

Music

A triptych

Bengal Foundation releases three new musical albums through a three-day launching programme

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A leading patron in music and fine art, Bengal Foundation has released three new albums of Tagore and Nazrul songs by Shahnaj Rumana, Masuda Nargis Anam and Khairul Anam Shakil on January 3, 4 and 5 at the exhibition hall of Bengal Shilpalaya.

Shahnaz Rumana's album on Tagore song titled 'Ganer Bhitro Diye' was launched on the first of the three-day programme by eminent social worker Begum Mamataj Khaleque.

Rumana, on the inaugural evening, sang from her album much to the delight of the audience. She began with a meditative number 'Ganer Bhitro Diye / Jokhon Dekhi Bhubon' to be followed by pleasantly melodious numbers such as 'Jiban samar chalachhy Jemani Bhabej Sahaj Kathin Chhanday,' 'Mone Ki Didha Rekhey Geley' and 'Bajilo Kaharo Beena Madhur Swarey' and more enchanting songs.

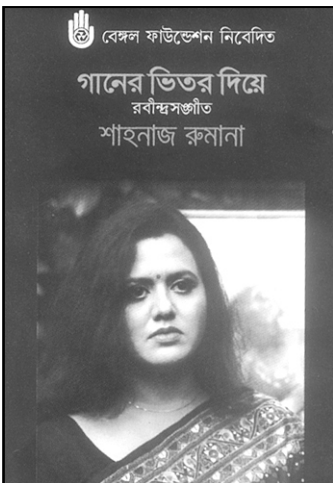
Music enthusiasts grew bigger in number as the night grew older. Tagore song lovers savored a pool of romantic, thoughtful and nostalgic musical reverberation at a warm and cozy corner of the Bengal Shilpalaya in a mid-winter evening.

Though the artist lacked a little in vocal clearness, the audience enjoyed her recital done with devotion.

Admirers firmly believe that Tagore songs have occupied each single moment of our daily life. As such appeal produced by Tagore song is universal. An artist's duty is to convey that appeal to the audience in proper notation.

"I studied music at Shanti Niketon, Kolkata, for six years from 1991 to 1997 and have obtained both Bachelor and Masters degrees in music from that prestigious institution of arts. I was initiated at music at the age of seven year and received *taalm* from Ram Gopal Mohonto. Within the family I was enormously inspired by my mother," Rumana recollected. 'Ganer Bhitro Diye' is the first musical album by her in which fifteen Tagore songs have been compiled. When asked how she felt on the occasion of launching her first ever album, Rumana said, "It's like the feeling of tasting motherhood for the first time. Triumphant and pleasant feeling of first motherhood is unique and unforgettable. Each of the songs in the album is like my own child."

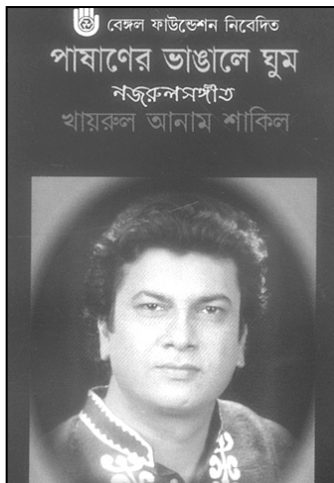
At Shanti Niketon, Shahnaj Rumana earned merit scholarship in 1992-93 session to her credit when she was a 3rd year student of



Jackets of the three CDs released

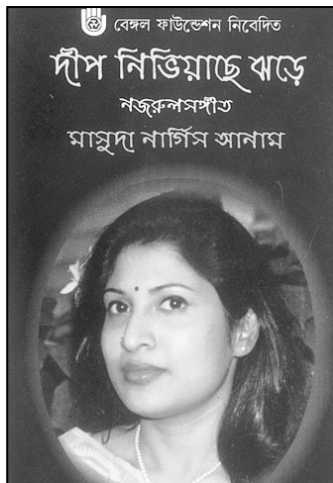
B.Music. She acknowledges her indebtedness to two noted Tagore song exponents Swastika Mukhopadhyaya and Kanika Mukhopadhyaya. Rumana had learnt classical music with Kanika Mukhopadhyaya, better known as 'Mohardi,' for six years. Rumana is ambitious to obtain an M Phil. degree in music from Shanti Niketon.

Swastika Mukhopadhyaya, in a flap note, says about Ramana,



"Shahnaj Rumana has learnt music at Shanti Niketon for a long time. She has been nurtured in this monastery's environment and has been inspired by the ideals of Gurudeva (Rabi Tagore). Songs performed by her reflect an influence of these facts. Her devoutness and single-mindedness have particularly charmed me."

On January 5 it was the releasing of a Nazrul song album titled 'Pashaner Bangalay Ghum' by an



emerging Bangladeshi Nazrul song exponent Khairul Anam Shakil who has been endowed with a powerful vocal skill perhaps by dint of his devoutness. Country's noted journalist Mahfuz Anam, who happens to be the editor of this paper, ceremonially released the album in a joyous musical evening. The album contains a pile of twelve Nazrul songs. While paying tributes to Nazrul, Shakil Anam expressed his congratulatory admiration to the artist terming him "highly talented."

"Shakil's recital of Nazrul song charms us and gives us pleasure. I am happy that there is such talented singer like Shakil in our country. A high degree of honour, that I have for him, has brought me here this evening. I cherish him in my heart," Mahfuz Anam remarked.

He thanked Bengal Foundation for nurturing country's art and culture. He said that initiatives taken by the Foundation would facilitate establishment of other artistes.

Masuda Nargis Anam has recorded some famous Nazrul songs. Her album titled 'Dip Nibhe Geche Zhore' has been released by Bengal Foundation. The launching ceremony of this CD was held at the Bengal Gallery, Bengal Shilpalaya on January 4.

Masuda rendered songs from her new CD, providing some pleasant moments to the invitees. Well known for her expertise in 'Nazrul Sangeet', the female singer had released collections of classical and Nazrul songs. The latest album titled 'Dip Nibhe Geche Zhore'



Chief guest Mamataj Khaleque releases Shahnaj Rumana's (right) Tagore song album Ganer Bhitro Diye

contains 12 popular Nazrul numbers.

Azad Rahman, who presented a copy of the CD to Masuda on behalf of Bengal Foundation, appreciated Masuda Nargis Anam's efforts for nourishing the old Nazrul songs. In his speech, Azad Rahman also praised Bengal Foundation for their role in promotion of music in Bangladesh. The senior artist once again ushered Masuda with his words of praise and mentioned about her sense of dedication and sincere efforts on musical performance. Abul Khair Litu, Chairman, Bengal Foundation was also present at the event.

Masuda chose a perfect song to start the evening. But before that she felt the urge of inauguration of her album by her mentor Azad Rahman. With the famous Nazrul number 'Jonomo Jonomo Gelo' she started the evening and presented a heart rendering composition on sorrows of a broken heart.

Without a break she continued with such numbers as 'Shokhi Shaper Monti Buke Kore Kere Nishi Jay' and 'Rum Zhum Rum Zhum Ke He Nupur Paye', another famous Nazrul number which she sang very passionately, revealing the unique

and outstanding quality of her voice.

Masuda also presented 'Ami Chirotoore Dure Chole Jabo', 'Piya Geche Kobe Porodeshe' and 'Naiba Pelam Tomar Golar Haar'. These numbers were equally enchanting, invoking richness and melody that exists in the Nazrul Sangeet.

'Kache Amar Naiba Ele, He Birohi Dur Bhago'. was performed by Masuda. This was followed by 'E Kon Mayay Badhile Amay Chiro Jonomer Shone'.. and 'Porodeshi Bodhuaya Ashile Ato Dine'.. The songs while maintaining original tunes had been enriched with the style of Masuda to add more charm.

'Shurer Bani Mala Diye Tumi Amay Chuyee Chile'.. was the next song. Violin tunes in the background added more colour to it. 'Nishi Nizhum Raate He Priyo Kotha Tumi'.. was the following number which was too, highly appreciated by the audience.

Masuda performed one more from her CD, 'Mukhe Kano Nahi Bolo Ontore Jodi Chaho More'. With the performance of the ever fresh 'Amar Jabar Shomoy Holo Dao Biday', the enchanting evening came to an end.

Masuda's performance gave a musical flavour of her latest CD.



Noted music composer Azad Rahman releases Masuda Nargis Anam's Nazrul song album Dip Nevey Nai



Performance by Khairul Anam Shakil followed just after release of his album

TV GUIDE

BTV

3:10 News Headlines
3:15 Patriotic song
3:20 Open University
3:45 Maternity and child health development programme
4:00 Khabar
4:05 Sports programme
5:00 News Headlines
5:20 Niramoy: A programme on Homeopathy
5:45 Pustitathya
6:00 Khabar
6:10 Debate in English
6:35 Dolon Chanpa
7:00 News Headlines (English)
7:05 Quiz competition
7:30 Nupur Nikkan
8:00 Bangla bulletin
8:30 Drama : Patan
9:00 News Headline
10:00 English bulletin
10:30 Shilpa-Shahitya
11:30 Khabar/The News
11:45 Closing

EKUSHEY TV

12:00pmEkushey Midday
12:30 Charidike
1:00 Expedition to the Animal Kingdom
1:30 Documentary Programmed: Japan Video Tropic
1:50 Classic Cartoons
2:10 Surer Prodeeep
2:40 Driшти
3:00 Ekushey Headlines
3:05 Drama Serial: Othi Apon
3:30 Amader Kotha
4:00 Surer Prodeeep
4:30 Expedition to the Animal Kingdom
5:00 Circus Circus
5:30 Driшти
5:50 Aikjer Potrikay
6:00 Ekushey Headlines
6:05 Classic Cartoons
6:30 Charidike
6:55 Ekushey Headlines
7:00 Deho Tore
7:30 Ekushey News
7:58 Ek Minute
8:00 New Drama Serial: Shat Char Dui
8:30 Drama
9:00 Ekushey News
9:05 Drama
10:00 News : Simulcast from BTV
11:00 Ekushey Late Night News
11:30 Ekushey Business
12:00 Ekushey Headlines

ATN BANGLA

5:30 Islamic Prog
7:00 Happy New Year prog: Notun Bachorer Adda
8:00 ATN Bangla News
9:35 Happy New Year prog: Notun Bachorer Adda
12:00 ATN Bangla News
6:07 Musical prog. : ATN Music
6:45
7:00 ATN Bangla Evening News
7:35 Musical prog:
8:10 Talk Show on "Polithin Issue"
9:00 Special prog: Happy New Year 2002
10:00 ATN Bangla News
10:45 Drama serial : Bondon
11:15 Telefilm : Tume Sudu Amar
11:30 ATN Bangla News

HBO

6:30amCrashpoint Zero
8:30 Groundhog Day
10:30 So i Married and Axe Murderer
12:30pmPrincess of Thieves
1:45 Problem Child
2:15 Dragnet
4:00
6:15 Prehysteria! 3
8:00 A Kiss Before Dying
10:00 Cape Fear
12:30 To Wong Foo Thanks for Everything, Julie Newmar
2:45 Groundhog Day
4:45 Dragnet

STAR GOLD

7:00amShradhanjali (Raakee, Suresh Oberoi)
10:30 Amul Bollywood News
11:00 Geet Bahar
11:30 MehndiLagi Mere Haath (Shashi Kapoor, Sharmila Tagore, Mumtaz)
12:30 Amul Bollywood News
3:00 Bimal Roy's anniversary Devdas (Dilip Kumar, Suchitra Sen, Vijayantimala)
7:00 Geet Bahar
7:30 Mangal MastiSawan Ki Ghat (Manoj Kumar, Sharmila Tagore, Mumtaz)
11:00 Amul Bollywood News
11:30 Pyar Kiye Jaa (Shashi Kapoor, Mehmood)
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3:00 Geet Bahar
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Show
Water Rats
That 70's Show
Dharma & Greg
Sing Special: All This Tim
The Oprah Winfrey Show
Everybody Loves Raymond
Frasier
Media TV
The Bold & The Beautiful
Mork & Mindy
Happy Days
Baywatch
The Simpsons
3rd Rock From The Sun
Star News Asia
Friends
JAG
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The Pretender
law & Order
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3rd Rock From The Sun
Creffo Dollar Daily
Kenneth Copeland Ministries
Joyce Meyer Ministries
World News
Things People Do
Mork & Mindy
6:00amSamskruti
6:30 Star Geetmala
7:30 Hum Saath Aath Hain
8:00 Aatma
9:00 Hit Filmlein Hit Sangeet
9:30 Fox Kids-Daily
10:30 Small Wonder
11:00 Pal Chhin
11:30 Saahil
12:00pmShanti
12:30 Hit Filmlein Hit Sangeet
1:00 Hum Saath Aath Hain
1:30 Kahaani Ghar Ghar Kii
2:00 Sanskruti
2:30 Kyunki Saas Bhi Kabhi Bahu Thi
3:00 Shagun
3:30 Kasauti Zindagi Kay
4:00 Kabhi Sauten Kabhi Saheli
4:30 Kaahin Kissii Roz
5:00 Meri Saheli
5:30 Hit Filmlein Hit Sangeet
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7:00 amBorn Winners
7:30 Wild Discovery
8:30 Lonely Planet IV
9:30 discovery Showcase
10:30 Spirits of the Jaguar
11:30 Monkey Business III
12:00pmExtreme Contact
12:30 Discovery Sunday
1:30 Kill or Cure
2:30 Wild Discovery
3:30 Going Wild With Jeff Crowin
4:00 Born Winners
4:30 Tech Tuesday
5:30 Lonely Planet VI
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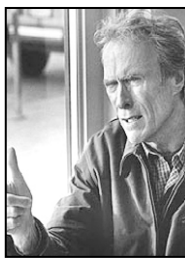
TODAY'S HIGHLIGHTS



STAR GOLD: 3:30 p.m. *Devdas*. This movie is dedicated, as a tribute, to the memories of Bimal Roy on his death anniversary. Starring the dynamic duo Dilip Kumar and Modhubala.



EKUSHEY: 8:00 p.m. *Saat Char Dui*. Episode 1: This new drama serial depicts the loneliness of an orphan Nitu, when her father remarries. Nitu finds a world of her own at a far away school dormitory where she faces strange and strict discipline.



AXN: 10:30 p.m. *In the Line of Fire*. An aging Secret Service Agent who failed to prevent the murder of one president must now face his own insecurities and prevailing prejudice to protect the current president from a professional assassin... even if it means sacrificing his own life. Starring: Clint Eastwood, Rene Russo, John Malkovich, Dylan McDermott.



STAR NEWS: 7:30 Wild Discovery
8:30 Discovery Civilisation
9:30 Land of the Tiger
10:30 FBI Files, The
11:30 Tech tuesday.



STAR NEWS: 7:00 Sportscenter Hindi
7:30 Saucon Running & Racing
8:30 NFL Blast
9:00 NFL Football (i) Baltimore, MD USA Minnesota Vikings @ Baltimore Ravens
11:30 Xbs
12:00pmWomen's Pro Billiards
2001 Wpba Classic Tour National Championship Mt Pleasant, MI USA Semifinal
1:00 Sportscenter Bristol, CT USA
2:00 Pool World Pool League 2001
3:00 English Premier Football League English Premier Football League 2001/02 Ipswich, England Blackburn Rovers @ Ipswich town Goals!
5:00 Pro Billiards 2001 Wheel Chair Billiards Tulsa, OK USA
6:30 Italian Football Hilites
7:00 Italian Serie A



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PICK OF THE DAY



Cape Fear
On HBO at 10:00 p.m.
For the past 14 years is his prison cell, Max has been planning how to make his lawyer Sam pay for his "crime" not keeping him out of the big house. 14 years not a short time to harden the body, sharpen the mind and plan the most diabolical revenge, and Sam is about to reap the benefits of Max's hard labour.

AXN

6:30 Movie: True Lies
8:30 Boardwalk
9:30 Test of the Toughest
10:30 Amazon
11:30 Pacific Blue I
12:30 Who Dares Wins II
1:30 Test of the Toughest
2:30 Movie: True Lies
4:30 Alfred Hitchcock Presents
5:30 Who Dares Wins II
6:30 Rolerjam
7:30 Pacific Blue I
8:30 Test of the Toughest
9:30 Ripley's Believe it or not
10:30 Clint Eastwood Festival
Movie : In the Line of Fire
12:30 Silk Stalkings VII
1:30 Pacific Blue I
2:30 Amazon
HALLMARK TV
6:00 20 Million subscribers
8:00 Life With Judy Garland: Me and My Shadows
10:00 Lonesome Dove: The Series
11:00 Wild Flower
1:30 Sliders
2:30 Sesame Street
3:00 Scholastic Clifford
3:30 Caillou
4:00 Lonesome Dove: The Series

SPORTS

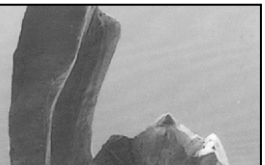
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6:30 Italian Football Hilites
7:00 Italian Serie A
2001/2002 Highlights
7:30 Football Focus
8:30 Sportscenter Hindi
9:00 Bloopers
9:30 English Premier Football League English Premier Football League 2001/02 Southampton, England Chelsea @ Southampton
Cricket Talk Show
Harsha Online
4:00 Rally Racing Total Dakar
2002 Day 10 Highlights
Gillette World Sports Special Gillette World Sports
5:00 Cycling Tour Du Faso
2001 Burkina Faso, Africa Highlights
6:00 Sailing World Youth
Sailing
6:30 Sailing Volvo Ocean
Race
7:00 Cricket Programming
Super Selector December Winners
Sportsline Tonight
Australia Cricket International Cricket Tri Series
Brisbane, Australia
Pakistan @ Australia 1st Odi, Highlights
Australia Cricket Interna-

5:00 Star Trek: Voyager
6:00 Sliders
7:00 Chance of a Lifetime
9:00 Star Trek: Voyager
10:00 Veronica Clare : Naked Hearts
12:00 Betrayal Of Trust
2:00 Katts and Dog
3:00 Betrayal of Trust
5:00 Sesame Street
ZEE CINEMA
7:00 Top of the Tops
7:30 Ganga Sagar Feature Film
10:15 Movie Fare
10:30 Tumhare Bina Feature Film
1:15 Madhyantar
1:30 Khan Dost Feature Film
5:00 Darpan
5:15 Weekend Cinema
5:45 Film Time
6:00 Sansar Feature Film
9:15 Yaadein Radio Ceylon Ki
9:30 Tara Rum
10:00 Khalnaika Feature Film
ZEE MUSIC
7:00 Aalaap
7:30 Tara Rum
8:30 Hit Pe Hit
10:25 Star Style
10:30 Hit Mix
11:00 Cool Age
11:30 Music Box
12:00 Music Plus
1:00 Hit Pe Hit
2:00 Jharokha
2:35 Artist of the Fortnight
3:05 Tara Rum
4:00 Hit Pe Hit
5:00 Music Box
5:30 Hit Mix
6:00 Compact Disc
6:30 Music Plus
7:30 Hit Pe Hit
8:30 Sur Taul
9:00 Dil Se
9:30 Music Box
10:00 Sizzlers
10:30 Jharokha
11:05 Fillers
11:35 Phoren Maal

ALPHA TV

BANGLA
7:00 Nayanara
7:30 News in Bengali
8:00 Surer El Jharana Dharay
9:00 News
9:05 Bharat Bhraman
9:30 Kichu Smriti Kichu Gaan
10:00 Saregama
11:00 Premier Phande
11:30 Ebar Jombe Moja
12:00 Bhalobasa
12:30 Chena Mukher Shari
1:00 Ingit

RECOMMENDATIONS



Sculpture show

A group sculpture show is now being held at the gallery of National Museum at Shahbagh. The show showcases recent work by Hamiduzzaman, Ivy Zaman and Rowen Aziz. Open to all, the show runs till January 15.

Art show of three Bengali pioneers

An exhibition showcasing works of pioneer artists Zainul Abedin, Qamrul Hassan and S.M. Sultan--of Bangladeshi art movement opens at the Bengal Gallery of Fine Arts at Dhanmandi on January 12. This show is the second of a series presented from the collection of Abul Khair, chairman of Bengal Foundation.

Asian Art Workshop

Bengal Foundation will hold a three-day art workshop involving the participants and delegates of the 10th Asian Art Biennale at BRAC Centre, Rajendrapur on January 14 at 12:00 p.m. The workshop will be inaugurated by Fazle Hassan Abed, chairperson of BRAC as chief guest while noted artist Safiuddin Ahmed and Professor Anisuzzaman will be present as special guests.

Group Art Show

The 45th Grand Group Art Exhibition of leading Bangladeshi artists organised by Saju Art Gallery is now being held at its gallery space at Gulshan, North Super Market 2nd circle. The month-long show, open to all, will run until February 7 from 10 am to 8:30 pm barring Fridays.



Nriyanchal Festival 2002

Nriyanchal, a front ranking organisation in the country to institutionalise dance as a popular form of art, is organising a five-day long dance festival from January 10 to 14 at Bangladesh Shishu Academy Auditorium.

1:30 Ek Akasher Niche
2:00 Pratibimba
2:30 Manab Premik Nimai Feature Film
5:00 Surer El Jharana Dharay
5:30 Manabi
6:00 News in Bengali
6:30 Choker Bala/De Re
7:00 Nayanara
7:30 Purobi Bangla
8:00 Patibimba
8:30 Ek Akasher Niche
9:15 Chena Mukher Shari
9:45 Ingeet
10:15 Football
10:45 Ek Palake
10:50 Bangla News Bulletin
10:55 Ek Palake
11:00 News in Bengali
11:30 Aat Pake Bandha
11:55 Ek Palake
12:00 Chokher Bala/De Re
12:25 Ek Palake
ANIMAL
7:00 K-9 to 5 Boys Ranch, Termitte Sniffer, Model Dog
7:30 Animal Doctor II
8:00 Wildlife Emergency II
8:30 Animal Planet Safari
9:30 Tuesday Trauma Animal Hospital
10:00 Tuesday Trauma Vets in Practice
10:30 Tuesday Trauma Animal Doctor III
11:00 Animals A-Z Encounter Underground
11:30 Walk on the Wild Side
12:00 Wild Rescues I
12:30 The Planet's Funniest Animals
1:00 Horse Tales
1:30 The Aquanauts
2:00 Battersea Dogs Home III
2:30 Zoo
3:00 X Creatures
4:00 Vet's School
4:30 Crocodile Hunter
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6:00 Tuesday Trauma Wild Rescues II
6:30 Tuesday Trauma Vets in Practice
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