

exhibition

A Witness to our Times

Shishir's exhibition at Gallery 21 enthralled all

By Navine Murshid

SHISHIR Bhattacharjee's exhibition was inaugurated on March 31 at Gallery 21. The response to his works was overwhelming. Initially Shishir seemed somewhat apprehensive about how people, especially his teachers, would respond. He was overjoyed when all his senior teachers - master artists of today, attended the exhibition. Starting from Shafiqul Islam, Mohammed Kibria, Quayyum Chowdhury, Aminul Islam, Rafiqun Nabi, Munirul Islam, Mahmudul Haq, all of his teachers were present. Shishir said, their appreciation is what he values most.



Shishir Bhattacharjee

Talking about Shishir's paintings, Artist Quayyum Chowdhury predicted that Shishir's paintings will be well received as a rare witness to our times and a powerful commentary on the social condition.

"At a group exhibition, I came across one of Shishir's works, called 'Let's watch their game'. I was astounded by the sharpness and directness with which he portrayed the dirty games society and its people play; the dirty games that go on at government levels, at business circles and everywhere else."

Shishir's paintings have a lot of stories to tell. His paintings in black and white may well be a series of fragmented



Untitled, 1995

stories. There are real life stories behind each drawing. For example, at one corner of a huge painting, he drew a man lying on a van.

"This man was found unconscious at Kawran Bazar," he explained. "A van pulled him and went around the area in search of his family. I saw him at Kathalagan. When the puller could not locate his home, he left him at Kawran Bazar again. He had no identification papers with him."

There are paintings, which are no doubt influenced by his three-year old daughter, Srabanti. There is one, where Shishir Bhattacharjee is seen wearing his daughter's frock, sitting on top of a toy horse, like the ones found in merry-go-rounds. His daughter is found in another corner, drawing faces, while someone is tugging at her.

Three portraits of Quaid-e-Azam, Ayub Khan and Yahya Khan together drew a lot of attention. A lot of people were disappointed because this is not for sale. The expressions they wore were the main attraction of this piece.

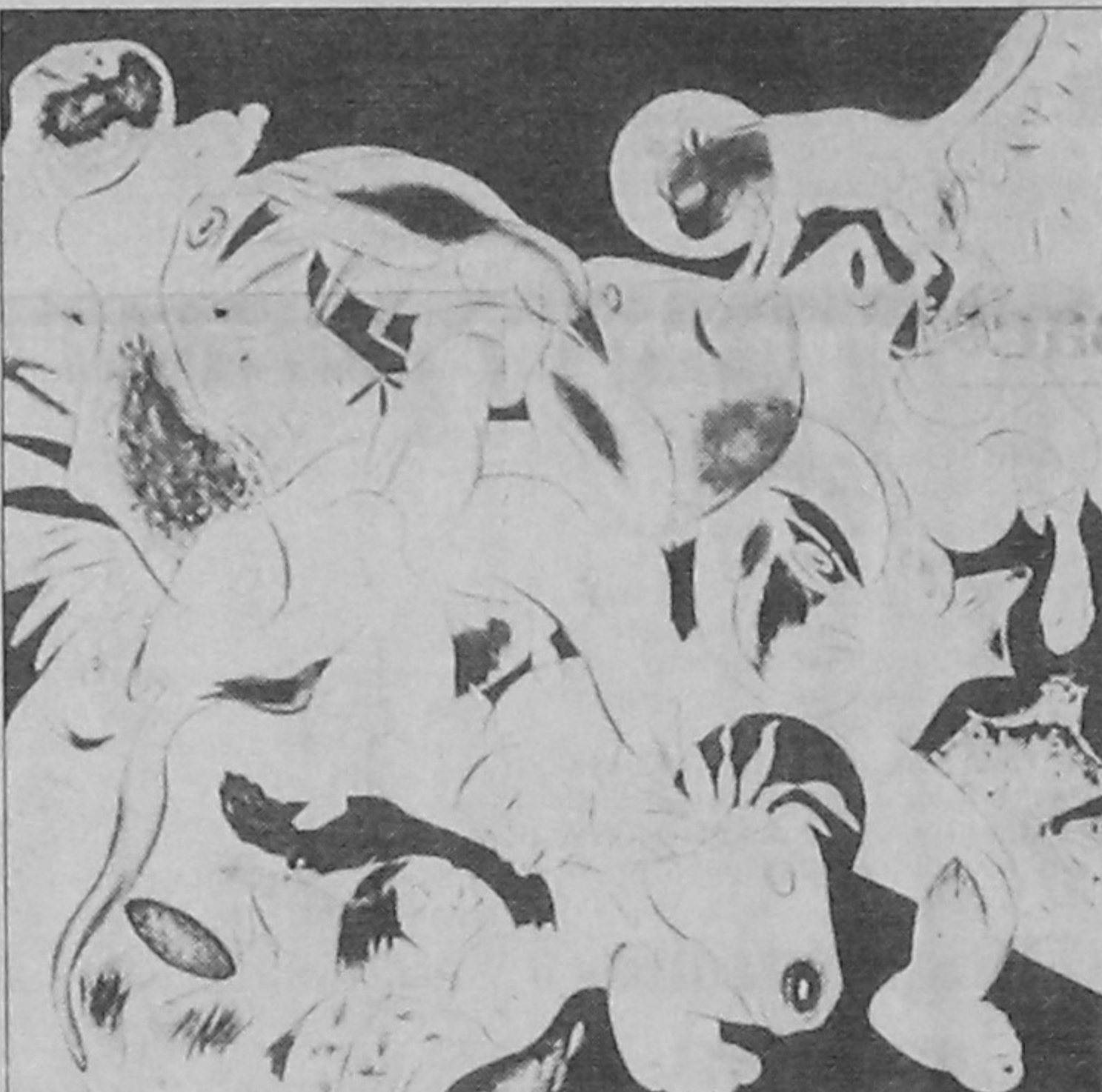
All the paintings exhibited are vivid and all have a distinct message to convey. Just as his cartoons express concern in a

certain manner, his paintings too provide a powerful commentary on the social condition. Shishir believes in creating social awareness, and points out the ugliness, the crudeness and hypocrisy of society only too well. It is very difficult not to be deeply moved by his works. It is this urge to see a better tomorrow that sets Shishir Bhattacharjee apart from his peers.

This exhibition will be open to all till April 10 from 10 am to 8 pm.



Come and see the game - 8, 1995



Untitled, 1999

to preview

On TV Tonight

By Cultural Correspondent

Aids: Are We Ready?

BTV will air a special investigative documentary on Aids in *Pariprekshit*, which will be aired tonight after the News in Bangla. This episode is titled *Aids: Amra Ki Prostut*. For the first time there will be an interview of an HIV carrier on national television. Opinions of some experts and researcher shows that how Bangladesh is also in danger.

The programme also shows the different ways people get infected and how they are neglected from the society after their illness is known. The programme contains the campaign 'Rogike Noy Rogke Ghriha Korun' - which means 'Hate the disease not the ill'. There are also reports on spreading of aids and a report on prostitution.

Except these there are regular items like Public Opinion and songs by stars like Siubarna Mostafa and Khaled Khan.

The programme is created by Trans World International.

The special documentary of the show is created by Mamunur Rahman Khan. Investigation for the programme is done by Ahmed Faruk Hasan and is arranged by Tanvir Ahmed. The programme is planned, hosted and directed by Sayed Borhan Kabir.

ICC Cricket Week

As a part of International Cricket Council's steps for popularising cricket all over the World, Channel 1 will be airing a special programme on Cricket starting from tonight till April 9. Alike other satellite channels all over the World, Channel 1 will also bring some special shows on cricket. The programme will be aired everyday at 10.40pm.

This weeklong feature contains - *Cricket Around the World*. Special documentaries on the situation of cricket in Europe, America, Africa and Asia. In the *Cricket Classic* part there will be highlights from the ICC final match between Bangladesh and Kenya, special moments from the finals of '92 and '96 World Cup finals. There will also be *Ultimate Cricket Quiz* and features on cricket personalities like - Sir Don Bradman, Viv Richards, Iyan Botham, Imran Khan, Sachin Tendulkar, Martie Crow and others.

Nil Nil Aakash

The 8th episode of the drama series *Nil Nil Aakash* will be aired tonight on Channel 1 at 8.00pm. Screenplay and directed by Munir Hasan Chowdhury the drama stars Zahid Hasan Shobhan, Farzana Imrose Sumona, T R Chanu, Moni Aziz, Prema Aziz, Abdul Aziz, Nazimul Huda Bacchu, Sayed Atik and others.



Channu and Zerine Ismatara in the drama 'Nil Nil Aakash'

Synopsis: Anarbar's father Najmud's dream was to establish a hospital. Anarbar starts building his father's dream on his whole life's possession, a 5 Bigha land. Police officer Afzal goes to Nila Hui's place. But nobody knows where she is. Afzal asks the maid Kashem if

he knew the address. After talking with Kashem Afzal finds some new evidence and takes a stranger to the police station from Nila Hui's place. On the other hand Afzal also goes to Shayla's place where he gets to know that Nila Hui has left for America.

recitation



Fauzia Nahid Kakoli is seen reciting from Tagore in *Abrity Academy's* evening of recitation titled 'Pae Chalar Path' at Shawkat Osman Sri Mironaton on March 31

RECOMMENDATIONS

Kibria at Bengal Gallery

Solo painting exhibition by the master abstract artist of the country Mohammed Kibria will start at the Bengal Gallery of Fine Arts, House No 275/F, Road No 27 (old), Dhanmondi Residential Area, Dhaka from April 4. The inaugural ceremony of the exhibition will be held that day at the gallery premises at 6.00pm.

Artist Shafiqul Islam will inaugurate the exhibition as chief guest.

The exhibition will remain open till April 20 from 11.00am till 8.00pm.

Manipuri Dance Drama

A Manipuri Dance Drama fund collection programme for the Green Disabled Foundation in Sylhet was held on April 1 at the British Council auditorium at 7.30pm. The programme is organised with the co-operation of British Council Bangladesh.

Children Art Biennale

The prize giving ceremony and the painting exhibition of the 2nd International Children-Art Biennale Bangladesh 2000 started today at the Bangladesh Shishu Academy.

Dr S A Malek, Political Advisor to the Prime Minister will be present as chief guest at the occasion, while Professor Zinnatun Nesa Talukdar, State Minister for Women and Children Affairs, Professor Abdur Razzaque and Professor Hashem Khan, Institute of Fine Arts, University of Dhaka will be present as special guests.

The function will be followed by a cultural soiree. The exhibition will remain open till April 30 from 11.00am. to 7.00pm.

Australia-Portraying a Nation

Bangladesh Shilpakal Academy and the Australian High Commission in Bangladesh has organised a week-long photography exhibition titled *Australia-Portraying a Nation*. The inaugural ceremony of the exhibition will be held on April 4 at 5.00pm at the Academy Gallery.

Obaidul Quader, State Minister for Youth, Sports and Cultural Affairs will be present as chief guest on the occasion. H E Robert Flynn, High Commissioner of Australia in Bangladesh will also be present as special guest at the ceremony.

Shamim Sikder's Solo

Always talked about in and outside the artistic circles, Shamim Sikder is quite a colourful personality in our art firmament. The solo show that opened on March 31st Designer's Den gallery is her first since 1982.

Born in 1953 in Faridpur, Shamim participated in three-year course on sculpture conducted by famous French sculpture Siviski. Between 1969 and 1974 she won four Fine Arts Award for sculpture. Her debut show

front-ranking artist Aminul Islam will be present special guest. The week-long show will run until April 6 and will remain open for visitors from 10am to 8pm everyday.

TV Guide

Sunday 2 April

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

BTV

Morning Session
9.15 Opening Announcement. 9.30 Live telecast of the Question and Answer part of the 17th session from the 7th National Parliament.

Evening Session

3.00 Opening. 3.20 Open University. 4.00 Khabar. 4.05 Animated Film: Animal Show. 4.30 Nutrition Facts. 4.45 Methosoor. 5.20 National Television Debate. 6.00 Khabar. 6.30 Programmes from the Chittagong station. 7.00 Weather Forecast. 7.05 Mati O Manush. 7.25 Band Show. 8.00 News in Bangla. 8.20 Pariprekshit. 8.50 Drama Serial: Lohar Churi. 9.20 Comedy Series: Molla Nasiruddin. 10.00 News at Ten. 10.20 Shadhinota Tomar Jonnya. 10.50 Achin Pakhi. 11.30 Khabar / The News. 11.45 Close Down.

BBC

6:00 BBC World News Headlines
6:30 World Living: Holiday 7:00 BBC World News 7:30 Simpson's World 8:00 BBC World News 8:30 Correspondent 9:00 BBC World News 9:30 This Week 10:00 BBC World News 10:30 Wheels 11:00 BBC World News 11:30 India Business Report 12:00 BBC World News 12:30 Wild World: Face To Face India 1:00 BBC World News 1:30 The Real India Travel Show 2:00 BBC World News 2:30 This Week 3:00 BBC World News 3:10 Under The Sun-Dances With Llamas 4:00 BBC World News 4:30 Top Gear 5:00 BBC World News 5:30 Simpson's World 6:00 BBC World News Headlines 6:10 Full Circle 7:00 BBC World News 7:30 Earth Report

Emission Impossible

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CHANNEL [V]

7:30 [V] Hit Machine 11:30 [V] Sunday Special 12:30 [V] Hit Machine 1:00 [V] Line Lagao 1:30 [V] Hit Machine 2:30 [V] The Ticket 3:00 [V] Lunch Pad 3:30 [V] Karaoke 4:00 [V] Hit Machine 5:30 [V] Tonight 6:00 [V] Dares You 6:30 [V] Hit Machine 8:30 [V] Sunday Special 9:30 [V] Hit Machine 10:30 [V] Mainstage 11:30 [V] Billboard US Countdown 12:30 [V] Hit Machine

STAR PLUS

6:30 Ninnad 7:30 Good Morning India (News, Ent.) 8:30 Spiderman 9:00 Robocop 9:30 Ninja Turtles 10:00 Power Rangers 10:30 Janata Ki Adalat 11:00 Fast Track 11:30 Amul India Show 12:00 Master Card-Family Fortune rpt. 12:30 India Business week 1:00 The Great Escape 1:30 Star Sunday Lunch 2:00 Mega Hit Parade 3:30 Viewpoint 2:40 Sunday Tea Time Film: Dil To Pagal Hai ('Shahrukh Khan, Madhuri Dik. arishma Kapoor, Akshay Kumar) 6:00 Jubilee Plus 6:30 Zindagi 7:00 Zara Hat Ke Zara Bach Ke 7:30 Serial: Gumrah 8:00 Katha Sagar 8:30 Bakeman's Ooh La La 9:30 STAR News Sunday (Eng) 10:30 Saboot 11:30 Janata Ki Adalat 12:00 Mega Hit Parade 12:30 Sart News Sunday 1:30 India Business week 2:00 Bakeman's

STAR WORLD

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STAR MOVIES

7:00 Action: Black Scorpion (15) 9:00 Drama: Network (15) 11:00 Bhaskar Ghose Show 11:30 Sunday Best: Cabin Boy ('Chris Elliott, Ritch Brinkley, James Gammon, Ricki Lake) 1:15 Thriller: The Edge (15) 3:30 Star Kids Club: Big Green ('Olivia D Abo, Steve Gutterberg, Jay O. Sanders, Patrick Rennan) 5:30 Family: Camp Nowhere (PG) 7:30 Star Kids Club Special Presentation: Anastasia 1997 (PG) 9:30 Starbiz 10:00 Sunday Night Premiere: Angels In The Outfield ('Danny Glover, Joseph Gordon-Levitt, Tony Danza, Brenda Fricker) 12:00 Comedy: Cabin Boy ('Chris Elliott, Ritch

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SONY TV

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Hindi Film (B/W)

Love You 11:00 Disney Club 12:00 Peechha Karo 12:30 Home Style 1:00 Fifty Fifty 1:30 My Choice 2:00 Top of The Pop 2:30 The Famous Five 2:55 Urdu News 3:05 Hindi Film 5:30 One Cube 6:00 Hari Bhari Bhulwari 6:30 Cool Troop 7:00 Brave Bids 7:30 Swaraaj 8:00 Lat's Talk 8:30 Geet Gata Chal 9:00 Julii (serial) 9:30 Gata-Jaye Banjara 10:30 Croos Fire 10:50 No Problem 11:00 India This Week 11:30 Sunehari Yaadein 12:00 Investigator 1:00 Hindi Films

ZEE TV

6:00 Yaadon Ki Pal (B/W Songs) 6:30 Zee News & Zee Business 7:00 Bhakti Songs 7:30 Jagran

ZEE CINEMA

6:30 Film Show (B/W) 9:30 Kuch Lambhe Kuch Nagme 10:00 Bollywood Top 5 10:15 Movie Fare 10:30 Film Show 1:30 Chalo Cinema 2:00 Film Show 5:30 Bollywood Top 5 6:00 Film Time 6:15 Film Show 9:45 Gungun 10:00 Ikke Pe Ikka 10:30 Film Show 12:30 Cine News 2:30 Film Show

Sony Max

6:30 Rangleela Re 7:00 Chartbusters 7:30 Music Mantra 8:00 Film Show 11:00 Chartbusters 11:30 Music Mantra 12:00 India Down Under 1:00 Film Show 4:00 Chartbusters 4:30 Music Mantra 5:00 Film Show 8:00 Chartbusters 8:30 Music Mantra 9:00 Harmony 9:30

DISCOVERY CHANNEL

7:30 Travelers 8:30 Challenge 9:30 On The Inside 10:30 Naturequest 11:00 Crocodile Hunter's Croc Files 11:30 Born Winners 12:00 Born Among Wild Animals 12:30 Blue Reef 1:00 Two Worlds 1:30 Discovery Profile-Series 2:30 Discovery Profile-Series 3:30 Discovery Profile-Series 4:30 Discovery Profile-Series 5:30 Discovery Profile-Series 6:30 Discovery Profile-Series 7:30 India Hour:

Gulistan- 8:30 Wild Discovery

9:30 Science Frontiers 10:30 Discovery Showcase 11:30 Discovery Profile-Series 12:30 Wild discovery 1:30 Science Frontiers 2:30 Discovery Showcase 3:30 Discovery Profile-Series 4:30 Splat 5:00 Beyond 2000 5:30 Discover Magazine 6:30 Ushuaia

DD INT'L

7:00 Classical Music 7:30 Mindscapes 8:00 Business Weekend 8:30 Pride of India 9:00 All In All 9:32 Kya Baat Hai 10:00 India News 10:15 Light Music 10:32 Ghoomta Aaina 11:00 Tele Film: 12.00 Bharat Samachar (News In Hindi) 12:15 Hindi Film Show 2:30 Samachar 2:40 The News 3:00 Classical Music 3:15 Mindscapes 4:00 Business Weekend 4:32 Pride of India 5:00 All In All 5:32 Kya Baat Hai 6:00 Ghoomta Aaina 6:32 Tele Film: 7:30 Hindi Film Show (Rpt)

ALPHA TV

6:30 Alaap 7:00 Kee Darun Dreshow 7:30 Monihaar 8:00 Serial: Ebar Jombe Mawja ('Gorgi Nandii) 8:30 Serial: Anaar Tumi 9:00 Bangla Movie 11:30 Serial: Shoni-Robi Mojar Chobi 12:00 Serial: Half Chocolate 12:30 Serial: Nil Chander Alo 1:00 Bahari Ahaar 1:30 Rishitye 2:30 Bangla Movie 5:00 Bharat Bhroman 5:30 Kee Darun Dreshow 6:00 Serial: Mukhoshher Antara Ley ('Alpina Gowsami) 6:30 Serial: Memsahab 7:00 Serial: De-Ray 7:30 News In Bangali 8:00 Serial: Shoni-Robi Mojar Chobi 8:30 Kichu Smriti Kichu Gaan 9:00 Mano Ya Na Mano 9:30 Serial: Iskabanar Bibi ('Indrani, Shila Dittay) 10:00 News In Bangali 10:30 Bangla Movie 1:00 Serial: Iskabanar Bibi ('Indrani, Shila Dittay) 1:30 Bangla Movie 4:00 Serial: De-Ray 4:30 Serial: Antaraley