

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 Khairel Anam Shakil on January 3, 4 and 5 at the exhibition hall of Bengal Shilpalaya.

Shahnaj Rumana's album on Tagore song titled 'Gaaner Bhitor Dey' 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 'Gaaner Bhitor Dey / Jokhon Dekhi Bhubon' to be followed by pleasantly melodic numbers such as 'Jibon samar chalchhy Jemani Bhabey Sahaj Kathin Chhanday' 'Mone Ki Diddha Rekhay 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.

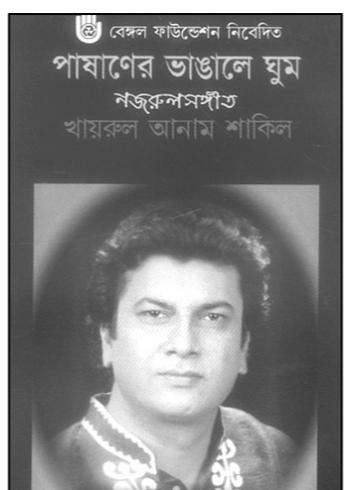
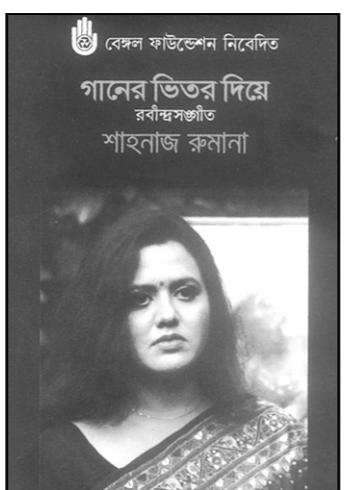
Though the artist lacked a little in vocal clearness, the audience enjoyed her recital done with devotion.

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 'taalim' from Ram Gopal Mohonto. Within the family I was enormously inspired by my mother."

Rumana recollected, 'Gaaner Bhitor Dey' 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 Rumana,

"Shahnaj Rumana has learnt music at Shanti Niketon for a long time. She has been nurtured in this monasteries' 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 Khairel 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 artiste 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 Zore' 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 Zore'



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

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 Moni 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 Chiroto Duro Chole Jabo', 'Piya Geche Kobe Porodesha' and 'Naiba Pelam Tomar Golar Haar'. These numbers were equally enchanting, invoking richness and melody that exists in the Nazrul Sangeet.

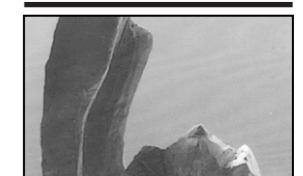
'Kache Amar Naiba Ele, He Birohi Dur Bhago', was performed by Masuda. This was followed by 'E Kon Mayay Badhile Amay Chiro Jonomer Shore' and 'Porodeshi Bodhusi Ato Dine'. The songs while maintaining original tunes had been enriched with the style of Masuda to add more charm.

'Shurer Bani Mala Dye Tumi Amay Chuye Chile', was the next song. Violin tunes in the background added more colour to it. 'Nishi Nizum 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.

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 Dhanmondi 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.



Nrityanjali Festival 2002

Nrityanjali, 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.



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



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

TV GUIDE

BTV	ATN BANGLA	HBO	AXN	ZEE CINEMA	ANIMAL PLANET
3:10 News Headlines	5:30 Islamic Prog	6:30am Crashpoint Zero	6:30 Movie: True Lies	7:00 Top of the Tops	7:00 K-9 to 5 Boys Ranch, Termite Sniffer, Model Dog
3:15 Patriotic song	7:00 Happy New year prog: Notun Bachorer Adda	8:30 Rock From The Sun	6:30 Sliders	7:30 Rolerjam	7:30 Animal Doctor II
3:20 Open University	9:00 Dharma & Greg	9:30 Land of the Tiger	7:00 Chance of a Lifetime	7:30 Ganga Sagar Feature Film	8:00 Wildlife Emergency II
3:45 Maternity and child health development programme	10:00 Sting Special: All This Tim	10:30 FBI Files, The	9:00 Star Trek: Voyager	10:15 Movie Fare	8:30 Animal Planet Safari
4:00 Khabar	11:00 The Oprah Winfrey Show	11:30 Tech Tuesday	10:00 Test of the Toughest	10:30 Tumhare Bina Feature Film	8:30 Crocodile Hunter
4:05 Sports programme	12:00pm Everybody Loves Raymond	12:00pm Wild Discovery	10:30 Amazon	11:15 Movie: In the Line of Fire	8:30 Tuesday Trauma Animal Hospital
5:00 News Headlines	12:30 Frasier	1:00 Discovery Civilization	11:30 Who Dares Wins II	12:00 Clint Eastwood Festival	10:00 Tuesday Trauma Vets in Practice
5:20 Niramoy: A programme on Homeopathy	1:30 The Bold & The Beautiful	1:30 Land of the Tiger	12:30 Who Dares Wins II	12:30 Silk Stalkings VII	1:00 Hit Pe Hit
5:45 Pustithaya	2:00 Mork & Mindy	2:00 Crelio Dollar Daily	1:30 Ripleys Believe it or not	1:30 Pacific Blue I	1:30 Hit Pe Hit
6:00 Khabar	2:30 Happy Days	2:30 Saahil	10:30 Clint Eastwood Festival	1:30 Pacific Blue I	2:00 Wildlife Emergency II
6:10 Debate in English	3:00 Baywatch	3:00 Kabhi Bahu Thi	12:30 Silk Stalkings VII	1:30 Weekend Cinema	2:30 Animal Doctor II
6:35 Dolon Charpa	4:00 The Simpsons	4:00 Joyce Meyer Ministries	1:30 Pacific Blue I	1:45 Film Time	2:30 Tuesday Trauma Animal Hospital
7:00 News Headlines (English)	4:30 3rd Rock From The Sun	4:30 Kabhi Kissi Roz	1:30 Who Dares Wins II	2:00 Sansar Feature Film	2:30 Tuesday Trauma Animal Hospital
7:05 Quiz competition	5:00 Star News Asia	5:00 Kausuti Zindagi Kay	1:30 Ripleys Believe it or not	2:30 Amazon	2:30 Tuesday Trauma Animal Hospital
7:30 Nurpur Nikan	5:30 Friends	5:30 Kamzor Kaddu Kaun	10:30 Clint Eastwood Festival	2:30 Tara Rum	2:30 Tuesday Trauma Animal Hospital
8:00 Bangla bulletin	6:00 JAG	6:00 Saahil	12:00 Silk Stalkings VII	10:00 Halnaika Feature Film	2:30 Tuesday Trauma Animal Hospital
8:30 Drama : Patan News	6:30 The Pretender	6:30 Kabhi Bahu Thi	1:30 Pacific Blue I	11:15 Phoen Maal	2:30 Tuesday Trauma Animal Hospital
9:00 News Headline	7:00 law & Order	7:00 Kaahini Kissi Roz	1:30 Who Dares Wins II	12:00 Sportsline Tonight	2:30 Tuesday Trauma Animal Hospital
10:00 English bulletin	7:30 Friends	7:30 Shagun	10:30 Ripleys Believe it or not	12:30 Sportsline Tonight	2:30 Tuesday Trauma Animal Hospital
10:30 Shilpa-Shahitya	8:00 The Pretender	8:00 Hit Filmlein Hit Sangeet	1:30 Clint Eastwood Festival	1:30 International	2:30 Tuesday Trauma Animal Hospital
11:30 Khabar/The News	8:30 The Pretender	8:30 Kabhi Bahu Thi	12:00 Clint Eastwood Festival	1:30 Sportsline Tonight	2:30 Tuesday Trauma Animal Hospital
11:45 Closing	9:00 The Pretender	9:00 Kaahini Kissi Roz	12:30 Silk Stalkings VII	1:30 Sportsline Tonight	2:30 Tuesday Trauma Animal Hospital
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12:00pm Ekushey Midday	6:00am Sanskruti	7:00 am Born Winners	7:00 Sportsline Today	7:00 Sportsline Today	7:00 News in Bengali
12:30 Chardike	6:30 Star Geetmala	7:30 Geet Bhaar	7:30 Cricket Talk Show	7:30 Sportsline Today	7:30 Surer E Jharna Dharay
1:00 Expedition to the Animal Kingdom	7:30 Hum Saath Aath Hain	8:00 Atma	8:00 Star Samachar	7:30 Sportsline Today	7:30 Animal Legends
1:30 Documentary Programmed: Japan Video Tropic	8:00 Amul Bollywood News	8:00 Hit Filmlein Hit Sangeet	8:00 Star News Hindi	7:30 Sportsline Today	7:30 Monkey Business III
1:50 Classic Cartoons	8:30 Prehistoric!	8:30 Discovery Showcase	8:00 Star News English	7:30 Sportsline Today	7:30 Animal Planet Safari
2:10 Surer Prodeep	9:00 A Kiss Before Dying	9:00 Spirits of the Jaguar	8:30 Star Business News	7:30 Sportsline Today	7:30 21 st Century Ark
2:40 Drishti	10:00 Cape Fear	10:30 Monkey Business III	9:00 Star Newshour	7:30 Sportsline Today	7:30 Vet's School
3:00 Ekushey Headlines	12:30 To Wong Foo Thanks for Everything, Julie Newmar	10:30 Extreme Contact	9:30 Star News English	7:30 Sportsline Today	7:30 Crocodile Hunter
3:30 Drama Serial: Otti Apon	2:45 Groundhog Day	12:30 Discovery Sunday	10:00 Sportsline Tonight	7:30 Sportsline Today	7:30 Tuesday Trauma Animal Doctor
3:40 Amader Kotha	4:45 Dragnet	2:30 Wild Discovery	10:30 Cricket Talk Show	7:30 Sportsline Today	7:30 Tuesday Trauma Animal Doctor
4:00 Surer Prodeep	5:00 Geet Bhaar	3:00 Lonely Planet IV	11:30 Cricket Talk Show	7:30 Sportsline Today	7:30 Tuesday Trauma Animal Doctor
4:30 Expedition to the Animal Kingdom	5:30 Devdas (Dilip Kumar, Suchitra Sen, Vijayantimala)	3:30 Discovery Showcase	12:30 Cricket Talk Show	7:30 Sportsline Today	7:30 Tuesday Trauma Animal Doctor
5:00 Circus Circus	6:00 Mangal Masti/Sawan Ki Ghata (Manoj Kumar, Sharmila Tagore, Mumtaz)	4:00 Spirits of the Jaguar	1:30 Cricket Programming	7:30 Sportsline Today	7:30 Tuesday Trauma Animal Doctor
5:30 Drishti	6:30 Amul Bollywood News	4:30 Kaahini Kissi Roz	5:00 Super Selector December Winners	7:30 Sportsline Today	7:30 Tuesday Trauma Animal Doctor
5:50 Ajker Potrikay	7:00 Pyar Kiye Jaa (Shashi Kapoor, Mehmood)	5:00 Meri Saheli	6:00 Sportsline Tonight	7:30 Sportsline Today	7:30 Tuesday Tra