

# Gracing the stage with Odissi

Kiran Segal and her troupe perform at Osmani Memorial Hall



Odissi dance exponent Kiran Segal (L) and her troupe members perform at the programme



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## MAHMUDA AFROZ

ODISSI (or Orissi) is the traditional style of dance that originated in the state of Orissa in Eastern India, where it was performed by the *mahari* (temple dancers). It is one of the oldest surviving forms of dance, dating back to 2200 B.C.E (evidence found in the caves of Khandagiri and Udayagiri in Orissa). Odissi is characterised by its curvaceous movements, sculpturesque poses full of languid grace and an imposing demeanour.

The High Commission of India and the Indian Council for Cultural Relations organised a series of dances by Kiran

Segal and her troupe. The troupe performed at the Engineers Institute in Chittagong on June 5 and at the Osmani Memorial Hall in Dhaka on June 8. Another performance will take place at B D Hall in Jessore today. Kiran Segal will also be conducting workshops for Odissi dance students during her trip.

On June 8 the Osmani Memorial Hall was decorated with bright and colourful 'Rangoli'. Kiran Segal started the evening with the *Mangalcharan* – a tribute to Mother Earth. In this dance the artiste offers flowers to the earth. She ends with the *Trikhondi pranam* – a prayer offered to Shiva.

The next performance is traditionally known as *Sthayee*. This showed the

dancer looking in the mirror decorating herself. Though a traditional piece, Kiran had given the dance her own interpretation.

The dance *Ashtopati* was based on a poem written in the 12th Century A.C.E. the composition talks about the rendezvous, love, separation and the reunion of Radha and Krishna. The dance portrays Radha finally meeting her beloved Krishna, but with telltale signs of his unfaithfulness to her.

In total seven dances were performed by Kiran and her troupe. Anuradha Verma, Arushi Sen and Shupriya Nayak were the other members of the troupe.

Kiran Segal is one of the most innovative

among Odissi dancers and choreographers in India today. She is the finest exponent of Guru Mayadhara Raut style of Odissi dance. Her dance is known for its precision, lyrical nature and the traditional nuances, which are fast becoming rare. For her dedication and contribution to Indian classical dance, she has been honoured with titles and awards including Sangeet Natak Academy Award, Padmashree, Neelamadhava award, the Kala Shreshtha Samman, the Indira Gandhi Priyadarshini award, the Kalpana Chawla award for excellence and more.

## CULTURALFEAST

### Exhibition

**Artist:** Ali Akbar  
**Title:** Gogon  
**Organiser:** Gelleri Kaya  
**Venue:** Gelleri Kaya, House 20, Road 16, sector 4, Uttara, Dhaka: 1230.  
**Date:** June 8-15  
**Time:** 11am 8pm

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

### Theatre

**Troupe:** Palakar  
**Title:** Mangula  
**Venue:** Experimental Theatre Stage, Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy  
**Date:** June 10  
**Time:** 7:00pm

### Dilip kumar Retrospective

**Organiser:** The High Commission of India in Dhaka  
**June 10 Dunia**  
**Time:** 6pm  
**Venue:** Indian Cultural Centre, House 25, Road 96, Gulshan-2  
Complementary passes can be collected from the High Commission of India, House 2 Road 142 Gulshan 1 & the Indian Cultural Centre House 25 Road 96, Gulshan 2

## Solo recital evening by Sangbrita

### CULTURAL CORRESPONDENT

Cultural organisation Sangbrita arranged a solo recitation programme titled "Kobita Prohor" at Shawkat



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Mahidul Islam at the poetry recital

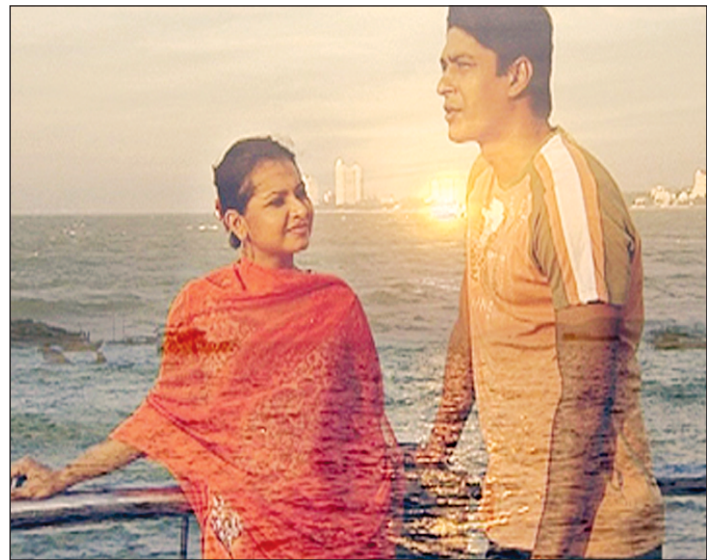
Osman Auditorium in Shahbag on June 8. The event was divided into two sessions – recitation of selected

poems and requests from the audience. Noted artist Mahidul Islam recited excerpts from works of eminent poets.

The recitor started with "Kandte Ashini Phanshir Dabi Niye Eshechhi" by Mahbubul Alam Chowdhury and "Shadhinota, Ei Shobdotti Kibhab-e Amader Holo", "Shei Kotha Bola Holo Na" by Nirmalendu Goon and Daud Haider respectively. He also recited Rabindranath Tagore's "Hothat Dekha", Jibonananda Das' "Ami Jodi Hotam", Shahid Kadir's "Ke Jeno Bolchhe", Syed Shamsul Haque's "Nijke Thik Tomar Jonno" and more. The first session ended with recitation of excerpts from Kazi Nazrul Islam's "Abhishashon".

Second part of the evening featured renditions of poems requested by the audience, including Sunil Gangapadhaya's "Keu Kotha Rakheni", Rudra Mohammad Shahidullah's "Batash-e Lasher Gondho", Rafiq Azad's "Protikha", Syed Shamsul Haque's "Nuroldin-er Shara Jibon", Shamsur Rahman's "Tomake Paowar Jonno Hey Shadhinota" and more. Noted artiste Rabi Sankar Maitri was the anchor of this part. Prodip Kumar Sarkar and Uttam Chakrabarti played the background score in violin and flute respectively.

## New drama serial on Channel-i



Bijori and co-actor in the drama serial

### CULTURAL CORRESPONDENT

Taher Shipon's new 26-episode drama serial *Shesh Theke Shuru* will be aired on Fridays and Mondays on Channel-i at 10pm.

The story revolves around two business associates-- Hridoy and Russel who live in Bangkok. The story takes a dramatic turn when Hridoy falls ill and his other friend

Galib rushes over with his fiancé Kasturi to his aid. From this point Hridoy and Kasturi develop soft corners for each other.

The serial is based on Rabeya Khatun's story, while the script is written by Satirtha Rahman. Shahed, Bijori, Aruna Biswas, Dilara Zaman and Masum Ali Khan play lead roles in the serial.

## Melodies of past and present

### Musical evening by Dhaka Music Conservatory

#### KARIM WAHEED

Dhaka Music Conservatory arranged a musical programme at National Museum auditorium on June 8. Highlight of the evening was *thumri*, *ghazals* and *adhunika* Bangla songs rendered by Swani Zubayer.

Dhaka Music Conservatory is a wing of Centre for Asian Art and Culture (CAAC). "When we formed the organisation six years ago, the emphasis was on western music -- including piano, cello, violin and more," said Zahirul Islam, president of CAAC. He added, "Dhaka Music Conservatory intends to provide a platform for music enthusiasts with varied interests."

Veteran artiste Runa Laila, part of the audience, seemed to be an ardent fan of Zubayer. The diva said, "I was watching this TV show recently and it featured a song by Zubayer. I was so impressed that I called him up and admired his singing. I'm looking forward to a great show."

The first session of the

programme featured violin and guitar recitals by students of Dhaka Music Conservatory. A guitar solo by Mukhtadir Hossain received a warm response from the audience.

Zubayer, who is currently the director of Dhaka Music Conservatory, started with humming a few lines of *Bondhu kon alo laglo chokhey*. The evening was a 'jalsa' in all essence. In between songs the artiste shared his experiences and his attachments to each composition. Zubayer rendered a *thumri* of the legendary Ustad Bade Ghulam Ali Khan. The artiste had the opportunity to receive "taalam" in Indian classical music under the supervision of Ustad Mazhar Ali Khan and Ustad Jawaad Ali Khan (grandsons of Ustad Bade Ghulam Ali Khan) in Delhi.

A rendition of the Mirza Ghalib classic *Aahko chahiye* followed. The singer performed the *ghazal* in a style that was popular in the '30s. The verses were penned by Ghalib when he was still going by the name "Asad".

*Yeh dhua kahaanse uthta hain*, composed by Mir Taqi Mir and popularised by Mehdi Hasan, was next. The artiste also sang *Aye husn beparwa tujhey* and *Ab tho aao saajna*.

Zubayer performed familiar *adhunika* songs including *Ami roye jabo shekhaney*, *Eito shedin tumi, Modhu lagan-o boye jaye*. After repeated requests from the audience, the singer started rendering his own compositions -- *Jodi bolo, Aaj amar mon bhalo nei, Shurer jadukar, Neelakash kalo holey* and *Ajossro kobita* -- from his last two albums *Nirjon Shakkhor* (2003) and *Ajossro Kobita* (2006). A Nazrul Sangeet, *Jobey Tulshitolaye*, certainly made the repertoire intriguing.

The evening wrapped up with renditions of *Chupke chupke*, a popular Ghulam Ali *ghazal*, and *Mujhey tum nazare*.

Radio Today was the media partner and Creatas was in charge of event management.



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Swani Zubayer sings at the show

## Al Pacino picks up lifetime award

US actor Al Pacino has received the American Film Institute's highest honour, its lifetime achievement award.

"It means so many things to be honoured like this," the Godfather star, 67, said at a gala reception in Hollywood's Kodak Theatre. "It feels great."

Later, he joked: "Seeing my life in the movies, I have one question, and that is: Why aren't I in rehab?" A host of Hollywood heavyweights, such as Oliver Stone and Andy Garcia paid tribute to Pacino at the reception.

"The depth of your artistry is only more overwhelmed by the generosity of your spirit and your warmth," said Garcia, who worked with Pacino on *The Godfather: Part III* and *Oceans 13*.

Kirk Douglas was one of the actors to pay tribute to the star. "You're Van Gogh. You're Modigliani. That's who you are."

Stone, who wrote 1983's *Scarface*, lauded the actor's "wicked sense of humour".

"It is with great love and respect that I say goodnight to the bad guy," he said, recalling one of Pacino's famous lines from the gangster movie.

"He's one of the greatest artists



Al Pacino

who ever lived, according to me," said Pacino's sister, Roberta.

The actor is still best known for playing Michael Corleone in the

Godfather movies, but he won the best actor Oscar for *Scent Of A Woman* in 1993.

In the same year, he was also nominated for best supporting actor for his role in *Glengarry Glen Ross*.

But before his film career took off in the 1970s, Pacino's first love was the theatre - which was where actor Kirk Douglas first laid eyes on him.

"Forty-five years ago I was in a theatre and I thought, 'Who is that guy?'" recalled the 91-year-old.

"I look at my little programme and it said Al Pacino."

"I said to him, 'You're going to be a star.' But I didn't expect 45 years later to be here."

Pacino has won numerous acting accolades during his career, which spans over 40 years.

He has been nominated for an Academy Award eight times and was also the recipient of the Golden Globes' prestigious Cecil B DeMille career achievement award in 2001.

Source: Internet

## 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) 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, 2:00pm, 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

#### Rtv

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

#### BTV

08:15 *Prothom Prohor*  
08:45 *Bishwa Bichitra*  
11:15 Drama: *Tomar Kono Oshukh Nei*  
12:30 Selected Programme  
01:00 *Maa O Shishur Kotha*  
01:30 *Mati O Manush*  
02:15 *Lok Lokaloy*  
02:40 Cartoon  
03:05 Educational Programme  
03:30 *Shobar Jonno Cinema*  
04:00 *Angona*  
04:30 *Krira Diganto*  
05:05 Debate  
06:10 *Swastho Kotha*  
06:40 Tagore Song  
07:00 *Shamprotik*  
07:30 *Proshongo*  
07:30 *Nritter Taley Taley*  
08:30 *Protidin Bangladesh*  
08:35 Drama Serial: *Shukh Shur*  
09:00 Drama: *Bathar Neel Podd*  
10:30 Talk show  
10:30 **ATN Bangla**  
10:30 Talk Show: *Onnodrishti*  
11:05 Drama: *Golpo*  
12:15 *Shushtho Thakun*  
01:30 *Shornali Shadakalo*  
02:40 Cultural Programme  
05:00 *Gram Gonjer*  
05:10 *Khobor*  
05:10 Documentary Programme: *Prapok*  
05:45 *The Sword of Tipu Sultan*  
06:25 *Three Stooges*  
08:00 Drama Serial: *Out-*

08:40 *door*  
Drama Serial: *Nir-e Taar Nil Dheu*  
09:20 Drama Serial: *Pichhutan*  
12:00 GrameenPhone Lead News

#### Channel i

08:30 *Shokaler Gaan*  
09:30 *Shangbadpore Bangladesh*  
09:45 Public Reaction  
09:50 *Grameenphone Tritiomatra*  
11:05 Apollo Tele Prescription  
11:30 *Hridoye Mati O Manush*  
12:30 *Citycell Taroka Kathan*  
01:05 *Elong Cinemar Gaan*  
01:30 *Shangbadpore Bangladesh*  
01:45 Public Reaction  
02:40 Drama: *Priobash Budget Bhabna 2007*  
03:05 *BBC Bangladesh Shanglap*  
04:50 *Sa Re Ga Ma*  
05:30 *Muktijudho Protidin*  
06:00 Discussion Programme on Novel: *A Golden Age*  
06:20 South Asian  
07:50 Mega Serial: *Bhober Haat*  
09:35 Drama Serial: *Mon Chhut-e Jay*  
10:00 Drama Serial: *Shada Ranger Swapno*  
11:30 Drama Serial: *Ekanyobarti*  
12:00 *Grameenphone*



**Discussion programme on A Golden Age**  
On Channel-i at 6:00pm  
Programme on Tahmima Anam's novel  
Host: Syed Manzoorul Islam

#### Channel 1

08:40 *Shuprobhath Bangladesh*  
09:30 *Chokh Mele Dekhi*  
10:30 *Bangla Feature Film*  
03:30 *Olpo Sholpo Golpo*  
04:00 *Shondhikhonbey*  
04:30 *Shomoyer Swad*  
05:15 Expression  
06:00 *Saaj Bela*  
06:45 *Itihasher Path Dhorey*  
07:00 *Ekti Tara Duiti Tara*  
08:15 Drama: *Nithor*  
09:30 *Nirjoney*  
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#### Rtv

11:00 Music Music  
11:30 Music Station  
12:20 Music Video  
01:00 Musical Programme: Just Band  
01:30 *Gop Shap*  
02:30 Tele Film: Dating  
05:15 Musical  
Programme: *Path Chaotei Anondo*  
05:55 Rtv Exclusive  
06:00 *Din Protidin*  
06:35 *Gaan Ar Gaan*  
08:00 Drama Serial: *Biyyer Golpo*  
08:45 Wide Angle

### PICK OF THE DAY



**Malcolm in the Middle**  
On Star World at 8:00pm  
TV Series  
Cast: Frankie Muniz, Bryan Cranston

#### ETV

09:20 Drama Serial: *Raat Jaga Pakhi Prio Mukh*  
11:35 *Drama: Kuhak*  
01:30 *Amara Jela*  
02:00 *Swapno Chhuye Jay*  
03:30 *Chirontoni*  
04:00 *Shotabdir Alo*  
04:30 *Dhinak Dhinak Ta*  
05:30 *Ta Na Na Na*  
07:30 *Desh Jurey*  
08:00 Drama Serial: *Shukhi Manush Project*  
10:00 Drama Serial: *Bondhon*

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09:05 Drama Serial: *Shesh Odhay*  
09:30 *Bangla Feature Film*  
02:40 Drama Serial: *Bachelior Dompoti*  
04:15 Music Moments  
05:00 Cine bit  
05:40 *Diner Sheshey*  
06:35 Sports Vision  
08:15 Drama Serial: *Projapoti Din*  
08:55 *Apnar Agami*  
09:30 Drama Serial: *Swapnochura*

#### BOISHAKHI

08:00 *Din Protidin*

09:00 Cartoon  
09:30 Talk Show  
10:25 Quiz Show  
11:00 Drama Serial: *Polatok*  
12:00 *Amar Bangla Gaan*  
12:30 Cartoon  
01:25 Nazrul Song  
02:00 Drama  
03:30 Talk Show: Law and Development  
04:00 Musical Programme: *Gaan Ebong Gaan*  
05:00 Cartoon  
05:30 *Amar Bangla Gaan*  
06:00 Documentary Programme: *Jei Dikey Takai*  
07:15 Talk Show  
09:15 Game Show: Campus Challenger  
09:45 Musical Programme  
11:15 Talk Show: Bangladesh and Me

#### STAR PLUS

09:30 Krishna Kathaiyen  
05:30 Aek Chabhi Hai Padoss Mein  
07:30 Aek Chabhi Hai Padoss Mein  
08:30 Saibaba  
09:30 Priithviraj Chauhan  
10:00 Baa Bahoo Aur Baby  
10:30 Aek Chabhi Hai Padoss Mein  
11:30 Thodi Si Zameen Thoda Sa Aasma  
09:30 Krishna Kathaiyen  
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#### STAR MOVIES

08:45 The Greatest Game Ever Played  
10:45 The Pacifier  
12:30 Fantastic Four  
02:15 The Thin Red Line  
05:00 The Ticket  
05:30 On The Lot  
06:30 Opening Night

07:00 Casanova  
08:55 8 Mile  
10:45 An American Haunting  
12:10 Rapid Fire  
01:45 Bigger Than The Sky  
03:30 Cake

#### STAR WORLD

09:00 Scrubs  
09:30 Desperate Housewives  
10:30 Prison Break  
11:30 Heroes  
12:30 On The Lot  
01:30 Third Watch  
02:30 Falcon Beach  
03:30 The Apprentice  
04:30 Grey's Anatomy  
05:30 Hollywood Shootout  
06:00 Travel Asia  
06:30 Koffee With Karan  
07:30 The Simpsons  
08:00 Malcolm In The Middle  
08:30 Wills India Fashion Week  
09:30 Koffee With Karan  
10:30 Law & Order: S.V.U.  
11:30 Third Watch  
12:00 Psych  
09:30 Artic Kingdom  
10:30 Delhi in Flames  
11:30 Air Hijack  
12:30 Robo Human  
01:30 Deadly Design  
02:30 Palau  
03:30 Wounded Bird  
04:30 Mad Labs  
05:30 Play, Fergus, Blossom  
06:30 Big Bang  
06:00 Leopard Seals  
06:30 Super Copter  
07:30 Dangerous Encounters  
08:30 Vampires  
09:30 Is It Real?

10:30 Trains  
11:30 Interpol Investigates  
12:00 Fire Fighters

#### DISCOVERY CHANNEL

09:30 Discover India  
10:30 Everest: Beyond the Limit  
11:30 Baby Story  
12:00 Baby Whisperer  
12:30 Equator  
01:30 Wildest Week  
02:30 Zero Hour  
03:30 Everest: Beyond the Limit  
04:30 Wild Discovery  
05:30 How do they do it?  
06:30 Equator  
07:30 Wildest Week  
08:30 Discovery's Biggest Shows  
10:30 Night Safari  
11:30 Risk Takers  
09:27 **STAR SPORT**  
09:27 Roland Garros Highlights  
10:27 Spanish Football League  
12:27 2007 Fia World Touring Cars Cham  
12:57 2007 Formula One Qualifying  
01:57 Roland Garros Highlights (Tennis)  
02:57 Motogp World Championship 2007  
07:00 Roland Garros  
10:00 Race Day  
11:00 2007 Formula One World Champions  
12:00 Chequered Flag  
12:00 **ESPN**  
09:00 Npower Test Series