

RECOMMENDATIONS

Exhibition March 8-15 Drik Gallery holds exhibition of 'Feminist Cartoons' for the first time in the country...

Exhibition March 2-16 The Institute of Fine Arts, Dhaka University and the Embassy of Japan is jointly holding a painting exhibition...

Exhibition February March 18-April 7 Bengal Gallery of Fine Arts will hold a solo exhibition of abstract art by Mahmudul Haque...

Music



Colombian pop singer Shakira addresses a press conference during a visit to the Narino presidential palace on March 11 in Bogota...

Tribute

Nilufar Yasmeen

Fond memories of our Nilufar Apa

SADYA AFREEN MALLICK

WHEN I went to see Nilufar Yasmeen a month back, she was under the supervision of the doctors at BIRDEM...



Nilufar Yasmeen would happily spend hours rehearsing her songs or simply listening to her favourites.

Nilufar Yasmeen was one of the renowned singers of our country. She began her career as a vocalist of modern songs...

Nilufar had the rare gift of mesmerising the audience with her voice. The lyrics, rhythm, and tunes which she rendered went beyond mere entertainment...

I got to know Nilufar apa quite intimately back in 1984 when we toured Calcutta along with a small troupe of Nazrul Shangeet singers...

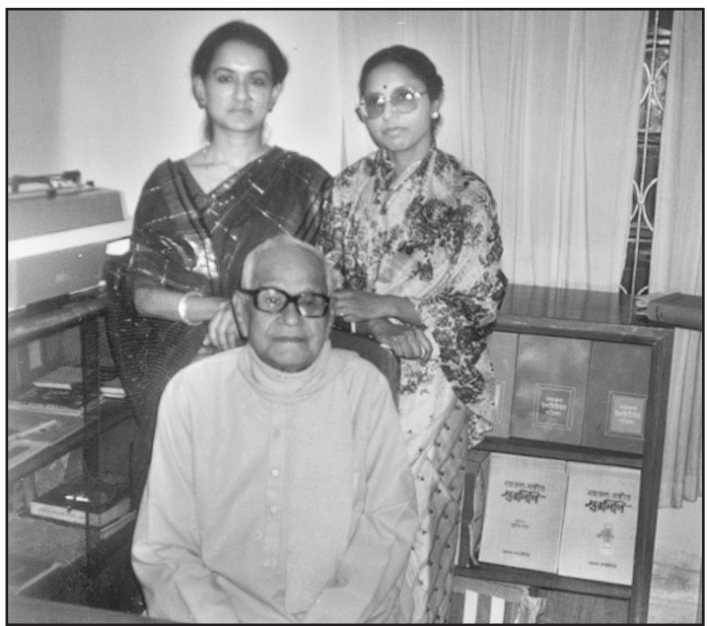
The more I interacted with her, the more I realised that I had come across an artist who was totally devoted to music...

all proud. Nilufar Yasmeen had been suffering from the deadly cancer for the past few years...

After our performance (she had sung Abaar bhalo bashar shaad jage, and Tomara kushum boney ami) the reputed newspapers brought out articles...

As I walked up to her house to pay my last respect, it was difficult to miss the tremendous sense of loss and pain felt by her family...

Indeed she had and she made us



A rare moment... with Md. Nasiruddin, editor of Sawgaat and Nilufar Yasmeen with the author at the Nazrul Institute in 1985

Exhibition

Cartoons say 'Yes' to women

Cartoonists from seven countries observe the International Women's Day

HARUN UR RASHID

FOR the first time in the country, an exhibition of feminist cartoons has been organised to observe the event since March 8 at the Drik Gallery...

Cartoon as a means of artistic expression is widely regarded a very strong materiel of protest and criticism. Humorous in nature, as it is, cartoon affects its subject through merciless ridicule...

But it has been observed that cartoons are often anti-women in nature. Either they project women as consumer or as greedy, seductive, silly and seducer...

The exhibits at the show mostly present protest against numerous patriarchal treatments of women in different social settings of the world. The cartoonists include from the US, India, Pakistan, Sri Lanka, Nepal, Nigeria and the host Bangladesh...

Cartoonist Shishir Bhattacharya's cartoons reveal the denigrating treatment of women at the national level. In one piece he depicts a procession celebrating the Women's Day...



Shishir's most ironical blast, however, is again unleashed against the men: in this cartoon he shows one of the organisers leaving the scene after lifting a woman, a feminist activist...

Tahmina Hafiz Lisa, a Bangladeshi, has ridiculed the popular practice of using women in promotional activities like TV commercials, advertisements etc.

Indian cartoonist Shekhar Mukherjee brings forth an important aspect of women's maltreatment at the very hands of women themselves. Entitled Fashion Statement, the cartoon presents a so-called fashionable woman...



whose figure is 'fashionably' slender, asks a poor woman who is all skin and bone, 'Do you know slim is out and skinny is in?'

The exhibition displays some of Maya Kamath's works. The deceased Indian cartoonist's speculation even ridicules Hamlet, or William Shakespeare for that matter...

Kamath's feminism also covers the national-political level. In one such piece a woman MP is seen proposing in the parliament '33% reservation for men in household chores...'

Indian cartoonist, V. Ramchandran Iyer, lashed his attack on the US President George W. Bush for his reckless promise of waging war against those so-called terrorist countries.

Famous Pakistani cartoonist Chaudry Rafique Ahmed Feica comes with some brilliant pieces that mainly project the need for mutual bond of cooperation and understanding between man and woman.

From Nepal have come a group of cartoonists, who work for a Nepalese publishing concern called 'Asmita'. There are artists also from the Cartoonist Club of Nepal...

The renowned female photo-journalist of the country Sayeeda Khanum inaugurated the exhibition on the International Women's Day. The exhibition can also be available on line at www.drik.net/Feminist-Cartoon/.

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