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Neha Dhupia at Gitanjali Wedding Fest, Dhaka

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The evening of October 1 could have been much like any other for many in Dhaka, but for a select 400, it was slightly more memorable. Former Miss India and Bollywood star Neha Dhupia was in town to attend the gala fashion show of the Gitanjali Wedding Festival and we caught up with the glamorous showstopper for an exclusive interview at the Radisson. Below is what transpired between the star and Subhi Shama from The Daily Star.

As you can probably tell, Bollywood has a huge following in Bangladesh so we're excited to have you. Is this your first visit to Bangladesh? What have you made of it so far?

Neha: This is actually my second visit to Dhaka and I absolutely love it here -- you guys only seem to get better with time. The audience today has also been fantastic and they truly deserve a round of applause.

Over the years Gitanjali has worked with fantastic

brand ambassadors. What initially drew you to them?

How has the experience been so far? Neha: Well, to be honest they made me an offer that I could not refuse. Jewellery is always a great product to endorse and they're one of the biggest players in the

market. I've been their brand ambassador for three

years and they have a way of really looking out for all the actresses that work with their brands and make sure they're taken care of.

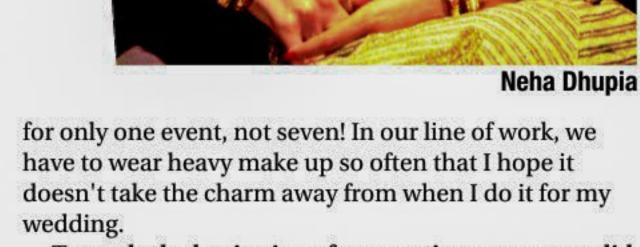
What does the brand signify for you, personally? Neha: I represent a line called Gitanjali Divas and it's one of their more minimalist, daily wear jewellery collections. Which is exactly how I like it. I'm not too flamboyant so this is a great reflection of my personal taste in jewellery. I think they actually put a lot of thought into choosing the right ambassadors for the right prod-

Since the fashion show was the finale to a two-day long wedding festival, the ambiance tempted me to ask you what kind of bride you envision yourself to be?

Neha: To me brides should always be traditional. I love what I'm wearing now, which is a signature Ritu Kumar bridal lehenga and I wouldn't mind wearing something like this for my own wedding. Her designs stand for beautiful, regal brides and that really appeals to me.

Every girl has plans for a dream wedding, what would yours entail?

Neha: I think I want a simple wedding. Maybe by the beach, relaxed. And I definitely want to get dressed up



Towards the beginning of your acting career you did some unconventional roles in bold movies. Do you have any other exciting projects coming up? Neha: I actually do. I'm working on a movie called

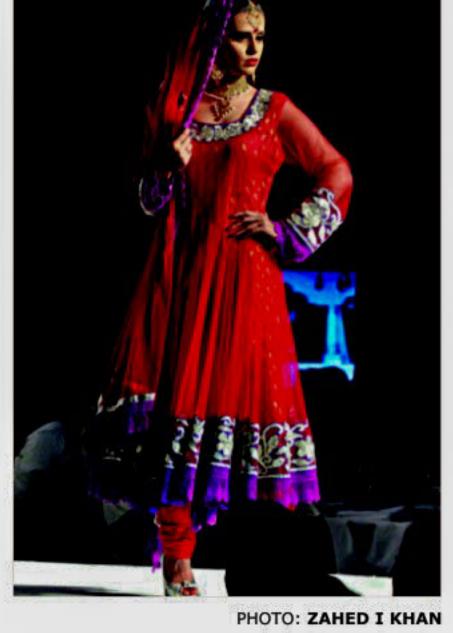
"Maximum" with Sonu Sood and Nasiruddin Shah where I play an encounter specialist. Then there's a comedy called "Pappu Can't Dance Saala" and "Raftaar" with Emraan Hashmi.

I'm sure our readers would love to know your secret (as they say). Are there hair/skin/fitness regimes that you follow?

Neha: Nothing religiously. I think it's important to stay hydrated and exercise once a day, but other than that, just be happy!

The gala fashion show was the grand finale to the two-day long Gitanjali Wedding Festival that ended on September 30. It showcased bridal collections by famed designers from across the border including Ritu Kumar, Sabyasachi Mukherjee, Kavita Vinitia, Preeti S. Kapoor and our very own fashion powerhouse, Ogaan Signature Collection. True to the show's namesake, its focal point was the exquisite pearl, gold, kundan, kolki and diamond jewellery from Gitanjali Lifestyle that met with collective appreciation from the audience. As the night ended with a performance by Habib, Gitanjali Lifestyle promised to continue this event in subsequent years.





An elocutionist's tribute to Tagore and his Nobel Prize-winning work

Models display wedding collections.



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Muktok Padabali, a recitation academy, arranged

a solo recitation performance, titled "Ami Noile Mittha Hoto Shondha Tara Otha", featuring elocutionist Laila Afroz on October 1 at Shawkat Osman Auditorium, Central Public Library, Dhaka.

At the programme, Afroz recited several poems of Tagore. The programme was divided into two parts. In the first segment, Afroz recited Tagore poems and also read out other poets' works that on the Nobel laureate. In the second segment, noted Tagore singer Mohiuzzaman Chowdhury performed songs from "Geetanjali". An added attraction was Afroz's recitation of English translations of Tagore songs.

This year marks the 100th anniversary of "Geetanjali". The programme -- held in advance was a tribute to the Nobel Prize-winning publication.

The evening started with a recitation of "Shondha O Probhat" written by Rabindranath Tagore. This was followed by "Porichoy", "Ami", "Janmantor", "Brahman", "Kripon", and "Shesh Boshonto".

The elocutionist also read out poems that are homage to or make references to Tagore: Jyotindra Mitra's "Rabindranath Tagore", "Bithi Chattopadhyay's "Oloukik" and Shukh Dasgupta's "Jokhon Akash Kande".

Afroz has been reciting over 30 years, and this was her third solo performance. Since childhood, she has

been involved in both singing and recitation. Along with her husband, elocutionist Hassan Arif, Afroz has performed extensively at home and in Kolkata, India.



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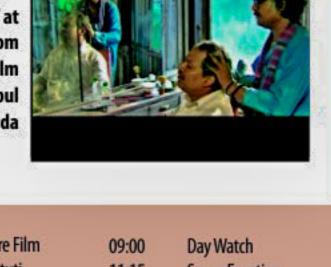
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