

Minu Haque: The golden days of childhood



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CORRESPONDENT

Carefree, exuberant and thrilled by all she saw, Minu Haque was a complete extrovert as a child. Though she was raised by strict, conservative parents who endowed in her a sense of religion, they also gave her the freedom of choice to develop her artistic personality. Perhaps that early degree of emancipation and her desire to be one with nature helped her establish herself as one of the best classical dancers of the country.

Minu's passion for dance blossomed when she was merely five or six years old. Her family inspired her greatly. While her parents were traditional, they were at the same time very open-minded and had appointed times for her study, telawat (recitation of the Holy Quran) as well as time to take dance lessons

from a neighbour.

"That Dhaka and this Dhaka are like two different cities. At that age we used to travel all the way to the old town. There was a rawness and freshness in that area at that time. Me, my cousins and neighbourhood friends used to roam around in the fields of jackfruit, and orchards, all of which has been removed now to accommodate highrise buildings and gnawing roads. The whole city was filled with krishnochura and jamrul trees. That scenic beauty is now lost.

"We could never imagine taking money to dance or to participate in a cultural activity. However the fact that money did infiltrate into the system is also auspicious. It proves that the fine arts had been acknowledged professionally. One has to admit, there are many expenses involved, from dress to make-up, to jewellery to back grounds. It can be said that dancing is one of the most expensive professions, but sadly it is not one of the lucra-

tive ones," she says.

Minu Haque now remains busy with her school Pallavi as well as with the initiative of the Bangladesh Dance Artists Association (where she is the Vice President) to incorporate dance in primary schools till Class-VIII. "In our questionnaires, 80 per cent of students had said 'yes' to dance. This is only obvious as studying for long hours can get monotonous and children would want something as vibrant and energetic as dance to set their minds once more on academics," she asserts.

A peek at Minu's life:

Greatest time: With parents, and no boys!

Happiest time: Raising kids for 17 years.

Peak productive time: Now, when her kids are grown up and abroad and she is working hard to make a contribution to society.

Best dishes: Hot, sizzling spinach with a lot of garlic.

abc radio Eid treats

As part of Eid celebrations, abc radio will telecast special programmes spreading over five days starting from November 28.

abc studio live: Special programme featuring live performances by popular bands will be aired everyday from 11 pm. The featuring bands are Bangla, Shironamhin, Parthib, Metal Maze and Radio Active.

'Rupali Anondo,' featuring an up-close with celebrities will be telecast everyday from 12 noon. The featured celebrities are Riaz, Chanchal Chowdhury, Mili, Nirob and others.

'Utshaber Aoajey,' featuring performances by popular singers and musicians, will be telecast everyday at 3 pm. Featured artistes are Ayub Bachchu, Shahed, Dilruba Khan, Krishnokoli and Tuntun Baul.

Studio Adda a special programme featuring celebrities in the hot seat, will be aired everyday at 9:00 pm. Asaduzzaman Noor, Sara Zaker, Aupi Karim, Anisur Rahman Milon and others will participate in the show.

Other added attractions of Eid are 'Music Shake', 'Eid Bazar-er Gaan' and 'Igloo Dudh Malai Hit Hot.'

Tête-à-tête

"Style is an individualistic concept"...

Shakila Zafar on co-artistes

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An often-quoted adage is: "An artiste is created by the audience." This is also true for the artistes who have joined hands or formed professional bonds, be it on television, the silver screen or the stage.

In an interview with The Daily Star, renowned singer Shakila Zafar shared such a perspective. She has sung with distinguished singers such as Tapan Chowdhury, Saadi Mohammad and Subir Nandi, and recounted her experience with her co-artistes. Excerpts from the conversation.

The Daily Star (TDS): You have worked with several prominent singers. There have been phases when you were seen performing more frequently with particular artistes. How did that come about?

Shakila: I think it happens mainly due to our audience or fans. When they like an artiste-duo, they want to see more of them and likewise, we are invited more frequently to perform together.

TDS: How have your experiences been with your co-artistes?

Shakila: I have had very good understanding with all my colleagues. Tapan Chowdhury has been like a friend and brother to me. He is an excellent singer, and working with him has been simply great. I have had the opportunity to sing some melodious songs of yesterday with Saadi Mohammad who is one of the most gifted singers of our time. Subirda has been a mentor to me. He is an extremely knowledgeable

person and every time I perform with him, I learn something new. He appreciates my efforts and at the same time points out my mistakes, which guides me towards better work.

TDS: Who is your favourite co-artiste?

Shakila: Actually, that is really hard to say, but I think I have performed with Tapan Chowdhury the most, and enjoyed it immensely.

TDS: Any contemporary artiste you would like to perform with?

Shakila: I would definitely like to perform with all the versatile singers of

our country -- male, female, junior, senior...all artistes.

TDS: On a different subject, along with a distinctive style of singing, you have a unique sense of fashion. Have you always been fashion-conscious?

Shakila: I always try to dress up in a way that is soothing to the eyes. It is very important as an artiste, to keep in mind the persona we portray to people, who look up to us. Age is also a significant factor when contemplating clothes. Style is an individualistic concept. I create my own style and to me, style is looking "dignified".



Clockwise (from left): Shakila Zafar, Subir Nandi, Tapan Chowdhury, Saadi Mohammad.



On Air

On EID DAY

ATN BANGLA

- 10:30 Drama: Cinderella
- 11:15 Paye Paye Bajuk Nupur
- 12:20 Utshobey Anondoy
- 01:10 Bangla Feature Film
- 04:40 Tele-film: Jagey Otho Shomudro
- 07:45 Drama: Borisal Bonam Noakhali Shubho Bibaho
- 08:50 Drama: Ay Phirey Tor Praner Barandaye
- 10:45 Musical Programme: Mon Bheshey Jaye
- 12:00 Drama: Shopno Urai

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- 09:45 Grameenphone Tritio
- 10:40 Special Programme: Eid Anondo
- 12:10 Drama: Off the Record
- 06:00 Bhalobashar Bangladesh
- 07:50 Drama: Badla Din-er Gaan
- 09:35 Drama: Shasti
- 02:05 Tarokader Eid
- 03:05 Tagore Song
- 04:05 Drama: Pagla Jobbar Ali
- 05:05 Musical programme featuring Khuday Gaan Raaf'08 participants

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- 10:05 Bangla Feature Film
- 02:30 Tele-film: Kuyasha
- 05:30 Eio Abar Eid
- 06:15 Ei Kaal Shei Kaal
- 08:05 Drama: Bibar
- 09:20 An Exclusive moment with Amitav Bachchan
- 09:50 Drama: Behind The Scene

- (First Episode)
- 11:15 Drama: Panjabi Ala
- ETV**
- 09:30 Ashol Nokol
- 10:02 Drama: Meherjan-er Swapno Bilash
- 11:30 Drama: Anondo Unlimited
- 12:30 Naachey Gaaney Amra
- 01:30 Bangla Feature Film
- 05:20 Special Programme
- 07:30 Drama Serial: Mamar Bari Bish-er Hari
- 09:30 Drama: Dui Duguney Char
- 10:30 Golden Voice
- 11:30 Batexpo Fashion Show

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- 08:00 Ei Din
- 10:45 Taroka Alap
- 11:30 Bangla Feature Film
- 03:00 Tele-film: Shukher Ashukh
- 05:20 Musical Programme: R Music
- 06:00 Protidin
- 06:40 Drama: A B C
- 09:30 Drama: Parshobarti Prem Nibedon
- 11:30 Black Horse Rtv Golden Key

BANGLAVISION

- 09:00 Drama: Mofiz Mian Choritro Phul-er Moto Pobitro
- 10:10 Bangla Feature Film
- 02:30 Tele-film: Nayak Asheni
- 05:20 Anondo Chai Anondo
- 06:05 Pitthar Shongey Mitha Gaan
- 08:10 Drama: Borkha
- 09:40 Musical Programme: Hridoye Eto Jey Katha
- 11:15 Drama: Bhalo Theko Bhalo Rekha

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- 08:00 Musical Programme: Nana Ranger Din
- 09:02 Children's Programme:

On Second Day Of Eid

ATN BANGLA

- 10:30 Shoburey Mewa Pholey
- 11:15 Musical Programme: Dekha O Dekha
- 12:10 Parliament Eid Special
- 01:10 Bangla Feature Film
- 04:40 Tele-film: Ostadzi
- 07:45 Drama: khoma Korben Shulekhadi
- 08:50 Drama: Shefader Barir Chhadey Alien
- 10:45 Shomali Shur
- 12:00 Drama: Shopney Dekha Rajkanya

CHANNEL i

- 09:45 Grameenphone Tritio Matra
- 11:10 Bangla feature Film
- 02:35 Tele-film: Ekbar Mugdho Chai
- 05:05 Drama: Buba
- 06:20 Musical Programme
- 07:50 Drama: Haar Mana Haar
- 09:35 Drama: Nurunnahar-er Dolto Jibon
- 02:05 Special Programme: Shompadoker Eid
- 03:05 Tagore Song
- 04:05 Drama: Chal Bechal
- 05:05 Musical Programme: Sherakonthor Shera Gaan

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- 08:45 Musical Programme
- 09:30 Uttara Club Concert
- 11:30 Musical Programme: Matir Gaan
- 12:10 Tele-film: Chotushkon
- 02:30 Bangla Feature Film

- 05:30 Musical Programme: Akash Chhoar Swapno
- 08:05 Drama: Shada Gari
- 09:20 Bollywood Four
- 09:50 Drama: Behind The Scene (Second Episode)
- 11:15 Drama: Shada Golap

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- 09:30 Anondo Unlimited
- 10:02 Special Programme
- 11:30 Batexpo Fashion Show
- 12:30 Golden Voice
- 01:30 Bangla Feature Film
- 05:20 Drama: Koney Dekha
- 06:00 Ekusher Shondha
- 07:30 Drama: Gonur Mullo 70,000
- 09:30 Eid Special Drama: Ekdin Bhalobasha Eshey
- 11:30 Batexpo Fashion Show
- 12:02 phone O live Studio Concert

RTV

- 08:00 Ei Din
- 10:45 Taroka Alap
- 11:30 Bangla Feature Film
- 03:00 Telefilm: Bikol Pakhir Gaan
- 05:20 Musical Programme: R Music
- 06:00 Protidin
- 06:40 Drama: Nishi Japon Guest House
- 09:30 Drama: Google Dot Com
- 11:30 Phone O Musical Programme: Mood in Romance by Ayub Bachchu

BANGLAVISION

- 09:00 Drama: Pishach Makbul
- 10:10 Bangla Feature Film
- 02:30 Tele-film: Khoj
- 05:20 Rupali Pordar Eid
- 06:05 Children's Programme: Dur-ey Kothao

- 06:40 Musical Programme: Shera Chhokka
- 08:10 Drama: Tara Teenjon
- 09:40 Talk Show: Amar Ami
- 11:15 Drama: Modhyo Raatey Durbhaga Torun

DESH TV

- 09:02 Children's Programme: Cartoon Utshab
- 10:30 Bangla Feature Film
- 03:02 Tele-film: Silent Action
- 04:00 Desh Jonopad
- 06:30 Desh O Golpo
- 07:30 Drama: Premomoy Mriyoman
- 09:30 Drama: Tumi Jey Amar
- 11:45 Live Show: Call-er Gaan

On Third Day of Eid

ATN BANGLA

- 10:30 Eider Juti
- 11:15 Bhalobashar Brittey
- 12:10 Debate
- 01:10 Bangla Feature Film
- 04:40 Tele-film: Ebong Bonolota Sen
- 07:45 Drama: Apon Por
- 08:50 Drama: Bullet Khan
- 10:45 Eid-er Bajna Bajey Rey

CHANNEL i

- 09:45 Grameenphone Tritiomatra
- 10:30 Drama: Ebong Laal Tip
- 12:35 Tele-film: Shoshur Abba
- 02:35 Tele-film: Black November
- 04:30 Game Show: krishok-er Eid Anondo
- 07:50 Drama: Golpey Ja Hoy Na
- 09:35 Drama: Khoabnama
- 02:05 Byabshahider Eid Anondo
- 04:05 Drama: Jantu Montu Dul Bhai
- 05:05 Shera Konthor Shera Gaan

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- 10:05 Bangla Feature Film
- 02:30 Tele-film: X Factor
- 05:30 Musical Programme: Music Wave
- 06:10 Quiz Show: Pari Na Pari
- 08:05 Drama: Ei Shomoy
- 09:20 Jhalmuri

- 09:50 Drama: Behind The Scene (Third Episode)

ETV

- 09:30 Gaon Geram-er Eid
- 10:02 Drama
- 11:30 Batexpo Fashion Show
- 12:30 Folk Hits
- 01:30 Bangla Feature Film
- 05:20 BATEXPO Programme
- 07:30 Drama: Obosheshey Natyokar
- 09:30 Drama: Ekdin Bhalobasha Eshey
- 11:30 BATEXPO Fashion Show

RTV

- 08:00 Ei Din
- 10:45 Taroka Alap
- 11:30 Bangla Feature Film
- 03:00 Tele-film: Common Gender
- 05:20 Musical Programme: R Music
- 06:00 Protidin
- 06:40 Drama: Arzu
- 09:30 Drama: Chowdhury Shaheb-er Free Offer
- 11:30 Dur Shudur-er Shur

BANGLAVISION

- 09:00 Drama: Tara Teen Hei
- 10:10 Pritibidi Biday
- 10:10 Bangla Feature Film
- 02:30 Tele-film: Chirkut
- 05:20 Pran-er Shur
- 06:05 Taroka Dompotir Eid
- 06:40 Sholi
- 08:10 Drama: The Cow
- 09:40 Drama: Dulhaniar Dilwala
- 12:05 Music Club

DESH TV

- 09:02 Children's Programme: Cartoon Utshab
- 10:30 Bangla Feature Film
- 03:02 Tele-film: Gontoboy Nai
- 06:30 Bondhur Pathay Pathay
- 07:30 Drama: Zinc Oxide
- 09:30 Drama: Mayesha
- 11:45 Call-er Gaan