12th Asian Art Biennale, Bangladesh

The festival is unique, says Japanese curator Roger McDonald

ERSHAD KAMOL

APANESE curator Roger Christopher McDonald is in town to participate in the 12th Asian Art Biennale, Bangladesh. Curator of Arts Initiative Tokyo (AIT) and commissioner for the Japanese team at the Biennale, Bangladesh, this is McDonald's third visit to



Roger Christopher McDonald

Asked for his reaction to the event. McDonald said, " I'm happy as Hiroshi Fuji, one of the two Japanese artists participating in the exhibition, has won the Grand Prize for his installation. This is not the first time that a Japanese artist has won prize in the biennale in Bangladesh. Earlier a few Japanese artists won Grand as well as Honour-



The prize winning installation by Hiroshi Fuji

able Mention Awards. This is for the 11th time Japan is participating in Asian Art Biennale. Bangladesh.

Of the remarkable aspects of the biennale, McDonald said, "The festival is unique. I have participated in many exhibitions and I have also initiated many in Japan and other foreign countries like New Zealand, Singapore, Norway and others. But, none of these festivals are like the biennale in Bangladesh. Until now only Asian and African countries used to participate here. This year the organisers have included some Latin American countries; however, no European and North American countries have been invited for the festival."

McDonald regards the festival as a key cultural event. However, as he says, "Bangladesh should focus on more contemporary media. While it is appreciable that installation has been included in the festival for the first time, more contemporary art forms such as photography should find a place.'

McDonald believes that Japan can help Bangladesh give a boost to art. He said, "Many Bangladeshi artists are studying art in Japan, I believe that there may be more bilateral agreements between the two countries, as for instance developing the National Art Gallery of Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy as a world class venue. Moreover, in these days besides training for artists, training for the curators is equally important as they can develop patronage for art. Japan can help Bangladesh by offering six months or one year training for the curators. Moreover, Japan can help develop the infrastructure for art galleries.

McDonald is involved with teaching as well as

Group painting exhibition

Of landscapes and figures

KAVITA CHARANJI

Spring is in the air. Look around and you will see the cultural world buzzing with functions and performances to celebrate this joyous season. One such stop for art lovers is the ongoing 10-day Spring Art Festival at the Art & Soul Gallery. On display are the works of 14 senior artists -- a departure for the gallery, which usually features

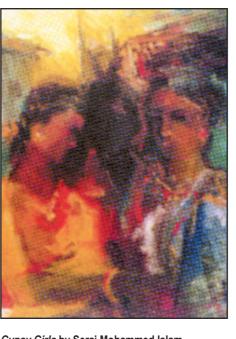
Homing in predominantly on the themes of vibrant nature and figures are realistic, semiabstract and abstract paintings. The artists are Rokeya Sultana, AS Monjurul Hai, Abdul Mannan, Anisur Rahman, Zeenat Wahid, HM Bashirullah, Quader Bhuyan, Shamsul Hoque,

Alauddin Ahmed, Mohammed Serajul Islam, Syeda Sazia Sultana, Zemrina Bente Ali, Lakshman Kumar Sutradhar, and the late Matian

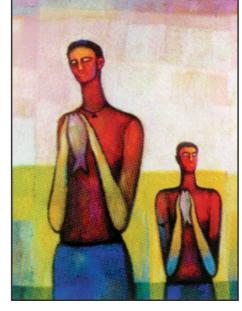
Some of the works that immediately catch the eye of the viewer are Abdul Mannan's watercolour work, titled Our Country-1, which depicts a rural landscape and Rokeya Sultana's Relation in mixed media with three women and birds in the midst of nature. Other works worthy of attention are those of Zeenat Wahid (the vibrant semiabstract Harmony, in watercolour) and the late Matiar Rahman's Cow boy an evocative village scene in watercolour.

Dwelling on the finer points of the exhibition, Nabila Rahman, managing director of the Art & Soul Gallery, says, " Each artist with his or her distinctive subjects, styles, forms, textures, colours are sure to stir our senses, provoke our awareness and touch our core in special ways. An assorted sense of emotions engulfs us when we see a piece of art...which is the fragmentation of the vision of our reality or manifestation of our

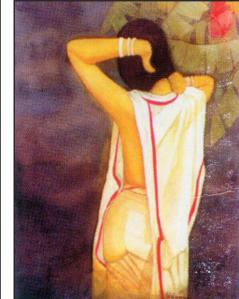
The response to the exhibition, which concludes on March 12, has been fairly good but efforts are on to draw in more people. Next on the cards at the gallery is a display of etchings. engravings and wood cut prints, crafted by Mohammed Muslim Mia



Gypsy Girls by Seraj Mohammed Islam



Village Boy and Fish by Shamsul Haque



Bath by Lakshman Kumar Sutradhar

CULTURAL FEAST

Exhibition

Title: 12th Asian Art Biennale, Bangla-

Venue: National Art Gallery, National Museum, Osmani Auditorium

Date: March 5-31

Title: The Other Voice

Date: March 8-19

Time: 12pm to 8pm

Venue: Bengal Gallery Of Fine Arts House275/F. Road 27(Old)

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Title: Spring Art Festival Date: March 3 to 12

Time: 11am to 8nm

Venue: Art & Soul Gallery

House # 16, Road 36, Gulshan Avenue

Title: We and bio-diversity Date: March 10 to 15

Time: 10am to 6:30pm

Venue: Zainul gallery-2 Institute of Fine Arts, DU

Channel click

A seven-episode programme featuring documentaries begins today

CULTURAL CORRESPONDENT

Gaurober Shamachar, a sevenepisode programme, is featuring six documentaries made by 12 talented female filmmakers who participated in a workshop on documentaries. The documentaries -- Begum, Deepannita Manjulika Chakma, Shaajshilpi, Shikhar Hoitey Shikhorey, Nareer Chokhey Matritwa and Ektukhani Praaner Khonje -focus on issues such as women's

role in mass media: presentation and contribution, female entrepreneurs' and labourers' roles in poverty alleviation, female athletes and the social system, working women and motherhood and participation of women in

Tarana Halim hosts the programme and noted personalities will participate in the discussion.

Gaurober Shamachar will be aired every Sunday starting from March 12 at 6:00 pm on channel i.



Nurjahan Begum, the editor of Begum, the weekly magazine on women

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Musical Soiree

Rebeka Sultana's four decades in the musical arena

KHALID-BIN-HABIB

Amra Suriamukhi arranged a musical soiree on March 10 at Begum Sufia Kamal Auditorium, National Museum. The event featured Rebeka Sultana, a seasoned singer who has been in our musical arena for 45 years. Rebeka is a dedicated Nazrul artiste; in addition she has also rendered a number of adhunik songs. Besides performing in musical programmes in Bangladesh, she has participated in concerts in Bangkok, Melbourne, Kathmandu, Sydney, Abu Dhabi, Dubai, Stockholm, Tripoli, Tunisia and Malta.

The programme began with a recitation of Amar Porichoy by Rahman Shojol. Prior to Rebeka's performance, Nazrul Professor Rafiqul Islam, poet Saiful Bari, veteran radio and TV personality Hena Kabir, singers Sadva Afreen Mallick and Rowshan Ara Mustafiz. Shafiqul Islam Selim and Hasina Mariam Shobha of Amra Suriamukhi spoke on the occasion. Hena Kabir said about Rebeka, "She comes from a

family that has a rich musical tradition. Rebeka has been dedicated to her art as long as I can remember her."

Sadya Afreen Mallick outlined the current situation of Bangladeshi culture. In her speech she said, "The young generation are drifting away from our traditions. Some good works are being done but they often go unnoticed. We have to preserve and promote our songs, our culture and present it in a way that our future generations can be proud of. The regular efforts by Amra Surjamukhi that promote quality Bangla songs are laudable.

Nazrul researcher Dr Rafiqul Islam, chief guest of the event said, "Kazi Nazrul Islam, despite being the country's National Poet has had his work distorted perhaps more than any other among his peers. He was in fact very liberal with songs. He allowed the stalwart artistes to make variations in style. But it was never meant to be exploited and distorted according to the whims of a few people." He



Rebeka Sultana

also pointed out that among the 3,500 songs of Nazrul only 1,500 songs are available on records. Moreover among these songs the artistes usually render about 150 to 200 popular songs. Rebeka began the soiree with the presentation of a

khayal in raaga Basant. Although Rebeka's forte is Nazrul songs, her performance also included songs of Tagore Rajnikant, Atul Prasad, songs of the yesteryears, folk songs and adhunik songs.

Osama's niece to star in reality TV show

Osama bin Laden's niece, an aspiring singer who posed for a racy photo shoot in a magazine last year, has signed up for a reality TV show about her life and her as yet unfulfilled "quest for stardom."

Wafah Dufour Bin Ladin, whose mother was married to the al Qaeda leader's half brother, was born in California but lived in Saudi Arabia from the age of three to 10. "I understand that when people hear my last name, they have pre-

conceived notions, but I was born an American and I love my country," Dufour said in a statement from ReganMedia announcing the deal to develop a reality TV series. Based in New York,

Dufour has been promoting herself as a musician and last December appeared in a sultry GQ photo spread.

"Her story will bridge the gap that people feel exists between the cultures she has lived in," ReganMedia Presi-



Dufour, who earned Wafah Dufour Bin Ladin

a master's degree in law from Columbia University, was in Geneva with her mother at the time of the September 11, 2001 attacks. She had said in the past she had never met Osama bin Laden

She cites U2, Depeche Mode, The Cure and The Cranberries among her musical influences.

Source: Internet

said.

TV GUIDE

PICK OF THE DAY

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

News Bulletin

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 .mq 00:8.mg 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. Latest News (Bangla) at 9:00 a.m,10:00 am, 11:00 am.1:00pm.3:00 pm.

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

4:00pm.6:00 pm and 8:00 pm.

TARA BANGLA News Headlines (Bangla) at 5:30 pm. 7:30 pm.

English) at 11:30 pm.

Every hour on the hour

Tara News (Bangla) at 8:30 pm. 11:30 pm. Tara News Bangladesh (Bangla) at 9:30 **BBC WORLD**

BTV 09:05 Musical Programme National TV Debate Geetanjali Programmes from the Chittagong Centre 07:00 Mati O Manush

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Talk Show: Aloe

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Jibon Jekhaney 10:00 Drama Serial: Bela Obelar Golpo **ATN BANGLA**

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Koshto Drama Serial: O Amar Chokkhu Nai Shapla Shaluk Music Box Ispahani Pure Snax Quiz Time

05:10 Special programme of 3rd International Film Festival 05:45 Islami Sawal O Jobab Three Stooges 06:25 Drama Serial: Jol 08:00 Porey Pata Norey Drama Serial: The New Shabuj Opera Drama Serial: Nirey Taar Neel Dheu Drama Serial: Ek

10:40 **Business This Week** ntv 08:35 Aajker Shokal 10:05 Documentary: Animal Kingdom 10:30 Natoker Gaan

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Lux Glamour World

Drama Serial:

Godhulir Alo

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Jol Porey Pata Norey

On ATN Bangla at 08:00 pm

Cast: Azizul Hakim, Srabonti, Shahed

Drama Serial

Dindarpan

Mon-e

Just Band

Look At Me

Look At Me

Rookatu

Telefilm: Dovita

Shoto Proshno

Bangla Cartoon:

Drama Serial: Agantul

Rtv Exclusive

Drama Serial:

Briddhashram

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Wayne's World 2 12:30 Willard 02:30 The Powerpuff Girls Movie 04:00 National Security 05:45 The Hunted 08:00 New on the big Screen in March

8:30 Goodnight 11:00 01:00 White Oleander STAR MOVIES Million Dollar Baby 09:15

The Long Kiss Rambo: First Blood

Man On Fire

Under The Tuscan

Miracle

05:10 Alien 3 07:00 Avp: Alien Vs. Predator 08:45 10:30

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03:00

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On Rtv at 08:00

Drama Serial

Species Jet Lag 12:00 Dangerous Waters: Shark Attack STAR PIUS 08:30 Dharam Aur Hum 09:30 Krishna Kathaiver

Cast: Zahid Hassan, Tania, Fima

Yatra

10:30 Mano Ya Na Mano 11:00 11:30 Chalti Ka Naam Antakshiri 12:30 Kabhi Khushi Kabhi 01:00 Musafir Hoon Yaaror 01:30 Mirch Masala

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Discovery India People

Discovery Wings

DISCOVERY 08:30 Wild Discovery 09:30 Discovery India

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12:30 Lifestlye Showcase 01:30 Discovery India 02:30 Zero Hour 03:30 War Zone 04:30 Wild Discovery 05:30 Discovery India 06:30 **Discovery Wings** Wild Discovery 7:30 Discovery Biggest 08:30 Shows

Night Safari

Journey of Life

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10:00 Dogs With Jobs 10:30 **Backyard Science** 10:45 Doc Eureka 11:00 Serious: Desert 11:45 Doc Eureka 12:00 Serious: Desert 12:30 Wildlife Detectives 01:00 Croc Chronicles 01:30

Air Crash Investigation

Interpol Investigates

Showreal Asia

Megastructures

Microkillers

Megacities

Seconds From Disaster

09:30

Prix Qualifying(R) Race Day 2006 F1 Race Day Sakhir Bahrain Bahrain Grand Prix (L) 05:15 Formula One 2006

Wild Sex

STAR SPORTS

Australia Tour Of South

Africa Standard Bank

One Day International

Africa Vs Australia 2nd

Football Extra Malaysia

Airlines Football Extra

Formula One Qualifying

Bahrain Bahrain Grand

Prix 13:00 Asian Tour

Magazine Show Asian

Tour Weekly 2006 (R)

Football Extra Malaysia

Airlines Football Extra

Formula One Qualifying

Bahrain Bahrain Grand

2006 Formula One

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Series Cape Town

South Africa South

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TEN SPORTS WWE: Experience 09:00

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10:00	Chevrolet Cricket Sho
12:30	Pakistan v India: 3rd
	ODI H/Ls
05:00	Indian Horse Racing
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