

exhibition

A Peripheral Life in Colours

Solo painting exhibition by Kanak Chanpa Chakma



Morning, Acrylic on Canvas, 2000

By Cultural Correspondent

EVERY now and then a person comes along who gets a creative urge to express him or herself in a way that is not ordinary. These creative urges are expressed in various forms, such as writing, acting, singing, or drawing. These are the people who fuel the imagination of a civilisation. These are the people who make us realise what it is to be human and to have the power to imagine and to dream. Kanak Chanpa Chakma is one such person. She is an artist, a painter, and her painting exhibition started on March 24 at the Shilpangan Contemporary Art Gallery. The exhibition was inaugurated by the Governor of Bangladesh Bank Dr Moham-mad Farashuddin and was presided over by Professor Mahmudul Haq, eminent artist

and Director of the Institute of Fine Arts, University of Dhaka.

This exhibition is her 15th solo exhibition. Aside from solo exhibitions, she has also participated in over 75 group exhibitions, and 7 of her solo exhibitions have been outside Bangladesh. This solo exhibition is her largest effort to date and consists of a hundred paintings. Most of the paintings are painted with acrylic on canvas, but there are also paintings drawn with ink on paper and also with watercolour. However, it will soon become evident to a viewer that the artist loves to paint with acrylic and most of her ambitious efforts are in this medium. What truly sets Kanak apart from other eminent painters is her subject matter, or the theme. Almost all the paintings reflect life of the natives in the Chittagong Hill tract area. This is no coincidence as

the artist was born in Rangamati, and now she has taken to translating all her memories of the Hill tract area, its culture and people, into vivid and colourful paintings.

The paintings themselves vary in style from absolute abstract to a fine balance between abstract and realism. What the artist has tried to do is portray the life and culture of the Chittagong natives in a colourful and interesting way. Instead of trying to paint straight out pictures of people doing things, Kanak has managed to create paintings which are clear enough that a person can understand what Kanak is trying to say, but is abstract enough that the viewer can use the splurge of colours in the paintings as a backdrop for exercising his own imagination. 'New Year' is one such painting. It shows three tribal women dressed in fineries and preparing for the New Year festivities.

In the background the shapes of some tribal musical instruments can be made out, along with one of the women actually playing an instrument. Then there is the painting 'Personal World'. It depicts a woman carrying a basket, probably on her way to work, with a self-absorbed look on her face. The figure of the woman only takes up one third of the painting, the other portion being a tumble of colours. Through these colours the artist has tried to give shape to the personal world of moods, emotions and memories of the woman. The painting 'A Moment' shows a young man standing while carrying a jar type thing on a stick over his shoulder. The backdrop is once again very colourful. This is one of the more abstract paintings of Kanak and the meaning is not immediately clear. However, this is a rare picture of Kanak because almost all of her pictures have women as the central figures. Most pictures don't



Personal World, Acrylic on Paper, 2000



Mru Festival, Oil on Canvas, 1999

RECOMMENDATIONS

A Social Commentary by Shishir



The news of a solo by the trenchant social critic and caricaturist, Shishir Bhattacharjee is an event to look forward to. Inspired by the German artists of the 20s, Shishir over the years has developed a visual language that bears his imprint. He conveys his message through symbols and literary allusions. His show opens on April 1 and will continue upto 10 everyday from 10 to 8pm.

A Tribute to the Great Film-makers of the Century

Chalachitram Film Society is pretty consistent in holding screening of master film-makers of the twentieth century. On the second day of their fourth programme, the society will be screening Subarna Rekha, a critically acclaimed film by Ritwik Ghatak at 6:45pm at the auditorium of the High Commission of India today. Subarna Rekha will be preceded by the screening of a documentary, Shri Dhanaka Shri Buriganga, produced by Steps Towards Development (STD) and directed by AKM Zakaria and Aka Reza Ghalib.

A Promising Start



Young and promising artist Mahmudul Rahman Dipon's debut solo exhibition begins at the Zainul Gallery, Shahbagh. The show will run through the week until April 1 from 3 to 8pm everyday. Though the influence of lyrical abstractionist works of Kandinsky and Klee is there in Dipon's work, he has used them to his advantage to construct his own vocabulary.

Black & White Days



The third solo art exhibition by Abhijit Choudhury has got underway at the gallery of Alliance Francaise, Dhanmandi. Abhijit informs us that the shapes that forms the body of his drawings take their shapes in dreams. Visually interesting, the eight-day show will continue till April 3 from 5 to 8pm everyday.



TV Guide

Tuesday 28th March

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

BBC WORLD

6:00 World News Headlines 6:05
USA Direct 6:30 HARDtalk 7:00
BBC World News Inc. World
Business Report/Asia Today
/24 Hours 8:30 Asia Today 8:45
World Business Report 2:00
World News 9:30 Asia Today
10:00 BBC World News 10:30
HARDtalk 11:30 Holiday 12:00
BBC World News 12:30 Master-
mind India (Quiz Presenter-
Siddhartha Basu) 1:30
HARDtalk 2:00 World News
2:30 World Focus: Science
World 3:00 BBC World News
3:30 HARDtalk 4:00 BBC The
World Today 4:30 Earth Report-
Lifting The Lid 6:30 World Focus:
Science World 7:15 World
Business Report 7:30 BBC The
World Today 8:30 World Living
- Holiday 9:00 BBC World News
9:30 HARDtalk: 10:00 World
News 10:30 Wheels 11:00 BBC
World News 11:30 World Living:
Making It #3/5- Empire 12:00
The World Today 12:30 World
Business Report 12:45 World
Sport 1:30 Hard Talk 2:00
BBC News 2:30 Talking Movies
3:00 BBC World News 3:30
World Business Report 4:30 Eu-
rope Direct 5:00 BBC Newsdesk
Inc. World Business Report/24
Hours

CHANNEL [V]

7:30 [V] Hit Machine 9:30 Virtual [V] 10:00 [V] Hit Machine
12:30 [V] Jungle Jukebox 1:00 [V]
First Day First Show 1:30 [V] Line
Lagao 2:00 [V] Hit Machine
3:30 [V] Gone India 4:00 [V] Hit
Machine 4:30 Tea With [V] 5:30
Virtual [V] Tea With [V] 5:30
Tea With [V] 6:00 [V] Job Shop
6:30 Tea With [V] 7:00 [V] Line
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[V] Jungle Jukebox 9:30 [V] First
Day First Show 10:00 [V] Hit
Machine 10:30 [V] Late
Night 11:00 Top of the Pops
11:30 [V] Late Night 12:30 [V] Hit
Machine

STAR PLUS

6:30 Ninaad 7:30 Good Morning



Friends on Star World at 9:00 pm.

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 This Week That Year 12:30 Tvc Shopping 1:00 Film Based Prog-Hit Ya Fit #224 1:30 Daily Soap- Saahil #Ep-12:20 Hindi Serial: Chotisi Baat 2:30 Daily Soap: Swabhimani #448 3:00 Serial: Pal Chhin #49 3:30 Star Talk 4:00 Srimati Sharma Na Kehi Thi #38 4:30 Ninja Turtles 5:00 Wwf Superstars. 6:00 Small Wonders 6:30 Daily Soap- Maal Hai To Taal Hai #117 7:00 Film Based Prog-Hit Ya Fit 7:25 The Trail Show-Film Trailer 7:30 Star News (Hindi) 8:00 I Love My India (Countdown Show) #38 8:30 Hera Feri #38 (*Shekhar Sumon, Rakhi Tandon, Ashrani) 9:00 Kora Kagaz #Ep-77 (*Renuka Sahani, Sonam, Salil Ankola) 9:30 Star News (English) 10:00 Serial: Antaraal #12 (*Om Puri) 10:30 3-2-1 (Game Show) #35 Ep- Credit Card Companies 11:00 Aaj Ki Baat 11:30 Daily Soap- Kabhi Kabhie 12:00 Star News 12:30 Daily Soap: Swabhimani 1:00 Daily Soap- Saahil 1:30 Aaj Ki Baat 2:00 Daily Soap- Maal Hai To Taal Hai 2:30 Hera Feri #38 (*Shekhar Sumon, Rakhi Tandon, Ashrani) 3:00 Zindagi 3:30 Antaraal (*Om Puri) 4:00 3-2-1 (Game Show) Ep- Credit Card Companies 4:30 Daily Soap- Kabhi Kabhie 5:00 Ninaad 6:00 I Love My India

STAR WORLD

6:30 Hollywood Squares 7:00 Martin Short Show 8:00 Home Improvement 8:30 Happy Days Ep- 9:00 Series: That 70's Show #124 Ep- Hyde Moves In 9:30 Whose Line Is It Anyway 10:00 Series: Chicago Hope #M25 Ep- 11:00 The Oprah Winfrey Show 12:00 Series: Everybody's Loves Remond Ep- 12:30 Series: Frasier #24 Ep- My Coffee With Niles 1:00 The Things People Do 1:30 The Bold And The Beautiful #2148 2:00 Martin Short Show 3:00 The New WKRP In Cincinnati 3:30 Happy Days Ep- 4:00 Hollywood Squares 4:30 Home Improvement 5:00 Star News Asia 5:30 Daily Sope-Friends Ep- The Bullies 6:00 Series- Jag #29 Ep- Crossing

The Line 7:00 John Woo's Once A Thief #6/22 Ep- 8:00 Series- Millennium #10 Ep- Goodbye Charlie (*Lance Henriksen) 9:00 Daily Sope- Friends Ep- Two Parties 9:30 Series- Jag #29 Ep- Crossing The Line 10:30 Series- Millennium #10 Ep- Goodbye Charlie (*Lance Henriksen) 11:30 John Woo's Once A Thief #6/22 Ep- 12:30 Daily Sope- Friends Ep- Two Parties (1:00 Series- Jag #29 Ep- Crossing The Line 2:00 Series- Millennium #10 Ep- Goodbye Charlie (*Lance Henriksen) 3:00 Series- Credo Dollar 3:30 Kenneth Copland Ministries 4:00 Life In The World With Joyce Meyer 4:30 Sky World News 5:00 Mesia Tv 5:30 The New WKRP In Cincinnati 6:00 Aerobics Oz Style 6:30 Hollywood Squares

STAR MOVIES

7:30 Romance: Green Card (*Andie McDowell, Gerard Depardieu) (15) 9:30 Family: Home Alone (*Macaulay Culkin, Joe Pesci, Daniel Stern, John Heard, John Candy) (PG) 11:15 Drama: Ed Wood (*Johnny Deep, Martin Landau, Sarch Jessica Parker, Patricia Arquette) 1:30 Romance: Inventing The Abbotts (*Liv Ullmann, Jennifer Connelly, Joannan Going, Joaquin Phoenix, Billy Crudup) (15) 3:30 Thriller: Quicksilver Highway (*Christopher Lloyd, Matt Frewer, Veronica Cartwright, Bill Nunn) (15) 5:15 Thriller: Blood & Wine (*Jack Nicholson, Jennifer Lopez, Michael Caine, Judy Davis) (15) 7:00 Comedy: I Love Trouble (*Julia Roberts, Nick Nolte) 9:30 Extreme CU 10:00 Hollywood Action Night: Goldeneye 007 (*Pierce Brosnan, Sean Bean, Izabella Scorupco, Famke Janssen, Robbie Coltrane) (15) 12:30 Movies With Style: Volcano (*Tommy Lee Jones, Anne Heche, Gaby Hoffman) (15) 2:30 Drama: Ed Wood (*Johnny Deep, Martin Landau, Sarch Jessica Parker, Patricia Arquette)

ZEE News Tv

7:30 Zee News: Hindi 8:00 Zee Morning Show 8:30 News In English 9:00 News Outlook 7:00 Business News 7:30 Zee News: Hindi 8:30 Business News 9:00 News In English 10:00 Zee Prime Time Show 11:30 News In English 12:00 Business News 12:30 Am to 06:30 AM Every Half Hour — Zee News: Hindi

MTV INDIA

8:00 Mtv Classic 9:00 Non-Stop Hits 10:30 Mtv Most Wanted Vj Shehnaz 11:30 Mtv Non-Stop Hits 12:00 Mtv Hit Film Music 12:30 Mtv Housefull V Nafisa 2:30 Non-Stop Hits 3:30 Love Line Vj Malika 4:00 Mtv Bakra 4:15 Non-Stop Hits 4:30 Mtv Select Vj Nikhil 5:30 Mtv Most Wanted Vj Shehnaz 6:30 Mtv Chill Out Vj Cyrus/Asif/Nikhil 7:30 Mtv Ek Do Teen Vj Raageshwari 8:30 Non-Stop Hits 9:30 Mtv Hit Film Music 10:00 MTV House Full Vj Nafisa



Jag on Star World at 6:00 pm

11:00 Mtv Lovelife 11:30 The Grind (Beach Show) 12:00 Mtv Chill Out Vj Cyrus/Asif/Nikhil 1:00 MTV Biorhythm 1:30 MTV Celebrity Death Match 2:00 Non-Stop Hits

MUSIC ASIA

7:30 Aalaap 8:00 Ta Ra Rum 9:00 Brake Fall 10:00 Pop Busters 10:30 Hit Mix 11:00 Colgate Zig Zag Best Of The Day 11:30 Ponds All Time Romantic Hits 12:00 Bajaj Music Box 12:30 Saare Ga Ma Classic 1:00 Himani Gold T. Jharokha 2:00 Music Mags 2:30 Ta Ra Rum 3:30 Brake Fall 4:30 Bajaj Music Box 5:00 Artist of The Fort-night 5:30 Hit Mix 6:00 Saare Ga Ma Classic 7:00 Ponds All Time Romantic Hits 7:30 Total Recall 8:00 Music Zone 8:30 Dil Se 09:00 Super Vasmol Old Is Gold 9:30 Bajaj Music Box 10:00 Sizzlers 10:30 Himani Gold T. Jharokha 11:00 Jhakaas 11:30 Shabab 12:00 Brake Fall 1:00 Colgate Zig Zag Best Of The Day 1:30 Himani Gold T. Jharokha 2:00 Bajaj Music Box 2:30 Teen Talk 3:00 Ta Ra Rum 4:00 Music Zone 4:30 Brake Fall 5:30 Music Mag 6:00 Sizzlers

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10:30 Janmadin 10:30 Gane Gane 10:35 Shree Ram Krishna

Aparajita 4:00 Serial: Mitti Ke Rang 4:32 Serial: Aur Kisan Jaag Utha 5:00 Series: Kal Kothri 6:00 Prgramme On Women 6:15 Kala Parikrama 6:32 Krishi Darshan 7:00 Live Show 7:45 Career Hunt 8:00 Serial: Kanyakumari Ki Kahaniyan 8:32 Serial: Antaraal 9:00 Samachar 9:15 The News 9:30 Serial: Sargam 10:02 Serial: Om Namah Shivay 11:00 Serial: Raja Ka Baja 11:32 Ghoomta Aaina 12:00 National Programme of Music 12:30 News Headline 12:32 Serial: Ardhangini (Underrun Closed)

SONY TV

7:30 Aatma 8:00 Rushiprasad 8:30 Chartistbustars 9:00 Ek Mahal Ho Sapno Ka (Daily Soap) 9:30 Music Mantra 10:00 I Love You 10:30 Missing 11:00 Archana Talkies 12:00 Movies And Shekhar's 1:00 Chart-busters 1:30 Music Mantra 2:00 Boogi Woogi 2:30 Ek Mahal Ho Sapno Ka 3:00 Aurat 3:30 Cine Matinee-Hindi Feature Film: Aaj Aur Kal (*Rajesh Khanna) 7:00 Junoon 7:30 Music Mantra 8:00 Chartbusters 8:25 Jaany Vi Do Paro 9:00 Kanyadaan 9:35 Alpavram 10:00 Bhanwar 10:40 Movies And Shekhar's 11:30 Ek Mahal Ho Sapno Ka 12:00 Saaya 12:30 Hum Sub Ek Hain 1:00 Sparsh 1:30 Bajaj Ki Lehren 2:00 Movies And Shekhar's 3:00 Aurat 3:30 Cine Nite Show- Hindi Film: Vikram Betaal

ZEE TV

6:00 Yeadon Ki Pal (B/W Songs) 6:30 Zee News & Business (Rpt) 7:00 Bhakti Songs 7:30 Jagran 8:00 Guldasta 8:30 Zara Haske-Filmi Chakkar 9:30 Disney Hour Cartoons 10:30 Ek Nazar 11:00 Hoten Hindustani 11:30 Chholla Cinema 12:00 Kasak 12:30 Khubsorat 1:00 Waaris 1:30 Naye Nazrane 2:00 Daily Soap-Hum Panch 2:30 Lakeeren 3:00 Kartavya 3:30 Cinema Hits-Hi Film: Janwar (Shammi Kapoor, Rajshree) 6:30 E K Nazar 7:00 Disney Hou 8:00 Vijay Jyoti 8:30 Hum Paanch 9:00 Basera 9:30 Koshish 10:00 Raah-ein 10:30 Agnichakra 11:00 Daily Soap-Aangan 11:30 Daily Soap-Kartavya 11:55 Jhalak-Trailer 12:00 Ashirwad 12:30 Tvs Sa-Re-Ga-Ma 1:30 India's Most Wanted 2:00 Zee News 2:30 Muskan 3:00 Feature Film: Mai-Juari (Shammi Kapoor, Nanda)

DD METRO

7:00 Anhad 7:15 Bhakti Sagar 7:30 Saturday Wake Up Show 7:45 Subah Aaj Tak 8:30 Earth Matters 9:00 The First Edition 9:30 Serial: Chubhan 10:00 Serial: Jane Bhi Do Paro 10:30 Tele Shopping 11:00 Daily Sope-Nava 11:30 Hindustani 12:00 Tele Shopping 12:30 Geet Ateet 1:00 Serial: Baaje Payal 1:30 TV Brand 2:00 Daawat: Cookery Show 2:30 Bandhan 2:55 Urdu Samachar/News 3:05 Serial: Adaa 3:30 Hindi Cinema

Show- 6:00 The New Adventure of Sonic 6:30 Quack Pack 7:00 The Mask 7:30 Rang Birange Sapney 7:55 Navrang 8:00 Saazish 8:30 Daily Sope- Nayaa 9:00 Serial: Bhabhi Maa 9:30 Serial: Raja Aur Ranch 10:00 Aaja Gasa Jaa 10:30 Aaj Taak (News) 10:50 Bulandiya 11:00 Crossfire 11:30 Film India 12:00 Series- Investigator 1:00 Hindi Films-

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7:00 Classical Music 7:15 Nishan 7:45 Subah Aaj Tak 8:30 Earth Matters 9:00 The First Edition 9:32 Suno Muscial Kissa 10:00 India News 10:15 Light Music 10:32 Dateling Punjab/Kashmir 11:00 Serial: Drishtant 11:32 Nirmala 12:00 Bharat Samachar 12:15 Hindi Film Show: 2:30 Samachar 2:40 The News 3:00 Classical Music 3:15 Nishan 3:45 Subah Aaj Tak 4:32 Earth Matters 5:00 The First Edition 5:32 Suno Muscial Kissa 6:00 Dateling Punjab/Kashmir (Reporting) 6:32 Serial: Drishtant 7:00 Nirmala 7:30 Hindi Film Show (Rpt)

DISCOVERY CHANNEL

6:30 Ushuaia 7:30 Travelers 8:30 Lonely Planet 9:30 Eyewitness 10:30 ESpU 11:00 Blue Water Dreaming 11:30 In 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 Movie Magic 7:00 Popular Mechanics for Kids 7:30 Wild Discovery 8:30 New Sanctuaries 9:00 Oceans of Mystery 9:30 Extreme Machines 10:30 Without Warning 11:30 Discovery Profile Series 12:30 Oceans of Mystery 1:30 Extreme Machines

CARTOON NETWORK

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 Sylvester & Tweety Mysteries 10:30 Garfield & Friends 11:00 Timeless Tales 11:30 New Adventures of Captain Planet 12:00 Tiny Toon Adventures 12:30 The New Scooby Doo Movies 1:30 The Roadrunner Show 2:00 Tom & Jerry Kids 2:30 Garfield & Friends 3:00 The Smurfs- Toon Tamasha 3:30 Flintstones 4:00 The Mask 4:30 Swat Kats 5:00 Scooby & Scrappy Doo 5:30 Dexters Laboratory 6:00 Johnny Bravo

SONY MAX SAT

8:30 Coca-Cola Cup 2000 Sharjah- South Africa Vs India (Repeat) 5:00 Live- Coca-Cola Cup 2000 Sharjah- Pakistan Vs South Africa 1:00 Coca-Cola Cup 2000 Sharjah- South Africa Vs India (Repeat)