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Making Waves in World Canvas

A survey of art market for Bangladeshi artists



Zainul Abedin, Female Sketch, ink

By Mustak Hossain

ANGLADESHI artists are gradually making their mark on the world art map. Two of Zainul Abedin's work which went under hammer successfully for 18,500 pound sterling at London's Sotheby's last year is a sure indicator of our art getting world recognition.

Interestingly, Zainul Abedin, who was one of the pioneers in founding the Art Institute in Bangladesh in 1948 and led the art movement in this part of the world, also introduced Bangladeshi art to the international mainstream.

At the auction of Modern and Contemporary South Asian Painters Zainul's 1943 *Famine*

in Bengal, in pen and ink and brush, fetched 12,500 pound sterling while *The Boats*, a water colour, was bid for 6,000 pound sterling.

Some of the noted Bangladeshi painters such as Shahabuddin Ahmed, Monirul Islam and Maruf Ahmed have been living in the cultural capitals of Europe, Paris and Spain and Germany, as professional artists since long.

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there for the paintings of the country's leading abstract painter Mohammad Kibria.

There is no doubt that our paintings are of world standard but it has failed to get a huge market due to the country's image as a third world country, a leading Bangladeshi art critic said.

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Shahabuddin, Freedom Fighter

market has only begun to expand in the country and some private entrepreneurs have come forward through establishing private art galleries in the city.

"There are several art galleries who are regularly organising art shows every week and in doing so ultimately promoting art among local art lovers," he said.

During the colonial and the post-liberation period only the foreigners used to buy paintings of Bangladeshi artists that scenario has altogether changed," he noted.

Art works, which were previously being appreciated and collected by as a part of décor of a living space by the middle class now adorn the wall spaces

of the industrialists and the new rich.

It is a healthy sight that the country's rich and influentials have come forward to patronising artists and sculptors. There are about a dozen of art galleries in the city holding regular art shows every week alongside some foreign embassies and cultural centres with definite interest to patronise local art.

French, German and Indian cultural centres are playing a pioneering role in this promoting art.

DD Gallery has taken

Bangladeshi in the 21st century by putting local art into web. People from any corner of the world, irrespective of location, can now have a look at the

works by Bangladeshi master

painters and also can buy art works of contemporary artists through e-commerce.

There are also some permanent commercial galleries in the city, who collect art works for selling. Dhaka's two five star hotels — Sheraton and Sonargaon Hotel — have galleries, where art works are available. Shezanne Art Gallery at Sheraton Hotel and Divine Art Gallery at Sonargaon Hotel hold art exhibitions on a regular basis. Foreign visitors, who mostly stay in these hotels also buy paintings of their own choice from these galleries.

One dealer at the Shezanne Art Gallery at Sheraton Hotel said Bangladeshi art works are quite attractive foreign buyers.



S M Sultan, First Plantation



Monirul Islam Papyrus

Landscape in watercolour and oil on canvas and tapestries have proved favourite among the foreigners.

However, Bangladeshi art is yet to make a big mark in the world market due to lack of institutional support and international exposure, critics feel.

The government should take measures to promote the country's art and artists abroad, Rafiqul Islam, a young promising painter thinks.

He said that art export was not expensive and can be a very effective way to earn foreign exchange.

The future of fine art in Bangladesh is promising. All it needs now is international exposure, many a connoisseur opine.



Remembering Sufia Kamal

Jatiya Rabindrasangeet Samilan Parishad will hold a programme to remember the champion of women's cause poet Sufia Kamal on June 30 at Shakhat Osman Auditorium of National Public Library at 4:30 in the evening. Prof. Zillur Rahman Siddique will chair the event where key-note paper will be read by Maifidul Haq, Syed Shamsul Haq, Aly Zaker and Sultana Kamal will take part in the discussion. The programme will be rounded off with songs presented by the Samilan Parishad's members and solo performances by leading singers of the country.



Photography Show

A week-long photography exhibition featuring a day in the life of poet Sufia Kamal by Prashanta Karimakar has been organised to commemorate the poet's birth anniversary. Open to all this show will run until June 30 at National Museum gallery.

This is Prashanta's fourth solo photo exhibition.



Rashidul's solo

The first solo art exhibition by Rashidul Islam Khan has started yesterday at 5:30 in the evening at Drik Gallery, H # 58, R# 15A (new). Dhanmandi. Mohammad Nasim, Minister of Home and Telecommunications performed the opening while Mohammad Nurul Huda, Inspector General of Police, artist Rafiqun Nabi and Prof. M. A. Raquib of Independent University was present as special guests.



Shudha Sangeet's musical evening

The regular monthly musical programme of the Sudha Sangeet Prasat Gosthi will be held on June 29 at Biswa Shabita's Isfandier Zahed Hasan Auditorium at 7 in the evening. Noted classical singer Hafizur Rashid will perform at the evening followed by a jugal bandi by Kamal Zahir Shamim in sard and Mitul Anwar Choudhury in sitar.

French Musical Evening

After the soothing evening dedicated to the famous French composer Claude Debussy Alliance Francaise de Dhaka will organise its 2nd French Musical Evening on 1st July 2000 from 19:00 dedicating to Maurice Ravel. All are welcome to attend the evening. Come and discover Maurice Ravel and his famous Bolero.

Dress exhibition

Altamira will present their collection of fashion apparels for men and women in the Gallery of Alliance Francaise de Dhaka from 30th June till 6th July 2000. The exhibition is scheduled to remain open daily from 15:00 till 20:00.

TV Guide

Monday 26th June

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

BTV

3:00 Opening Announcement, Recitation From The Holy Quran And Programme Outline 3:15 Patriotic Song 3:20 Open University Prog. 4:00 Bangla News 4:05 Cartoon: 4:30 Sashtho Thaththa (Health Developing For Mother & Children) 4:45 Sports Programme 5:20 Anuparmanu 5:45 Pusti Thaththa 6:00 Bangla News 6:05 Live Transmission New Artist Audition From Chittagong Center 7:00 News For Weather 7:05 Dolanchapa (Song of Nazrul) 7:25 Bara Probola 8:00 Bangla News At 8:30 Package Drama: 10:00 News At Ten (English) 10:30 Badhan Hara 11:30 Bangla News 11:35 English News 11:40 A) Programme Outline For Tuesday B) National Song 11:45 Closing

EKUSHEY

2:00 Ekushey News Headlines 2:05 Classic Cartoons 2:20 Shofol Jana Kemon Tara 2:50 Chitrogeeti 3:15 Ekushey News Headlines & Bangladeshi Shwapner Din 3:15 European Football Show 4:15 EUFA European Championship-2000 Italy vs Romania (Reply) 6:00 Ekushey News Headlines & Bangladeshi Shwapner Din 6:05 Drishti 7:00 Ekushey News Headlines & Bangladeshi Shwapner Din 7:05 Circus! Circus! 7:20 Animated Series Jumanji 7:45 Ekushey News & Bangladeshi Shwapner Din 8:00 Noorjanan 9:00 Chana Mookh Chana Shoor 9:30 Bangladeshi Shwapner Din 10:00 BTV News 10:20 Bangladeshi Shwapner Din 11:05 The Big Fight 11:30 MTV Classic

ZEE NEWS TV

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

MTV INDIA

7:00 Non-Stop Hits 8:00 MTV Classic 9:00 Non-Stop Hits 10:00 MTV Most Wanted VJ Shehnaz 12:00 MTV Non-Stop Hits 12:30 MTV Hit List VJ Shehnaz 1:00 MTV Housefull VJ

Nafisa 1:30 MTV Kenwood India 2:30 Non-Stop Hits 3:30 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 Shehzad 6:30 MTV Chill Out VJ Cyrus/Asif/Nikhil 7:30 MTV Ek Do Teen 9:30 MTV Hit Film Music 10:00 MTV House Full VJ Nafisa 10:30 MTV Monday Masti 11:00 MTV Lovelife VJ Malaika 11:30 The Grind (Beach Show) 12:00 MTV Chill Out VJ Cyrus/Asif/Nikhil 1:00 MTV Non-Stop Hits

MUSIC ASIA

7:30 Aalaap 8:00 Ta Ra Rum 9:00 Bracki Fail 10:00 Old Is Gold 10:30 Hit Mix 11:00 Colgate Zig Zag Best of The Day 12:30 Sa Re Ga Ma Classic 1:30 Himani Gold T. Jharokha 2:00 Kumar Ajay 7:30 News In Bangali 8:00

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Beauty Parlour 8:30 Serial: Juti/ Banglar Sodeasi Gaan 9:00 Daily Soap: Janmabhumi 9:30 Daily Soap: Shree Ram Krishan 10:00 Khas Khabar 10:20 Mukho Mukhi 10:50 Sambad 11:00 Bengali Movie:

ALFA Bangla TV

6:30 Alaaap 7:00 Monihaar 8:00 Serial: Din Protidin 9:00 Serial: Plabons 9:30 Serial: Shoni-Robi Mojor Chobi #16 10:00 Mojor Khela Kobitay 10:30 Serial: Half Chocolate 11:00 Serial: Guest House 11:30 Serial: Gugli 12:00 Serial: Shoni-Robi Mojor Chobi #16 12:30 Kichu Smriti 10:00 Serial: Agni Yuger Padatik 1:30 Bahari 2:00 Serial: Iskabonar Bibi ('Indrani, Shila Dittay) 2:30 Bangla Movie 5:00 Ek Akasher Niche 5:30 Asian Sky Shop 6:30 Dim Protidin 7:30 News In Bangali 8:00

SONY ENT. TV

7:30 Atma 8:00 Sant Asaram Wani 8:30 Chartbusters (Trailer Show) 9:00 Ek Mahal Ha Sapo Ka (Daily Soap) 9:30 Aurat 10:00 Music Mantra (Trailer Show) 10:30 Daily Soap-Itihas 11:00 Daily Soap-Nazdeekian 11:30 Daily Soap- Ghat Ek Mandir 12:00 Chartbusters (Trailer Show) 12:30 Movers And Shakers 13:00 Music Mantra (Trailer Show) 2:00 Boogi Woogi 2:30 Daily Soap- Ek Mahal Ha Sapo Ka 3:00 Daily Soap-Aurat 3:30 Daily Soap- Ghar Ek Mandir 4:00 Daily Soap-Itihas 4:30 Daily Soap-Nazdeekian 5:00 Junoon 5:30 Bajah Ki Lehren 6:00 Just Mohabat #153 6:30 Tujpe Dil Qurban #14 ('Parmesh Sheth, Grusha Kapoor, Ronit Roy) 7:00 The Poppodium Show 7:30 Music Mantra (Trailer Show) 8:00 Chartbusters (Trailer Show) 8:25 Kabhi Yeh Kabhi Woh 8:55 I Love You #30 # Ep. ("Anup Soni, Shruti Ulfia) 9:35 Saaya #82 ("Achintay Kaur, Anup Soni, Aar Maheave, Monisha) 10:10 Missing #52 Ep. (P. Jacky Shroff) 10:45 Movers And Shakers 11:30 Ek Mahal Ha Sapo Ka 12:00 Heena #78 ("Rakhi Bhatt, Siman Singh, Rahul Bhatt, Nini Kulkarni) 12:30 Family No. 1 #86 ("Kanwaljeet, Tanvi Azmi, Kabir, Aporna) 1:00 Thodi Si Bewafa #7 ("Suroj Thapar, Diya, Olakhnath, Beena) 1:30 Kaash #8 2:00 Movers And Shakers 3:00 Daily Soap- Nazdeekian 3:30 Cine Night Show 4:00 Hindi Feature Film:

DD METRO

7:00 Anhad 7:15 Bhakti Sagar 7:45 Subah Aaj Tak 8:30 Imaging Science 9:00 The First Edition 9:30 Captain House 10:00 Serial: Alif Laila 10:30 Rej Par Likhe Naam 11:00 Daily Sope-Naya 11:30 Daily Sope-Savera 12:00 United Tele Shopping 12:30 Geeton Bharani 1:00 Serial: Bajae Payal 1:30 TV Brand 2:00 Diaawat: Cookery Show 2:30 Daily Sope- Bandhan 2:55 News 3:00 Serial: Swarjanji 3:30 Hindi Film Show: 6:00 Flash Garden 6:30 Mickey & Friends 7:00 Nature Calls 7:30 Parody Time 7:55 Navrang 8:00 Fashion Square 8:30 Daily Sope- Nayaa (Serial) 9:00 In Urdu 3:05 Serial: 9:35 Saaya #82 ("Achintay Kaur, Anup Soni, Aar Maheave, Monisha) 10:10 Missing #52 Ep. (P. Jacky Shroff) 10:45 Movers And Shakers 11:30 Ek Mahal Ha Sapo Ka 12:00 Heena #78 ("Rakhi Bhatt, Siman Singh, Rahul Bhatt, Nini Kulkarni) 12:30 Family No. 1 #86 ("Kanwaljeet, Tanvi Azmi, Kabir, Aporna) 1:00 Thodi Si Bewafa #7 ("Suroj Thapar, Diya, Olakhnath, Beena) 1:30 Kaash #8 2:00 Movers And Shakers 3:00 Daily Soap- Nazdeekian 3:30 Cine Night Show 4:00 Hindi Feature Film:

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STAR SPORTS

6:30 UK Domestic Cricket Norwich Union Ncl Nottingham ENGLAND- Essex Vs Nottinghamshire Div 1 12:15 Hindi Film Show: 2:30 Samachar (News in Hindi) 2:40 The News 3:00 Classical Music 3:15 Tlk Back 3:45 Subah Aaj Tak 4:30 Imaging Science 5:00 The First Edition 5:32 Serial: Talaash 6:00 Pakistan Reporter 6:32 Serial: Arpon 7:00 Urchandi (Serial) in Bengal 7:30 Hindi Film Show (Rpt):

SONY MAX

7:30 Film Show: Mahsati Anusuya 10:30 Film Show: Afansa 1:30 Chartbusters 2:00 Music Mantra 2:30 Film Show: Gharwali Baharwali (Anil Kapoor, Raveena Tandon, Rambha) 5:30 Film Show: Aan Baan 8:30 Chartbusters 9:00 Music Mantra 9:30 Sridevi And Madhuri Festival Film Show: Mr. India (Anil Kapoor, Madhuri, Anurash Puri) 12:30 Film Show: Shikar 3:30 Film Show: Nasihat

CNN International

6:30 Asian Edition 6:45 Asia Biz Morning 7:30 CNN This Morning 7:30 Business 8:00 CNN & Time 9:00 World News 9:30 Showbiz Today 10:00 World News 10:30 Best of Q & A 11:30 World Report 12:30 World Sport 1:00 World News 1:30 Best of Insight 2:30 CNN