

exhibition

The Annual Stocktaking

Annual Art Exhibition 1999-2000 of Institute of Fine Arts

By Nafid Imran Ahmed

It is only in the modern times that creative arts have made it to the academic curriculum the world over. The school of art and architecture, the conservatory of music, the academy of dramatic arts, and the university's creative-writing programme have emerged in the academia, some of them are not yet a century old. To most artists of the past it would have seemed incomprehensible that they should go to school to learn their profession. Neither would any of the great educational institutions even a century ago have thought it part of their function to teach artists. Indeed, serious doubts continue to be expressed as to whether academic schooling is the best training for most branches of the arts. Formal instruction in the visual arts—painting, drawing, sculpture, and printmaking as well as the many arts of decoration and design—have the longest and most diversified history. A consideration of the patterns of development that have occurred in these related fields will reveal the general directions of training in all the arts as well as many of the basic problems running throughout the history of art education.

Institute of Fine Arts, University of Dhaka, founded in 1948, has been a symbolical foothold that we needed to plant the seeds of our aesthetic dreams. With the institution our movement of arts began. Quite naturally the yearly exhibition of the institution is suggestive of the course our art will take.

The fortnight long annual exhibition of the Institute of Fine Arts started on February 18. Artist Shahidul Alam, the only surviving member of the group who pioneered the founding of the institution, inaugurated the exhibition while Professor A K Azad Chowdhury, Vice Chancellor, University of Dhaka was present as chief



Viewers experiencing the works of students at the annual art exhibition 1999-2000 at the Institute of Fine Arts

— Star photo by Enamul Huq

guest. Architect Mazharul Islam and Rabindrasangeet exponent Kalim Sharafi were also present as special guests at the inaugural.

Each year the annual art exhibition coincides with the birth anniversary of artist Zainul Abedin. But this year due to the Ramadan, examination and vacation the 1999-2000 annual exhibition had to be delayed.

The annual show is a platform where the students get the chance to exhibit their yearly works.

The institute receives a meagre amount of taka 22,000 from the Government for the annual exhibition. This amount has not changed since the 1965. The cost of organising such an exhibition requires at least 5 to 6 times more than that amount. Fund constraints does not even allow the institute to publish a catalogue of the

exhibition.

Around 750 art works by 403 students are on display at the exhibition. From the Painting Department 80 students participated. Most of their works are done in oil, watercolour, and mixed media. There are also some drawings and sketches. From the Printmaking Department 31 students have participated and their works are mostly in woodcut, dry point, lithograph and etching aquatint. The number of participant from the Graphic Design Department are 70 and their creative posters, book covers, illustration, show-cards and press layouts are quite interesting too. Wood relief, tapestry, batik, metal relief and screen prints are done by 30 students from the Crafts Department. Sixty-three students from the Oriental Department are exhibiting their works in water-colour, oil, tempera and. Forty-

two students from the Sculpture Department did some excellent jobs in bronze, wood, plaster, clay, iron, cement and stone. And students from the Ceramics Department created some eye-catching pieces of terracotta, porcelain, terracotta in tiles painting, sculptures, pottery, flower vases and tableware. Pencil drawings by first year students are also in the exhibition.

This year 34 prizes are given in different categories the most outstanding works of the exhibition. Besides these, artist Aminul Islam scholarship (on sketch and colour media) and two other prizes are chosen by artist himself. Talented Fazal E Muttakim received Zainul award while Halimun Islam received Rashid Chowdhury award and Nurun Nahar Dena received Kamrul Hasan award.

The exhibition comes to an end on March 3.

Images from Life

Photography exhibition by M H Rahman Moni is being held at the Alliance Francaise de Dhaka

By Saima Islam

A work of art is a creation of an artist, similarly a photographer catches the glimpse that strikes him and reproduces them for those who were not there to witness the beauty of the moment, which is no less than an art work.

A week long photography exhibition by M H Rahman Moni is being held at the Alliance Francaise de Dhaka from February 25 to March 2.

Moni has titled his exhibition 'Life and Truth' which tries to capture the essence of the Bangladeshi life. His all black



M H Rahman Moni



and white exhibition is a brilliant collection of the sights of Bangladesh, some of which we are familiar with and some of which we are not.

Moni is mostly drawn to the different religious rites that prevails among the Bangladeshi people. Festival of the Durga Puja, a miniature Koran Sharif, young children learning to read the Holy Koran, people are seen to prepare

fish market, seen in the evening from a bird's eye view creates a visual effect of light and shade that is just breathtaking. The small lamps are kept beside the bowl of fishes and the lights from those lamps are reflecting the silver fishes, creating an amazing tapestry of luminosity and shades.

The photographer's love for creating patterns can also be traced in another picture where the clothes have been kept in the sun after dipping into the colour for drying up is seen to make a geometrical outline on the ground.

The common men with their simple likes and dislikes, their common occupations, their carefree life finds their way into his photographs. The cobbler working on shoes with dedication, young girls gazing into the camera with curiosity and a smile on their face, a bamboo fence and a water pot, a village road after the monsoon with its cracks and the water piled in the holes where only the muddy legs of the miserable passers by can be seen, or a tired laborer taking a time off and sleeping on the top of a truck, the glistening body of a laborer in a rice mill working hard to meet the demands of his family, young children cleaning the drain, the images go on and on

laying bare the truth of life in front of us.

Moni also capture some spectacular images of Bangladeshi landscape, where the hills, the misty river, the shady landscape in the horizon, come alive to take us to a Bengal rich in beauty and simplicity.

Moni's pictures are quintessentially Bangladeshi. The people, the landscape, the emotion, feelings, the passion that drives the common Bangladeshis are brilliantly focused through the photographer's camera.



discussion



Professor Abdur Razzaq memorial committee meeting was held at the Bengal Foundation Gallery on February 27. Justice Habibur Rahman presided over the meeting. Professor Anisuzzaman, professor Zillur Rahman, professor Rehman Sobhan, professor Mozaffar Ahmed, A M A Muhi, professor Mir Mostafa Ali, Dr Hamida Hossain, Ahmed Safa, professor Borhanuddin Khan and many more were also present at the meeting. The proposal for establishing a foundation in memory of Professor Abdur Razzaq and preserving his valuable books was discussed at the meeting.

music

Duo Ghiribizzo

Classical guitar concert by German musicians to be held at the Liberation War Museum

By Cultural Correspondent

PAOLA Minussi and Joachim Geibler, two guitarists will give a classical guitar concert at the Liberation War Museum Café Theater on March 4. The concert has been organised by the German Embassy. The guitar duo will perform the 19th century guitar music, which is considered the golden age of the instrument.

In 1998 Paola Minussi and Joachim Geibler founded the Duo Ghiribizzo after working together on some common chamber music projects. Their field of interest is the guitar music of the 19th century, the golden edge of their instrument, which held its place beside the musical main stream in bourgeois salons. Comparable to Ghiribizzo of the declining classical and romantic age, it developed its own aesthetic category of intimate and entertaining artistic music for guitar, which added to its common popularity as well as its appreciation by great masters of musical art.



Paola Minussi and Joachim Geibler

The founder of Ghiribizzo is Nicolo Paganini (1782 - 1840), a master violinist, who dedicated 43 short, capricciotype guitar

compositions and adaptations of his own and other composer's work to his other beloved instrument. Following his cryptic, sometimes a little eccentric sense of humor, he called them Ghiribizzo, moods or maggots, which move the spirit and go beyond boundaries in the imagination of creative man.

Together these two musical genius won many international music competitions, attended master classes with Ruggiero Chiesa, Milan and Oscar Ghiglia at Accademia Chigiana, Siena. They also performed in various countries in Europe, northern Africa and south-east Asia. Besides their artistic and didactic work they devote themselves to their search of forgotten works for and with guitar of the 18th and 19th century in the music collection of great European libraries.

Tickets for the concerts are available at the Liberation War Museum and Cyber Café at Dolce Vita, Banani.

event

An Evening with The Valentines

By Cultural Correspondent

THE Pan Pacific Sonargaon Hotel and Standard Chartered Bank organized an evening of excitement for 'a celebration of love,' on the occasion of Valentine's Day on February 14, 2000 at the Grand Ballroom of the hotel.

Valentine's Evening started from 7:30 pm and continued till midnight. The exciting event featured fashion show by Elite 2000, live concert by LRB, din-



ner and dance, raffle draw, best dressed couple contest and many more attractions.

Valentine's Day, popularly known as 'Lovers Day' was presented as a Gala Event with a lot of Show Biz extravaganza and grandeur. The evening's programme was marked with high energy mixes from DJ Pro and Sound and the guests danced through the night. Shimmering Catwalks of models and entralling rhythm of music entertained the guests who came to mark the significance of the evening in joy and romance.

TV Guide

Thursday 2nd March

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

BBC WORLD

6:00 BBC World News 6:30 HARDtalk 7:00 BBC News / Asia Today inc. World Business Report 9:00 BBC News 9:30 Asia Today 10:00 BBC World News 10:30 HARDtalk 11:30 How Buildings Learn 12:00 World News 12:30 World Living: The Real India Travel Show 1:00 World News 1:30 HARDtalk 2:00 BBC World News 2:30 The Money Programme 3:00 BBC World News 3:30 Hard Talk 4:00 BBC World News 4:30 World Living: Holiday 5:00 BBC The World Today 6:30 The Money Programme 7:00 BBC World News 7:15 World Business Report 7:30 BBC The World Today 8:30 World Living: How Buildings Learn 9:00 World News 9:30 HARDtalk 10:00 BBC World News 10:30 Out of India 11:00 BBC World News 11:30 Talking Movies 12:00 The World Today 12:30 World Busi-

ness Report 1:00 World News 1:30 HARDtalk 2:30 Earth Report 3:00 BBC World News 3:30 World Business Report 4:30 Europe Direct 5:00 BBC News inc. World Business Report/USA Direct/Asia Today

STAR PLUS

6:30 Nimaad 7:30 Good Morning India (News, Business & Entertainment news) 9:15 The Trial Show- Film Trailer 9:30 TVC Shopping 10:00 Good Morning India- Rpt. (News, Business & Entertainment news) 12:00 3-2-1 (Game Show) 1:00 Film Based Prog- Hit Ya Fit 2:08 1:30 Daily Soap- Sansar #Ep-113 2:00 Kahani Me Twist 2:30 Daily Soap- Swabhimani 4:35 (N) 3:00 Aur Phir Ek Din Kahani Me Twist #34 3:30 Jubilee Plus (Weekly Film Trade Review) 4:00 Say Cheese #35 4:30 Spiderman 5:00 The Wonder Years 5:30 Animal Adventure 6:00 Small Wonder 6:30 Daily Soap- Maal Hai To Tall hi #34 7:00 Film Based Prog- Hit Ya Fit 7:25 The Trailer Show 7:30 STAR News

(Hindi) 8:00 Zindagi. Com #35 8:30 Is Duniya Ki Sitare- Govinda Pt-1 9:00 Ajeeb Dastan #58 9:30 STAR News (Eng) 10:00 Kineic Mega Show #35 Gust- (Anchor: Ruby Bhatia) 10:30 Shok TV! 11:00 Aaj Ki Baat 11:30 Kabhie Kabhie 12:00 Star News- Late Night Edition 12:30 Daily Soap- Swabhimani 1:00 Daily Soap- Sansar 1:30 Aaj Ki Baat 2:00 Daily Soap- Maal Hai To Tall Hai 2:30 Is Duniya Ki Sitare- Govinda Pt-1 2:00 Ajeeb Dastan 3:30 Kineic Mega Show #35 Gust- (Anchor: Ruby Bhatia) 4:00 Shok TV! 4:30 Kabhie Kabhie 5:00 Nimaad 6:00 Zindagi. Com

STAR MOVIES

7:30 Romance: Love Thy Neighbour (*John Ritter, Penny Marshall, Cassie Yates, Bel Convy) (12) 9:30 Comedy: The Check Is In The Mail (15) 11:30 Adventure/ Romance: Free Willy-2 (*Jason James Richter, Michael Madson, Jayne Atkinson) (PG) 1:30 Drama: Lawn Dogs (15) 3:15 Drama: Inferno (15) 5:15 Comedy: Willie & Phil (15) 7:30 Action:

STAR WORLD

6:30 Hollywood Squares 7:00 Martin Short Show 8:00 Home Improvement 8:30 Happy Days Ep- Marion's Misgivings 9:00 Series: Sabrina- The Teenage Witch #9 Ep- Third Aunt From The Sun 9:30 Two Guys A Girl And A Pizza Ep- Two Guy's A Girl And A Party 10:00 Ally McBeal Ep- 11:00 The Oprah Winfrey Show 12:00 Series: The Practice # Ep- 1:00 The Things People Do 1:30 The Bold And The Beautiful #2130 2:00 Martin Short Show 3:00 The New WKRP In Cincinnati 3:30 Happy Days Ep- Richie Almost Dies 4:00 Hollywood Squares 4:30 Home Improvement 5:00 Star News Asia 5:05 Fox World Business Report 5:30 Daily Soap- Friends Ep- The One With Ross's New Girlfriend

(*Jennifer Aniston, Courtney Cox, Lisa Kudrow, Matt LeBlane, Matthew Perry, David Schwimmer) 6:00 Spacial Event- 42nd Annual Grammy Awards 8:30 Whose Line Is It Anyway 9:00 Daily Soap- Friends Ep- The One With The Breast Milk (*Jennifer Aniston, Courtney Cox, Lisa Kudrow, Matt LeBlane, Matthew Perry, David Schwimmer) 1:00 World's Wildest Police Video 2:00 Series: Walker Texas Ranger #202 Ep- 3:00 Series: Creflo Dollar 3:30 Kenneth Copland Ministries 4:00 Life in the word with Joyce Meyer 4:30 Sky World News 5:00 Ooh La La 5:30 The New WKRP In Cincinnati

CHANNEL [V]

7:30 [V] Hit Machine 12:00 Virtual [V] (Back To Back Vids) 12:15 [V] Hit Machine 3:00 [V]

Jungli Jukebox 3:30 [V] First Day First Show 4:00 [V] Line Lagoo 4:30 [V] Hit Machine 5:00 [V] The Ticket 5:30 [V] Hit Machine 6:00 [V] Gone India 6:30 [V] Hit Machine 7:00 Tea With [V] (Back To Back Vids) 7:30 Virtual [V] (Back To Back Vids) 7:45 Tea With [V] (Back To Back Vids) 8:30 [V] On Campus 9:00 Tea With [V] (Back To Back Vids) 9:30 [V] Line Lagoo 10:00 [V] Hit Machine 11:00 [V] Dares You 11:30 [V] Jungli Jukebox 12:00 [V] First Day First Show 12:30 [V] Hit Machine 1:00 [V] Late Night 3:00 [V] Hit Machine

NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC

7:00 NBC Nightly News- 7:30 Island Eaten By Rats- 8:00 The Survival Game- 9:00 Family Hour- 9:30 Bird People of Japan 10:00 Wild- 11:00 Tommorrow's World- 11:30 The Third Planet 12:00 Ocean Worlds- 1:00 People & Places- 2:00 Meet The Pandas- 3:00 Wild- 4:00 Reef At Ras Mohammed- 5:00 Family Hour- 6:00 Wild 7:00 Submarines And Spies- 7:30

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CARTOON NETWORK

5:30 World Famous Toons 6:30 Tom & Jerry Kids 7:00 Flintstones 7:30 The Popeye Show 8:00 Dexter's Laboratory 8:30 Johnny Bravo 9:00 The Powerpuff Girls 9:30 Scooby & Scrappy Doo 10:00 Silverster & Scrappy Doo 10:30 Garfield & Friends 11:00 Channel Umptee-3 11:30 New Adventures of Captain Planet 12:00 Tiny Toon Adventures 12:30 The New Scooby Doo Movies 1:30 The Road Runner Show 2:00 Tom & Jerry Kids 2:30 Garfield & Friends 3:30 Flintstones 4:00 The Mask 4:30 Swat Ka's 5:00 Scooby & Scrappy Doo 5:30 Dexters Laboratory 6:00 Johnny Bravo 6:30 The Powerpuff Girls 7:00 The Popeye Show 7:30 Scooby Doo Where Are You? 8:00 Silverster & Tweety Mysteries 8:30 Garfield & Friends 9:00 Tiny Toon Adventures

DISCOVERY CHANNEL

6:30 Ushuaia 7:30 Travelers- 8:30 Lonely Planet- 9:30 Eyewitness- 10:30 ESPU- 11:00 Walker's Cay Chronicles- 11:30 In The Care of Nature- 12:00 Animal Survivors 12:30 Wild Discovery 1:30 Medical Detectives- 2:30 Discover Magazine 3:30 Travelers 4:30 Ushuaia 5:30 Lonely Planet 6:30 Pop Sci 7:00 Splat 7:30 Wild Discovery 8:30 Untamed Amazonia 9:30 Beyond 2000 10:00 Discover News 10:30 Portraits 11:30 Discovery Profile Series 12:30 Untamed Amazonia 1:30 Beyond 2000

ZEE INDIA TV

7:00 Jagran 7:30 to 10:30 Every Half Hour-Zee News Hindi 11:00 Mystery Unfolds 12:00 Zee News in Hindi 12:57 News Headlines 1:00 Ru-Ba-Ru 1:30 to 6:30 Every Half Hour-Zee News Hindi