

RECOMMENDATIONS

Exhibition

August 01-15

Gallery Chitrak (House # 21, Road #4, Dhamondi) is holding an exhibition of print-works by four artists-Safiuddin Ahmed, Mohammad Kibria, Rafiqn Nabi and Monirul Islam, from 10-9 pm.

Maya

August 02-11

A solo painting exhibition titled Maya by artist Khaled Mahmud is going on from August 2 at La Gallery, Alliance Francaise (26, Mirpur Road, Dhamondi, R/A). The display of artworks will remain open everyday from 9.00 am to 8.00 pm, till August 11.

Introduction of new book

August 13

The launching of a new book Under the Krishnachura by Niaz Zaman will be held at the Alliance Francaise at 6 pm. The book is published by UPL.

Exhibition

August 15-28

An exhibition of artist Mostafa Kamal will start on 15th August at the Gallery of Alliance Francaise.

Interview

Cassettes have promoted Tagore songs to the remotest parts: Sadi Mohammad

NOVERA DEEPITA

SADI Mohammad is a household name in the country amongst those who enjoy Tagore songs. Sadi is the Head of the Department of Tagore Songs of the Government Music College in Dhaka. Besides, he has a performing group called 'Rabiraag' which organises cultural programmes in the city.

When asked about his group, Sadi said Rabiraag was established in 1987. Most of the singers of the group are now well known. He teaches them music and arranges a programme titled 'Srotor Ashor' every month at various places. Sadi arranges these programmes not because he wants to popularise the music, but because of his tremendous love, passion and respect for Tagore songs.

He did his undergraduate studies on Rabindra Sangeet and acquired a master's degree from Shantiniketan in 1982. 'Tagore songs are like a driving force for me,' he says.

According to Sadi, Tagore songs have always been popular to its selected audience. It began with Pankaj Kumar Mallik with whom



Tagore songs first rose into popularity. After that came Hemanta Mukhopadhyay, Debabrata Biswas, Shuchitra Mitra, Kanika Bandopadhyay, Chinmoy Chatterjee, Shahanam Devi, Rajeshwar Dutt and other eminent singers of Tagore songs.

Sagar Sen, Subinoy Roy, Rezwan Choudhury Bannya, Mita Haque, Papya Sarwar and Sadi himself belong to the present generation who have become famous as Rabindra singers.

It gives Sadi a sense of immense pride and happiness when he sees people buying his CDs and listening to them. This only shows that the present generation singers are equally popular and are loved by the audience.

Cassettes and CDs have also contributed a lot to promote Tagore songs and through them Tagore songs have reached the most remote parts of the country.

Sadi says he quit his engineering studies when he was awarded a scholarship from Shantiniketan to study music. If today he weren't a singer, he would have been an engineer.

However, his thirst for music was never quenched and his heart always craves for more.

Anniversary

Tagore's death anniversary at Shilpa Kala Academy

ELITA KARIM

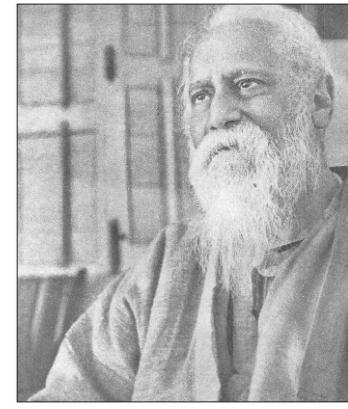
BANGLADESH Shilpkala Academy observed Rabindranath's 62nd death anniversary on 6 August. A discussion session focused on Tagore's life and his immense contribution to Bangla literature and the society as well.

Dr. Ashraf Siddiqui, Abdul Kalam Manzur Morshed, Zubaida Gulshan and Abdul Kalam Fazlul Haque took part in the discussion. They spoke about the poet's life, his inspirations, his feelings and thoughts, and also quoted a few lines from his books.

The discussion was followed by a cultural show. Various artistes sang Tagore's melodious compositions. The audience swayed to the songs and thoroughly enjoyed each number.

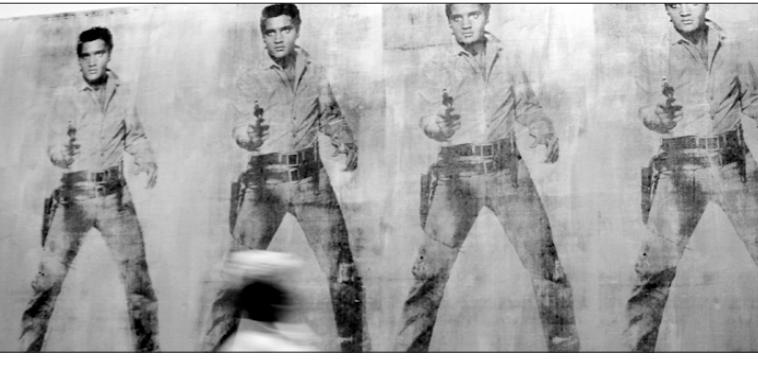
There were some recitations from Tagore's heart touching compositions, which literally took everyone into a reverie. Group dances were also performed at the show.

The programme was part of the observation going on in and around the capital on the occasion of the death anniversary of the legendary poet, Rabindranath Tagore.



A young visitor to the Andy Warhol Museum in Pittsburgh walks past the Elvis (Eleven Times) silk screen painting on 06 August. The Museum in Pittsburgh celebrates the 75th birthday of the artist.

PHOTO: AP



Drama

Under privileged children's life on screen



KAUSAR ISLAM AYON

REZNUR Rahaman has completed a drama serial titled *Chhera Pata* on the life of under privileged children of the country. He has shown the children living at the railway stations of the metropolitan as the representatives of the whole. Parallelly the play describes the story of three families living in the city.

The life and living, passions and dreams, joys and sorrows, and many unnoticed but significant things of this segment of the society have been described in a simple but sympathetic way. The drama is scheduled to be on air from 13 August, on Channel-i at 9:35 pm every Wednesday. Azizul Hakim, Shahiduzzaman Selim, Nadira Ahmed, and many child artistes star in the drama.

Events

Bollywood on location in Berlin

BBC ONLINE, Berlin

A new Bollywood film about the Indian independence fighter Subhash Chandra Bose is being shot in Germany. The film traces the last five years in the life of Subhash Chandra Bose, or Netaji, who set up the Indian National Army in exile to fight against British rule during the World War II.

The film is being directed by Shyam Benegal, considered the pioneer of new wave Indian cinema, and stars Sachin Khedekar. It is the first time that a major Bollywood film has been shot in Germany.

"It's the story of a great adventure, of a person who was obviously a great romantic because who would think of leaving the country and trying to raise an army to fight for Indian independence from outside of India?"

Netaji didn't believe in Gandhi's methods of achieving independence for India through non-violence. Instead he went into exile and set up the Indian National Army of 80,000 men. His troops marched into India to fight against the British from Burma, but Netaji died in 1945—he never lived to see Indian independence.

For Shyam Benegal the film is a chance to focus on Netaji who until now has been overlooked and to an extent rewrite history.

Actor Sachin Khedekar says that filming in Germany is very different to India. "In India," he says, "we've so many people there that the unit was always crowded."

After Germany the crew will move back to film in India and Burma.



Director Shyam Benegal in action on the shooting spot.

TV GUIDE

CHANNEL-i

07:15 Channel-i News
09:00 Channel-i News
09:45 Tritia Matra

10:30 Music Plus
12:00 Drama Serial: *Abhiman*

01:00 Drama Serial: *Ekennyaboti*

02:00 Bangla Feature Film: *Nizekhar Hayre Khui*

05:35 Jonopoder Khabar

05:45 Sharif Melamine

06:10 Sangeetmala

06:45 Drama Serial: *Auntar Daho*

07:15 Channel-i News

07:50 *Radhunir Ranna*

08:25 *Sunrite Your Choice*

09:00 Channel-i News

09:35 Talk Show: *Boshobash*

10:00 Drama Serial: *Jibon Chhob*

10:30 Channel-i News

11:30 *Late Night News Of TV*

12:15 Channel-i News

ATN BANGLA

8:00 ATN Bangla

8:30 Amra Karbo Joy

9:10 Drama serial: *Chokhe Dekha*

9:45 Drama serial: *Theteo Kechokhon*

10:20 Magazine prog: *ATN Bangla*

10:50 Drama serial: *Golap Bagan*

12:00 *ATN Bangla*

12:20 *Ajker Sangbadpotro*

12:40 *Aurodher Assor*

1:20 *Bengali Feature Film: Love in Simla*

4:20 *Shapla Shaluk*

4:50 *Ajker Sangbadpotro*

5:00 *Gram Banglar Sangbad*

5:15 *Sustha Thakun*

5:50 *Uro Cola Saat Rang*

6:20 *Islamee Saawal O*

7:00 *Jawab*

7:00 *ATN Bangla Sando Sangbad & ATN Bangla News*

7:40 *Irani Serial: Ibne*

8:15 *Drama serial: Sarmojan*

8:50 *Sports Magazine: Stadium*

9:25 *English Serial: Secret Woman*

10:00 *ATN Bangla News*

11:00 *ATN Bangla News*

HBO

08:45 *He Said, She Said*

11:00 *Regarding Henry*

1:15 *Bulletproof*

3:00 *Boomerang*

5:15 *Lucky Numbers*

7:30 *Bowfinger*

9:30 *Wild Wild West*

11:45 *Tales from the Crypt: Eps 11 & 12*

8:00 *BBC News*

8:30 *Asia Today/World Business Report*

10:30 *Talking Movies*

11:30 *Simpsons World Directs*

12:30 *Click Online*

1:30 *Extra Time*

2:15 *Coolhunters, Axis on Evil, Bitter Harvest, Renaissance Horizon, Les Misérables in China Sci Shack, Wild Moves, Virt World*

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4:30 *This Week Coolhunters, Axis on Evil, Bitter Harvest, Renaissance Horizon, Les Misérables in China Sci Shack, Wild Moves, Virt World*

5:00 *Current Chartbusters*

6:00 *Music Mantra*

7:30 *CID Files*

8:30 *Kya Hadsaa Kya Haqeqat*

9:30 *Saturday Prime: Nayak*

10:30 *Mad Dog And Glory*

11:30 *City Hall*

12:30 *Legally Blonde*

1:30 *Steven Spielberg's "Taken"*

2:30 *Viewers' Choice Movie: Twins Special*

5:00 *Judwaa Dil Hi To Hai*

10:30 *Chaalbaaz (Sridevi, Sunny Deol, Rajni Kant)*

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