

## Music

## Music's breath

Stefan Hussong and Michael Svoboda play at Osmani Memorial Hall

## FAYZA HAQ



Germany and I have a class with students. I think that both the young men and women are equally good and that the key to success is dedication and love for music and hard discipline to work on an instrument all your life."

Asked to comment on how he felt about pop and band music, "I listen to them very little because they are just too simple. Jazz is much more interesting for me because it has more interesting and complicating structure whereas in pop music it is very easy to say what is coming next."

Touching on if he had been exposed to eastern music in his tours, Hussong said, "I lived for a long time in Japan and was exposed to the music there. The ancestor of this instrument that I play is an ancient mouth organ 'shung' (Chinese) or 'sho' (Japanese). As a boy of 12 my first concert in Germany was a concert of 'sitar' and 'tabla' and heard it often in Europe."

Michael Svoboda said that he met Hussong in Stuttgart and since then they have been playing off and on. He said that his father played a little bit of music but there was no one in his family who was a professional.

He said that at first his people objected to his career but he felt that he must do what he had to do and now after some years they have got used to the idea of his taking up music. He said that they played Cage and Frescobaldi as they had already made a CD consisting of the works of the two composers. He said that the two fitted very well together though at point they appeared contrary as one is very modern and the other is very traditional but in time they fit harmonically with each other. The language they use is based on functional harmony instead of some tonal base, he said.

Speaking about his training Svoboda said that he was trained as a composer. He said that he travelled a lot for his work and that it was a matter of discipline to be adjusted to life at home and work. He said "I'm too busy playing at concerts and composing to go in for teaching although occasionally I do give lessons. I like both composing and playing equally. I do more playing and I compose when people ask me to write pieces. Basically I try to play as many



concerts as possible."

Svoboda said that he followed contemporary music and thought that some of the pop productions are excellent. Jazz is the music that he plays the most. The choice of the composers that night belonged to the Goethe Institute. In his musicology classes he listened to a lot of

Indian music. However during this particular trip of ten days he spent a lot of time with the local musicians specially at Chennai. Apart from that they were at Kolkata and Sri Lanka. They were going back home via Bangalore and Bombay. He said that for him the East was not what he had expected. "We lived in hotels, rode in taxis and ate at the best restaurants and that's not the east. I just have a lot of different impressions. I found the saris beautiful though I couldn't handle the curry every day."

About his conch shell composition that he had played at the concert he said in conclusion, "There are some cultures that have it as a part of their religious ceremony. Conch shells were also used to declare war. I've been playing the conch shell for about ten years in public and it's an instrument as you play like the trombone as you play it with your lips. The use of air, the change of rhythms and pitch are done with your hands."



## Long live 'Band Sangeet'



'Stentorian' performing at the Pepsi concert

## ELITA KARIM

SOMETIMES it's a wonder, as to how the long gone generations of this country ever survived with a meager number of musical bands or no band concerts, which we see a lot of today. Once again, eager youngsters got together to catch yet another band concert on the 11th of this month at the Shishu Academy. Sponsored by Pepsi and organized by ASHES, a number of new bands were also seen performing on the spot. The older generations were also denied the pleasure of enjoying the heavy metal, a very recent form of music in Bangladesh. However, the six performing bands boasted off their knowledge of heavy metal and truly made the fans rock and roll!

The very first band to entertain the young crowd was Bedouin. Despite the Arabic name, Bedouin performed a couple of popular western tracks and dutifully warmed the crowd up and got everyone into the mood for more. Fresh and eager members of Kronic came up next portraying their 'heavy' music talents as well. Popping up next was Stentorian with a bunch of extremely energetic young people. The hall reverberated with the vocal strength and confidence.

Next in line were the trio ABC or Artcell, Black and Cryptic Fate. While the instruments were being tuned, fans howled with the entrance of Tony of Black, and went on to scream louder when Ershad of Artcell tried his fingers on Tahsan's keyboards. Jon joined Ershad and amused the crowd with their musical feats by trying out Bryan Adam's *'Everything I do, I do it for you'*. However, realizing that his fingers are apt better for the guitar strings, Ershad let go off the key boards, leaving the fans asking for more. Young Nafi diverted the crowd from the monotonous process of instrument tuning, by featuring his feats on the drums, which did keep the crowd awestruck for a while.

After a grueling forty five minutes of waiting, the musicians finally got ready to perform. The crowd sang the album tracks with Black. The hall didn't seem to get tired once Artcell made their entrance and rocked them all with their album tracks as well. Finally, Cryptic Fate had the audience vibrating within and all the young hearts were, no doubt, beating at one pace. These bands were undoubtedly the main attractions of the evening, for which the fans lingered on patiently.

Metal concerts have become the craze this season, and it's a pleasure watching youngsters enjoying them. These concerts, sponsored by the big-time brand names are probably the very few sources of entertainment in the country today. However, there is still an urge to all music lovers and performers to create an enjoyable and a safe environment for all to enjoy and cherish the musical moments for generations to come.

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12.10	News Headlines
12.15	Shuvessa Nin
12.30	Ajker Sangbadpotro
12.40	Health Bulletin
01.00	Khobor
01.05	Selected Programme
02.00	News Headlines
02.05	Cartoon
02.30	Amader Rannna
03.00	News (English)
03.05	Alor Shotodol
03.35	Shukh Portbar
04.00	News Headlines
04.05	Bashori
04.30	Nari Protidin
05.00	Khobor
05.05	National Television Debate Competition
05.45	News For Children
06.00	Khobor-Desh Jonpod
06.10	Gitanjoli
06.35	Programme From Chittagong Center
07.00	News Headlines (English) Share Bazaar, Weather Report
07.05	Mat O Manush
07.35	Shotopul Phutthe Dao
08.00	8 o'clock Bengali News
08.30	Drama Serial: Horek Rokon
09.00	Drama
10.00	English News at Ten
10.25	News Bulletin
10.30	The X Files
11.30	Late Night News/ News Headlines

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Morning Session

06.10 Islamic Programme

07.15 Prothom So

09.30 Music Plus

10.00 Ganor Khobor

11.00 Radhunir Ranna

11.30 Flap Show

12.15 Tara O Shampa Reza

12.50 Drama Serial: Noksha

02.00 Bengali Feature Film: Pahari Phul

Evening Session

05.35 Jopnoder Khobor

05.45 Niranjana

06.10 Music Plus

06.45 Shushshan Shonglap

07.15 Channel i News

07.45 Ispanahi i Tele Quiz (Question)

07.55 Unnayon Manusher Jonno

08.25 Drama Serial: Gihogolpo

09.00 Channel i News

09.31 Ispanahi i Tele Quiz (Result)

09.35 Amar Chobi

10.00 Drama Serial: Dhik Lokhobor

10.25 Channel i Mobile Quiz 252

10.30 Channel i News

11.15 Shangbadpotre Bangladesh

11.30 Live Telecast of BTB's Late Night News

12.15 Channel i News

## ATN BANGLA

6:00	Islamic prog:	8:30 Who Dear s Wins
12:00	ATN Bangla News	9:30 Outdoor Quest 2002
8:25	Puppet Magazine:	10:30 VIP
9:00	The World of Jonathon Sing	11:30 Sheena
9:35	Reporting prog: Ghotona Probhah	12:30 Fear Factor
10:10	Secret Woman	Guinness World
12:00	ATN Bangla News	Records : Primetime
12:30	The Daily Newspaper Discussing Prog: Ajker Sangbadpotro	230 Movie: Cape Fear
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6:00	Competition Prog: Nabin Boran	5:30 VIP
6:30	Islamic prog:	6:30 Sheena
7:00	ATN Bangla Evening News	11:30 The Immortal
7:30	Musical Prog: Surer Madure	12:30 Asylum
8:05	Drama Serial: Sandarta	1:30 The Others
8:40	Drama Serial: Dholka	11:30 Total Recall
9:00	ATN Bangla News	01:30 U-571
9:25	Talk Show: Alokpat	03:30 I Saw Mommy Kissing Santa Claus
10:00	ATN Bangla News	05:15 Cabin By The Lake
10:30	Musical Prog: ATN Music	06:45 Midnight Heat
11:30	Bengali Feature Film: Mia Kalia Mia	08:30 Do You Wanna Know A Secret
12:15	ATN Bangla News	10:15 You've Got Mail
12:50	ATN Bangla News	13:00 Funny Bones
1:30	ATN Bangla News	20:30 Rendezvous With Simi Garewal
2:30	ATN Bangla News	21:00 Focus Asia
3:30	ATN Bangla News	21:30 Top Drive
4:30	ATN Bangla News	22:00 The X Files
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7:00	ATN Bangla News	19:00 Shri Shri Superstar
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