

Looking back at SUBIR NANDI'S CLASSICS



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Eminent singer Subir Nandi was an iconic figure in the Bangladeshi music industry and will forever remain immortal through his songs. He is credited with recording over 2,500 songs.

His popular numbers, including *Tumi Emoni Jaal Petecho Shongshare*, *Amar Ei Duti Chokh Pathor To Noi*, *Bondhu Hote Cheye*, *Brishtir Kachh Theke*, *Hazar Moner Kachhey*, *Koto Je Tomake Besechi Bhalo*, *Paharer Kanna*, *Sei Duti Chokh*, *Keno Bhalobasha Hariye Jay*, *Bondhu Tor Barat Niya*, *Pakhire Tui*, *Ekta Chhilo Sonar Konna*, and *O Amar Ural Ponkhire* have inspired generation of musicians and music lovers over the years. He did playback singing for several films, starting with *Surja Grahan* in 1974. Some other notable films that he sang for include *Mahanayak* (1984), *Simana Periy*e (1985), *Ammajan* (1999), *Srabon Megher Din* (1999), *Megher Opore Megh* (2004), *Shudha* (2004) and *Shasti* (2006). One of the biggest hits of Subir Nandi's career, *Din Jaye Kotha Thake*, a timeless song from a film of the same title,

is a composition that will continue to ignite passion far beyond the singer's time.

Apart from film scores and modern Bangla songs, Subir Nandi sang Nuzrul songs on radio quite regularly in the 80s. His immense contribution to the music industry earned him several awards, including the Ekushey Padak and the National Film Award. He also received the BACHSAS Award four times.

Since the beginning of his career, Subir Nandi collaborated with most of the music directors of our country. He worked with eminent composers like Alauddin Ali, Pradeep Saha, Satya Saha, Samar Das, Sheikh Saadi Khan, and Alam Khan.

Among others, he also worked with the musical stars from the younger generation like Habib Wahid, S I Tutul, Bappa Mazumder, Emon Saha, Shouquat Ali Imon and Kabir Bokul. He sang duets with his contemporary female artistes like Runa Laila, Sabina Yasmin, Shahnaz Rahmatullah, Ferdousi Rahman, Kanak Chapa and others.

The legendary artiste passed away recently at the age of 66, ending an illustrious career that spanned five decades.

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POPPY in the 'Garden'

SHAH ALAM SHAZU

National award-winning actor Poppy will be starring in a web series for the first time. Titled *Garden*, the series is directed by Mitul. The actor talks about the web series and more in a chat with The Daily Star. Tell us a little about the web series, 'Garden'. We recently finished filming it. We shot in the tea gardens of Sylhet, along with many other beautiful places. Tell us about your character in the series. I am playing the role of a detective for the first

time on screen. It was challenging, but fun. I also took training for this role.

A lot of web-based projects are being made these days. How do you feel about it?

I think it is a positive change. As long as good stories are being told, I'm all for the change. We can reach out to more audiences with the internet too.

What are the movies that you are working on?

I am working on four films. We still need to finish dubbing for some of those films. However, we have wrapped up *Save Life*. Ferdous is my co-star in that film.



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Sabila Nur and Taskin Ahmed pair up for TVC

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Popular actor Sabila Nur was seen alongside cricketer Taskin Ahmed in a television commercial for a renowned international cell phone brand. The new TVC encapsulates the story of a girl

who returns to her homeland with a foreign friend, to celebrate the traditional festivities of Ramadan and Eid.

The lead cast playfully captures funny moments and the friend's various reactions, using state-of-the-art cameras in the extravagant cell phone.

The highlight of the ad focuses on how the cell phone tries to capture the true essence of emotions and happiness of people.

The TVC was published recently on the cell phone's official YouTube page for Bangladesh.



Kamal Ahmed and Shahina Lota's duet concert

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Kamal Ahmed, a musician, media personnel and Director (Programme) of Bangladesh Betar, and promising singer Shahina Lota, recently performed in a concert held at Rajshahi District's Shilpakala Academy auditorium.

Kamal Ahmed performed five solo songs: *Shurer Bhubone Ami Ajo Pathochari*, *Ganeri Khatay Swaralipi*, *Ogo Mor*

Modhumita, *Ami Saat Sagor Pari Diye* and *Tumi Kokhon Esho Dariye Achho*. Shahina Lota performed *Phooler Kane Bhromor Esho*, *Moner O Ronge Rangabo*, *Ogo Aar Kichuto Noy*, *Jare Jare Ure Jare Pakhi* and *Tandra Hara Nayan Amar*.

Freedom fighter Professor Ruhul Amin was the chairperson of the programme. Professor Hasan Azizul Haq, who was awarded the Independence Award, spoke as the chief

guest at the event. Special guests were scholars Amaresh Roy Chowdhury, former state minister and member of the Parliament Professor Zinatunnesa Talukdar, Dramatist Abdur Rashid, Educationalist Principal Shafiqur Rahman Badsha. Freedom fighter Abdul Momin Kazol and Director in Charge of Bangladesh Betar Rajshahi Hasan Akhter were also present at the event.