

Exhibition

Womanhood in all its glory

FAYZA HAQ

MOHAMMED Jalal Uddin, whose solo is on at Shilpangan has been working in oil, the richest of mediums, and is now moving on to acrylic. The way he paints with acrylic gives the effect of watercolour. All his works bring in the essence of poetry in the ordinary rural life of Bangladesh. He captures particularly well the moments of solitude. He uses earthy colours and mingles them with melancholy blues to bring in pensive female figures.

"I admit that most of my paintings deal with women. Searching for the reason for this, I realise that I find the female form attractive, apart from flowers and trees around me. It is not as if subjects like the Liberation War did not move me but I felt I could best express myself in pensive female forms. I do hope some time in future to deal with ideas like the Language Movement and the Liberation War, in one form or another. Right now



Artworks by Mohammed Jalal Uddin

I want to please the viewer with presenting the beautiful curves and colours that we find in our women in the countryside," says Jalal Uddin.

Tune of spring depicts a young woman, boldly dressed in a bright red sari. "I try to present the hopes, dreams and frustrations of the woman in the curling, swirling lines around her. The folds of her clothes and her flying hair represent her restless mind and heart," Jalal Uddin says. Another painting is similarly an everyday event: a woman helps another to finish doing her makeup by putting a *teep* on the forehead. This is a simple incident, yet it has been delineated in a splendid manner, showing friendship, understanding and helpful nature of the common people in the countryside.

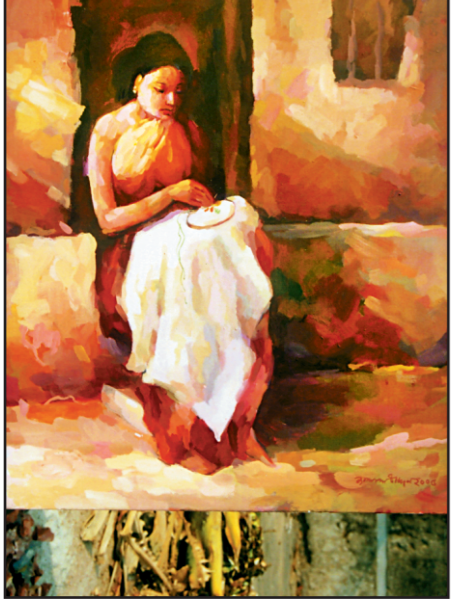
In the morning shows two women sitting and discussing a problem. The women are seen sitting on steps and on the two sides we see mud walls and windows, while on top is a thatched roof. "Just as I enjoy depicting people from the countryside so I love to paint scenes from the countryside too," says Jalal Uddin. Another

painting depicts a seated woman engrossed in her sewing. The surrounding mud huts have also been included in the neat composition. On another canvas he has an aging woman, once more in the waiting mood, in a old and decrepit mud house.

An experimental work has women with surrounding scenes of rack and ruin replacing the peaceful scenes of the *Nakshikanthar Maath*. "In this I want to depict how our beautiful and peaceful homes are being replaced by rack and ruin which is taking place in the name of development," Jalal Uddin says.

Jalal Uddin has studied at the Department of Fine Arts DU, where his teachers included artists like Shahid Kabir, Kazi Ghayasuddin, Mahmudul Haque and Mahbulul Amin. He says that in his days there may have been less experimentation than today, but they had a lot of academic work, especially outdoor sketching and painting.

He is full time set designer with Bangladesh Television and an advisor to a children's organisation where he teaches painting.



60th anniversary of UNESCO Bangladeshi cultural team goes to Paris

CULTURAL CORRESPONDENT

A five-member cultural team winged its way to Paris today. The group comprises Manipuri dancers Tamanna Rahman and her student Subrata Das, along with popular singer of the band 'Bangla', Anusheh Anadil. Bunno (lead guitarist of 'Bangla') and Shafique Mia (*dhol* player) are a part of the team as well.

The function in Paris is being held on March 16 to commemorate the 60th anniversary of UNESCO. The Governing Council of the South Asia Foundation is sponsoring the event titled, 'The oral and intangible heritage of South Asia'. The curtains go up with a rendering of a Manipuri dance by Tamanna and Subrata. Then follows a Lalon song by Anusheh and a popular Bangla folk song, *Takum takum bajey Bangladesher dhol*. The dance duo will accompany Anusheh. Other SAARC countries will also perform in the programme.

In the words of Tamanna, "We aim to project the heritage of Bangladesh and are confident of a good response from the audience."



Tamanna Rahman (L) and Anusheh, members of the Bangladeshi cultural team



The Liberation War of Bangladesh is the theme of Chashi Nazrul Islam's feature film, *Dhruvotara*. The movie focuses on the struggles of a family during the war in '71. Noted author Rabeya Khatun has written the story of the film. Popular actors Ferdous, Moushumi and Helal Khan play the central characters in the film. The film will be released on March 26, Independence Day at Star Cineplex, says a press release. Channel i will telecast the movie soon.

CULTURAL FEAST

Exhibition

Title: 12th Asian Art Biennale, Bangladesh
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), Dhanmondi RA

Title: We and bio-diversity
Date: March 10 to 15
Time: 10am to 6:30pm
Venue: Zainul gallery-2 Institute of Fine Arts, DU

Group Exhibition

Title: Trio
Participants: Kazi Rakib, Masuda Kazi, Kazi Iqbal
Venue: Gallery Kaya, H#20, road# 16, Sector# 4, Uttara
Date: March 10-24

Theatre

Title: Macbeth
Organiser: Department of Theatre and Music
Venue: Natmondal, Dhaka University
Date: March 10- 16

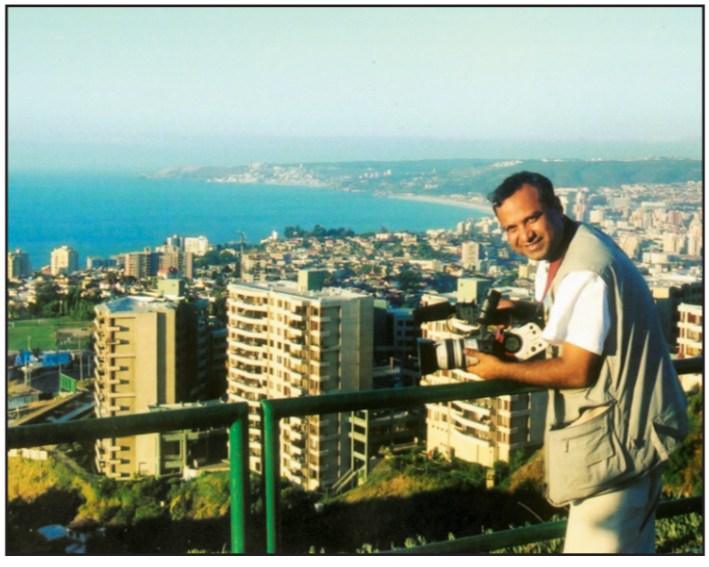
Prithibir Pothey Pothey An informative travel show on Rtv

CULTURAL CORRESPONDENT

Filmmaker Shakur Majid has travelled to countries in Europe, different states of US, UAE, Chile in Latin America, Malaysia and Bangkok between 2001 and 2005. During these trips, Majid has filmed the locations that fascinate tourists from all over world. These videos, featured in the travel show *Prithibir Pothey Pothey* are telecast

on Rtv at 10:50 pm every Sunday night.

Prithibir Pothey Pothey tries to stand apart from other travel shows by focusing on a certain theme or elaborating on a certain architectural wonder and its historic significance in each episode. So far episodes titled *Acropolis in Athens*, *Socrates' Athens, Road to Amsterdam*, *In Search of the Berlin Wall*, *Berlin and its Architecture*, *City of Arts - Paris*, *Louvre Museum in*



The director of the show Shakur Majid (Top), a carriage-ride in Viña del Mar

Paris, Las Vegas and its Casinos, Valdivia's Santiago, Plaza de Armas in Santiago and Neruda's La Chascona in Santiago have been aired.

On March 19, is an episode on Nobel laureate poet Pablo Neruda's house 'La Sebastiana' in Valparaiso, Chile. Following that, episodes -- *The Heavenly Valley of Valparaiso* and *City of Gardens Viña del Mar* will be aired.

After featuring locations in Europe and South America, *Prithibir Pothey Pothey* will highlight the tourist attractions in American cities like New York, Boston, Michigan, Chicago, Hollywood and San Diego.

Director Shakur Majid is also the researcher, editor, cameraman and presenter of the show.

Tsotsi A picture of optimism

"God Bless Africa!" said *Tsotsi's* director, Gavin Hood, as he accepted the Oscar for Best Foreign Language Film at the 78th Academy Awards recently.

Back in his native land, both Hood and his film have been lauded. South Africa's president, Thabo Mbeki, heralded the award as "another well-deserved accomplishment of our country and people" in "a story of poverty, hopelessness and struggle transformed into faith and a profound moral reawakening leading to a better future".

The first South African film to win an Oscar, *Tsotsi* follows six days in the life of the leader of a group of young gangsters. A heist gone wrong leaves the protagonist of the film, holding a three-month-old baby. His decision to nurture the child sets him on a path of possible redemption.

The film is an adaptation of the only novel by the South African playwright Atholl Fugard. The novel ended bleakly, with the protagonist literally and metaphorically crushed by the apartheid regime. In a significant shift, the positive tone in Hood's post-apartheid version suggests that, despite appalling problems, South Africa is characterised by a mood of optimism.

Mbeki comments that *Tsotsi* is an appropriate representation of the "Age of Hope" that is the country's current climate. Not surprisingly, *Tsotsi* has been South Africa's biggest box office success for 15 years. It has also generated strong box office in the US since its release there last month, and imminent release dates in the UK and beyond should see the film programmed in both arthouse cinemas and multiplexes.

Apart from well-defined, sympathetic characters, strong central performances and sharp cinematography, the director knew how to tell a strong story, in terms of both narrative development and visual style.



A scene from Tsotsi

But *Tsotsi's* success is substantially built on the appeal of the ghetto and the possibility of the individual rising above his situation -- a hook that was sure to catch the eye of film journalists and arts editors.

Source: Internet

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 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, 10:30 pm, 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.

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
09:05 Musical Programme
09:25 Shashwato Jibon
10:00 Satellite programme
12:30 Computer Round
02:40 Selected Programme
03:30 Shokal Belar Pakhi
04:00 Shongesta
04:30 Prottyashar Alo
05:05 Swanirvor Bangladesh

05:30 Talk Show
06:10 Shondhyamaloti
07:00 Quiz Quiz
07:30 Musical Programme: Gaan Shudhu Gaan
07:50 Mohan Swadhinota
08:35 Protidin Bangladesh
08:45 Drama Serial: Swapno Ludu
09:25 Drama Serial: Aronye Anador
10:25 Teknaf Thekey Tetulia

CHANNEL-i
09:30 Shongbad Potrey Bangladesh
09:45 Public Reaction
09:50 Tritiyomatra
11:05 Cricket Online
11:30 Amar Chhiboi
12:30 Aaj Dupurey O
Citycell Tarokakothon

01:05 Ebong Cinemar Gaan
01:45 Public Reaction
02:40 Special Programme
04:05 Bashundhara
Amar Gaan
04:50 Sa Re Ga Ma
05:30 I-Sports
06:00 I-speed
06:35 Antorrala Kotha
07:50 Shera Radhuni 1412
09:35 D Rockstar

10:00 Drama Serial: Shei Tumi Ei Tumi

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08:35 Aajker Shokal
09:05 Drama Serial: Shastho Tathya
09:30 Crime Watch
Barjhar
Thikthak
11:00 Cine Gaan
11:30 Gambhira
12:02 Old Single Episode
Drama

01:00 Muktagon
03:15 Tiffiner Fakey
04:25 Gallery
04:50 Snapshots Of Change
05:20 Apanar Jigyasha
06:20 Shubho Shondhya
06:50 Frankly Speaking
08:25 Drama Serial: Labonya Prova
Dance
09:10 Programme: Nupur
Drama Serial: Amader Anondobari

ATN Bangla
10:30 Anyodrishti
11:05 Drama Serial: Ek Akasher Swapno
Apartment
12:15 Amar Computer
12:50 Musical Programme
01:30 Cine Gaan
02:30 Drama Serial: Teen Satter
Drama Serial: O Amar Chokkhu Nai
03:45 Aha Ki Anando
04:20 Talk Show: Somosamoyik
04:45 Ispahani Pure Snax
Quiz Time
05:10 Special Programme: Film For The People
05:45 Islami Sawal O

PICK OF THE DAY



Amader Anondobari
On ntv at 9:50 pm
Drama Serial
Cast: Tarana Halim, Litu Anam

The Lord of the Rings: the two towers
On HBO at 09:30 pm
Genre: Action
Cast: Viggo Mortensen, Elijah Wood

06:20 Jobab
08:00 Aynar Samney
08:00 Drama Serial: Shukhnagor Apartment
08:30 Drama Serial: Ferari Syren
09:00 ATN Taroka
Tarokader Taroka (Acting)
10:40 Mukto Shonglap

HBO
09:45 GIA
12:00 Timecop: The Berlin Decision
01:45 The Big Bounce
03:30 The Guardian
05:15 A Match Made in Heaven

07:30 Terminator 3: Rise of the Machines
09:30 The Lord of the Rings: The Two Towers
01:00 Jack Frost
3:00 New Best Friend
4:45 Terminator 3: Rise of the Machines

STAR MOVIES
08:30 Species II
10:00 First Power The
11:40 Newton Boys The
01:45 Jakob The Liar
03:45 Robocop
05:30 Good Boy!
07:00 Stuck On You
09:00 Shoot To Kill
10:50 Last Supper The

12:20 Pieces Of April
01:40 Big Shot: Confessions Of A Campus Bookie

STAR PLUS
10:30 Meri Saheli
11:00 Shagun
11:30 Shanti
12:00 Maan
12:30 V Trailers - Star Plus
1:00 Kasautii Zindagii Kay
1:30 Kumkum - Pyara Sa
2:00 Bhabhi
2:30 Kesar
3:00 Saarrthi
3:30 Kyunki Saas Bhi Kabhi Bahu Thi
4:00 Kahiin To Hoga
4:30 K.Street Pali Hill

5:00 Shagun
5:30 V Trailers - Star Plus
5:55 V First Day First Show-Starplus
Maan
6:00 The Proud Family
6:30 Goof Troop
7:00 Kumkum - Pyara Sa
7:30 Bandhan
8:00 Akkad Bakkad
8:00 Mum Tum Aur Hum
9:00 Kasautii Zindagii Kay
9:30 Miilee
10:00 Kavyanjali
10:30 Kahaani Ghar Ghar Kii
11:00 Kyunki Saas Bhi Kabhi Bahu Thi
11:30 Kahiin To Hoga
12:00 K.Street Pali Hill

STAR WORLD
10:30 My Wife And Kids
11:00 King Of Queens
11:30 Absolutely Fabulous
12:00 Coupling
12:30 Everybody Loves Raymond
1:00 Frasier
1:30 The A Team
2:00 Oprah Winfrey Show
3:30 Bold And Beautiful
4:30 General Hospital
5:30 Angel
6:30 The Simpsons
7:00 The King Of Queens
7:30 Friends
8:00 Seinfeld
8:30 Kevin Hill
9:30 The O.C.
10:30 North Shore
11:30 Seinfeld
12:00 Friends

NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC
10:30 Seconds From Disaster
11:30 Megastructures
12:30 Megastructures
02:30 Seconds From Disaster
03:30 Animal Nightmares
04:00 Animal Nightmares
04:30 Backyard Science
04:45 Doc Eureka
05:00 Serious: Jungle
05:30 Planet Wild
06:00 Snake Wranglers
06:30 Storm Stories
07:00 Storm Stories
07:30 Animal Nightmares
08:00 Animal Nightmares
08:30 Mysteries Of Mankind
09:30 National Geographic's Taboo
10:30 Air Crash Investigation

S2
11:30 On Assignment
12:00 On Assignment

DISCOVERY
10:30 War Zone
11:30 Ten Ways Special
12:30 FBI Files
01:30 Wild Discovery
02:30 Detective Stories
03:30 Living Pulse
04:00 Mystery Hunters
4:30 Wild Discovery
05:30 War Zone
06:30 Dangerman Adventures With Geoff Mackley
07:30 Wild Discovery
08:30 Junkyard Wars
09:30 Fastest, Tallest, Biggest
10:30 Science Frontiers
11:30 Crime Night

STAR SPORTS
09:30 Gillette World Sports Special (R)
10:00 Golf Focus(R)
10:30 Guinness Premiership
12:30 English Premier Football League (R)
2:30 Five / Six Nations Championships (T)
4:30 TNA Wrestling Programming (T)
5:30 Motorsports News (T)
6:30 TNA Wrestling Programming (R)
7:30 Hiltz (R)
8:00 Gillette World Sports Special
10:02 Cricket Classics Great Finishes (T)
10:30 TNA Wrestling Programming TNA Wrestling
11:30 Sportscenter India (L)

11:32 Indian Premier Hockey League

ESPN
09:30 ICC Cricket World (R)
10:00 NBA Basketball
12:30 Team India Programming (R)
02:00 Champions League Extra (T)
04:00 English Premier League Highlights (R)
05:00 Cricket Classics Caribbean (R)
06:00 Winter X-Games
07:30 The Football Quiz (T)
08:00 UEFA Champions
09:00 Sportscenter Asia (S)
09:30 UEFA Champions
10:00 The Football Quiz (R)
10:30 Sportscenter India
11:00 Sportscenter Asia
11:30 Cricket Classics Sehwag's Best
12:00 Cricket Classics Caribbean Kings England Vs West Indies (T)

TEN SPORTS
10:00 WWE: Raw
11:00 Italian League Highlights
12:00 Trans World Sports Programming (T)
2:00 Caribbean Classics
3:00 Legends
3:30 Martini World Cup
5:30 Indian Horse Racing
7:30 WWE: Smackdown
8:00 Gamer TV
8:30 Inside Grand Prix: Malaysia
9:30 This is the PGA Tour India in West Indies
10:00 German League
11:00 Highlights:Round 25