

Dhaka Day by Day

Clowns in Collages

by Fayza Haq

Gabriele Gina Towhidi, a busy housewife and a mother of five, had an exhibition of 50 of her pieces at her Gulshan residence recently. Her creations comprise nature, still life, people and at this particular exhibition ranged from, paint on silk, acrylic and collage to mixed media.

Gina's "Carnival" is a collage that contains actual papier mache masks, plastic padding paper, different designs of human forms and dramatic abstract shapes of black, blue and red placed on a background of yellow ochre. The piece depicts the excitement of a carnival — the outburst of colour and joy before the fasting period of Lent.

"Musical Clowns" shows a semi-abstract depiction of clowns playing music and drinking. This is done with bold uses of shades of blue, purple and red.

"The Singer" has a man playing a guitar. His face, hands and body has been simplified the tune is sarcastic and funny, going by the expression on the singer's face. The face of the singer is intriguing indeed with its bulging eyes, scarlet mouth and the strained neck. Semi-abstract figures are seen again in "Musical Clowns". The bodies of the figures have been simplified in splashes of green and blue. The hands are exaggerated and distorted. The faces are a combination of lines and circles. The yellow guitar in the forefront, done in simple strokes, is supported by more yellow in the backdrop. This is done in acrylic, like the majority of Gina's work.

"Going Home" has women putting on their clothes after a picnic and swim on a

beach. This is one of the few realistic works and has presented women in photographic reality, with flowing hair and open smiles.

"Mathematician's puzzle" has a face with formulas and strange objects projecting from a face. On the forehead is placed a strange sculptured object. This painting leaves a lot to imagination.

"Waterworld" is a combination of swirls and curves depicting fish and underwater life. It is in shades of purple, mauve and blue.

"Many Worlds, Many Faces" is a collection of abstract circles, lines, dots and squiggles. The complexities of life have been simplified with blue and red lines on a pink and yellow background.

"Harlequin at Work" includes birds, a human figure, fruits and drinks and is an interesting combination of living and non-living things.

"Angels", a collage, shows angels of all ages, shapes and sizes, along with flowers, fruits and shell life from the sea-side.

"The courtyard" depicts an indoor garden, chairs, walls, and roofs done in vivid red, blue and yellow.

"The Nucleus" is a vibrant piece with swirling greens, reds and dramatic sweeps of lines in varied colours.

Judging by the fact that Gina is a self-taught painter, the variety and quality of her work proves her to be a talented and diligent worker. In most of her works one sees the impact of modern Western artists. Gina is a German married to an Iranian working in Dhaka.



A colourful procession was brought out in the city marking the inauguration of the fifth congress of the Workers Party of Bangladesh which began in the city yesterday. — Star photo

Victory Day programmes

The government has taken up elaborate programmes to celebrate the Victory Day on December 16, reports BSS.

Both the President and the Prime Minister will give messages to the nation on this occasion.

National flags will be hoisted atop all government and private buildings on the day, and arrangements will be made for illumination in the evening.

The day will begin with 31 gun salute in the city.

The President and the Prime Minister will lay wreaths at the national cenotaph of martyrs at 6:30 am on the day.

Members of Army, Navy, Air Force, BDR, Police and Ansar will play band at different parts of the city.

Rally and marchpast will be organised in district and thana headquarters which will be participated by different organisations, including Scouts, Girl Guides and others.

Prime Minister Begum Khaleida Zia will attend a children's rally at the National Stadium at 8 am. She

will also inspect the march-past and take salute.

In the capital, the main thoroughfares and roadsides will be decorated with flags. A reception will be arranged in the afternoon at Bangabhaban on the occasion.

Navy ships anchored at Chittagong, Khulna, Mongla, Sadarghat, Narayanganj and Barisal will be kept open for public from 3 pm to 5 pm.

The Shilpakala Academy and the Bangla Academy will organise cultural programmes at their respective premises on the day. Besides musical soiree and screening of films will be held in different parts of the country.

Bangladesh Television and Radio Bangladesh will put up special programmes on the significance of the day, and newspapers and periodicals will bring out supplements on the Victory Day.

Special prayers for nation's peace and progress will be offered at mosques, temples and churches and improved diet would be served to the inmates of hospitals, jails, orphanages, childcare and vagrant centres.

AN APPEAL



Mrs. Nazma Banu (Deaf) W/o Mr. Shah Babul Ahmed (Deaf), a renowned Sportsman, Champion and Winner of Gold Medal in International Events is suffering from Gall bladder Stone and other acute diseases. Mr. Ahmed, a poor serviceman being unable to defray her expenses needs help from benevolent persons for immediate operation of his wife. Remittances in A/C No 7245 of Janata Bank, Sadarghat Branch, Dhaka will be received with deep gratitude.

Death anniversary

The fourth death anniversary of former minister and first Bengali chief secretary S M Shaful Azam will be observed tomorrow, says a press release.

Qurankhwani, milad mahfil and feeding of destitutes will be held at his village home in Chittagong. The Shaful Azam Memo

rial Committee has arranged a memorial meeting at Chittagong district parishad auditorium at 4 pm.

In the capital, a milad mahfil will be held tomorrow at Gulshan Mosque after Asr prayers and another at Dhaka University Mosque after Maghrib prayers.

What's on today . . .

Street drama festival: Two drama will be staged today as part of the on-going drama festival organised by Somoy. Tarun Sampradaya of Sirajganj will present the play *Indara* while the host Somoy will present *Gonoray*. Screening of a short film will also follow. Venue: Central Shaheed Minar. Time 4pm.

Shilpakala Academy: The classical music and dance programme which began Friday will continue. Venue: Shilpakala Academy auditorium. Time: 5:30 pm.

SMBU meet: A meeting of the Students Movement for Barisal University (SMBU) will be held. Venue: DU Arts Faculty building premises. Time: 11 am.

Drama festival: Abdullah Al-Mamun's *Meraj Faktrer Ma.* will be staged on the concluding day of the festival. Venue: Public Library auditorium. Time: 6:30 pm.

Russian Cultural Centre: Gorky Theatre presents stage drama *'Shuvo Bibaha'*, an adaptation from Anton Chekhov. Direction: Mashud Azizi. Venue: Russian Cultural Centre auditorium. Time: 6 pm.

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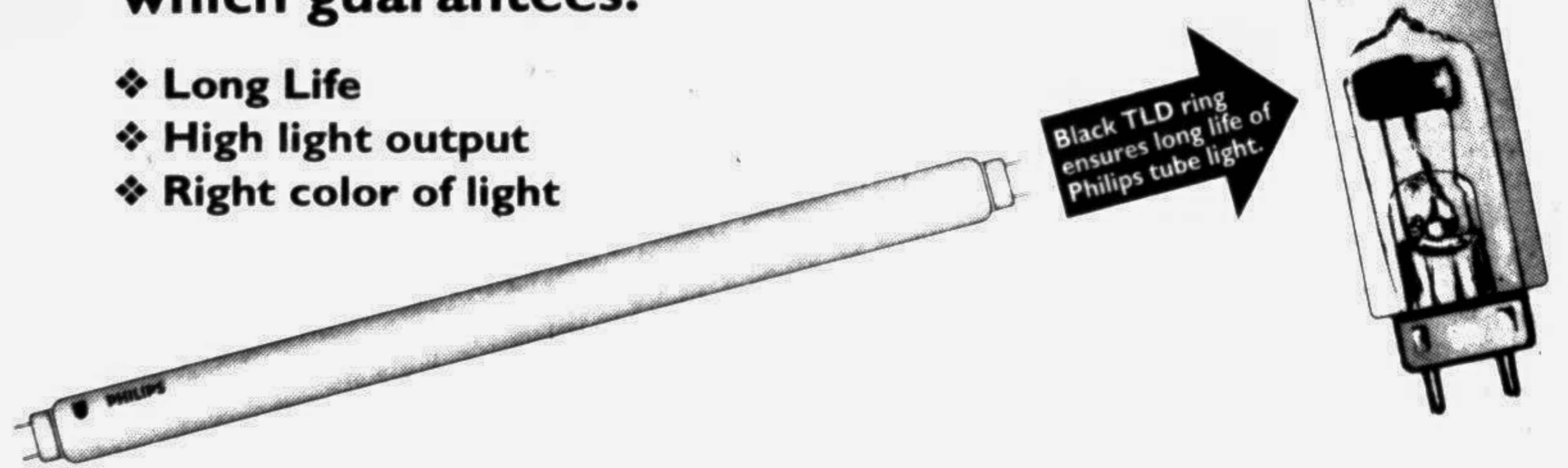
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