

Event

Seeing through their eyes

A cultural programme by a group of visually impaired artists enthralled the crowd at the British Council auditorium

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FATE never smiled upon them yet a group of visually impaired persons had managed to light bright lantern of happiness in life. Helen Keller International (Bangladesh) organised a cultural programme at the auditorium of British Council on October 29 participated by young men and women. Most were university students, suffering from visual impairment of various degrees, some fully blind while others with low visionary impulse.

It may be mentioned that approximately five hundred blind young students of different local colleges and universities have been supported with polytechnic training, home gardening and means of creating job facilities by the non-government organisation of Helen Keller International (Bangladesh) since 1995.

The smart young artists, present at British Council, seemed well

proficient in their respective disciplines as they continued with near perfect performance of poem recitation and songs of various kinds

All of them did well yet a few were simply outstanding. The famous poem 'Nomo nomo / Bangladesh Momo' written by rebel poet Nazrul was recited by Abdul Gofur of Dhaka University.

Gofur, an under graduate student of the Department of Islamic History revealed his fine maturity and intellect through intricate fashion of recitation. Gofur's top class body language and rich vocal perfection brought him tremendous applause from the audience.

Earlier, the inaugural chorus 'Teer hara ei sagor nodi pari dibo' sung by a group of male and female vocals from different academic institutions created an enchanting atmosphere among the cross section. The lyric of the song

depicting winning intention under struggling environment gave a befitting start to the program. A desperate attitude of the blind singers to win against all odds of life got exposed in the song.

Tahmina Rashid, student of the Badrunnessa College and Sarwar Hossain, a researcher on M.Phil. from Dhaka University brought an increased tempo of enthusiasm among the audience with forceful voices of recitation. Both the artists demonstrated intense aptitude of their inner psychological strength, a positive aspect found among most of the artists who performed at the venue of Fuller Road.

Some students and a teacher from Salvation Army also joined the program with the presentation of a patriotic song.

"It is a very difficult task in the conservative society of Bangladesh to motivate and assemble all blind people under the same roof and work for their cause", mentioned the Advisor and Eye-health



Rozina Begum, the ambitious artist, showed her talent

Rehabilitation Officer of the Helen Keller Foundation. "Still we have managed to do a lot in providing

rehabilitation to these persons who were very much interested and cooperative with us and about



Solo performances too were well received

our activities", added the official, a foreign citizen.

Rozina Begum, a music teacher

of 'Sangeet College' for the visually impaired rendered a number of songs. A mixed presentation of classical and film songs proved Rozina's excellent skill. "Today I could have performed better had I been aided by a better sound system and superior musical instrument", lamented the artist while expressing her feelings with this correspondent after the show.

Abdul Gofur and Mukhlesur Rahman maintained their specialty in more than one discipline as they presented popular songs and recitation at different stages of the two-hour program.

"I have intention of becoming a famous artist and hope that special day is not far away when patronisation from prominent level would enable us to reach the top", stated a confident Abdul Gofur, supported by Rozina, Mukhles and others.



Outstanding presentation by chorus singers enthralled the audience



Lead chorus singer Abdul Gofur was one of the main stars

RECOMMENDATIONS



André Malraux

Celebrating the birth centenary of the famous French writer André Malraux Alliance Française de Dhaka has organised the following conferences at the Alliance Française de Dhaka Gallery:

November 4 at 6:30 p.m.

Conference topic: André Malraux in Bangladesh. Speaker: Ashrafuzzaman, Ambassador.

November 5 at 6:30 p.m.

Conference topic: André Malraux, the novelist. Speaker: Professor Francois de Saint-Cheron, Paris-IV University, Sorbonne.

November 6 at 6:30 p.m.

Conference topic: André Malraux and the Liberation War of Bangladesh. Speaker: Professor Moahud Shah Qureshi

November 9 at 6:30 p.m.

Conference topic: André Malraux, les Antimémoires. Speaker: Professor Francois de Saint-Cheron, Paris-IV University, Sorbonne.

Group show A group exhibition of Samakal Shipi Goshty is being held at the Shilpanagar art gallery.

Sculpture show The second group sculpture show by eight artists is being held at the Zainul Gallery of the Institute of Fine Arts, Dhaka University at Shahbag.

The exhibition will continue everyday from 2-8 p.m. till November 7.

Art show An exhibition of Rokeya Sultana's work is now being held at Bengal Gallery of Fine Arts, House # 275/F, Road # 27, Dhanmondi. The artist's work reflect affliction inflicted on nature and women. The show runs everyday from 12 noon to 8 pm. till November 14.

The Mummy Returns This Hollywood blockbuster now runs at the country's premier cinema hall Modhumita.

TV GUIDE

TODAY'S HIGHLIGHTS



STAR MOVIES: 7:00 p.m. Bringing Out The Dead. A riveting drama that explores life, death and redemption. From the perspective of a paramedic patrolling New York City's notorious neighbourhood, Hell's Kitchen. With crime rates soaring, paramedics like Frank Pierce (Nicolas Cage) are surrounded by the injured, the mutilated and the dying.



STAR WORLD: 9:00 p.m. The Simpsons, Bart The Mother. When Bart is hanging out with Nelson, he accidentally kills a bird sitting in her nest. Seeing that the bird has left behind two perfect eggs, Bart is overcome with guilt and takes it upon himself to hatch the baby birds.



STAR MOVIES: 10:30 p.m. The X Files. The Goldberg Variation: In this episode of the winner of 1995 and 1997 Golden Globe Awards for best drama series and a four-time Emmy Award nominee for Outstanding Drama Series, the agents encounter a man who may just be the luckiest person in the world.

PICK OF THE DAY



Frankie and Johnny On HBO at 9:30 p.m. Who is afraid of the big bad cook? A waitress, apparently. A Greek restaurant in New York is about to become the setting for an unlikely but endearing romance between fresh-out-of-jail short-order cook Al Pacino and waitress Michelle Pfeiffer, both unhappy with their lives but happy to find each other.

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