

Power Surge wins "DRockstars-2"



Members of Power Surge along with (from 2-L) Hamin Ahmed (president, BAMB), Rubaba Dowla Matin (head of Brands, Grameenphone) and Stein Naeval (chief marketing officer, Grameenphone)

CULTURAL CORRESPONDENT

THE Grand Finale of DRockstars-2, the talent hunt in search of a rock band, was held recently. Six talented rock bands participated in the final. Thrash metal band 'Power Surge' from Dhaka secured the title of the first "DRockstars band" of the country.

The young musicians of Power Surge have already become quite popular among the young TV viewers in Bangladesh. Characterised by powerful on stage performance, Power Surge says, live shows are an important source of motivation for them.

Along with winning the title, Power Surge received a cheque

for Tk 5 lakh, an album contract with G series, djuice brand ambassadorship and a membership of BAMB (Bangladesh Musical Bands Association). Each member of the band also received a Sony Ericsson W880i handset and a new wardrobe from Trendz.

More than 600 aspiring rock bands from all over the country took part in the initial selection rounds held at the six divisional cities, over the last four months. Along with Power Surge, Bortoman, Dreck, Dour, Eclipse and Radio Active emerged as the top six bands.

Thousands of text messages and online voting by audiences from both home and abroad selected the winner of

DRockstars-2. It should be noted that the proceeds from the SMS will be used for rehabilitation of the flood victims. The total amount raised from the SMS is over Tk 15 lakh.

Grameenphone's youth brand djuice was the sponsor of the show while BAMB was the strategic partner of DRockstars-2. Channel-i and Radio Footi were the media partners and Sony Ericsson was the co-partner of this talent hunt competition. Conceptualised by Bitopi Advertising Ltd, the programme was organised by Spotlight Entertainment Ltd and directed by Red Dot Multimedia Ltd. The grand finale was aired last night at 7:30pm on Channel-i.

Songs of yesteryears Srijon's monthly musical soiree

CULTURAL CORRESPONDENT

Cultural organisation Srijon's monthly musical soiree was held at Poet Sufia Kamal Auditorium, National Museum on September 10. The programme titled *Phele Asha Diner Bangla Gaan* featured songs of different genres by several popular and promising singers of the country.

The 62nd arrangement started with a rendition of *Mishra* raaga accompanied with Hawaiian guitar by Kamrul Hasan Mahfuz. The artiste also rendered an old film song. Golam Haidar sang Tagore song *Na chahiley jarey paowa jai*.

Zakir Hossain Tapan, Rumana Islam, Rebecca Sultana, Sabera Islam and Bipul Bhattacharya, among others, entertained the audience with melodious, evergreen numbers.

Directed by Nurul Islam Polash (director of Srijon), the programme was hosted by Mahfuza Rumi. The instrumentalists included Nurul Islam Polash on *tabla*, Masud on keyboard, Maniruzzaman on *banshi* and Ashrafuzzaman on guitar.

For the last three years, Srijon has been arranging such programmes every month to promote and popularise the traditional music among the young generation.



An artiste of Srijon sings at the programme

PHOTO: STAR

An upcoming adhunik singer Tête-à-tête with Arifa Farhat Rumpa

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Arifa Farhat Rumpa, a Canada-based Bangladeshi *adhunik* singer has recently launched her first solo album *Ratir Kinarey Boshey* (recorded in Canada) in Dhaka. The promising singer talked about her album, expatriate life and more in a recent interview with *The Daily Star*.

About her latest album, Rumpa says, "*Ratir Kinarey Boshey* includes ten songs composed by Ashikuzzaman Tulu, former member of the band Ark, who now lives in Toronto. The album has been released under the banner of Laser Vision."

The artiste continues, "The songs highlight expatriate life as well as other contemporary issues. Rifat Nigar Shapla, Anurup Aich and Ashikuzzaman Tulu have penned the lyrics."

Rumpa is quite ambitious: "I want to render some notable songs, which music lovers will remember for ages."

In Toronto Rumpa teaches Bangla at the Olympia School of Music, run by another Bangladeshi expat. She regularly performs at cultural programmes arranged by the Bengali community in Toronto. According to the artiste, "My husband Farhat Nayeem Khan encourages me to sing. His constant cooperation made everything less difficult."

A Masters degree holder in Library and Information Science from Dhaka University, Rumpa's love for music started early. Her mother, Shamsunnahar Shuja, and elder sister, Milia Islam Sabed -- a well-known *adhunik* singer -- initially inspired her to sing. At the age of five, she started taking music lessons from her mother. She also trained in classical music under Ustad Akhter Sadmani for several years.

Rumpa's first recognition came with *Notun Kuri*, the popular children's competition on BTV Bangladesh, where she won the first place in the *adhunik* songs category and second place in both *Rabindra Sangeet*



Arifa Farhat Rumpa

and chorus. She also received a Shishu Academy prize later.

"I listen to all kinds of music, so the list of favourite singers is quite long," says the upcoming artiste smilingly.

Exhibition Anadi Kumar Boiragi's "Journey of Hope"

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With legendary artist S.M. Sultan as his mentor, Anadi Kumar Boiragi from Jessore attended Khulna Art College in the late '80s, before enrolling at the Oriental Department at Charukala in Dhaka to further his artistic education. There, Boiragi is grateful to have found another guru, Shawkatuzzaman, who encour-

aged him in a very special way, spending valuable time helping develop his style.

Boiragi has participated in various group shows in Bangladesh and also made contributions

towards exhibitions at the Chuwa Gallery in Tokyo. He is not new to solo exhibitions either, having had his first two at the Alliance Francaise in Dhaka. The paintings at those exhibitions were mainly abstract, mythical compositions; "symbolic art" in Boiragi's words.

His third solo effort is somewhat different, particularly where rationale and style are concerned. The exhibition has been specifically planned to raise funds for those badly affected by the floods that recently ravaged the country.

"Artists have a social responsibility and to me, empathy is more valued than sympathy," says Boiragi. Stylistically, it is his first real figurative adventure, with paintings in oil on canvas, acrylic on paper and in watercolour, all making an appearance. This reflects his view that "the flood is all about people and to this end, it made sense to choose figurative works". Boiragi's technique has been greatly influenced by Abanindranath Tagore's Bengal School renaissance of artistic style.

Planned in early August, the exhibition was put together at

short notice with the help of his curator friend, Zaid Islam, with the idea that all proceeds would be donated to the Chief Adviser's Relief Fund. Sadly, Boiragi was unable to find any sponsor, so barring costs, all profits will go directly towards flood relief.

"You can't force someone to buy a painting, but at least an awareness can be created about the underlying idea of the exhibition," says the artist. In conjunction with the paintings, there is a parallel collection for dry food and medicines.

"There seems to be a trend, that an artist's standing in Bangladesh takes an enormous leap if they have successfully exhibited abroad; otherwise, one isn't truly valued here," to this end, Boiragi wishes to broaden his horizons and take his art outside the borders of this country.

The exhibition is on at The Art Club (House 4, Road 104, Gulshan 2) until September 14.

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Britney Spears was not ready for prime time.

The fallen pop idol made her much-hyped comeback last Sunday to open MTV's disjointed and just plain boring Video Music Awards show, giving a thoroughly underwhelming performance of her new song *Gimme More*.

Dressed in sequined black undergarments, an out-of-shape Spears moved tentatively around

amazing," Silverman said. "She is 25 years old and has already accomplished everything she is going to accomplish in her life."

Then Silverman added a doozy: "Have you seen Britney's kids? They are the most adorable mistakes you will ever see." That wasn't the end of it, but the rest of her remarks weren't suitable for a family newspaper.

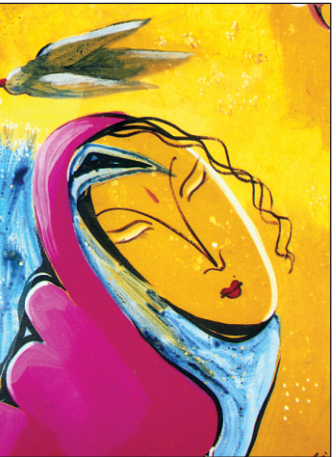
Like Spears, the awards show

Timberlake, Kanye West, Timbaland (the evening's "maestro," according to MTV), Fall Out Boy, the Foo Fighters and 50 Cent were among those performing away from the main stage. When the network did cut to them, they were sometimes halfway through a song, robbing viewers of enjoyment.

The full performances that viewers were treated to probably made them wish MTV would go back to its old ways, ratings be damned. Young phenomenon Chris Brown channelled Michael Jackson, circa 1984, and Alicia Keys gave rousing renditions of her new song, *No One*, and George Michael's *Freedom*. The show, which ran just over two hours, ended on a high note with Timberlake, Timbaland and Nelly Furtado giving the audience an electrifying performance.

As for the awards themselves? Well, among them, Fergie was named Female Artist of the Year; Fall Out Boy was Best Group; Best New Artist went to Gym Class Heroes; Timberlake won Quadruple Threat of the Year and Male Artist of the Year; Rihanna won Video of the Year and Monster Single of the Year for her ubiquitous hit *Umbrella*; and Beyonce and Shakira won Most Earth Shattering Collaboration for *Beautiful Lie*.

Source: Internet



Sleeping



Prayer

ON AIR

PICK OF THE DAY



Coffee House On Channel 1 at 8:15 pm Drama Serial Cast: Tisha, Apurbo



Grandma's Boy On Star Movies at 10:30 pm Genre: Comedy Cast: Doris Roberts, Allen Covert

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 a.m, 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 2:00pm, 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 Drama Serial: Shangshoptak
12:05 Maa O Shishur Kotha
12:30 Kori O Komol
01:30 Hijo! Tolal
02:15 Golpo Theke Natok
03:05 Cartoon
03:30 Shukhi Poribar
04:00 Computer
04:30 Obhijatri
05:05 Sisimpur
06:40 Shondhya Maloti
07:00 Mati O Manush
07:30 Shobar Jonno Cinema
08:30 Protidin Bangladesh
08:35 Drama Serial: Alo Amar Alo
09:05 Drama Serial: Godhulir Alo
10:30 Musical Programme
ATN Bangla
09:15 Drama Serial: Kath Koylar Chhobi
10:30 Talk show: Aktel Onyodristi
11:05 Drama
12:15 Amar Computer
01:30 Gane Shure Taruney
02:30 Drama Serial: Doll's House
03:10 Drama Serial: Rupali Manush
03:45 Children's Programme
04:20 Islamic Programme
05:00 Gram Gonjer Khobor
05:20 Islamic Programme
06:20 Thakur Maar Jhuli

08:00 Drama Serial: Jeye Theko
08:35 Drama Serial: Bohemiyon
09:00 Drama Serial: Chhayamukh
11:30 Telefilm
CHANNEL-i
09:30 Special Programme
11:05 Sports Time
12:30 Citycell Tarokathan
01:05 Tax Helpline
01:15 Ebong Cinemar Gaan
01:30 Special Programme
02:40 Mega Serial: Prio Bash
03:05 Talk show: Microcredit Agrogotiley Bangladesh
04:05 Music Club
04:30 Hridoyer Gaan
05:30 Mukti Judho Protidin
06:00 Drama Serial: Shat Goenda
06:20 Desh Bideshey Ranna Lokman Kahini
07:50 Adhutoray
09:35 Selected Programme
10:00 Ekanyo barti
Rtv
08:00 Ei Din
09:00 Rtv Exclusive
09:05 Witch blade
09:35 Kothay Kothay
10:00 Gaan ar Gaan
10:30 Protidin
11:30 Drama Serial: Dohon
12:15 Cooking Programme

12:35 Drama Serial: Bhorer Swapno
01:00 Prio Mukh
01:30 Ei Din
02:30 Drama Serial: Aguntuk
03:45 Onirban
05:20 Ei Desh
06:00 Protidin
06:35 Witch Blade
08:00 Drama Serial: Dohon
08:40 Akbar the Great
09:20 Drama Serial: Lukochuri
11:00 Prithibir Pathay
11:30 News Watch

12:00 Rtv Exclusive
Channel 1
08:40 Shuprobhat Bangladesh
09:30 Chokh Mele Dekhi
10:30 Bangla Feature Film
02:00 Music Station
03:30 Drama Serial: Coffee House
04:00 Drama Serial: Gujob
04:30 Style
05:15 Expression
06:00 Saaj Bela
06:30 Top News
06:45 Itihasher Path
08:25 Drama Serial: Mohanogor

08:15 Drama Serial: Coffee House
09:00 Drama Serial: Gujob
09:30 Show Case
Banglavision
09:05 Amader Ranna Ghar
09:30 Bangla Feature Film
01:00 Drama Serial: Mohanogor
02:30 Vocab
02:40 Conan
04:15 Raat Biratey
05:00 Cinebit Shadakalo
05:40 Citycell Diner Sheshey
06:35 Nana Ranger Dinguli
08:25 Drama Serial: Mohanogor

09:05 Media Bhubon
09:45 Drama Serial: Ei Shob Ondhokar
11:30 Amar Ami
12:00 Shongbad Protidin
STAR PLUS
09:30 Kumkum - Pyara Sa
10:30 Ducktales
11:00 Timon And Pumbaa
12:00 Sangam
01:00 Kasauti Zindagi Kay
01:30 Kumkum - Pyara Sa
01:30 Bandhan
02:00 Friends
STAR MOVIES
09:20 Cinderella Man
11:45 Crazy/Beautiful
01:30 Mighty Aphrodite
03:15 First Snow
05:00 Enough
07:00 Starship Troopers 2:

03:30 Kyunki Saas Bhi Kabhi Bahu Thi
04:30 Sangam
07:00 Kayamath
07:30 Sangam
08:00 Antakshari - The Gr8 Kids Spl
09:00 Kasauti Zindagi Kay
09:30 Meri Awaz Ko Mil Gayi
Roshni
10:30 Kasturi
11:30 Kahaani Ghar Ghar Kii
12:00 Kyunki Saas Bhi Kabhi Bahu Thi
12:30 Kayamath
STAR WORLD
09:00 The Simpsons
10:30 Life As We Know It
11:30 Brothers & Sisters
12:30 Ghost Whisperer
01:30 Koffee With Karan
02:30 The Ellen Degeneres Show
03:30 The Bold And The Beautiful
04:00 General Hospital
05:00 Brothers & Sisters
06:00 Scrubs
06:30 The Simpsons
07:30 My Wife And Kids
08:30 Beauty And The Geek
09:30 Ugly Betty
10:30 Boston Legal
12:30 Seinfeld
12:00 Friends
NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC
09:30 Outsmarting Terror
10:30 Sauna Belt
01:30 Earthpulse
03:00 Sea Eagles Whirl
03:30 Outsmarting Terror
04:30 Big Bang - S 8

08:35 Hero Of The Omen, The
10:30 Grandma's Boy
12:00 Radio
02:00 No Code Of Conduct
HISTORY CHANNEL
09:30 Fall of Saddam
10:30 Tactical to Practical
11:30 Wonder Brand
12:00 Brahmagyan
12:30 St. Peter
01:30 Night of the Fox
02:30 UFO Files
03:30 Mata Hari
04:30 Modern Marvels
05:30 Thunderbird
06:30 St. Peter
07:30 True Story of Gladiators
08:30 Insurgents Deadly Tactics
09:30 Jewel in the crown
10:30 Cities of the Underworld
11:30 Leopold & Leob/D B Cooper
NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC
09:30 Outsmarting Terror
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Radio Footi
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

05:00 Serpents Of The Sea
05:30 I Didn't Know That
06:00 Croc of Mondoguillo
06:30 Outsmarting Terror
07:30 The Survivors
08:30 Most Dangerous Moments
09:30 Icebear
10:30 No Borders
11:30 Moon Mysteries

DISCOVERY CHANNEL
09:30 Flavours of India
10:30 Truth About Food
11:30 Extreme Engineering
12:30 Bringing Home Baby
01:00 Baby Story
01:30 Nigel Marvin Week
02:30 Discovery Showcase
03:30 Beyond Tomorrow
04:30 Wild Discovery
05:30 Extreme Engineering
06:30 Life on the Edge
08:30 India Unleashed
09:30 Looking For India
10:30 Mean Machines
11:00 Extreme Evidence
11:30 A Haunting