

## Ustad Shahadat Hossain Khan

## Upholding a legacy in music

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**D**ESPITE his formidable talent as a sarod player, Ustad Shahadat Hossain Khan prefers to keep a low profile. As he says, "To be in the public eye is sometimes important but not my priority." Today he is content to do two or three programmes annually through the family-run school named Ustad Ayet Ali Khan Sangeet Niketan. The other platform for him is working with the Grand Union Orchestra in London through music composition and performances in Europe.

Shahadat's talent has not gone unrecognised. In 1994, he was honoured with the Ekushey Padak, the highest national award of Bangladesh for his contribution in the field of music. He has also travelled overseas with his sarod, as a member of Bangladeshi cultural delegations to USA, UK, France, Germany, India, Iran, Iraq, North Korea, Hong Kong, and Russia, among others.

Other credits include the composition and direction of music for the documentary films, *Mrityuheen Pran* and *Meet Bangladesh*. There is also his CD, *Ripples in Meadows*, produced by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs for Bangladeshi embassies around the world.

In Shahadat's reckoning he is one of the few sarod players in the country. The others are Yusuf Ali



An engrossed Shahadat at a concert

Khan and Afzalur Rahman.

Why is sarod playing so low key in Bangladesh? "The sarod is a very tough instrument to master and needs a lot of practice. Moreover, the instrument is not readily available here and students have to get it from India. Also there is a lack of sarod teachers in Bangladesh,"

says Shahadat. To some extent he has managed to fill this lacuna through the Ayet Ali Khan Sangeet Niketan, which offers classes in sarod, along with sitar, violin and *mohan veena*.

Shahadat also bemoans the lack of support to instrumental musicians and the trend of opting for instru-

ments such as electronic guitar, keyboards and drums. "Five to 10 years from now, it will be difficult to find acoustic players," he warns.

Shahadat is in a sense born to play the sarod. Coming from the illustrious family of celebrated musician, late Ustad Alauddin Khan (sarod), he is the son of the late

Ustad Abed Hossain Khan (sitar and sarod). That's not all. His grandfather is the late Ustad Ayet Ali Khan (*surbahar*).

No wonder then that at the tender age of seven, he began taking sarod lessons from his father. Later, he studied under his uncle Ustad Bahadur Khan, the celebrated sarod player of the subcontinent. Appreciation came his way in 1972 when he performed an instrumental duet with his uncle Ustad Bahadur Khan at the Alauddin Music Conference in Dhaka.

Along with his father, and as a guest artist of All India Radio, Shahadat performed in Kolkata, Chennai, Mumbai, Srinagar and Delhi. To him goes the distinction of participating in the All India Radio Music Conference (1974) along with renowned exponents of classical music from all over India.

As for the future, Shahadat has his hands full. In the course of his collaboration with Grand Union Orchestra, he strives to compose fusion music and introduce the sarod in different countries. Shahadat makes a fervent appeal that the government support instrumental music. As for TV and radio, he adheres to the belief that the electronic media should increase air time for instrumentalists.

## Twenty greatest Bangla songs of all times

*Ek nodi rokto periye* secures ninth place

## CULTURAL CORRESPONDENT

BBC is doing a survey of 20 greatest Bangla songs of all times and the listeners have selected *Ek nodi rokto periye*, *Banglar akashey roktim surjo anley jara...* as the 9th best. The song from the film *Abar Tora Manush Ho*, written and composed by Khan Ataur Rahman and made memorable by Shahnaz Rahmatullah's unparalleled vocals, recalls the contribution of the freedom fighters during our Liberation War.

According to listeners, this song stands out because it portrays a clear image of the ultimate sacrifice made by a generation that went to war without contemplating the personal gains or losses.



Shahnaz Rahmatullah

## Movies may boost Indo-Pak relations

*Mughal-e-Azam* and *Taj Mahal* released in Pakistan

Sonia Jehan, granddaughter of legendary singer Noor Jehan, as Mumtaz Mahal in the movie *Taj Mahal*

Though the token one-day release of K Asif's *Mughal-e-Azam* has dampened Akbar Khan's spirit slightly, there's a palpable sense of excitement in Lahore as the producer-director Akbar Khan prepares for the lavish premiere of *Taj Mahal* in Lahore, April 26, and in Karachi on April 27.

"It feels like history," enthuses

Akbar Khan. "I'm here in Lahore with my entire family. My brothers Feroz and Sanjay Khan are here. My nephew Fardeen is here. So are Mahesh Bhatt, Pehla Nihalani and Manisha Koirala. Rekha joins us tomorrow. Pakistan's minister of culture will attend. Ambika Soni, Indian minister of tourism and culture, will arrive carrying a letter

from the prime minister. We're trying to get President Musharraf to attend the premier," says Akbar.

Akbar also discusses what he considers the duplicity of the people behind the release of *Mughal-e-Azam* in Pakistan: "They were supposed to release in Pakistan on June 2. But when they heard about our release plans, they decided to hurriedly prepone their release. The film was shabbily released for one day at a down-market theatre named 'Gulistan' just to make preponed history. Such a shame that the work of a man as great as K Asif should be reduced to a game of one-upmanship! In any case, their hasty release has backfired. The film has been poorly screened."

Akbar cheers up as he talks about the release plans for *Taj Mahal*. "We're releasing around 20 prints all across Pakistan. We've handpicked the best theatres across the country. I feel my film could begin a new chapter in cultural relations between the two countries. Both India and Pakistan could benefit immensely from co-productions. I sincerely hope Indian films will be released regularly in Pakistan now."

Source: Internet

## Asad hospitalised

## CULTURAL CORRESPONDENT

Leading stage, TV and cinema actor, Raisul Islam Asad is suffering from lung and liver infection. Currently he is hospitalised at Birdem Hospital.

Freedom fighter Asad embarked on his acting career just after the Liberation War in 1971. The founder member of Dhaka Theatre, Asad has performed in many stage productions, TV plays and films.



Raisul Islam Asad

## Pacino joins Clooney's gang

Ellen Barkin has taken over as the franchise's leading lady, and now Al Pacino has been added to the cast of Warner Bros. *Ocean's Thirteen*.

Julia Roberts won't be back, and it's likely that Catherine Zeta-Jones won't be making a return. Helmer Steven Soderbergh will begin shooting the project on July 21 in and around Las Vegas and Los Angeles.

Pacino and Barkin will now join the returning gang from the first two *Ocean's* movies, including George Clooney, Brad Pitt, Matt Damon, Andy Garcia, Don Cheadle and Bernie Mac. Pacino will play Willie Banks, the owner of a high-profile Las Vegas casino in the upcoming installation.

Warners intend to release the film during summer 2007 in most



Al Pacino

territories, with Village Roadshow distributing in Australia, New Zealand, Singapore and Greece.

Source: Internet

## Strum TV to hit the international waves

## KHALID-BIN-HABIB

The newest entrant in the Bangladeshi electronic media, Strum TV, is all set to go on air. This was announced at a press meet at a city hotel on April 24. The TV channel aims to promote the Bangladeshi youth culture and music both at home and abroad.

The satellite-IP (Internet Protocol) TV channel based in Thailand will begin transmission from mid-June this year. The first phase of transmission will cover Bangladesh, Pakistan, Thailand and US and the second phase will cover India, Sri Lanka, UAE and UK. As part of their regional programme mix, Strum TV will have a two-hour slot of Bangladeshi content every day in the initial phase of operations, with one hour live and one hour pre-

recorded. There will also be live programmes from Pakistan, Thailand and the Middle East.

On the occasion, Umer Sheikh, the CEO of Strum TV (in-charge of Bangladesh, Sri Lanka, India and Pakistan) had an interactive session with the journalists focusing on the overall plans and objectives of the channel and its Bangladesh operations. According to him, 60 percent of the programmes will be dedicated to music, 30 percent to technology and 10 percent to lifestyle and travel.

Among other speakers from Strum TV, Sayeed Zahir, the chief coordinator of music and Sadia Aftab Chowdhury, the head of programme coordination spoke about the channel's commitment to feature Bangladeshi culture.



Strum TV officials at the press meet

## Classical music soiree at Brahmanbaria

Md Alauddin Miah on violin and Jahangir Alam Khan on *sitar*

A classical musical soiree was recently held at the *mazar* (shrine) of Fakir Aftabuddin Khan, the elder brother of the maestro Ustad Alauddin Khan, at Shibpur, Brahmanbaria, says a press release.

Artists presented classical music on instruments such as violin, *sitar*, *sarod* and *banshi* at the programme.

Mostafa Faruk Waheed, Mahmudul Hasan, Khalilur Rahman and Md Alauddin Miah charmed the audience with their impressive performances on the violin. Kamal Zahir was on *sarod*. Ananda Mohan Roy performed on the *banshi* and Jahangir Alam Khan was on the *sitar*.

Moreover, Farzana Waheed rendered songs at the programme.

## 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) at 11:30 pm.

## CHANNEL-i

News (Bangla) at 7:15 am, 9:00 am, 2:00 pm, 7:00 pm, 9:00 pm, 10:30 pm, 12:15 am.  
Telecast of BTV news (Bangla and English) at 11:30 pm.

## ATN BANGLA

News (Bangla) at 7:00 am, 10:00 am, 2:00 pm, 7:00 pm, 10:00 pm, 11 pm.  
News (English) 8:20 am, 7:00 pm.  
Telecast of BTV News (Bangla and English) at 11:30 pm.  
Latest News (Bangla) at 9:00 a.m., 10:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m., 1:00 pm, 3:00 pm, 4:00 pm, 6:00 pm and 8:00 pm.

## ntv

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

## BTV

09:05 Musical Programme  
09:25 *Sashwato Jibon*  
09:35 Open University  
10:00 Satellite Broadcast  
12:15 *Sangbad Potrer Pata Theke*  
12:30 *Shashito Tathya*  
01:30 Selected Programme  
02:15 *Khetle Khetle Computer*  
04:00 *Rupkothor Deshey*  
04:30 *Ei Dhaka Shaei Dhaka*  
05:05 *Protashar Alo*  
05:30 *Drupadi*  
06:00 *Desh O Janopod*  
06:10 Talk Show  
06:35 *Jiboner Alo*  
07:00 *Grontho Vubon*  
07:30 Special Programme On AK Fazlul Haque *Protidin Bangladesh*  
08:35 Weekly Drama  
10:25 *Teknaf Thekey Tetulia*  
11:30 *Apnar Shashito (Live)*

## ATN

08:45 *Mukto Shanglap*  
09:25 Drama  
Series: *Andharer Jatri*  
10:30 Special Programme On ATN Taroka, *Shopner Sherie*  
11:05 Film: *Shukher Shyrgo*  
12:20 *ATN Rannaghar*  
04:20 *Shundor Jiboner Jonjo*  
04:45 *Ispahani Pure Snax*  
05:10 Quiz Time  
05:10 Drama Series: *Sere-Bangla A.K.Fajrul Huq*  
05:45 *Islami Sawaal O Jobab (Live)*  
06:20 *Prapok*  
08:00 *Rock Link*

08:30 Drama Serial: *Ferari Siren*  
09:00 Drama Serial: *Hortoner Bibi*  
09:30 Drama Serial: *Britto*  
10:35 *Char Deyaler Kabyo*

## CHANNEL i

09:30 *Shongbadpotrey Bangladesh*  
09:45 Public Reaction  
09:50 *Grameen Phone Tritiyomatra*  
12:30 *Aaj Dupurey O Citicell Tarokakothon*  
01:05 *Ebong Cinemar Gaan*  
01:45 Public Reaction  
03:05 *Hridoye Mati O Manusher Daak*  
03:30 *Citycell Medha Bikash*  
04:05 *Bashudhara Amader Gaan*  
04:45 *Sa Re Ga Ma*  
05:30 *Rc Tones and Tunes*  
06:00 Music Plus  
06:30 *Amar Chhobi*  
07:50 Drama Serial: *Akashi Ronger Rumal*  
08:20 Drama Serial: *Shutoy Badha Prajapoti*  
09:35 Drama  
Serial: *Sompurno Rongine*  
10:00 *Bhalobashay Boshobash*

## ntv

08:35 *Ajker Shokal*  
09:00 *Siddiqua Kabir's Recipe*  
09:30 *Ki Kotha Tahar Shathey*  
10:05 *Chalochchitro Kotha*  
11:30 *Bangla Feature Film*  
01:05 *Muktangan*  
02:35 Drama Serial: *Labonyoprobha*  
03:15 *Mega Serial: Ronger Manush*

### PICK OF THE DAY

**Sampurna Rongin**  
On Channel i at 09:35pm  
Drama Serial  
Cast: Bulbul Ahmed, Dilara Zaman, Zahid Hassan

**Welcome To The Jungle**  
On HBO at 09:30 pm  
Genre: Action/Adventure  
Cast: The Rock, Sean William Scott

03:50	Drama Serial: <i>Amader Anondo Bari</i>	11:30	<i>Olpo Sholpo Golpo Sports Star</i>	09:00	<i>Cartoon</i>		
04:25	<i>Shapla Kuri Contest 2005</i>	02:00	<i>Baul Mella</i>	09:30	Drama Serial: <i>Gaurochandraka Game Show: Luck Bhelki</i>	09:30	<b>HBO</b>
05:15	<i>Dindarpan</i>	03:00	Drama Serial: <i>Vhara Hobe Seat Khali</i>	10:00	Drama Serial: <i>Meghrong Meye</i>	09:30	Black Rain
05:20	<i>Smitir Janalae</i>	04:00	Drama Serial: <i>Keu Kachhey Keu Durey</i>	10:30	Drama Serial: <i>Media Bhubon</i>	12:00	Looney Tunes: Back in Action
06:20	<i>Shubho Shondhya</i>	05:00	<i>Ha Du Du</i>	11:00	<i>Shudhu Gaan</i>	02:00	The Jackal
06:50	Right Click	06:00	<i>Small Vile</i>	12:00	<i>Deshor Pothey</i>	04:30	The Matrix Revolutions
08:25	Drama Serial: <i>Kachher Manush</i>	06:50	<i>Chokh Meley Dekhi</i>	01:00	<i>Ichhey Ghuri</i>	07:00	Collateral
09:10	<i>Alochon</i>	07:00	<i>Top News</i>	05:00	<i>Get Set Fit</i>	09:30	Welcome to The Jungle
10:00	Drama Serial: <i>Chithi</i>	08:30	<i>Shombhabonar Bangladesh</i>	05:30	Drama Serial: <i>Gharharcha</i>	11:45	Kull The Conqueror
11:25	<i>Dindarpan</i>	09:00	Drama Serial: <i>Vhara Hobe Seat Khali</i>	06:40	<i>Diner Sheshey</i>		<b>STAR MOVIES</b>
12:10	<i>Shangskriti Ei Shaptaho</i>	09:30	Drama Serial: <i>Kanoney Kushum Koli</i>	08:05	<i>Tele-film/Single Episode Play</i>	09:00	Behind The Camera: The Unauthorized Story Of Mork & Mindy
		11:00	Expressions	09:15	<i>Cine Beat</i>	10:30	Librarian The: Quest For The Spear
			<b>BANGLAVISION</b>	09:50	<i>Goper Natok</i>	12:15	Hostile Hostage
				11:00	<i>Sports Round Up</i>	01:55	Deep Rescue
						03:30	Sweetest Thing The Moonraker
						04:50	

07:00 *Five Children And It*  
08:30 *Saw*  
10:15 *The Gathering*  
11:45 *Desolation Sound*

## STAR PLUS

10:30 *Hatim*  
11:30 *Krishna Arjun*  
12:00 *Shararat*  
12:30 *Bhabhi*  
02:30 *Kesar*  
03:00 *Saarthi*  
05:30 *Shaka Laka Boom Boom*  
06:30 *Lilo & Litch*  
07:00 *The Little Mermaid*  
07:30 *Kumkum - Pyara Sa Bandhan*  
07:55 *Bolly V - Star Plus*  
08:00 *Akkad Bakkad Bambe Bo*  
08:30 *Pyaarkedonaam*  
08:30 *Ekraadhaekshyaam*  
09:00 *Kasautii Zindagii Kay*  
09:30 *Millie*  
10:00 *Kavyanjali*  
10:30 *Kahaani Ghar Ghar Kii*  
11:00 *Kyunki Saas Bhi Kabhi Bahu Thi*

## STAR WORLD

11:30 *Grey's Anatomy*  
12:30 *Charmed*  
01:30 *The A Team*  
02:30 *Oprah Winfrey Show*  
04:30 *General Hospital*  
05:30 *Angel*  
06:30 *The Simpsons*  
07:00 *The King Of Queens*  
07:30 *Friends*  
08:00 *Seinfeld*  
08:30 *American Idol*  
09:00 *The Simple Life*  
09:30 *Scrubs*  
10:00 *Arrested Development*  
10:30 *Less Than Perfect*  
11:00 *The Drew Carey Show*

## DISCOVERY

10:30 *On The Run*  
11:30 *Junkyard Wars*  
12:00 *Amazing Baby Videos*  
12:30 *Baby Whisperer*  
01:30 *Wild Discovery*  
02:30 *Detective Stories*  
03:30 *Planet Dinosaur*  
05:30 *Kings of Construction*  
06:30 *Wind Driven*  
07:00 *African Adventures*  
08:30 *Story Of Evolution*  
09:30 *Wild Asia*  
10:30 *Mean Machines*  
11:00 *One Step Beyond*

## NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC

10:30 *Seconds From Disaster*  
11:30 *Violent Planet*  
12:30 *Air Crash Investigation*  
01:30 *Built For The Kill*  
02:30 *Seconds From Disaster*  
03:30 *Be The Creature*  
04:45 *Doc Eureka*  
05:00 *Croc Chronicles S2*  
05:30 *Crittercam-Wildtech Adventures*  
06:00 *Snake Wranglers*  
06:30 *Storm Stories*  
07:30 *Be The Creature*  
08:30 *Megastructures*  
10:30 *Air Crash Investigation S3*  
11:30 *Built For The Kill*

## ESPN

10:30 *Super Spells With Wasim Akram*  
11:00 *The Football Quiz Kick-Off Quarterfinals(R)*  
11:30 *Asian World Cup Qualifiers (Asian)*  
11:30 *Manama Bahrain Bahrain Vs Dpr Korea Group B(T)*  
01:58 *New Zealand Tour Of South Africa, South Africa Vs New Zealand*

2nd Test Day 1 1st Session (L)  
04:00 *The Football Quiz Kick-Off Quarterfinals*  
04:30 *New Zealand Tour Of South Africa, South Africa Vs New Zealand 2nd Test Day 1 2nd & 3rd Session (L)*  
10:00 *Nba Action (R)*

## STAR SPORTS

10:30 *English Premier Football League 2005/06*  
02:00 *English Premier Football League 2005/06 (T)*  
04:30 *Tna Xplosion (T)*  
05:30 *Cricket Classics*  
07:30 *Cricket Classics Great Finishes*  
08:00 *Ecb International Cricket The Natwest Series*  
08:30 *Durham England England Vs India 5th Odi Highlights*  
10:30 *Tna Xplosion*

## TEN SPORTS

10:30 *Italian League Highlights*  
12:30 *Trans World Sports*  
01:30 *Portuguese League H/Ls*  
02:00 *Great Centuries*  
02:30 *Gillette World Cup Football Preview*  
03:30 *German League Highlights Round 31*  
05:30 *WWE: The Bottom Line*  
06:30 *Trans World Sports*  
08:00 *Borderline*  
09:00 *Legends*