

# Star Melodies' Homage to Tagore

## Artistes perform numbers from his lyrical dance dramas

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"Rabindranath's idea and conception of dance, blending elements from several Indian classical dance styles as well as many other folk and foreign dance forms to emerge into Rabindra Nritya Dhara, aptly expresses the emotions of Bangalees," explained celebrated dancer-choreographer Sharmila Banerjee, as she spoke to an engaged audience at The Daily Star-Bengal Arts Precinct. Star Melodies, the initiative of The Daily Star to promote Bangla music, held a musical soiree marking the 155th birth anniversary of Tagore on May 13. The event highlighted songs from Tagore's lyrical dance dramas.

With a brief elaboration of the genre, Banerjee then invited her daughter, accomplished dancer Sudeshna Swayamprabha, to



display a dance set to the song "Amar Onge Onge Ke". Sudeshna beautifully performed the piece with her artistic agility, lyrical movement and graceful expression.

Star Arts & Entertainment Editor Sadya Afreen Mallick, who regularly comperes the event, welcomed the audience and spoke on her long affinity for Tagore through her Chhayanaut days and the many seasonal festivals and more.

Noted Tagore singer Salma Akbar brilliantly talked about the musical aspects of Tagore. She also led choral songs, "Shongkoher Bihbolotaye" and "Aha Aji E Boshontey", with featured solo performances by promising Tagore artistes - Shuma Roy, Shimu De, Chhaya Karmakar, Nayeema Islam Naj, Dipanjan Mukherjee, Mustafizur Rahman Turjo, Anupam

Kumar Paul and Jibon Chowdhury. They performed songs from popular Tagore lyrical and dance dramas, "Shyama", "Mayar Khela", "Chitrangada", "Chandalika", "Tasher Desh", "Shapmochon" and "Bhogno Hridoy".

Nayeema Islam Naj set off the musical soiree with "Rodon Bhora E Boshonto", creating an aura of feminine pathos. The singer was immersed in melody while performing the popular "Chitrangada" classic. Mustafizur Rahman Turjo opened up his sonorous voice and mesmerised the audience with his presentation of "Aji Dokhin Duar Khola" ("Shapmochon").

Shuma Roy diffused the aroma of romance with her mellifluous performance of the number "Ghorety Bhromor Elo Gunguniye" from "Tasher Desh". Shimu De too captivated Tagore song lovers with her moving rendition of "Dibosh Rajani Ami Jeno" ("Mayar Khela"). Anupam Kumar Paul beautifully performed "Tumi Ki Keboli Chhobi".

Chhaya Karmakar's presentation of "Ketchhey Ekela Biroher Bela" ("Chitrangada") was fantastic while Jibon Chowdhury's lovely offering of "Amar Jibon Patro Uchchaliya" ("Shyama") earned much applause. Dipanjan Mukherjee superbly performed the penultimate song of the soiree "Era Shukher Lagi" ("Mayar Khela"). He fascinated all with his emotive rendition.

Thanks to the blessings of the pitter-patter of a Baishakhi evening, the ambience of the evening seemed like Shraban (monsoon), while the artistes predominantly performed songs evoking Bashanta (spring).

Eastern Bank Limited and Chalacchitram assisted in the programme.



The artistes render a chorus (top); Sharmila Banerjee and Salma Akbar speak.

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# First "MacGyver" trailer is explosive and awesome

Almost 24 years to the day after the original "MacGyver" came to a close following seven seasons on the air, the first look at CBS' upcoming update was released yesterday, aiming to introduce a new generation of viewers to the kinds of engineering magic one can put together using just a dime, a guitar string and a pack of fire-crackers.

Lucas Till (most famous for his portrayal of Havok in the "X-Men" franchise) features as the titular genius Mac, filling in the iconic shoes of Richard Dean Anderson. And while Till's smarm and borderless self-confidence can be a little irritating, but this is still MacGyver, and it's more about seeing seemingly inescapable situations getting bamboozled by whatever objects just happened to be in the vicinity.

In "MacGyver", the twenty-something Mac is behind the formation of a new government organisation where he can showcase his amazing knack for using

science and critical thinking to solve any problem that comes his way. Expectedly, some of those problems are extremely dangerous as he makes his way around the globe with the former CIA agent Lincoln, played by former "CSI" star George Eads.

Also starring Addison Timlin, Michelle Krusiec and more, "MacGyver" looks like a bright-eyed and flaming-tailed action-adventure series that thankfully doesn't take itself too seriously. Back when "MacGyver" was first reported to return to TV audiences, many weren't confident that the show could or would retain the energetic madness that was the original series. But with the first look, it does seem like there is some promise.

While an official premiere date has yet to be unveiled, it was confirmed that "MacGyver" will take over CBS' fall schedule on Friday nights.

Source: CinemaBlend



# IGCC showcases Anindita Kazi

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Indira Gandhi Cultural Centre (IGCC) is organising an evening of recitation, songs and talk in a programme titled "Aninditar Thakurdar Jhuli" by Anindita Kazi at 6:30pm today at the IGCC, Gulshan-1 premises. The programme is a tribute by Anindita Kazi to her grandfather Kazi Nazrul Islam on the occasion of his 117th Birth Anniversary.

Anindita is the daughter of Aniruddha Kazi and granddaughter of Bangladesh's National Poet Kazi Nazrul Islam. A first class in music from Allahabad University, she was former president of Tara TV, one of the most popular Bangla TV channels of India. Anindita is also a reputed Nazrul singer and elocutionist and has made TV and stage appearances in India, Bangladesh and many countries abroad.

# SHAHEEN SAMAD to launch four Nazrul albums

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Noted singer Shaheen Samad is all set to launch four new albums today, all of them featuring Nazrul Sangeet of various flavours. The ceremony, to be held today at the Chhayanaut auditorium, will also see the artiste perform live.

The albums, titled "Nana Borner Nazrul", "Ontore Tumi", "Allah Te Je Paite Chaye" and "Duar Azan'er Modhur Dhwoni" (the latter two featuring Ham'd and Na't), are being released under the

banner of Laser Vision.

Eminent personalities Professor Emeritus Anisuzzaman, music exponent Azad Rahman, artiste Ferdausi Rahman and Nazrul singer Khalid Hossain will launch the albums. Laser Vision Chairman AKM Arifur Rahman will chair the programme.

The albums come at a good time, with the National Poet's birth anniversary coming up in less than a week, and also Ramadan coming up soon when Islamic songs like Ham'd and Na't are in demand



PHOTO: STAR

# ESHA GUPTA to star in "Commando 2"



Actress Esha Gupta has confirmed that she is a part of the upcoming film "Commando 2", and is excited about the high-octane action.

Esha took to Twitter to confirm that in the film, she will star opposite actor Vidyut Jammwal, who was also a part of the first film which released in 2013.

She tweeted: "Yes I'm doing 'Commando 2', Yes I am opposite Vidyut. No, not playing negative.. Fighting??? Hell yes, why not?!"

Earlier, actor Freddy Daruwala, who gained popularity as a villain in the

Akshay Kumar starrer "Holiday", had also been announced to be a part of the film, in a negative role.

The film, directed by Deven Bhojani and produced by Vipul Amrutlal Shah, began principal photography this February, with Jamwal and Adah Sharma in the lead roles. No release date has yet been confirmed.

Esha Gupta had earlier featured in movies like "Jannat 2", "Raaz 3D" and "Humshakals".

Source: IANS



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The Angry Birds Movie is a 2016 American-Finnish 3D computer-animated action-adventure comedy film based on the video game series of the same name. It was directed by Clay Kaytis and Fergal Reilly (in their directorial debuts), produced by John Cohen and Catherine Winder, and written by Jon Vitti. The film was animated by Sony Pictures Imageworks, and stars Jason Sudeikis, Josh Gad, Danny McBride, Maya Rudolph, Kate McKinnon, Sean Penn, Tony Hale, Keegan-Michael Key, Bill Hader and Peter Dinklage. It is set to be released in the United States on May 20, 2016.

The Daily Star together with Star Cineplex will host a quiz for the movie lovers in the Arts & Entertainment section. So keep your eyes open.