



BENGAL ITC-SRA CLASSICAL MUSIC FESTIVAL 2012

A whirlpool of melodies

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The second day (November 30) of the Bengal ITC SRA Classical Music Festival 2012 maintained the brilliance of its beginning. The grandest ever classical music festival is being held at Bangladesh Army Stadium in Dhaka. The second day's programme kicked off with an exclusive presentation, titled "SRA on Strings". A number of instruments -- sitar, sarod, sarangi, flute, violin and tabla -- fashioned a fusion based on Raga Kafi.

Ustad Rashid Khan's moving rendition of the Raga Puria Kalyan weaved a garland of melodies -- narrating myths of both the sun and the moon. Puria Kalyan, belonging to the 'thaat', Marwa, is an intermingling of Raga Yaman or the 'full moon' and Raga Puria. The time in between the setting of the sun and the emergence of the moon is considered apt for performing the raga. Ustad Rashid Khan brilliantly articulated the bliss of moonlight and saying farewell to the sun. That state of mind was expressed through the 'vilambit bandish', "Aaj Subana". During his descent on the raga, the ustad fashioned a melody involving 'Kalyan ang' (re ni dha, pa) and 'Puria ang' (ma, dha, ni, re, ga, ma, re, ga, ni re, sa). The 'sangat' of sarangi imitated his vocals. Khan's exquisite performance of 'pukaar', vocal throwing, 'laykari', 'mirkhand' (combination of the notes) and 'drut sapat taan' created a musical whirlpool. Pandit Subhankar Banerjee on tabla, Pandit Jyoti Guha on harmonium and Allarakha Kalawant on sarangi accompanied the ustad. Rashid Khan also performed a thumri, "Yaad Piya Ki Aaye", originally recorded by Ustad Bade Gulam Ali Khan.

Prior to performing a piece set on Raga Antardhwani on his santoor, Pandit Shivkumar Sharma said, "Music is not only for entertainment but also for fostering spirituality. The experiences of life concentrate on the oneness with the Almighty." Pandit Sharma first presented a slow, mellifluous 'alaap' -- almost like a butterfly coming out of its cocoon. He performed 'alaap jor', a 'vilambit' composition on 'jhapa taal' and two 'drut' compositions set on 'addha' and 'teen taal'. The pandit went beyond the sphere of words and made his melody speak to the Divinity. Yogesh Samsi produced apt rhythms on his tabla while Shikahito, a disciple of the pandit, accompanied on tanpura.

Veteran sarod maestro Pandit Buddhadev Dasgupta enthralled the Dhaka music connoisseurs with playing tunes of a Tagore song, "Shedin Dujoney" as 'bandish'. The piece was based on Raga Pilu. Prior to that he performed a 'dhun' set on Raga Kaunshi Kanara.

While performing a khayal, set on a romantic Raga Basant Mukhari, the accomplished vocalist Kaushiki Desikan showcased endless expressions and styles in the 'vilambit bandish', "Naina mere Baware". Kaushiki's performance featured 'bistaar' with 'boltaan', 'meed', 'gamak', 'raagdari' and 'shom'. The artiste's 'drut bandish' (on 'teen taal') "Bhayo Bhor" was remarkable. Tabla artiste Yogesh Samsi embellished the performance by presenting exquisite 'lahora' and 'rela'. Later, the artiste presented a dadra

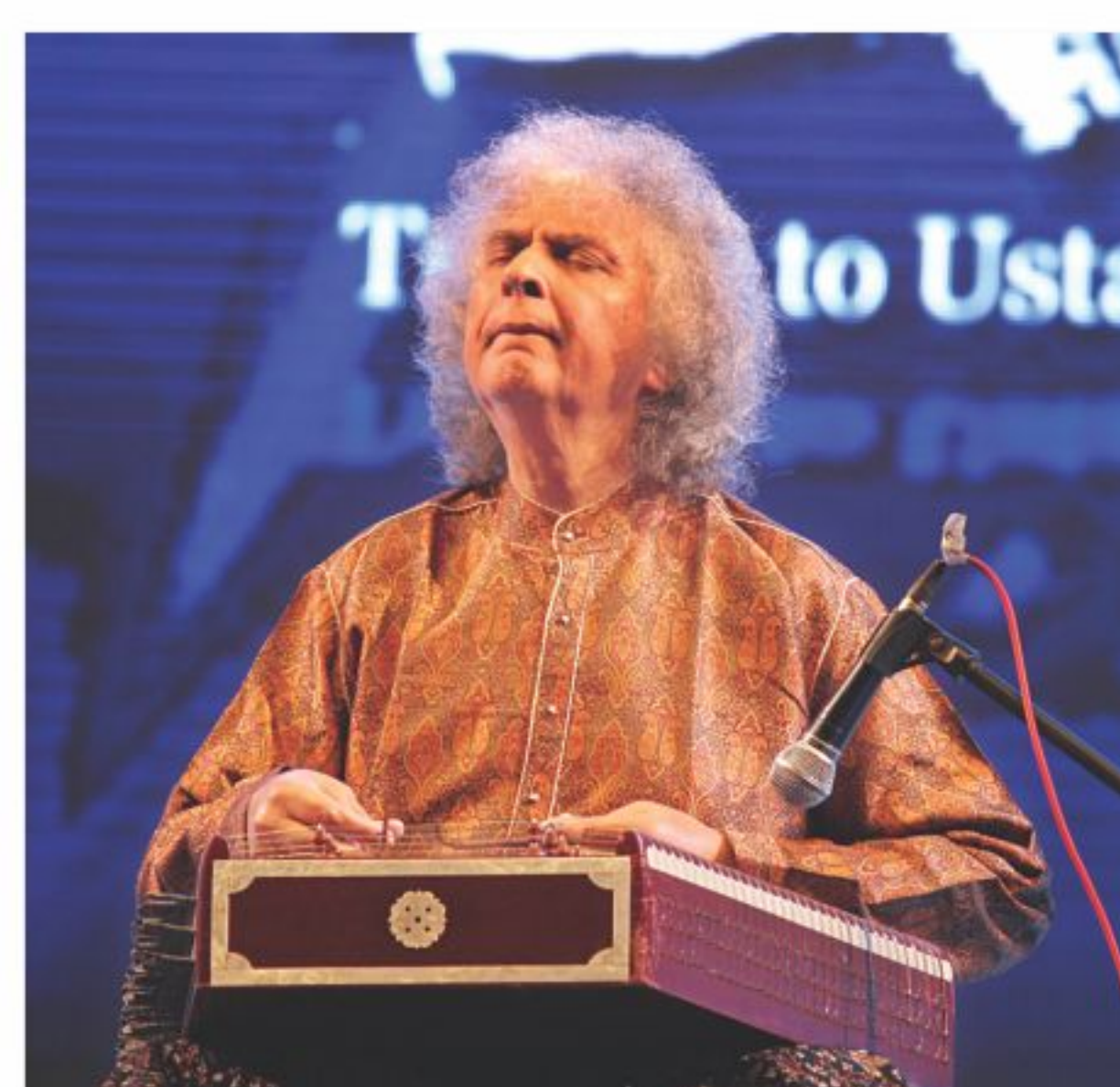


Ustad Rashid Khan

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Pandit Buddhadev Dasgupta



Pandit Shivkumar Sharma

based on Raga Mishra Pahari.

Ustad Mashkoo Ali Khan performed a melancholic Raga Malkaunsh. His 'drut bandish', "Koyelia Kuk Chhunabey" (on teen taal) earned hearts of many.

Bangladeshi Sarod artiste Rajrupa Chowdhury captivated the audience with a 'dhun' performance set on Raga Hameer on 'vilambit', 'madhyalaya' and 'drut teen taal'. The striking point of her performance was 'raagdari' and producing of peaceful melody.

Adnan Khan played a stunning 'dhun' set on Raga Yaman on his sitar. The crux of his performance was

'gamaki taan' -- a very rare presentation in instrumental music.

The talented vocalist Deborshee Bhattacharjee performed Raga Shudh Kalyan. Yaswant Vaishnav presented a solo tabla 'lahora' based on raga Jhinjhuti. His 'chakradar', 'paran', 'gat', 'tukra' and 'otit tehai' were entertaining. Sandip Bhattacharjee performed a khayal set on Raga Kadar.

The festival comes to an end today. Today's programme has been dedicated to sarod maestro Ustad Ali Akbar Khan.

Taiko, Samisen and Narimono reverberate

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Beats of taiko (traditional Japanese wide drums) and narimono (metallic percussion) mingled with measured acoustic sounds of samisen (three-stringed instrument), and together created some unforgettable music, as Japanese fusion group 'Aun and Hide' performed for the Dhaka audience during a two-hour show at the National Theatre Hall of Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy in Dhaka on November 30.

The Embassy of Japan arranged the concert to celebrate the 40th anniversary of



Japanese trio 'Aun and Hide' performs at Shilpakala Academy.

diplomatic relations between Bangladesh and Japan.

Aun is a band of twin brothers -- Ryohei and Kohei Inoue. On the other hand, Hide is a

Distinguished guests -- Abul Kalam Azad, Minister of Cultural Affairs and Shiro Sadoshima, Ambassador of Japan to Bangladesh -- made brief speeches after the performances.

Mostly, the twins played on taiko and accompanied Hide when he was playing narimono. Hide was vibrant and engaging. His superlative skills on the narimono was noticeable.

On the other hand, the twins were apt on taiko and samisen. They performed a piece featuring samisen. Ryohei also played a couple of pieces on flute.

The trio's repertoire also included "Be Free", "To the South" and "Bon Voyage II".

15th Asian Art Biennale starts in Dhaka

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The 15th Asian Art Biennale opened yesterday. As part of the festival, exhibitions are now on at National Art Gallery of Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy (BSA) and Bengal Gallery of Fine Arts.

Finance Minister Abul Maal Abdul Muhith inaugurated the exhibition at BSA as chief guest. Cultural Affairs Minister Abul Kalam Azad was present as special guest. Suraiya Begum NDC, Secretary, Ministry of Cultural Affairs presided over the inaugural session. Liaquat Ali Lucky, director general of BSA was also present at the programme.

BSA has been organising the biennale since 1981. Apart from Bangladesh, 34 countries have taken part with 800 artworks at the event.

Among the participating countries are: Bahrain, Brunei, China, India, Indonesia, Iran, Japan, Jordan, Kazakhstan, Lebanon, Malaysia, Maldives, Nepal, Oman, Pakistan, South and North Korea, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, Singapore, Sri Lanka, Syria, Thailand,

Philippines, Turkey, the United Arab Emirates and Uzbekistan.

Liaquat Ali Lucky said, "The Asian Art Biennale is one of the largest art festivals in the sub-continent. Artists, gallerists, critics and curators from different parts of the world are taking part in the festival. BSA is delighted to hold the event on a grand scale. Over fifty guests from overseas have taken part at the seminar. They will also visit the local galleries and will make observations on our art market and scenario. A five-member jury committee, including veteran Bangladeshi painters and critics, have selected the artworks for the exhibition."

About 800 artworks of 538 artists are on display at the exhibition. The mediums include: paintings, etchings, sculptures, installations and video art.

Other highlights of the biennale include a two-day long seminar titled, "Cultural Crosspollination and Regional Perspectives". The seminar will be held today (December 2) and tomorrow (December 3) at the Seminar Room of BSA.

The festival will continue till December 31.

BTV	11:25	Business Vision	
08:45	Bangladesh Vs West Indies (Live)	Rtv	
07:00	Din Jai Kotha Thake	12:35	Bangla Feature Film
09:10	Drama Serial: Rajkonna Lilaboti	07:40	Drama Serial: Bhim Roti
10:25	Ittyadi	09:50	Dhrupodi Kahini
		12:05	Shimana Perley
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11:20	Business and Finance	03:02	Gaan R Gaan
06:15	Shushtha Thakun	06:30	Sanskritir Sharadesh
08:40	Drama Serial: Shongshar Shukher Hoy Bedonar Goney	09:45	Tribute to Legend
		12:30	Total Sports
11:30	Drama Serial: Boiri Batash	Maasranga Television	
		10:02	Bangla Feature Film
CHANNEL i		06:30	Binodon Sharadin
02:45	Grorey Ghorey Gaaner Utshab	11:00	Tele-quiz
06:20	Rupantar	CHANNEL 9	
09:35	Drama Serial: Tukro	04:10	Bangla Feature Film
		08:15	Drama Serial: Nagarik
		09:00	Power Voice 2012

**Tomader Ei Wrin Kon Din Shodh Hobena**  
On Gtv at 05:45pm  
Talk Show  
Host: Nasiruddin Yousuff

**X-Men: First Class**  
On Fox Movies at 03:10pm  
Genre: Action/Adventure  
Cast: James McAvoy, Michael Fassbender

**Bhuter Bari**  
On Boishakhi TV at 06:15pm  
Drama Serial  
Cast: Abid Rehan, Humaira Himu

Chhobir Album Prokriti O Jibon  
11:30 ntv  
08:45 Bangla Feature Film  
04:10 Janar Achhey Bolar Achhey  
06:15 Shubho Shondhya  
09:00 Close Up One  
ETV  
03:30 Ekushey-er Business  
06:30 Desh Jurey Oporadh Porikroma  
12:05 Ekushey-er Raat  
Boishakhi TV  
04:00 Shorashori Doctor  
08:35 Fashion Haat  
09:20 Drama Serial: Ognipoth  
11:00 Reporters Dairy  
BANGLAVISION  
01:05 Bangla Feature Film  
06:05 Ebong Class-er Bairey  
08:15 Drama Serial: Ladies First

11:15 Bits Unlimited  
CHANNEL 24  
01:05 Musical Programme  
08:00 Shopping & Cooking  
08:30 Travel Show  
Gtv  
11:30 Bangla Feature Film  
09:00 Harmony  
09:35 Drama Serial: Jonani  
Fox Movies  
01:35 The Mechanic  
03:10 X-Men: First Class  
05:20 In Time  
09:50 Colombianiana  
HBO  
02:40 Thor  
04:55 Inception  
11:25 Sucker Punch

Star World  
01:30 Junior Master Chef  
Australia  
Revenge  
Alcatraz

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Answer of QUIZ 01:  
1. i. Sean Connery ii. George Lazenby iii. Roger Moore iv. Timothy Dalton v. Pierce Brosnan vi. Daniel Craig  
2. Roger Moore  
3. Crab Key.

Winners of QUIZ 01:  
01. Md Khalid Hossain - Mirpur, Dhaka  
02. Sharmin Biva - Moghbazar, Dhaka  
03. Mehrin Karim - Green Road, Dhaka

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