

# Rinku: A socially aware artist



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The conversation with Rinku happened at his office in Eskatan, Dhaka, which is called 'Shomporko'. The singer has decorated the office with a folk motif. Bauliana is always treasured by Rinku, who fashions a traditional gamchha around the neck or wraps it on his head.

The shelves at his office are filled with research material and history books on folk songs, along with other music related publications. Rinku says the collection is for the preservation and research of folk music, adding that his organisation plans to release a folk-based album in the future.

The singer becomes emotional while talking about the recent Savar tragedy, "I often went to perform for the garment workers. They always liked my folk performances. This tragedy cannot be accepted."

On another note, Rinku shared his efforts in collecting and preserving resources on folk songs and literature from remote parts of the country. "I'm trying to coordinate and collaborate with the descendants of rural bards, in order to collect the materials."

Since his musical journey began in 2005, Rinku has released seven albums, with his latest one titled "Jogot-bondhu". To collect songs for the album, Rinku travelled across the country to gather songs by Bhoba Pagol, Jalaluddin Kha and Ukil Munshi.

The singer is currently busy making a Rabindra Sangeet album, titled "Baul Beshe Rabi Thakur". The soon to be released album will contain Rabindranath's Baul-influenced songs. It will be released under Rinku's own organisation's banner.

Rinku is also scheduled to go on a month-long Europe tour soon. He says, "I visited many countries since I first started to perform. I feel proud of my achievements when expatriates express their admiration for my music."

On his future plans, Rinku informs, "I'm currently working on compiling a collection of Durbin Shah's writings. A Bhawaiya or Lalon singer will sing his songs. You can call it a dream of mine." Asked if he plans to become a music director, he adds, "I have no such plan. However, I want to stay in the music world for the rest of my life and sing for people."

Among the singers who have risen through the "Close Up 1" competition, Rinku has done exceptionally well. He is busy with stage performances, often travelling abroad to do shows. Rinku's performances mostly feature Lalon and folk songs -- which have always been his strong suit.

Rinku says, "I sing for the farmers, the garment workers, the masses. They are my listeners, and I feel proud. I want to keep on singing for them for the rest of my life."

# MUSICAL EVENING Fakir Alamgir holds sway



Fakir Alamgir sings at the programme.

A musical evening featuring iconic Gono Sangeet artiste Fakir Alamgir was held on May 3 at the Indira Gandhi Cultural Centre (IGCC), High Commission of India, in Gulshan, Dhaka, according to a press release.

Among Alamgir's presentations were: "Daam Diye Kinechi Bangla", "Shunecho Ki Savar-er Khobor", "Shadher Lau", "Mon Amar Dehghori" and more. The final number was "Naam Tar Chhilo John Henry".

Alamgir's accompanists were Gazi Abdul Hakim (flute), Nasir (lead guitar), Mashuk Alamgir (acoustic guitar), Alamgir (backing vocals), Rony (tabla) and Shubroto (octopad).

Fakir Alamgir blends traditional folk music with western instruments. He has released several popular albums with foot-tapping numbers like "O Sakhina", "Shantahar" etc.

Alamgir has successfully fused 'modernism' into the tradition of Gono Sangeet. His landmark songs include in the "Sakhina" series that depicts the struggle between the "haves" and the "have nots" through a romantic relationship between the singer and a village girl.

# Star Wars to be dubbed in Navajo



The largest Native American tribe in the United States is seeking to dub the classic 1977 movie "Star Wars" in Navajo, as a way to help preserve its traditional language.

Fluent Navajo speakers were invited for a casting call in Window Rock in northern Arizona on Friday and Saturday, to dub the roles of Luke Skywalker, Han Solo, Princess Leia and others, tribal officials said.

Manuelito Wheeler, director of the Navajo Nation Museum, said he first came up with the idea 13 years ago as a way to preserve the consonant-rich Navajo language, believed to be spoken by about 170,000 people. Wheeler said he believes the popular science fiction movie will resonate with the Navajo people with its universal theme of good versus evil.

A team of five Navajos spent 36 hours translating the original script, hampered by the many words in English that do not translate word for word into Navajo.

For example, he said there is no direct translation for "May the force be with you," one of the most recognisable lines in the movie.

"What we want to avoid is like the Kung Fu movies of the past where the lips didn't match up with the words they were speaking," he said.

The finished movie, which will include English subtitles, will be shown during the tribe's Fourth of July celebration in Window Rock and again in September at the Navajo Nation Fair.

Source: Reuters



New York-based Bangladeshi artist Azmeer Hossain's solo art exhibition, titled "Emotion Recollected in Tranquility" opened in the capital on May 3 at Bengal Gallery of Fine Arts, Dhanmondi. A press conference was held in this connection on May 2 at the gallery, where renowned artist Rafiqun Nabi, Director of Bengal Gallery of Fine Arts Subir Chowdhury, artist Azmeer Hossain and manager of Bengal Foundation Sarwar Jahan were present. Sarwar Jahan read out the written statement on the exhibition. The two-week exhibition -- showcasing 59 artworks, will be open from 12 noon to 8pm everyday.

Subachan Nattya Sangsad staged 'Mohajoner Nao' at the Experimental Theatre Hall of Shilpakala Academy yesterday. The play -- based on the life and philosophies of Baul Shah Abdul Karim, is written by Shakoor Majid, and directed by Sudip Chakroborty.

PHOTO: RIDWAN ADID RUPON



# The irresistible charm of Korea



Gugak meets B-boying: performers at "Charm of Korea".

SAMIA SHAMIM

The Embassy of the Republic of Korea celebrated 40 years of diplomatic relations between Bangladesh and Korea with a musical programme in the capital, last Thursday. The show was held at the National Theatre Hall of Shilpakala Academy and was open to all.

The musical show, titled "Charm of Korea" featured 'Queen', a five-member group of Korean artistes, who performed traditional 'Gugak' music, along with 'Jinjo Crew', a famous Korean hip-hop troupe well known for their "B-Boying" -- a western street dance style.

The show was also marked by an amazing performance of beat-boxing -- a technique of making music with just one's mouth -- by Korea's top beat-boxer; J-COP.

The Jinjo Crew performed one of their award-winning dance numbers along with the beat-boxer.

Several Korean artists performed 'Samulnori', a traditional form of dance along with playing instruments and performing balancing acts.

Diplomats, expatriate Korean families, and an enthusiastic audience enjoyed the programme, along with the Minister of Cultural Affairs, Abul Kalam Azad, present as chief guest.

<b>BTV</b>	10:30 Mati O Manush	<b>Rtv</b>	12:35 Bangla Feature Film
02:40 Shomoy-er Shonglap	07:35 Drama Serial: Thanar		
09:05 Drama Serial: Ochena	Nam Shonir Akhra		
Shomoy	Drama Serial: Oloshpur		
10:25 Ittyadi	09:50 Dhruopodi Kahini		
<b>ATN BANGLA</b>		<b>Desh TV</b>	
11:20 Business & Finance		03:02 Gaan R Gaan	
06:15 Shustha Thakun		06:00 123 Sisimpur	
08:40 Drama Serial: Shongshar		07:45 Drama Serial: Saatkahon	
Shukher Hoy Bedonar		09:45 Tribute to the Legend	
Goney		<b>Maasranga Television</b>	
11:30 Drama Serial: Boiri		07:00 Ranga Shokal	
Batash		10:02 Bangla Feature Film	
<b>CHANNEL i</b>		01:20 ODI: Bangladesh Vs Zimbabwe (Live)	
02:45 Groyey Ghorey Gaaner		<b>CHANNEL 9</b>	
Utshab		09:00 Bangla Feature Film	
05:30 Drama Serial: Protishod		08:15 Drama Serial: Nagonik	
09:35 Drama Serial: Probashe		09:00 Kobir Lorai	
Porbashe		11:00 Desher Tara	
11:30 Prokriti O Jibon			

<b>RADIO</b>		
abc Radio FM 89.2	10:00 Morning Express	
09:30 Edik Odik	12:30 No Tension	
05:30 Kacha Lanka	04:00 Dhaka Calling	
06:30 Mitha Kara	09:00 Full Volume	
07:20 GP Lounch	11:00 Back to Back music	
07:45 Megh Barata	<b>RADIO TODAY FM 89.6</b>	
09:30 Love Hour	06:00 Green FM	
11:10 Hindi Hits	08:00 Good Morning Dhaka	
<b>RADIO FOORTI</b>	12:00 Today's Adda	
07:30 Hello Dhaka	04:00 U Turn	

**Bangladesh vs. Zimbabwe**  
On Maasranga Television at 1:20pm  
2nd ODI Cricket Match  
Live From Bulawayo

**Da Vinci's Demons**  
On Fox Movies at 08:00pm  
Genre: Adventure/Drama  
Cast: Tom Riley, Laura Haddock &

**Ebong Class-er Baire**  
On Banglavision at 06:05pm  
Magazine Programme  
Host: Zarin Shakila

<b>ntv</b>	08:45 Bangla Feature Film	<b>CHANNEL 24</b>	01:00 Beyond the Gallery
04:10 Janar Achhey Bolar	Achhey	06:20 Talk Show	
06:15 Shubho Shondhya		09:10 Drama Serial: Ashin	
09:00 Tomakei khujche	Bangladesh	<b>Gtv</b>	
<b>ETV</b>	03:30 Ekushey-er Business	10:45 Bangla Feature Film	
04:30 Documentary: Jibon	Brittney	05:40 G-World Week	
06:30 Desh Jurey Oporadh	Porikroma	08:10 Drama Serial: Poimanta	
10:10 Drama Serial: Megher	Kheya	12:00 Shongbad Shonglap	
<b>Boishakhi TV</b>		<b>Fox Movies</b>	
10:15 Bangla Feature Film		02:45 We Bought a Zoo	
06:15 Drama Serial: Kajla	Union	08:00 Da Vinci's Demons	
08:35 Spot Light		09:00 Dude, Where's My Car?	
11:30 Drama Serial: Patheror	Kanna	10:25 Kung Fu Hustle	
<b>BANGLAVISION</b>		<b>HBO</b>	
01:05 Bangla Feature Film		03:45 Due Date	
06:05 Ebong Class-er Bairey		07:15 The Twilight Saga: Eclipse	
08:15 Drama Serial: Ladies	First	09:30 Enemy of the State	
11:25 Business Vision		11:50 Shaolin Soccer	
		<b>Star World</b>	
		02:30 One Tree Hill	
		07:30 Grey's Anatomy	
		08:30 Arrow	
		10:30 Duplicity	
		<b>Discovery Channel</b>	
		08:30 Rattle Snake	

<b>DRAMA SERIAL</b>			
<b>ATN BANGLA</b>	10:55pm Scandal	<b>BANGLAVISION</b>	09:20pm Ognipath
<b>CHANNEL i</b>	07:50pm Noorjahan	<b>Rtv</b>	09:05pm Red Signal
<b>ntv</b>	08:15pm Oghoton Ghoton	<b>Desh TV</b>	08:15pm Apon Ghor
<b>Potiyoshi</b>		<b>Radio Chocolate</b>	08:15pm Reloaded
<b>ETV</b>	09:30pm Pancho Premik	<b>Maasranga Television</b>	09:20pm Maa
<b>Boishakhi TV</b>			

<b>NEWS BULLETIN</b>			
<b>BTV</b>	News (Bangla) at 12pm, 2pm, 5pm, 8pm	<b>Boishakhi TV</b>	News (Bangla) at 10am, 2pm, 7pm.
News (English) at 10am, 4pm, 10pm.	<b>ATN BANGLA</b>	News (Bangla) at 11am, 12pm, 2pm, 7pm, 10pm.	News (English) at 9am, 6pm.
News (English) at 9am, 6pm.	<b>CHANNEL i</b>	News (Bangla) at 2pm, 9pm, 10:30pm.	<b>BANGLAVISION</b>
<b>ntv</b>	News (Bangla) at 2pm, 7:30pm, 10:30pm.	News (Bangla) at 2pm, 7pm, 9pm, 11pm.	News (Bangla) at 10am, 2pm, 7:30pm, 10:30pm.
<b>ETV</b>	News (Bangla) at 1pm, 3pm, 5pm, 7pm, 9pm, 11pm.		News (English) at 1pm, 3pm, 6pm, 9pm.
			<b>Rtv</b>
			News (Bangla) at 1:45pm, 6:45pm, 10:45pm.
			<b>Desh TV</b>
			News (Bangla) at 2pm, 7pm, 9pm, 11pm.
			<b>Maasranga Television</b>
			News (Bangla) at 7pm, 1am.

<b>TALK SHOW</b>			
<b>ATN BANGLA</b>	01:00am Onnodrishti	<b>12:00am</b>	Zero Hour
<b>CHANNEL i</b>	01:00am Tritiyo Matra	<b>Rtv</b>	11:20pm Our Democracy
<b>ntv</b>	12:00am Ei Shomoy	<b>Desh TV</b>	11:45pm Shoja Kotha
<b>ETV</b>	12:05am Ekushey-er Raat	<b>Maasranga Television</b>	12:02am Shampratik
<b>Boishakhi TV</b>		<b>CHANNEL 24</b>	11:00pm Muktabak