## **ULTURAL FEAS**



Artist: Rashid Choudhury Venue: National art Gallery, Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy, Shahbag Time: September 23- October 4, From 11:00 am to 7:00 pm and 3:00 pm to 8:00 pm on Fridays

Artiste: Sohrab Hossain Venue: Nazrul Institute House # 330-B, Road # 28(Old) Time: September 22 at 4:00pm

## Title: Ami Noi

Playwright: Manjure Maola Group: Nagorik Nattyangan Ansamble Venue: Shilpakala Academy, Dhaka Time: September 23 at 7:00pm

### Exhibition

Visual Art Title: Water is Innocent! Artist: Dhali Al Mamun Venue: NK Bhattashali Gallery,



Time: September 18-24 from 03pm to 08pm

Title: Clouds in Infinity Artist: Hikmet Barutçugil (Turkey) Venue: Bengal Gallery of Fine Arts, 275/F, Road 27 (Old), Dhanmondi Time: September 23-29 from 12pm to

The display features Ebru (marbling) work of the Turkish artist

### Film Show

Title: Wim Wenders Retrospective Organiser: Zahir Raihan Film Society Venue: Goethe-Institut Dhaka Date: 19-21 September



September 21 3.00pm: Until the End of the World 5.40pm: The End of Violence 7.45pm: The Million Dollar Hotel

The retrospective features films made by 'New German' filmmaker Wim Wenders (Born, Dusseldorf, Germany,

### MUSINGS

# Bulbul-Moyna: The singing duo

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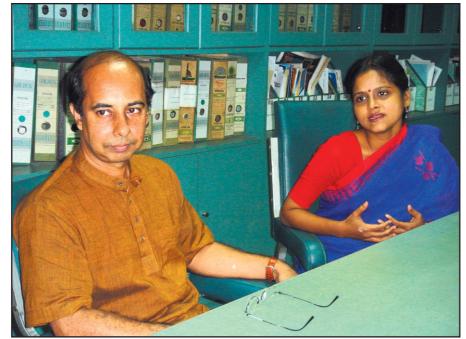
ULBUL Islam and Sharmin Shathi Islam make an interesting couple-particularly, from the musical point of view. Both are singers: Bulbul is a brilliant Rabindra Sangeet artiste while his wife, more familiar by the name Movna, is a remarkable young exponent of Nazrul Sangeet.

Bulbul, was musically inclined from an early age. Though his family had no background of music, he started taking lessons in his early teens at an institution named Lalitakala Academy in Sirajganj. There, Bulbul learnt classical music under three gurus Sudharam Guha. Kanchurar Adhikari and Rajendranath Karmakar.

Although the institution did not teach any musical genre in particular, the young boy had an instinctive inclination towards Rabindra Sangeet. This instinct was rooted in the Liberation War of Bangladesh. 'Although at that time Rabindra Sangeet was prohibited, we often listened to the Shadhin Bangla Betar Kendro that sometimes aired Rabindra Sangeet', Bulbul says. 'The song O amar desher mati, sung by Ajit Ray and, later, Hemanta Mukhopadhyay, especially touched my heart. Thus was born a keen love for Rabindra Sangeet, he adds.

Moyna's family unlike Bulbul's was culturally oriented. 'My father could sing very well although he was never formally trained, and he always wanted his daughters to learn it,' says Moyna. So it is no wonder that, while merely a child of four or five, Moyna learnt two Nazrul songs from her elder sister. And, the songs she learnt were not easy ones: they were Akashey helan dive and Chikon kalo beder kumar.

Eminent Rabindra Sangeet artiste Wahidul Haque played a very important role in the musical career of both Bulbul and Moyna. Towards the end of the 1970s, Bulbul met Wahidul Haque in Rajshahi at a Rabindra Sangeet conference. Haque immediately noticed the vouth's talent. At his advice. Bulbul came to Dhaka in 1980 and enrolled himself at Chayyanaut. Besides his threeyear studentship at the acclaimed institution, he also learnt Rabindra Sangeet at Wahidul Haque's Anandadhwani later. And during this period he came in contact with a number of renowned maestros of the genre including Kanika Bandyopadhyay, Neelima Sen and Shailoja Ranjan Mojumdar.



The couple with musical leanings

Movna's tale is even more interesting. In Comilla, she once went to watch a Rabindra Sangeet competition. But the contest could not start due to the lack of a required number of participants. 'The organisers, who knew me, persuaded me to participate in that competition,' says Moyna. The problem was not over yet. 'I found that I knew none of the songs on the list from which each participant had to perform,' she says. However, for the sake of the competition, Moyna sang two Rabindra songs of her own choice. And guess what? To her Surprise, she secured the second position in that competition.

Later in 1990, Moyna participated in the Rabindra Sangeet competition at the national level. This was at the insistence of Wahidul Hague, who had seen her perform in Comilla. And this time too fate smiled on her: the would-be Nazrul artiste again snatched the second position at this national meet.

Nevertheless, Moyna was bound to Nazrul Sangeet. 'As soon as I finished my turn at the competition, Rabindra Sangeet artiste Mita Hague came to me and asked whether I actually sang Nazrul Sangeet?' recalls

The Sopranos in the limelight as HBO sweeps Emmys

Movna, 'As I nodded, Wahidul Hague expressed great surprise.' Having brought an end to her 'probable' career in Rabindra Sangeet, Moyna then got herself admitted in Chayyanaut and started learning Nazrul Sangeet from Subal Chowdhury.

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Till date the couple has brought out three albums: Bulbul has Doley Premer Dolon Champa from Commitment Products, and Antarey Jagiccho from Kolkata; and Moyna has Khuji Tarey Ami Aponay. Both are now working for their next titles to be produced by Bengal Foundation.

They have a son, Divya Ritwik, who used to show deep interest in music until the age of five. 'He could recite from Chitrangada and loved to play on the tabla.' say the proud parents. 'However, lately Divya shows more interest in sports and computer games,' says Bulbul adding, 'we won't put pressure on him regarding choosing his own way of life.' The mother, however, asserts, 'I'm sure one day he will turn to music again.

## There are two things that people do not know about me --Yasmeen

The Cultural Correspondent of recen-tly shared some light moments with popular Nazrul singer Yasmeen Mushtari. Some excerpts from the conversation:

Which was your breakthrough performance?

I think it goes back to the time when I was very young. remember the Sangeeta Cinema Hall where Ghazal Maestro Mehdi Hassan introduced me to the audience and I had the rare opputunity to perform with him. It was the most memorable event of my life and it was my first public appearance. How would you describe yourself?

I don't pretend to know or do things I don't do or know.

Secondly, I am generous. (Smilingly) Sometimes I feel if there were more people like me, the world would have been a better place. I want the well being of others. Do you have any regrets? I don't have any regrets about being a singer. Frankly, I

do not know how else I would spend my time produc-

tively. I always thank God and my parents that I could nurture my talents.

What are your dreams? I have simple and ordinary dreams to live in peace and harmony with my family members. And I think I still have a lot to contribute to music.

Tell us about your loved ones.

I was brought up in culturally oriented family. As I grew older. I fell in love with the beautiful songs of our National Poet Kazi Nazrul Islam.

Which is your favourite song?

It is difficult to say. Different songs appeal to me at different times because these songs express our emotions. Sometimes I feel like singing songs I haven't yet learnt. But, most of all, I like the Nazrul song Poran priyo keno ele abelay and all the Ghazals by Mehdi Hassan.

Do you have any secrets to share?

There are two things that people do not know about me. Firstly, I manage the family all by myself and can organise a quick dinner and other arrangements even if guests come unexpectedly. The second thing is that nobody knows the technique of my rewaaz or practice that I learnt from my Ustads.

Favourite food

I love Chinese and red-hot dishes. Whenever someone treats me to Chinese cuisine, I generally comply without any hesitation. What if you were not allowed to sing any more?

Oh! Where does the king of Diamond come from and declare such an objection? I would definitely sing and nobody can stop me. I have a group of fans who will object to such orders and encourage me to keep on

# Premiere show of Kusum Bettanto staged

### **ERSHAD KAMOL**

City dwellers have a scant knowledge about the miserable plight of most of the rural and slum women in our country. Quazi Rosy' first play Kusum Bettanto depicts the pathetic story of an ordinary rural woman named Kusum. This character epitomises the woman's sufferings in the face of a male dominated society.

Swattik Natya Samradaya recently staged the premier show of their 12th production Kusum Bettanto at the Experimental Theatre

The moving story of Kusum starts with her marriage to a rich young wastrel of the same locality. In the irst part of the play, the dramatist has shown the ill treatment often meted out to helpless women in their in-laws homes. Subsequent to her divorce Kusum migrates to Dhaka and gets shelter in a slum. Here again she is ace to face with the lechery of men. The melodrama has a pathetic ending: Kusum is raped and murdered by a cruel man.

As the subplot of the play, the playwright also focuses on the darker facets of society: terrorism and drugs among others. Rosy has used the dialects of Jessore and Shatkhira region for the dialogue. However, Kusum Bettanto is not a

well-constructed play. As a result the creative work, which could have been a very good story, becomes a

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Animal Videos

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Planet's Funniest

Breed All About It

Afghan Hounds

Planet's Funniest

**Amazing Animal** 

In The Wild Ewan

McGregor: Polar

Caught In The Act

Monkey Business

Caught In The Act

Planet's Funniest

Wild Encounters

Breed All About It

Old English Sheep

11:30 Caught In The Act

12:30 Caught In The Act

Animals



The play depicts the plight of the underprivileged

Director Sagir Mostafa needs to pay attention to several facets of the play. For instance, the stage is not properly distributed for the blocking of the artistes and the majority of the events take place at the two wings of the stage. Furthermore, he has handled soliloquy and narration in the same manner.

As the set designer Sagir has used a few stools. Without using the fence at the backstage the same effect could have been created. Even the visibility,

which is the basic requirement for ligh designing was not maintained. For a considerable time the performers' gestures were not visible. Without using the painted curtains at the backstage to show vulgarity, symbolic colour effects could have been used.

By and large, the artistes failed to strike a responsive chord in the audience. That is except for one encounter between Matiur Suman as Hurmat and Fuljan performed by Shantona. Lipi, as the protagonist of the play, could have done better

# TV GUIDE

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

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## CHANNEL-i

**R**EUTERS

The dark side of American life

dominated the 56th annual Emmy

limelight were the mobsters of The

Sopranos and the AIDS victims of

Angels in America who walked off

But the evening had a

sentimental side as the stars of

two recently departed prime-time

went to film star James Spader for

his portrayal of an unethical lawyer

on the final season of ABC's The

awards in their categories.

with top awards-- making cable

Awards Sunday last.

network HBO king.

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07:50 Close up Juke Box Parityakto Bari Drama Serial: Shonali Danar Chil 10:00 Drama Serial: Taka

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Crime Watch Expedition to Animal Kingdom Sunsilk Opshora 11:00 Chhobir Gaan 11:30 Putul Nach

12:02 Purono Ekok Natok 02:30 Tin purush 03:05 Tifiner fanke 03:40 Drama Serial: Chena Dukkho Achena Shukh

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1:30 Raikumar 4:40 Kuch Hit Kuch Superhit 4:45 Chunaoti 8:25 Kuch Hit Kuch 04:25 Ke korbe bajimaath Superhit 8:30 Apnar Jigyasha Thakshak 12:10 Nazar Ke Samne 06:20 Shubho Shondhya

comedy favorites -- Sarah Jessica Parker of HBO's Sex and the City and Kelsey Grammer of NBC's Frasier -- won the best acting The evening also had its surprises. The award for best comedy went to Arrested Meryl Streep and Al Pacino accept the awards for Best Actress and Best Actor Development, a critical darling on respectively for Angels in America the Fox network that is struggling to survive poor ratings. And the award for best actor in a drama

After four previous losing bids defending champion, NBC's

for top honors, The Sopranos finally claimed the elusive crown as US television's best drama rubbing out competition from

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Rollerball

Sheena

Gremlins

The Firm

STAR MOVIES

Hannibal

The Replacements

John Carpenter's

**Ghosts of Mars** 

Bollywood Queen

Prelude To A Kiss

Super Troopers

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Kuch Hit Kuch

Kuch Hit Kuch

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Plughead Rewired

Transporter

Awakens

Hannibal

STAR GOLD

Assassination File

Drama Serial:

political drama The West Wing. Angels in America, an adaptation of Tony Kushner's Pulitzer Prize-winning play about

earned four Emmys. Michael Imperioli was named best supporting actor in a drama series for his role as the hitman nephew and Drea de Matteo, who played his ill-fated girlfriend won for best

Roots in 1977.

actress in a mini series.

HBO, which has grown from a movie channel to a powerhouse of original programming, finished the night with 32 Emmys, the most of any network. Its closest rival was Fox, with 10 prizes. NBC was third with eight awards, followed by ABC and the public television

network PBS with seven each.

the AIDS epidemic, won 11

Emmys, the most of any show this

year, and eclipsed the mini-series

record of nine Emmys set by

ABC's seminal slavery drama

Meryl Streep picked up the awards

for best lead actor and lead

conflicted New Jersey mob boss,

Angels stars Al Pacino and

The Sopranos, about a

PICK OF THE DAY



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On ntv at 8:10 p.m. Genre: Drama Serial Cast: Raisul Islam Asad, Subarna Mustafa,



Ghosts of Mars On HBO at 9:30 p.m. Genre: Action / Horror / Sci-Fi Cast: Natasha Henstridge, Ice Cube,

### STAR PLUS 10:30

Zindagi Milke Bitavenge Meri Saheli Maal Hai To Taal 11:30 12:00 Kora Kagaz

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2:00 Bhabhi 2:30 Kesar Kabhi Aaye Na 3:00 Judai 3:30 Kyunki Saas Bhi Kabhi Bahu Thi 4:00 Kahiin To Hoga

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### Zindagi Milke Bitayenge Hit Filmein Hit Sangeet- 20 M Maal Hai To Taal

6:00 6:30 Fox Kids 7:30 Kumkum - Pyara Sa Bandhan Boom Dekho Magar Pyaar Se 9:00 Kasautii Zindagi

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12:00 Kaahin Kissi Roz

### STAR WORLD 10:30 That 70s Show Yes Dear

Boston Public Still Standing 1:00 Becker 1:30 Mac Gyver 2:30 Oprah Winfrey 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 John Doe 9:30 Uc: Undercover Law & Order: Svu

11:30 Baywatch

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India Specials 3

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Ground Zero 1

Xena Warrior

Next Action Star 8

Profiles of Nature XI Animal Imperson-11:30 TV With Teeth Profiles of Nature XI Big Cats **DISCOVERY** 

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### Princess (Season Iii) 11:30 Supernatural Science 12:30 Food, Glorious Food

Hot Dog Heavens Pet Nation Amazing 1:30 Body Challenge: Understanding Fat **Detective Stories:** The Case Studies in Forensic Scie **Drawing Conclusions** Wild Discovery: Blackjack-High Stakes I Love My Music,

Mysteries, Lake

Monsters

My Animal and My House 5:00 Schlessinger Physical Science in Action 5:30 City Cabs Bombay, India Streets Of The World 6:00

Challenge Amazing 6:30 Adventures (lan Wright) 7:30 Wild Discovery: Elephant's Empire The Long Childhood

Science Frontiers **Explosive Situations** 9:30 Supernatural Science Mysteries Extraterrestrial Life

10:30 Healthy Zone Healthy Living Healing Garden Celebrity Doubles Year 2003 11:30 Wings Scrapping

Aircraft Giants NATIONAL **GEOGRAPHIC** 11:30 Planet Wild

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12:30 Nights With Leopards Snake Wranglers The Last Voices From Heaven The Last Voices From Heaven Frontlines Of Construction

4:30 Autobahn Dogs With Jobs 5:30 Hayden Turner's Wildlife Chall Planet Wild Toyota World Of Wildlife On Assignment 8:00

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