

# Shaam-e-Ghazal with Ustad Ghulam Ali

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AROUND 6pm, August 3: Ghazal enthusiasts eagerly waited in the Grand Ball Room, Radisson Water Garden Hotel, Dhaka. The Ustad did not, however, keep his audience waiting. It was a rather refreshing demonstration of punctuality. Perhaps those who believe in the "justifiable" antics of ustad, divas and stars, could take note.

Letting the instrumentalists tune their *tabla*, guitar and *sitar*, the Ustad started an *alaap*, as if fine-tuning his vocals for the main event. The main event: an evening of ghazals with Ustad Ghulam Ali Khan, one of the most renowned exponents of the genre.

As part of Pakistan's 60th independence day (August 14) celebration, the Pakistan High Commission organised the programme.

Speaking on the occasion, Sajida Iqbal Syed, press minister for Pakistan, said, "Rendition of ghazal is an art and every accomplished artiste develops a unique style. When ghazals were used in films and their popularity soared, certain elements were incorporated. Ghazals started sounding less like 'poetry in motion' and more like film songs. Ustad Ghulam Ali liberated ghazals from that trend. His extensive *taalmim* in classical music enabled him to ornate ghazals with unmistakable nuances of raagas."

Sajida Iqbal also hoped that this visit of Ustad Ghulam Ali would further strengthen the cultural ties between



Ghulam Ali performs at the programme

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Pakistan and Bangladesh.

The Ustad started with a rendition of Mirza Ghalib's *Har ek baat pe kahte*

*ho tum ke tu kya hain, tumhi kaho ke ye andaaz-e-guftugu kya hai*. Elaborated *taan*, *sargam* and *tehayee* were

met with rounds of applause. Sabir Hossain Khan from Islamabad made a fine demonstration of his mastery over the *tabla*. In between renditions, *sawaal-jawaab* between the Ustad and Bangladeshi instrumentalist Firoze Khan on *sitar* was impressive. Salahuddin Shantanu provided *sangat* on the harmonium.

An inimitable trait of the Ustad is that while rendering ghazals he creates subtle vibrations, which he uses beautifully, to convey a range of emotions. He can make the same line sound hopelessly romantic or melancholy, namely interpret it in any way he wants, effortlessly.

In the course of the evening the Ustad rendered ghazals penned by Faiz Ahmed Faiz. During a rendition of the Nisar Bazmi classic, *Dil mein ek leher si uthhi hai abhi*, the artiste treated the audience to a wave of notes, as if to justify the words.

Ustad Ghulam Ali also performed a ghazal written by Sajida Iqbal Syed, *Ussey main kahne jo gayee*. The repertoire included a Bangla song as well *Megh eshey chhuye chhuye*, written and composed by M. Asafuddaula.

It is understood that ghazals and Urdu are indivisible and one must have a proper understanding of the language to enjoy songs that belong to the genre. However, at an event attended by diplomats, government officials and the local media, it is a norm that the speakers use either English or have an interpreter. The organisers should not regard that everyone speaks or understands their native language.

## Special TV programmes on Tagore's death anniversary

CULTURAL CORRESPONDENT

### Channel-i

To observe Rabindranath Tagore's death anniversary, Channel-i will air special programmes. Highlights of the programmes:

Based on Tagore's short story *Pratihingsha*, a two-episode TV play *Indrani Janey* will be aired at 11:30pm on August 5 and 6. Dramatisation has been done by Professor

Momotajuddin Ahmed and Rehana Samdani has directed the play. Shahed, Priya Dias, Tazin, Hillol and Momotajuddin Ahmed have played the lead roles.

Special episode of popular talk show *Grameenphone Tritiyomatra* will be aired at 9:45pm on August 6. Hosted by Faridur Reza Shagor, the programme will highlight Tagore's life and works.

Noted poets of the country will recite poems on Tagore in the



Noted Tagore singer Rezwana Chowdhury Banya hosts the programme *Sraboney Plaboney*

### ATN Bangla

Special programmes on Tagore's death anniversary (August 6), to be aired on ATN Bangla:

Participated by Tagore singers Sadi Mohammad, Lili Islam, Shama Ali, Amina Ahmed; recitors Kazi Arif, Pragna Laboni, Rupa Chakraborty and dancers Soheli and Ria a special

magazine programme *Hridoye Rabindranath* will be aired at 11:05am. The programme is directed by Fakhru Abedin.

Poet Monzur-e Mowla, Nirmolendu Goon and artistes Sadia Islam Mou, Tamanna Mohsin and Sabina Bari Lucky have taken part in *Tumi Robey Nirobey*. The programme will be aired at 11:35am.



Selim Al Deen (3-R) hosts *Shondhamegher Shesh Shonatey*

### Banglavisision

The programme *Chole Chholochhola Nodidhara* is focused on Tagore's thoughts on river. Selim Al Deen shares his views on the topic and Bhaswar Banerjee recites Tagore's poems and Mohiuzzaman Chowdhury, Lili Islam and Henry Rahman render songs on river at the programme. The programme will be aired at 8:15pm.



Hillol and Shahed in a scene from *Indrani Janey*

programme, *Rabindranath-ke Nibedito Kabitamala*. The show will be aired at 11:30am on August 6.

Musical programme featuring Tagore songs performed by artistes from Chittagang will be aired at 12:05pm August 6. Special programme *Shorashori Rabindranath* will be aired at 3:05pm, the same day. Poet Asad Chowdhury is the host of the programme.

A documentary on Tagore, titled *Nana Rabindranath-er Mala*, will be

aired at 6:20pm on August 6. Produced by Shahidul Alam Sachchu, the programme is hosted by filmmaker Tareque Masud.

Special programme *Sraboney Plaboney* will be aired at 9:35pm on August 7. Noted Tagore singer Rezwana Chowdhury Banya is the host of the programme. The show features songs by Rezwana Chowdhury Banya, Pijush Barua and Azizur Rahman and poetry recitation by Bhaswar Bandopadhyay.



Dancers perform in *Rabindranath and Adhunik Nritya*

Hosted by Selim Al Deen, *Shondhamegher Shesh Shonatey*, features songs, recitation and discussion with Mita Haque, Shimul Mustafa, Bhaswar Bandyopadhyay and Jannat Ara. The programme will be aired at 2:30pm.

Special dance programme *Rabindranath and Adhunik Nritya* will be aired at 3:30pm. In the programme, Tagore's contribution in

shaping the modern Bangla dance forms through establishing institution for dance education will be discussed. Tagore's thoughts on dance and relevant information will be presented in the show with images and dance performances. Sharmila Bandyopadhyay is the host and choreographer of the show. The programme is directed by Selim Doula Khan.

Based on Tagore's short story the play *Mukhtir Upay* featuring Al Mansur, Shakil and Mira will be aired at 8:55pm.

Dance drama *Chitrangoda* featuring Likhon and Nadia will be aired at 6:35pm.

Recitation programme *Chiropriyo Rabindranath* will be aired at 11:30pm. Kazi Abu Zafar Siddique, Shimul Mustafa, Ria Mahmud and Ahkamullah will recite Tagore's popular poems in the programme.

## Cultural programme for youngsters at British Council

CULTURAL CORRESPONDENT

The British Council's Young Learners' Centre (YLC) organised a daylong event titled YLC Cultural Day 2007 yesterday, featuring performances by youngsters at the British Council Auditorium, Dhaka.

YLC was formed in 1998 by British

Council to provide youngsters, between the ages of 4 to 14 years, with a platform, where they will be able to nurture their creative ideas through interaction with contemporary British children's literature, visual arts, films and more.

The event started at 10:30am, with a brief inauguration ceremony.

Dr. June Rollinson OBE, Director, British Council Bangladesh inaugurated the occasion. The special guest was Professor Ibrahim.

A cultural programme by the youngsters of YLC followed the opening ceremony. Children performed songs, recitations and dances. The programme was

followed by a Sisimpur puppet show and a magic show. The event wrapped up with a chorus rendition of the Tagore song *Amra shobai raja*. A total of 250 children participated at the event. A noticeable performance was staged by Adil, an autistic adolescent. He rendered a song.

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## 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

#### ntv

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

08:45 *Bishwa Bichitra*  
11:15 Documentary Programme  
11:40 *Loklokalo*  
01:00 *Maa O Shishur Kotha*

01:30 *Mati O Manush*  
02:15 *Drama: Ordhek*  
03:05 *Cartoon*  
03:30 *Educational Programme*  
04:00 *Shotorupa*  
04:30 *Khela Dhula*  
05:05 *Debate*  
06:10 *Prescription*  
06:40 *Musical Programme*  
07:05 *Dance Programme*  
07:30 *Shomoyer Shonglap*  
08:30 *Protidin Bangladesh*  
08:35 *Drama Serial: Shesh Prishthay Dekhun*  
09:00 *Golpo Theke Natok*  
10:30 *Heritage*

#### ATN Bangla

10:30 *Talk Show: AKTEL Onnodrishti*  
11:05 *Drama: Biprotip*  
12:15 *Talking Point*  
01:30 *Shornali Shadakalo*  
02:40 *Drama*  
03:05 *Telefilm: Bumerang*  
04:20 *Telefilm: Brishti*  
05:00 *Gram Gonjer Khobor*  
05:10 *Prapok*  
05:45 *The Sword of Tipu Sultan*  
06:25 *Three Stooges*  
08:00 *Drama Serial: Out Door*

08:40 *Drama Serial: Soiyod Barir Bou*  
09:20 *Drama Serial: Pichhutan*  
11:30 *Musical Programme*  
12:00 *Grameenphone Bangladesh Lead News*

#### Channel-i

08:30 *Shokaler Gaan*  
09:30 *Shangbadpotre Bangladesh*  
09:45 *Public Reaction*  
09:50 *Grameenphone Tritiyomatra*  
11:05 *Apollo Tele Prescription*  
11:30 *Hridoye Mati O Manush*  
12:30 *Citycell Taroka Kathan*  
01:05 *Ebong Cinemar Gaan*  
01:30 *Shangbadpotre Bangladesh*  
01:45 *Public Reaction*  
02:40 *Drama Serial: Priobash*  
03:05 *Chance 50-50*  
03:30 *Shomoyer Shonglap*  
04:15 *Sa Re Ga Ma*  
04:40 *Hridoyer Gaan*  
05:30 *Muktijudho Protidin*  
06:00 *Shopnil Agami*  
06:20 *South Asian*  
07:50 *Mega Serial: Bhober Haat*  
09:35 *LUX Channel-i Super Star '07*  
10:00 *Drama Serial: Indrani Janey*

### PICK OF THE DAY



**Pichhutan**  
On ATN Bangla at 9:20pm  
**Drama Serial**  
Cast: Tauquir Ahmed, Dolly Zahur



**Eight Below**  
On Star Movies at 7:00pm  
**Genre: Adventure**  
Cast: Paul Walker, Jason Biggs

12:00	Grameenphone Aiker Shangbad Potro	02:30	Shantokutir Onirbaan	03:15	Apon Aloye	04:25	Apon Aloye	04:50	Apnar Jigyasha Ogrozo	06:45	Shantokutir	08:15	Talk Show	11:35	Ei Shomoy
08:30	Ajker Shokal	08:55	Shanto Kutir	09:30	Shangkriti Ei Shoptaho	10:05	Animal Kingdom	10:30	Natoker Gaan	11:00	Mon Amar Shondhan Kori	11:30	Ki Kotha Tahar Shathey	12:10	Talk Show
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09:30 *Bangla Feature Film*  
12:30 *Public Forum*  
02:30 *Bhokab*  
03:00 *Onirbaan*  
04:15 *Musical Moments*  
05:00 *Cine bit*  
05:40 *Citycell Diner Sheshey*  
06:35 *Sports Vision*  
08:15 *Drama Serial: Prapoti Din*  
08:55 *Apnar Agami*  
09:30 *Drama Serial: Swapnochura*  
11:30 *Shudhu Gaan*  
12:00 *Shongbad Protidin*

#### Boishakhi

09:30 *Musical Programme*  
10:00 *Daily News*  
10:25 *Talk Show*  
12:00 *Musical Programme*  
12:30 *Cartoon*  
01:00 *Daily News*  
01:25 *Drama Serial: Polatok*  
02:00 *Drama Serial: Labonyo Tomaakey*  
03:30 *Model Hunt*  
04:00 *Musical Programme*  
05:00 *Cartoon*  
05:30 *Shohaj Kotha*  
06:00 *Je Dike Takai*  
07:15 *Talk Show*  
09:15 *Musical Programme*  
09:45 *Drama Serial: Nijhum Shimanter Bolaka*

#### STAR PLUS

09:30 *Krishna Kathaiyen*  
10:30 *Star Voice Of India*  
01:30 *Samsung lifa Awards 2005*  
05:30 *13th Annual Star*

Screen Awards  
08:30 *Saibaba*  
09:30 *Prithviraj Chauhan*  
10:00 *Baa Bahoo Aur Baby*  
10:30 *Aek Chabhi Hai*  
11:30 *Thodi Si Zameen*  
12:00 *Thoda Sa Aasma*

#### STAR MOVIES

09:30 *A Lot Like Love*  
11:30 *Herbie: Fully Loaded*  
01:15 *Sound Of Music, The*  
04:10 *On The Lot*  
04:10 *Back To The Future II*  
07:00 *Eight Below*  
09:00 *Die Another Day*  
11:15 *American Soldiers*  
01:00 *Air Force Two*

#### HISTORY CHANNEL

12:30 *Declassified*  
09:30 *Yes Minister - S3*  
02:00 *Skeleton In The Cupboard*  
02:45 *The Moral Dimension*  
03:30 *Gambit*  
04:30 *America Transformed*  
05:30 *Abbie Hoffman*  
09:30 *St. Peter*  
10:30 *Special*  
12:30 *Biography*

#### NATIONAL

#### GEOGRAPHIC

09:30 *Ngorongoro*  
10:30 *Elephant Rage*  
11:30 *The Living Edens*  
12:30 *Machines Of War*  
01:30 *Naked Science*  
02:30 *Backyard Python*  
03:30 *Helicopter Down*

### FM radio



**Radio Foorti**  
07:00am Hello Dhaka (Apur)  
11:00am Amar 98.4 (Nusrat)  
03:00pm Dhaka Calling (Sakib)  
07:00pm Seven Eleven (Sadia)  
11:00pm Late Night Show (Shuvo)

04:30 *Get Outta Town*  
05:00 *Keno, Mentor, Prince*  
05:30 *Big Bang*  
06:00 *Dugongs*  
06:30 *Harley Davidson*  
07:30 *Palau*  
08:30 *Everyday Things*  
10:30 *Close Encounters*  
11:30 *Body Double*

#### DISCOVERY

#### CHANNEL

09:30 *Discover India*  
10:30 *Colours of India*  
11:30 *Baby Story*  
12:00 *Mean Machines*  
12:30 *Future Weapons*  
01:30 *Life In The Undergrowth*  
02:30 *Truth About Food*  
03:30 *I Shouldn't Be Alive*  
04:30 *Raw Nature*  
05:30 *How Do They Do It?*  
06:00 *Million 2 One*  
06:30 *Zoom In Asia*  
07:30 *Raw Nature*  
08:30 *Discovery's Biggest Shows*  
10:30 *Night Safari*  
11:30 *Mummy Autopsy*