath (contd..) 3:00 Geet Bahar Hira Aur Pathar (Shashi Kapoor, Shabana Azmi) Khuddaar (Amitabh

STAR WORLD Happy Days

Bachchan, Parveen

3rd Rock From The The Oprah Winfrey 8:00 Water Rats

9:00 The Drew Carey Show Whose Line Is It 10:00 Ally McBeal 11:00 The Oprah Winfrey Show

12:00 The Practice 1:00 Fashion TV 1:30 The Bold & The Beauti-Mork & Mindy 2:00 2:30 Happy Days Bavwatch

3:00 4:00 The Simpsons 4:30 3rd Rock From The STAR News Asia

TODAY'S HIGHLIGHTS BBC News STAR PLUS:10:30 pm. Kahani Ghar Ghar Ki. In World Business Report episode 207, Ajay is going to solve the case. BBC News

ATN BANGLA: 9:00 pm. Prekhshit. This show records the preparation going on for the coming winter. A report on illegal arms recovery operation carried out by the caretaker government will also be there in the show. And then child there will be a report on the child jockeys who narrates their horrific experience in the middle east

Avantika tells him to not get so involved as this was

Kamal's company. Ajay tells Avantika to mind her

created between Ajay and Kamal.



6:00 Buffy The Vampire

Millennium

Friends

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Slayer

Angel

10:30 Angel

11:30 Millennium

Angel

Star News Asia

Buffy The Vampire

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EKUSHEY: 3:30 pm. Kena Kata. This ultimate shopping magazine gives a detailed information where to find what at a bargain price. There will be shopping with the stars of showbiz

Small Wonder 6:00 6:30 Fox Kids-Daily 7:30 Sanskruti 8:00

Hum Saat Saath Hain 8:30 Son Pari Kaahin Kissii Roz 9:00 9:30 Kaun Banega Crorpati 10:30 Kahaani Ghar Ghar Kii 11:00 Kyunki Saas Bhi Kabhi Bahu Thi **11:30** Aaj Ki Baat

6:00 Major League Baseball

Division Series

ters 2001

Spain

Pool World Pool Mas-

International Beach

Soccer Beach Soccer

Worldwide Mexico @

English Premier Foot-

ball League English

League 2001/02

Division Series

NFL'S Greatest

Millennium

ters 2001

Moments Player Of The

Pool World Pool Mas-

League 2001/02 UEFA

Rotterdam, Netherlands

UEFA Champions

Bavern Munich @

Feyenoord Group

Sportscenter Hindi

World Cup Mix

Phase 1, Matchday 1

12:30 Buffy The Vampire **12:00** Shagun 12:30 Telebrands 3rd Rock From The 1:00 Hit Ya Fit 1:30 Meri Saheli 2:00 Kaahin Kissii Roz

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Creflo Dollar Daily Kenneth Copeland Life in the Word With Joyce Meyer World News

5:00 Media TV 5:30 Mork & Mindy **STAR PLUS** 6:00 Sanskruti 6:30 STAR Geetmala I Love My India 7:30

Hit Ya Fit

8:00 Goals! Aatma 8:30 Fox Kids Daily 10:30 Small Wonder 11:00 Pal Chhin **11:30** Saahil 10:30 Major League Baseball 12:00 Sansar 12:30 Hit Ya Fit Ham Saath Saath

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Hit Ya Fit

PICK OF THE DAY



Spartacus.

On HBO at 10:00 pm. Born and bred a slave, Spartacus is going to school, Gladiator school. Sold as a gladiator and is trained to please the bloodthirsty crowds of the Roman world by legal manslaughter, he thinks

only of home.

2:30 Chhuna Rustam 5:00 Born Yesterday 3:00 Pal Chhin 7:00 Specials, The 3:30 Saahil 8.45 Terminator 2 4:00 Sansar 10:30 Rambo 2 4:30 Kyunki Saas Bhi Kabhi 12:30 Pushing Tin

Bahu Thi Saahil Hit Ya Fit 5:30

STAR MOVIES 6:00 Ravenous

1:15 Anywhere But Here

9:30 UEFA Champions League 2001/02 UEFA

Champions League

Bayern Munich @

Fevenoord Group

Pool World Pool

Masters 2001

phia, PA USA.

Sportscenter Hindi

Strike Force Kick

World Cup Mix

STAR SPORTS

South Africa Cricket

South Africa Tri Series

Centurion. South Africa

India @ South Africa

3rd Odi, Highlights

Sportsline Today

Max Power

5:30 Sportscenter Hindi

11:30 Sportscenter Hindi

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Phase 1, Matchday

Boxing Series Friday

Night Fights Philadel

ISKA Karate 2001 ISKA

Boxing San Jose, CA

Sportscenter Bristol, CT

11:15 Rocky II

3:15 Rambo 3

6:30 7:30

7:45 Rambo 2 Michael Angel 9:30

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[V] So Long Gone 8:30 [V] Jumpstart

Rambo 3

Specials, The

10:30 [V] Hit Machine 12:30 [V] Jungli Jukebox 1:00 [V] FDFS 1:30 [V] Hit Machine

Series 2001Rochestr

UK Highlights

11:00 Extreme Magazine Yoz

SPORTS 9:30 Watersports World Gothenberg Offshore 10:30 Go Kart Champions Of The Future Karting Futbol Mundial

9:30

Magazine 11:00 South Africa Cricket 11:30 Senior PGA Tour Golf South Africa Tri Series Centurion, South Africa Senior PGA H/Ls: india @ South Africa Allianz Championship Des Moines, IA USA 12:30 Sportsline Today 1:00 1:00 English Premier football League English Premier

England Arsenal Fc@ Middlesbrough 3:00 South Africa Cricket South Africa Tri Series Centurion. South Africa India @ South Africa 3rd Odi, 1st Session South Africa Cricket South Africa Tri Series

Football League

2001/02 Middlesbrough

Centurion, South Africa India @ South Africa 3rd Odi. 2nd Session 8:00 Sportsline Tonight 8:30 Sailing Sailing World

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11:00 Late Night 12:00 Hit Machine 12:30 So Long Gone

1:00 Hit Machine

ZEE TV 6:00 Yaadon Ke Pal

6:30 Aalaap Yoga For Life 7:00 7:30 Jagran Zee Gym & Eat Healthy 8:20 News

Ardhangini 8:45 Yaadein Radio Ceyion Ki Nickelodeon on Zee 9:30 Nickelodeaon

10:00 Guldasta 10:30 Shri 420 11:00 Ek Tukda Chand Ka 11:30 Ek Nazar 12:00 Woh Haseen Pal Manzilien Apni Apni 1:00

1:25 Jhalak Koi Apna Sa 1:30 Choti Maa Ek Anokha 2:00 Bandhan Gharana

3:00 Sanam Jarjayi-Feature 6:00 Ek Nazar

Nickeldeon On Zee 6:30 7:00 Nickelodeon 7:30 Fk Nazar 8:00 Hip Hip Hurray

Cricket talk Show

Harsha Online

10:30 Sportsline Tonight

ZEE MUSIC 6.00 Music Plus

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7:00 Aalaap 7:30 Tara Rum 8:30 Hit Pe Hit 10:30 Hit Mix 11:00 Just Jammin 11:30 Music Box 12:00 Music Plus 1:00 Hit Pe Hit 2:00 Jharokha

Cool Age

Tara Rum

Music Box

10:00 Sizzlers

10:30 Jharokha

11:35 Phoren Maal

11:05 Dil Se

12:35 Shabab

1:05 Music Box

Jharokha

Hit Pe Hit

Tara Rum

Phoren Maal

Next Generation

3:05 3rd Odi, Highlights 4:00 Hit Pe Hit 12:00 Sportsline Tonight 5:00 Music Box Boxina Series Fight 5:30 Hit Mix Time On Fox 2001 6:00 Blue Elgin, IL USA Lamont Music Plus 6:30 Pearson Vs Jesse 7:30 Hit Pe Hit Gutierrez Pyaar Mohabbat Etc Go Kart Champions of

the Future Karting Series 2001 Rochester UK Highlights Sportsline Tonight Formula Nippon Formula Nippon 2001 Mine Central Park, Japan

Sportsline Tonight Table Tennis Ittf Pro Tour 2001 Korea Open Seoul, South Korea

Ek Tukda Chand Ka Choti Maa Ek Anokha 9:30

Top of The Top

BANGLA Bhandhan Koi Apna Sa 11:00 Dollar Bahu 7:00

12:00 Gharana 12:30 Nagin-Thursday Hits Banarasi Thug - Feature 9:00

News Bharat Bhraman 9:05 9:30 Niiei Navak

10:00 Talk Jhal Misti **ZEE CINEMA** 10:30 Tritiyo Purush Jise Tu Kabeol Kar le 11:00 Sheshprashna Feature Film 11:30 Grohon

Kuch Lamhe Kuch 12:00 Daur Naame 12:30 Chena Mukher Shari Dadamoni-A Tribute To 1:00 Ingit The Legend-Ashok Fk Akasher Niche 1:30 Kumar

2:00 Navantara Movie Fare 2:00 Bari Theke Palive-10:00 Aaj Ka Daur- Feature Feature Film 5:00 Surer Ei Jharna Dharay Cine News 5:30 Gandharbi Madhyantar

6:00 News Maahir-Feature Film 6:30 Grohon Darpan 7:00 Shesh Prashna Tara Rum Film Time 7:30 Ki Likhi Tomai 8:00 Nayantara Khilona Bana Khalnayak-Ek Akasher Niche

6:00 8:30 Feature Film Chena Mukh Shari Chatpati Chat 9:45 Ingeet Top of The Tops 9:30 Barsaat-Feature Film 10:15 Football 10:45 Ek Palake Tara Rum

10:50 News Kuch Lamhe Kuch 10:55 Ek Palake Nagme Main Wohi Hoon-Feature

11:00 Triyo Purush 11:30 11:55 Ek Palake Chehren 12:00 Shesh Prashna

12:55 Ek Palake 12:30 Bangla Feature Film Surer Ei Jharnadhara

Bharat Bhraman Nayantara Ek Akasher Niche 5:00 Chena Mukher Shari

5:30 Football **HALLMARK**

12:00 Reunion 2:00 Katts And Dog Katts and Dog Reunion

Sesame Street 6:00 Johnny's Girl 8:00 And Never Let Her Go 10:00 Sea Change

11:00 Daisies in December

1:00 Sliders Season III 2:00 Sesame Street 3:00 Clifford 3:30 Caillou 4:00 Sea Change 5:00 Star Trek: Voyager 6:00

Sliders Season II And Never Let Her Go 7:00 9:00 Star Trek: Voyager 10:00 Lord of Misrule