

CULTURAL FEAST

In conversation with Shantonu Tinkling melodies of santoor

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A recent musical concert at Alliance Francaise, Salahuddin Mahmud Shantonu treated the audience to a skillful performance on the santoor, a Kashmiri folk instrument.



hectic schedule made it difficult for him to stay in Mumbai for long periods of time. When he could do so, selective students got to train under him.

"However, this exposure is not sufficient from a career point of view," says Shantonu.

Shantonu has worked with Swanee Zubayeer in the ghazal singer's recent album and has also accompanied Habib in his latest album.

"A student from Japan, Maree has been training for over 11 years and is adept in Indian classical music, playing ragas and very complex taals as well," goes on Shantonu.

Shantonu has performed at concerts at Shilpakala Academy, Alliance Francaise and the Bengal Foundation.

seems ripe to think about creating an orchestra with a minimum number of 25 violinists, two-four tabla players, three rhythm artistes, a saxophone player, four sitar and sarod players, keyboardist, and a cello player.

"The role of sponsors is all the more important as, unlike the situation in India, the audience is very segmented in Bangladesh and creates a challenging proposition when you think of doing anything on a large scale!

"To develop this art form, one needs to look at it from a world-stage point of view. The instrument has been closely intertwined with the cultural scene for over centuries, and I see no reason why with the help of patrons, it cannot thrive for centuries more," sums up the talented musician and composer.

TV Watch Special Talk Show on World Health Day

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O Mon Monrey--a special talk show on World Health Day will be aired on Channel i today at 3:50pm.

tance of raising social awareness against it.

In today's competitive and stressful environment, suicide has become a very common phenomenon. Very often this extreme step is linked to mental illness.

The show will feature discussions from renowned artist Mustafa Monwar and Anowara Syed Huq. Professor M A Sobhan will give a scientific explanation of suicide. A short film on suicide will also be shown. Dr Salauddin Kauser will host the programme.



Discussants at the programme

'Islam ki boley, Amra ki kori' awarded

Popular Islamic talk show on ATN Bangla Islam ki boley, amra ki kori has received The Asian City-Dhaka Cultural Reporters Unity (DCRU) Award 2005 as the 'Best Islamic Programme' in the television category.



Award recipients seen with the chief guest (2-R)

members of other religious communities participate in the discussions. Hosted by eminent Islamic thinker and nuclear scientist Dr M

Shamsher Ali, the talk show is aired every Friday at 10:30am and every Wednesday at 4:20pm.

Three-day cultural programme by Udichi's UK unit



Artiste of Udichi, UK perform Tagore's Shyama

Prior to the seventh anniversary of Udichi Shilpi Goshti in UK, a three-day cultural programme was organised at Mile and Park Art Pavilion, East London recently, says a press release.

The cultural event featured discussion, recitation, rendition of

classical music, dance, exhibition of books, staging of Tagore's dance drama Shyama and others. Along with the activists of the organisation, guest artistes also performed at the programme.

At the inaugural, participants paid rich tributes to the late poet

Shamsur Rahman. Professor Zillur Rahman Siddiqui was the chief guest while Golam Mostafa, president of Udichi Shilpi Goshti, UK Unit, chaired the programme.

The get together for Bangladeshi expats pulled in a huge crowd.

George Lucas readies 'Clone Wars' for TV

The wars aren't over for Star Wars creator George Lucas.

Lucas said last week he's making an animated TV series of Clone Wars that could air next year, although he hasn't sold the show to a network yet.

The series is set during the time when the Republic is fighting a civil war against separatists led by Count Dooku.

The mythic period hasn't been dealt with too much in the popular Star Wars movies, so "it's a fun place to go," Lucas said.

"It basically has all the main characters" such as Anakin Skywalker and Obi-Wan Kenobi, Lucas said, but the stars who played them in the movies won't voice them for the TV show.

The show is planned as a continuation of the Emmy-winning Clone Wars that aired in 25 episodes on the Cartoon Network from 2003 to 2005. That series used limited animation. The new version will use 3-D computer graphics.

Source: Internet



The 2003 version of Clone Wars on Cartoon Network

Gabbar Singh's new look

"Amjad Khan and I struck a good friendship during Sholay. In fact, I wanted to play the role of Gabbar Singh and I told this to Ramesh Sippy (producer-director of the original Sholay)," Amitabh Bachchan said at a function held to reveal Gabbar's Singh's new look.

It has been three days since the shooting of Ram Gopal Varma's Sholay remake has begun and the film is expected to be released in May 2007.

"30 years ago Gabbar Singh was the villain of Sholay, but today I think he's the real hero. This film is the greatest challenge of my life," Varma said.

"I am overwhelmed and embarrassed to unveil this new look," said Bachchan.

Source: Internet



Ram Gopal Varma (L) and Amitabh Bachchan unveil the new look of Gabbar Singh

TV GUIDE

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

News Bulletin

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Tomorrow Islamic Programme 02:30 Drama Serial: Aguntak 04:20 Cinema Ar Gaan 05:10 Oishargjomoy Mahe Ramjan 06:00 Aiker Bangladesh 06:35 Amar Desh 08:00 Kotota Path 08:50 Char Dewal 09:20 Drama Serial: Akash Ki Chhoa Jai Rtv Exclusive CHANNEL 1 08:40 Shuprobhat Bangladesh 09:30 Drama Serial: Rastro Bonam Eka Raat Birate 12:30 Talk Show: Mot Motanor 03:00 Drama Serial: Daar Kaak 04:00 Gaaner Khata 04:30 Eid Bazar 05:10 Magferater Mash Romjan 06:10 Saaj Bela 06:45 Jonotar Ishthihar 07:00 Romjaner Swad 08:15 Drama Serial: Daar Kaak 09:00 Rupanteror Golpo 09:30 Amr Nayokera BANGLAVISIO N 09:30 Drama Serial: Rastro Bonam Eka Raat Birate 10:00 Raat Birate 10:30 Public Forum 12:00 Ebong Classer Bairey 02:30 Magno Chaitanne Sish 03:00 Amader Rannaghor 03:30 Desher Potney 04:00 Music Rhythm 04:30 Jibon Dhara 05:00 Khrosi Amdeed Mahe Romjan 06:25 Diner Sheshey 06:40 Amader Rannaghor 07:55 Eider Haowa 08:10 Drama Serial: Shonar Fhool 09:20 Agamir Kontho 12:00 Kaajjal - Sabbki Ankhon Mein Basi Comedy 09:30 Aisa Des Hai Mera Drama 10:00 Thodi Khushi Thode Gham Drama 10:30 Akela Thriller/Horror 11:00 Akela Thriller/Horror 11:30 Khauffaak Thriller/Horror STAR PLUS 09:30 Kulkum - Pyara Sa Bandhan 10:00 V Trailers - Star Plus 10:30 Shaka Laka Boom Boom 11:30 Karm Apna Apna 12:30 Resham Dankh 01:00 Kasautii Zindagii Kay 01:30 Kulkum - Pyara Sa Bandhan 02:00 Bhabhi 02:30 Kesar 03:00 Saarthi 03:30 Kyunki Saas Bhi Kabhi Bahu Thi 04:00 Kahini To Hoga 04:30 Karm Apna Apna 04:30 Karm Apna Apna 05:00 Pritviraj Chauhan 05:30 V Trailers - Star Plus 06:00 Mum Tum Aur Hum 06:30 Buzz on Maggie 07:00 Timon and Pumba 07:30 Hatim 08:30 Antariksh 09:00 Kasautii Zindagii Kay 09:30 Viraasat 10:00 Karm Apna Apna 10:30 Kahaani Ghar Ghar Kii Kyunki Saas Bhi Kabhi Bahu Thi 11:00 Kahini To Hoga 11:30 Batman 12:00 Monia Lisa Smile 02:30 White Chicks

PICK OF THE DAY



Ferari On Channel i at 8:20pm Drama Serial Cast: Tauqir Ahmed, Dolly Zahur



Americas most haunted places On Discovery at 11:30pm Featuring most haunted and strangest places in New Orleans

09:00 Mein Basi Drama 09:30 Aisa Des Hai Mera Drama 10:00 Thodi Khushi Thode Gham Drama 10:30 Akela Thriller/Horror 11:00 Akela Thriller/Horror 11:30 Khauffaak Thriller/Horror STAR MOVIES 08:00 Cold Mountain 10:35 My Favorite Martian 12:15 Last Shot, The 01:45 Siblings 03:15 City Slickers 2 05:15 Jacket, The 07:00 Ginger Snaps : Unleashed 08:40 Ginger Snaps Back: The Beginning STAR WORLD 09:00 The Drew Carey Show 09:30 The Oprah Winfrey Show 10:30 My Wife And Kids 11:00 Yes Dear 11:30 Wild Card 12:30 Everyday Loves Raymond 01:00 Becker 01:30 Knight Rider 02:30 Oprah Winfrey Show 03:30 The Bold And The Beautiful 04:30 General Hospital 06:00 Monk 07:00 Cheers 07:30 Friends 08:00 Seinfeld 08:30 Criss Angel Mindfreak 09:30 One Tree Hill 10:30 Ghost Whisperer 11:30 Seinfeld 12:00 Friends NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC 09:30 Nat Geo Junior 10:00 Wildlife Diary 10:30 Untamed 11:30 Sunday Night Special 12:30 Different Ball Game 01:00 More Weddings 01:30 Riddle Of The Dead 02:30 Be The Creature 03:30 Unwind 04:00 Unwind 04:30 Big Bang - S 7 05:00 Nat Geo Junior 05:30 Unwind 07:30 Snakes 08:30 Naked Science 09:30 Is It Real? 10:30 Unwind 11:30 More Weddings & Funerals 11:30 Bug Attack DISCOVERY CHANNEL 08:30 Wild Discovery Spirit of The Mountain 09:30 Discovery Marquee Krakatoa 11:30 Extreme Machines Daring Aviators 12:30 Understanding Fat 01:30 Africa Week Elephant: Spy In The Herd 02:30 Detective Stories Guilty Or Innocent? 03:30 Ultimate Guide Ultimate Guide: Submarines 04:30 Wild Discovery Spirit Of The Mountain 05:30 Junkyard wars Jet Trikes 06:30 Deadliest Catch Long Sleepless Nights 07:30 Africa Week The Rivers Of life 08:30 Honey We're Killing The Kids Sugar And Spite 09:30 Baby Story Baby Lantz Runway Moms 10:30 Science Frontiers