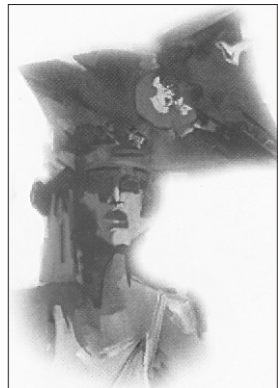


RECOMMENDATIONS



Photography exhibition

March 13-19 North South University Photography Club (NSUPC) inaugurates its week-long International Inter University Photography Exhibition at the Shilpakala Academy today at 5 pm. more than 300 photographs from 14 different universities of Bangladesh and other countries will be displayed at the event. The display will remain open for all from 11 am to 7 pm daily.

Exhibition March 06-26 To celebrate the 5th anniversary of the Bengal Gallery of Fine Arts, an exhibition featuring the recent works of the eminent artist Qayyum Chowdhury is going on. The show will be open for all till March 26 from 12:00 pm to 8:00 pm.

Events at Alliance Francaise Exhibition March 04-March 14 2nd solo exhibition of Ronni Ahmed is open at La Galerie from 5 to 9 pm.

March 19-30 The inauguration of a painting exhibition of artist Awena Cozannet will take place at 6 pm at the gallery. Musical evening March 25 A musical programme will be held at the cafeteria at 9:30 pm. The members of the institute can enjoy the show free of cost.

Silver screen



Television star Jennifer Aniston plans a return to the silver screen shortly in a film called Diary, after the NBC network airs the final episode of her 10-year hit series Friends in May. The actress-wife of actor Brad Pitt-will star in a comedy about a married woman whose diary is stolen and used against her.

Classic tunes

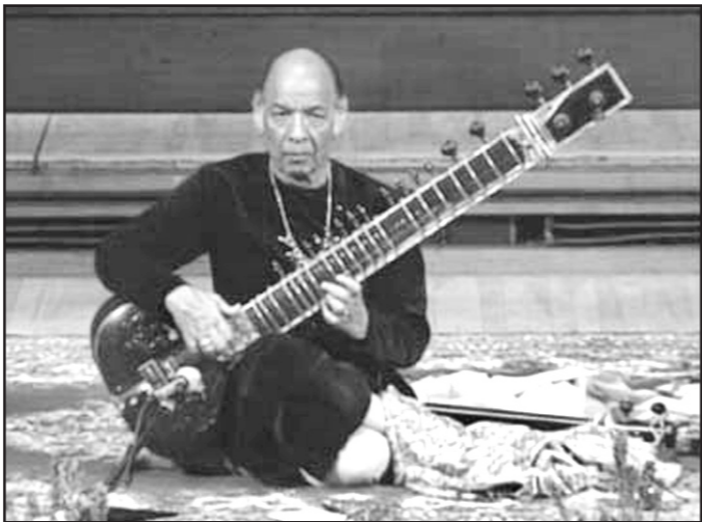
Of Sun and Sitar

SAIF KHAN

WATCHING a morning concert by the music maestro Ustad Vilayat Khan at least once in your lifetime is so rare these days. The last time Khan Sahib did a morning concert in UK was 22 years ago. The concert was held in St. Luke's, a 17th century church, which has been converted into a concert hall for the London Symphony Orchestra with an excellent atmosphere and acoustics.

When he started alaaap in Lalit-an early morning raga-it didn't feel untimely. Lalit, as a raga falls onto the serious, poignant side, which he played for nearly 45 minutes. The tabla player, who arrived late, found himself in soup when Ustadji started to play around with 'lay'and 'taal'. The tabla player gradually gathered confidence and began to show some fireworks himself, reflecting the greatness of Ustadji where he was respectful even to a junior artist.

With Ustad Faiaz Khan's khayal at the back of my mind as a benchmark, I always thought Lalito to be a very macho raga. But Ustadji showed a softer, mellow and poi-



Ustad Vilayat Khan

gnant side of the raga, which I never realised it had. At the end of the concert, when we went to meet Khan Sahib, he told everyone "hear me with your ears not with your eyes."

The orange and yellow autumn leaves of the oak and maple trees outside, shimmering, shaking violently in the blustery wind, the rearing dark gray skies as the back-

drop, the sparse yet dripping rain outside seemed to be just an echo of the music that was being played inside. When the jhala began, the sun broke through as if the sun God himself came out to listen to the maestro and bless him.

Once again we get to listen to the mesmerising 'chikari' and the 'meend', where his voice seemed to be melting, which was simply

brehtaking. Alaaap was followed by a short 'gat' in madhyalaya and followed by teentaalgat. Unlike the last time Khan Sahib was in his element today and he delved into his trademark, his forte taankari, speedy laykari, gamak taan and much more.

After finishing Lalit he took a break of 30 minutes. The esteemed audience comprised of people of all colours and creed; but surprisingly, the majority of the crowd were expatriate Bangalis. Wearing a pink saree with very simple but elegant attire- was Sharmila Tagore! She presented Ustadji with a copy of his new CD.

The concert resumed with another morning raga Bhairavi. This time the singer Vilayat Khan came out and he played a short alaaap followed by Ustad Enayet Khan's famous bandish playing in mid-tempo sitarkhani gat. He played excerpts of Ustad Abdul Karim Khan's famous kheyal (Piya bin)-he sang part of it as well and sang a bandish which he composed on Bhairavi and played it in his 'gayaki' style on sitar. He finished after playing for 30 minutes and as usual I was left asking for more.

Profile

Dip, a successful entertainer



Dip-the band leader as well as an organiser, director and choreographer

KAUSAR ISLAM AYON

DIP, the founder member and leader of the well-known Bangladeshi band named Sudden, has been in the entertainment industry from his childhood. Beginning his career as a child actor in several popular serials and weekly dramas for he has also performed several plays. In addition, he has been trained in dance and his paintings have earned national and foreign awards.

The two major successes of the group are the music videos called Bangladesh and Protibondhi (inspired by the social issues of our time). The band Sudden was formed in 1988 by Dip and other prominent performers. Sudden received the membership of Bangladesh Musical Bands Association (BAMBA) in 1989. The band released four popular albums titled Ochena, Onnessa, K and finally Bangladesh. Besides the band has participated in about 300 open air and indoor concerts.

In addition to being a band performer, Dip is also a successful organiser, director and choreographer of many events, advertisements, audio and TV programmes. He has worked voluntarily for many charity shows. Dip is keen to bring about a fusion between Bangladeshi and western music. Dip's talent has earned recognition in Bangladesh and abroad. Sudden, with Dip at the head, has been honoured twice (1994 and 1995) with the Coca-Cola Band Music Award.

Dip leads a busy life since he divides his time playing with his band and also working as a manager (Business Development & Events) at the entertainment company of Bangladesh named Concord Entertainment Company Limited.

Launching ceremony

Bulbul Mahalanobish in a new identity Book of poem and CD release programme

NOVERA DEEPITA

MOST music lovers have heard of Bulbul Mahalanobish as a Nazrul singer. Less well-known is her talent as a poet. Though her poetry has been published in many newspapers, magazines and periodicals for last thirty years, her poems were not compiled in book form. Recently, Tarafdar Publishers brought out her poem collection titled Shanhitto Shanglap (compiled dialogue). The publication ceremony of this book and the launching programme of her new music album Hridayete Path Ketechni were simultaneously held at the Novera Hall of the National Museum on March 10.

Celebrated artist Mustafa Monowar formally unwrapped the CD cover of the album. He however talked of her book. Bulbul has her pen in hand which can speak the truth and protest against injustice. She writes with openness, which is very appealing.

Eminent researcher and litterateur Abdul Mannan Syed appreciated her effort to release an album which is a compilation of the songs of the five great Bangali composers--Rabindranath Tagore, Kazi Nazrul Islam, Atul Prashad, Rajanikant Sen and Dwijendra Lal Roy. He added, 'The great mystic poet Lalon should also be included in such compilation because Lalon is not

only a folk musician, he is also a great composer who deserves to be treated like the five famous composers.'

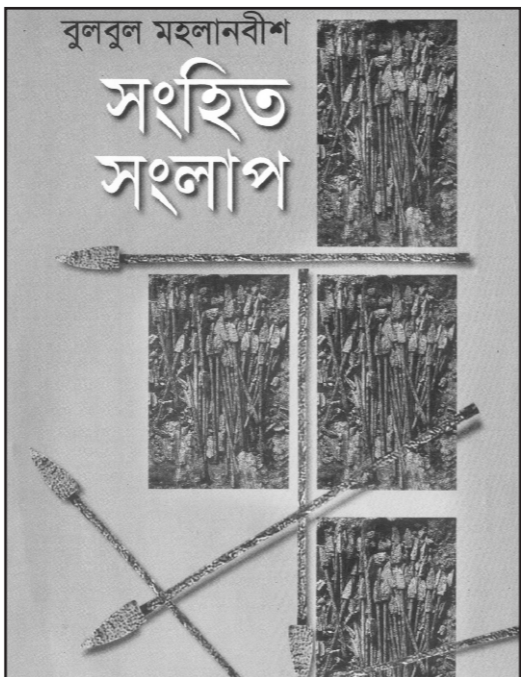
Although Bulbul was initially interested in recitation and acting, she became popular as a Nazrul singer later. She was a regular singer and actress of the Swadhin Bangla Betar Kendra during the Liberation war. Her first book was a travelogue titled Parashya Upashagarer Tirey (At the Bank of the Persian Bay).

Bulbul's music album Hridayete Path Ketechni contains 14 tracks, among which Jakhon porbena mor, Hey Partho Sharothi and Mor ghum ghorey ele monohor are well rendered. The other tracks, however, are also appealing.

In the programme, several cultural personalities, such as Tagore singer Kalim Sharafi, educationist Dr Anisuzzaman and poet Khaleda Edib Chowdhury, addressed the audience.



The cover jackets of the album and the book by Bulbul Mahalanobish



Around the world

BBC ONLINE

POP star George Michael is abandoning the music business to release his songs online for free instead. The multi-millionaire singer said he would never make another album for sale in record shops because he does not need the cash and does not enjoy fame. Fans will be given the option to make donations online in exchange for downloading the tracks, and the proceeds will be given to charity. He is promoting his latest album, Patience, which he said is his last.

The 40-year-old star made his announcement during an interview with Jo Whaley on BBC Radio 1.

Speaking about his decision, he



George Michael courted controversy with his single Shoot the Dog

said, 'I'm sure it's unprecedented, it's definitely unprecedented for someone who still sells records.

Comedian Chris Rock the funniest man

AP, New York

He's not on television regularly anymore, but Entertainment Weekly has judged Chris Rock to be the funniest man in America. The 38-year-old comedian is now on a stand-up concert tour, which will culminate in an HBO special.

"Watching Rock in 2004--21 years into his comedy career--is like watching a great prize-fighter in peak condition," the magazine said.

Comedy Central's Jon Stewart was second on Entertainment Weekly's list of the 25 funniest Americans, and Will Ferrell came in third. The magazine also praised Larry David, Dave Chappelle, Ellen DeGeneres, Bill Murray, Jim Carrey and Jack Black.

And here's a Top 10 list David



Chris Rock

Letterman isn't going to like--he was No. 11. Of course, it might make him feel better to know Jay Leno wasn't mentioned at all.

I've been very well remunerated for my talents over the years so I really don't need the public's money.' He added that he hoped people downloading his music would donate to his favourite charities.

Explaining his decision, the former Wham! frontman said, 'It does two things--it takes the pressure off to have a collection of songs every so many years, which is what nearly killed me. I'm not pretending I won't be famous any more, but in the modern world if you take yourself out of the financial aspect of things, you're not making anybody any money, you're not losing anybody any money.'

'I'll hopefully be a happier man, giving my music and also doing something really positive with my music if people are generous

enough to donate to the site. I'll remove myself from all that negativity,' he added.

The singer has had a rollercoaster of a career from the heady days as a heart-throb in Wham to his arrest for indecency in a Los Angeles public toilet in 1998.

Since becoming a solo star he has never been far from controversy, including his vilification for his single Shoot the Dog which was accompanied by a video showing Tony Blair as a poodle to George Bush.

His image as a teen heart-throb diminished when he revealed he was gay, but he has since been embraced by an older audience highlighted by the championing of his album Patience by BBC Radio 2.



US Oscar winner Charlize Theron (R) cries as South Africa's former President Nelson Mandela hugs her on March 11, in Johannesburg. Charlize Theron is the first African woman to win an Oscar.

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 9:40 am. 12:10 pm. 2:00 pm. 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) 11:30 pm. CHANNEL-i Breakfast News 07:15 am. 9:00 am. 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. Telecast of BTV News (Bangla and English) at 11:30 pm. ntv News Headlines (Bangla) at 5:02 pm. 6:30 pm. 9:45 pm. News (Bangla) 7:30 pm. 10:30 pm. TARA BANGLA News Headlines (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

ATN BANGLA

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TODAY'S HIGHLIGHTS 9:30 pm. Buggy. Genre: Crime / Drama. Warren Beatty, Annette Bening, Harvey Keitel. New York gangster Ben 'Bugsy' Siegel takes a brief business trip to Los Angeles. A sharp-dressing womaniser with a foul temper, Siegel doesn't hesitate to kill or maim anyone crossing him. In L.A. the life, the movies, and most of all strong-willed Virginia Hill detain him while his family wait back home. Then a trip to a run-down gambling joint at a spot in the desert known as Las Vegas gives him his big idea. STAR MOVIES: 9:00 pm. The Craft. Genre: Comedy / Drama / Horror / Thriller / Fantasy. Robin Tunney, Fairuza Balk, Neve Campbell. A new girl moves to a new city with her family to start a new life. She meets up with the girls who are very interested in the occult and together, the four of them have a seemingly unstoppable power. They can do anything, from getting their dream guys to like them to... the possibilities are limitless. ZEE CINEMA 10:30 Teri Meherbanian (Jackie Shroff, Poonam Dhillon) 1:30 Chhal, Ansh, Encounter- The Killing 5:30 Dulhe Raja (Govinda, Raveena Tandon) 9:30 Hathayar (Sanjay Dutt, Shilpa Shetty) TARA BANGLA 11:00 Swapno Dadur Ashor/Putul Na..... 11:30 Antakshari Rpt. 12:00 Chalti Hawa Bangladesh Ei Somoy 4:30 Achena Uttam 6:00 Safar 6:30 Dehopot /New Prog. 7:00 Tara Sundari 7:30 Feluda 30 8:00 Telefilm Rpt 9:30 E to Noi Sudhu Gaan 11:00 Post Mortem Spl Event/Telefilm Rpt. 12:00 Bastab Rpt. ZEE TV 10:00 Banegai Apni Baat

PICK OF THE DAY



Thir13en Ghosts On HBO at 9:30 pm Genre: Horror / Thriller Tony Shalhoub, Embeth Davidtz, Matthew Lillard When Dr. Zorba dies, he leaves his house to his broke nephew, who moves in with his daughter. With the house come two unexpected pluses or minuses: the house has 13 ghosts which can only be seen with a special pair of glasses, and there's a fortune hidden somewhere in the house...and someone wants it. Why did Zorba have so many ghosts? Did he collect them?!

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STAR PLUS

2:30 Mirch Masala 3:00 Musafir Hoon Yaaron 3:30 Movie: Pyar Kiya To Darna Kya 6:30 Kya Baat Hai 7:00 Yatra 7:30 Khichdi 8:00 Jaadu 8:30 Starsuperhit 12:00 Kahani Jurm Ki 9:00 Arjun Pandit 12:30 Ishq 4:00 Salaakhen 8:00 Startoons Countdown 8:30 The Big Boss 11:00 Pardesi Babu 12:30 National Geographic Special Truth Files 2:30 Mission Wild 3:30 Return To The Wild 4:00 Talon An Eagles Story 5:30 Clan Of The Crocodile 6:00 Tomorrow's World 6:30 Dogs With Jobs S3 7:00 Toyota World Of Wildlirf 7:30 Earth Report 8:00 Earthpulse 8:30 Built For The Thrill 9:30 Basedimbl:Defying Gravity 10:30 On Assignment 11:00 On Assignment 11:30 Self-Portrait 10:30 W E Song of The Earth 12:30 W E Birds In Black 1:00 W E Pygmy Chimpanzee 1:30 W E Mr. Mom 2:00 W E Family Affairs 2:30 W E 3:30 Asian Elephants (Goldie

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