

exhibition

Environment on Canvas

An art exhibition on environmental degradation presented by Bashati O Paribesh

By Shahnaz Parbeen

THE stories that are heard about the ancient Dhaka city which grew up on the banks of the river Buriganga, now sound like fables. Who among you would believe that this was once a city renowned for its scenic beauty? Bangladesh in general and Dhaka city in particular is facing acute environmental problems. These problems are multivariate and have been caused by multiple factors, which reinforce each other and give rise to this calamity. The population boom, the sewerage problems, the garbage disposal problems, the acute shortage of water

organisation feels that it's the responsibility of the people of Dhaka to prevent it from becoming yet another lost city.

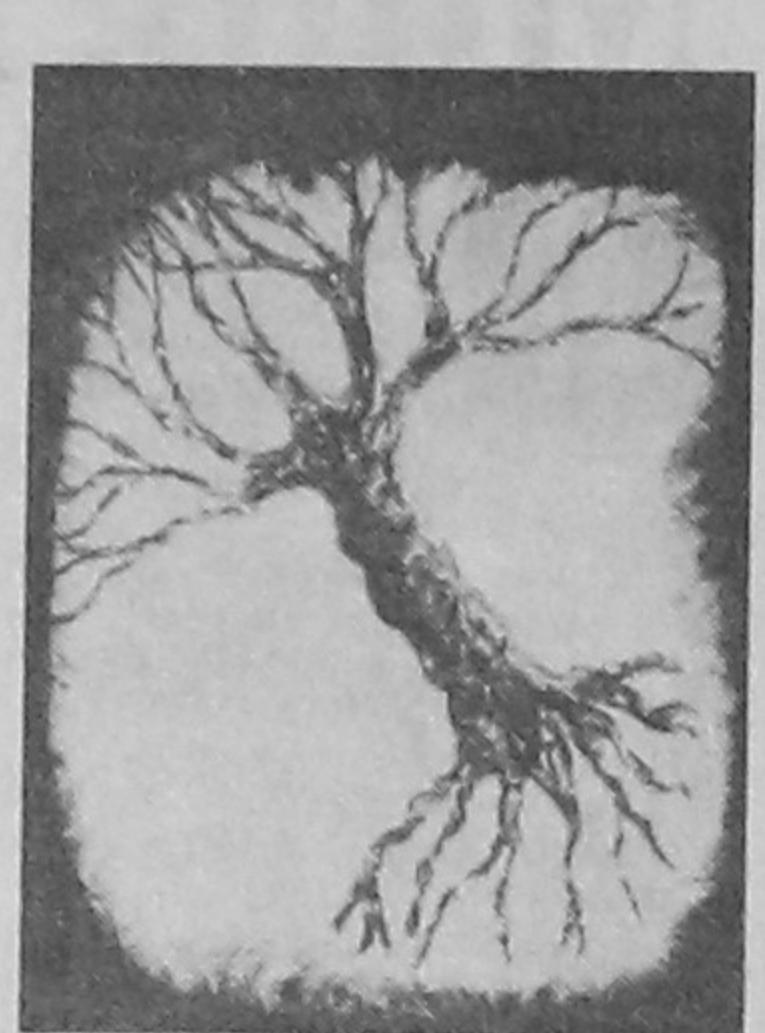
Bashati O Paribesh is a social welfare organisation aiming at environmental and cultural development. They are trying to create awareness among the general people through publications, seminars, painting exhibitions and art classes and competitions for children. It's a hopeful and reassuring sign that over the last fifty years, the mediums of art, especially paintings have been showing a strong inclination towards social awareness. The paintings depict political unrest, abuse of power, degradation of social values, empowerment of women and other burning issues that keep socially aware and concerned people on tenterhooks these days. It's also heartwarming, Bashati notes, to see the acceptability and appreciation of such art by common people. Since they feel it is the responsibility of artists to make people aware of the terrible predicament that is in store for Dhaka, they have arranged for a painting and sculpture exhibition at the Aerial Center at Dhanmondi. When there is large scale awareness among the people about the environmental danger that Dhaka is in, a mass movement for saving Dhaka can be taken up. This small movement will contribute to the greater cause of making the world a better place to live in.

There are beautiful paintings on display at the gallery, which is open to the public from 2p.m to 8p.m. every day up to 25th November. Some of these paintings show the magnificent beauty of nature. Among these are Balok O Prakriti (boy and nature), Madhyanner Bonobhum (forest at noon), and Prakritir Chhanda (The



Rhythm of Nature

rhythm of nature). Pakhi Shikari (bird hunter) shows a poacher selling migratory birds in a busy city road (a common site at Elephant Rd). Then there is Ashroy (shelter) by Shahabuddin Ahmed showing a homeless and hapless person taking refuge under the shade of a tree. There are some beautiful abstract paintings too. Some of these paintings are for sale and their prices range from a mere few thousand to Tk 25000. Most of the proceeds of the sales will go to the artists while a small portion of it will go to 'Urbi', a training programme run by this organisation for destitute handicapped children.



Death

The paintings are a real eye opener to the problems this mega city is faced with. They are lovely pieces of art too. Since the exhibition is open for all and entrance is free, everybody who has time to spare could go in and have a look at the display.

Bashati O Paribesh's chair person is architect Mazarul Quader. Its chief advisor is artist Abdur Razzaq and executive director is architect Jebrunnnesa Rana Mirza. The exhibition is dedicated to the late artist Rashid Chowdhury, the pioneer of this organisation and Bir shaheed Muktijoddha Captain Aftabul Quader Bir Uttam and Bir shaheed Muktijoddha Ahsanul Quader.

Tommy Boy on Nov 21 at 8 p.m.

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STAR SPORTS
12:30 Spanish Football League-2000/01 LIVE 2:30 Asian PGA Tour- Davidoff Tour: Star Alliance Open 3:30 Futbol Mundial 4:00 Sports India 4:30 Macau Grand Prix 2000 7:30 Sportsline Today LIVE 8:00 Spotsline Today 8:15 Spotsline Today 8:30 Spanish Football League-2000/01 10:30 Sports Unlimited 11:30 WTA Tour-Chase Championships of The WTA Tour 1:30 South Africa Cricket-New Zealand Tour of South Africa New Zealand vs South Africa 2:25 South Africa Cricket-New Zealand Tour of South Africa New Zealand vs South Africa 4:30 Asia Sport Show 5:00 South Africa Cricket-New Zealand Tour of South Africa New Zealand vs South Africa 6:00 That's Show 6:30 Star News Asia 7:00 Dharma & Greg 7:30 Frasier 8:00 Chicago Hope 9:00 Friends 9:30 Star News 10:00 That's Show 10:30 Dharma & Greg 11:00 Everybody Loves Raymond 11:30 Frasier 12:00 Chicago Hope 1:00 That's Show 1:30 Dharma & Greg 2:00 Everybody Loves

STAR MOVIES
7:30 Family: Ekneet Goes To Camp PG 9:30 Thriller: Scam 15 11:30 Drama: Ultimate Deception 12 1:30 Midday Movie: 101 Dalmatians G 3:30 Action: Speed 15 5:30 Western: I'm For The Hippopotamus 7:30 Comedy: Honey I Blew Up The Kid 9:30 Mystery & Scandals 10:00 Monday Comedy: Cousin Bette 15 12:00 Night of Laughter 2:00 Comedy: Hone I Blew Up The Kid 4:00 Action: Mob Story 12 5:30 Action: Speed 15

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