

## exhibition

# Thirst for Freedom

A week-long painting exhibition by Abhijit comes to an end

By Saima Islam

"In the future days, which we seek to secure, we look forward to a world founded upon four essential human freedoms: the first is freedom of speech and expression—everywhere in the world. The second is freedom of every person to worship God in his own way—everywhere in the world. The third is freedom from want—The fourth is freedom from fear." —President Franklin D. Roosevelt

THE thirst for freedom is one of the basic instincts of mankind. The ever-rebellious Prometheus to Martin Luther King to Nelson Mandela everybody voiced their desire to be free not only physically but also spiritually. The eternal conflict between the



Abhijit Chowdhury

oppressor and the oppressed has found its finest expression in the creative arts.

The 3rd solo painting exhibition by Abhijit Chowdhury at the Alliance Francaise de Dhaka had the same theme as any other freedom-loving artist. The exhibition ended yesterday. Abhijit exhibited his 30 recent paintings all done in black and white. Titled 'Black and White Days' the works at the show and their lack of colour made the immediacy of the moment felt more strongly.

The artist chose March, the month that witnessed the declaration of freedom in 1971, intentionally to synchronize his



Fact watercolour 2000

theme freedom. The freedom of men in their everyday life, the struggle of an individual searching his identity, all found their way into his work.

Abhijit played with space to unfold his imagination through his paintings.

Born in 1967 at Habigonj, he completed his MFA in drawing and painting from the Institute of Fine Arts, Dhaka University.

"An urgency from within chases me all the way," states the artist and his works are the testimony to this pronouncement. In his 'Assault-71' a woman's naked body can be made out of the patterns the artist created on the canvas.

The face is not clear but the blurry image of the woman reminds one of those dark days that chained our cherished freedom.

The most fascinating thing about Abhijit's painting is his use of geometric patterns. His use of straight lines makes his works starker. He leaves space and fills some with darkness and lets the imagination of the viewer to fill those blanks and understand the true meaning of the piece.

Shapes round, quadrangular, triangular and many more finds their way in 'Freedom-2', another painting by Abhijit. He leaves a large portion of his



Assault-71 watercolour 2000

canvas white, some are filled up with gray and some are dark black. The different shapes evoke a mixed emotion regarding freedom. What has freedom given us? What have we done with our freedom? Did we really achieve freedom? The questions come fluttering in when one stands in front of his works.

Abhijit had two more solo exhibitions in his credit, one in 1995 titled, 'Sound, Light Colour' at the Institute of Fine Arts and the second was in the Alliance Francaise de Dhaka in 1999. He has also participated in various exhibitions.

## music

# An Evening Suffused with Melody

'Shuddho Sangeet Proshar Goshthi's songs offering

By Cultural Correspondent

'SHUDDHO Sangeet Proshar Goshthi' was formed in May 1975 with a view to promote classical music in Bangladesh and generate awareness about the purity of musical styles. The music-loving souls behind the Goshthi has organized, till date, almost 272 programmes.

The 'Goshthi' organized an evening of classical music on March 30 at the Indian Cultural Centre featuring two up-and-coming artists, Nusrat Jahan Swati and Khairul Anam Shakil on the occasion of the 25th founding anniversary of the organization.

Nusrat sang Raga 'Jai Jalanti' in slow ek tala in 48 beats and tri tala in 16 beats. Binol Hawladar accompanied her in Tabla. The artist received her training under late Narayan

Chandra Boshak and had had the opportunity to learn under such Ustads as Syed Jakir Hossain, Ful Mohammad Khan.

Nusrat obtained her diploma at Nazrul Academy in Classical Music and Nazrul Geeti. In 1990 she received further training in classical music from eminent Sarengi player of Delhi gharana late Ustad Sagir Uddin Khan. After the death of Ustad Sagir Uddin Khan in 1998 she continued her training under the disciple and wife of the Ustad Shipra Khan. Nusrat has already performed in a few programmes organized by 'Shuddho Sangeet Proshar Goshthi'.

The next artist of the programme was also a talented disciple of Ustad Sagir Uddin Khan. He performed raga Behag. The 'Shuddho Sangeet

Proshar Goshthi' works on three different levels, a) any talented singer aged under 16 can use the organization as his/her platform to present and share their potential to the audience, b) as part of their talent hunting programme the organization also present rookies at their monthly programmes, and c) the organization also invites well known musicians to give their performance for the country's music lovers.

The aim is to let people know the wealth of classical music and inspire them to appreciate the beauty of music. Any one who is interested in classical music are welcome to listen to the musical programmes organized by the Goshthi.

The organization is basically run by the contributions of its members.



Nusrat Jahan Swati performs at the 25th anniversary of the 'Shuddho Sangeet Proshar Goshthi'

## RECOMMENDATIONS



**The Wandering Lens**  
"From Shiraz to Samarkand, Himalaya and some more" that is how the up coming exhibition of the revered Indian photographer Deb Mukharji's exhibition is described. The inauguration of the exhibition will be held on April 7 at 5pm at Drik Gallery.

## Kibria's Show Deferred

Noted artist Mohammed Kibria's solo art exhibition scheduled on March 4 at the Bengal Gallery of Fine Arts was postponed due to the sad and untimely demise of Aham Khair (Bishal), youngest son of Abul Khair Litu, Chairman, Bengal Foundation. The dates of the exhibition will be announced later.

## Children's Painting Competition

A children's painting competition will be held at the National Sports Council Gymnasium as part of the celebration of the ongoing Cricket Week on April 7. The competition will take place between 9am to 12 noon.



## Tana Poron

3rd solo tapestry exhibition by Chandan Shaful Kabir is going to be held at the Zainul Gallery, Institute of Fine Arts, University of Dhaka. Pro vice-chancellor, University of Dhaka, Professor Shahadat Ali will be present as the chief guest and Kh Rashidul Huq, Chairman, Handloom board as special guest. Renowned art critic Syed Manzoorul Islam will introduce the exhibition as the main speaker. The exhibition will be inaugurated by Jamdani Weaver Abdul Gani. Eminent artist Abdur Razzaque will preside over the occasion. The exhibition will remain open till April 13 everyday from 2pm till 8pm.

## Shishir at Gallery 21

Shishir Bhattacharjee's solo exhibition was inaugurated on March 31 at Gallery 21. Artist Quayyum Chowdhury inaugurated the exhibition. Starting from Shafuluddin Ahmed, Mohammad Kibria, Aminul Islam to Rafiqun Nabi, Munirul Islam, Mahmudul Haq, all of his teachers were present at the inauguration ceremony. This exhibition will be open to all till April 10 from 10 am to 8pm.

## Nurun Nahar Samad Nattayapadak 99

The festival 2000 of the Nurun Nahar Samad Nattayapadak 99 is about to start on April 5 at the Mahila Shamiti Stage at 5pm. Mohammad Nasim, Minister of Home, Post and Telecommunication will be present as the chief guest on the occasion. The award will be given in 8 categories evaluating the performances of various theatre groups who performed at the Baily Road Nattaya Para in 1999. These categories are Best Playwright, Best Director, Best Actor, Best Actress, Best Stage Designer, Best Lighting, Best Production and Best Theatre Personality. After the award giving ceremony there will be a cultural show and staging of Abdullah Al Mamun's 'Mic Master'.

After the inaugural programme there will be programmes everyday at 7.00pm from April 9 till April 13 at the Guide House stage, where Pracyanant, Nagarik Nattya Shampraday, Desh Natak, Aryanak Nattayad and Anik (Calcutta) will be presenting their latest productions.

## TV Guide

**Tuesday 4th April**  
(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 6:30 Simpson's World 7:00 BBC World News Inc. World Business Report/Asia Today /24 Hours 8:30 Asia Today 8:45 World Business Report 9:00 World News 9:30 HARDtalk (Presenter-Tim Sebastian) 10:00 BBC World News 10:30 Holiday 11:30 Earth Report- Water Pressure 12:00 BBC World News 12:30 Mastermind India (Quiz Presenter- Siddhartha Basu) 1:30 World Living : Making It #5/5- Random 2:00 World News 2:30 Earth Report- Water Pressure 3:00 BBC World News 3:30 HARDtalk (Presenter-Tim Sebastian) 4:00 BBC The World Today 4:30 Simpson's World 5:30 Earth Report- Water Pressure 6:30 Mastermind India (Quiz Presenter- Siddhartha Basu) 7:15 World Business Report 7:30 World Living : Holiday 8:30 HARDtalk (Presenter- Tim Sebastian) 9:00 BBC World News 9:30 Asia Today 10:00 World News 10:15 World Business Report 10:30 World News 11:00 BBC World News 11:35 World Business Report 11:45 World Sport 12:30 HARDtalk (Presenter-Tim Sebastian) 1:00 BBC News 1:30 Talking Movies (Presenter-Tom Brook) 2:00 BBC World News 2:30 World Business Report 3:30 Reporters 4:30 World Business Report 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] Jingle Jukebox 1:00 [V] First Day First Show 1:30 [V] Line Largo 2:00 [V] Hit Machine 3:30 [V] Gone India 4:00 [V] Hit Machine 4:30 Tea With [V] 5:00 Tea With [V] 6:00 [V] Job Shop 6:30 Tea With [V] 7:00 [V] Line Largo 7:30 [V] Hit Machine 9:00 [V] Jingle 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 India (News, Business & Entertainment News) 9:15 The Trial Show - Film Trailer 9:30 TVC Shopping 10:00 Srimati Sharma Na Kehi Thi #40 10:30 Daily Soap- Maal Hai To Taal

Hai #127 11:00 Small Wonders 11:30 Daily Soap- Kabhi Kabhie 12:00 This Week That Year 12:30 TVC Shopping 1:00 Film Based Prog. Hit Ya Fit #236 1:30 Daily Soap- Saahil #Ep-22 2:00 Hindi Serial: Katha Sagar #7 2:30 Daily Soap: Swabhiman #458 3:00 Serial: Pal Chhin #51 3:30 Star Talk #52 4:00 Srimati Sharma Na Kehi Thi #40 4:30

Ninja Turtles 5:00 WWF Superstars. 6:00 Small Wonders 6:30 Daily Soap- Maal Hai To Taal Hai #127 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) #40 8:30 Hera Feri #40 #Shekhar Sumon, Rakhi Tandon, Ashrani) 9:00 Kora Kagaz #Ep-79 #Renuka Sahani, Sonam, Sallil Ankola) 9:30 Star News (English) 10:00 Serial: Antaraal #14 (#Om Puri) 10:30 Darr #1 (#Irfan Khan) 11:00 Aaj Ki Baat 11:30 Daily Soap- Kabhi Kabhie 12:00 Star News- Late Night Edition 12:30 Daily Soap: Swabhiman 1:00 Daily Soap- Saahil 1:30 Aaj Ki Baat 2:00 Daily Soap- Maal Hai To Taal Hai 2:30 Hera Feri #40 (#Shekhar Sumon, Rakhi Tandon, Ashrani) 3:00 Zindagi 3:30 Antaraal (#Om Puri) 4:00 Serial: #14 (#Om Puri) 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 70's Show Ep-9:00 Series: That Happy Day #102 9:30 Whose Line Is It Anyway? 10:00 Series: Chicago Hope #2 11:00 The Oprah Winfrey Show 12:00 Series: Everybody's Loves Remond Ep- 12:30 Series: Frasier #25 The Unkindest Cut of All 1:00 The Things People Do 1:30 The Bold and the Beautiful #2158 2:00 Martin Short Show 3:00 The New WKRP in Cincinnati 3:30 Happy Days in Cincinnati 4:00 Hollywood Squares 4:30 Home Improvement 5:00 Star News Asia 5:30 Daily Soap-Friends Ep- The Racecar 6:00 Series- Jag #30 Ep- Ghosts 7:00 John Woo's Once A Thief #8/22 Ep- 8:00 Series- Millennium #12 Ep- Luminary 9:00 Daily Soap- Friends Ep- The Giant Poking Device 9:30 Series- Creflo 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 Thriller: Poison Ivy (15) 9:30 Drama: Malice In Wonderland (#Elizabeth Taylor, Jane Alexander, Richard Dysart, Joyce Van Patten) (PG) 11:30 Western: Tall T (PG) 1:15 Comedy: Houseguest (#Simbad, Phil Hartman, Jeffrey Jones, Kim Greist) 3:30 Thriller: Poison Ivy (15) 5:15 Action: Predator-2 (15) 7:15 Thriller: The Edge (15) 9:30 Extreme Cut 10:00 Hollywood Action Night: First Blood: Rambo-1 (#Sylvester Stallone) (15) 12:00 Movies With Style: Urge To Kill 10:30 Western: Tall T (PG)



Friends on Star World at 9:00 pm

### PTV-2

8:00 Tilwat Aur Tarjuma/Hamd/Naat 8:20 Cartoon 8:30 Khabrain 8:45 Beauty Care 8:50 Fun Kadha 9:10 Dhanak & Health Tips 10:05 Har Taan Hey Deepak 10:30 English Film: Home Improvement 10:55 Milli Naghma 11:00 Khabrain 11:10 Serial 12:00 Sports Hour 12:55 Quran-e-Hakeem 1:02 Bismillah 1:15 The Science Show 2:00 Yeh Jahan 3:25 Animated Classics 3:15 Geography & Sammar School 4:20 Mitti Soda 5:00 Allah Huma Labbaik 5:25 Serial 6:25 Aion Courses 7:00 Serial 7:45 English News 7:50 Saach Much 8:15 UN Quiz 8:45 Serial 9:00 Break For Headline News 10:00 Khabrain & Commercial News 11:20 Do Sitare 12:30 Dr. Qaim: Medicine Women 1:35 Khas Khabrain/Close Down

### ZEE News Tv

7:30 Zee News: Hindi 8:00 Zee Morning Show 8:30 News In English 9:00 News Outlook 9:30 Business News 10:00 Zee News: Hindi 10:30 Business News 11:00 News In English 11:30 Zee

Prime Time Show 12:00 News In English 12:30 Business News 1:00 to 06:30 AM Every Half Hour — Zee News: Hindi

### MTV INDIA

8:00 MTV Classic 9:00 MTV Hungry 9:30 Pop Indonesia 10:00 MTV Non-Stop Hits 10:30 MTV Most Wanted VJ Shehnaaz 11:30 MTV Top 2000 12:30 MTV Hit Film Music 1:00 MTV Housefull VJ Nafisa 1:30 MTV Fresh VJ Shehnaaz 2:30 Non-Stop Hits 3:30 MTV Love Line VJ Malaika 4:00 MTV Bakra 4:15 Non-Stop Hits 4:30 MTV Select VJ Nikhil 5:30 MTV Most Wanted VJ Shehnaaz 6:30 MTV Chill Out VJ Cyrus/Asif/Nikhil 8:00 MTV Troolife AIDS Special



Friends on Star World at 9:00 pm

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8:30 MTV Top 2000 9:30 MTV Hit Film Music 10:00 MTV House Full VJ Nafisa 10:30 MTV Gaoa Baby Gao 11:00 MTV Lovelibe VJ Malaika 11:30 The Grind (Beach Show) 12:00 MTV Chill Out VJ Cyrus/Asif/Nikhil 1:00 MTV Biorhythm 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 Fortnight 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 Himat Gold T. Jharokha 11:00 Jhakaas 11:30 Shahab 12:00 Brake Fall 1:00 Colgate Zig Zag Best Of The Day 1:30 Himat 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

### DD 7

10:30 Janmadin 10:30 Gane Gane 10:35 Shree Ram Krishna 11:00 Dropadi 11:15 Classical/Folk Songs 11:30 Parliament Hour/Musical 12:30 Kunja Villa 1:00 Aakash Chooa 1:30 Rupkatha 2:00 Kanakajali 2:30 Aurozogh 3:00 Maha Probu 3:30 Mohini 3:55 Bhul Thiknary 4:20 Nepali Programme 5:05 Chichin Fak/Harekrakamba 5:30 Sambad 5:40 Employment News/Modern Songs/Lalitkala 5:50 Sushastha/Gaan 6:10 Chitro Ghati 6:40 Khas Khabar 6:50 Jannabhu 7:30 Bangla Sambad 7:55 Dinidin 8:00 Manasi 8:30 Aee Norodaha 9:00 Jannabhu 9:30 Dropadi 10:00 Khas Khabar 10:10 Bengali Movie

### DD CHANNEL-1 (National)

5:55 Vande Mataram 6:15 CIET Programme 6:30 UGC Programme 7:00 IGNOU Programme 7:30 Samachar 7:45 Suba Sabera 9:15 The News 9:32 Imaging Science 10:00 UGC Programme 10:32 Tarang- CIET Programme 11:00 ETV Programme 11:30 Serial: Ardhangini 12:00 Serial: Kanyasulk 12:32 Serial: Intezaar Aur Sahi 12:55 Serial: Kiran 1:00 Serial: Tulsi 1:25 Serial: Aapki Saheli 1:32 Serial: Agni 2:00 Serial: Deewar 2:30 Samachar 2:40 The News 2:50 Serial: Aaina 3:00 Serial: Jagte Raho 3:32 Serial: Aparajita 4:00 Serial: Mitti Ke Rang 4:32 Serial: Aar Kisan Jag Utha 5:00 Series: Kal Kohri 6:00 Programme 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)

### 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 Para 10:30 Tele Shopping 11:00 Daily Sope-Naya 11:30 Hindustani 12:00 Tele Shopping 12:30 Geet Atee 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 Navarang 8:00 Saazish 8:30 Daily Sope- Nayaa 9:00 Serial: Bhabhi Maa 9:30 Serial: Raja Aur Rani 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-

### DISCOVERY CHANNEL

7:30 Travelers 8:30 Lonely Planet 9:30 Eyewitness 10:30 Danger Zone 11:00 Outer Bounds 11:30 Shark Files, The Shark Shooters 12:30 Wild Discovery 1:30 Medical Detectives 2:30 Discover Magazine 3:30 Travelers 4:30 Ushuaia 5:30 Lonely Planet 6:30 Mega Movie Magic 7:00 Popular Mechanics for Kids 7:30 Survivors 8:30 Wild Discovery 9:30 Extreme

8:00 Chartbusters 8:25 Jaany Vi Do Para 9:00 Kanyadaan 9:35 Alpitrav 10:00 Bhanwar 10:40 Movers 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 Movers And Shekhar's 3:00 Aurat 3:30 Cine Nite Show- Hindi Film:

### ZEE TV

6:00 Yeaddon 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-Hai Zindagi 9:00 Zara Haske-Filmi Chhakar 9:30 Disney Hour Cartoons 10:30 Ek Nazar 11:00 Hote Hindustani 11:30 Chhilo Cinema 12:00 Khasak 12:30 Khussoorat 1:00 Waaris 1:30 Naye Nazrane 2:00 Daily Soap-Hum Panch 2:30 Lakeeren 3:00 Kartavya 3:30 Cinema Hits-HF Film: 6:30 Ek Nazar 7:00 Disney Hour 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:

### ALPHA TV BANGLA

6:30 Aalap 7:00 Kee Darun Dreshow 7:30 Monihaar 8:00 Jigsha 8:30 Serial: Prem Trishna 9:00 Bangla Movie 11:30 Serial: Kagojer Bou 12:00 Serial: Jhara Samayer Upakatha 12:30 Serial: Shyaola (#Kushal Banerjee, Pallab, Sabbosachi, Biplob Chatargee) 1:00 Bahari Ahaar 1:30 Plaban 2:00 Serial: Jhann Rekha 2:30 Bangla Movie- 5:00 Bharat Bhromam 5:30 Kee Darun Dreshow 6:00 Serial: Teacher 6:30 Serial: Commandar 7:00 Serial: Chandni 7:30 News In Bangali 8:00 Serial: Ekushe Pa 8:30 Serial: Shyaola (#Kushal Banerjee, Pallab, Sabbosachi, Biplob Chatargee) 9:00 Serial: Anya Bhuvan 9:30 Bharat Bhromam 10:00 News In Bangali 10:30 Bangla Movie- 1:00 Grihosajja 1:30 Bangla Movie- 4:00 Serial: Chandni 4:30 Serial: Ekushe Pa 5:00 Serial: Shyaola (#Kushal Banerjee, Pallab, Sabbosachi, Biplob Chatargee)