

RECOMMENDATIONS



Exhibition

November 18-24
The third solo art exhibition titled 'Tribal Lives' by artist Ronel Chakma is being held at the gallery of Russian Cultural Centre (House no. 510, Road no. 7, Dhammond). The show will remain open for all from 2 pm to 7 pm everyday.

Art and Sculpture Show

November 14-23

A 10-day-long art and sculpture exhibition of six contemporary artists, titled Appointment, is going on at the Shilpangan Gallery. The show is open for all from 10 am to 9 pm everyday.



Exhibition

November 18-December 15
A photography exhibition titled 'Man Without Qualities' by Matthias Wanhner in the exhibition hall of the Goethe Institut was inaugurated on November 18.

Drama Lane

Bangladesh Mahila Samity 4 Natok Soroni, New Baily Rd. (Evening show at 7:00 pm Morning show at 11:00 am)

Table with 3 columns: Group, Plays, Date. Lists various theatrical groups and their schedules.

French-German Film Festival

Goethe Institut and Alliance Francaise are holding a joint French-German film festival from November 16 in celebration of the 40th anniversary of the signing of the French-German Treaty of Friendship. The festival endeavours to project the spirit of this treaty, namely a lasting friendship and closeness between the two cultural nations. The schedules are as follows:

Table with 3 columns: Country, Venue, Date. Lists film screenings at Goethe Institut (GI) and AF.

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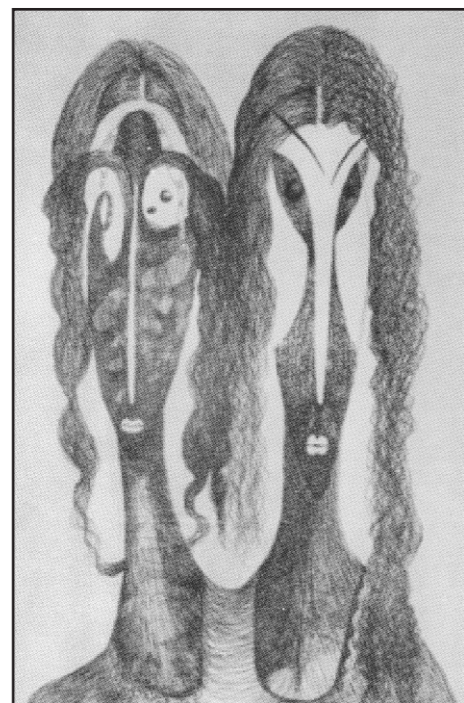
Amazing endeavours by young enthusiasts

'Charu Pancham''s exhibit at Alliance Francaise

FAYZA HAQ

ALTHOUGH held during Ramadan, the recent exhibit by "Charu Pancham" at Alliance Francaise gallery drew large crowds. This was due to the intrinsic sincerity and drive of the young artists from Rajshahi.

Zillur Rahaman, the apparent leader of the group, dwelling on his surrealistic work, which he claimed as his own entirely, although such work has been done a plenty, decades back and has been seen for years at Dhaka and Chittagong, spoke at length. In the oil colour one found such images as human



'Picture -40' by Md. Zillur Rahaman

faces, snakes, monkeys, elephants, wires, ropes, buckets, ants etc. They had been connected to one another by the zig-zag rope and the large nails that had been hammered on to the heads of humans and animals. They had been done in loud contrasting colours, such as red, green, brown, orange and offset with white. Details of the heads had been included, such as that of the cobra in the centre, with the background of white; the ten human head had been seen at different angles and sitting on them were birds and monkeys, which had been included to add an element of humour -- to lighten the heavy message of socio-economic and cultural discontentment and disarray, which Rahaman saw around him.

Rahaman said, "I did not stress on the play of colours as I did in the presentation of idea. I wanted to draw out the hidden existing evil in my vicinity." The red stripes on the brown cobra, the snakes entering the human mouths and heads (which were at times blindfolded, while at others appeared to have the bits of the brains pouring out) and coming out again through the necks and ears: this came in along with piercing arrows pinning down these images as in cowboy comic strips. Sketched white ribs and blobs of blood were included in the composition. Meanwhile, with huge nasty, gnawed rodents at one side; the heads appeared a part of some gruesome decapitation and later stuck to poles at

times, all add to the delineation of mass confusion. "The images have been put there." Rahaman said, "to depict the fact that there is a lot of disruption in the life around us. Today we say one thing and tomorrow we contradict it. The intertwining ropes, shown in different shapes and sizes, also stand for the prevailing chaos. While everything appear to be frozen in time, the ants, however carry on creeping on the ropes. Other elements too are shown in action, such as the hammering hands of the monkey and the swinging trunk of the elephant. There is the comic relief in the narration of the story of our lives. Some of the elements are simply there



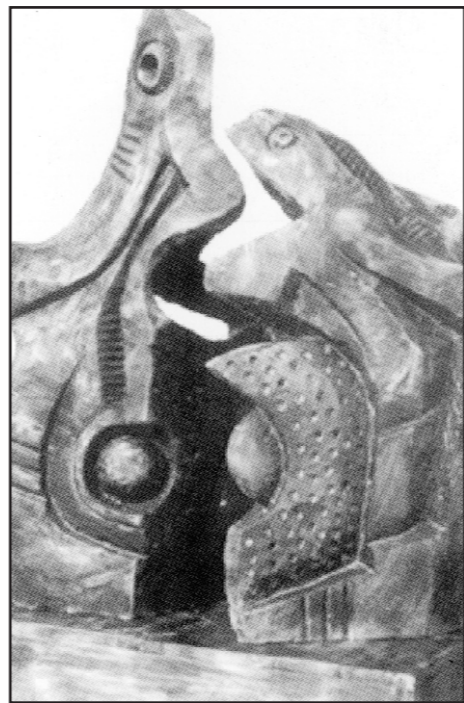
'Life-1' by Md. Abdur Rahim

for composition." The unusual portrayal of men and beasts were there to drive home the point that in Bangladesh, and even elsewhere, we were living in an unbalanced time, with upheavals almost overwhelming us.

Abdur Rahim, in "Life and music", had five sculpted items of polished wood. Rahim said, "These forms are inspired by the 'do-taras' that one finds aplenty in the countryside." At the same time, the forms, as the artist elaborated, were also delineation of human forms; so that one found the heads and torso chiselled away at the sides, in simplified geometrical manner; thus one found circles, oval shapes, lines. The wires that had been included were of bold metal. One was amazed at the contrast of the harshness of modernity which mingled with the simplicity of rural life, included in the creation. The large metal knobs in the sculpture varied in number. Bits of copper were included in the composition. "It took me a month to complete this work," Rahim said. Touching on how he felt studying and working at Rajshahi, Rahim elaborated, "I'll say we're better off there than our counterparts in Dhaka: I found my medium so near at hand (far from the cement jungles of the metropolis of Dhaka) that that I could get plenty to inspire me. My teachers too, like Mukul Kumar Baroi, are very helpful and encouraging. We are often free to experiment even though

we're just in First Year Masters. I paint side by side with my sculpting but my forte is with wood carving, as I can best express myself there; again, I find this medium easy to handle."

Md Rokunuzzaman Murshed's "Nature-1" comprised of terracotta tile -- some blue some touched with brown -- which included simplified motifs taken from village life, such as boats, thatched roofs, boats and gentle waves of rivers. We saw the sun with its circling rays, a part of the boat--portions that stuck out like neat segments of coral reefs. On top were other variations in layers of geometrical forms that brought in flowers, falling



'Conversation' by Md. Abdul AI Mamun Khan

straw, the peeping sun, fish and resting boats. This piece, we were told, was the middle section of a series; in this one found a flamboyant play with textures and forms in the creation comprising of a dozen neat square burnt clay tiles. In "Seal composition" by the same artist, one found a more dramatic and individualistic creation with black discs that formed a curl in the centre of the hardboard backing with other bits and pieces in the same medium to support and balance the presentation -- with loops, dots and bars. The seals harked back to the ancient seals found at Harappa, Moenjodaro, Moimamoti and Paharpur, with touches of the artist's own flights of imagination, transforming figures and alphabets into fresh images.

Abdul AI Mamun's "Present Time-11" was a miniature print with elements from nature, like the moon presented as a disc sailing amidst pale clouds, a bent bridge over silent, moving water, and other elements of nature, such as trees and their leaves. The lines appeared sketchy and simplification was an essential element of the style. The element of bridging time together also entered the theme.

Hamiduzzaman Khan, the leading sculptor and chief guest at the opening, praised the young artists for going ahead full steam with their experimentation and their variety of styles and themes, which were both eye-catching and subtle.

Photography

Moyeen's expressions

Solo photography exhibition at BPS



Silhouette Life: Moin Khurshid

ELITA KARIM

MOIN Khurshid's solo photography exhibition is taking place at the M A Beg National Gallery, BPS and will go on till the 21st of this month. A freelance photographer and a reporter, Moin's photos reflect intricate facts of the surroundings, life and the various elements revolving around him, testifying for existence itself.

Moin has captured elements of nature, art, the daily routine in motion in the city and many others. His 'Candle light 1' and 'Candle light 2' give an aura of divine reality surrounding the smiling children. His characters in the



Candle life :Moin Khurshid

'Dancers in motion' seem to move about making the photograph burst with colour, motion and lively expressions. His photographs also expressed unique meanings through 'City life' and 'A child in the old building'. Moin also made an attempt to get a snap of the insights into a child in his 'Child van puller'.

Among his photographs, 'Children of uncertainty' was the most remarkable one, serving as an eye-opener for the viewers. The picture showed a group of children smiling with innocence and purity, hoping to conquer tomorrow's vagueness and ambiguity.

Moin has dedicated all his photographs to his freedom fighter father, late Major AYM Khurshid Alam Choudhury and hopes to hold many more of such exhibitions in the future.

CD launching

New CD Praner Manush by Sahnaz Parveen



CULTURAL CORRESPONDENT

CD and audio cassette Praner Manush by promising Tagore singer Sahnaz Parveen was released in an informal programme recently. Among others Tapan Mahmud, Golam Haidar and Bula Mahmud were present at the occasion. Released under the banner of Commitment Products this is the first album of the artist. Songs like Amar Praner Manush, Boli Go Shajani, Deep Nibhey Gecchey, Tomra Ja Bolo Tai are included in this album. The music direction is done by famous Tagore singer Tapan Mahmud.

The songs depict worship, love, nature, as well as the classical and Bauliana style. Apart from singing, she is a principal of a school and studying law at the London University. A member of 'Bangladesh Tagore Singers' Association', she is a regular artiste of BTV as well as of other satellite channels.

Around the world



Sri Lankan models display outfits during a fashion weekend in Colombo recently.



A group of participants in the Miss World pageant, perform together with Chinese dancers dressed in terracotta costumes, during a show in Xian recently. More than 100 of the world's most beautiful women are taking part in the first-ever Miss World pageant in China on Dec 6, the second international beauty contest allowed in China, which for years had banned this type of event.

TV GUIDE

All programmes are in local time. The Daily Star will not be responsible for any change in the programme.

News Bulletin

BTV News Headlines (Bangla) at 9:40 am. 12:10 pm. 2:00 pm. 3:10 pm. 4:00 pm. 7:00 pm. News (Bangla) at 8:00 am. 1:00 pm. 5:00 pm. 8:00 pm. News (English) at 3:00 pm. 10:00 pm. Latest News (Bangla and English) 11:30 pm. CHANNEL-i Breakfast News 07:15 am. 9:00am News (Bangla) at 7:15 pm, 9:00, 10:30, 12:15 am. Telecast of BTV news (Bangla and English) at 11:30 pm. ATN BANGLA News (Bangla) at 8:00 am. 12:00 pm. 7:00 pm. 10:00 pm, 11:00 pm. Telecast of BTV News (Bangla and English) at 11:30 pm. Latest News (Bangla) at 09 a.m. 10:00 a.m, 11:00 am. 1pm. 2:00 pm. 3:00 pm. 4:00pm. 6:00 pm. and 8:00 pm. n tv News Headlines (Bangla) at 5:02 pm. 6:30 pm. 9:45 pm. News (Bangla) 7:30 pm. 11:00 pm. TARA BANGLA News Headline (Bangla) at 5:30 pm. 7:30 pm. Tara News (Bangla) at 8:30 pm. 11:30 pm. Tara News Bangladesh (Bangla) at 9:30 pm. BBC World Every hour on the hour

BTV 08:25 Old Film Songs Anya Bhubon : World Nature 12:15 Sangbad Potrer Pata Theke 04:05 Open University 04:30 Desh O Bigyan 04:45 Mahe Ranjan 05:30 Apon Bhumii 05:55 Samokalin Arthanity 06:10 Mati O Manush 07:30 Mortal Combat Conquest Drama Serial: Mukhosh 09:30 Drama Serial: Ashomoy 10:25 Tknal Theke Tentulia Sharashori CHANNEL-i 09:30 Sangbad Patrey Bangladesh Tiliya Matra Chithi Pelam 02:00 Bangla Film: Dayi Key? (Anju, Ilias Kanchan) 05:00 Ramjanul Mobarak 05:40 Kalam O Kolom 05:55 Teer Manahar Iftar 06:10 Music Plus 06:45 Shomoyer Kotha 07:30 Kichhu Money Korben Na Dot Com 08:25 Drama Serial: Kichhu Megh Kichhu Roddur Drama Serial: Rangdhanu Rang Drama Serial: Jugal Bandi ntv 04:06 Ithaser Ei Diney 04:13 Patrikar Khabar 04:30 Ridaye Ranjan 05:30 Apor Jigayasha 06:32 Shubho Shandhya Ei Shomoyi

08:00 Siddiqua Kabir's Recipe 08:35 Shurer Jalsha Drama Serial: Chena Chena Layey 09:47 Ithaser Ei Dine 12:00 Din Darpan 12:05 Drama: Aboho ATN BANGLA 12:40 Feature film : Moudumeta 3:45 Health File 4:20 Mobarok Ho Mahya Ramadan 6:20 Islamee Sawal O Jawab 7:40 Gondoraz Samsung Cine Aaha 8:15 Drama serial: Thetoo Jibhon 8:40 Drama serial: Nayeika Sangbad 9:25 Drama serial : Chokh 10:30 Talk show: Face to Face HBO 10:15 Sugar and Spice 12:00 Wishmaster : The Prophecy Fulfilled 1:45 First Shot 3:45 Universal Soldier : The Return 5:30 Jack Frost 7:30 Code Red : The Rubicon Conspiracy 9:30 Ju-On : The Grudge 11:30 Executive Decision STAR MOVIES 9:30 Dazed And Confused 11:15 Omen Iv: The Awakening 1:00 Chasing Cain I: Vow 2:45 Road House 4:30 We Were Soldiers 7:00 Conan The Destroyer 8:45 The Brotherhod 11:00 True Vinyl

TV GUIDE content including TODAY'S HIGHLIGHTS, PICK OF THE DAY, and various channel listings (HBO, MGM, AXN, BBC WORLD, STAR CINEMA, ZEE CINEMA).

5:05 Tanha 6:00 Hum Saath Aath Hain 6:30 Fox Kids 7:30 Kunkum - Pyara Sa Bandhan 7:55 Film Toppers 8:00 Shaka Laka Boom Boom 8:30 Sonpuri 9:00 Kasautii Zindagii Kay Sanjivani - A Medical Boon 10:30 Kahaani Ghar Ghar Kii 11:00 Kyunki Saas Bhi Kabhi Bahu Thi 2:30 Oprah Winfrey 3:30 Bold And Beautiful 4:30 Sabrina The Teenage Witch 5:00 2 Guys A Girl & A Pizza Place 5:30 Knight Rider 6:30 The Simpsons 7:00 Home Improvement 7:30 Friends 8:00 Just Shoot Me 8:30 Charmed 9:30 Ally Mcbeal 10:30 Two Guys And A Girl 11:00 Titus 11:28 Star Asia Travel 11:30 Baywatch STAR WORLD 2:30 Oprah Winfrey 3:30 Bold And Beautiful 4:30 Sabrina The Teenage Witch 5:00 2 Guys A Girl & A Pizza Place 5:30 Knight Rider 6:30 The Simpsons 7:00 Home Improvement 7:30 Friends 8:00 Just Shoot Me 8:30 Charmed 9:30 Ally Mcbeal 10:30 Two Guys And A Girl 11:00 Titus 11:28 Star Asia Travel 11:30 Baywatch STAR GOLD 8:30 Charas 12:30 Mom Ki Gudiya 4:30 Gaane Bhi Do Yaaron 4:30 Azaad Desh Ke Gulam 8:30 Bollywood Hollywood ALPHA TV 2:00 Pratibimba 2:35 Kobe Je Kothay 3:00 Feature Film: Prem Pujari 5:28 Jhankar 5:38 Bahu Unlit. 6:30 Ek Palake 7:00 Kobe Je Kothay

7:30 Sara Bangla 7:57 Pratibimba 8:00 Ek Akasher Niche 9:00 Aananya 10:00 Spandan 10:28 Jhankar 10:30 Alpha Khabar 11:30 Raat Jakhn Egarota NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC 2:30 Sea Hunters 3:30 Hell On High Water 4:30 People Out There 5:00 Chasing Time 5:30 Animal Edens 6:00 Sea Stories 6:30 Dogs With Jobs S3 7:00 Toyota World Of Wildlife S3 7:30 Wild Horizons 8:00 Wildlife Detectives 8:30 Cheating Death 9:30 Sea Hunters 10:30 Search For Kennedy's P109 11:30 People Out There 12:00 Chasing Time DISCOVERY 2:30 New Detectives Written in Bone 3:30 Wild Discovery Air Jaws 4:30 Great Smoky Mountains 5:00 Mystery Hunters 5:30 Globe Trekker Mainland Greece 6:30 A Celebration of Flight En Route 7:30 Lizards : A Sense of Scale 8:30 Extreme Engineering Hong Kong's Airport 9:30 Extreme Machines Adrenaline Junkies 10:30 On the Trail of the Langsoff Expedition Coloured Lives Yeltzin

ANIMAL PLANET 2:30 Tales of the Tarantula 3:30 Emergency Vets 4:00 Animal Doctor 4:30 Wild Rescue 5:00 Smooth Fox Terrier 5:30 Vets in Practice Best Laid Plans 6:00 Monkey Business 6:30 Planet's Funniest 7:30 Amazing Animal Videos 8:30 Tales of the Tarantula 9:30 Born to be Free 9:30 Becoming Wild : Chimps of the Congo 10:30 Stunt The Last Rhino 11:30 Natural World Top Bat STAR SPORTS 9:00 Cricket Classics India Vs England World C'ship Of Cricket (Group Stage)(R) 9:30 Grand Prix Gymnastics 03/04 Glasgow/Scotland (T) 12:30 Snooker Masters Challenge 2003 Euro-Asia Snooker Masters Challenge Semifinals 1st Leg(T) 4:00 Harsha Unplugged (R) 4:30 Hitz (R) 5:00 Sports Unlimited (T) 6:00 Max Power 2003 (R) 7:00 On The Limit 2003 - Japan Gt Championship Round 5(T) 7:30 Mri National Motocross Championship 2003 Event Highlights(T) 8:00 Sportsline (L) 8:30 Tiger Skins Golf 2003 Singapore Highlights(T) Sportsline (R) 11:00 Cricket Classics Australia Vs India World C'ship Of Cricket (Group Stage)(T)