

## Tête-à-tête with Rumana Islam

## Carrying on a musical legacy

CULTURAL CORRESPONDENT

THE Daily Star recently had a rendezvous with Rumana Islam. The artiste believes the rich artistic legacy she was born to has been her life-long inspiration to sing, making her a regular voice on the radio and TV.

"I started taking *taalim* from Ustad P.C. Gomez when I was ten, but my parents have always been my primary teachers and inspiration," says Rumana. Daughter of noted singer-composer-actor-filmmaker Khan Ataur Rahman and Mahbuba Rahman, Rumana says that her parents have always been supportive of her decisions. "Although my father, who was very strict, insisted I get a proper education before anything else. My husband and in-laws too are all very encouraging. My father tutored me in his own distinctive style from a very young age on the technical aspects of singing. But the essence of my music comes from my mother. She was the first female singer to do playback in a Bangla feature film. She wanted me to accomplish what she couldn't. Her unwavering faith guided me through my deepest uncertainties," says Rumana.

Rumana did her first playback at the age of fourteen for her father's movie *Din Jai Kothea Thekey*. She



sang *Maaer moto apon keho nai* and *Mon maafhi tor boitha nerye* for the film. In the 1981 movie *Danpeetay Chhelay* she sang *Hairay amar mon matano deshi*; Khan Ataur Rahman won a National Award for the composition. She won a BACHSAS Award for best vocalist in 1997 for the song *Jodia ar dekha nai hoi* from the movie *Ekhono Onck Raat*.

"I graduated in Architecture from BUET in 1986," says Rumana, "and run the firm 'Bashatkalpa' with my husband, who is also an architect. There was a time when architecture took most of time and music took a backseat. But you can't suppress what is in your blood."

So far Rumana has released two solo albums and eight mixed and

duet albums. The artiste feels that the nature of her work appeals more to a mature audience.

The singer has been training in classical music under Ustad Anil Kumar Saha for the past ten years. "There is no end to learning, in any chosen field," she says.

"My parents encouraged me to listen to Bengali, Indian and Western classical music. They believed that the classical form provides the foundation for an art. Now I try to listen to everything, classical as well as contemporary, but what I really prefer are semi-classical and folk songs of Bangladesh. My idols are Lata Mangeskar and Sabina Yasmeen. And I love some of Samina Chowdhury's songs."

"I'm working on two albums, covers of my father's compositions. The first will be released on the occasion of his birthday in December. This will include some of his most popular songs, and the other album will contain his unpublished and not-so-familiar songs. People have been asking me to do this for a long time, but I haven't felt it was ready until now."

"I've worked with noted music directors like Ahmed Imtiaz Bulbul and Alauddin Ali, and most important of all, my father. I'm aware that to many I'm not instantly recognisable but some of my songs are," she concludes.

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## Bangladeshi team receives golden crest at Asian Youth Art Fest

A thirteen-member cultural team, led by Kamrunnesa Hasan, deputy director general (programme) of BTV, participated in the Asian Youth Arts Festival held from September 23 to 27 in Shenzhen, China, says a press release. The festival, jointly organised by China Central Television and Asian Broadcasting Union, was attended by 30 television-broadcasting organisations from Asia.

Eleven noted Asian media personalities were the judges at the festival. Eminent TV personality and artist Mustafa Monwar was one of the judges.

Ten dancers from Bangladesh performed 'folk' dance directed by Shibli Muhammad. Anisul Islam Hero supervised the performance. Actor Mir Sabbir was also a part of the Bangladeshi cultural team.

The Bangladeshi team received a golden crest for their outstanding performance at the festival.



The Bangladeshi cultural group at Shenzhen



Methodist English Medium School recently held its annual art programme 'Arts and Crafts Making Competition'. Almost 400 students from Play Group to O Level participated at the event. Artist Shishir Bhattacharya, teacher at Institute of Fine Arts, University of Dhaka; senior journalist Madan Sahu; chairman of Christian Life Bangladesh Sunil Adhikary and general secretary of the school governing committee Timothy Arthur Faircross selected the best works

## Lux-Channel i Performance Award 07 to be held at Sharjah

MAINUL HASSAN

Lux-Channel i Performance Award is back again. Faridur Reza Sagor, managing director of Channel i and Impress Telefilm Ltd made the announcement at a press conference held at the channel's Tejgaon office on September 30. Naushad Karim Chowdhury, brands and development director, Unilever, Bangladesh; Abdul Mukit Majumder, managing director, Channel i FZLLC, UAE and actor, director, Afzal Hossain were present at the conference.

Like previous years, this year's Lux-Channel i Performance Award will be held in Sharjah too. The programme is scheduled to

be held on November 9 at the Sharjah Cricket Association Stadium. Afzal Hossain will host the show.

Faridur Reza Sagor also said, "Lux-Channel i Performance Award aims to honour achievements in the Bangladeshi cultural scene and take it to an international platform."

"The programme has generated a huge response and it is gaining more popularity every year. It is heartening to see the huge turnout of Bangladeshis at the show," he added.

"This year we plan to stage an even grander show packed with entertaining," said Abdul Mukit Majumder. Majumder is in charge of organising the event.

Highlights of the show include performances featuring popular actors, singers and dancers. This year film actor Faruk, seasoned singer Syed Abdul Hadi; artistes Hyder Hossain, Mehrin and Biplob; dancers Nipa and Shibli Mohammad and TV actors Mahfuz, Shaon, Mim, Chanchal Chowdhury, Dr Ijaz and others will take part in the show. A total of sixty artistes are expected to perform.

The show will also feature performances by this year's Lux Channel i Superstar Mim, 1st runner-up Alvee and 2nd runner-up Faria.

This year the award will be given in 18 categories. The winners will be selected by public votes, through text messages.

## Eid special "Misir Ali" on ntv

CULTURAL CORRESPONDENT

Animesh Aich has adapted Humayun Ahmed's popular *Misir Ali* novel *Nishad* for his new telefilm. The telefilm, also titled *Nishad*, will be aired on the second day of Eid-ul-Fitr at 2:30pm. Made under the banner of Shankhanel Production, cast of the telefilm includes Ashish Khandaker as Misir Ali, Dr. Enamul Haque, Shariar Shubho, Alok Basu and Nova.

According to Animesh, "I've always been fascinated by the character Misir Ali. After my first adaptation of Misir Ali (TV play *Brihannala*) Humayun Ahmed gave me his consent to do some more work based on Misir Ali novels. Humayun Ahmed played the professor of psychology in my second Misir Ali play, *Swapno Sangini*. In *Nishad*, Ashish Khandaker has done a wonderful job as Misir Ali."

The story follows Munir, a young man in his late twenties, who comes to Misir Ali with a unique problem. Munir claims that he is living several lives simultaneously. He came to the realisation when he woke up one day, and saw himself as a young boy; his father dying right before his eyes. The disturbing issue here is that Munir's father had died many years ago. The child Munir tries to save his father's life, carrying a letter from the local doctor in his hand, in this alternative reality. While rushing, he stumbles and wakes up to his familiar life. To his utter amazement, the letter is still in his hand. Misir Ali tries to solve this mystery.

## Capturing India in "Darjeeling Limited"

"Making a film in India can never be easy," says director Wes Anderson whose newest film, *The Darjeeling Limited*, was shot mostly in Rajasthan. "Every little place in the country is so fascinating that you feel like making one film after another."

*Darjeeling Limited* opened the New York Film Festival on September 28, and focuses on three bickering brothers who go on a spiritual journey in India hoping to reconcile with each other.

Anderson, whose hit films include *The Royal Tenenbaums*, wanted to shoot the film in Darjeeling. "But I hardly saw the sun when I spent a few days there while working on the script," he chuckles. "By then, I had fallen in love with Rajasthan, and that is how we ended up with most of our work shot on a moving train through the state."

The 38-year-old director cast Owen Wilson, Oscar-winner Adrien Brody (*The Pianist*) and Jason Schwartzman (who also cowrote the screenplay) as the brothers who have not spoken to each other in a year. Veteran actress Angelica Huston plays a small but pivotal role as the estranged mother of the three men.

In a very brief appearance, Irfan Khan appears as the grieving father whose son dies in a drowning accident.

Anderson says by putting the tense brothers, who are suspicious

of each other, in a constantly fast moving India, he was able to create a kind of quiet drama he has never created before.

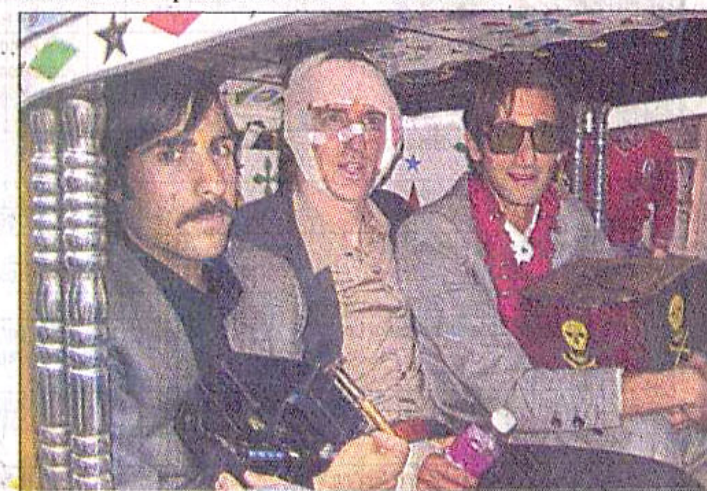
"India gets under your skin in no time," Anderson, who fell in love with India when he watched Jean Renoir's *The River* and practically every film of Satyajit Ray.

Owen Wilson plays Francis, the eldest of the three brothers in the film, and is a control freak. Wilson is a close friend of the filmmaker from their college days in Austin, Texas. The actor, who is recovering from a suicide attempt recently, is seen heavily bandaged throughout the film. It is suspected that he had

tried to kill himself.

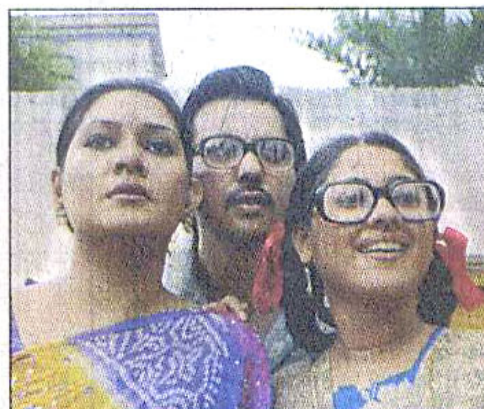
"Francis sees himself as one trying to keep the family together," he says in the production notes. "Because our father is dead, our mother is AWOL, Francis is literally damaged. And there is Jack (Schwartzman), coming out of a bad relationship. There is also Peter, who is having trouble with his wife. So Francis has united the brothers on this great spiritual journey -- whether they like it or not."

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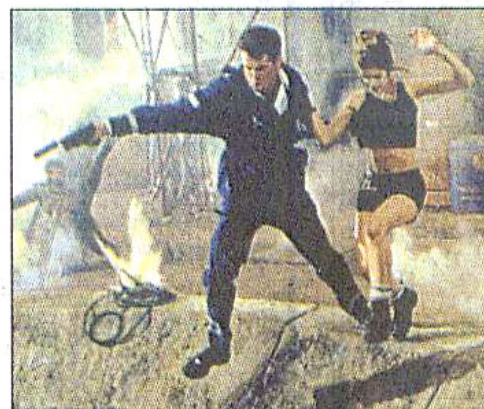
(From left) Jason Schwartzman, Owen Wilson and Adrien Brody in *Darjeeling Limited*

## ON AIR

## PICK OF THE DAY



Mahanagar  
On Bangladesh at 8:25pm  
Drama Serial  
Cast: Shumaila Shimu, Afroza Banu



The World Is Not Enough  
On Star Movies at 10:15pm  
Genre: Action  
Cast: Pierce Brosnan, Sophie Marceau, Denise Richards

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, 9:00 am, 2:00 pm, 7:00 pm, 9:00 pm, 10:30 pm, 12:15 am.

**ATN BANGLA**  
News (Bangla) at 7:00 am, 10:00 am, 2:00 pm, 7:00 pm, 10:00 pm, 11pm.  
News (English) 6:20 am, 7:00 pm.  
Latest News (Bangla) at 9:00 am, 10:00 am, 11:00 am, 1:00 pm, 3:00 pm, 4:00 pm, 6:00 pm and 8:00 pm.

**CHANNEL 1**  
News (Bangla) at 8:00 am, 12:00 pm, 2:30 pm, 6:30 pm, 7:30 pm, 10:00 pm, 12:30 am.

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

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

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

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

## BTV

11:40 Educational Programme  
12:05 Maa O Shishur Kotla  
01:00 Heriage  
01:30 Mali O Manush  
02:40 Selected Programme  
03:00 Cartoon  
03:30 Shughi Proibar  
04:05 Amader Angira  
04:30 Geet Bilan  
05:10 Prashanti Prangon  
05:15 Islamic Programme  
06:15 Quiz Quiz  
06:40 Shotyer Onyestoney  
07:00 Jonotar Kotla  
08:35 Drama Serial: Apulio Manu  
09:05 Drama Serial: Shangshorik  
09:30 Talk Show  
10:30 Orthoprosthongo

## ATN Bangla

09:15 Drama Serial: Syed Bani Bou  
10:30 Musical Programme  
11:05 Chirang Bangladesh  
11:35 Drama Serial: Nitob Koto  
12:15 Cinema Cinema  
01:25 ATN Music  
02:30 Drama Serial: Dolls House  
03:15 Children's Programme  
03:45 Thakar Maar Jhuti  
04:20 Islamic Programme  
05:00 Gram Goniye Khobor  
05:10 Khatomey Quran  
05:30 Islamic Programme  
06:20 Hamd-Nath  
06:25 Kothamela  
08:20 Drama Serial: Moner Janila  
08:45 Drama: Urel  
11:30 Rang Manchyo Taal  
12:00 Greenphone Lead News

## CHANNEL-i

09:30 Selected Programme  
11:05 Selected Programme  
11:30 Amar Chhobi  
12:30 Citycall Tarokakathan  
01:05 Tax Helpline  
01:15 Ebong Cinepar Gan  
01:30 Selected Programme  
02:40 Mega Serial: Pro Bash  
03:05 i-Sports  
04:05 Mukhijudha Protilin  
04:30 Eid Anondo  
05:20 Shoshir Shakhkh  
05:30 Islamic Programme  
06:10 Cookery Show  
06:30 Drama Serial: Oshena Adhar  
07:50 Musical Programme  
09:35 Drama Serial: Chondro Karigor  
10:00 Drama Serial: Darwin  
11:30 Eramoy Bari  
12:00 Greenphone Aker Shangbadpatri

## ETV

08:00 Aker Shokal  
12:00 Ekusher Dupur  
01:30 Drishi  
02:00 Drama Serial: Bondhon  
03:30 Shomai Shadkalo  
04:00 Cartoon  
04:30 Drama Serial: Hillu  
05:15 Cholar Pathay  
06:10 Ekusher Shondha  
06:30 Musical Programme  
08:00 Bhalobasha Karey Koy  
08:30 Shurothal  
10:30 Drama Serial: Bondhon  
Rtv Exclusive  
09:05 Lost  
09:35 Sports Carnival  
Kachher Janila Durer

11:00 Drishwa Kalpo  
11:30 News Watch  
09:30 Aker Shokal  
09:55 Chokkor  
10:30 Crime Watch  
10:55 Bhinyo Swader  
01:00 Heart Beat  
01:30 Ei Din  
02:30 Musical Programme  
03:45 Alor Oitthi O Shompa Reza  
04:20 Kothay Kothay  
05:20 Alokmo Mahe  
06:00 Ramjan  
06:35 Witch Blade  
08:00 Drama Serial: Dahan  
08:50 Cookery Show  
09:20 Drama Serial: Bhorer Swapno

08:15 Chokkor  
08:45 Neer  
11:25 Ei Shomoy  
06:40 Shuprobhat Bangladesh  
09:30 Chokri Mole Dekhi  
10:30 Bangla Feature Film  
02:00 Cookery Show  
03:30 Drama Serial: Godhuli  
04:00 Gaaneri Kharita  
04:30 Biscopo  
05:15 Islamic Programme  
06:45 Uthasher Path Dhorey  
07:00 Cookery Show  
08:15 Drama Serial: Godhuli  
09:00 Drama Serial: Gupob  
09:30 Style  
10:50 Expression

08:35 Shubho Shokal  
09:05 Ebong Classor Balrey  
09:30 Music Moment  
10:10 Cinebi Shadkalo  
10:40 Amari  
11:10 Selected Programme  
11:30 Drama Serial: Mohanogor  
02:40 Shamol Bangla  
03:15 Amader Rannaghor  
03:40 Citycall Diner Pathay  
04:15 Desher Pathay  
05:30 Islamic Programme  
06:25 Praner Gaan  
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09:05 Agami Kontho  
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08:45 Goldfinger  
10:35 The Mistress Of Spices  
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02:00 The Cutter  
10:30 American Dragon: Jack Long  
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07:30 Sangam  
08:00 Antakshahi - The Grd  
08:30 Kids Spl  
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## STAR PLUS

12:00 My Name Is Earl  
10:30 Monk  
11:30 Boston Legal  
12:30 Everybody Loves Raymond  
01:00 Yes Dear  
01:30 Practical House  
02:30 The Ellen DeGeneres Show  
03:30 The Bold And The Beautiful  
04:30 General Hospital  
05:00 Ugly Betty  
06:00 Scrubs  
06:30 The Simpsons  
07:00 My Wife And Kids  
07:30 Friends  
08:00 Seinfeld  
08:30 Beyond The Break  
09:30 Ghost Whisperer  
10:30 Brothers & Sisters  
11:30 Bull Run  
09:30 Brotherhood of Terror  
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## Radio Foorti

07:00am Hello Dhaka (Apu)  
11:00am Amar 68.0 (Nusrat)  
03:00pm Dhaka Calling (Sabbir)  
07:00pm Seven Eleven (Sabbir)  
11:00pm Late Night Show (Shuvo)  
03:00am Back to Back music  
01:30 Suicide Web  
02:30 Italy  
03:30 From Creation To Abraham  
04:30 Big Bang  
05:30 Mutant Tiger Snakes  
06:30 I Didn't Know That  
07:30 Pt Viper/Pioneer Cries  
08:30 From Creation To Abraham  
09:30 Triumph of Life  
10:30 Spacemen  
11:30 Ancient Astronauts  
12:30 Walking The Bible  
13:30 Skywalk Collapse  
09:30 Future Perfect  
10:30 Future Weapons  
11:30 Men Made Marvels  
12:30 Yummy Mummy  
01:30 Runway Moms  
02:30 Bear Week  
03:30 Discovery Showcase  
04:30 Planet Earth Returns  
05:30 Man Made Marvels  
06:30 I Shouldn't Be Alive  
07:30 Bear Week  
08:30 Men Vs Wild  
09:30 Extreme Engineering  
10:30 Speed Addition