

Classic tunes

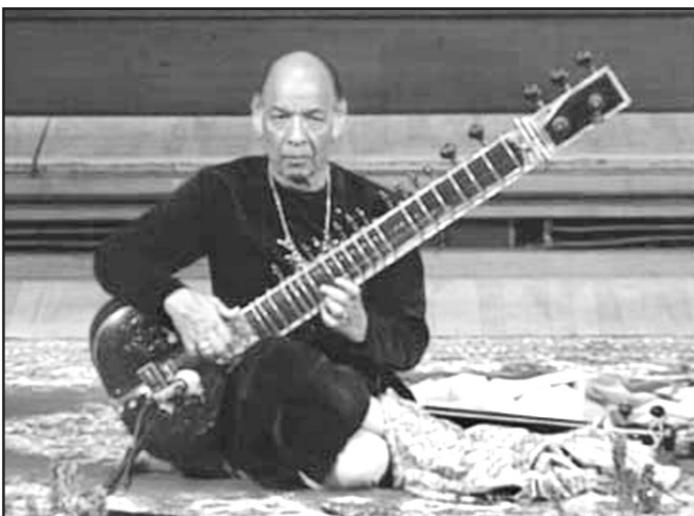
Of Sun and Sitar

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 *alaap* 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 Faiz Khan's *khayal* at the back of my mind as a benchmark, I always thought *Lalit* 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

breathtaking. *Alaap* was followed by a short 'gat' in *madhyalaya* and followed by *teentaal gat*. 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 creeds; 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 *alaap* followed by Ustad Enayet Khan's famous *bandish* playing in mid-tempo *sitar khani 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.



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

Profile

Dip, a successful entertainer

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.

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 Qayum 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 04-14

2nd solo exhibition of Ronni Ahmed is open at La Gallerie from 5 to 9 pm.

March 19-30

The inauguration of a painting exhibition of artist Awena Cozzanet 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.

PHOTO: AFP



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

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; 9:00am 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.

Telecast of BTV News(Bangla and English) at 11:30 pm.

LATEST NEWS(Bangla) at 09:00 am;10:00 a.m., 11:00 am;1pm, 2:00 pm;3:00 pm; 4:00pm;6:00 pm and 8:00 pm.

IN TV

News Headlines(Bangla) at 5:02 pm. 6:30 pm, 9:45 pm.

News (Bangla) 7:30 pm;10:30 pm.

TARA BANGLA

NewsHeadlines(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

10:15 Anodrisee 04:00 Kichhu Katha Kichhu Gaan

10:50 Drama Serial: Nayeka Shongbad

11:25 Drama Serial: Danob

12:40 Drama Feature Film: Bhayankar Saat Din

03:40 Uro Cola Saat Rang

05:45 Jibon Gigashaa

6:20 Anodrisee

8:00 Serial: Thunder Stone

8:30 Musical Programme

9:00 Drama Serial: La!

11:45 Drama Serial: Sapno Copoth

10:30 Law Based Programme

12:20 Shesh Akhbor

HBO

9:00 Masters of the Universe

11:15 Lucky Numbers

1:30 I'm Dangerous Tonight

3:30 Cinderella

5:15 The Screaming Room

: Spy Thrillers

5:45 Wishmaster : The Prophecy Fulfilled

7:00 Zeus and Roxanne

9:30 Thriven Ghosts

11:15 Gattaca

1:30 Someone to Watch Over Me

STAR MOVIES

10:15 Transporter

11:45 Multiplicity

1:45 Conan The Destroyer

3:30 Child's Play 2

5:00 Road To Perdition

7:00 Life

9:00 The Craft

10:45 Snow Job

12:20 Waking Life

MGM

9:00 Fever

11:30 Casualties

2:00 The Shrink Is In

4:30 Tuff Turf

7:00 The House Haunted

9:00 Hill

11:00 An Ode To The Oscars, Bugsy

(Warren Beatty, Annette Bening)

9:30 Antakshari Rpt.

11:30 Swapno Dadur

1:00 Ashor/Putul Na.....

3:00 Antakshari Rpt.

5:00 Ke Korbe Bajimaat

7:00 Mega Serial: Ronger Manush

9:30 Music Express

11:30 Antakshari Rpt.

1:00 Banegi Apni Baat

10:00 Banegi Apni Baat

12:00 Chalti Hawa

1:00 Bangladeshi El Somoy

2:00 Hasrat-een

3:00 Acheni Uttam

4:00 Safar

5:00 Depopat / New Prog.

6:00 Chalidha

7:00 Tara Sundari

8:00 Feluda 30

9:30 E to Noi Sudhu Gaan

10:30 Post Mortem

11:00 Spl Event/Television Rpt.

12:00 Bastab Rpt.

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