

CULTURAL FEAST

Kazi Sayed Ahmed

Saying it with jute sacking

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KAZI Sayed's exhibition, titled In Search of Affinity is on till February 28 at the Alliance Francaise. Detailing his eye-catching works, he says, "On the base of my paintings I've put laminated jute sacking. On top is more sacking that I've gathered and arranged in compositions of my own. Through them I've tried to depict human relationships and ties which I've shown in the stitches and the colours. They give the effect of a landscape too, when seen in a bird's eye view. Sometimes there might be the shape of a horse but that has come while I was arranging the sacking."

Sayed chose jute sacking as a medium when he came across the material in his father's biscuit shop. In 2002, he worked with both wood and sacking and when making compositions for the Shilpakala Academy's Young Artists' contest he tried simply sacking and won a prize on that occasion. He has been working on sacking for six years now.

In one of his paintings, Sayed has a circle in the centre with sacking all around. As he has used red and green, this reminds one of the National Flag. As this contains blue and yellow, people also take it as a representation of the flora in the country. This also brings to mind that ponds and lakes are now being



Artworks by Kazi Sayed Ahmed

filled up and gradually the greenery lost as development is taking place. In another painting there is the image of a horse and along with it a bit of green to represent the food on which it survives. A lopsided crescent moon is included and some dark patches of the night are also to be found. Stitches are included in the creation to remind one of the bindings of mankind. A circular burnt piece of sacking is also in the display and this appears quite attractive by itself.

Sayed's two large paintings present a bird's eye view. They bring in red, gold, yellow, orange, blue and yellow hues. The shades of

colour remind one of nature around. Six of his works have been combined on the floor to make a large rectangular display.

Sayed who did his masters in 2004, says that most of his patrons are expatriates. Sometimes he cuts the jute pieces and puts them on paper and at other times he gets torn pieces from outside that inspire him. He has exhibited with pieces similar to the ones in the Alliance exhibition in Switzerland (Zurich) and UK (London) in 2005. He has exhibited in Kolkata too and has worked for two months on this project.



51st Filmfare Awards

Black makes a clean sweep, Shabana honoured

It was a 'Black' day out at the 51st Filmfare awards held in Mumbai on last Saturday night. The moving Sanjay Leela Bhansali film walked away with more than one 'Lady in Black' at the annual awards function. It was also director Bhansali's third feat at the awards.

Though few award recipients did not turn up for the show, Amitabh Bachchan was there to a standing ovation. The veteran artiste received the Best Actor Award for the sensitive portrayal of a teacher and an Alzheimer patient in Black.

Rani Mukherji walked away with the Best Actress Award. While Amitabh and Rani won the Critics' Awards as well for the movie, the much-appreciated child artiste Ayesha Kapoor got her hands on the 'Best Actress in a Supporting Role' title. Abhishek Bachchan bagged the award for the 'Best Actor in a Supporting Role' for his intense performance in Ram Gopal Verma's Sarkar.

For her contribution to Indian cinema, the actress par excellence Shabana Azmi received the Lifetime Achievement Award. The articulate actress expressed her gratitude to



the Indian film fraternity.

Others who took home the statuette, included newcomer Shiny Ahuja, whose role in Hazaron Khushiyaan Aisi has been critically acclaimed. Ahuja won the award for Best Male Debutant. Vidya Balan won the award for Best Female Debutant for her role in Parineeta.

Black winning a total of 11 awards was one of the highlights of the function, as was a performance by former Bollywood 'queen bee' Madhuri Dixit on stage after several years away from the limelight.

Actress Parveen Babi who passed away last year was remembered through a medley of numbers from films she was known for. Aishwarya Rai wowed the audience with a performance as well. Other attractions of the night included a performance by Abhishek Bachchan and an appearance by Hollywood star Will Smith who presented the award for Best Actress.

Source: Internet

Clockwise (from left): Amitabh Bachchan, Rani Mukherji, Shabana Azmi and Madhuri Dixit at the Filmfare Awards



ITI Theatre Festival '06

Theatre: Creating Space for Harmony

"Bangladeshi actors need to hone theatrical performances" -- Tobias Biancone

Swiss poet Tobias Biancone is a member of the Executive Council, ITI Worldwide Committee and also founder of the Playwrights' Forum of ITI. At present he is an honorary member of the forum. His plays such as The Spy, The Half Truth, Exhibition Opera (Derunter Mensch) and others have all been well received in Europe. This year a collection of his poems will be published in Bangla. Shafi Ahmed is doing the translation. This is Biancone's second visit to Dhaka. Earlier he had participated in the ITI Theatre Festival-2003.

Regarding Bangladeshi theatre he has specific observations and suggestions. To quote Biancone, "Bangladeshi theatre is an amateur one, dealing with diversified issues. I liked Bonopangshul, directed by Nasiruddin Yousufi, staged at the ITI theatre festival-2003 in Dhaka. And I also enjoyed Centre for Asian Theatre's presentation of Eugene Ionesco's 'theatre of the absurd' The Lesson, staged at the NSD Theatre Festival-2005 in Delhi. Moreover, I enjoyed street plays at the ITI theatre festival in 2003, Dhaka."

"However, I believe that theatre activists in Bangladesh can improve their quality within the limited resources. Some of the best plays I've enjoyed can be credited to powerful performances by actors. I believe it is the actors who communicate directly with the audience. It is like a 'spiritual feeling', Bangladeshi theatre activists at the initial stage should give it their all to develop their potentials. ITI can be a source of information to gather the know-how in how to introduce professionalism in the local theatre. Otherwise it is quite impossible to develop standard practice of theatre."

Biancone believes that the government has an important role to play. To quote him, "Like our country Switzerland, the politicians of Bangladesh should give patronage to culture." He also informs, "We (in Switzerland) have state subsidised theatre halls and even the professional artists get grants."

On the theatre scenario of Switzerland Biancone says,



Tobias Biancone

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"Works by legendary Swiss playwrights like Max Frisch and Friedrich Durrenmatt are still admired. Theatre companies also stage a good number of plays by foreign playwrights including Bertolt Brecht, Jean Racine, Johann Wolfgang von Goethe and others. Works by young Swiss playwrights such as Urs Widmer, Thomas Hurlimann and Lukas Sutter are well received. However, musicals are quite popular in Switzerland as well." He further illustrates that there are four academic institutions, which provide quality theatre education in Switzerland.

Today's attraction-- Janmodin, Behular Bhashan and Koibarto Bidroho



A dramatic scene from Behular Bhashan

As part of the ongoing ITI theatre festival, Theatre (Baily road) will stage Janmodin at the Mahila Samity Stage today. Abdullah Al Mamun's play longs for the emergence of a hero who will abolish all evil from the society, Abdullah Al Mamun is the director of Janmodin.

Department of Theatre and Music, Dhaka University will stage Behular Bhashan at the Experimental Theatre Stage. The mythical story of 'Behula' has an inner meaning in the play. Behula discovers the inherent negative characteristics in the male dominated society such as lust, treachery, greed and others. Syed Jamil Ahmed directs the play.

Moreover, Bagura Theatre will stage Koibarto Bidroho at the National Theatre Stage at 6:30 pm.

by Ershad Kamol

Tonight's episode of Flat No-40

CULTURAL CORRESPONDENT

The 36th episode of the drama serial Flat No-40 will be aired tonight at 8:30pm on ATN Bangla.

In the serial, popular comic actor Tele Samad will be seen in a character who arrives in Bangladesh from US after a gap of ten years. Several hilarious incidents occur during Samad's week-long stay at his niece's residence. Tony Dayes, Shimla and Shahiduzzaman Selim play the lead roles.



TV GUIDE

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

News Bulletin

BTN 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 BTN 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 BTN News (Bangla and English) at 11:30 pm. Latest News (Bangla) at 9:00 a.m, 10:00 a.m, 11:00 a.m, 1:00pm, 3:00 pm, 4:00pm, 6:00 pm and 8:00 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 BTN News (Bangla and English) at 11:30 pm. TARA BANGLA News Headlines (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

10:00 Drama Serial: Polho Jete Jete ntv 09:30 Agrozo Grammen Phone Shironam 10:00 Zoo Adventure Dhakar Cinema 10:30 Muktagong 02:35 Drama Serial: Ramizur Asim Lux Glamour World 04:25 Bhinnya Swader Khobor 05:20 Apni Jigyasha 06:20 Shubho Shondhya 06:50 Khobor Shondharyey 07:20 ntv Dekhe Bolun 08:25 Drama Serial: Labonya Probha 09:10 Music Express 09:50 Drama Serial: Godhuli Aloy Dindarpan ATN BANGLA 10:30 Anandishti 11:05 Drama: EK Jonome Language Based Programme 02:30 Drama Serial: Nirab Koshlo 03:15 Drama Serial: O Amar Chokkhu Nai 03:45 Musical Programme 04:25 Shusho Thakum 04:45 Ishpani Pure Snax Quiz Time 05:10 Shonai Din 05:45 Istami Stewal O Jobob (live) 06:20 BSB Education Zone 08:00 Drama Serial: Shukhnagar Apartment 08:30 Drama Serial: Flat No. 40

09:00 ATN Taroka (Music) 10:35 Kolhamala 12:20 Musical Programme Rtv 07:45 Shukhi Thakun Deho Mone 03:30 Shoto Prashno 04:40 Human Nature 06:00 Music Music 06:35 Profile 08:00 Drama Serial: Agontuk 08:50 Drama Serial: Rater Golpo 10:50 Drama Serial: Dhaka Crime File 09:45 The Fog of war 12:00 The Fog of war 12:00 The specialist 02:15 Stella Street 04:00 Tremors II Aftenhooks 06:00 The Brady bunch movie 07:45 Darkness Falls 08:00 Fatel Attraction 11:45 Rome 02: How Titus Pullo brought down republic 12:45 Secret window 02:45 Dead air 04:30 All about the Benjamins STAR MOVIES 09:20 Enemy Of The State

04:30 General Hospital 05:30 Desperate Housewives 06:30 The Simpsons 07:00 The King Of Queens 07:30 Friends 08:00 Seinfeld 08:30 My Wife And Kids 09:00 Everybody Loves Raymond 09:30 King Of Queens 10:00 Frasier 10:30 Absolutely Fabulous 11:00 Coupling NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC 10:30 Interpol Investigates 11:30 Rough Trades 12:30 Going To More Extremes 01:30 Mixed Strand 02:30 Interpol Investigates 03:30 Last Of The Dragons 04:30 Backyard Science 05:00 Serious: Arctic 05:30 Planet Wild 06:00 Snake Wrangler 07:30 National Geographic Special 08:30 Is It Real? 09:30 Mon Mystery 10:00 Seconds From Disaster 11:30 Animal Nightmares DISCOVERY 11:30 The Elephants of Zimbabwe 12:30 Journey Of Life Seas of life 01:30 Croc Weekend Ultimate Guide: The Crocodiles 02:30 Detective Stories Domestic Terror 04:00 Operation Junkyard Mud Scooter 04:30 Croc Weekend STAR WORLD 10:30 Monk 11:30 Charmed 12:30 Parkinson The A Team 02:30 Oprah Winfrey Show 03:30 Bold And Beautiful

05:30 Beyond Tomorrow special 06:30 Man And Machine The Limit 07:30 Wild Discovery Namib 08:30 Zero Hour The Sinking of the Estonia 09:30 War Zone Battlefronts 10:30 Extreme Engineering Boston's Big Dig 11:30 FBI Files Radical Agenda STAR SPORTS 08:00 Sri Lanka Tour Of Bangladesh Bangladesh Vs Sri Lanka 1st Test Day 1 Highlights (R) 09:22 Sri Lanka Tour Of Bangladesh Bangladesh Vs Sri Lanka 1st Test Day 2 2nd & 3rd Session (L) 08:30 Sri Lanka Tour Of Bangladesh Bangladesh Vs Sri Lanka 1st Test Day 2 Highlights (S) 10:00 Sportscenter India Sportscenter Update (T) 10:02 Gillette World Sports Special Gillette World Sports 2006 (R) 10:30 Bull Riding Pro Bull Riders Association Bull Fight Tough Series 2005 Sportscenter India Sportscenter Update (T) 11:32 A1 Grand Prix A1 Grand Prix Sprint Race Mexico (R) ESPN 08:30 One Day International Series South Africa Vs Australia 1st Odi Highlights (S) 10:00 English Premier Football League 2005/06 Manche Star United Vs West Ham United (R) 11:30 Nba Action (R) 03:30 Fa Classic Matches Newcastle United Vs Nottingham Forest 05:30 Winter X-Games Winter X-Games X - Day 3 (T) 07:30 English Premier League Highlights (T) 09:30 Classic Boxing Classic Boxing - Max Baer Vs Schmeling (T) 11:30 One Day International Series South Africa Vs Australia 1st Odi Highlights (R) TEN SPORTS 08:30 Total Rugby 10:30 Trans World Sports 12:00 Hockey: Pakistan v India 02:00 Gamer TV 04:30 Portuguese League: Benfica v Porto 05:30 Dubai Marathon 07:30 WWE: Raw 10:00 Pakistan v India - 4th ODI H/Ls 11:00 Italian League Highlights

PICK OF THE DAY



ATN Taroka, Tarokader Taroka On ATN Bangla at 9:00 pm Talent Hunt Anchors: Khondokar Ismail and Kona



Labonya Probha On ntv at 8:25 pm Drama Serial Cast: Tanveen Sweety, Fazlur Rahman Babu