

Jasimuddin Festival ends

Evergreen folk songs move the audience



Malay Kumar Ganguli (left) and Kiron Chandra Roy render songs at the programme

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The three-day 'Jasimuddin Festival' organised by the Department of Production, Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy, ended on June 5 at the National Theatre Stage. To pay homage to the Palli-kobi, his works were presented through music, dance-drama and recitals. On the last day of the festival, evergreen songs written by Jasimuddin were rendered by 21 leading folk singers of the country. Folk songs belonging to genres like *Moromi*, *Bichhedi*, *Bhatiali* and *Shari* were performed at the programme.

Jasimuddin is widely known for his poems

such as *Nakshi Kanthar Math*, *Shojon Badiyar Ghat*, *Kabor* and many more, in which he captured the essence of rural Bengal and the unpretentious lives of peasants. However, most urbanites are not acquainted with his skills as a lyricist and composer. Perhaps many are not aware that familiar folk songs including *Amar har kala korlam re*, *Amaye bhashaili re*, *Bondhu rongla re*, *Nishithay jaiyyo phulo bon-e*, *Nodir kul nai kinar nai re* and *O amar dorodi* were written by the poet.

Most of the songs by Jasimuddin belong to *Moromi* (devotional) genre. These songs can be interpreted in more than one way; an unmistakable trait of mystic songs. Refer-



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ences to relatable characters and elements like "friend", "boatman" and "river", the poet articulated his love for God.

The programme began with the rendition of a *Bichchhedi* (melancholy) song *Tumi kaindo na orei amar jabar bela* by Sardar M Rahmatullah. Meena Barua sang *Ujan ganger naiyya*. Kiron Chandra Roy presented *Tumi jabey bhai* -- a fusion of folk and classical music. An emotionally charged Deepti Rajbongshi's rendition of the devotional song *Swarup tui binay dukkho bolbo kar kachhe* moved the audience.

Stentorian vocals of Malay Kumar Ganguli, Bipul Bhattacharjee, Abu Bakar Siddiqui and Khogendranath Sarkar during

presentations of songs -- *O amar dorodi*, *Amaye bhashaili re*, *Jarey chhere elam obohele* and *Ami baiyya baiyya kon ghatay* respectively were also enjoyable.

The evening also included solo renditions by noted and talented upcoming singers including Indramohan Rajbongshi, MA Khaleq, Kanon Bala Sarkar, Chandana Majumdar, Nadira Begum, Abdul Karim Khan, Nashid Kamal, Sheikh Sadeq Ali, Iffat Ara Nargis, Naznin Akhtar Shurjo, Sheikh Hemayet, Anima Mukti and Nasrin Ferdaus Chaman.

In focus

Fakir brothers: A legacy of flute-making

AMINUL ISLAM, Mymensingh

The melodies of Khaleque Fakir's *banshi* (flute) have charmed music enthusiasts at home and abroad. Flutes made by Khaleque and his brothers have made their way to countries including US and Japan. Khaleque, 56, oldest of four brothers was born at Koror Nagua village in Mymensingh district. Son of late Hashu Fakir and Mukul Jaan, Khaleque involved himself with his father's passion.

According to Khaleque, he and his brothers -- Malek Fakir, Nurul Amin Fakir and Qayyum Fakir -- are carrying on a legacy passed on to them by their father. They learnt how to make and play flute under his guidance.

For the family's skills in making and playing flute for over five decades, the village Koror Nagua has earned quite a reputation among people of Mymensingh, Sherpur and Netrokona districts.

Khaleque joined his father's profession at the age of seven and eventually all the brothers joined him.

The brothers make flutes of different kinds and sell these in bulk, often marking special occasions including *Pahela Baishakh*, *Janmashtami*, *Rath Mela*, *Eid* and the several *puja* festivals. Flutes made by them bear attractive names, like *Aar*, *Kalamkata*, *pata*, *Naghini*, *Fuichura*, *Tipara*, *Mohan* and *Krishna banshi*. Khaleque says that among their creations, the *Kalamkata banshi* is exported to US, Canada, Japan and India. Other kinds are sold at local markets and shops.

However, the inside story is quite different from the impressive veneer. Though their flutes are sold at attractive prices overseas, these flute-makers receive only a meager fraction of that. The production cost of a flute is around BDT 4/5, due to increase in price of raw materials. The brothers sell their flutes for BDT 6/7 each. A *Kalamkata* flute is sold at USD 2.50 (approximately BDT 173) in US.

The Fakir brothers use a specific type of bamboo, locally known as "tara", for making flutes. For the finishing touch, a flute needs five

colours; other ingredients like spirit, *rajan*, *kaharba* and *ranamastaki* are used to make the colours glossy and lasting, says Khaleque.

Currently the brothers have an order for 25,000 flutes. However, they are not excited as they feel that the middlemen are depriving them of reasonable price.

According to Khaleque, one Arun Karmakar in Mymensingh town buys flutes from them at a minimal price. The middleman has contacts with one Shah Newaz, proprietor of a store at Aziz Co-operative Supermarket in Dhaka, where the flutes are sold at a much higher price. "We are deprived of fair prices as the exporter has no contact with us," says Malek Fakir. Khaleque and his brothers feel that their work is deeply rooted in our culture and all concerned should come forward to support this profession as well as the artists engaged in it.



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Khaleque Fakir and his flutes

Dustin Hoffman to star with John Abraham

John Abraham seems to be getting what everybody else just dreams of. In all probability, he is all set to share the screen with Hollywood star Dustin Hoffman in Deepa Mehta's forthcoming project *Luna*. The film is based on the life of American environmentalist Julia Hill, to be played by British actress Rachel Weisz.

According to Deepa Mehta, the producers --

Warner Brothers -- are negotiating with Hoffman who is slated to get the role of the head of the lumber company against whom Hill protested.

Deepa Mehta is obviously excited about the film and aims to start shooting for *Luna* towards June end.

Source: Internet



CULTURALFEAST

Odissi Dance Performance

Artist: Kiran Segal and her troupe
Organiser: High Commission of India
Venue: Osmani Memorial Hall
Date: June 8
Time: 7pm

Musical Evening

Artist: Swani Zubayeer
Organiser: Dhaka Music Conservatory
Venue: National Museum Auditorium
Date: June 8
Time: 5:55pm
Tickets available at Shagor Publishers on Bailey Rd, Pathak Shamabesh at Aziz Co-operative Supermarket, Piano at Rifles Square and Geetanjoy at Rifles Plaza, Neelkhet

Solo Recitation

Artist: Mahidul Islam
Organiser: Shongbrita
Venue: Shawkol Osman Memorial Auditorium, Central Public Library
Date: June 8
Time: 6:30pm

Art Exhibition

Title: Lines of Madness
Venue: Goethe Institute Gallery
Date: June 4-14
Time: 10am-8pm (closed Friday and Saturday)

ALL TIME GREATS

Francois Truffaut: Pioneering the 'French New Wave'

"The film of tomorrow appears to me as even more personal than an individual and autobiographical novel, like a confession, or a diary.... The film of tomorrow will resemble the person who made it, and the number of spectators will be proportional to the number of friends the director has. The film of tomorrow will be an act of love."

— Francois Truffaut, in *Arts* magazine, May 1957

Francois Truffaut, (February 6, 1932-October 21, 1984) one of the founders of the French New Wave in filmmaking, remains an icon of the French film industry. In a film career spanning just over a quarter of a century, he wore the mantle of screenwriter, director, producer and actor in over 25 films.

Truffaut's films reflected his three professed passions: love of cinema, interest in male-female relationships and fascination with children. He embarked on filmdom with shorts (*Une Visite*, 1954 and *Les Mistons*, 1957) and as assistant to the famous Robert Rossellini. In 1959 he completed his first feature film, a semi-autobiographical childhood story *The Four Hundred Blows* about a troubled adolescent named Antoine Doinel. This film was to be a precursor to others, which captured Dionel's youth and young adulthood -- the *Antoine and Colette* episode of *Love at Twenty* (1962), *Stolen Kisses* (1968), *Bed and Board* (1970) and *Love on the Run* (1979). The common thread in the films was actor Jean-Pierre Leaud who played the part of Antoine. *The Four Hundred Blows*



who dominates their lives, *The Wild Child* (1970) in which Truffaut starred as the historical Dr Jean

Itard. Others followed, including *Such a Gorgeous Kid Like Me* (1973), *Day for Night* (1973), *Small Change* (1976), *The Man Who Loved Women* (1977) and the mellow thriller *Confidentially Yours* (1983). *Day for Night* won an Academy Award for the Best Foreign Language Film.

At the other end of the spectrum are fatalistic films imbued with a Hitchcockian fascination with life's darker side: *The Bride Wore Black* (1968), his explicit homage to Hitchcock; *Two English Girls* (1972) about a writer and his affairs with two sisters; *The Story of Adele H* (1975), a harrowing tale of unrequited love and *The Last Metro* (1980).

Truffaut also chose other creative paths. In 1976 he accepted an invitation from acclaimed American filmmaker Steven Spielberg to star in *Close Encounters of the Third Kind*. His role was that of a scientist in search of communication with extra-terrestrials.

Truffaut also had several publications to his credit: A book-length interview with Hitchcock, titled *Hitchcock-Truffaut* (1967) and critical essays collected in *Les Films de ma Vie* (1975), apart from his letters published posthumously in *Francois Truffaut Correspondance* (1990) with a foreword by Jean-Luc Godard.

Truffaut's life was nipped by a brain tumour. However his legacy lives on and continues to inspire a whole new generation of filmmakers all over the world.

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TV GUIDE

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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. (To be telecast on all Bangla channels).

CHANNEL-i

News (Bangla) at 7:15 am, 9:00am, 2:00pm, 7:00pm, 9:00pm, 10:30pm, 12:15am.

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
Latest News (Bangla) at 9:00 am, 10:00 am, 11:00 am, 1:00pm, 3:00 pm, 4:00pm, 6:00 pm and 8:00 pm.

CHANNEL 1

News (Bangla) at 8:00am, 12:00pm, 2:30pm, 6:30pm, 7:30pm, 10:00pm, 12:30am

BANGLAVISION

News (Bangla) at 8:00am, 2:00pm, 6:00pm, 7:15pm, 10:30pm.
News Headlines (Bangla) at 10:00am, 12:00am, 4:00pm.
News Headlines (English) at 8:05pm

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News (Bangla) at 10:15pm. and 12:15am

BTV

08:45 Bishwa Bichitra
11:15 Jibon O Jibika
11:40 Angona
12:05 Maa O Shishur Kotha
12:30 Selected Programme
13:00 Shukhi Poribar
13:30 Swapner Deshey
14:00 Esho Gaan Shikhi
14:30 Cartoon
15:00 Ei Prithibi
15:30 Alor Pather Jatri
16:00 Banshuri
16:30 Documentary
17:00 Programme
17:30 Etyadi
18:00 Dhomo O Jibon
18:30 Sangeeta
19:00 Jibon Kotha
19:30 Protidin Bangladesh
20:00 Drama: Tomar Kono
20:30 Ashukh Nei
21:00 Phele Asha Din

ATN BANGLA

08:15 Aikter Shagbad Potro
08:30 Drama Serial: Moner Janala
09:20 Shokal Shondha
09:30 Talk Show: Aktel Annodristi
11:05 Aji Kaal Porshu
12:15 Bangla Feature Film
13:45 Shundor Jiboner Jonno
14:20 Cooking Programme
15:10 Musical Programme:
15:45 Islamic Programme:
16:20 TV Serial: Mugly
18:00 Drama Serial: Shokal Shondha
18:45 Drama: Koto Chena
19:20 Drama Serial: Koto Chena
20:00 Chhayamukh
20:30 GramenPhone Lead News
12:00

CHANNEL-i

08:30 Shokaler Gaan

09:30 Shanbad Potre
09:45 Bangladesh
09:50 Public Reaction
10:00 GrameenPhone
10:10 Tritomatra
12:30 Citycell Tarokakathan
13:05 Ebong Cinemar Gaan
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14:05 Bangladesh
14:15 Public Reaction
14:40 Hridoye Mati O
15:00 Manusher Daak
15:30 National Budget
16:00 Declaration
16:30 Mukti Judho Protidin
16:45 Amar Chhobi
17:00 D Rock Stars 2
17:30 Drama
18:00 Drama Serial: Nishidho
18:30 Bonobhumi
19:00 Ekanyo Barti
19:30 Grameenphone Aikter
20:00 Shongbadpotro

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07:00 Nazrul Song
08:30 Aikter Shokal
08:55 Cooking Programme
09:30 Ki Kotha Tahar Shatey
10:05 Joytitar Joytitar
10:30 Single Episode Drama
11:00 Talk Show
12:15 Japan Video Topic
13:00 Chokkor
13:15 Drama Serial: Ranger Manush
13:50 Drama Serial: Neer
14:25 Enechhi Shurjer Hashi
14:45 Horlicks Genius
15:00 Bangladesh
15:15 Shonkho Bash
15:45 Glamour World
16:00 Drama Serial: Shokhina Bibi

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01:30 Ghorkonnar Gaan
03:30 Dishi
04:00 Shatabdini Aro
07:30 Desh Jurey
08:00 Drama Serial: Biraler

PICK OF THE DAY

Dhula Ora Din
On Banglavisian at 8:15pm
Drama Serial
Cast: Chitro Lekha Guha, Romana

Arrested Development
On Star World at 10:30pm
TV Series
Cast: Jason Bateman, Portia de Rossi

08:30	Oporadh Band Show	09:10	Article Thirty Nine	STAR PLUS	03:00	Saarthi	
BANGLAVESION		STAR MOVIES		08:05	V Trailers - Star Plus	03:30	Kyunki Saas Bhi Kabhi Bahu Thi
09:05	Media Bhubon	05:15	The Greatest Game Ever Played	08:30	Yeh Jo Hai Zindagi	04:00	Kayamath
09:30	Drama Serial: Swapno Chura	07:15	Cake	09:00	Bolly V - Star Plus	04:30	Krishna Kathaiyen
10:10	Deshar Pathay	09:00	Find Me Guilty: The Jackie Dee Story	09:05	V Trailers - Star Plus	05:30	V Trailers - Star Plus
10:40	Drama Serial: Eishob Ondhokar	11:00	On The Lot	09:30	Kumkum - Pyara Sa Bandhan	05:55	Bolly V - Star Plus
11:10	Cinebit Shada Kalo	12:00	Sniper 2	10:00	V Trailers - Star Plus	06:00	Meri Awaz Ko Mil Gayi Roshni
11:40	Nana Ranger Din Guli	01:45	Mozart And The Whale	10:30	Aladdin	06:25	Bolly V - Star Plus
12:40	Drama Serial: Shesh Odhay	03:30	First Daughter	11:00	Kim Possible	06:30	Kasturi
04:15	Sports vision	05:15	Cutting Edge 2: Going For The Go	11:25	Bolly V - Star Plus	07:00	Kahaani Ghar Ghar Kii
05:00	Children's Programme	07:00	Goal!	11:30	V Trailers - Star Plus	07:25	Bolly V - Star Plus
05:40	Diner Sheshey	09:00	The River Wild	11:55	Bolly V - Star Plus	07:30	Shararat
06:25	Shurer Bhubon	11:00	The Big White	12:00	Hatim	07:55	Bolly V - Star Plus
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12:00 Paraya Dhan
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STAR WORLD
07:30 Seinfeld
08:00 Hollywood Squares
08:30 My Wife And Kids
09:00 The Simpsons
09:30 The O.C.
10:30 On The Lot
11:30 Heroes
12:30 Grey's Anatomy
01:30 Third Watch
02:30 The Ellen Degeneres Show
03:30 The Bold And The Beautiful
04:00 General Hospital
05:00 Law & Order: S.V.U.
06:00 Scrubs
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07:30 Danger In The Delta
08:30 Voyage To Kure
09:30 Is It Real?
10:30 Sauna Belt
10:45 Sauna Belt
11:00 Sauna Belt
11:15 Global Sky Shop
11:30 In The Womb
12:30 Inside The Forbidden City
01:30 Monsoon Railway

02:30 Palau
03:30 Is It Real?
04:30 Mad Labs
05:00 A Killer Cure
05:30 Nat Geo Junior
06:00 Gharials Go Home
06:30 Is It Real?
07:30 Greatest Shoal on Earth
08:30 MegaStructures
09:30 Frontline Of Construction
10:30 Is It Real? S3
11:30 Animal Omens
12:30 Inside The Forbidden City
DISCOVERY CHANNEL
07:00 Telebrands
07:30 Baby It's You The Thinker
08:00 Runway Moms All Natural Birth
08:30 Wild Discovery Australia's King Of Spiders
09:30 Destination India
10:30 Himalaya with Michael Palin
11:30 Drama on Discovery I Survived
12:30 Impact Stories of Survival
13:30 How I Met Your Mother
14:00 Finest Hotels in the World
14:30 A Weekend in the Hotel De Paris
15:00 Wildest Week
15:30 Detective Stories Grave Secrets
16:00 Around the World With Tippi Tippi and the Gizzlies
16:30 Mystery Hunters Shadow People
17:00 Wild Discovery Australia's King of Spiders
17:30 Engineering the World
18:00 Rally The Rough & The Smooth
18:30 Planet Action
19:00 Wildest Week Wildest Australia
19:30 Wild India King Cobra And I

09:30 Equator Reefs of Riches
10:30 FuturCar The Brain
11:30 Planet Earth
STAR SPORTS
08:30 Tna Impact (Wrestling)
09:30 Roland Garros Highlights (Tennis)
10:30 International Motorsport News 20
11:30 Cricket Crazy (Cricket)
12:30 Acropolis Rally Of Greece (Auto)
01:00 Samsung Super League With Fei (H)
02:00 Tna Xplosion (Wrestling)
03:00 Wrc Highlights Show (Auto Racing)
04:00 Tna Xplosion (Wrestling)
05:00 Roland Garros Highlights (Tennis)
06:00 Roland Garros (Tennis)
10:00 The Top Corner (Soccer)
10:30 Tna Xplosion (Wrestling)
11:30 Ace By Sony Ericsson (Tennis)
12:00 Fa Cup End Of Season Review Show

ESPN
07:30 Kiana's Flex Appeal (Aerobics)
08:00 Ashes 2005 (Cricket)
08:30 Kia X Games Asia 2007 - Show 4
09:30 2006 Marshall's Us Figure Skatin
11:00 International (Cric
02:00 Nba Action (Basketball)
02:30 Npower Test Series (Cricket)
03:58 Npower Test Series (Cricket)
06:00 India Down Under (Cricket)
06:30 Npower Test Series (Cricket)