



Prosenjit Chatterjee

Actor

I would consider myself to be a little unfortunate not to have been able to share the silver screen with Jaya Ahsan. I have been a huge admirer of her work ever since I saw *Guerilla* when it was screened in Nandan Film Centre. That was quite a few years ago. After that, I've had a chance to meet her in person and got to know her. As an actor, she has my respect and as a person I adore her a lot. I was recently floored

by her performance in *Bhalobashar Shohor*, and her performance in *Bishorjon* was absolutely amazing. I have seen a lot of her telefilms, serials and other work that she does in Bangladesh and can assure you that she is an actor of the highest pedigree. She is certainly an asset for both Bangladesh and Kolkata's film industry. I am extremely proud of her, and really wish to do a proper film with her soon.

Abir Chatterjee

Actor



The caliber of Jaya Ahsan as an actor isn't really something that needs to be explained to the general audience. What separates her from other actors is her sheer selflessness. She will look after every nitty-gritty detail in the job that she does, and will do over a hundred takes if she feels that it is necessary for the role. At the end of a shot, she tends to ask the director, "Are you happy?" When we were shooting for *Bishorjon*, Jaya had brought a trunk full of props from Dhaka! I can assure you that no other actor of her stature and fame will bother doing this. There's another story I'd like to share. *Bishorjon*'s story was set in Bangladesh, but it was shot in India. The rituals for Hindu marriages from Dhaka to Kolkata tend to vary, and Jaya had kept this in mind. She brought a 'topor' (headdress) from Dhaka just to make it look more authentic! Sometimes, I call her 'didi' or 'apa' just to set her off. She absolutely hates it! (Laughs) I have the utmost respect for her, but I am baffled to see some news in the media portraying us as lovers. I think when you are successful on the silver screen as a duo it is fun for people to fantasize things. Anyhow, I wish Jaya the best of luck, and hope to work with her for many more years in the future.

