

exhibition

Sense and Sensibility

Artist Qayyum Chowdhury's first solo since 1977 opens at Shilpangan Art Gallery

By Mishu M Chowdhury



Qayyum Chowdhury

WITH around 123 drawings, pastel works and oil paintings by the eminent artist Qayyum Chowdhury, a ten-day long solo exhibition of his recent works began at the Shilpangan Art Gallery on Saturday, October 2, 1999 at 5 p.m.

Famous artist Shafiuddin Ahmed inaugurated the exhibition at the gallery premises, along with Justice Mohammed Habibur Rahman, former Chief Advisor to the Caretaker Government, as Chief Guest. Professor Anisuzzaman presided over the function.

Qayyum Chowdhury with his long silvery-white hair, faded jeans and with his polite gentle nature is like any other person and it would be very difficult to distinguish him from anyone else. But standing in front of his art works with the vibrant colours, and his figures blended with landscape, gives an unique understanding of the world with a different perspective of the painter, prevailing a deeper meaning of existence and experiencing a time from much further beyond the confinement of its reality.

Artist Qayyum Chowdhury's art works greatly resemble the Romantic Movement, in which artist like Friedrich, Turner and Delacroix painted landscapes along with the harmony of the Post Impressionist style of analyzing the structure. Like any Impressionist group, he would work open air, studying the nature and effect of light and shade, and painting everyday rural life with a beautiful clarity and freshness.

Qayyum's palette mainly consists of three basic colours: red, blue and green. As a whole, Qayyum's use of colour represent only the very nature of rural life, as he carefully chooses his context on the rural Bangladesh.

His subject matter varies from human figures to topography. But all his themes resemble only his deep attachment with typical Bangladeshi tradition, like kite design, leaf folding, curves of paper toys etc. Even the essence of clay dolls, curved wood figures and illustrative terracotta all resemble to that tradition.

Another prominent feature of his paintings is the mastery use of light and shade, an immense play of sun on his works.

Qayyum Chowdhury's creativity mainly revealed as a 'commercial' artist, designing book covers, cards etc. His realization of the practical life emerged through his media of work. His style of work is also influenced by his practical sense, either he uses permanent marker of black flat tips on paper or for use in the canvases, he uses bold strokes of oil colours with large flat brushes, which is very distinct in his paintings.

Qayyum Chowdhury was



FLYING KITE (1999, Oil on Canvas)

born at Feni in 1934 and graduated from Government Institute of Arts, Dhaka in 1954. As an eminent painter of the late 50's and 60's, Qayyum exhibited his paintings at different times in Dhaka and at abroad, in Washington, East Germany, Lahore, Rawalpindi, Tehran before the war of liberation in '71 and in Calcutta, Bombay, Delhi,

Japan, Hong Kong, Czechoslovakia, Paris, West Germany, Zimbabwe, Oman and in many more foreign countries after the liberation. He won many national and international awards like Ekushey Padak in 1986, First Prize for Railway Time Table Design in 1959 and 1960, awarded for thirteen times the First Prize for best

Book Cover Design from National Book Center, Dhaka and so on. Recently he has been awarded with *Sultan Padak* this year. Currently artist Qayyum Chowdhury works as a professor at the Institute of Fine Arts, University of Dhaka. His exhibition will remain open from 10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. daily till October 12.

music

Second Time Lucky

Shurer Dhara welcomes sharat in style



Students of Shurer Dhara welcome Sharat

By Cultural Correspondent

AT the break of dawn, Ramna Park came alive with the song *Aaj Dhaner Khetey Roudro Chhayay Luko Churir Khela*. The students of Shurer Dhara, (the music organisation of Rezwana Chowdhury Bannya) marched towards Bakultala, where a stage was set up for a musical programme. The occasion was Shurer Dhara's sixth annual function.

The programme was scheduled for October 1, to celebrate the Bengali season of Sharat. However, nature had other plans. Rain washed the programme that day to be rescheduled for the next day. The enthusiasm of the students was apparent in the way they sang even in the midst of rain. As the audience stood holding umbrellas almost every voice sang to the tunes of *Megher Koley Roud Heshchhey, Aaj Dhaner Khetey, Bishwa Bina Robey, Kon Khapa Srabon* etc. hoping

that the sky would clear. It did not happen and the event took place on the 2nd day.

The student procession reached Bakultala, where a stage designed by Ashok Karmakar take their places and sing the first chorus of the day. *Bedechehi Kasher Guchho*, was sung. There were solos, duets as well as chorus songs. Two girls (students of Sharmila Bandapadhyay) danced to the tunes of *Shephali Bonero Monero Kholo* and *Ebar Obogunthono Kholo*.

Rezwana Chowdhury Bannya's solo song had a mesmerising effect on the audience as all fell silent, listening intently. Among the other solo performances *Pijush Barua's Omolo Dholobol Paley*, Bidisha Dewanjee's *Ami Chahitay Eshchhi Shudhu Ek Khani Mala*, Kashi Kabir's *Shokoruno Benu Bajaye Ke Jay* and Rani Aklima's *Tobu Money Rekho* were highly appreciated, visible from the way they were swaying to and from with the beat. *Hela*

Phela Shara Bela by Shanta and Sharmi was also among the good ones. The solos *Aj Prothom Phuler Pabo* and *Tumi Nobo Nobo Rupey*, on the other hand, could not portray the feel of the song.

The last song of the event was *Bishwa Bina Robey* harmonised at different musical notes. With the end of the song, everyone slowly got up and got into procession again, singing *Megher Koley Roud Heshchhey* on their way out.

All in all, the entire programme was very successful. Starting from the stage design to the way the students dressed - all was done in excellent taste. The overall presentation was excellent - there is no doubt that Shurer Dhara has quite a few talented singers. Reportedly, the saris were not only designed by Shurer Dhara's very own students, but also block-printed by them, that too in less than two weeks. It can truly be said that Shurer Dhara is not just an organisation, it is a family.

to preview

Sangsar On Channel i tonight

The first episode of the *Sangsar* will be aired tonight. The drama has been written and directed by Farid Ali. The cast includes Shuvo, Sonali, Kasem Khan, Farid Ali, Sirajul Haq Mantu, Anna, Nadia, Parul, Iva, Baadhon and Joy.

Synopsis: Zahid's mother wants to see her son married and settled in life (which is typical with every mother in our culture) because she thinks that it is the right time for his son to do so. He is old enough and has a good job and the mother wants to see her daughter-in-law and grandchildren before she dies. But Zahid is a very calculative and thinks that it is not yet the right time for him to be tied with a woman. He wants to save some money first and thinks that a wife will only add to unnecessary expenses. However, he confides his maternal uncle about the matter since he cannot ignore the wish of his mother. The process of looking for prospective brides begins. Finally, a girl is found who seems to answer all the needs of the family.

Sangsar will be aired at 9.30 pm.

Lila on Channel i

Lila will be aired tonight. Imdadul Haq Milon who has also directed the serial has written the drama. The cast includes Ishita, Mahfuz, Shanta Islam, Shuvechha Haq, Yasmin Shumi, Mridul and others.

Synopsis: *Lila* lives in Rajshahi. She always signs her name as Li and therefore Manju never gets to know her real name. After her Honours' final exams *Lila* comes to visit her sister in Dhaka. Manju is her sister's brother-in-law. Although *Lila* loves Manju, she is unable to tell him so. And

Manju is happily unaware of the fact that this *Lila* is the same Li that he knows through letters. One day one of Manju's friends Sonali comes to visit them. This makes *Lila* very jealous because she realises that Sonali is in love with Manju and gets so angry that she decides to leave her sister's house for Rajshahi. But before she does so, she leaves a letter for Manju. Manju is shocked to discover that this *Lila* is his own 'Li'. By then it is too late. The drama goes on air at 8.15 pm.

Compiled by Munira Parveen



Eva, Lipi and Sonali in a scene from Sangsar

exhibition

From the Archive of Memory

Photo and poster exhibition to commemorate the twenty-fifth anniversary of Bangladesh's membership of the United Nations ended



Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman, Prime Minister of Bangladesh, addressing the General Assembly, United Nations, New York, 25 September, 1974.

By Cultural Correspondent

TO commemorate the twenty-five years of membership of Bangladesh to the United Nation, the United Nations Information Centre (UNIC) in Dhaka organised a four-day long photograph and poster exhibition at the Alliance Francaise de Dhaka, which ended on October 3, 1999.

Titled 'UN Photo and Poster Exhibition 1999', the show was a unique opportunity to witness some of the rare photographs featuring our leaders and particularly the father of the nation Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman's presentation at the United Nations.

State Minister for Foreign Affairs, Abul Hasan Chowdhury inaugurated the show at the institute's gallery on September 30, 1999. Abul Hasan Chowdhury in his speech said that China had earned her independence in 1949 and became a member of the United

Nations in 1971. Whereas, liberated in 1971, it only took three years for Bangladesh to win a UN membership. And indeed, it is a great achievement for the country and for the people.

National Professor Kabir Chowdhury was present as special guest while UN Resident Coordinator in Bangladesh Werner Kiene presided over the function. On behalf of UN Information Centre at Dhaka, Kazi Ali Reza made an introductory statement giving a brief idea about the exhibition.

The exhibition displayed around seventy-five photographs of great historical significance taken at different times. The photographs featuring Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman, Ziaur Rahman, H M Ershad, Khaleida Zia and the current Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina, delivering speech at the National Assembly.

Bangladesh earned her membership of the UN on September 17, 1974.

TV Guide

Tuesday 5th October

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

BTV

Morning Session

9.00am Al-Quran, programme summary, 9.10am Cricket: Bangladesh V West Indies 3 Day Match live from National Stadium.

Evening Session

4.00pm Khabar, 5.05pm Children Rights Day 5.40pm World Children's Day 6.30pm Khabar, 6.40pm Programme from Chittagong Centre, 7.05pm Shangeeta, 7.25pm Tukhor, 8.00pm News in Bangla, 8.30pm Drama Series: Dastaan - E-Hatem Tai, 9.00pm Drama Serial: 10.00pm Chaya-Chanda 10.50 Sur Lahori 11.30pm Khabar/ The News, 11.45pm Close Down.

CHANNEL i

7.06pm - i Music, 7.40pm Pratinid Bipasha: Ache-na Tara, 8.15pm Drama: Lila, 9.00pm Drama: Shanshar, 10.00pm Galpa Shalpa, 10.30pm Bengali Movie: Amar Sanghar, (From 2.00am - following 7.00pm these programmes will be repeated)

ALPHA TV

12.30 Grihosojja 1:00 Shereyashi 1:30 Hiralal Pannalal 4:00 Kagojer Bou 4:30 Poron Para 5:00 Antareale 5:30 Prem Trishna 6:00 Monihaar 6:30 Aalap 7:00 Kee Darun 7:30 Monihaar 8:00 Hiralal Pannalal 8:30 Kagojer Bou 9:00 Antareale 9:30 Prem Trishna 10:00 Antarer Bhalobasha 12:30 Monihaar 1:00 Bharat Bhromon 1:30 Grihosojja 2:00 Bahari Ahaa 2:30 Anuraager Chhoa 5:00 Aalap 5:30 Kee Darun 6:00 Paak Chakra 6:30 Commander 7:00 Kancher Dewal 7:30 Premier Phande 8:00 News in Bengali 8:30 Gandharbi 9:00 Iman Kalyan 11:30 News in Bengali 12:00 Bharat Bhromon

ATN

6:00 Islamic Programme 7:30 Drama Serial 8:00 Drama Serial 8:30 Drama Serial 9:00 Drama Serial 9:30 Economic Prog 10:00 Drama Serial 10:30 Bangla Film: Golamar Gingir 7:00 Film Songs 7:30 Computer Prog 8:00 Magazine Prog 8:30 Drama Serial 9:00 Drama Serial 9:30 Magazine Prog 10:00 Drama Serial 10:30 Bangla Film: Koteje-Minoti

BBC WORLD

6:00 World News Headlines 6:05 USA Direct 6:30 World Living: The Big Trip 7:00 BBC World News inc. World Business Report/Asia Today/24 Hours 10:00 BBC World News 11:30 World Focus: Europe Direct 12:00 BBC World News 12:30 Mastermind India 1:30 Heavenly Bodies 2:00 World News 2:30 World Focus: Earth Report 3:00 BBC World News 3:30 Hard Talk 4:00 BBC The World Today 4:30 World Focus: The Big Trip 6:30 World Focus: Earth Report 7:15 World Business Report 7:30 BBC The World Today 8:30 World Living: Travel Show-Holiday 9:00 BBC World News 9:30 Hard Talk 10:00 World News 10:30 The Real India Travel show 11:00 The World Today 12:30 Hard Talk 1:00 BBC News 1:30 World Focus: Reporters 2:00 BBC World News 2:30 World Living: Talking Movies 3:15 Europe Direct 4:00 BBC Newsdesk inc. World Business Report/24 Hours

CHANNEL [V]

7:30 Tea With [V] 8:00 Virtual [V] 8:30 Tea With [V] 9:00 Lunch Pad VJ

Sophiya 9:30 Tea With [V] 10:00 [V] Line Lagao 10:30 Video Preview 11:00 [V] Hit Machine 1:00 [V] First Day First Show 1:15 Weekender Bheja Fry 1:30 [V] Hit Machine 2:30 [V] Cross World 3:00 [V] Hit Machine 4:30 Tea With [V] 5:00 Virtual [V] 5:30 Tea With [V] 6:00 [V] Job Shop 6:15 Tea With [V] 7:00 [V] Line Lagao 7:30 [V] Sabha 9:00 [V] Hit Machine 9:30 First Day First Show 10:00 [V] Hit Machine 10:30 Late Night [V] VJ Laila [V] 11:00 Top of the Pops 11:30 Late Night [V] 12:30 [V] Hit Machine 1:30 Late Night [V] 2:00 [V] Whazatnoise 2:30 Late Night [V] 3:30 [V] Hit Machine

STAR PLUS

6:30 Ninaad 7:30 Good Morning India 9:30 TVC - Sky Shopping 10:00 Good Morning India 12:00 This Week That Year 12:30 TVC - Sky Shopping 1:00 Hit Ya Fit 1:30 Sansar-7 2:00 Pal Chhin 2:30 Swabhiman 3:00 Manchali 3:30 3-2-1 4:00 Srimati Sharma Na Kehti Thi 4:30 Animal Adventure 5:00 WWF Superstars 6:00 Small Wonder 6:30 Zaban Sambhalke 7:00 Hit Ya Fit 7:30 Star News (Hindi) 8:00 I Love My India 8:30

Hera Pheri 9:00 Kora Kagaz 9:30 Star News 10:00 Rendezvous With Simi Garewal Guest: Amitabh Bachchan 10:30 Not The News (TBC) 11:00 Aaj Ki Baat 11:30 India Business Week 12:00 Star News 12:30 The Bold and the Beautiful 1:00 Newhart 1:30 Class Act 2:30 Tropical Heat 3:30 Snowy River McGregor Saga 4:30 Fashion TV 5:00 The Bold and the Beautiful 5:30 The Oprah Winfrey Show

STAR WORLD

6:00 Aerobics Oz Style 6:30 Hollywood Squares 7:00 Brittas Empire 7:30 Jack Hanna's Animal 8:00 2 Point 4 Children 8:30 Happy Days 9:00 Caroline in the City 9:30 Dharma and Greg 10:00 Chicago Hope 11:00 The Oprah Winfrey Show 12:00 Kids Say The Darndest Things 12:30 It's A Man's World 1:00 The Bold and the Beautiful 1:30 Tropical Heat 2:30 Media TV 3:00 Jack's Hanna's Animal Adventure 3:30 Happy Days 4:00 Hollywood Squares 4:30 World News 5:00 AsiaNews Update 5:15 World Business Report 5:30 Home Improvement 6:00 J.A.G. 6:30 Asia News Update 7:00 J.A.G.

8:00 NYPD Blue 9:00 The Bold and the Beautiful 10:00 Home Improvement 10:30 J.A.G. 12:00 John Woo's Once A Thief 1:00 Home Improvement 1:30 J.A.G. 3:30 Kenneth Copeland Ministries 4:00 Life in The World With Joyce Meyer 4:30 World News 5:00 2 Point 4 Children 5:30 Fashion TV

STAR MOVIES

7:30 Comedy: Adventures in Babysitting 9:30 Comedy: Heartbreak Hotel 11:30 Western: Shoot Joe And Shoot Again 1:30 Comedy: Revenge of the Nerds-1 3:30 Family: Ernest Scared Stupid 5:30 Drama: Nothing But the Truth 7:00 Action: Last Man Standing 9:30 Action: Extreme Cu 10:00 Action Force: Black Scorpion 1996 12:00 Action: Vanishing Point 2:00 Western: Shoot Joe and Shoot Again 4:00 Drama: Nothing But the Truth 5:30 Action: Last Man Standing

CARTOON NETWORK

5:30 World Famous Toons 6:30 The Real Adventure of Johnny 7:00 Tom & Jerry Kids 7:30 The Popeye Show 8:00

Scoby & Scrappy D 8:30 Perils of Penelope 9:00 Josie & Pussycats 9:30 Drink The Little 10:00 Flinstone Kids 1:30 Richie Rich 11:00 Top Cat 11:30 Captain Planet 12:00 Scooby Doo 12:30 The Cartoon Grand Prix 1:30 Fantastic Max 2:00 Crocadodo 2:30 The New Scooby Doo Movies 3:30 Fantastic Four 4:00 Centurions 4:30 Swats Kats 5:00 Ninja Robots 5:30 Flintstones 6:00 Top & Jerry Kids 6:30 Crocadodo 7:00 The Mask 7:30 Dexters Laboratory 7:45 What's a Cartoon? Show 8:00 The Addams Family 8:30 Scooby Doo Where Are You 9:00 The Popeye Show

AXN ACTION TV

7:30 Highlander-II #Ep-Pharaoh's Daughter 8:30 Ninku 9:00 Yamato Takeru (Cartoon) 9:30 Extremists 10:00 Xtreme Sports-2 10:30 Police Rescue #Ep-Flash The Descent 11:30 AXN The Series 12:00 Who Dares Wins 12:30 Highlander II#Ep- Legacy 1:30 Profiler II 2:30 Movie: Vertical Reality 4:30 Ninku 5:00 Yamato Takeru 5:30 Extremists 6:00 Xtreme Sports-2 6:30 Movie: King Rat 8:30 AXN The Series 9:00 Who

Dares Wins 9:30 Farscape 10:30 Movie: Someone To Watch Over Me 12:30 Silk Stalking #Ep- Ladies Night Out 1:30 Farscape 2:30 Highlander II#Ep- Legacy 3:30 AXN The Series 4:00 Who Dares Wins 4:30 Xtremists 5:00 Xtreme Sports-2 5:30 Silk Stalking #Ep- Ladies Night Out 6:30 Police Rescue #Ep-Flash The Descent 7:30 Highlander II#Ep- Legacy

DISCOVERY CHANNEL

12:30 Untamed Amazonia 1:30 The New Detectives 2:30 Storm Warning 3:30 Discovery Profile Series 4:30 Next Step 5:00 Ultra-science 5:30 Beyond 2000 6:00 Splat! 6:30 Ushuaia 7:30 Outer Bounds 8:00 High Adventure 8:30 Travellers 9:30 Superheroes 10:00 Intimate Escapes 10:30 Great Mysteries And Myths 11:00 What A World 11:30 Wild Guide 12:00 Lost Animals of the 20th Century 12:30 Equinox 1:30 Next Step 2:00 Ultra-science 2:30 Beyond 2000 3:00 Splat! 3:30 Ushuaia 4:30 Outer Bounds 5:00 High Adventure 5:30 Travellers 6:30 Buck Staghorn's Animal Bites 7:00 So You Want to be 7:30 Lonely Planet 8:30 AXN 9:00 Two Worlds 9:30 Extreme Machines 10:30

Quest: The Origins of Our Beliefs 11:30 Discovery Profile Series

HOME TV

8:00 Club 700 8:30 India Anjana 9:00 Pahlil Nazari 9:30 Cartoons 10:30 Action Drama 10:45 Chalte Chalte 11:00 Ga Mere Man Ga 12:00 Born Lucky 12:30 Satya 1:00 Hageekat 11:00 Satya 1:30 Tale brands 2:00 Jaan Kya Toone Kahi 2:30 Cafe 18 3:30 Tele Brand 4:30 Duniya Gol Hai 5:00 Tele shopping Network 5:30 Chalte Chalte 5:45 Cartoons 6:30 Action Drama 7:15 Chalte Chalte 8:30 Aao Gues Karen 9:00 Matinee Show 9:30 Anima & Family 10:00 Kabhi Idhar 10:30 Chalte Chalte 11:00 Satya 11:30 Zaban Sambhal Ke 12:00 Hollywood hungama 1:30 Jane Kya tone Kahi 2:00 First Cut 2:30 Safa 3:00 India Anjana

SONY TV

7:30 Aatma 8:00 Risip-rasad 8:30 Chartbusters 9:00 Movers & Shakers 9:30 Music Mantra 10:00 Kehta Hai Joker- The Showman Raj Kapoor 11:00 Saaya 11:30 Missing #13 12:00 Movers and Shakers 12:30 Chartbusters 1:00 Pehchaan 1:30 Music • hein

Mantra 2:00 Boogi Woogi 2:30 TBA 3:00 Ek Mahal Ho Sapno Ka 3:30 Tba 4:00 Cine Matinee-Hindi Feature Film: 7:30 Music Mantra 8:00 Chart-busters 8:30 Dekh Bhai Dekh 9:00 Khwahish 9:30 Alpiram 10:00 Bhanwar 10:40 Movers & Shakers 11:15 Ek Mahal Ho Sapno Ka 11:45 Highlights- Crickets 12:45 Music Mantra 1:00 Hum Sub Ek Hain 1:30 Sparh #11 2:00 Just Mohabbat #112 2:30 Bajaj Ki Lehren 3:00 The Popadum Show 3:30 Cine Nite Show- Hindi Film

ZEE TV

6:00 Yeelon Ki Pal (B/W Songs) 6:30 Zee News & Business 7:00 Bhakti Songs 7:30 Jagran 8:00 Guldasta 8:30 Zora Haske Hai Zindagi 9:00 Zora Haske- Filmi Chakkar 9:30 Disney Hour Cartoons 10:30 Ek Nazar 11:00 Chota Muih Badi Baat 11:30 Basera 12:00 Kala Sona 12:30 Khubsoorat 1:00 Ghar Jamai 1:30 Naye Nazrane 2:00 Hum Paanch 2:30 Love Stories 3:00 Raahar 3:30 Cinema Hits-HF Film 6:30 Ek Nazar 7:00 Disney Hour Cartoons 8:00 Bakeman's Mama Mia 8:30 Nirma- Hum Paanch 9:00 Neeat 9:30 Mrityudand 10:00 Raa-