

Music

A voice apart

Alliance Francaise de Dacca hosts a solo musical performance by Kalpana Bhattacharya

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ALLIANCE Francaise de Dacca organised Musique Classique Vocale -- an evening of classical music at 7 on October 10, 2001. The solo performer on the occasion was Kalpana Bhattacharya -- a classical singer par excellence from Kolkata, India.

On the floor there was a long cloth, spread over, of milk white colour, circling half

the stage. The stage was neatly decorated with buff coloured marigold flowers, woven in long garlands. The audience came through the cafe into the hall where the programme was arranged. The room was filled up with a considerable crowd and sweet fragrance of flowers. A few minutes before the programme the singer came and dozens crowded around her to seek her blessing. She is crowned in the heart of her

fans; before her entrance the listeners were waiting in rest-less silence. When she went onstage listeners were again silent -- this time with eager ears, and beating hearts.

She started singing Ragapurba, a much coveted item for the raga lovers. From the beginning it seemed a bit difficult a task for the musicians to maintain musical measure with her voice. A voice which surges up like the tide of an ocean; then falls with a rhythm of sweet crystal clear harmony; then upsurges again and takes the audience with it near the horizon where the sky has met the earth. "Quite a celestial voice, quite a divine purity," remarked a middleaged audience, Atul.

The Virabi Thaten Chandra Ghosh rained like a melody -- soothing serenity. After the ragapurba this raga created a sweet enchantment. The listeners were nodding like children in dream. The pure melancholic strain suffused the nippy hall. Sometimes it seemed that her voice is coming of a land far away; as if one listens to music in dream; and consciousness wakes him slightly in ease. A veritable jet of music -- a belated torrent of nectar.

Classical music, as believed in general, could be a precious component to relieve the burden of soul; it relishes the heavenly grace through the voice of the singer. It is also believed that a classical singer imbues in her saintly qualities; that in touch may turn a rusty iron into gold.



Kalpana Bhattacharya's majestic voice casts a spell on the music lovers of the city on October 10

Classical music is a deep rooted part of the sub-continental cultural tradition. Its influence nowadays has enlivened a considerable part of cross country culture. The philosophical trait of classical music has always been a curious subject to the western world. Their admiration was proved again last evening when numerous French, Dutch and English citizens gathered around Kalpana Bhattacharya to taste the honey dewed-depth of classical music.

Classical singer Kalpana Bhattacharya, an artist belonging to the Ataroul branch of Agra Gharana, was

born in 1939 at Baranagar of Calcutta. She started learning music in 1960 from Nalinaksa Datta, whom she considers her first Guru. In the process of her growth as a classical singer Kalpana accepted the talim of Kalidas Dey, her second teacher.

In 1970 Kalpana devoted herself to the teaching of eminent Ustad Ata Hossain Khan, a maestro of Agra school. In a decade he taught her more than three hundred ragas. The other Gurus of Kalpana were Ustad Ata Hossain Khan Saheb's nephew Ustad Latafat Hossain Khan Saheb and brother-in-law Ustad Khadin

Hossain Khan Saheb. Both of them are renowned masters of Ataroul branch. It may be mentioned that Agra Gharana belonging to the classical music began its journey way back in fourteenth century during the reign of Sultan Alauddin Khilji.

Since 1999, Kalpana Bhattacharya has been invited every year by the Indian High Commission to run workshops on Indian classical music in Bangladesh. She admires the enthusiasm and devotion of her disciples in Dhaka. It is amazing that the youngsters of today's Bangladesh are going to be the full grown colourful

flowers of tomorrow's classical music.

"Some of them come from Narayanganj and remote suburbs of Bangladesh to Dhaka to take talim on classical music from me. Their nourishment could have been more rich but for the political anarchy and traffic jams. Moreover three-year is a very short time. I could have taught them more, they are interested, but the time is fleeting away. Classical music needs a larger duration of teaching," added the conductor of the workshops, Kalpana Bhattacharya.



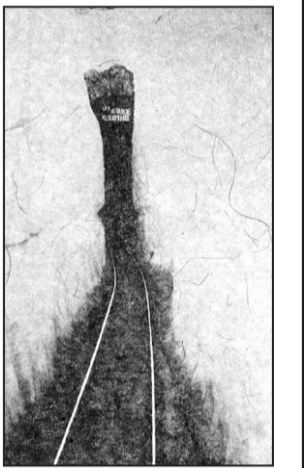
Kalpana is one of the few exponents of Agra Atrauli gharana preserving the purity of the gharana

RECOMMENDATIONS



The Mummy Returns

This Hollywood blockbuster now runs at the country's premier cinema hall Modhumita. The Mummy Returns is the sequel of The Mummy and have all the ingredients of its earlier one. With its spine-tingling adventures against breath-taking landscapes, The Mummy Returns is sure to thrill cine buffs. Hordes of canine bodied Anubis warriors-literally hounds from hell-bound across the Sahara in attack formation while carnivorous 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 runs till October 26 at the French cultural centre, Alliance Francaise, at Dhanmandi.

Six Seasons

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 canvases the rich variety of our seasons and their ambience. The month-long show has been extended till October 31 everyday from 11 am to 8pm.

TV GUIDE

TODAY'S HIGHLIGHTS



STAR WORLD: 8:00pm. Water Rats. What starts as another ordinary day at the office ends in the death of a Goldie a much love rat.



STAR WORLD: 9:30 pm. Baywatch Hawaii. Leigh falls for an adrenaline junkie who might put her life at risk.



STAR GOLD: 7:30 pm. Daag. Andaz, Jogan, Deedar, Hulchal had taken Dilip Kumar's popularity to new heights. The nastik (non-believer) of Jogan, the blind singer of Deedar, the hungry unemployed youth of Hulchul took an entire generation into a tizzy. Then came Daag, where his role as alcoholic Shankar became the most talk-about character, and with Mehboob Khan's musical Aan, his performances touched new heights.

PICK OF THE DAY



Stuart Little On HBO at 10:00 pm. An orphan mouse Stuart (voiced by Michael J. Fox) searching for love and a place to call home finds it in a huge house along Fifth Avenue. Picked out of a list of more suitable candidates for adoption by Mr. And Mrs. Little (Hugh Laurie and Academy Award-winner Geena Davis). Stuart is one lucky mouse. But his quest to find a family doesn't end there.

BTV

- 9:10 Documentary
10:00 Achin Pakhi
10:25 Programme on Health
10:45 Movie of the Week Lawrence of Arabia
3:20 Telefilm Shasra Pani
4:00 Khabar
5:25 Shukhi Paribar
6:00 Khabar
6:10 Documentary
7:00 News Headlines
7:05 Film Oasingiri
7:25 Geeti Malya
8:00 News in Bangla
8:30 Drama of the Week Yoga Beyoga
9:00 News Headlines
10:00 News in English
10:30 Mini Series
11:30 Khabar/The News

EKUSHEY TV

- 12:00 Ekushey Headlines
12:05 Aiker Potrikay
12:14 Ekatturer Ei Dine
12:20 Mukto Khorob
12:50 Bolte Chai
1:20 Toyota Wild of Wild Life
2:30 Ei Shoptaho
3:00 Ekushey Headlines
4:00 Jatra Pala
5:30 Shoptaho Ghura Deshjure
6:00 Ekushey Headlines
6:05 Serial: Alif Laila
6:55 Ekushey Headlines
7:00 Classic Cartoons
7:30 Ekushey News
7:58 Ek Minute
8:40 Bangla Film: Nawab Strajuddowla
10:00 News: Simulcast from BTV
11:15 Ekushey Late Night News

ATN BANGLA

- 7:00 Child's Prog.: Cholo Gan Gai
7:35 Viewers Request Prog.: Motamot
8:00 ATN Bangla News
8:25 Drama Serial: Uttaran
9:00 Reporting Prog.: Gotonar Probrah
9:35 Magazine Prog.: Videocon Edaning
10:10 Drama Serial: Gueanda Kahani
10:50 Magazine Prog.: Agami Din
11:20 Indian Bengali Film: Chowda Pawa
12:00 ATN Bangla News
6:07 Child's Prog.: Shapla Saluk
6:45 Film Songs Prog.: Surchobi
7:00 ATN Bangla News Headlines
7:35 Drama Serial: Uttaran
8:10 Reporting Prog.: Ghotanar Napathee
8:45 Musical Prog.: Amar Sukh Amar Biroh
9:20 Magazine Prog.: Isphani Ayojon
10:00 ATN Bangla News
10:35 Band Musical Prog.: Band Show
11:05 Boliwoder Khorob
11:30 ATN Bangla News
12:00 Bengali Film: Sukher Songsar

CHANNEL-i

- 6:25 Khathi Khathi
7:00 Drama (S) Sonali Sakal
7:35 Your Choice Ole Ole
8:00 Din Protodin
8:15 Drama (S) Nay Konoe Tikhana
9:00 Nes Cafe Classic Un Plugged
10:10 Addar Table
10:40 I Music
11:15 Khathi Khathi
12:00 Drama (S) Sonali Sakal
12:35 Your Choice Ole Ole
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2:00 Nes Cafe Classic Un Plugged
3:00 Bangla Cinema: Dhorpho Churno (Razzak/Kobori)
6:00 Reciting from Holy Quran
6:10 Music Plus
7:15 Channel I Sangbad
7:25 Drama: Joar Vata
8:00 Drama (S) Durbin
8:30 I tele Quise (Ques-)
8:35 Music Horizonte
9:00 Channel I Sangbad
9:20 Sangbad Patra Bangladesh
9:30 I tele Quise. (Result-)
9:35 Na bola Khatha
10:00 Quiz: 60 Sec.
10:30 Channel I Sangbad
11:00 Bangla Cinema: Ek Poloke (Shahin/Sabrina)

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 Hospital
12:00 BBC News
12:30 Click Online
1:00 BBC News
1:30 Correspondent
2:00 BBC News
2:30 Millionaires
3:00 BBC News
3:30 People's Century
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4:30 Holiday
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HBO

- 6:30 Our Mother's Murder
8:30 The Browning Version
10:30 Crocodile
12:30 World's Wildest Police Videos
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 Baywatch Hawaii
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12:30 Xena
1:30 Hercules
2:30 Cops
3:00 Key of David
3:30 Morris Cerullo
4:00 Benny Hinn
4:30 Small Wonder
5:00 Mr Belvedere
5:30 Doogie Howser
STAR GOLD
10:30 Amul Bollywood News
11:00 Geet Bahar
11:30 Angoor (Sanjeev Kumar, Deven Verma)
3:00 Amul Bollywood News
3:30 Bahurani (Guru Dutt, Mala Sinha, Feroz Khan)
7:00 Geet Bahar
7:30 Saturday Special Daag (Dilip Kumar, Nimmi)
11:00 Raheem Na Raheem Hum
11:30 New Wave Cinema Adi Shankaracharya ("S. Banerji)
12:30 Adi Shankaracharya (contd)
3:00 Geet Bahar
3:30 Bahurani (Guru Dutt, Mala Sinha, Feroz Khan)
7:00 Geetanjalji (Jeeendra, Rekha)
STAR WORLD
6:00 Water Rats
7:00 The Simpsons
7:30 Things People Do
8:00 The Bold & The Beautiful
10:00 That '70s Show
10:30 Travel Asia
11:00 Goosebumps
11:30 Spiderman

- 12:00 Biker Mice From Mars
12:30 X Men
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STAR PLUS

- 6:30 Star Geetmala
7:30 Jubilee Plus
8:00 Hit Ya Fit
8:30 Aatma
9:00 Sangeet Toppers
9:30 Fox Kids
10:30 National Geographic Special
11:30 Chalti Ka Naam Antakshairi
12:30 Mirch Masala
1:00 Sonpari
1:30 Gharwali Uparwali
2:00 Sangeet Toppers
2:30 National Geographic Special
3:30 Tea Time Cinema:

- 6:30 Fox Kids
7:30 The Sword of Tipu Sultan
8:30 Star Superhit: Soldier (Bobby Deol, Priety Zinta)
11:30 Aaj Ki Baat
12:00 Soldier (contd.)
12:30 Ji Mantriji
1:00 Kalash
1:30 Jubilee Plus
2:00 Tu Tu Main Main
2:30 Sonpari

STAR MOVIES

- 6:30 Jane Doe
8:15 Body and Soul
9:45 Beach, The
11:45 Air Up There, The
1:30 Light Sleeper
3:15 Ravenous
5:00 Midsummer's Night Dream, A
7:00 Mickey Blue Eyes

- 3:00 Gharwali Uparwali
3:30 National Geographic Special
4:30 Musafir Noon Yaroon
5:00 Sshhh... Koi Hai
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STAR SPORTS

- 6:00 South Africa Cricket South Africa Tri Series East London, South Africa
7:30 Golf Programming GolfGlobe 2001
8:00 South Africa Cricket South Africa Tri Series East London, South Africa

- 6:30 [V] Saturday Stack
8:00 [V] Karaoke
8:30 Billboard US Countdown
9:30 [V] Saturday Stack
10:30 Club [V]
11:30 [V] Weekend Spl
12:00 [V] Sunday Stack
ZEE TV
6:00 Yaadon Ke Pal
6:30 Aalap
7:00 Yoga For Life
7:20 Jagran
7:50 Zee Gym
8:00 Jai Ganesha
9:00 Nickelodeon
10:00 Guldasta
10:30 Top of The Tops
11:00 Chota Muh Aur Badia Baat
11:30 Sansaar
12:30 Khana Khazana
1:00 Hip Hip Hurray
1:25 Jhalak
1:30 India's Most Wanted
2:00 Dollar Bahu
2:30 Guldudee
3:00 Rishyeh The Love Stories
4:00 Naye Nazrane
4:30 Razzmatazz
5:30 Quiz Contest
6:00 Gaane Anjaane
6:30 Nickelodeon On Zee
7:30 Neelaam Ghar Bid Bid Boom
8:30 RangeelaSaturday Night Special
11:30 Shri 420
12:00 Guldasta

ZEE CINEMA

- 6:00 Time Bomb- Feature Film
9:00 Kuch Lamhe Kuch Nagme
9:15 Tara Rum
9:45 Music Fare
10:00 Jai Mahakali- Feature Film
1:00 Cine News
1:15 Madhyantar
1:30 Love Marriage- Feature Film
5:00 Darpan
5:15 Dadarmoni A Tribute To the Legend-Ashok Kumar
5:45 Film Time
6:00 Kali Basti- Feature Film
9:15 Chatpati Chat
9:30 Weekend Cinema
10:00 Hulchul- Feature Film
2:15 Kuch Lamhe Kuch Nagme
2:30 Agni Ips- Feature Film
5:30 Chehren
ZEE MUSIC
6:00 Dial M
7:00 Aalaap
7:30 Tara Rum
8:30 Hit Pe Hit
10:30 Hit Mix
11:00 Fillers
11:30 Music Box
12:00 Best of the Best
1:00 Hit Pe Hit
2:00 Jharokha
2:35 Compact Disc
3:05 Tara Rum
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6:00 Just Jammin
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7:30 Hit Pe Hit
8:30 Music. Com
9:30 Music Box
10:00 Sizzlers
10:30 Jharokha
11:05 Spanish Asia Live
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1:00 Aaj Bhi... Ateet
1:30 Dollar Bahu
2:00 Hip Hip Hurray
2:30 Zee & You
3:00 Ghar Ghar Ki Baat Feature Film
5:30 News in Hindi
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7:00 Grohon
7:30 News
8:00 Surer Ei Jharana Dharay
9:30 Purobi
9:00 News
9:05 Bharat Bhraman
9:30 Phire Elam
10:00 Ekushe Paa
10:30 Daibaddha
11:00 Sheshprashna
11:30 Saregama
12:30 Chena Mukher Shari
1:00 Ingit
1:30 Ek Akasher Niche
2:00 Nayanitara
2:30 Prem Pujari- Feature Film
5:00 Surer Ei Jharana Dharay
5:30 Looko Churni
6:00 News
6:30 Aatpake Bandha
7:00 Safallya
7:30 Sur Taal
8:00 Nijai Nayak
8:30 Saregama
9:45 Prapto Baesthoder Jamyo
10:15 Saat Kahan
10:45 Ek Palake
10:50 News
10:55 Ek Palake
11:00 Kashinath
11:30 News
11:55 Ek Palake
12:00 Shesh Prashna
12:25 Ek Palake
12:30 Bangla Feature Film
3:00 Talk Jhal Misti
3:30 Bharat Bhraman
4:00 Daibaddho
4:30 Jhara Samayer Upakatha
5:00 Gandharbi
5:30 Saat Kahan
HALLMARK
12:00 The Deliverance of Elaine
2:00 Katts And Dog
3:00 The Deliverance of Elaine
5:00 Sesame Street
6:00 The Ransom of Red Chief
8:00 Ghostwriter
8:30 Wishbone
9:00 Sesame Street
10:00 God Bless the Child
12:00 A Town Torn Apart
2:00 The Ransom of Red Chief
4:00 To Dance With the White Dog
6:00 Brooklyn South
7:00 Falsely Accused
9:00 Murder Without Motive: The Edmund Perry Story
11:00 For Love or Money