



The Daily Star-Standard Chartered Celebrating Life '12 Gala Event

Four icons to get Lifetime Achievement Awards

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Four icons will receive Lifetime Achievement Awards this year at the "Celebrating Life" gala event in four categories: Firoza Begum for her contribution to Nazrul Sangeet and modern Bengali songs; Abdur Razzak in films; Amanul Haque in photography; Ferdausi Rahman in playback and Bhawaiya songs. The winners will receive a crest, a certificate and one lakh taka each.

When it comes to music, Firoza Begum is a living legend in the sub-continent. She pioneered and popularised Nazrul Sangeet as a genre. Abdur Razzak, popularly known as 'Nayok-Raj', not only acted but also produced and directed a number of films, becoming a larger-than-life superstar in the Bangladeshi film industry. Ferdausi Rahman followed her father Abbas Uddin's legacy in upholding the splendour of our folk music. She dedicated herself to promoting Bengali music to the youth and children through the immensely successful programme "Esho Gaan Shikhi". Amanul Haque worked as the director of photography in a number of Satyajit Ray films. He was the only photographer to take the photo of Language Movement martyr Rafiq. The Daily Star and Standard Chartered Bank are proud to honour them at the event.



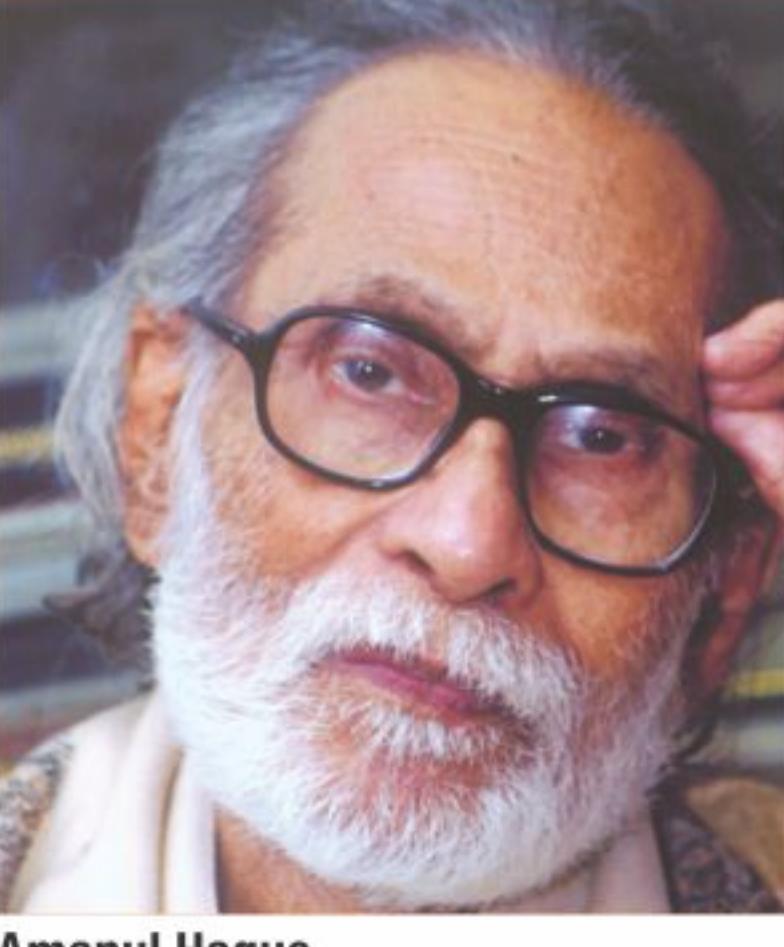
Firoza Begum



Abdur Razzak



Ferdausi Rahman



Amanul Haque

No tickets will be sold for this event. The audience will comprise of invited guests only. If you are a

connoisseur of classical music, please collect your invitation cards from The Daily Star Centre.

Sukumar Ray's 125th birth anniversary today

Bengali poet, writer and playwright Sukumar Ray (1887-1923) was perhaps the most famous practitioner of "literary nonsense" in the sub-continent. He is often compared to Lewis Carroll. His works such as the collection of poems "Abol Tabol", novella "Ha Ja Ba Ra La", short story collection "Pagla Dashu" and play "Chalachittrachanchari" are considered nonsense masterpieces equal in stature to "Alice in Wonderland", and are regarded as some of the greatest treasures of Bangla literature. Close to a century after his death, Ray remains one of the most popular among children's writers in both West Bengal and Bangladesh.

Today marks the 125th birth anniversary of Ray.

He was son of the famous children's storywriter Upendrakishore Ray Chowdhury and father of the iconic filmmaker Satyajit Ray. Sukumar Ray was also the convenor of Monday Club, a weekly gathering of likeminded people at the Ray residence, where the members were free to express their cheeky opinions about the world at large.

About Ray, noted poet and

rhymester Asad Chowdhury said,

"Sukumar was an unparalleled

genius. He lived a short life but

created many valuable literary

pieces. It is very significant that



the Presidency College, Kolkata (then Calcutta). He was trained in photography and printing technology in England and was a pioneer of photography and lithography in British India. While in England, he also delivered lectures on the songs of Rabindranath before Tagore won the Nobel Prize. Ray also drew acclaim as an illustrator. As a technologist, he developed new methods of half tone block-making, and technical articles about this were published in journals in England.

While Ray went to England to learn printing technology, Upendrakishore purchased land, constructed a building, and set up a printing press with facilities for high-quality half tone colour block-making and printing. Ray also launched the children's magazine, "Sandesh".

Apart from the cultural and creative activities, Ray was also a leader of the reformist wing in the Brahmo Samaj.

Ray died in 1923 of severe infectious fever, Leishmaniasis, for which there was no cure at the time.

Satyajit Ray later shot a documentary on Sukumar Ray (in 1987), five years before his own death.

In 1906, Ray graduated with Honours in Physics and Chemistry from

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Eid Specials

"Old versus New" on ntv



A scene from the play.

A CORRESPONDENT

Single-episode play "Old versus New" will be aired on the fourth day of Eid on ntv at 8:15 pm. The play has been written and directed by Ishtiaq Ahmed Romel.

The story is about two families from different ends of the social spectrum. One family maintains the Old Dhaka lifestyle while the other is modern in its outlook. The fate of the two families intertwine when the scion of one family falls for the daughter of the other one.

The cast of the play includes Abul Hayat, Mir Shabbir, Naznin Hasan Chumki and Sayeed

Tele-film "Kol" on Maasranga Television

A CORRESPONDENT

Tele-film "Kol" will be aired on the fourth day of Eid at 3pm on Maasranga Television. The tele-film has been written by Rumman Rashid Khan and directed by Kaushik Sankar Das.

The tele-film follows the personal life of a famed film actress, Zarin, who is completely immersed in her career. To concentrate on work, Zarin sends her three-year old son abroad to stay with her sister. But without her son she really can't concentrate on anything. On the other hand, the son becomes a part of his aunt's family and begins to address her as mother.

Returning home after a few years, the son wants to go back abroad, while Zarin reveals her grey personal life beneath the façade of her glitzy profession.

Tarin, Apurba and Sayeed Babu play the lead roles.



Apurba and Tarin in the play.

Pandit Ajoy Chakrabarty to serenade Dhaka music connoisseurs

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

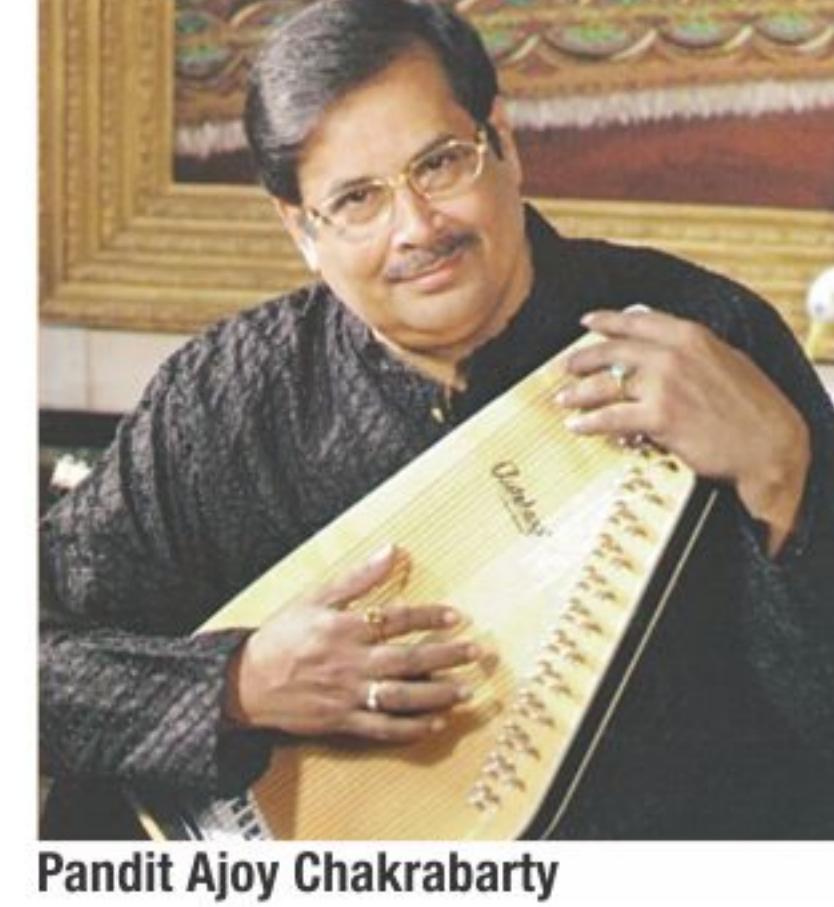
Classical music artistes, connoisseurs and enthusiasts are eagerly waiting for the evening when classical music maestro, Pandit Ajoy Chakrabarty, along with his daughter Kaushiki Desikan, will perform at "The Daily Star-Standard Chartered Celebrating Life 2012" gala event that will be held on November 2 (6 pm) at Shaheed Suhrawardy National Indoor Stadium in Mirpur, Dhaka.

The performance will be a highlight of the award giving ceremony that honours young and talented photographers, lyricists and filmmakers. This is the first time the father-daughter musician duo will perform together in Bangladesh. Noted Bangladeshi singer Sabina Yasmin will also grace the occasion with her performance.

Since 2008, "Celebrating Life" has been organised annually by The Daily Star with the support of Standard Chartered Bank to promote the

young talents of Bangladesh, to know our country better and to uphold our cultural heritage. The theme for "Celebrating Life 2012" is "Celebrating Youth of Bangladesh".

Pandit Ajoy Chakrabarty's sublime style of rendition has won him legions of disciples and ardent fans around the globe. Perfect diction, clarity in sur (musical notes) and gayaki (creative musical progression), command over all aspects of laya and rhythm, and an unmistakable interplay between notes and words to evoke the desired mood and emotions have created the hallmark of Pandit Chakrabarty's music.



Pandit Ajoy Chakrabarty

Sunil to be recalled at 37th Int'l Kolkata Book Fair

PALLAB BHATTACHARYA, New Delhi

Bangladesh will be the theme of the 37th edition of the International Kolkata Book Fair which is expected to feature a number of programmes to bring alive the memories of noted Bengali writer Sunil Gangopadhyay who died last week.

The fair, to be held from January 29, 2013 to February 10, is likely to see an award and a lecture named after Gangopadhyay. The lecture is expected to be delivered by internationally known Indian writer Vikram Seth, Tridib Chatterjee, secretary, Publishers and Book Sellers Guild (organisers of the fair), told The Daily Star from Kolkata.

"We are planning a number of programmes to remember Sunil in the forthcoming book fair to ensure that his memories are brought alive although his physical presence will be missing," he said.

Chatterjee said a pavilion at the book fair will be named after Sunil, who had been not only associated with the fair since its inception in 1976 but had also acted as a bridge between Bangladesh and West Bengal. Sunil Gangopadhyay was born in Faridpur, Bangladesh.

A six-member panel of eminent authors who were also close personal friends of Sunil -- three each of India and Bangladesh -- will be set up to draw up programmes to remember the late writer at the book fair, he said.

According to Chatterjee, a number of leading writers from Bangladesh are expected to be present at the coming fair.

Recalling the close association that Sunil Gangopadhyay had with the book fair, Chatterjee said it is difficult to believe that he will not be present at the upcoming event.

"Since its inception in 1976, Sunil-da was closely associated with the Kolkata Book Fair. He was a regular at the event, participating in the discussions and seminars and offering us valuable advice," he added. Sunil Gangopadhyay also played an important role in organising the Kolkata Literary Meet, inaugurating its first edition in 2011, he said.



BTV	11:05	Special Programme	06:15	Drama Serial: Arman Bhai Honeymoon-e
	12:10	Bangla Feature Film	08:10	Drama
	03:30	Tarunnor Jhangkar	09:40	LRB Gaan
	04:05	Musical Programme	11:10	Drama Serial: Maya
	05:05	Drama: Isti Kukum		
	06:10	Gaan-e Gaan-e Tarar Khela	10:05	Bangla Feature Film
	08:30	Drama: Bhalobashar Rongdhunu	02:10	Tele-film: Game Plan
	10:30	Drama: Obosheshey	05:00	Tele-film: Amader Golpo
ATN BANGLA	10:30	Bangla Feature Film: Bally Road	07:15	Drama Serial: Jaljori
	03:10	Tele-film: Bhalo Theko Bhalobasha	08:10	El Raat Tomar Amar
	05:40	Premer Alapon	09:20	Drama
	07:45	Drama: Moner Akash	11:00	Drama: Modern Bou
	08:50	Drama: Hasem-er	11:45	Music Programme
	10:40	Pratyabartan		
	11:45	Je Kotha Jai Na Bhola	07:40	Drama Serial: Radio Chocolate
Desh TV	10:30	Drama Serial: Buno Chaltar Gao	08:20	Drama Serial: Patalpur Golpo
	12:45	Chandni Pashar	09:30	Drama: Tomake Ene Debo Joshua
CHANNEL i	10:30	Drama: Tomake Chai	10:35	Call-er Gaan
	12:05	Tele-film: Master Jamai		
	02:35	Tele-film: Attopar Ek Shondhaya	11:05	Diganta TV Chhoto Prane Gaan-er

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Ami, Tumi o Rashichakra On CHANNEL 24 at 09:20pm Tele-film Cast: Irish Zaker, Zakia Bari Momo

Vespa 150



Vespa 150 On Gtv at 08:05pm Single Episode TV Play Cast: Shamim Zaman, Orsha

04:30	Tele-film: Tomari Achhi	01:05	Shur	
06:20	Fahmida Nabir Golpo 0 Gaan	03:00	Drama Serial: Shear Bazar Dot Com	
07:50	Drama: Polatok Shomoye	03:40	Tele-film	
09:35	Drama: Metropolitan Bibhram	08:00	Drama: Bibad	
	taan	09:15	Drama Serial: Dotana	
ntv	10:05	Bangla Feature Film	11:15	Music Hour
	02:35	Tele-film		
	05:30	Musical Programme	10:30	Bangla Feature Film
	06:45	Drama Serial: Shukh- taan	03:00	Tele-film: kol
	08:15	Drama: Paharer Chhaya Patader Gaan	06:15	Drama Serial: Love in Borisal
	09:15	Drama: Old Versus New	07:30	Ekanty Dujon
	11:30	Drama	08:45	Drama
Boishakhi TV	10:25	Bangla Feature Film	10:30	Phone Live Studio Concert
	03:00	Mobile Chor	11:15	Music Programme
	05:15	Music Kitchen		
	06:15	Drama Serial: Barisal Private Ltd	10:30	Bangla Feature Film
	07:30	Drama Serial: Bati Chalan	03:00	Tele-film: kol
	08:05	Meet the Makers	06:20	Drama
	08:40	Drama: Big Beradar	08:00	Rock Focus
	10:30	Shomoy Katut Gaane	09:20	Drama: Chhele Dhora kol
ETV	12:30	Bangla Feature Film	10:40	Drama: Camera
	04:00	Tele-film: Tahara Shonyashi	11:25	Drama: Binodini
	06:30	Drama Serial: Ulala 69	11:45	Phone Live Studio Concert
	07:30	Drama: Megh Kalo		
	09:30	Shada Bristi Highway	11:45	Bangla Feature Film
	10:30	Celebrity Secret		
	11:30	Drama Serial: Bibhanti	10:30	Cine Kabbo
	12:10	Phone Live Studio Concert	02:35	Maasranga Television
BANGLAVISION	10:10	Bangla Feature Film	03:00	Studio Concert
	01:30	Eid Ayojon	06:20	Drama