

CULTURAL FEAST

Tagore songs



Title: Rabindranath er Gaane Mrityu Bhabna
Venue: Alliance Francaise de Dhaka
Date: August 02, at 7 pm

Book Launch & Musical Soiree



Organiser: Ustad Momtaz Ali Khan Sangeet Academy
Title: Celebrating 91st birth anniversary of Ustad Momtaz Ali Khan
Venue: National Museum, Shahbag
Date: August 01, at 5 pm

Classical Music and Palagaan

Organiser: Bengal Foundation
Venue: Bengal Shilpalaya, 175/F Road no-27, Dhanmondi
Date: Classical songs--August 1
Palagaan Ramayana--August 2
Time: 7:00pm

Recent Sculptures and Drawing Exhibition

Title: Wound
Artist: Towfiqur Rahman
Venue: Gallery KAYA, House-20, Road-16, Sector-4, Uttara
Date: August 04-18
Time: 11:00am to 8:00pm

Solo Exhibition

Title: Pathajatra
Artist: Nurul Islam
Venue: Shilpangan, Road 3, House 13/ A, Dhanmandi
Date: August 04-14
Time: 10:00am to 1:00pm

Photography Exhibition

Title: Nagar Sishu
Venue: National Institute of Mass-Communication, 125/A, Darus Salam, Mirpur
Date: August 01-03
Time: 7:00pm

Theatre

Play: Khudito Pashan
Troupe: Konthashilon
Venue: Mahila Shamiti Auditorium
Date: August 1
Time: 7:00pm

MEMORY LANE

The life and times of Ila Majumdar

MAHMUDA AFROZ

CLASSICAL singer Ila Majumdar has a soft melodious voice as she speaks about her past; a sad yet complacent smile illuminates her face as she talks about the man of her life, late Barin Majumdar. Ila is ever graceful and is widely respected in the music arena.

Born in a highly cultured family in Pabna, it was never tough for Ila to get involved with classical songs. In 1954 she met the charismatic Pandit Barin Majumdar and started training under him. Though Ila never attended school, she gave private examinations and went on to attend college. Once in college, she won many prizes and accolades for her harmonious voice, but it was during an inter-district competition that she won the first prize and established herself as a leading classical singer of the time. From that time onwards she started singing for radio as well as television.

Ila and Barin Majumdar got married in 1960. With Ila by his side, Barin Majumdar fulfilled a cherished dream to open a music college in our country. Established in 1963, the Monihar Sangeet Academy was the first of its kind in the country. Being a student of Lucknow Maurice College, Barin was deeply moved by the plight of singers of our country and their knowledge in this classical form. Hence he designed the curriculum in such a way that roughly 60 percent of the course, covered music whereas the rest of the course covered Bangla, English, History, Geography, Physics, Chemistry and Mathematics. "At the time, everyone thought combining music with education was madness. However, Barin was determined to



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An ex-teacher of logic and philosophy, not to mention classical music, Ila thinks in order to become a good classical singer one has to have a god-gifted voice. She also strongly believes that a good teacher is a must to carry the voice to higher levels. "The student must have deep respect for the teacher and the art," she emphasises.

A follower of the *Agra gharana*, Ila is fond of ragas such as *Jay Jayanti*, *Sankara*, *Puriya dhanasree* and *Bahar*. She stresses the need for every budding singer to have a basic education in at least one form of raga, before venturing out to other branches. While her son Bappa Majumdar is a popular modern singer, he has had the basic classical training from his father Barin, informs Ila.

Ila philosophises, "Many of the youngsters coming up have excellent voices but they don't have the patience to train. Actually the composition of human nature itself is changing. During our times, depth of character and thought was respected, whereas now being light and easy going is preferred. It is so simple to get fame and money in the other form of arts that youngsters naturally would go for that."

Ila no longer teaches music in batches, but she still helps children who come to learn this almost extinct form of art. Though she is very proud of her two sons Bappa and Partho Majumdar, her memories of her daughter whom she lost during the 1971 war and her life partner Barin keep her going.

Cultural evening
Natyoshobha celebrates 31st anniversary

CULTURAL CORRESPONDENT

Cultural organisation Natyoshobha organised a well attended cultural event titled *Kichu kotha kichu gaan* to celebrate its 31st anniversary. The event was held at Sofia Kamal auditorium of the National Museum on July 30.

In his speech, chairperson of Natyoshobha Shahidul Haque Khan said "The success of our organisation rests on the support of the audience."

The cultural programme began with a poetry recitation by Shahzadi Anjuman Ara. Next followed Azad Rahman Shakil. He began his performance with *Har jit*

chirodin thakbe, Tobuo egiye jete hobe, an inspirational song.

Noted singer singer Shahnaz Rahmatullah presented three songs, beginning with *Hayre amar mon matano desh*. Other members of the organisation also pitched in with a performance at the end.

Shongbrita: Showcasing the art of recitation

CULTURAL CORRESPONDENT

Shongbrita, a recital organisation of Dhaka celebrated its first anniversary at TSC Auditorium of Dhaka University on July 30. At the recital ceremony, the best of Bangla poetry was presented. The audience celebrated personal feelings, and collective consciousness of the Bengalis of the last 150 years.

The programme began with the National Anthem. The main attrac-

tion of the programme was the solo performance of 25 recital artistes. Twelve guest artistes and 13 members of Shongbrita gave solo recitals of well-read poems by Tagore, Jibonanand Das, Shamsur Rahman, Sunil Ganguly, Joy Goswami, Syed Samsul Haq, Rudro Mohammad Shahidullah, Nirmolendu Goun, Subodh Sarkar, Mahbubul Alam Chowdhury, Khairul Alam Shobuj, Mufazzal Karim and

Nabarun Bhattacharya.

Though most performances were well received by the audience, many believed that inclusion of a few mediocre poems by the contemporary poets was a damper.

Since its inception, Shongbrita has organised regular performances and conducted workshops to promote the art of recitation.



A group recital by the members of the organisation

Face to Face
Lata Mangeshkar looks back with nostalgia

Melody queen Lata Mangeshkar who has over the years mesmerised people with her voice, gave her audience a chance to listen to her once more - this time in a different tune, with noted singer Sonu Nigam as her host.

In a tete-a-tete with Sonu, organised by Radio City recently, for their listeners, Lata confessed that though she loved singing even at this age, she missed legendary singers and her friends like Mohammed Rafi and Kishore Kumar, with whom she used to enjoy recordings songs.

Getting into the grip of a radio interview, she talked about her life. In her words, "My father, born in Indore, used to run his own drama company and he taught me music. He loved me a lot and use to call me 'Lata baba'. He passed away when I was 13 years old and I had to join films after that."

On her association with some music stalwarts, she said: "I learnt a lot from music directors like Anil Biswas. For example, he taught me while singing when I should release my

breath. I did *riyaz* on that, that was in 1948."

On being prodded by Sonu about her relationship with showman Raj Kapoor, the nightingale of Indian music industry said: "I had a fight with Raj Kapoor because I wanted royalty on the songs which I sung for him, to which Raj Kapoor said 'If all stars come to us and start asking for royalty, you think we will give them?' But I was still adamant and Raj Kapoor had to finally give in."

When Sonu asked her the secret of her refined Hindi and Urdu accent, she said nostalgically, "Mohammed Rafi used to treat me as his sister. He sent somebody to teach me Urdu. I learnt how to speak Urdu and a little bit of Arabic. I have also learnt a little bit of Tamil as I wanted to see a Tamil movie. But I know very little Tamil. I did it because people would also wonder that since I am a Marathi, my diction would not be correct."

She appreciated the compositions of music director S D Burman and his



Lata Mangeshkar
son R D Burman and said their knowledge about music was immense and they knew all nuances of a song.

Source: Internet

Rtv special
Purush: Spotlight on men

CULTURAL CORRESPONDENT

A magazine programme titled *Purush*, featuring men is being aired on Rtv from July 24.

Divided into several segments, the first part, titled *Purbopurush* featured the life style of the successful last generation. The second segment, titled *Uttorpurush* and aired yesterday, focused on the lifestyle of men of this generation.

Mohapurush a programme on towering personalities will be the topic of discussion in this part. A documentary on personalities such as Albert Einstein, Darwin, Tagore, Nazrul Islam, Satyajit Ray, Nelson Mandela and their ideology and philosophy will be portrayed in this section.

The central point in the fifth section titled *Rupkarigor*, will be on hairstyling, fitness, and the fashion

trend for men. *Birpurush*, a programme based on the chivalrous men and the freedom fighters of the country, will be telecast on the sixth segment. *Swapnapurush* will feature men from the glamour world. Potential characters for the segment are Sylvester Stallone, Amitabh Bachchan, Uttam Kuman, Razzak and others.

In *Shaheb Babu Biotokkhana*, the most talked about contemporary personality of the country will be featured in the talk show. *Kapurush* will deal with men who are disturbed and need counseling. The show will indicate how this can be avoided and they can be given a new lease of life. Men from mofussils who have made it to the top will be featured in a programme titled *Uddomipurush*.

Anchored by Mehazad Galib, the programme will be telecast every Monday at 8.50pm.

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

ATN BANGLA
News (Bangla) at 7:00 am, 10:00am, 2:00 pm, 7:00 pm, 10:00 pm, 11pm.
News (English) 8:20am, 7:00pm
Telecast of BTV News (Bangla and English) at 11:30 pm.

CHANNEL-i
Latest News (Bangla) at 9:00 a.m, 10:00 am, 11:00 am, 1:00pm, 3:00 pm, 4:00pm, 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 5:30pm, 7:30pm.
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 Open University
12:15 Songbad Potrer
12:30 Sastho Tatto
01:00 Cartoon
01:30 Sobar Jonno Sikha
02:15 Computer Show
02:40 Selected Programme
03:05 Musical Programme
03:30 Chalantika
04:00 Sangita
04:30 Prothashar allo
05:05 Talk Show: Swanirbhar
06:00 Bangladesh Shondha Maloti
07:10 Quiz Quiz
07:30 Gan Shudhu Gaan
08:35 Protidin Bangladesh
08:45 Drama Serial: Shap Ludo
09:25 Drama Serial: Polatoka Prem
10:25 Teknaf Theke Tetulia

ATN BANGLA
10:30 Anyodrishti
12:15 Amar Computer
01:30 Cine Gaan
02:30 Drama Serial: Teen Tekka
03:15 Drama Serial: O Amar Chokkhu Nai
03:45 Aha Ki Ananda
04:20 Talk Show: Somosamoyik
05:10 Talk Show: Nari
05:45 Islami Sawal O Jobab
06:20 Aynar Samney
08:00 Drama Serial: Ferrari Siren
08:50 Drama: Jojon Dur
10:35 Mukto Shonglap

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08:35 Aajker Shokal
10:30 Music Express
11:00 Cine Gaan
11:30 Gambhira
12:05 Single Episode
01:00 Drama
01:00 Muktangon
02:30 Ramizer Aina
03:50 Drama: Bibarno Bhalobasha
04:25 Gallery
05:15 Din Dorpon
05:20 Apnar Jigyasha
06:20 Shubho Shondhya
06:50 K Tahare Chinita
08:25 Drama Serial: Labonyo Probha

CHANNEL-i
09:30 Shongbad Potrey
09:45 Bangladesh Public Reaction
09:50 Green Phone
11:05 Cricket Online
11:30 Amar Chhobi
12:30 Aaj Dupurey O Citycell
01:05 Tarokakthon
01:30 Shangbad Potre
01:45 Bangladesh Public Reaction
02:40 Selected Drama
04:05 Bosundhora Amider Gaan
04:30 Sharif Melamine

Sangeet Mala
04:50 Sa Re Ga Ma
05:30 i-Sports
06:00 Chhaya Jhankar
06:20 Miror
07:50 Rup Rohoshyo
09:35 LUX Channel i
Super Star

PICK OF THE DAY

Danr Kaak
On Channel 1 at 08:15pm
Drama Serial
Cast: Tauqir Ahmed, Romana

9:50 Amader Anondo Bari
11:25 Din Dorpon
CHANNEL 1
08:40 Shuprobhat Bangladesh
10:00 Bangladesh Feature Film
01:00 Talk Show
03:30 Drama Serial: Daar Kaak
04:30 Bioscope
05:15 Suktara
06:00 Saaj Bela
06:45 Jonotar Istithar
07:00 Nonggor
08:15 Drama Serial: Daar Kaak
09:30 Musical Programme

11:00 Expression
Rtv
09:30 Talk Show: Khola Chokhe Magazine
10:30 Programme: Purush
11:00 Drama Serial: Boro Didi
12:05 ICT Today and Tomorrow
02:30 Islamic Programme
03:30 Drama Serial: Aguntak
04:20 Cinema cinema
05:05 Nazrul Sangeet
05:30 Cartoon
06:00 Aker Bangladesh
06:35 Amar Desh
08:00 Drama Serial: Raja

Strip Search
On HBO at 09:30pm
Genre: Drama
Starring: Glenn Close, Ellen Barkin, Justin Bartha

08:50 Bhawal Shanyashi
09:20 Char Deyal
Drama Serial: Akash Ki Chhaya Jay
10:50 Concert
BANGLAVISION
10:00 Drama Serial: Album
10:30 Public Forum
11:30 Jibon Dhara
12:00 Ebong Classer Bairey
02:30 Apnar Agami
03:00 Shohorer Shesh Bari
03:30 Ki Jadu Bangla Gaaney
04:00 Cine Bit Shada Kalo
04:30 Shudhu Gaan
05:00 Cartoon
05:30 Amader Otithi
06:25 Diner Sheshey
08:10 Drama Serial: Sonar

09:20 Fhoor Agami Kontho
HBO
09:00 Black Rain
11:30 Tales From the Crypt
12:00 The School of Rock
02:15 Ride or Die
04:00 Roswell: The Aliens Attack
05:45 Family Sins
07:30 Kill The Conqueror
09:30 Strip Search
11:15 The Mask of Zorro
02:00 3 Ninjas Kick Back
STAR MOVIES
07:20 Great Outdoors, The
09:10 Ride Arthur

11:30 Stuck On You
01:45 Chasing Papi
03:25 Le Divorce
05:40 Dunston Checks In
07:30 Paid In Full
09:30 First Blood
11:25 Hollow Man

STAR WORLD
08:00 Hollywood Squares - Yr03/04-6082
08:30 The Boys In The Bar
09:00 What Woman Don't Want
09:30 Oprah's Wildest Dream
10:30 Table For Too Many (1)
11:00 Who Done It?
11:30 Pilot
12:30 Still Mother's Day
01:00 L.A. Woman
01:30 Nobody Does It Better
02:30 The Katrina Stories
03:30 The Bold And The Beautiful - 4650-4651
04:30 General Hospital - 10587
05:30 Two Days Of Freedom
06:30 The Day The Violence Ended
07:00 Diane's Perfect Date
07:30 All The Other Ones (1 & 2)
08:00 The Bubble Boy
08:30 Rockstar: Supernova - 205a
09:00 Suv Nail Bed
09:30 I Will Dare
10:30 Sports Illustrated - 4
11:30 The Bubble Boy

SONY
08:30 Shree Ganesh
09:00 Spiritual
09:30 Telebrands Tele
09:30 Shopping
09:30 Chartbusters Music
10:00 Music Mantra Music
10:30 Music Beats Music

11:00 Yeh Meri Life Hai
11:30 Drama
12:00 Kussum Drama
12:30 Jassi Jaisi Koi Nahin
12:30 Drama
12:30 Kaisa Yeh Pyar Hai
01:00 Drama
01:00 Thodi Khushi Thode
01:30 Gham Drama
02:00 Kabhie To Nazar Milao
02:30 Rishshon Ki Dor Drama
02:30 Aisa Des Hai Mera
03:00 Drama
03:00 Ek Ladki Anjani Si
03:30 Drama
03:30 Matinee Movie - Guide
04:00 Movie
04:00 Contd. Movie
07:00 Music Mantra Music
07:30 Chartbusters Music
08:00 Kabhie To Nazar Milao
08:30 Comedy
08:30 Kaisa Ye Pyar Hai
09:00 Drama
09:00 Ek Ladki Anjaani Si
09:30 Drama
09:30 Aisa Des Hai Mera
10:00 Drama
10:00 Thodi Khushi Thode
10:30 Gham Drama
11:30 Akela Thriller/Horror
11:30 Kaisa Ye Pyar Hai
12:00 Drama
12:00 Music Beats Music

NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC

08:30 Wolf Battlefields (Wt)
09:30 Rameses: Wrath Of
11:30 God Or Man?
11:30 Deadliest Catch, High
12:30 Hopes
01:30 Ten Years Younger,
01:30 Alligators With Nigel
01:30 Marvin

02:30 New Detectives - The
03:30 Case Studies In
03:30 Forensic Scie, Hidden
03:30 Obsessions
03:30 Mystery Hunters,
04:00 Princess Anastasia /
04:00 Anna Anderson
04:00 Energy In Action,
04:30 Nuclear Energy
05:30 Wolf Battlefields (Wt)
05:30 Mythbusters - The
06:30 Series (2), Chicken
06:30 Gun
06:30 Extreme Machines Iii,
07:30 Ice Masters
07:30 Big Cats: Secret Lives
08:30 British Empire In
09:30 Colour, Legacy
09:30 Discovery Spotlight:
10:30 The Hunt For Osama
10:30 Bin Laden
10:30 Extreme Engineering
11:00 3, Bay Bridge
11:00 Fbi Files, The, Broken
12:30 Trust
12:30 No Programme Details

DISCOVERY

8:30 Africa Week
9:30 History in Colour
10:30 Nearly History
11:30 Extreme Machines
12:30 Discovery Health Diary
01:30 Wild Discovery
02:30 Detective Stories
03:30 Truth or Scare
04:00 Zach's Ultimate Guide
04:30 Africa Week
05:30 Extreme Engineering
06:30 Risk Takers
07:30 Wild Discovery
08:30 Sci Zone
09:30 Mythbusters
10:30 Mega Builders
11:30 Medical Detectives