

Dual celebrations for Runa Laila

In conversation with a nightingale

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An invaluable gift to the music industry, the internationally recognised Bangladeshi singer, melody queen Runa Laila will be celebrating her birthday and Eid on the same day (November 17) this year.

In an interview with *The Daily Star* the diva reminisced on how she used to celebrate Eid and her birthday as a child. "I used to wait for Eid impatiently, looking forward to get new clothes and shoes. We used to visit relatives and friends on Eid day. But collecting and counting the amount of *Eidi* was the best part!" Runa says. "Birthdays were celebrated only with family members. This year we've decided to go to Sri Lanka. I rarely get holidays and am excited about this trip. Right after this break I have a concert in Ahmedabad, India on the 28th of this month. The concert is being organised by the Times of India."

Runa, who has enthralled music lovers with her golden voice, has recorded thousands of songs. Apart from her mother tongue Bengali, the songstress has also recorded songs in Hindi, Urdu, Punjabi, Sindhi and other languages.

She says, "I recently sang the title song of a telefilm titled 'Prohor'. The song has a semi-classical feel and I enjoyed singing it. I'm also appearing on the Channel i talent hunt 'Shera Kontho'."

Talking about her hectic schedule,



she says, "I just can't sit idly."

The conversation switches to upcoming talents. Runa states, "We have talented young artistes in our country, but we need to give them proper training. There is a serious shortage of gurus who can guide these young talents. The media should also take initiatives in this regard. I also request the music directors and producers to give these gifted young singers much needed breaks -- be it on television programmes or stage shows, good voices need to come in the limelight. Every artiste will require some time to reach a particular level."

Sharing her perspective on the current music scenario, Runa says, "I'm noticing that a lot of fusion work is happening, which is a good thing. Composers are also leaning towards classical and semi-classical."

"A real artiste needs to sustain him/herself for years. One needs a solid background for that. A one-hit-wonder might not be necessarily talented. A big change is required and we all need to gear up, because today we are competing on the global level."

The nightingale has a legion of fans who find her voice heavenly. About her admirers, the singer says, "Fans make or break you. My fans mean everything to me. Whatever I am today is because of them. I quite enjoy the attention and the adulation."

Wishing her fans on this Eid, Runa says, "Have a very happy Eid! My love and blessings are with you all."

Cultural event to generate awareness on safe migration

ZAHANGIR SHAH, Manikganj

Bangladeshi Obhibashi Mohila Sramik Association (BOMSA) arranged a cultural function and discussion in Manikganj to create awareness on safe migration for female workers.

The programme was held at Manikganj bus stand market to draw a good number of people.

Local baul singers -- Akter Hossain and Anwar Hossain -- sang several songs. Pachu Das and Habibur Rahman Babu assisted the singers with dhol.

Earlier, at a discussion, BOMSA district in-

charge Jahanara Janu; organiser Papiya Sultan and trainer Shilpi Saha spoke.

They said the Bangladeshi women workers are being cheated in home and abroad by the brokers. The women workers are being tortured abroad as illegal immigrants. They urged all to abide by rules and regulations to avoid any unavoidable circumstances.

With the assistance of Dan Church and European Union, BOMSA is working in eight districts including Manikganj to promote safe women worker's migration and local development.



Artistes perform at the programme.

PHOTO: STAR

Vibrant cultural function

Faridpur Udichi holds 9th conference

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Faridpur

Bangladesh Udichi Shilpi Gosthi of Faridpur district unit held its 9th conference, with the theme, 'Hano Aghat, Bhango Argol, Ano Alo at Kobi Jasimuddin hall on Friday. A vibrant cultural function and a discussion featured in the programme.

Veteran cultural activist Begum Samsunnahar inaugurated the event by hoisting the national and organisational flags.

The first session included a discussion with the participation of different socio cultural and reputed bodies of the district.

The discussants were of the view that Udichi is a platform for cultural activists to raise their voice against inequality, injustice, anti-liberation force, collaborators, and extremists. The objective is to work for a peaceful Bangladesh and maintain harmony among the society through cultural activities, they asserted. The contentment of



Participants at the programme.

PHOTO: STAR

soul only comes from culture which helps one to be a real member of society, they added.

The discussion was presided over by Dr. Sushanto Kumar Biswas. Special guests central Udichi leader Maruf Rahman and professor Abdul Motaleb; veteran freedom fighter and dramatist Aminur Rahman Farid; Dr. Golam Kobir, Khadija Begum Moni, secretary of Bangladesh Mahila Parishad, Faridpur unit; Dr. Khobirul

Islam, secretary of BMA, Faridpur; Rafiquzzaman Layek, secretary of CPB of Faridpur; Shawkot Ali Zahid, secretary of Rabindra Sangeet Sammillon Parishad; Tofazzel Hossain Laskar, president Jubo union; Azharul Islam of FDA; cultural activist and women leader Asma Akter Mukta spoke on the occasion.

A vibrant cultural function followed which included recitations, traditional dances, rendition of gono

sangeet, Lalon and folk songs.

Artistes of Faridpur district Udichi, Bahanga Upazila Udichi branch, Faridpur Lalon Parishad performed on the occasion. Besides, well known Lalon singer Baul Azmol Shah rendered Lalon songs. Abu Sufian Chowdhury Kushal, Zahidur Rahman, Nasrin Akter Sathi, Kawsar Hossain and Sraboni gave recitations on the occasion.

A huge audience turned out at the programme.

British choreographer Wilton wins Global Dance contest

British choreographer James Wilton has been voted the winner of this year's Sadler's Wells Global Dance Contest.

The 23-year-old beat competitors from 30 different countries with his contemporary piece, "The Shortest Day".

Wilton and his company will receive a cash prize of £2,000 and the chance to perform the piece at the Sadler's Wells theatre in London in January.

The winning work was selected by the public ahead of nine other entries.

Drawing inspiration from Mayan apocalypse theory, "The Shortest Day" is based around the psychological effects on people who know their time is limited.

Alistair Spalding, artistic director of Sadler's Wells, said the "powerful, physically testing" work would be "a hugely exciting" component of the theatre's January programme.

"The contest is truly global, with entries from the southern hemisphere, Asia and Europe," he went on.

"It's very encouraging that entries from the UK held their own to such an extent this year."

The initial 362 entries included performances in living rooms, book shops and even Berlin's Palast der Republik before it was demolished.

Bhangra, contemporary and Irish dancing were among the many styles represented.

Each entry was assessed for creativity and originality, performing skill and entertainment value.

The panel of judges included former Strictly Come Dancing judge Arlene Phillips and the broadcaster Miranda Sawyer.

Sadler's Wells began the contest last year, which will be held annually until 2012.

Source: Internet



Wilton takes inspiration for his choreography from the world of martial arts.



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

ON EID DAY

ATN Bangla
11:15 Ajantey
12:15 Tele-film: Krishno Pakkha Khojey Kumari Chand
07:45 Drama: Gonit Manob
08:50 Drama: Alta Ranga Mon
10:45 Musical Programme By Eva Rahman

07:50 Drama: Mira'r Din-Ratri
09:35 Drama: Alapi
12:00 Bhalobashar Bangladesh

ETV

11:30 Docudrama: Apekha, Ananda, Bedona
05:25 Eid Exclusive Moments
07:30 Drama: Jinnah Koshai
08:30 Nach Ananda
11:30 Drama: Tinti Priyo Manush

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10:05 Feature Film: Luttaraj
02:30 Tele-film: Anchor Mofiz

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05:30 Ekti Bhubon Duri Tara
08:15 Drama: Chandrahato
11:30 Drama: 5.5
Banglavisio
10:10 Feature Film: Shundori Bodhu
02:40 Tele-film: Behala
08:10 Drama: Chader Buri
09:40 Musical Programme: Saleka Maleka
11:15 Drama: Highway to Heaven
Rtv
10:00 Bangla Feature Film: Bhaiya
02:30 Tele-film: Ha Du Du
07:30 Drama: Goriber Bondhu
09:00 Drama: Sharmeo
11:40 Rabi Jegey Achho Ki
Desh TV
09:30 Kalpoloker Galpo Katha
10:30 Feature Film: Abichar
02:30 Tele-film: Traffic Signal O Holud Bati
07:30 Drama Serial: Murti
08:30 Drama: Jimmi
11:45 Call-er Gaan: Baul Fusion
Boishakhi TV
10:40 Feature Film: Prithibi Tomar Amar
03:10 Tele-film: Genduchorar Prem Kahini
07:50 Drama Serial: Premier Naam Bedona
08:30 Drama: Mugdho Nilmar Pranto
10:35 Drama: Jora Shalik
12:00 Shomoy Katuk Ganey Ganey
Diganta TV
11:30 Children Programme
02:30 Feature Film: The Willow Tree (Iran)
08:05 Band Show: Rhythm of Life
09:00 Drama: Dui Tashkar
11:05 Celebrity Show: Kichukhon
ON SECOND DAY OF EID
ATN Bangla
11:15 Eid Ananda Dot Com
12:10 Feature Film: Dhakaia Pola Barisaler

03:45 Maia
06:10 Tele-film: Vejal Mandal
07:45 Musical Show: Tune Cafe
07:45 Drama: Maya Madam
08:50 Drama: Turuper Tas
10:40 Panch Foron
Channel i
10:30 Feature Film: Dubshatar
03:05 Tele-film: New York
07:50 Drama: Gontobber Pothey
09:35 Drama: Love Story 2020
12:00 Bhalobashar Bangladesh
ETV
01:30 Feature Film: Phul Nebo Na Asru Nebo
07:30 Drama: Purush Asrom
08:30 Milla's Solo: Dola Dey
10:00 Drama: Apekha
12:30 Phono Live Studio Concert
ntv
02:30 Tele-film: Insomnia
05:30 Musical Show: Money Lagey Dol
08:15 Drama: Bhalobashi Toamkei
09:15 Musical: Dujoney Miley
11:30 Drama: Dwidha
Banglavisio
10:10 Feature Film: Ulta Palta 69
06:05 Musical: Mon Shudhu Mon Chhuyechhe
09:40 Musical: Tarar Paney Cheye
11:15 Drama: Achhey Naki Nai
Rtv
10:00 Feature Film: Jibon Sangsar
02:30 Tele-film: Ferar Poth Nei Thakena Kono Kaley
07:30 Drama: Goriber Bondhu
09:00 Drama: Crime Reporter
11:30 Phono Live Studio Concert
Desh TV
02:30 Feature Film: Khairun Shundori
02:30 Tele-film: Dhulor Manush, Manusher Ghran

08:30 Drama: Shob Rater Galpo Ek Noy
10:00 Drama Serial: Jimmi
11:45 Call-er Gaan: Dohar
Boishakhi TV
10:40 Feature Film: Shotoy Mithyar Lori
03:10 Tele-film: Bhalobashar Ulto Pith
05:20 Eid Cinemar Gaan
07:50 Drama Serial: Premier Naam Bedona
08:30 Drama: Amader Follow Korun
11:30 Live Musical: Shomoy Katuk Ganey Ganey
Diganta TV
11:30 Children Programme
02:30 Feature Film: Judge Barrister
06:05 Fun Show
08:05 Music Caravan
09:00 Drama: Ekti Note
11:05 Celebrity Show: Eid Ananda
ON THIRD DAY OF EID
ATN Bangla
11:15 Ananda Hillol
12:10 Musical Show: Abasheshey Pelam
04:30 Tele-film: Dorjar Opashey
08:50 Drama: Appointment Letter
10:40 Sabina Yasmin's Solo: Galpo Ganey Sabina
Channel i
10:30 Drama: Jabbar Ali
12:35 Tele-film: Nayeka'r Ma
01:30 Tele-film: Ak Prem Dui Galpa
04:30 Krishokh-er Eid Ananda
07:50 Drama: Commissioner
09:35 Drama: Batash Jokhon Khujey Pelo Kashbon
ETV
10:02 Drama: Purush Asram
01:30 Feature Film: Mayer Moto Bhabhi
05:25 Exclusive Events: Idol Night
07:30 Drama: Mayajal
09:30 Eid Movies

10:00 Drama: Mama'r Balish Kothai
11:30 Drama: Monu Mian'r Malka Banu
12:30 Phono Live Studio Concert
ntv
10:05 Feature Film: Moner Shathey Juddho
02:30 Tele-film: Chhobiwala
05:30 Eid Karigar
06:15 Talk Show: Eid-er Natok Ekal-Shekal
08:15 Drama: Chokh
09:15 Musical: Mon Paboner Ghuri
11:30 Drama: Swapno
Banglavisio
02:40 Tele-film: Shampam
06:05 Musical: Gurukey Salam
09:40 Special Programme
11:15 Drama: Ek Koti Ponerosh Shat Taka
Rtv
02:30 Tele-film: Shayannee
04:45 Nupurer Chhondey
07:30 Drama: Gariber Bondhu
09:00 Drama: Phelu Kajol
11:30 Phono Live Studio Concert
Desh TV
10:30 Feature Film: Koti Takar Kabin
02:30 Telefilm: Shohodora
08:30 Drama: Himghar
10:00 Drama Serial: Jimmi
11:45 Call-er Gaan: Chandrobindu
Boishakhi TV
10:40 Feature Film: Mayer Shomman
06:20 Ready Steady Go
08:30 Drama: Swapnowala
10:35 Drama: Pumodoirgho Bangla Natok
11:30 Live Musical
Diganta TV
11:30 Children Programme
02:30 Feature Film: Mahanaya
08:05 Rashona Bilash