

RECOMMENDATIONS

Exhibition
August 01-15
Gallery Chitrag (House # 21, Road #4, Dhanmondi) is holding an exhibition of print-works by four artists--Safuddin Ahmed, Mohammad Kibria, Rafiqun Nabi and Monirul Islam, from 10pm to 9 pm.

August 10-15
A children's book illustration exhibition is going on at the British Council. The display is open for visitors everyday from 10pm to 6pm.

August 15-28
An exhibition of artist Mostafa Kamal will start on 15th August at the Gallery of Alliance Francaise.

August 17-28
Shipangan Gallery has arranged a 12-day-long solo etching and drawing exhibition of artist Monirul Islam. The inauguration of the show will be held on August 17 at 5pm at the gallery and show will be open for the visitors daily from 10 am to 9 pm.

Book launching
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.

Musical Evening
August 21
A French musical evening will be held at the cafeteria of Alliance Francaise on 21st August.

Drama Lane
Bangladesh Mahila Samity
4 Natok Soroni,
New Baily Rd.

Group	Plays	Date
Prachyanat	Kanyya	13
Dhaka Theatre	Banopangshul	14
Theatre	Balad	15
(Natak Soroni)		
Nattaykendra	Pratisaran	16
Padatik	Sojan Badhilar Ghat	17
Nattayjan	Bhaboner	18
Dhaka Sadak	Tahader	19
Dhaka Drama	Katha	20
LokoNattayadal	Ami Gadha	20
	Balchhi	20
	Mazrater	23
	Manushera	
Samay	Bhager	24
	Manush	

Face to face

Mita and her melodies

All about Mita Haque

NOVERA DEEPTA

The Daily Star(TDS): Tell us how did you begin your career as a singer?

Mita Haque(MH): It all started in my own house when I was very small. Music was popular in both my maternal and paternal grandfathers' places. I was born in an environment of music. My paternal uncle Wahidul Haque was my first guru.

TDS: When did you start taking formal music lessons?

MH: My passion for music was natural and I used to learn very informally. At the age of eleven I participated in the International Children's Festival at Berlin. Later in 1976, at the age of thirteen, I started to learn music formally from one of the gurus named Mohammad Hossain Khan who was a great Tabla player of this subcontinent.

TDS: How did you get influenced by Tagore songs?

MH: There was always an influence of Nazrul song in my maternal grandfather's house. My uncles used to sing Nazrul, Classical, DL Roy and Atul Prashad. I used to sing such songs as well. When I was about fifteen, I became very inclined to Tagore songs. The urge to sing Tagore songs came from within. It was since then that I started to sing Tagore songs seriously.

TDS: What would you be if you were not a Tagore singer?

MH: I liked the subject chemistry. If I were not a Tagore singer I might have concentrated on becoming a Chemistry teacher.

TDS: Share with us a memorable event of your singing career.

MH: Shailaja Ranjan Majumdar was the direct apprentice of Rabindranath Tagore. He came to Dhaka in 1981. He is one of those special people with whom Tagore carried on his works of notation. I had the honour of getting very close to Shailaja da. Before leaving the country, he told me, 'Don't be proud of your achievements. Someday you will become a great singer.' This is a memorable peice of advice, which I try to follow whole heartedly.

TDS: Which countries have you traveled so far for singing?

MH: Definitely first of all India. I have traveled to some cities of the USA like Washington, North Carolina and Virginia. I have also

been to some countries of Europe. In UK I performed at Leeds, Manchester and London.

TDS: How did you come up with the idea of running a music school?

MH: I started *Shurtirtha*, my music school, a few years back. Initially, many students would come to my house to learn music. Gradually the number increased and I could not give them enough space in my house. So I decided to rent a

MH: The recording studios and the equipments are good in our country, even better than many countries of this region. But there is lack of proper effort to compose music and play the instruments. Secondly, the musicians need to devote plenty of time to develop themselves for playing instruments with Tagore songs. The same



Mita Haque passionately sings on

house and start teaching music there.

I am also the organiser of the Jatiya Rabindra Sangeet Shammelon Parishad. It is a 22-year-old organisation and has 50 branches. It is a missionary job for us. We train up the children in Tagore songs as well as other branches of Bangla songs, recitals and dance. We arrange competition every two years at the thana, zilla and finally national levels.

TDS: Who are your favourite singers and who do you think are the promising singers of our country?

MH: I like Shubino Roy, Kanika Bando padhaya, Nilima Sen, Sanjida Khatun, Fahmida Khatun, Suchitra Mitra, Shwastika Mukhopadhyay, Sagata Lakshmi Dasgupta and Srikantha Acharya. I also appreciate the talents of some of the upcoming singers like Lysa Ahmed Lisa and Aditi Mohsin of our country.

TDS: What about the recording standard of our country? Where do you feel comfortable to record your songs?

musician is playing with different types of songs. As a result, they do not develop expertise in a specific field. But the situation is quite different in Kolkata. They are professional and skilled. The set of musicians, the recording techniques are good there.

TDS: Which are your favourite songs?

MH: There are so many that I cannot possibly name them. But most of them are spiritual and are dedicated to the Creator, for example, *Jibon Moron Shimana Periya, Tomare Modhur Rupey, Lukiye Achno Adhar Ratey* etc.

TDS: Why don't you sing other types of songs?

MH: Well, I do sing Atul Prasad and DL Roy's songs. But my voice doesn't match other songs. I have tried to sing folk and Ganasangeet but somehow was not very much successful, so I did not try further. But I love to listen to Nazrul songs.

Music

Geetshudha observes Tagore's death anniversary

SHAKAL AHMED

'TAGORE captures a very wide space in our culture. The songs, music and lyrics that invigorate us in every phase of our lives, are mostly the creations of Tagore. The songs of Rabindranath animate our lives and senses,' said singer Papya Sarwar, in a programme organised by *Geetshudha* held at the BETS Centre recently. This programme marked Tagore's death anniversary. The programme, anchored by Rupa Chakrovarty, started with a group song *Akash Bhora Shurja Tara*. Then one after another singers performed many popular monsoon songs like *Bahe Niranton Anata Dhara, Aji Jhoro Jhoro*

Mukhorho Badal Diney, Nil Nabaghaneey, Aji Borishon Mukhorito etc. The singers rendered about twenty songs. Besides artistes like Papya Sarwar, Nakul Chandra Das, Krishna Mitra, Tahmida Putul, Zakiya Khatun, Anisa Fazle Lipi, Farhana Haque, Rokhsana Kabir, Moutushi Mallick, Falguni Boshak, Salma-E-Shafi and others, Indian Tagore singer Bashobi Dutt was and added attraction of the show.

The musical hands of the programme were Sunil Kumar Das in violin, Siddiqui Rahman in Mandira, Md. Fariduddin in Tabla, Dipon on the guitar and Sunil Kumar Sarkar on the keyboard.

The director of the organisation Papya Sarwar said, 'When there



Singers of Geetshudha rendering songs.

seemed to be a divided opinion in the notation and style of singing Tagore songs, the young generation took a strong stand to preserve the songs. *Geetshudha* is with them.

We get a chance to show our gratitude to Tagore in these two days of his death and birth anniversaries. We get the chance to purify ourselves with the treasures of Tagore."

Film award

Devgan bags best actor award once again

PALLAB BHATTACHARYA, New Delhi

AJAY Devgan belongs to that breed of actors who do not allow success to go into their heads.

Two national awards for best actor in three years went to Devgan first in the year 2000 for his role in Mahesh Bhatt directed film "Zakhm (The Wound)" and last month for his portrayal of the legendary freedom fighter Bhagat Singh in period piece "The Legend of Shaheed Bhagat Singh" by Raj Kumar Santosh.

But there was no jubilation no ear-to-ear smile across Devgan's face nor did champagne flow when the news of winning the best actor award for his role in "The Legend of Shaheed Bhagat Singh" reached him in the midst of a shooting in Bombay for another film directed by Santoshi.

Devgan, 34, was happy but he is not the one to show it off for the simple reason that he does not believe in resting on awards and accolades. That is the way Devgan, son of Hindi film stuntman Veeru, has always been since he made his debut in films in 1991 with "Phool Aur Kaante."

He takes praise in his stride. "I believe actions ought to speak louder than words. I just want to

concentrate on my work because at the end of the day, it is your performance which counts," said the actor after winning he national award for the second time.

It is this attitude which has earned Devgan the reputation of being one of the most level-headed Bollywood superstars and propelled his career graph higher and higher. He has only gone from strength to strength, prompting more and more offers not only from Hindi commercial filmmakers but also from directors of meaningful cinema like Govind Nihalani, Prakash Jha and most likely from Aparna Sen.

Devgan has a special place in his heart for the role of Bhagat Singh. "It was a dream role. I have admired Bhagat Singh since childhood. Bhagat Singh has not been given his due by posterity," said the actor.

"I could not afford to go wrong in essaying the role of Bhagat Singh," said Devgan who went through tons of writings on the liberation war hero before going in for acting in "The Legend of Shaheed Bhagat Singh."

The award-winning performance in the period film must have come as doubly sweeter for Devgan for when it was released in commercial circuit in India last year, it was in race with four other films which were also released almost at the same time on the same personality.



Devgan in the role of Bhagat Singh

One of the reasons for Devgan's success is that he is not a typical glamour romantic hero with a chocolate boy image. Close to truth is perhaps his slight anti-hero look and his sincerity in efforts to portray the roles he is playing.

Devgan's growth as an actor has wowed Prakash Jha and Aparna Sen. Aparna Sen has already had preliminary talks for roping in Devgan for her next directorial venture in Hindi

although no final decision has yet been taken.

Although Devgan has earned wide critical acclaim as an actor, his stint as a producer has not been a hit. The two films he has produced so far, including one for children "Raju Chacha," has not been a success.

For now, Devgan seems to have little time to view himself as a producer given his rising graph as an actor.

TV GUIDE

All programmes are in local time. The Daily Star will not be responsible for any change in the programme.

News Bulletin

BTV
News Headlines(Bangla) at 12:10 pm. 2:00 p.m 3:10 pm. 4:00 pm. 7:00 pm.
News(Bangla) at 8:00 am 1:00 pm. 5:00 pm. 8:00 pm.
News (English) at 3:00 pm. 10:00 pm. Late Night News(Bangla and English) News Headlines at 11:30 pm.
CHANNEL-i
Breakfast News 07:15am. 9:00am News(Bangla) at 7:15 pm, 9:00, 10:30, 12:15 am.
Telecast of BTV news(Bangla and English) at 11:30 pm.
ATN BANGLA
News(Bangla) at 8:00 am. 12:00 pm. 7:00 pm. 10:00 pm. 11:00 pm. News (English) at 9:00 pm.
Telecast of BTV News(Bangla and English) at 11:30 pm.
Latest News(Bangla) at 09 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 11:00 am. 1pm. 2:00 pm. 3:00 pm. 4:00pm. 6:00 pm., and 8:00 pm.
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News Headlines(Bangla) at 5:02 pm. 6:30 pm. 9:45 pm.
News (Bangla) 11:00 pm.
TARA BANGLA
News Headline(Bangla) at 5:30 pm. 7:30 pm. Tara News(Bangla) at 8:30 pm. 11:30 pm.
Tara News Bangladesh(Bangla) at 9:30 pm.
BBC World
Every hour on the hour

BTV
8:00 Morning News
8:25 Feature Programme
9:15 Film: Wild Nature
9:40 News Headlines
12:10 News Headlines
12:30 Shongbad Potrer Pata Theke
12:40 Shasthya Tathay
1:00 News
1:05 Harono Diner Gaan
2:00 News Headline
2:05 Cartoon Film
3:00 News
3:05 Hijai Tamal
3:35 Shukhi Paribar
4:00 News Headlines
4:05 Geet Bitan
4:30 Open University
5:00 News
5:55 Shomokalin Orthoniti
6:00 News: Desh Janapad
6:10 Shiplo O Shahitya Programmes From Chittagong Centre
6:35 News Headlines
7:00 News Headlines
7:30 Film Mortal Combat Conquest
8:00 News At Eight (Bangla)
8:30 Drama: Lal Benarashi
9:00 Shompuma Rongin Natok
9:30 Hajar Ronger Shwapno
10:00 News at Ten
10:35 Amader Ain
11:00 Gaaner Bhela
11:30 Late Night News/News Headlines

CHANNEL-i

02:00 Bangla Feature Film: *Maan Obhimaan*
05:20 *Aporanha Kotha*
05:35 *Jonopoder Khabor*
05:40 *Chithi Pelam*
06:15 Music Plus
06:45 Film Music: *Yummi Chhaya Jhankar*
07:15 Channel-i News
07:55 *Kichhu Mone Korbenna Dot Com*
08:25 Drama Serial: *Kichhu Megh Kichhu Roddur*
09:00 Channel-i News
09:35 Drama Serial: *Chhera Pata*
10:00 Drama: *Swapno Mohora*
10:30 Channel-i News
11:30 Late Night News of BTV
12:15 Channel-i News

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05:02 News Headlines
05:04 *Century: Voxpops (Ep-1)*
05:32 *Hello Music*
06:00 *Apar Jigyasha*
06:30 News Headlines
06:32 *Shubho Sandhyaya Ei Shomoy*
06:45 *Itihasher Ei Diney*
07:15 Evening News
07:30 *Siddiga Kabir's Recipe (Ep-2)*
08:00 *Shurer Jalsha (Syed Abdul Hadi)*
08:35 News Headlines
09:45 Drama Serial: *Chena Chena Layey (Ep-11)*
10:22 *Sports World*
11:00 News
11:30 Drama: *Jodi Bhalobasho Cine Gaan*
12:30 **ATN BANGLA**
7:30 Talk Show "SAMOSAMOYEK"
8:00 ATN Computer
9:00 Drama Serial : "Sabuj Gram Samol Chaya"
9:35 Drama Serial : "Aronner Kache Fera Asha"
10:10 Drama Serial : Jal Mohol
12:00 ATN Bangla Sangbad
12:20 Aiker Sangbadpotro
12:40 Priyo Silper Priyo Gan
1:20 Bengali Feature Film : "Amir Sowdagar Bhwluaya Sundore "
4:20 Cholo Gan Gai
4:50 Aiker Sangbadpotro
5:00 Gram Bangbad

5:10 Sangbad
5:50 Motamot
5:50 Uro Cola Saat Rang
6:25 Islamee Sawal O Jawab
7:00 ATN Bangla Sando
Sangbad & ATN Bangla News
7:40 Gondoraj Samsung cine Aaha
8:05 Drama Serial : "Theteo Jibhon"
8:40 Drama Serial: Saper Sere
9:25 Face to Face
10:00 ATN Bangla Sangbad
10:30 Musical Prog
11:00 ATN Bangla Sangbad

HBO
7:45 Bowfinger
9:45 Max Knight Ultra Spy
11:30 The Craft
1:30 Ghostbusters II
3:45 The Circle of the Cards
5:30 Lucky Numbers
7:45 Tales From The Crypt: Eps 11&12
9:00 Young Sherlock Holmes
11:15 Box Office America Ep 11
11:45 The Apartment Complex
1:45 The Craft

MGM
9:00 Matilda
11:30 Alligator
2:00 Girls Just Wanna have Fun
4:30 Married to It (Cybil Shepherd Bean Bridges)
7:00 Platoon
9:30 Wednesday Code of Silence (Chuck Norris)
11:30 Time Walker (Ben Murphy)

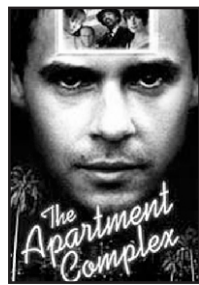
STAR MOVIES

8:00 The Comfort Of Strangers
9:45 Steven Spielberg Presents "Taken" - Of Pinocchio
11:30 Loose Cannons
1:00 Scent Of A Woman
5:10 Dante's Peak
7:00 The Cowboy Way
8:45 Steel
10:30 Spitfire

AXN

Rescue
Cold Squad
Queen of Swords
Courage
Worst Case Scenario
Movie: An Eye for an Eye

TODAY'S HIGHLIGHTS



HBO: 11:45 p.m. *The Apartment Complex. Thriller/Mystery; Chad Lowe, Fay Masterson, Obba Babatundé.* A graduate student named Stan becomes the manager of an apartment complex which is quite uncommon. The tenants are all quite eccentric and uncommon characters, and the place is quite run down in certain spots. The previous manager had disappeared in mysterious circumstances. When cleaning the mucky pool, Stan encounters a corpse.



STAR MOVIES: 7:00 p.m. *The Cowboy Way. Action/Comedy; Woody Harrelson, Kiefer Sutherland.* Two buddies and championship rodeo partners travel to New York to find their missing friend, Nacho Salazar, after he disappears after travelling to New York City to pick up his daughter, Theresa. When Pepper and Sonny find that neither is anywhere to be found, they go about the wacky adventure of finding Nacho and Theresa, and in the process, test the foundation of their friendship.

4:30 Rescue	9:30 Murad	1:00 Kkusum	6:00 Fifty Fifty (Rajesh Khanna, Tina Munim)
6:30 Queen of Swords	9:30 Fifty Fifty (Rajesh Khanna, Tina Munim)	1:30 Kuch Kehti Hai Yey	6:30 Cold Squad
7:30 Courage	9:30 Cold Squad	2:00 Naam Gum Jayega	7:30 X Zone
8:30 Cold Squad	9:30 X Zone	2:30 Ghar Ek Mandir	8:30 Prime Zone
9:30 Prime Zone	9:30 Prime Zone	3:30 Ghar Ek Mandir	9:30 Prime Zone
10:30 Prime Zone	9:30 Prime Zone	4:00 Hubahu	10:30 Prime Zone
11:30 Prime Zone	9:30 Prime Zone	4:30 Kaun Apna Kaun Paraya	11:30 Prime Zone
12:30 Prime Zone	9:30 Prime Zone	5:00 Magdugi Days	12:30 Prime Zone
1:30 Prime Zone	9:30 Prime Zone	5:30 Dekh Bhai Dekh	1:30 Prime Zone
2:30 Prime Zone	9:30 Prime Zone	6:00 Just Mohabbat	2:30 Prime Zone
3:30 Prime Zone	9:30 Prime Zone	6:30 Disney Hour	3:30 Prime Zone
4:30 Prime Zone	9:30 Prime Zone	7:00 Charbusters	4:30 Prime Zone
5:30 Prime Zone	9:30 Prime Zone	7:30 Music Mantra	5:30 Prime Zone
6:30 Prime Zone	9:30 Prime Zone	8:30 Boogie Woogie	6:30 Prime Zone
7:30 Prime Zone	9:30 Prime Zone	9:00 Goonj-Atet Ki	7:30 Prime Zone
8:30 Prime Zone	9:30 Prime Zone	9:30 Kkusum	8:30 Prime Zone
9:30 Prime Zone	9:30 Prime Zone	10:00 Naam Gum Jayega	9:30 Prime Zone
10:30 Prime Zone	9:30 Prime Zone	10:30 Achanak	10:30 Prime Zone
11:30 Prime Zone	9:30 Prime Zone	11:00 Kkusum	11:30 Prime Zone
12:30 Prime Zone	9:30 Prime Zone	11:30 The Brady Bunch	12:30 Prime Zone
1:30 Prime Zone	9:30 Prime Zone	12:00 Cheers	1:30 Prime Zone
2:30 Prime Zone	9:30 Prime Zone	12:30 Oprah Winfrey Show	2:30 Prime Zone
3:30 Prime Zone	9:30 Prime Zone	1:00 The Drew Carey Show	3:30 Prime Zone
4:30 Prime Zone	9:30 Prime Zone	1:30 Whose Line Is It Anyway	4:30 Prime Zone
5:30 Prime Zone	9:30 Prime Zone	2:00 J.A.G.	5:30 Prime Zone
6:30 Prime Zone	9:30 Prime Zone	2:30 Law & Order: S.V.U	6:30 Prime Zone
7:30 Prime Zone	9:30 Prime Zone	3:00 Chicago Hope	7:30 Prime Zone
8:30 Prime Zone	9:30 Prime Zone	3:30 Star Asia Travel	8:30 Prime Zone
9:30 Prime Zone	9:30 Prime Zone	4:00 Oprah Winfrey	9:30 Prime Zone
10:30 Prime Zone	9:30 Prime Zone	4:30 Bold And Beautiful	10:30 Prime Zone
11:30 Prime Zone	9:30 Prime Zone	5:00 Sabrina The Teenage Witch	11:30 Prime Zone
12:30 Prime Zone	9:30 Prime Zone	5:30 The Brady Bunch	12:30 Prime Zone
1:30 Prime Zone	9:30 Prime Zone	6:00 Knight Rider	1:30 Prime Zone
2:30 Prime Zone	9:30 Prime Zone	6:30 The Simpsons	2:30 Prime Zone
3:30 Prime Zone	9:30 Prime Zone	7:00 Everybody Loves Raymond	3:30 Prime Zone
4:30 Prime Zone	9:30 Prime Zone	7:30 Dharma & Greg	4:30 Prime Zone
5:30 Prime Zone	9:30 Prime Zone	8:00 Friends	5:30 Prime Zone
6:30 Prime Zone	9:30 Prime Zone	8:30 Charmed	6:30 Prime Zone

PICK OF THE DAY



Probash Mela

On BTV at 5:30 p.m.

An informative and entertaining magazine participated by Bangalee expatriates. The main attractions of this episode are songs by expatriate in Michigan, Sharmeen Choudhury Bristi and New York resident Upal, a Sitar recital by French resident Uttam Kumar Bhowmik and a short drama on the human trafficking. Besides there will be an informative report on the positive effect of remittance send by the expatriates. The programme is coordinated by Zafar Sadeq, edited and anchored by Mamun Intiaz and directed by Abedin Shakar.

1:00	Kkusum	9:30	Ally Mcbeal
2:00	Kuch Kehti Hai Yey	10:00	The Practice
STAR GOLD			
2:00	Naam Kum Jayega	8:30	Hit Filmeen Hit Sange
2:30	Kutumb	9:00	Chhoti Bahen
3:00	Ghar Ek Mandir	11:55	Kuch Hit Kuch Superhit
4:00	Hubahu	12:30	Pyar Ka Mandir
4:30	Kaun Apna Kaun Paraya	4:00	Coke V Popst
5:00	Malgudi Days	4:30	Parvarish
5:30	Dekh Bhai Dekh	8:30	Badmaash
6:00	Just Mohabbat	STAR PLUS	
6:30	Disney Hour	8:30	Shaka Laka Boom Boom
7:00	Charbusters	9:00	Taaza Hits
7:30	Music Mantra	9:05	Hit Filmeen Hit Sange
8:30	Boogie Woogie	9:30	Fox Kids
9:00	Goonj-Atet Ki	10:30	Meri Saheli
9:30	Kkusum	11:00	Pal Chinn
10:00	Naam Gum Jayega	11:30	Kabhi Sautan Kabhi Saheli
10:30	Achanak	12:00	Shanti (601 - 800)
STAR WORLD			
8:30	The Brady Bunch	1:00	Kasauti Zindagii Kay
9:00	Cheers	1:30	Kumkum - Pyara Sa Bandhan
9:30	Oprah Winfrey Show	2:00	Bhabhi
10:30	The Drew Carey Show	2:30	Kyunki Saas Bhi Kabhi Bahu Thi
11:00	Whose Line Is It Anyway	3:00	Shagun (461 - 560)
11:30	J.A.G.	3:30	Kabhi Aaye Na Judai
12:30	Law & Order: S.V.U	4:00	Kahaani Ghar Ghar Ki
1:30	Chicago Hope	4:30	Kaahin Kissi Roz
2:28	Star Asia Travel	5:00	Film Topper - 301 Series
2:30	Oprah Winfrey	5:05	Tanha
3:30	Bold And Beautiful	6:00	Hum Saat Aath
4:30	Sabrina The Teenage Witch	6:30	Fox Kids
5:00	The Brady Bunch	7:25	Film Topper - 301 Series
5:30	Knight Rider	7:30	Kumkum - Pyara Sa Bandhan
6:30	The Simpsons	7:55	Film Topper - 301 Series
7:00	Everybody Loves Raymond		
7:30	Dharma & Greg		
8:00	Friends		
8:30	Charmed		