

exhibition

The Colours of Techno Art

A look into Don Chowdhury's computer digital art exhibition

By Saima Islam



Don Chowdhury

THE greatness of art lies in its enormous quality to adopt and adjust to the trend of the time. So what can the digital age demand from various art forms? Don Chowdhury, a creative designer brought his array of computer digital art works to answer to that question. "I started as a traditional artist then the scope and demand has made me interested in computer designing." Asked whether the computer art can be compared to the traditional art forms, Don answered, "Of course, the computer art demands a lot of imagination and originality and also creates a platform to let your imagination rise to any level, as computer can do a lot of things that perhaps is not possible to do manually." His words prove true when one sees his exhibition at the gallery of Alliance Francaise. In Joy of Coffee, Don tried to visually create the tangible feeling of drinking a cup of coffee. This piece is on view at the famous Chelsea cinema on 23rd street at New York at present. The

owner of the coffee shop wanted Don to bring out the sensual aspect of drinking coffee. The picture shows hot steaming coffee cups and women's arched figure coming out with that steam, lots of colourful butterflies and musical notes whirling at the background. Like most of his works Don keeps the background very colourful in this piece as well,

which helps create a mood of joy and revitalizing impact of a cup of coffee. Don has used hand drawings, paintings and computer art combination in this piece. Celebrities is an experimental piece of artwork, which combines both fine art and digital technology. The artist draws some of the images by hand then scanned them into a computer where the entire piece was enhanced digitally. The work is 17 feet long and 7 feet tall. His inspiration for the piece came from movies in general, which he says brings him fun and mystery. He uses bright background colours in the work to represent the joy and excitement movies have to our lives. The space of the art work is divided into two. He has used a large portion assimilating pictures of famous Hollywood personalities such as Alfred Hitchcock, Clark Gable, Sophia Lauren, Charlie Chaplin, Elvis Presley and he used the right corner to create the image of the mystery lady Marilyn Monroe. But here also Don created a visual illusion. From a close look, one would see faces of some other famous film per-

sonalities but from a far those faces make the beautiful image of the glamour queen Monroe. Thus Don has created an exotic world of glamour and colour and unfolded it in many layers to capture the essence of the movie world. Water Woman is a hundred per cent digitally com-

blue making it visually striking. This piece is a testimony to the superiority of imagination over technology. Though most of Don's works have western theme but there are some pieces that show his attachment to his roots. His Freedom is such a creation. The green background,



Celebrities

that there are lots of talented artists in Bangladesh who need a little introduction to the latest technology. He is going to organize seminars on computer digital art where the focus will be on the state of art technology, software and short cuts and tips to the design, fashion and fine arts world. The seminars will be held at the Alliance Francaise de Dhaka on May 3, 4, 5 and 6. At present, a student of the Marywood College, USA in MFA: Art Direction and Design, Don Chowdhury did his BFA from the School of Visual Arts, New York in Computer Art and

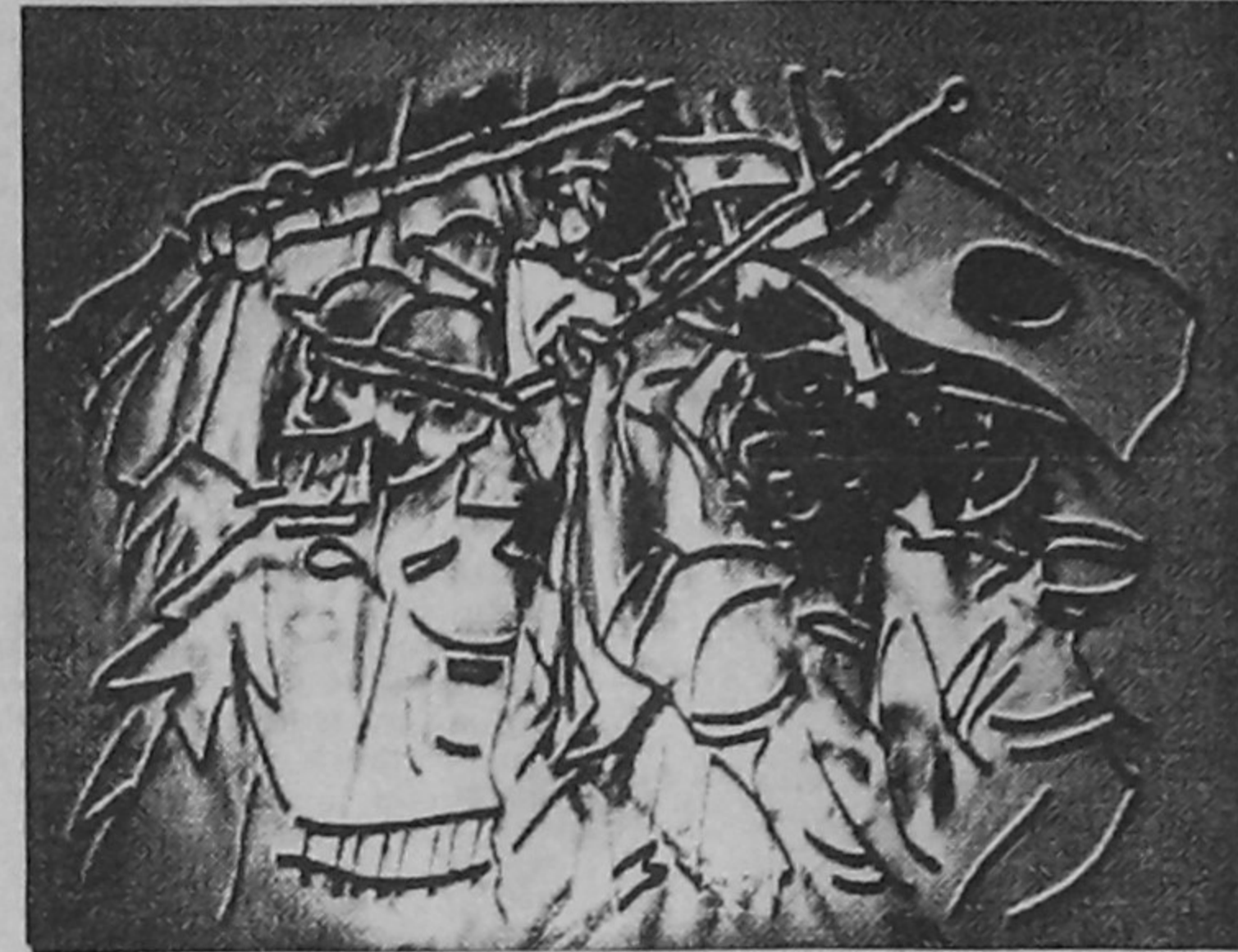
Graphic Design. His client includes Coca-cola, Pepsi, Radio City Music Hall, U.S Olympic Committee, Biman Bangladesh and many more. He held exhibitions in USA and Bangladesh. Don believes in the saying, "Life is short but art is long" and his works clearly envisage his philosophy. He heartily believes that a lot of things can be done with the computer but it is the man behind the computer that counts. The exhibition will be held from 5pm to 8pm at the Alliance Francaise de Dhaka. Today is the last day of the exhibition.



Water Woman

posed creation. A woman is seen coming out of the water. The drops of water are running down her curves. Don has tried to capture the vibration made on the water by the movement of the lady. This piece is also divided into two portion, the upper portion is left yellow and the watery portion is crystal

the brave figures of the freedom fighters and the red and green flag bring out the Bangladesh that lies in the artist. "I love the results that I can have with digital works," said the artist describing his works. He had used mostly the adobe Photoshop and adobe elastrator to create his masterpieces. He also added



Freedom



Joy of Coffee

theatre

Drama with a Message

Special theatrical presentation on the occasion of May day



A scene from the drama 'Machine'

By Cultural Correspondent

ON the occasion of the May Day, Padatit Natyya Shamsad will stage a special drama titled, 'Machine' near the gate of TSC (Teacher Student Council), University of Dhaka at 11am, Bangladesh Group Theatre Federation and Patha Natak Parishad will

jointly organize the show. The play is written by Shafdar Hashemi and directed by Maloy Kumar Das. The play will also be staged in the evening at the programme organized by Shrote cultural organization at the TSC auditorium at 4pm.

The play was first staged on the 1st May 1997 at Tejgaon Industrial Area. The play had about 25 show till date.

The story revolves around the issues of the rights of the workers, their protest against any kind of injustice, the extra time they have to work and many such issues. The play stands out as the voice of the workers.

The cast of the play includes Manna, Nahian, Sharif, Shila, Shagor, Sabil, Farooq Pradhan, Leena, Shipi, Mijan and many others.

tv preview

Suveccha - The Entertainment Show

Highlights of upcoming programmes on BTV

By Cultural Correspondent

BTV will air the popular magazine show *Suveccha* on April 28 at 9.00pm. This episode brings some special attractions along with the traditional items like games for the audiences, *Suveccha* super quiz, songs by famous artists, comedy, items from abroad and interview.

Doli Sayantoni and Nigor Baul James will sing in this episode. The programme is hosted by Abdur Noor Tushar and is directed by Faridur Reza Sagor. Its an Impress Telefilm presentation.

Durer Aakash
The forth episode of the



Super Quiz in Suveccha



A scene from the drama series Durer Aakash

drama series *Durer Aakash* will be aired on BTV on April 29 at 5.20pm. Written by Moinul Ahsan Saber the drama is directed by actor Abul Hayat. *Durer Aakash* stars Abul Hayat, Doli Zohur, Mita Noor, Shams Shumon, Pantha Reja, Tania Ahmed, Somu Chowdhury, Nazma Anwar, Toni Dways, Sharmili Ahmed, Abdullah Al Mamun, Abdul Quader and others.

Synopsis: Ehsan's mother

wanted her son to get married. But Ehsan did not have any interest on it. Oditi gives one thousand taka to her friend Swapna. Farhana tells Amit that there was a reason behind keeping him as a house tutor.

Barik tells Shumon that after finishing the drama he will feel relieved. Amit tells Ehsan that he bought a tea-garden. Anima receives a message of the bad guy from her friend Fouzia.

RECOMMENDATIONS



Kibria

The long-awaited exhibition by Mohammed Kibria, which was postponed for unavoidable reasons opened on Pahela Baishakh, the first day of Bengali new year. Organized by the Bengal Gallery of Fine Arts, the exhibition was inaugurated on Friday (Apr 14) at 6.00 pm at House No 275/F, Road 27, Dhanmandi, Dhaka.

The exhibition was inaugurated by artist Shafiquddin Ahmed.



Bangla Calligraphy

The inauguration of the exhibition titled *Bangla Calligraphy*, by Arham-ul-Huq was inaugurated on April 15 at 6.00pm at the Goethe Institut, Dhaka.

The exhibition will remain open everyday (except Friday) from 2.00pm till 8.00pm till April 27.



Abdus Sakoor

The inaugural ceremony of the painting exhibition by Abdus Sakoor will be held at the Designer's Den gallery on April 29 at 5.00pm. Pithaya Pookaman, ambassador of Thailand will inaugurate the exhibition as chief guest, while Dr Nazrul Islam, art critic and professor, University of Dhaka will also be present as special guest.

The exhibition will remain open to all till May 9.



Chandra Shekhar Dey

A ten daylong exhibition by Chandra Shekhar Dey started at the Gallery 21 on April 21. Artist Mostafa Monwar inaugurated the exhibition as chief guest while artist Rafiqul Nabi, Monirul Islam and Syed Abdullah Khalid was also present as special guests.

The exhibition will remain open to all from 10.00am till 8.00pm till April 30.



Calcutta: People and Nature

Solo photography exhibition titled 'Calcutta: People and Nature' was inaugurated on April 21 at the cafeteria of Alliance Francaise de Dhaka. The exhibition will remain open to all from 9.00am - 12.00pm and 5.00pm - 8.00pm till April 27 (except on Saturday).

Thearte Workshop
Space and Acting Research Centre is recruiting theatre workers. Interested persons are requested to collect forms from TSC Dhaka University everyday from 4:00 pm to 8 pm till April 30. The modern theatre workshop will be conducted by Ashish Kaudakar, a graduate from National School of Drama, New Delhi.

TV Guide

Thursday 27th April
(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 The Travel Show 7:00 BBC News/Asia Today Inc. World Business Report 9:00 BBC News 9:30 Asia Today Inc. World Business Report 10:00 BBC World News 10:30 Top Gear 11:30 The Money Programme (Presenter: Maya Even) 12:00 World News 12:30 Face To Face India (Presenter: Karan Thapar) 1:00 World News 1:30 Talking Movies (Presenter: Tom Brook) 2:00 BBC World News 2:30 The Money Programme (Presenter: Maya Even) 3:00 BBC World News 3:30 Hard Talk (Presenter: Tim Sebastian) 4:00 BBC World News 4:30 World Living. The Travel Show 5:00 BBC The World Today 5:30 The Money Programme (Presenter: Maya Even) 6:30 Face To Face India (Presenter: Karan Thapar) 7:00 BBC World News 7:15 World Business Report 7:30 Top Gear 8:30 Hardtalk (Presenter: Tim Sebastian) 9:00 World News 9:30 Asia Today 10:00 BBC World News 10:15 World Business Report 10:30 Moneywise (Presenter: Sucharita Ghosh) 11:00 BBC World News 11:35 World Business Report 11:45 World Sport

12:30 HARDtalk (Presenter: Tim Sebastian) 1:00 World News 1:30 Click Online (Presenter: Stephen Cole) 2:30 World Business Report 3:00 BBC World News 3:30 Surrender In Saigon 4:30 World Business Report 5:00 BBC News Inc. World Business Report/USA Direct/Asia Today

ALPHA TV

6:30 Alaaq 7:00 Kee Darun Dreshow 7:30 Monihaar 8:00 Serial: Akanksha 8:30 Serial: Amar Prem 9:00 Serial: Shyaola (Kushal Banerjee, Pallab, Sabbosachi, Biplob Chatterjee) 9:30 Serial: Bhowani Purer Chattujee 10:00 Serial: Ek Akasher Niche 11:00 Serial: Samayr Sur #5 11:30 Manabi 12:00 Serial: Mitr Bar #9 12:30 Serial: Ek Akasher Niche 1:00 Swapno Neel 1:30 Khana Khazana 2:00 Serial: Abishasya #7 2:30 Bangla Movie: Preyashi (Soumitra) 3:00 Bharat Bhromon 5:30 Asian Sky Shop 6:00 Serial: Bhalo Basha 6:30 Serial: Kurukhetra 7:00 Serial: Margaria 7:30 News In Bangali 8:00 Serial: Jiban Jiban 8:30 Serial: Ek Akasher Niche 9:00 Serial: Hiyar Majhe 9:30 Serial: Daag 10:00 News In Bangali 10:30 Serial: Bhowani Purer Chattujee 11:00 Serial: Ek Akasher Niche 11:30 Serial: Kono Ek Din 12:00 Serial: Samayr Sur #5 12:30 Bharat Bhromon 1:00 Grihosajja 1:30 Bangla Movie: Preyashi (Soumitra)

NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC

6:30 Family Hour 7:30 The Survival Game 8:30 Family Hour 9:30 Wild 10:30 Riddle of the Learning Tower 11:30 Ocean Worlds 12:30 Voyager 1:00 Mystery of Genius 2:00 National Geographic Adventure Into The Abyss 3:00 Wild 4:00 Across The Jungle Divide 4:30 Colony Z 5:00 Family Hour 6:00 Wild 7:00 National Geographic Explorer 8:00 Ocean Worlds 9:00 Voyager 9:30 Wild 10:30 National Geographic Explorer 11:30 Ocean Worlds 12:30 Wild 1:30 Across The Jungle Divide

ZEE CINEMA

6:30 Film Show- Call Girl (*Vikram, Zaheera) 9:30 Kuch Lamhe Kuch Nagne 10:00 Tarana 10:15 Movie Fare 10:30 Film Show- Numbri Admi (*Mithun, Kimi Kalkar) 1:30 Moods Melody 1:45 Madhyantar 2:00 Film Show- Naach Utha Sansar (*Shashi Kapoor, Hema Malini) 5:30 Abhinetri 6:00 Chetran 6:15 Film Time 6:30 Film Show- Wohi Raat Wohi Awaz (*Radha Saluja) 9:45 Movie, Masti, Magic 10:20 Cine News 10:30 Film Show- Ram Avtar (*Sunny Deol, Anil Kapoor, Sridevi) 2:20 Cine News 2:30 Film Show- Kudrat Ka Kanoun

STAR SPORTS

7:30 WWF Spec-D - Wrestlingmania 8:00 Pro Box 2000 10:30 Asia Sport Show 1:30 Gillette World Sport Special 2:00 Max Power 3:00 Fox Sports News 5:00 Max Power 7:30 ANZ Sporstline 7:35 WWF Raw 11:30 ANZ Sporstline

ESPN

8:00 Extreme Bloopers Wrecked 8:30 Kiana'S Flex Appeal 9:00 Cable & Wireless Test Series 2000 Jamaica, West Indies- Zimbabwe Vs West Indies 2nd Test, Day 3, Highlights 10:00 Snooker Billiards-ESPN World Snooker. 2000 Scottish Open Aberdeen, Scotland Semifinal #1 12:00 Live- Sportscenter Bristol, Ct USA 1:00 FIH Women'S Olympic Qualifiers 2000. Milton Keynes, England- Spain Vs Germany 3rd & 4th Placing 2:30 Boxing Series ESPN2 Friday Night Fights Uncavs Ille, Ct USA 4:30 Billiards ESPN World Snooker. 2000 Scottish Open Aberdeen, Scotland Semifinal #2 6:30 Motorsport Asia 7:00 English Premier League Highlights 8:00 Western Union World Football 8:30 Boxing Series ESPN2 Friday Night Fights Verona , Ny USA 10:00 FIH Women'S Olympic Qualifiers 2000 Milton Keynes, England- Spain Vs Germany 3rd & 4th Placing 11:30 Italian Football Highlights Italian Serie A 1999/2000 Highlights

Sony Max

6:30 Film Show. 9:30 Chartbusters 10:00 Music Mantra 10:30 Film Show. 1:30 Chartbusters 2:00 Music Mantra 2:30 Film Show. 5:30 Film Show. 8:30 Chartbusters 9:00 Music Mantra 9:30 Film Show. 12:30 Film Show. 3:30 Film Show.

STAR NEWS

6:30 Star News Hour 7:30 Breakfast News (Eng.) 8:00 Breakfast News (Hindi) 9:30 Star News (Eng.) 10:00 Star News (Hindi) 11:00 Sawal Aap Ke (To 8 PM Every Hour Hindi News) 8:30 Nationwide 9:30 Star Samachar 10:00 Star Business News 10:20 Sports Update 10:30 Star News Hour 11:30 Star News (Eng.) 12:00 Star News (Hindi) 12:10 Star Business News (R) 1:00 Star News (Hindi) 6:30 Breakfast News (Eng.)

ETV

7:00 Classic Cartoons: 7:25 Bubuner Baba 7:50 Ekushay Evening News Bulletin 8:00 Bauliana 8:30 Pumascha: Kottob 9:30 Shofol Jara Kemon Tara (Guests: Tapan Chowdhury/Samina Chowdhury) 10:00 BTV News 10:30 The Big Fight 11:00 Road to Benelux

ZEE ENGLISH

8:00 Late Show With David Letterman 9:00 Too Close For Comfort 9:30 Evening Shade 10:00 Music Zone 10:30 The Roseanne Show 11:30 The Lifestyle Show 12:00 The Academy Awards Winners 1:00 The Roseanne Show 2:00 Music Zone 2:30 Friends 3:00 Evening Shade 3:30 The Academy Awards Winners 4:30 The Roseanne Show 5:30 The Music Show 6:00 Too Close For Comfort 6:30 The Lifestyle Show 7:00 The Roseanne Show 8:00 Mixed Doubles 8:30 Friends 9:00 Three's Company 9:30 Can I Hurry Love 10:00 E.R. 11:00 News 11:30 Late Show With David Letterman 12:30 Friends 1:00 News 1:30 The Roseanne Show

CARTOON NETWORK

6:30 Tom & Jerry Kids 7:00 Flintstones 7:30 The Popeye Show 8:00 Dexter's Laboratory 8:30 Courage The Cowardly Dog 9:00 The Powerpuff Girls 9:30 Scooby & Scrappy Doo 10:00 Sylvester & Tweety Mysteries 10:30 Garfield & Friends 11:00 News 11:30 The Roseanne Show

3:30 Flintstones 4:00 The Mask 4:30 Swat Kats 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 Sylvester & Tweety Mysteries 8:30 Garfield & Friends 9:00 Tiny Toon Adventures

ZEE TV

6:00 Yeardon Ki Pal 6:30 Zee News & Business 7:00 Bhakti Songs 7:30 Jagran 8:00 Guldasta 8:30 Zara Has Ke- Hai Zindagi 9:00 Zara Has Ke- Filmi Chakkor 9:30 Disney Hour Cartoons 10:00 Ek Nazar 11:00 Agnichakra 11:30 Alvida Darling 12:00 Basera #43 12:30 Naye Nazarane 1:00 Tata Salt Khana Khazana 1:30 Haad Kar Di 2:00 Hum Paanch 2:30 Chingaree 3:00 Kartavya 3:30 Cinema Hits HF Film: Shabman (Mehmood, L. Vijaya Lakshmi) 6:30 Ek Nazar 7:00 Disney Hour Cartoons 8:00 Bajaj Super 7 Muqabla 8:30 Professor Pearela 9:00 Amanat 9:30 X-Zone 10:30 Thriller at 10 Ep- The Stepmother 11:00 Aangan (Neena Gupta, Farha, Sumet Saigal, Arun Gavil, Rohit Kumar, Karikar Rane) 11:30 Kartavya 11:55 Jhalak- Trailer 12:00 Action Movie: Faisla (Binod Khanna, Saira Banu) 2:30 Naye Nazrane 3:00 Hindi Feature Film (B/W): Dastan (Raj Kapoor, Suraya)