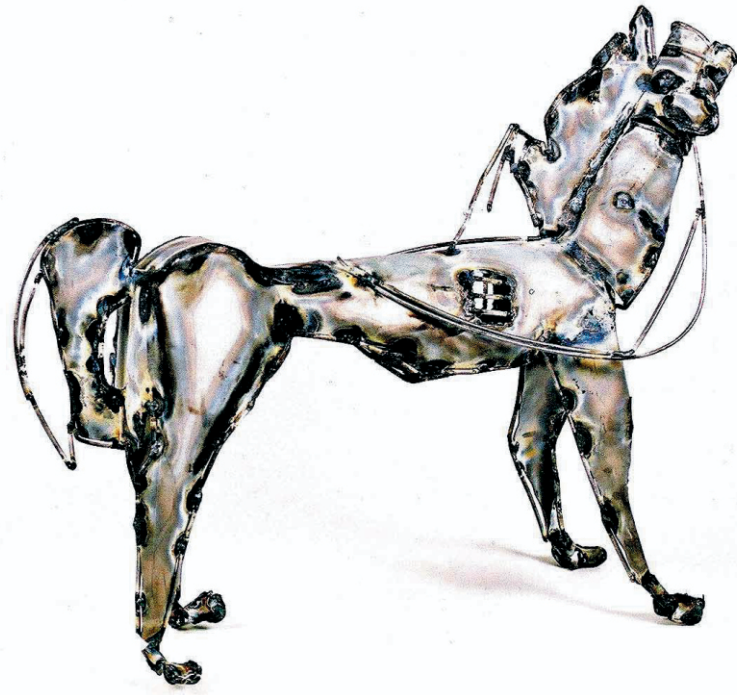


Exhibition

Towfiq's breathtaking images



Colonial (top) and Dawn

FAYZA HAQ

TOWFIQUR Rahman's exhibition of breathtaking sculpture and paintings opened at Gallery Kaya yesterday. Towfiq says that he has made his sculpture pieces from galvanised sheets, which are normally used, for mending car bodies. Earlier too he had worked on metal. "I found this a

friendly medium as I could bend and mould it at will, even when sitting at home. This responded beautifully with the method I used at home and in the welding place in Mohammadpur. Before setting out to work I had made drawings," explains Towfiq.

Towfiq who studied in the sculpture department in the Institute of Fine Arts, DU, studied the work style of his teacher Hamiduzzaman Khan,

who had then returned from Baroda. Later, when he went to study in China, he concentrated on realistic work, which was in its infancy back in Bangladesh, where even getting a model was difficult. He began with clay modelling and later transferred to other materials like metal. After returning home, he combined the realistic with the abstract and got the semi-abstract expression in his work. He worked at will, for five months, expressing his moods and feelings, not bound by any realistic confines or the fact that he had to have an exhibition.

In *Urban* he depicts a goat that appears loveable and endearing although it is a simple subject. The artist, in his works does not reach out to something highbrowed, philosophic or poetic and yet the pieces in their pale gray shades were moving. In *Fertility* the sculptor had brought in two simple blades of grass by which he indicates that farming is quite a task in our country. *Colonial* presents a horse of the British period, which recalls, a stream of images from a single horse -- the cavaliers on horses and the many types of carriages.

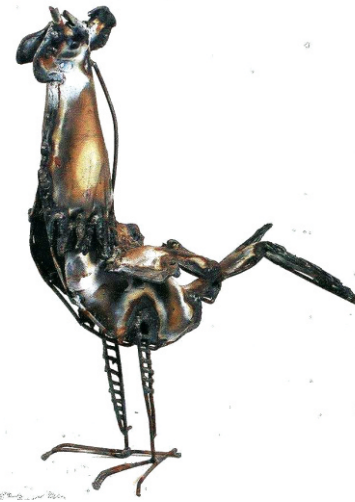
Portrait of a worker features workers in the garment factories and their oppression. *Dawn*, the depiction of a rooster, is the symbolic representation of the peace and harmony in our villages. Through *Dead queen* the artist expresses his notion of the lack of perfect democracy in most countries. *Expression* represents a human being riding an animal.

In the paintings, the artist has used a toothbrush instead of the normal paintbrush. In them he has brought in the subject of childhood, animals found in the countryside and other everyday elements around us.

As a child Towfiq preferred to make clay figurines rather than do his normal studies. He once made a clay plane with glass blades and

his brother, an engineer, encouraged him in the field of creative art. At the Institute of Fine Arts, DU, his teachers were Abdur Razzak, Hamiduzzaman, Shahid Kabir, Mahmud Haque and Mahbubul Amin. "Hamiduzzaman taught me to think beyond the conventional confines. He stressed on drawings, which helped me to understand three-dimensional representation eventually. Going to China in 1982, I went deeper into realistic work. I also learnt to admire Henry Moore, Rebecca Horn, and Kelder. From India Ramkinkar and Somnath Hor influenced me greatly," he concludes.

The exhibition continues till August 18.



Photography exhibition

The hidden worlds of urban children



Photographs of children at the exhibition

CULTURAL CORRESPONDENT

A three-day digital photography exhibition was held at National Institute of Mass-Communication recently. A total of 40 photographs by 20 photographers were displayed at the exhibition.

This exhibition, titled *Nagar Sishu* is an outcome of a course on digital photography attended by the photographers from different government organisations. The

exhibition weaves together the lives and inner worlds of the city children with those of their family, friends and others.

Children's basic curious nature, their humane aspects and sensibilities that are ignored too often are portrayed in some of the photographs. In a photograph by Hakikul Islam, a free spirited little girl views her image in a mirror while painting her face with lipstick, turning her back on the apparent unattractive

reality. The photographs clearly show the difference among children highlighting their conditions in different social classes. In a photograph by Gazi Sarwar Hossain, a street child cries in despair while an adult sleeps away next to him.

National Institute of Mass Communication regularly offers courses on photography, TV and film medium.

Special TV programmes on Tagore death anniversary



Clockwise from left: Papia Sarwar sings in *Mrityu-bhagnaye Rabindranath*, scenes from *Shomapti* and *Noshito Neer*

CULTURAL CORRESPONDENT

August 6 marks the 65th death anniversary of Rabindranath Tagore. To observe the occasion different TV channels will air plays, tele-films, feature films, musical programmes and more. A rundown of the programmes to be aired on the day:

ATN Bangla

Aji Bangladesher Hridoy Hotey: Arup Ratan Chowdhury's

solo musical programme, will be aired at 12:15pm.

Aji Bijonghorey: Special musical programme will be aired at 1:30pm. Popular artistes Alam Ara Minu, Sajed Akber, Salma Akber and others will take part in the programme.

Shono Tar Shudhabani: A special talk show on Tagore scheduled to be telecast at 2:30pm. Aly Zaker, Rezwana Chowdhury Bannya and Dr Razib Humayun will participate in the programme. Bulbul Mohlanabish hosts the programme.

Shomapti: A telefilm based on Tagore's short story will be aired at 3:10pm. Directed by Tanvir Hossain Probal, the film features Dihan, Badrul Alam Saud, Taru Mustafa, Shirin Alam and others.

Channel 1

Shapmocho: Produced by Moin al Helal, the musical will be aired at 3:00 pm. Sadi Mohammad, Liliy Islam, Swapan Dutt, Shama Ali, Tapan Bhattacharya, Daisy Ahmed and others render songs for the play.

Mrityu-bhagnaye Rabindranath: The programme will feature some of Rabindranath's songs highlighting his thoughts on 'death'. Mahbuba Kamal, Papia Sarwar, Sadi Mohammad and Liliy Islam will render the songs. The programme will be aired at 7:00 pm.

Noshito Neer: Scripted and directed by Arun Chowdhury, the play, featuring Azizul Hakim, Tisha, Shoeb, Dihan and others, will be aired at 8:15 pm.

Kobita-e Rabindranath:

Produced by Towhid Haider and hosted by Bhaswar Bannerjee, the programme, featuring discussion and recitation of Tagore's poems by Keya Chowdhury, Shimul Mustafa and Fahim Chowdhury, will be aired at 5:15 pm.

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Shishu Tirtho: Special programme for children is scheduled to be telecast at 10:05am. Noted author Selina Hossain will be the guest in the programme.

Praney Amar Esho Hey: Programme featuring Tagore songs will be aired at 12:05pm. Papia Sarwar, Sadi Mohammad, Tapon Mahmud, Rukaiya Hasina Nila and Rezwana Chowdhury Banya will perform in the show.

Tumi Ki Koboli Chhobi: Special talk show on female characters in Tagore's work, is scheduled to air at 12:30pm.

Rabindranather Shesher Lekha: Programme highlighting Tagore's last works will be aired at 2:30pm.



Folk and Baul Song Festival '06 at National Museum

CULTURAL CORRESPONDENT

Palli Baul Samaj Unnayan Sangstha (PBSU) organised a cultural event and a discussion at the National Museum recently. The programme titled 'Folk and Baul Song Festival 2006' was divided in to two sessions. In the first session, noted folk lyricist Wahidur Rahman was honoured followed by a short discussion.

The guests were Dato Haji Abdul

Rahman Abdul Hamid, High Commissioner of Brunei Darussalam to Bangladesh; Takashi Asai, first secretary, Embassy of Japan; politician Hasanul Huq Inu, Syed Margub Morshed presided over the programme.

In the second session, the cultural event featured performances by noted and emerging folk singers of the country. The show began with a performance by Kanganini Sufia. She rendered two of her widely

popular numbers: *Buri hollam tor karoney* and *Konba pothey nitaigon-ejai*.

Sufia's performance was followed by Baul Nayan. Nayan performed *Maya lagaisey*, Baul Latif, Baul Blituis, Baul Brishti and others took the stage consecutively. All together 20 artists performed at the programme. The event wrapped up with the performance of Baul Babul Sarkar's *Janitey chai doyal tomar ashol naam ki*.

'Closeup 1' auditions in Rangpur

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Rangpur

A total of 1027 aspiring singers out of 2250 enrolled, participated in the *Closeup 1* talent hunt auditions last Wednesday and Thursday at Rangpur Parjaton Motel.

Ignoring scorching heat and heavy rain at times, the participants waited in a queue for hours to get a shot at the audition round.

Hopfuls from eight districts including Rangpur Dinajpur and adjacent areas enrolled in the competition. On Wednesday a total of 834 artistes auditioned. Of them 21 were given 'yes card' and on Thursday a total 193 were registered to appear at the auditions. Of them, 12 have received 'yes card' so far.

Agun, Anup Bhattacharya, Pranab Ghosh, Shujeo Shyam, Anisur Rahman Tanu, Partho, Jalal Ahmed, Liton Adhikari and other noted personalities made up the judges' panel. Kumar Bishwajit, Ahmed Imtiaz



A contestant faces the judges

Bulbul and Fahmida Nabi arrived in Rangpur on Thursday. They will be the judges in the selection round.

Meanwhile, *Closeup 1* audition and selection rounds have created a buzz among the young in the vicin-

ity. A large number of people were waiting outside Rangpur Parjaton Motel -- some, to encourage their near and dear ones while some were just bystanders.

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, 10:30pm, 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, 11 pm.
News (English) 8:20am, 7:00pm, 4:00pm, 6:00 pm and 8:00 pm.

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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

ATN BANGLA

10:30 *Onyodrishti*
11:05 Drama Serial: *Hortoner Bibi*
12:15 *Bangla Feature Film Shurer*
03:45 *Madhuri*
04:20 Children's Programme
05:10 *Ash Pasher Manush*
05:45 Islamic Programme
06:20 *Bangla Namer Desh*
08:00 Drama Serial: *Jol Pore Pata Nore*
08:30 Drama Serial: *The New Shabuj Opera*
09:00 Drama Serial: *Lal Neel Bagune*
09:30 Drama Serial: *Ek Jonome*
10:40 *Shusho Thakun (Live)*

CHANNEL i

09:45 Public Reaction *Grameenphone*
09:50 *Trityo Matra*
11:05 *Na Bola Kotha*
11:30 *Mukto Bazar*
12:30 *Aj Dupurey O Citycell*
03:20 *Ebong Cinemar Gaan*
01:05 *Shangbadpotrey Bangladesh*
01:30 Public Reaction *Shath Rong*
02:40 Dhaka Guide
03:30 *Banglalink Money Talk*

CHANNEL 1

08:40 *Shuprobhat Bangladesh*
09:30 *Chokh Maley Dekhi*
10:00 Cartoon
10:30 *Taka Ana Pai*
11:30 Drama: *Diner Aloy Jyostna*

7:50 Drama Serial:

Bishuddho
Onuprobesh
08:20 Drama Serial: *Ar Holo Na Jaowa*
09:35 *Hridoye Mati O Manush*
10:00 *Jhora Patar Kabyo*
12:00 *Grameenphone*
Ajkeer Shongbad Potro

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08:35 *Ajker Shokal*
10:05 *Magic Magic*
10:30 *Hip Hip Hurray*
12:05 *Shapla Kuri*
01:05 *Muktangan*
02:35 Drama Serial: *Kachher Manush*
03:15 *Tomader Pelo Bangladesh*
03:50 Drama Serial: *Kuhak*
04:25 *Horlicks Poribar Bangladesh*
05:15 *Din Darpan/ Itihasher Ei Diney*
05:20 *Alokatp*
06:20 *Shubho Shondhya*
06:50 *Amra Ekon Unish Kuri*
08:25 Drama Serial: *Ramizer Ayna*
09:10 Drama: *Chotushkon*
11:25 *Dindarpan*

CHANNEL 1

08:40 *Shuprobhat Bangladesh*
09:30 *Chokh Maley Dekhi*
10:00 Cartoon
10:30 *Taka Ana Pai*
11:30 Drama: *Diner Aloy Jyostna*

12:30 Tele Film: Apunota

03:30 Drama Serial: *Taxi Driver*
04:30 Drama: *Dui Dugune Panch*
05:15 *Shoptaho Sheshey*
06:00 *Saaj Bela*
06:30 *Top News*
06:45 *Jonotar Ishthihar*
07:00 *Bishwa Jurey Shath Din*
08:15 *Musical Programme*
09:00 *Shondhikhoney*
09:30 Drama Serial: *Dui Dugune Panch*

Rtv

09:30 *Sa Sa Dhin Tai*
10:00 Drama Serial: *Byer*

02:00 Aj Patrikai

02:30 Islamic Programme
03:40 *Bangla Feature Film*
06:00 *Ajker Bangladesh*
06:35 *Talk Show*
06:40 *Wide Angle*
08:00 *Gopshop*
08:50 *R Music*
10:50 Drama Serial: *Modhyoborti*

BANGLAVISION

09:00 *Ichchhey Ghuri*
09:30 Drama Serial: *Sheidin Chitro Mash*
10:00 *Talk Show: Shomoy Ashomoy*

PICK OF THE DAY



Banglalink Money Talk
On Channel i at 03:30 pm
Talk Show
Host: Syed Rana Mustafaee



Shondhikhoney
On Channel 1 at 09:00 pm
Talk Show
Host: Tazin Ahmed

10:00 V Trailers - Star Plus

10:30 Prithviraj Chauhan
11:00 Prithviraj Chauhan
12:25 Bolly V - Star Plus
12:30 V Trailers - Star Plus
12:55 V First Day First Show- Starplu

01:00 Mirch Masala

01:30 Shararat - Thoda Jadu
02:00 Todi Naz
02:00 V First Day First Show- Starplu
02:05 V Trailers - Star Plus
02:25 Bolly V - Star Plus
02:30 Maal Hai To Taal Hai
03:00 Star Bestsellers
04:00 Ssshhhh...Koi Hai...
05:00 V Trailers - Star Plus
05:25 V First Day First Show- Starplu
05:30 Krishna Kathaiyen
06:30 American Dragon: Jack Long
07:00 Buzz Light Year Of Starcommand
07:25 Bolly V - Star Plus
07:30 Shararat - Thoda Jadu

08:00 Pardey Ke Peechey

08:30 Jodee Kamaal Ki
09:30 Prithviraj Chauhan
10:00 Baa Bahoo Aur Baby
10:30 Shanno Ki Shaadi
11:00 Thegreatindialaughterchampion2
12:00 Mano Ya Na Mano

STAR MOVIES

09:00 Far From Home, Yellow Dog
10:30 Ten Things I Hate About Y
12:10 Grudge, The
01:45 The One
03:15 Runaway Jury
05:30 Confessions Of A Teenage Drama Queen
07:00 Mummy Returns, The

STAR PLUS

08:30 Maal Hai To Taal Hai
09:00 V First Day First Show- Starplu
09:05 V Trailers - Star Plus
09:30 Saans

01:00 Travel Asia

01:30 My Wife And Kids
02:00 Yes Dear
02:30 Wild Card
03:30 The Simpsons
04:00 The Drew Carey Show
04:30 Smallville
05:30 Desperate Housewives
06:30 Sports Illustrated
07:30 Philly
08:30 Tna Xplosion
09:30 World's Most Amazing Videos

10:30 Little Britain

11:00 According To Bex
11:30 Sports Illustrated
08:30 Shree Ganesh Spiritual
09:00 Telebrands
9:30 Chart Busters Movie
Based
10:00 Music Mantra Music
10:30 Music Beats Music
11:00 Akela Thriller/ Horror
11:30 Akela Thriller/ Horror
12:00 KYPH/ ELAS Story so far Others

SONY

8:30 Shree Ganesh Spiritual
09:00 Telebrands
9:30 Chart Busters Movie
Based
10:00 Music Mantra Music
10:30 Music Beats Music
11:00 Akela Thriller/ Horror
11:30 Akela Thriller/ Horror
12:00 KYPH/ ELAS Story so far Others

STAR WORLD

08:30 Smallville
09:30 Wonderfalls
10:30 The Bold And The Beautiful
12:30 Rendezvous With Simi
Garewal

DISCOVERY

08:30 Africa Week
09:30 First Time Filmmakers
10:00 First Time Filmmakers
10:30 Discovery Spotlight
11:30 I Shouldn't Be Alive
12:30 Feast India
01:00 Yatra-Indian Travels
01:30 Wild Discovery
02:30 Discovery's Biggest Shows
03:30 Discovery's Biggest Shows

04:30 Africa Week

05:30 Beyond tomorrow
06:30 Stunt Junkies
07:00 Great Carfs
07:30 Wild Discovery
08:30 Discovery India
09:30 Himalaya With Michael Palin
10:30 How Do They Do It?
11:30 World's Strangest UFO Stories

NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC

08:30 Wild
09:30 Untamed
10:30 Dogs With Jobs
11:00 Wildlife Diary
12:00 Nat Geo Junior
12:30 Seconds From Disaster
01:30 Air Crash Investigation
02:30 Naked Science
03:30 Is It Real?
05:30 Megastructures
06:30 Wild Safari
07:30 Creatures Of The Night
10:30 The Sea Hunters
11:30 Interpol Investigates