

Ustad Momtaj Ali Khan's 92nd birth anniversary celebrated



Sufia Monwar performs at the programme

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CULTURAL CORRESPONDENT

USTAD Momtaj Ali Khan Music Academy arranged a programme at the main auditorium of National Museum on July 31 to observe the noted musician's 92nd birth anniversary. The programme included a discussion and music.

Noted musician Sudhin Das launched a book on the folk exponent titled *Ustad Momtaj Ali Khan-er Gaan* (Second Part) at the programme. Das,

chief guest at the programme, said, "Ustad Momtaj Ali Khan's name will always be mentioned alongside with folk legends *Abdul Alim*, *Kanai Lal Sheel* and others."

Noted poet Asad Chowdhury and Golam Kuddus, general secretary of Bangladesh Sammilita Sangskritik Jote were also present at the programme. Rupu Khan, daughter of Ustad Momtaj Ali Khan and executive director of the academy, presided over the programme.

Musical performances followed

the discussion. Folk singers performed popular songs of Ustad Momtaj Ali Khan.

Among Khan's numerous compositions, *Rangila rangila*, popularised by Sachin Dev Barman; *Allah megh dey*, popularised by Abdul Alim and several other noted artistes, *Chara gachhe phul fuitachhey* and *Agey jani narey doyal* are considered classics.

"Majh Rater Manushera" goes to World Theatre Congress

CULTURAL CORRESPONDENT

Loko Natya Dal's production *Majh Rater Manushera* is participating at the 28th session of World Theatre Congress and International Theatre Festival organised by International Amateur Theatre Association (IATA). The congress continues from July 26 to August 10 in Masan, South Korea. Slogan of this year's IATA congress is "Peace and harmony: Harmony of Oriental and Occidental Theatre".



A scene from the play

Loko Natya Dal will stage *Majh Rater Manushera* (translation of a play by Chinese playwright Gao Sheng Xian) today at the Olympic Theatre. Liaquat Ali Lucky is the director of the play.

Moreover, Liaquat Ali Lucky, the chief of Bangladesh Centre of IATA, who is also the vice president of Asian Regional Committee of IATA, will attend the World Theatre Congress and will conduct a workshop.

"Eksho Bosta Chaal" staged



Young actors from different troupes perform in the play

ERSHAD KAMOL

Eksho Bosta Chaal, a Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy production, was staged on July 31 at the National Theatre Stage.

The play is set against the backdrop of the transitional period of 'Shogunate era' to 'Meiji' resurrection. *Eksho Bosta Chaal* features a chaotic scenario of the post 'Boshin War' (1868-69) when the legendary Japanese warriors, popularly known

as Samurai, had to constantly struggle to be financially solvent. As a result, like many other Japanese domains, people of Nagaoka became corrupt.

Abdus Selim has translated *Eksho Bosta Chaal* from the Japanese original -- a play by Yuzo Yamamoto. Optimistically the play concludes with the fact that human beings can keep alive a dream even under the harshest of circumstances.

Directed by Golam Sarwar, Faiz Zahir and Zunaid Eusuf are the set

designers of the play. Thandu Raihan is the light designer and Ahsan Reza Khan Tushar is the music composer.

The play performed by young actors from different troupes from Dhaka, is an output of a 10-day workshop on Samurai style conducted by Japanese instructor Kimura Shinji. It is a joint production by Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy, Embassy of Japan, The Japan Foundation and Japan Bangladesh Chamber of Commerce and Industry.

CULTURALFEAST

Theatre
Play: Bhager Manush
Troupe: Samay Shanskritik Goshthi
Venue: Mahila Samity Stage
Date: August 3

Musical Soiree
Organiser: Centre for Asian Art and Culture
Venue: Centre for Asian Art and Culture, 62, Science Laboratory Road
Date: August 4
Time: 5:30pm

Art Exhibition
Title: Art Camp-2007
Organiser: Shilpangan Gallery, House 26, Road 3, Dhanmondi
Venue: Shilpangan Gallery, House 26, Road 3, Dhanmondi
Date: July 27 to August 7
Time: 12pm to 8pm

Solo Art Exhibition
Title: The Endless Mystery
Artist: Rafiqul Islam Chowdhury
Venue: Saju Arts & Crafts, F/28, D.C.C. North Super Market, 2nd Circle Gulshan
Date: July 23 to August 7
Time: 10am to 8pm

Live Music at Kozmo
Artists: Bogey and Ektar all stars
Venue: Kozmo Lounge, Bikalpa Tower (3rd Floor), Plot 74, Road 5/A, Sat Masjid Road, Dhanmondi
Date: August 3
Time: 6pm

Solo Sculpture Exhibition
Title: Branches and Twigs
Artist: Ferdousy Priyabhashini
Venue: Bengal Gallery of Fine Arts, House 275/F, Road 27 (old), Dhanmondi
Date: July 30 to August 10
Time: 12-8pm

Tête-à-tête

Mukti-Rajkumer: An artiste duo on the rise

AHSAN HABIB

Artiste duo Sharif Alam Rajkumar and Monira Mukti Anupoma are making headway in the music industry. Though their musical career is still at an early stage, music enthusiasts are taking note of their endeavours.

At stage shows their duets as well as solo performances have received much acclaim. "The stage shows give us a chance to sing some of our best songs," says Mukti.

The duo reveals their sense of humour, thoughts on music, which

comes through while discussing several aspects of live performances. "The moment we begin discussing a song, certain ideas are introduced and we become aware of each other's views. We are both passionate about live shows, and music in general. We both work obsessively on a song until it's finalised," says Rajkumar.

Mukti has been working as a playback singer for the last five years. She has rendered songs for over 50 films including *Hajar Bochor Dhorey*, *Dui Noyoner Alo*, *Golapi Ekhon London-e* and others. She won the title "Best

Playback Singer" in Film Awards '05 jointly organised by Concord and Keya Cosmetics for the song *Tumi shutoye bedhechho shaplar phul* from *Hajar Bochor Dhorey*. Mukti is currently working on a solo album that is expected to hit the local market soon.

Both Mukti and Rajkumar took music lessons in Nazrul Sangeet at Bulbul Academy of Fine Arts (BAFA). They trained under Bedaruddin, Rafiqul Islam, Yakub Ali Khan, Mangal Chandra and Sujit Mustafa. While they still continue practicing Nazrul songs, they turned to *adhunika gaan* in 1996, a genre that is more lucrative. "Artistes with a strong base in classical and Nazrul songs, are capable of performing songs of diverse genres effortlessly," Rajkumar says. Both are enlisted in radio and television channels since 2000.

Mukti holds a high regard of working with music directors like Ahmed Imtiaz Bulbul, Alauddin Ali, Emon Saha and Shawkot Ali Emon. "I have been fortunate to work with such talented music directors," she says.

To date *Bhalobashar Baina* is the only album by Rajkumar. Mukti has worked in four mixed albums and a solo album titled *Jhinuker Moto*.

Mukti and Rajkumar intend to entertain music lovers with their songs for decades. Rajkumar also plans to compose music in the coming days.



Mukti and Rajkumar entertain music enthusiasts

New drama serial "Astey Astey" to be aired live on Channel-i

CULTURAL CORRESPONDENT

Channel-i will start airing a new drama serial, *Astey Astey*, from tonight. The drama serial will aired live every Thursday and Saturday at 11:30pm. On the occasion Channel-i arranged a programme and aired it on July 28.

Faridur Reza Shagor, managing director of Impress Telefilm Ltd; Shykh Siraj, director (news) of Channel-i; noted actress turned filmmaker Kabori Sarwar; Shyamal Dutt, editor, *Bhorer Kagaj* and others were present at the programme.

The drama serial is directed jointly by Amirul Islam, Sahidul Alam Sachchu, Rehana Samdani and Jamal Reza. Syamal Bhaduri, Rubel Sankar, Azad Abul Kalam and Enamul Kabir Nirjhar have penned the story. Humayun Faridee, Amirul Haq Chowdhury, Tinni, Hillol, M.A. Salam and Jitu Ahsan play the lead roles.



A scene from the serial

Italian filmmaker Antonioni passes away

REUTERS, Rome

Michelangelo Antonioni, one of Italy's most famous and influential filmmakers, has died at the age of 94, city officials in Rome said on Tuesday.

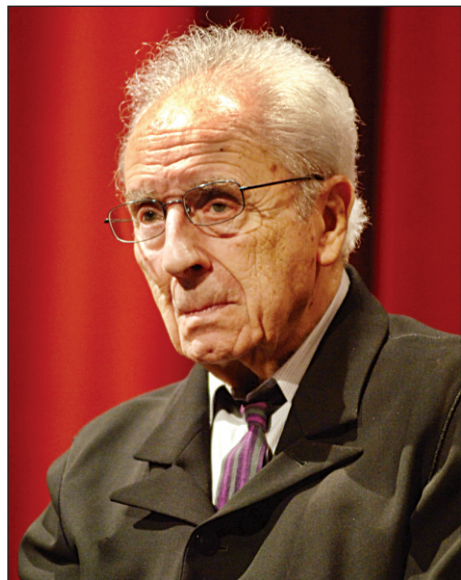
Considered the cinematic father of modern angst and alienation, Antonioni had a career spanning six decades, which included the Oscar-nominated *Blowup* and the internationally acclaimed *L'Avventura* (The Adventure).

His death on Monday night followed that of Swedish film legend Ingmar Bergman.

"With Antonioni, not only has one of the greatest living directors been lost, but also a master of the modern screen," said Rome mayor Walter Veltroni.

Antonioni's deliberately slow-moving and oblique movies were not always crowd pleasers but they turned him into an icon for directors like Martin Scorsese, who has described him as a poet with a camera.

Antonioni was born in 1912 in the northern



Italy city of Ferrara. He directed his first feature, *Cronaca di un amore* ("Story of a Love Affair"), in 1950 at the age of 38.

Over the next two decades Antonioni worked with some of the greatest names in post-war Italian cinema like Marcello Mastroianni but it was not until the 1960s that he emerged on the international stage.

Despite winning favourable reviews at the 1957 Cannes Film Festival with *Il Grido* (The Outcry) he scored his first real international success in 1960 with *L'Avventura*, an exploration of the emotional sterility of modern society.

Many audiences found his pictures, with their long lingering shots, plodding and pretentious. Others hailed him as one of the founding fathers of European avant-garde cinema.

He continued working after suffering a paralyzing stroke in 1983.

He was awarded Venice's Golden Lion in 1983 and an Academy Award in 1995 for his lifetime achievements.

ON AIR

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, 12:15 am.

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

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

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News (Bangla) 7:30am, 12:02pm, 2:00pm, 7:30pm, 10:30pm, 1:00am

ETV
News (Bangla): 1:00pm, 3:00pm, 5:00pm, 7:00pm, 9:00pm, 11:00pm

BTV

11:15 Documentary Programme
Angona
11:40 *Maa O Shishur Kotha*
12:30 *Bhabbar Bishoy*
01:00 *Nritter Taley Taley*
01:30 *Shukhi Poribar*
02:40 *Esho Gaan Shikhi*
03:05 Cartoon
03:30 *Oitthi Shilpider Ashor Sangeeta*
04:00 *Apon Bhumi*
04:30 *Sisimpur*
05:30 *Ityadi*
06:40 *Dhormo O Jibon*
07:00 Computer
07:30 Drama Serial: *Hiraphool*
08:35 *Protidin Bangladesh*
08:40 Drama: *Ordhek*
10:30 *Phele Asa Din*

ATN Bangla

10:30 Talk Show: *Aktel Annodristi*
11:05 *Aj Kaal Porshu*
12:15 *Shurer Madhuri*
12:45 *Shatthin*
01:30 *Nari*
02:30 *Shomudro Bhromon Shundor Jiboner Jonno*
03:45
04:20 Educational Programme
Gram Gonjer Khobor
06:20 TV Serial: *Mugly*
08:00 Drama Serial: *Shokal Shondha*
08:45 Drama: *Koto Chena Koto Ochena*
09:20 Drama Serial: *Amader Nurul Huda*

11:30 Musical Programme
GrameenPhone Lead News

CHANNEL-i

09:30 *Shangbadpotrey Bangladesh*
09:45 Public Reaction
09:50 *GrameenPhone Tritiomatra*
12:30 *Citycell Tarokakathan*
01:05 *Ebong Cinemar Gaan*
01:30 *Shangbad Potery Bangladesh*
01:45 Public Reaction
02:40 *Tritio Matray Apni Hridoye Mati O Manusher Daak*
04:05 *Shikha Shujog Na Odhikar*
04:50 *Sa Re Ga Ma*
05:30 *Mukti Judho Protidin*
06:00 Tarzan
06:20 *Amar Chhobi*
07:50 *D Rock Stars 2*
09:35 Drama: *Ankush*
10:00 Drama Serial: *Hridita*
11:30 Drama Serial: *Aste Aste*
12:00 *GrameenPhone Ajker Shangbadpotro*

ETV

08:00 *Ekusher Shokal*
01:30 *Drishiti*
02:00 Drama Serial: *Bondhon*
03:30 *Chirontoni*
04:00 *Dhinak Dhinak Ta*
04:30 *Dibhido*
05:30 *Shongskriti*
07:30 *Ekusher Shonglap*
08:00 Drama Serial: *Protno*



Protno Nari
On ETV at 08:00pm
Drama Serial
Cast: Shahiduzzaman Selim, Dilara Zaman

	<i>Nari</i>	<i>Praner Manush Achhey Praney</i>	02:00 Show Case	<i>Ondhokar</i>
08:30	<i>Shongsharer Tuki Taki</i>	05:10 Documentary Programme: <i>Prachir Ghera China</i>	03:30 Drama Serial: Coffee House	11:10 <i>Cinebit Shada Kalo Nana Ranger Din Guli</i>
09:30	<i>Ekusher Shomoy</i>	05:30 Children's Programme	04:00 <i>Shomoyer Bhabna</i>	11:40 <i>Shudhu Gaan</i>
10:30	Drama Serial: <i>Bondhon</i>	06:00 <i>Golla Chut</i>	05:15 <i>Golla Chut</i>	12:30 <i>Bhokab</i>
		06:00 <i>Saaj Bela</i>	06:00 <i>Saaj Bela</i>	02:40 Drama Serial: <i>Shesh Odhay</i>
		06:45 <i>Ilthasher Path Dhorey</i>	06:45 <i>Ilthasher Path Dhorey</i>	03:10 Drama Serial: <i>Rokkhakoti</i>
		07:00 <i>Bagan Bilash</i>	07:00 <i>Bagan Bilash</i>	04:15 Sports vision
		08:15 Drama: <i>The Fly</i>	08:15 Drama: <i>The Fly</i>	05:00 Children's Programme: <i>Ichhey Ghuri</i>
		09:30 <i>The One</i>	09:30 <i>The One</i>	05:40 <i>Citycell Din-er Shehsey</i>
		11:30 <i>Gollachhut</i>	11:30 <i>Gollachhut</i>	06:35 <i>Shurer Bhubon</i>
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		09:05 <i>Media Bhubon</i>	09:05 <i>Media Bhubon</i>	09:10 Article Thirty Nine
		09:30 Drama Serial: <i>Swapnochura</i>	09:30 Drama Serial: <i>Swapnochura</i>	11:30 X-Crime
		10:10 <i>Deshar Pathhey</i>	10:10 <i>Deshar Pathhey</i>	
		10:40 Drama Serial: <i>Ei Shob</i>	10:40 Drama Serial: <i>Ei Shob</i>	



30 Rock
On Star World at 09:30pm
TV Series
Cast: Alec Baldwin, Tina Fey

	02:00 Show Case	11:10 <i>Ondhokar</i>
03:30	Drama Serial: Coffee House	11:40 <i>Cinebit Shada Kalo Nana Ranger Din Guli</i>
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12:00 Shongbad Protidin
STAR PLUS

10:30 Ducktales
11:00 Goof Troop
01:00 Kasauti Zindagii Kay
01:30 Kunkum - Pyara Sa Bandhan
02:00 Bhabhi
03:00 Saarthi
07:30 Krishna Kathaiyen
07:30 Kayamath
08:00 Antakshari - The Gr8 Kids Spl
09:00 Kasauti Zindagii Kay
09:30 Meri Awaz Ko Mil Gayi
10:00 Roshni
10:30 Kusturi
10:30 Kahaani Ghar Ghar Kii
11:00 Kyunki Saas Bhi Kabhi Bahu Thi
11:30 Sayama
12:00 Karam Apnaa Apnaa

STAR MOVIES

08:25 The Insider
11:00 Transporter 2
12:30 On The Lot
01:30 Cape Fear
03:45 Coyote Ugly
05:30 Fortress 2: Re-Entry
07:00 From Dusk Till Dawn
08:45 Date Movie
10:10 Boogeyman
11:45 Bloodsuckers
01:30 Stage Beauty

STAR WORLD

10:30 On The Lot
11:30 Ugly Betty
12:30 Boston Legal
01:30 Third Watch
02:30 The Ellen Degeneres Show
03:30 The Bold And The

04:00 Beautiful
05:00 General Hospital
06:30 Law & Order: S.V.U.
07:00 The Simpsons
07:00 My Wife And Kids
07:30 Friends
08:00 Seinfeld
08:30 How I Met Your Mother
09:00 My Name Is Earl
09:30 30 Rock
10:00 Scrubs
10:30 Arrested Development
11:00 Criss Angel Mindfreak

HISTORY CHANNEL

09:30 Last battle of WWII
10:30 Ultimate Cars
11:30 Sun Sky Shop
12:00 Brahmagyan
12:30 Augustus: First Emperor
01:30 The Byzantines
02:30 Baumeister Killings
03:30 Eliot Ness
04:30 Jewel in the Crown
05:30 Full Throttle
06:30 Augustus: First Emperor
07:30 UFOs in the Bible
08:30 Portrait of Courage
09:30 The Story of David
10:30 Queen: Live in Budapest
12:30 The Story of David

NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC

10:30 Sauna Belt
11:00 Vedic Maths
11:15 Global Pendant
11:30 Driving Dreams
12:30 Megabridges
01:30 When Nature Strikes Back

FM radio

Radio Foorti

07:00am Hello Dhaka (Apu)
11:00am Amar 98.4 (Nusrat)
03:00pm Dhaka Calling (Sakib)
07:00pm Seven Eleven (Sadia)
11:00pm Late Night Show (Shuvo)
03:00am Back to Back music

02:30 Backyard Python
04:30 Mad Labs
05:00 Fangs Of The Forest
05:30 Backyard Science
06:00 Trouble in Cancun
06:30 Riddles Of The Bible
07:30 Monster Crocs
08:30 Mega Factories
09:30 Hammer This!
10:30 Riddles Of The Bible
11:30 Taipei

DISCOVERY CHANNEL

09:30 India Unleashed
10:30 I Shouldn't Be Alive
11:30 Mean Machines
12:00 Extreme Evidence
12:30 About Food
01:30 African Week
02:30 Discovery Showcase
03:30 Planet Action
04:30 Wildest Discovery
05:30 Mean Machines
06:00 Extreme Evidence
06:30 Man and Machine
08:30 Untamed India
09:30 Hunters
10:30 Fastest Tallest, Biggest
11:30 Detective Stories