

# Star Melodies' tribute to 25 great composers of Bangla Nagorik songs



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Commemorating 25 years of The Daily Star, Star Melodies will hold a special musical programme, paying tribute to 25 noted composers of Bangla Nagorik songs.

The first segment will feature songs of Tagore, DL Ray, Atulprasad Sen, Rajanikanta Sen, Kazi Nazrul Islam along with stalwarts Raichand Boral, Sailesh Dutta Gupta, Sachin Dev Burman, Himangshu Dutta, and Kamal Dasgupta.

Noted singers Shaheen Samad, Sumon Chowdhury, Fahim Hossain Chowdhury, Laisa Ahmed Lisa and Nasima Shaheen will present songs of the golden era.

The event will be held at 6pm on November 5 at the AS Mahmud Hall of The Daily Star Centre.

Sadya Afreen Mallick will comper the programme. The event has been organised with assistance from Simantic Creative Concern and Eastern Bank Limited.

Invitation passes can be collected from The Daily Star Centre. Seats are limited and available on first-come first-serve basis.



Laisa Ahmed Lisa



Nasima Shaheen



## "I love angling" ...FATEMA TUZ ZOHRA

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Renowned singer Fatema Tuz Zohra is known equally well for her Nazrul Sangeet renditions and golden oldies. The singer gave The Daily Star rare glimpses of how she spends her weekends:

"I don't know when a weekend comes and goes because Friday is not a weekend for me. Rather any day we are free is a weekend. I love to shop and cook. I enjoy shopping for vegetables while my children go for dry fruits and I always keep them at home. I bring various types of dates, nuts and spices from my trips abroad. My children love sausages, chicken salami... Again, we all jointly make plans for a trip or eating out."

"Friday is a high pressure day for me... As it is a Jummah day, everyone remains busy. We cook special food. Some family members want to have khichuri while some love meat. I help prepare special dishes."

"I love to read books on our National Poet Kazi Nazrul Islam. Besides that, I also love reading poetry. Nature attracts me a lot. I love to roam around hills and sea beaches. Fishing is my one of my favourite

hobbies. I love angling."

"I studied at Joypurhaat Girls School and College and later, at Rajshahi University (Economics). So I have many friends though I seldom meet them. I hardly hold instant musical adda at my residence. I always get immersed in rewar and rendition of songs. This keeps me cheerful."

The singer has performed holy Hajj this year. She shared her wonderful experiences while there. "Muslims from all over the world assemble to perform holy Hajj. This is a union of souls. I had many great experiences when I was there. What mesmerised me the most were the rippling human waves towards the Holy Kaaba after the Azan of every prayer. I fondly and deeply comprehended the sublime compositions of our National Poet's composition of Hamd, Na'at and Islamic songs during my stay there."



One of Disney's most successful and beloved animated fairy tales, "Beauty and the Beast", is coming to the big screen in a live-action feature next March where Emma Watson and Dan Stevens will be performing the title roles -- helped along the way with cutting-edge, computer-generated effects. Disney released a number of new images featuring some fantastic costume work from the title leads and the rest of the colorful cast members. The film, directed by Bill Condon, the film also stars Luke Evans as Belle's suitor Gaston; Josh Gad as Gaston's lackey, Le Fou; Ewan McGregor as the enchanted candelabra Lumiere and Sir Ian McKellen as the clock Cogsworth; Kevin Klaine as Belle's father Maurice; Emma Thompson as Mrs Potts and Gugu Mbatha-Raw as Plumette.

## Beyonce, Dixie Chicks shine at CMA Awards

Garth Brooks, Carrie Underwood big winners



The 50th Annual Country Music Association Awards proved to be both a celebration of the past twelve months in country music, but also a fond look back at the history of the genre, with a diverse mix of today's stars, all-time legends, and Beyonce in a guest role.

The evening ended with a return to the top by entertainer of the year Garth Brooks -- who won the prize four times in the 1990s. His win in the category extended his record in the category to five wins -- 1991, 1992, 1997, 1998 and now 2016.

It was also a big night for Carrie Underwood, who walked away the female vocalist of the year award, breaking a six-year winning streak by Miranda Lambert. Underwood won her first female vocalist in eight years -- and fourth overall.

The show started with a montage of some of the most historic moments in CMA Awards past, ranging from Minnie Pearl to Garth Brooks to Dolly Parton and Taylor Swift, before segueing into a salute to many of the artists who made country history.

Charley Pride, the big winner from the 1971 show, took viewers back in time with "Kiss An Angel Good Morning", and Alabama -- the first three-time entertainer

of the year winners from 1982-84, delivered a rousing take on "Mountain Music." Reba McEntire -- one of only a handful of female vocalists to be named as entertainer of the year (1986) -- brought the crowd to life with a portion of her hit "Fancy".

Other performers in the opening sequence included Dwight Yoakam, Clint Black, Alan Jackson, and Ricky Skaggs.

The first winner was Thomas Rhett, who claimed the single of the year award for "Die A Happy Man". Little Big Town won vocal group of the year, winning their fifth straight such award. The incredible career streak of Chris Stapleton continued into 2016, with his second straight win as male vocalist of the year. The night was also one to remember for Maren Morris -- who walked off with the new artiste of the year prize.

Kenny Chesney was handed the Pinnacle Award, presented for only the third time in history. Dolly Parton added

to her impressive resume with the Willie Nelson Lifetime Achievement Award.

Perhaps the biggest surprise of the night was Brothers Osborne's win for vocal duo of the year, dethroning Florida Georgia Line after a three-year run.

Performance-wise, the highlights of the show included Morris' out-of-the-ballpark version of her hit "My Church", Kelsea Ballerini's shimmering version of her No. 1 hit "Peter Pan", Carrie Underwood's "Dirty Laundry", Little Big Town's "Better Man", and Keith Urban's "Blue Ain't Your Color".

And, there was Beyonce. All of Nashville was abuzz with news that the pop icon would be performing on the show, and indeed she did -- collaborating with the Dixie Chicks on a bopping performance of her "Daddy Lessons", garnering was to be one of many standing ovations during the night.



The certificate-giving ceremony of the second batch and the inauguration ceremony of the third batch of Kohon Bachik Academy were held at Chhayanaut Sanskriti Bhaban, Dhanmondi recently with renowned elocutionist Bhaswar Bandopadhyaya as chief guest. The students performed a group recitation and staged a play under the direction of Mostafa Sharif Mithun. "Nuraldiner Sarajibon" was recited to honour recently deceased noted poet Syed Shamsul Haque.