

CULTURAL FEAST

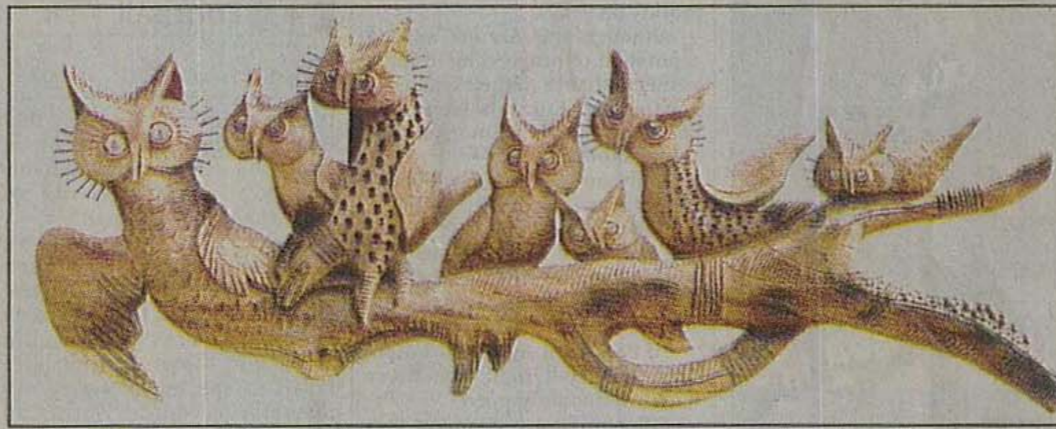
Rajaul Islam Lovelu Carving out creativity

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RAJAUl Islam Lovelu's woodcarvings at his recent solo at Drik were fascinating indeed. He not only carved the wood but added touches of colour and bits of metal to highlight the woodwork as well. He depicted birds, animals, trees and humans. The exhibition depicted both imagination and skill.

In Peacock we see a blue and gold bird twisting and turning itself to admire its tail of red, blue, purple and yellow. The image is cut away from an oval shaped wood and delicately painted over with dots and stripes. Lady and Bird 9 shows a tall poised woman with flowing hair, birds resting on her shoulders, hands and legs. Her sari has several layers of muted colours while two branches of trees have taken the place of legs. Lady and Bird 12 is a similar image in burnt red, gray-blue and gold bringing in a woman holding on to a small bird and skipping along the meadows and forests.

Chakma Girl has a standing girl with two birds on the arms, wearing a short skirt and standing among shrubs. Lady and Birds has a woman in the forest talking intimately with a bird, surrounded by more birds and trees. Another such creation has an attractive young woman resting under a large leaf, with two birds singing over her head. Working on the same theme, he has another woman with flowers in her hair and bangles, with a white swan climbing on to her waist.



(Top) Owl's Family, (Bottom L-R) Lady & Bird 12 and Peacock

Mukh O Mukhosh is a table with several legs. The blue and gray table is decorated with many faces of wizened men with long, trailing beards. Roots Table is a piece of furniture with legs carved out of the roots of a gigantic tree. An idyllic image of birds is seen in Owl's Family. Here an owl, its mate and young ones are seen resting on a single branch of a tree. A dolphin carefully balancing a ball is seen in Circus-4. The fins and tail of the fish have been decorated with minute strokes of blue and red.

Image has a large mushroom, decorated with gray and gold circles. Around this are red birds with large beaks and twirling, gliding leaves. Likewise Butterfly is a picture to be hung on the walls. The details of the insect, with its wings and tail have been painted with precision.

Lovelu, who had excelled in his Masters class in the Institute of Fine Arts DU, has had four solo exhibitions and has taken part in over 25 group exhibits.

Book Fair

Title: Amor Ekushay Book Fair
Organiser: Bangla Academy
Venue: Bangla Academy
Date: February 1-28

Photography Exhibition

Title: My World, My Future
Organisers: British Council, Dhaka and Map Photo Agency
Venue: British Council, Dhaka
Date: February 2-28
Time: 10:00 am to 6:00 pm

Solo Exhibition

Title: In Search of Affinity
Artist: Kazi Sayed Ahmed
Venue: Alliance Francaise Dhaka
Date: February 18-25
Time: 5-9pm

Solo Exhibition

Title: SPAGAT: In two Worlds
Artist: Murshida Arzu Alpina
Venue: Bengali Shilpalaya
Date: February 16-28
Time: 12-8pm

Group Exhibition

Title: Appointment-2006
Venue: Shilpangan, Road 5 House 25 Dhanmondi
Date: February 11- March 3

Musical Programme

Title: 10th Orchestra music evening
Organiser: Orchestra
Artist: Farida Perveen
Date: March 03
Time: 6:30pm
Venue: All community Club Hall, House no-40, Road no-35 Gulshan-2, Dhaka

Musical Programme

Title: Bangla songs of yesteryears
Organiser: Sreejon
Date: February 25
Time: 6:05pm
Venue: Poet Sufia Kamal Auditorium, National Museum

Book Launch

Title: Shimanro Shangraho
Date: February 28
Time: 5:00pm
Venue: Poet Sufia Kamal Auditorium, National Museum

Tele-film Swapno all set for screening



Deepa Khandokar

However, she does not seem too excited about the prospect. She notices that strange incidents have started taking place in her family. The incidents mostly revolve around Rahela's daughter Nitu and her husband. Nitu got married against the will of her parents.

So, what exactly is the interpretation of Rahela's dreams? The tele-film explains that and more.

Deepa Khandokar, Tauquir Ahmed, Faruk Ahmed, Geeta and others have done the lead roles. Abu Sufian, Mizanur Rahman Labu and Sabrina have jointly directed the tele-film.

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Popular writer Abu Sufian has received accolades for his directorial ventures as well. Drama serial Nirey Taar Neel Dheu, directed by Sufian has been received well by the TV audience. His latest project, tele-film Swapno is ready to be aired.

The film revolves around Rahela and her obsession with analysing her dreams. Rahela is concerned about her unusual dreams. Her recent dreams usually feature kanchki (small) fishes gnawing her and she cannot get out of the water. Rahela starts looking for khwabnama (books) that include an analysis of dreams. For the first time in 10 years, Rahela is set to make a trip to Cox's Bazar with her family.

12th Asian Art Biennale Bangladesh '06 The cream of the art world to get together

CULTURAL CORRESPONDENT

The Department of Fine Arts of Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy (BSA) is revving up for the Asian Art Biennale Bangladesh-2006 from March 5. Since 1981, BSA has been biennially arranging the international exhibition. The forthcoming exhibition is the 12th of its kind.

The art display will run until March 31 at three venues -- National Art Gallery, National Museum and Osmani Memorial Hall.

Artists from 32 countries, including Bangladesh have already confirmed their participation. And BSA is expecting more foreign artists from different countries of Asia, Africa and Latin America. About 50 foreign delegates are expected to arrive in Dhaka for the exhibition.

ABM Salahuddin, the director of Department of Fine Arts of BSA said, "Though title of the exhibition is Asian Art Biennale Bangladesh, countries from Africa and Australia

also participate here. This year Latin American countries, Brazil and Mexico are participating."

Art works of 134 Bangladeshi artists will be on display. These include paintings, sculpture, installations and others. Commenting on the selection process, Salahuddin said, "A jury comprising two Bangladeshi and three foreigners have selected the art works of Bangladeshi artists. Moreover BSA has invited 20 works of renowned artists for the exhibition."

Besides the exhibition and art competition, there will be a two-day international seminar on March 6 and 7 at the Experimental Theatre Stage, BSA. Salahuddin said, "Delegates from home and abroad will present papers in the international seminar, titled Gender Perspective in Asian Art."

Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia will inaugurate the 12th Asian Art Biennale Bangladesh-2006 on March 5.

ITI Theatre Festival '06 Theatre: Creating Space for Harmony

Jennifer Walpole on Bangladeshi theatre and ITI activities

The Executive Director of International Theatre Institute Worldwide Committee, Jennifer Walpole is in Dhaka to attend the 8th biennial theatre festival arranged by Bangladesh Centre of International Theatre Institute (BCITI). Prior to this, she attended the theatre festivals by BCITI in 2003 and 2001.

So far, Walpole has watched a good number of Bangladeshi stage plays, which have a positive impression on her mind. To quote Jennifer, "I believe Bangladeshi theatre is diversified and deals with contemporary social issues such as humanism, gender inequality, fundamentalism and others. However, the technical aspects of theatre can be developed to compete with the world theatre. And because of the lack of technical aspects of theatre, the presentation is sometimes less attractive."

How can ITI play a role in the development of technical aspects in less developed countries? Walpole says, "Unfortunately ITI doesn't have much room for any development project. With the available funds we can only arrange a few workshops. But, the National Centres of ITI can come to bilateral agreement. Say for example, German National Centre of ITI is giving a hand to develop theatre in Sudan, Cyprus and other countries."

Walpole has also participated at the Executive Council of ITI Worldwide committee held on February 22 and 23 in Dhaka. She informs that it was the 122nd session of the Executive Council. She says, "We discussed plans for the next ITI Worldwide Council, which will be held in Manila, Philippines. Moreover, we have selected the winner of the biennial Uchimura prize, provided by Japanese Centre of ITI. The winner of this year's Uchimura prize is French theatre personality Jerome Waquacqz. The official announcement will be made at the Manila congress."

On the activities of ITI, Walpole informs that from 1962 ITI has been associated with UNESCO as far as consultations are concerned. ITI is among UNESCO's A-Category Non-Governmental Organisations. "In June 1996, ITI obtained a new status, being one of the limited number of umbrella NGOs admitted to formal associate relations with UNESCO. "That same year UNESCO Signed a 'Framework Agreement' with ITI to advise UNESCO on matters of theatre and also cooperate UNESCO in theatre-related issues. The aspects



Jennifer Walpole

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are: The exchange of information and expertise in theatre, the promotion of contemporary theatre productions, Promoting theatre arts to young people, the improvement of the status and training of actors and writers," continues Walpole.

"ITI observes different international days like World Theatre Day (March 27), World Dance Day (April 29) and others," she adds. Moreover, ITI has different forums and councils such as the Music Theatre Committee, the International Playwrights' Forum, Theatre Education Committee and others.

Born in Australia, Jennifer Walpole currently lives in France. She has a background in music. Her field of expertise is ethno-musicology. She has also received training in traditional South Indian Music from Karnataka, India.

Today's attraction Chandalika, Sirajuddaula and Balad



A scene from Balad

Nrityanandan will stage Tagore's dance-drama Chandalika at the National Theatre Stage today. In the dance-drama Chandalika, an adaptation from Jatak -- a collection of Buddhist stories, Tagore has portrayed the emotions of the lower-caste born Prokritiy whom the upper-caste people label as "untouchable." Through the budding relationship between Prokritiy and the Buddhist monk Ananda, Tagore has dealt with discrimination in caste, race and class. Sharmila Mohandadhay is the choreographer of the dance-drama.

Jatra pala Sirajuddaula will be staged at the Experimental Theatre Stage today as well. Milon Kanti De has directed the pala by Shochin Sen Gupta. Sirajuddaula is a Desh Opera production.

Theatre (natak saroni) will stage Balad by Gazi Rakayat at the Mahila Samity Stage. Based on Mahammad Zafar Iqbal's short story, Balad is a satire on contemporary social milieu. KM Harun is the director of Balad.

By ERSHAD KAMOL

TV GUIDE

PICK OF THE DAY



Brishtir Pore On Rtv at 8 pm Tele Film Cast: Tarin, Meer Sabbir, Chumki

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 8:55 am, 12:10 pm, 2:00 pm, 3:00 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. Late Night News (Bangla and English) 11:30 pm. CHANNEL-i News (Bangla) at 7:15 am, 9:00am, 2:00pm, 7:00pm, 9:00pm, 10:30pm, 12:15 am. Telecast of BTV news (Bangla and English) at 11:30 pm. ATN BANGLA News (Bangla) at 7:00 am, 10:00am, 2:00 pm, 7:00 pm, 10:00 pm, 11pm. News (English) 8:20am, 7:00pm. Telecast of BTV News (Bangla and English) at 11:30 pm. ntv News Headlines (Bangla) at 10:00 am, 12:00 am, 6:15 pm, 9:30 pm. News (Bangla) 7:30 am, 2:00 pm, 5:00 pm, 7:30 pm, 10:30 pm. Telecast of BTV News (Bangla and English) at 11:30 pm. TARA BANGLA News Headlines (Bangla) at 5:30pm, 7:30pm. 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 08:15 Shubhechchha Nin 08:55 Live broadcast of Bangladesh Vs Sri Lanka. One-day International cricket match 09:30 Ekusher Bol Mela 06:10 Wrestling 07:00 Special Programme 07:30 Drama Serial: Antorale Arunag Anondo Avyjon 09:00 Drama: Shanko 10:25 Tefak Theke Telulia 11:00 Chawwa Paawa CHANNEL-i 09:30 Shongbad Potroy Bangladesh Public Reaction 09:45 Titiyo Malra 11:05 Na Bola Koha (Live) 11:30 Mukto Bazar 12:30 Aj Dupurey 01:05 Ebong Cinemar Gaan 01:45 Public Reaction 02:40 Medha Bikash 03:10 Shaat Rang 03:30 BAPS 04:05 Dhaka Guide 04:25 Bol Mela 05:30 Chalo Chitra Shangitmalna 06:00 Music Plus 06:30 Drama Serial: Dui Prohor 07:50 Drama Serial: Swapnolokar Kolpokotha 08:20 Drama Serial: Ekush Er Por 09:35 Hidaye Mati O Manush 10:00 Rexona Challenge ATN BANGLA 08:10 Babul

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Behavior 09:30 Discovery Spotlight 11:30 Barcelona: 1000 Days to the Future 12:30 Fifth Dimension 01:30 Croc Weekend 02:30 Beyond Tomorrow Special 03:30 Life on the Edge 04:30 Croc Weekend 05:30 Discover India People 06:30 Extreme Machines 07:30 Croc Weekend 08:30 Discover India 10:30 Discovery Wings 11:30 Lifestyle Showcase NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC 10:00 Dogs With Jobs 10:30 Backyard Science 11:00 Serious: Arctic 11:45 Doo Eureka 12:00 Serious: Arctic 12:30 Wildlife Detectives 01:30 Croc Chronicles 01:30 Built For Destruction 02:30 Air Crash Investigation 03:30 Megastructures 04:30 Frontlines Of Construction 05:30 Castro 07:30 Rough Trades 08:30 Going To More Extremes 09:30 Hunter Hunted 10:30 Monsoon Railway STAR SPORTS 11:00 Tna Impact (R) 12:00 Asian World Cup Qualifiers 2006 FIFA World Cup: Asian Qualifiers Tehran Iran Ir Iran Vs Japan Gr Oup B(R) 02:00 Ice Cricket World (T)

02:30 Football Asia (T) 03:00 Cricket Classics Super Doubles (R) 04:30 Cricket Classics Close Encounters (R) 05:00 Uefa Champions League Magazine Shows Uefa Champions League Magazine Show (T) 05:30 World's Strongest Man Qualifier(R) 06:00 Asian Tour Magazine Weekly 2006 (T) 06:30 Gillette World Sports Special Gillette World Sports 2006 (T) 07:00 Tri-Series In Australia Vb Series Brisbane Australia 3rd Final Highlights(T) 08:24 English Premier Football League 2005/06 Manchester England Manche Ster United Vs West Ham United (L) 11:00 Final Score (L) 11:30 English Premier Football League 2005/06 London England Chelsea Vs Portsmouth (L) 10:30 English Premier Football League 2005/06 Blackburn England Blackburn Rn Rovers Vs Arsenal (R) ESPN 10:30 Sportscenter Week In Review (T) 11:00 West Indies Tour Of New Zealand The National Bank Series 03:00 Dubel Marathon 03:30 Winning Post 05:00 Hockey: Pakistan v India 05:30 Volvo Race 06:30 WWE: Experience 09:00 Pakistan v India - 2nd ODI H/Ls 09:30 NFL Gameday 11:00 Hockey: Pakistan v India

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