Portrayal

# Capturing the essence of Tagore on T-shirts

## Expressing art in an unconventional way

AFSAR AHMED

'THOU HAST made me endless, such is thy pleasure…Ages pass, and still thou pourest, and still there is room to fill'-- the verse is an excerpt from Tagore's *Geetanjali*. The verses can now be seen imprinted on T-shirts.

Nitya Upohar, an offbeat shop that promotes Bangali culture using T-shirts as a medium of expression, has recently organised a 15-day exhibition to celebrate the poet-philosopher-musician-writer Rabindranath Tagore's 143rd birth anniversary.

Eminent cultural personality Ramendu Majumdar and his daughter Tropa Majumdar inaugurated the exhibition featuring eight different T-shirts, exposing the underlying emotions of Tagore's creations designed by artists Dhrubo Esh, Najib Tareque and Sabyasachi Hazra.

'The heritage and soul of Bangali culture is centralised on the life and philosophy of Rabindranath Tagore; in fact, he along with his creations is part of our everyday life,' said Bahar Rahman, the organiser of the exhibition. The innovative exhibition is the first of its kind.

Advocating the true form of culture, Bahar doesn't treat his new concept just as a selling product. 'One of the noteworthy things is that we always give the credit to the artists who design the T-shirts by using their signature on the T-shirts,' he said.

An acclaimed graphic designer Dhrubo Esh designed the T-shirts titled *Dhyani*, *Antoro momo bikoshito koro* and *Ami aaj Kanai Master*. *Dhyani* depicts Tagore's contemplative motif coloured in black and ochre on a white background, while the verse, *Antoro momo bikoshoto koro* portrays a royal blue background with an ochre motif of Tagore's face on it. *Ami aaj Kanai Master* is the only colourful piece for children.

*Nabo anondey jago*, *Ram Kinkor O Rabindranath* and *Ke bolego shei probhate nei ami* are the creations by Sabyasachi Hazra. Sculptures of Rabindranath by Ram Kinkor Bais and other art forms are used as motifs on an olive green background with a verse *Rabir kirone hashi chhoraiya* written on it. The verse *Nabo anondey jago* is inscribed in red on a black T-shirt. 'My last salutations are to them, who knew me imperfect and loved me' printed on ivory background creates an artistic impact.

Written in black and red combination on grey background, the piece *Ja peyechhi prothom diney* is a tasteful creation of Najib Tareque. The style titled *Geetanjali* presents an excerpt of Tagore's poem *Little Flute* in an artistic manner.

On the occasion of Tagore's birth anniversary, the T-shirts are a fitting tribute to the great poet. They also attract the younger generation and revive the nation's pride in its unique culture.

Celebration

# An enchanting evening of Tagore's songs

## Bangladesh Rabindra Sangeet Singers' Association celebrates Tagore's birth anniversary

NOVERA DEEPITA

ON the occasion of the 143rd birth anniversary of the illustrious poet Rabindranath Tagore, Bangladesh Tagore Singers' Association has organised a three-day festival at Bangladesh Shishu Academy. On the inaugural day of the festival, as many as 120 singers of the association performed Tagore songs to welcome the audience. They rendered *Barisho dhara majhe*, *Shank-ochero biwbholota* from the dance drama *Chitrangada* and *Bandh bhenge dao* which inspired the freedom fighters during our Liberation War.

This was the 15th National Rabindra Sangeet Festival arranged by the association. The stage was decorated in red with a huge portrait of the poet. Plants in all hues and shapes were an attractive feature of the stage. The main entrance of the academy decorated with colourful lights and shades, and the singers in red and white *Garad* sarees and white punjabis, brought about a buoyant atmosphere.

Artistes celebrating the 15th National Rabindra Sangeet Festival at the Shishu Academy auditorium

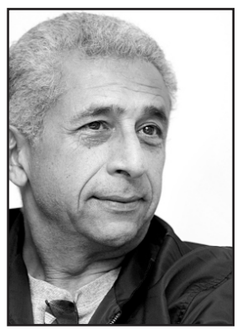
The central message of the festival is: *We are not out of the reach of the pervasive global violence and have to go back to Tagore for shelter and for relief from this unrest*.

A similar sentiment was echoed by the chief guest Dr Anisuzzaman, the Association's chairman Kalim Sharafi and secretary general Tapan Mahmud.

The musical session featured songs on different themes such as love, worship and prayers. The singers enthralled the audience with their melodious presentation. The artistes included Lily Islam, Salma Sabera, Maya Akhtar, Kajol Mukharjee, Nasima Khan, Makhon Hawladar, Chinmoy Bhattacharya and Abdul Wadud.

SCOOP

### Shah in Shaw's play



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Indian actor-director Nasserruddin Shah gives a press conference in Muscat on May 5. Shah will star in an Indian version of George Bernard Shaw's play Dear Liar as of tomorrow in the Omani capital.

### Camels and palm trees 'besotted' with Jolie

Val Kilmer says Angelina Jolie is so stunning that even camels, palm trees and dead people are besotted with her.

Kilmer, who filmed Alexander with her in Morocco, said: 'Even the camels were staring at her in a certain way. The palm trees too. Dead people would even want to date her - she's amazingly gorgeous.'

Meanwhile, Brad Pitt has shrugged off rumours that he and Jolie had a fling while filming *Mr and Mrs Smith*. He said, 'I get it, it fits into a lot of stereotypes.'

### Movie mania: letter M's spell

Call it quirky coincidence, but the M-word is hot in Bollywood right now. Look at the only films that have raked it in of late and you'll know. *Munna Bhai MBBS*, *Murder*, *Masti* and now *Main Hoon Na*--the hit list is all about films that have names starting with the letter M. Given that most of Mumbai's hyper superstitious lot spend more time on names and numerology than scripts, M's what matters.

What's on

### Rabindra Sangeet Festival

***May 05-07***

Bangladesh Rabindra Sangeet Shilpi Shangstha holds its 15th festival on the eve of the birth anniversary of the poet on May 8. The 3-day festival featuring recitation and musical performances will take place at the Bangladesh Shishu Academy at 5pm except on May 7 at 9am.

### Rabindra anniversary celebration

***May 08-10***

Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy organises a three-day programme to celebrate the 143rd birth anniversary of Rabindranath Tagore. The celebration will be inaugurated at the Osmani Memorial Hall.

A book fair will be open from 3pm to 6pm at the exhibition hall of the National Museum.

A discussion session will take place at the Seminar Hall of Bangla Academy at 4pm on May 9. In the evening of May 10 at 6pm a cultural function will end the celebration.

Happy returns

# 'I want to act in quality films'--Shahed

*Today is **Shahed Shareef Khan**'s birthday.*
*The Culture Desk wishes him many happy returns of the day. Shilpi Mahalanobish (SM) talks to Shahed Shareef Khan (SSK)on this occasion.*

**SM: Did you start your career with modelling or acting?**

**SSK:** I joined the drama group Shubochan in 1993. I have started my career on stage. After a few years, I did modelling and then TV drama.

**SM: You have acted in a few films, too. How many films have you done so far?**

**SSK**: I have acted in two films, *Hridoy Shudhu Tomar Jonno* and *Priyo Shathi*. The former has been released already.

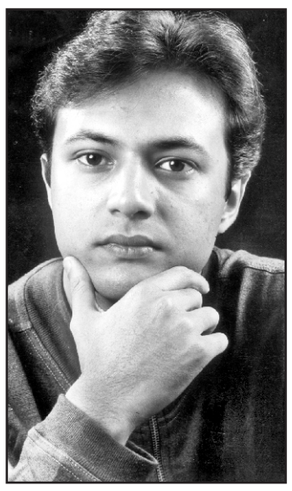
**SM: Will you be doing other films**?

**SSK:** Why not? Of course, I'll do films if I get good offers.

**SM: Are you busy with only TV dramas at the moment?**

**SSK**: Yes. I am playing in a mega serial.

**SM: Many people are directing drama in addition to their acting career. Will you come to the direction side, also?**



Shahed Shareef Khan

**SSK**: Time will tell. I am only thinking about my acting career at the moment. At present, I cannot say whether I will come to the direction side.

**SM: People are working in many different media: acting, singing, dancing and modelling. Do you have any positive or negative opinion about this?**

SSK: This absolutely depends on their strength and interest. This has nothing to do with good or bad.

If one is capable of doing so many activities at the same time, then what is the problem? I am also a model; I act in TV dramas and films, too -- besides, they are not related to each other.

**SM:Do you do anything other than acting?**

**SSK**: It has become important to do something. I shall do something besides my acting, in future.

CD launchi

# *Instrumental album launched at the German Cultural Centre*

ELITA KARIM

AN album titled *A Touch of Love,* a first ever instrumental theme musical album in the country, was launched recently at the German Cultural Centre. The function was jointly organised by the Ustad Ayet Ali Sangeet Niketon and Surer Mela Products. Michel Lummaux, the Ambassador of the Republic of France to Bangladesh was the chief guest while Saiful Bari, Chief Advisor ATN Bangla was the special guest. Mobarak Hossain Khan, President of the Ustad Ayet Ali Khan Sangeet Niketon and Chairman, Trustee board, Nazrul Institute presided over the function, which was dedicated to the memory of Maestro Ustad Abed Hossain Khan, son of Ustad Ayet Ali Khan, on account of his eighth death anniversary.

The album, by Reenath Fawzia, consists of traditional classical music termed as *Hindustani* music as well as modern compositions based on a variety of themes. Instruments like the violin, flute, keyboard, tabla and the drums accompanied the sitar, the leading instrument in the album.

Theme-based music compositions played on sitar have featured for the first time in Bangladesh. Ustad Ali Akbar Khan, Pandit Ravi Shankar and Anand Shankar, however, experimented with similar kinds of compositions in India. These compositions are a blend of modern melodies and also the age-old traditional music of the country.

The first composition in the album titled *Greetings* has both the tabla and the drums. A bit of saxophone is also used in the interlude

The second composition is the title track, a mixed melody based on *dadra*, a traditional rhythm of six beats, followed by the next two compositions extracted from folk melodies of our country. One of the numbers in the album even used modern instruments and reproduced the age-old folk tunes.

The last composition is based on the raga *piloo*. Based on this raga a melody was created on *jhaptaal*, a rhythm of 10 beats. The sitar has been played on two ragas, one on *kirwani* and the other on mixed *kafi*.

# 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 **8:55 am.12:10 pm. 2:00 pm. 3:00 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 **7:15 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 **9 a.m,10:00 am, 11:00 am.1pm. 2:00 pm.3:00 pm. 4:00pm.6:00 pm and 8:00 pm.**

**ntv**
News Headlines (Bangla) at **10:00 am. 12:00 am. 5:00 pm. 6:15 pm. 9:30 pm.**
News (Bangla) **7:30 am. 2:00 pm. 7:30 pm.10:30 pm.**
Telecast of BTV News (Bangla and English ) at **11:30 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

## BTV

- **07:30** *Bangladesher Hridoy Hote*
- **09:00** *Swapner Deshe*
- **12:15** *Bangla Kawali*
- **12:30** Satellite Programme
- **03:15** *Shongbad Potrer Pata Theke*
- **04:40** *Moner Kotha*
- **05:40** Cartoon Show
- **06:10** Asia This Week
- **07:00** Share Market and Weather Forecast
- **07:05** *Maloncha*
- **07:30** Film Show: Alif Laila
- **08:30** *Dekha Adekha*
- **09:00** *Anya Rakam*
- **10:25** *Teknaf thekey Tetulia*
- **10:35** *Lal Golap*
- **12:00** Satellite Programme

## CHANNEL-I

- **09:45** *Tritiyo Matra*
- **10:30** *Grameen Phone Tele Shomoy*
- **12:25** *Citycell Medha Bikash* (Live)
- **02:00** *Tritiyo Matray Apni*
- **04:30** *Dekhar Gaan Shonar Gaan*
- **05:00** *Sa Re Ga Ma*
- **05:45** *Shamoyiki*
- **06:10** Music Plus
- **06:45** *Kothay Kothay*
- **07:50** Special Programme
- **09:35** Drama Serial: *Ekannoborti*
- **10:00** Drama Serial: *Antare Antare*

## ntv

- **09:30** Images of Life
- **10:05** Hallo Music
- **10:30** Circus Lights
- **11:30** Trans World Sports
- **02:30** *Apnar Jigyasha*
- **03:40** Bangla Feature Film: *Dui Bhai*
- **05:10** Cartoon: Fardy
- **06:20** *Shubho Shondhya*
- **06:50** *E Shoptaher Khobor*
- **08:10** Drama Serial: *Ronger Manush*
- **08:50** Pepsi Music Express
- **09:40** Drama Serial: *Aj Rabibar*
- **11:20** *Dindarpan*

## ATN BANGLA

- **10:30** Islamic Programme
- **12:30** Islamic Programme
- **03:40** *Binodon Jummabar*
- **05:10** *Shesh Akkhor*
- **06:20** *Amra Korbo Joy*
- **08:00** *Rup Madhuri*
- **08:30** Drama Serial: *Khowab*
- **09:00** Drama Serial: *Lal Neel Beguni*
- **09:30** Drama Serial: *Shapno Kapot*
- **10:35** *Smritir Monikothai*

## HBO

- **9:45** The Devil's Own
- **12:00** Erin Brockovich
- **2:45** Cheaters
- **5:00** Mars Attacks
- **7:15** The Fast and The Furious
- **9:30** Enter The Dragon
- **11:30** 13th Child : Legend of the Fersey Devil Lolume

## MGM

- **9:00** Dream With The Fishes
- **11:30** Ghost Writer
- **2:00** Manny & Lo
- **4:30** Life is Beautiful
- **7:00** Fever
- **9:30** Sky Pirates
- **11:30** Serendipity

## ZEE CINEMA

- **9:30** Jeevan Mrityu (Dharmendra, Rakhee)
- **1:00** China Gate (Om Puri, Amrish Puri, Danny)
- **5:30** Ghayal (Sunny Deol, Meenakshi Sheshadri)
- **9:00** Khoobsurat (Sanjay Dutt, Urmila)

## STAR MOVIES

- **10:00** Man From Elysian Fields
- **11:45** Detour
- **1:15** Wolf
- **3:30** Carrie
- **5:15** Chasing Holden
- **7:00** Original Sin
- **9:00** Trapped In Paradise
- **11:00** Spider
- **12:45** Van Wilder: Party Liaison

## STAR WORLD

- **11:30** For Love Or Money
- **1:00** Stupid Behavior Caught On Tape
- **1:30** Mac Gyver
- **2:28** Star Asia Travel
- **2:30** Oprah Winfrey Show
- **3:30** Bold And Beautiful
- **4:30** Hollywood Squares
- **5:00** Whose Line Is It Anyway
- **5:30** Miami Vice
- **6:30** The Simpsons
- **7:00** Home Improvement
- **7:30** Friends
- **8:00** Just Shoot Me
- **8:30** Tna Wrestling
- **9:30** What Were You Thinking?
- **10:30** Nash Bridges
- **11:28** Star Asia Travel
- **11:30** Baywatch

## STAR PLUS

- **12:00** Tanha
- **1:00** Kabhiekabhiemeregharmeinbhucha
- **1:30** Hai Na Bolo Bolo
- **2:30** Gharwali Uparwali
- **3:30** Kalash
- **4:00** Ek Mulaqat
- **4:30** Smriti
- **5:00** Mamla Gadbad Hai
- **6:00** Samnewali Khidki
- **6:30** Fox Kids - Friday Daily - Half
- **7:00** Bachcha Party
- **7:30** Sonpari
- **8:00** Karisham Kaa Karishma
- **8:30** Hatim
- **9:30** Shararat -Thoda Jadu Thodi Naz
- **10:00** Ssshhhh...Koi Hai...
- **11:00** Darr
- **11:30** Khichdi
- **12:00** Kya Baat Hail

## STAR GOLD

- **8:30** Hit Filmein Hit Sangeet- 20 M
- **9:00** Suhaagan
- **12:30** Yeh Hai Mumbai Meri Jaan
- **4:00** Hit Filmein Hit Sangeet- 20 M
- **4:30** Arjun
- **8:00** Maya
- **8:30** Pepsi Gold Sab Se Favourite Ka
- **9:30** Hera Pheri Movies

## NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC

- **12:00** Toyota World Of Wildlife
- **12:30** Disenchanted Forest
- **1:30** Scientific American Frontiers
- **2:30** Explorations
- **3:30** Mosquito Hell
- **4:30** Storm Stories
- **5:00** Africa From The Ground Up
- **5:30** Wildlife Detectivies
- **6:00** Hayden Turner's Wildlife Chall
- **6:30** Dogs With Jobs
- **7:00** Toyota World Of Wildlife
- **7:30** Animal Mummification
- **8:30** Built For Destruction
- **9:30** Explorations
- **10:30** The Fish That Out Time Forget
- **11:30** Storm Stories
- **12:00** Rite Stuff

## DISCOVERY

- **12:30** Food, Glorious Food World's best beach foods
- **1:30** Baby's World You & Me
- **2:00** Celebrity Doubles
- **2:30** New Detectives Deadly Intentions
- **3:30** Wild Discovery Horns over Africa
- **4:30** Truth or Scare Castle Ghosts of Ireland
- **5:00** Let's Dance & Eat Sophie in Switzerland/Leonie in Switzerland
- **5:30** Globe Trekker Central China
- **6:30** Challenge On the Trail of the Langsdorff Expedition
- **7:30** Wild Discovery Lions and Hyenas : A balance of power
- **8:30** Friday Spotlight The Painless Dentist
- **9:30** Friday Spotlight Cosmetic Surgery : Pursuit of Perfection
- **10:30** Hollywood Superstars Crace Kelly : The American Princess
- **11:30** Challenge On the trial of the Langsdorff Expedition

## ANIMAL PLANET

- **12:00** Wild Encounters Bush Babies
- **12:30** The Protectors Buffalo War, Alien Plants
- **1:00** The Protectors Elephant Contraception, Kombela the Baby Rhino
- **1:30** The Protectors Once Bitten Twice Shy
- **2:30** Wild Encounters Fjord of the Giant Crab
- **3:30** Pet Nation
- **4:30** Pet Nation Fitz's Gallbladder
- **5:30** Pet Nation Bloodhound
- **6:00** Pet Nation Australian Cattle Dog
- **7:30** Predators Mass Attack
- **8:00** Secret World of Gardens Life on a Rose
- **8:30** The Protectors
- **9:30** The Protectors Snakes on the Loose
- **10:30** Wild Encounters Greatest Wildlife Show on Earth
- **11:30** Wild Encounters Swarms

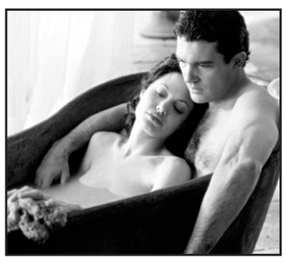
## STAR SPORTS

- **8:30** Kiana's Flex Appeal (R)
- **9:00** Lead Up The Story Of The Uefa European Football Championships Euro 1976(R)
- **9:30** Series Telecom Italia Masters Rome Italy Last 16(S)
- **11:30** Golf: The Ridiculous Obsession (T)
- **12:30** English Premier Football League 2003/04 d Liverpool Vs Middlesbrough (T)
- **2:30** Nba Inside Stuff (T)
- **3:00** Super 12 Rugby 2004 Wellington New Zealand Hurricanes Vs Crusaders Round 12(S)
- **5:00** Nba Playoffs Conference Semifinals Game 1(R)
- **7:30** English Premier League Preview (T)
- **8:00** Sportsline (L)
- **8:30** Uefa Cup 2003/04 Valencia Spain Valencia Cf Vs Villarreal Semifinals Leg 2(R)
- **10:30** Sportsline (R)
- **11:00** Golden Moments Of The Olympic Games Breaking The Record(T)
- **11:30** Lead Up The Story Of The Uefa European Football Championships Euro 1980(T)
- **12:00** Kiana's Flex Appeal (T)

## ESPN

- **7:00** Sportscenter Asia (R)
- **7:30** Espn School Quiz 2004 (R)
- **8:00** Major League Baseball Oakland Ca Usa New York Yankees Vs Oakland Athletics (L)
- **11:00** Motorsport Asia (T)
- **11:30** Espn School Quiz 2004 (R)
- **12:00** English Premier League Archive Programming Ten Seasons - A Decade Of Great Matches Highlights(R)
- **12:30** Sri Lanka Tour Of Zimbabwe 1st Test Day 1Highlights(R)
- **1:50** Sri Lanka Tour Of Zimbabwe 1st Test Day 2 1st Session(L)
- **4:00** Espn School Quiz 2004 (T)
- **4:30** Sri Lanka Tour Of Zimbabwe 1st Test Day 2 2nd & 3rd Session(L)
- **9:00** Sportscenter India (L)
- **9:30** Hitz (R)
- **10:00** Espn Presents Samsung Cricket Show (T)
- **10:30** Here We Go (S)
- **11:30** Sportscenter India (R)

## PICK OF THE DAY



**Original Sin**
**On Star Movies at 7:00 pm**
**Genre: Thriller / Drama / Romance**
**Antonio Banderas, Angelina Jolie**

**Smritir Monikothay**
**On Atn Bangla at 10:35 pm**
**Film Magazine**

**Sky Pirates**
**On MGM at 9:30 pm**
**Genre: Adventure**
**John Hargreaves, Meredith Phillips**