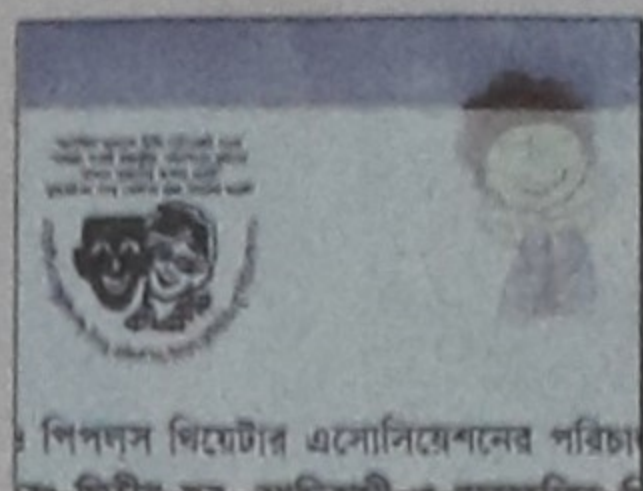


WHAT'S  
ON THIS  
WEEKChildren Theatre  
Festival

Title: 10th National Theatre  
Camp for Children and  
Adolescents  
Organiser: People's  
Theatre Association  
Venue: Shakti Omon  
Auditorium, Central Public Library  
Date: July 17-31  
Time: 4pm onwards



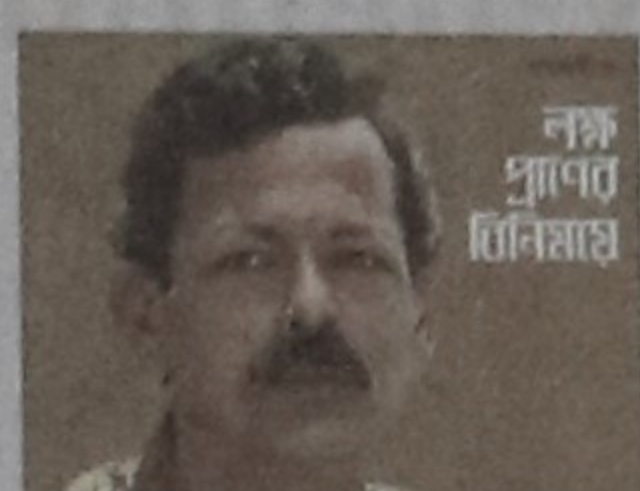
## Musical Soiree

Title: Praner Khela  
Artists: Mita Haque &  
Nandita Yasmin  
Organiser: Bengal  
Foundation  
Venue: Bengal Shilpalaya,  
H 275/F, Rd 27 (old),  
Dhanmondi  
Date: July 23  
Time: 7:30pm

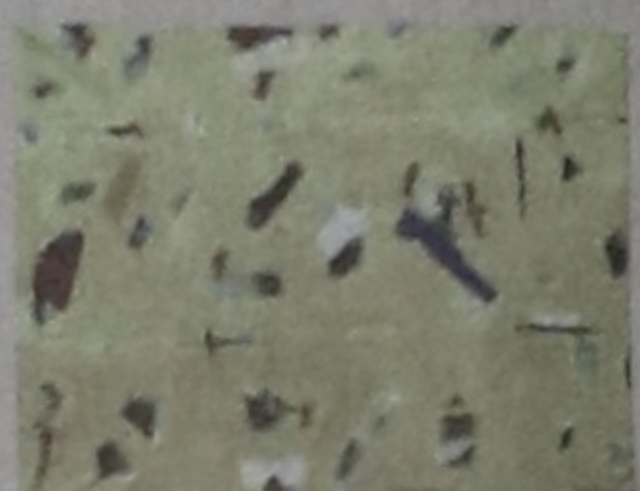


## CD Launch

Album: Lakkha Praner  
Bimoye  
Singer: Mahbubul  
Haidar Mohon  
Venue: National Music  
and Dance Centre,  
Shilpakala Academy  
Date: July 20  
Time: 6pm

Solo Art  
Exhibition

Title: Nature-Offerings  
Sculptor: AKM Alamgir  
Haque  
Venue: Bengal Gallery  
of Fine Arts, H 275/F, Rd  
27 (old), Dhanmondi  
Date: July 8-21  
Time: 12-8pm



## DL Roy: Patriotism to the fore

SADYA AFREEN MALICK

Way back in 1993, I was presented a rare audio cassette with an original song by Dilip Kumar Roy, a famous singer of the 1930s and son of the illustrious DL Roy. The cassette was given to me by Dr. Khan (a reputed physician settled in the US) who had driven all the way from Ohio to Pennsylvania with the tape.

He had heard me sing the famous Dwijendra Lal Roy song, "Dhon-o dhanney pushpey bhora" at a concert in the US, and said that I should keep the original record with me. It remains one of my priceless possessions.

Most of us are used to listening to a much simpler style; but the original tune has a classic touch to it.

If we look back to the early 1940s a new trend of Bangla songs, known as *Gana Sangeet* or peoples' songs, was introduced by those who worked against all kinds of repression in society. The songs were imbued with patriotic fervour and reflected the desire for a society free from exploitation.

Rabindranath, Mukund Das and Kazi Nazrul Islam -- the three main poets of Bengal, composed the largest number of patriotic songs. The other two poets and composers -- Rajanikant and



DL Roy -- also composed songs belonging to this genre.

Born on July 19, 1863, DL Roy was initially trained in classical music by his father Dewan Kartikeya Chandra Roy, a pioneer amongst the Bengali classical vocalists. After completing his Masters in English from the Presidency College, DL Roy went to England for further studies. There he learned the western forms of music.

On his return to India he joined government service as a Deputy Magistrate.

During the Swadeshi movement in 1905, DL Roy was inspired by the sentiments of nationalism and this was reflected in his compositions, which veered away from the humorous songs, plays and poetry that he had long composed. Around 500 songs, including "Bango amar jononi amar" and "Oi mota shindhur opar theke" were composed by him.

DL Roy was a trendsetter for other musicians.

Rajanikanta Sen, another of the *pancha kabi* (five

major poets) of Bangla songs, was basically a lawyer in Rajshahi. Rajani was deeply influenced by DL Roy's style and soon began to compose similar songs. He was also influenced by the Swadeshi movement and composed songs reflecting the patriotic movements of that era.

"Mayer deya mota kapor matheye tuley nere bhai," by Rajani Kanta, carried the important message of unification and harmony. This song, which called for a total boycott of foreign goods, was a beacon of hope during the Swadeshi movement.

The Indian People's Theatre (IPTA) was founded in 1943. This was a movement, which sought to enlighten the masses and organise the people in the struggle for economic freedom and justice. The musical squad of IPTA was initiated by musical minds such as Binay Roy, Jyotirindra Maitrya, Hemanga Biswas and Salil Chowdhury.

These songs that were previously known as patriotic songs, were now popularly termed as *Gana Sangeet*.

During the Liberation War of Bangladesh, these, and many other songs encouraged the struggling masses and heightened their yearning for a motherland free of injustice.

## Monsoon melodies by Nibedon

CULTURAL CORRESPONDENT

Nibedon, a cultural organisation of the city, held a musical soiree titled "Shatoborsher Borshar Gaan" at the National Music and Dance Auditorium, Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy (BSA) on 17 July.

The programme featured 19 songs -- on monsoon and the impact of rain in Bengali life -- by artists of Nibedon. The songs were composed between 1909 and 2009.

The programme started with a chorus "Aaj bari jhorey," followed by "Utol dhara badol jhorey" performed by Rashida Rahman. "Srabon jhulaley," an Atul Prasad song, was rendered by Sanjay Roy. "Ghono tomoshabrito," a song of DL Roy, was sung by Shuma Roy. "Nishi raatey rimjim," a Nazrul song, was performed by Shaheed Kabir. "Baje mridongo boroshar," another chorus of a Nazrul song followed.



Artists of Nibedon sing at the programme.

Jahangir Alam performed "Aashar maishya bhasha pani," a song composed by Ukil Munshi. Jayanto Mandal performed a Hemanta Mukherji classic "Tapur tupur brishti porey." Mehnaz Mehedi sang "Janalaye jhorajhor" a song written and tuned by Mohammad Moniruzzaman and Abdul Ahad respectively. Bishwajit Roy, performed "Amijey sur-e bajate chai."

Prior to the music performances cultural personalities Syed Ahmed Ali and Shadon Das spoke at the programme. Eminent lyricist Mohammad Rafiquzzaman presided over the discussion. Through his speech, Mohammad Rafiquzzaman made the audience nostalgic, reminiscing the beautiful memories of monsoon in the quiet countryside.

## Creating a new generation of dance artistes in Pabna

AHMED HUMAYUN KABIR  
TOPU, Pabna

Gontobbo, a dance-based organisation, celebrated its fifth anniversary on Friday. A discussion and dance festival were held at the Pabna Town Hall premises on this momentous day. A reception was also accorded to noted dancer Bazlur Rahman Badal of Rajshahi.

Bodrun Nahar, president of Gontobbo, chaired the programme while the law-



Young dancers perform at the festival.

maker of Pabna-5 constituency Golam Faruk Khandakar was chief guest.

Among the speakers were Pabna Sadar upazila vice chairman Shamsunnahar

Rekha, secretary of the organisation and dance trainer Muntakim Ibrahim and adviser of the organisation Parvin Ara.

The speakers said in one voice, "Culture can enlighten society by reducing social inequity. Financial support is necessary for encouraging cultural organisations for the benefit of society."

Later a dance festival, titled 'Mayabati Meghe Elo Tondra', was also held. Muntakim Ibrahim Tonmoy conducted the dance festival



All programmes are in local time.  
The Daily Star will not be responsible for any change in the programme.

## On Air

## BTV

08:45 Shokaler Gaan  
09:05 Documentary Programme: Phirey Dekha  
09:15 Selected Programme  
09:30 Kanoney Kushum Koli  
10:05 Open University  
10:55 Market Economy  
11:20 Documentary Programme: Tomader Bhulbona  
11:30 Onushlon  
12:35 Angona  
01:00 Shuro Lohori  
01:30 Shukhi Poribar  
02:15 Educational Programme  
02:45 Andhare Alo  
03:05 Cartoon  
03:30 Maa O Shishur Katha  
04:05 Sufi Shadhokar Bangladesh  
04:30 Robi Theke Shoni  
05:05 Debate  
06:15 Malachyo  
07:00 Maati O Manush  
07:25 Projonmo 71  
07:45 Documentary Programme: Phirey Dekha  
08:30 Drama Serial: Brikhyer Kachey Win  
09:00 Selected Programme  
09:30 Pathay Probashey  
10:30 Chena Jana

## ATN BANGLA

08:30 Drama Serial: Karo Kono Neti Nai  
09:15 Drama Serial: Tomar Doyaye Bhalo Achchhi Maa  
10:30 Hello Bangladesh  
11:05 Asian City Top Spin  
11:30 Shakti Din  
12:10 Cookery Show: Dekko Gura  
Moshia ATN Ranna Ghar  
Musical Programme: Shur-er Madhuri  
02:30 Cinema Cinema  
03:15 Children's Programme  
04:25 Talk Show: Proshongo  
05:10 Khelaar Jogot  
05:35 Musical Programme: Boshudha Dhak Dhol  
06:15 Law & Order  
06:45 Kaandey Amar Maa  
08:00 Drama Serial: Karo Kono Niti Nai  
08:40 Drama Serial: Bhoooter Goli  
09:20 Drama Serial: Naksha  
11:30 Daily Soap: Dolf's House  
12:00 Grameenphone Lead News  
12:30 Hello Bangladesh

## CHANNEL i

08:05 Tagore Song  
08:30 Shokaler Gaan  
08:40 Akker Chakri  
09:30 Shanbadpotrey Bangladesh  
09:45 Public Reaction  
09:50 Grameenphone Tritio Matra  
11:05 Tele Prescription  
11:30 Hridoye Mati O Manush  
12:30 Talk Show: Citycell Taroka Katha  
01:05 Musical Programme: Ebong  
01:30 Musical Programme: Sa Re Ga Ma  
02:30 Tomader Bhulbona  
03:05 Channel i Shera Kontho  
04:10 Mukti Judha Protidin  
04:30 Akel Money Talk  
05:30 Aamader Television  
06:00 Rupantor  
06:20 Drama Series: Superman  
07:50 Drama Serial: Saken  
Shanisuri  
09:35 Travel Show: Banglalink

## Etv

08:30 Ekushey Shokal  
09:30 Ekushey Business(Live)  
10:30 Ekushey Business  
12:02 Ekushey Dupur  
02:30 Drama Serial: Channel 21  
03:15 Ei Shoptaho  
03:30 Drama: Ki Holey Ki Holey  
04:30 Desh Jurey  
05:30 Sports Plus  
05:45 The Total Music  
07:45 Spondon  
08:30 Drama Serial: Dur-er Manush  
09:30 Drama Serial: Lolita  
10:10 Selected Programme  
11:45 Ei Shoptaher Bishwa

## BANGLAVISION

08:00 Shubho Shokal  
08:30 Drama Serial: Mama Bhagney  
09:00 Drama Serial: Megh Bondhu  
10:10 Din Bodoler Manush  
11:30 Poroshpor  
12:30 Reporters Eye  
01:30 Drama Serial: Khonj  
02:30 Kingbadontir Dhaka  
02:40 Drama Serial: Antyo Rikhyo  
03:20 Nodi O Jibon  
04:10 Gaanlap  
05:20 Chutorango  
06:00 Din-er Sheshey  
06:20 Telepress Business  
06:50 Point of Order  
08:15 Drama Serial: Lucky Thirteen  
09:05 Visa Aponar Agami  
09:45 Mega Serial: The Family  
11:25 Jonotlar Mukhomukhi  
12:00 Shangbad Protidin

## CHANNEL 1

08:40 Shuprobhat Bangladesh  
11:00 Bangla Feature Film

## Baati Ghar

06:02 Shangkritir Sharadesh  
07:45 Mahashindhur Opar Theke  
08:15 Drama Serial: Aladin-er Cherag  
09:45 Drama Serial: Jao Pakhi  
10:30 Total Sports  
11:45 Shojha Katha

## DIGANTA TV

09:05 Shabar Agey Desh  
03:05 Drama Serial: Britter Vetro Eka  
06:05 Shatdin Saradesh  
08:30 Drama Serial: Amangol  
09:25 Science Dot Com  
11:05 Diganta Shanglap

## HBO

09:45 Cloverfield  
11:30 HBO First Look: The Making Of Harry Potter And The Half Blood Prince  
12:00 HBO First Look: The Making Of Harry Potter And The Half Blood Prince  
12:30 The Little Rascals

## ZEE STUDIO

09:30 Mighty Joe Young  
12:05 Chicken Little  
01:55 Edward Scissorhands  
04:30 Grosse Pointe Blank  
06:55 Get Shorty  
07:55 Remember the Titans  
10:30 The Basketball Diaries  
12:45 Pretty Woman

## STAR MOVIES

10:05 U.S.A. Vs John Lennon  
12:00 Pride  
02:10 Rookie, The  
04:35 Hitman  
06:25 Thunder Bolt: Death Proof  
08:30 Sister Act  
10:30 Chaos  
12:45 While You Were Sleeping

## STAR WORLD

09:30 Smallville  
10:30 My Wife And Kids  
12:30 Everybody Loves Raymond  
02:30 Friends  
04:30 The Simpsons  
05:30 Seinfeld  
07:30 Smallville  
08:30 Kyle Xy  
09:30 Reaper  
10:30 Lipstick Jungle  
12:30 Friends

## BBC WORLD NEWS

09:00 BBC World News  
09:30 HARDtalk  
10:00 BBC World News  
10:30 Fast Track  
11:00 BBC World News  
11:30 India Business Report  
12:00 BBC World News  
12:30 Middle East Business Report (r)

01:00 BBC World News  
01:10 The World Debate (r)  
02:00 BBC World News  
02:30 Dateline London (r)  
03:00 BBC World News  
03:10 My Country (r)  
Honour The Sabbath And The Holy Days  
04:00 BBC World News  
04:30 Roger Federer: Spirit Of A Champion

05:00 BBC World News  
05:30 India Business Report (r)  
06:00 BBC World News  
06:30 Newsnight (r)  
07:00 BBC World News  
07:15 Sport Today  
07:30 Our World: The Russian Billionaire (r)  
08:00 BBC World News  
08:30 Sky At Night (r)  
09:00 BBC World News  
09:10 The World Debate (r)  
10:00 BBC World News (r)  
10:30 India Business Report (r)  
11:00 BBC World News  
11:10 My Country (r)



Mohashindhur Opar Theke  
On Desh TV at 7:45 pm  
Special programme  
On birth anniversary of DL Roy



Cloverfield  
On HBO at 8:45 pm

08:30 Banglar Pathay  
09:00 Drama Serial: Nine Month's In Bricklane  
11:30 Panche Panche Ponchish  
12:00 Grameenphone Akker Shangbadpotro  
08:30 Aker Shokael  
08:55 Bangla Feature Film  
12:10 Talk Show: Ei Shomoy  
01:05 Japan Video Topic  
02:30 Drama Serial: Polayon Porbo  
03:45 Achin Raginee  
04:10 Quiz Show: Janar Achhey  
04:10 Bolaar Achhey  
05:35 Apanar Jigyasha

## Rtv

08:50 Jegey Achho Ki  
09:45 Drama Serial: Mon Kora  
10:45 Taroka Alap  
11:30 Share Update  
01:00 Heart Beat  
02:03 Bangla Feature Film  
05:30 R U Ready  
06:03 Protidin  
06:45 Cookery Show: R Ranna  
07:30 Road To Democracy  
09:25 Drama Serial: Dorakanta  
10:10 Drama Serial: Kagojer Manush  
11:30 Trade Talk

03:30 Drama Serial: Maa Baba Bhai Bon  
04:00 Drama Serial: Moyur Bahon  
04:30 Corporate World  
05:15 Musical Programme: Gaan-er Khata  
07:00 Drama Serial: Gohar-Baldya  
08:15 Drama Serial: Maa Baba Bhai Bon  
09:00 Drama Serial: Kancher Putul  
09:45 Events of the Day  
10:00 Gaanwala  
11:30 Deshkaal  
09:00 Dur Path  
05:02 Cartoon: Thunder cats

02:15 Hollywood One On One 48  
02:45 Georgia Rule  
05:00 Hollywood's 10 Best: Screams Queens  
05:30 Are We Done Yet?  
07:30 The Making Of The Pursuit Of Happyness  
07:45 HBO First Look: The Making Of Harry Potter And The Half Blood Prince  
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12:45 True Blood 04: Escape From Dragon House