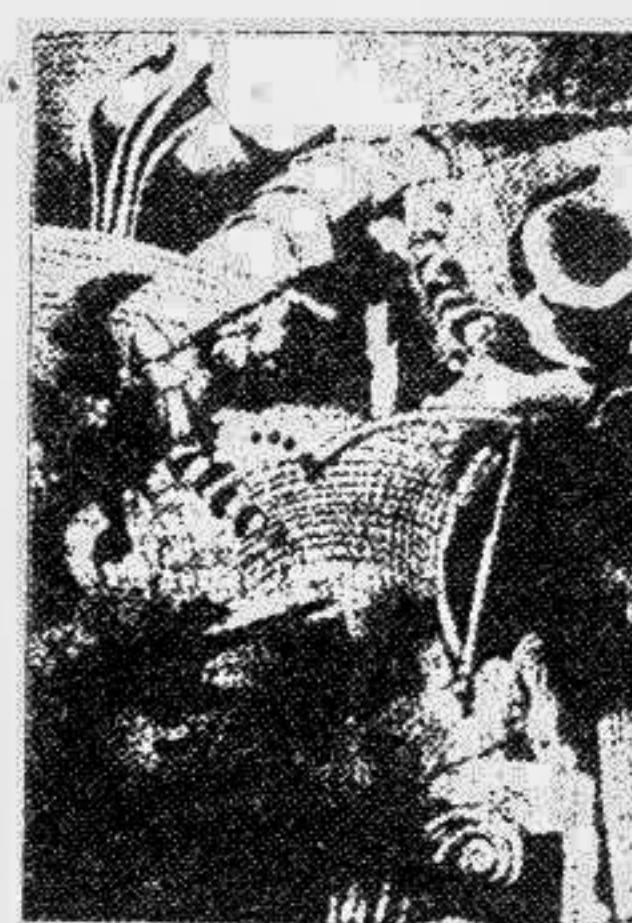


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## Gallery 21's Latest Endeavour

Dhaka Art Circle's 5th Group Exhibition



by Cultural Correspondent

**A**n exhibition titled 'Paintings '99' was inaugurated on July 2, 1999, in Gallery 21 at 5pm. The exhibition by Dhaka Art Circle, a group of twelve senior artists, established in 1995 consists of paintings by Abu Taher, Samsul Islam Nijami, Golam Sarwar, Mohammad Mohsin, Pranesh Mondal, Sayed Enayet Hossain, Anwarul Huq, Rejaul Karim, Swapna Chowdhury, Biren Shome and Chandra Shekhar Dey.

The ceremony started with Shameem Subra's welcome speech, where she thanked everyone for their presence. She

then called upon Abu Taher, President, Dhaka Art Circle, to introduce the audience to DAC and its work. Abu Taher, in his short speech, said that they were a group of 12 senior artists with an aim of painting amidst the many responsibilities in society. He said, when they work as a group, they get more paintings done than they otherwise would have been able to. He talked about their deceased member, Golam

Sarwar, who was a source of inspiration for many. Kabir Chowdhury then said how pleased he was to be there at the exhibition. He talked of many 'groups' which had formed and then split and said it was good

to see 'Dhaka Art Circle' still in action. He congratulated all its members for being able to stay together for so long. He took that opportunity to congratulate Gallery 21 for providing a platform for new artists as well as senior artists and for contributing in the field of art and culture for more than a year now. Thereafter, he formally announced the exhibition 'open' by lighting a 'pradip' (candle).

This exhibition is a milestone in the careers of most of these artists. Some artists even made a transition. Shwapan Chowdhury, for example, has moved away from his usual style in this exhibition. He has turned to

resplendent, bright colours - red and blue - instead of the usual light colours. His paintings of mixed media are 'Prayer for the Beautiful 1, 2, 3, 4', 'Biren Shome's Songs of Nature 1, 2, 3, 4' and 'Peace and Love', too are paintings of dazzling colours and good composition. Chandra Shekhar Dey too has switched from painting women to painting 'time' symbolized by objects such as the bow and arrow. His art pieces in pen and ink are a delight to watch.

Mohammad Mohsin's 'Landscape after Rain', 'Winter Morning', 'Nature at Night', 'Restored Painting' are brilliant compositions in blue, black, red, yellow. 'Images 71', 'Birds

and Boy' 'Affection' and 'Victory 1971' by Syed Enayet Hossain too are good for a collector's collection. Rejaul Karim has a done a good job with 'Magic Believe 1, 2, 3, 4' and Abu Taher's 'Composition', 'Aggression', 'The Model' and 'Composition with Sun' are paintings in oil too are pleasant to the eye.

Altogether, it is a good exhibition from which everyone has something to learn. It is a treasure for artists and critics alike who gets to see the work of quite a few talented artists at the same time. The exhibition will be open to all from 10AM to 8PM everyday until 12 June 1999.

audio cassette

## Badshah Steals The Show with Anamika

Three young singers try their luck

by Cultural Correspondent

**B**HALOBESHE Juge Juge Kendeche Marush is a new album featuring three new young artists of this generation. Badshah Bulbul, Monir Khan and Moni Kishore are the three singers who try their luck with songs penned and composed by Milton Khandakar.

As the title suggests, the 12 songs featured in this cassette are heart break songs, sentimental numbers that talk about loneliness, sadness, broken hearts and unfruitful love. The lyrics are at times passionate, touching and of quite a good standard though at other times the lyrics fade down into something more in tune with the mainstream modern songs that are being churned out everyday.

*Ami jodi choley jai* by Monir Khan is the starting number on side A of the cassette. Monir Khan sings well but this and the other numbers in this collection do no justice to him, both the lyrics and the tune of the songs fail to charm anyone. *Nana lokay nana katha bolay* on side B is one of the worst songs in the album, the lyrics are terribly bad, the words being enough distraction to turn off any prospective listeners. *Shara din jaloy jaloy*



the other number on side B is unable to woo back any listener to Monir Khan's voice after the terrible impression that *Nana lokay* leaves about him.

*Tumi Ekbar Katha dao* by Moni Kishore is another slow number on side B that is sentimental and appealing to listen to. This soft composition is accompanied by music that makes the song more interesting. The lyrics too are up to some norm of tolerance which

at least don't scare off anyone. Moni's other numbers in the cassette *Tomar kathai bolley tumi Ami shara jibon* also pass off tolerably.

The highlight of this cassette is undoubtedly Badshah Bulbul's *Anamika* on side B. This number is undoubtedly also the one which deserves the most credit not only for its music composition but lyrics as well. Badshah is an established singer in the forte of modern songs in the country, and he does full justice to the piece with his sultry voice. His other piece on side B *Ami ekhon jai na* *Malikader bari* is equally enchanting. This number based on the traces of a folk tune is presented with passion and feeling by the singer.

Milton Khandakar has turned out some good and some not so good pieces in this album. But Anamika is bound to remain one of his better all time compositions.

Gitanjalee which has brought out the cassette in its Zee-series also deserves kudos for the recording of the songs, which can be passed off as 'good' in the field of today's contemporary music albums being brought out every day.

## TV Guide.

Saturday 3rd July  
All programmes are in local time. The Daily Star will not be responsible for any change in the programme

## BTV

**Morning session**  
9:00 Opening Announcement, Al Quran Programme Summery  
9:05 Patriotic song 9:10 Sports World 9:35 Debate in English 10:00 Animation: Soccer Fever 10:30 Angana 11:00 Movie of the week 12:40 Close down.

**Evening session**  
3:00 Opening Announcement, Al Quran Programme Summery  
3:10 Recitation from the Tripitak 3:15 Patriotic song 3:20 Chhanda Aanande (Repeat) 4:00 Khabar 4:05 Nabagata: Live Musical Programme 5:25 Computer 6:00 Nibidan Presentation by Monobina Sangha from Natore 6:30 Khabar 6:40 Programme from Chittagong Centre 7:05 Health Info 7:25 Geetimalya 8:00 News in Bangla 8:30 Drama of the Week: Shasti, script Mosleuddin. Produced by Ali Imam 10:00 News at Ten 10:30 Film Show: Hercules 11:30 Khabar/The News 11:45 Close down.



House 7:00 Crystal Maze 8:00 Mr Belvedere 8:30 Only Fools & Horses 9:00 The Good Life 9:30 Chell 10:00 TV Com 10:30 Travel Asia 11:00 Ally McBeal 12:00 Mystery Movies: Touch of Frost Fun Times For Swingers 2:00 Space Above and Beyond 3:00 The Adventures of Sinbad 4:00 Hercules 5:00 WWF Shotgun Challenge 6:00 Xena 7:00 Baywatch 8:00 Lovejoy 9:00 Soldier Soldier 10:00 Baywatch 11:00 Xena 12:00 Hercules 1:00 Tropical Heat 2:00 Baywatch Nights 3:00 The Key of David 3:30 Small Wonder 4:00 Aerobics Oz Style 4:30 World News 5:00 The Animals of Farthing Woods 5:30 Eek The Cat

## STAR MOVIES

7:30 Comedy: Waltz of The Toreadors 9:15 Comedy: Monkey Trouble (PG) 11:00 Drama: Deadline for Murder 12:00 Comedy: Father Hood (15) 2:30 Star Kids Club: A Son's Promise 4:30 E! CP: Antonio Banderas 5:30 Wild West: Big Show Down (15) 7:30 Great Movies: Last Seduction-2 (15) 9:30 Movie Television 10:00 Thrillennium: Sister Act 12:00 Fright Night House IV 2:00 Drama: Deadline For Murder 3:45 Comedy: Waltz of the Toreadors 5:30 Thrillers: Last Seduction-2 (15)

## PTV-2

8:00 Tilwai aur Tarjuman/Hamid/Naat 8:20 Cartoons 8:30 Khabrahi

8:45 Visitors Book 9:10 Phool Khushboi 9:25 Dastarkhawan 9:40 Mehmam 10:05 Aap Ki Anwar Maqsod 10:30 English Film 10:55 Milli Nagma 11:00 Khabrain 11:10 Meri Pasand 11:35 Janan 12:55 Qur'an-e-Haqq-e-Keem 1:02 Bismillah

1:15 Grind 2:05 Drama Serial 2:55 Husseini-English & Sports Coaching 3:20 TV Encyclopaedia 3:40 Sports Time 4:05 Serial 5:05 Medicine 5:25 Computers 6:10 Sunheer Yeaoodan 7:00 English News 7:20 PTV Music Library 7:30 Virsa Magic 7:55 Ghazal Uss Naara Sairee 8:25 Denotonic-World of Sports 8:45 Drama 9:00 Break for Headlines News 10:00 Khabarana & Commercial News 10:45 Drama: Laaj 11:45 Do Sitare 1:15 Urdu Feature Film/Khas

1:30 Turn on T.V.

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