

Culture

art Capturing the Beauty in Burqa

Kuhu holds her third solo

By Fayza Haq

black umbrella. Kuhu says, "Initially I played in my mind as to how I was going to make a woman, who is completely wrapped in a 'burqa', attractive. Even her piercing eyes are black. But then black and white photographs are my favourite, and making black-and-white creations was a challenge that I took up. And once I got started I enjoyed my work thoroughly. Holding an umbrella in hand made the subjects more intense and it gave more depth to my subjects. I made close emotional contacts with my models and I found that a woman, whether dressed in a 'burqa' or a sari or a 'shalwar-kameez' or a dress, had the same dignity, depth and strength. One communicated with the eyes and the parts of the body that were exposed."



Kuhu says, "I found the 'burqa' quite appealing as a garment. I think it makes a woman quite attractive. To look at her eyes, you look at her twice. When I went to Dubai, I think I saw some of the most beautiful eyes. These women have the same strength and delicacy as a woman not wearing a 'burqa'. However, I don't advocate wearing a 'burqa'. As an artist I see the 'burqa' in a creative way."

"Time Stood Still" has a woman in black, white and grey. The woman's body is covered and there is a string under her chin holding the 'burqa' together. Her facial features are done in detail while her clothes are done in bold flowing strokes of black and grey. You can detect the buttons on her clothes, her hands are folding over a chair.

"Composition in Red and Black" has a woman covered in a red 'chadar'. She wears a 'teep', her lips are an attractive scarlet and she holds an umbrella in her hand. There is a lot of red, black and red in the background and this too is done in charcoal and paint.

Even more interesting is "The Gossip" which brings two women leaning over a pillow, sharing their thoughts. One of the women wears a black 'burqa' which with a touch of blue, and her face is depicted as she looks out. The details of her bangles and features are there. The pillow is sketched in. The woman in the red sari next to her is a contrast. The background is done in blue and black charcoal sweeps, with a hint of red here and there.

Viewers see another lady in a black 'burqa', sitting next to her husband in a rickshaw and looking quite complacent. The man has a flowing beard and sports a red 'gamcha' on his head.



We detect another woman in a "burqa", holding a candle in "Lady with a Lamp". Under her "burqa" is a red sari which adds charm to the creation. Her face and hands have a bronzed complexion. Her eyes and jewellery are done in some details while the rest of the work is sketched.

A white "burqa" in "Lady in White" is done in attractive details such as the pleat embroidery, sleeves and the buttons. The background is partly black, and the rest is white. This too is dramatic and uses simple economic lines. The lines are flowing and soft as in the rest of the compositions.

Kuhu has treated a simple subject with sophistication, imagination and suavity. This is her third solo exhibition and she has taken part in numerous group displays.

exhibition In Glory of Scripture

Iranian Cultural Centre holds an exhibition on the holy Quran

By Tawfique Ali

A week long exhibition on the Quran was inaugurated at the Novera Hall of the National Museum on December 14. The exhibition is accompanied by a recitation competition among different age groups.

The reason to hold this exhibition during the month of Ramadan is to commemorate the month's spirit. This is the month when the divine message descended upon Prophet Muhammad (SM).

A number of diverse collections of Holy Quran, age-old hand written copy of Quran, different books on the Quran, audio cassette of the Quran recital, VDOs and VCDs are being showcased at the exhibition.

Translation and review works of Quran are some important items accompanying a comprehensive study of the Quran.

Translation of Al-Quran covers a wide range of collection both from home and abroad. The exhibition is intended to show a rich volume of Islamic works in Bangladesh. Translation works of the Quran also include a collection, especially from Iran. A number of books on the Quran have been collected both from Bangladesh and Iran, both in Arabic and Bangla.

There are two copies of Quran translated with commentaries by T.B. Irving being displayed at the



A section of the visitors sort out the holy book at the exhibition.

exhibition. A special attraction in the exhibition is a wide collection of Iranian calligraphy of the Quran. Apart from this, there are seven types of Bangladeshi calligraphy done in water colour. Three of them, titled Salat, have been done by Bangladeshi calligrapher Bashir Misbah. And four others,

titled My Love-1 (Allah), My Love-2 (Prophet Muhammad (SM), Great Model and Faith, have been done by Anifur Rahman.

Another significant aspect of the exhibition is the verses, quoted from the Quran. The verses have been beautifully framed and been kept hanging which created an aesthetic appeal to the viewers.

Another fascinating aspect of the exhibition is the translations of the Quran in different languages like Russian, French, Chinese and Italian. Bangla translation of the Quran by Bhal Girish Chandra Sen is also on display. The copies of Quran in different types at the show easily captivate the visitors.

Exhibition of this kind has been a part of its yearly cultural event of the Iranian Cultural Centre since 1995. The Iranian Cultural Centre has been holding this exhibition more elaborately since 1996 outside the Centre. According to the cultural centre, such arrangement is meant to promote public awareness on the Holy Quran while they remain engaged with the worldly business. This exhibition will enable the people to have an easy access to the holy Quran while they get familiar with it.

Recommendations



Exhibition

A photography exhibition on the war victims of 1971 titled War Veterans of Bangladesh is being held at the Bengal Gallery of Fine Arts, at road # 27, Dhanmondi. This show, held as part of the 1st Festival of Photography in Asia, will run till December 19 from 10:00 a.m. to 8:00p.m. every day.

Painting Exhibition

Painting exhibition by Nurul Amin is now being held at the Divine Art Gallery at 11:00a.m.

Eminent art critic Sayeed Ahmed inaugurated the exhibition as chief guest, while artist Professor Abdus Sakoor was present as special guest.

The exhibition will remain open everyday from 10:00a.m. to 8:00p.m. till December 18.

Exhibition on Liberation

On the occasion of the 30th anniversary of the Liberation War, the Liberation War Museum has put up a month long exhibition titled *Gourabnoy Atmadan Chiro-Jagoruk*.

The remains found in the killing fields of Jalladkhana and Nuri Masjid and some photographs are being exhibited.

Exhibition

A comic exhibition titled *Ora Prithibir Swarna Dekhe*, 2000 Salar Chhobi, planned by Association Francaise d'Action Artistique is being held at the gallery of the L'Alliance Francaise de Dhaka. Open to all, the exhibition will run until January 9, 2001 from 9 a.m. to 12 noon every day.

TV GUIDE

PICK OF THE DAY



Sphere

Tonight on HBO at 10
Sent to explore a mysterious 300-year old spacecraft found at the bottom of the ocean, a team of scientist uncovers pulse-pounding terror instead. This exclusive sci-fi movie stars Dustin Hoffman, Sharon Stone, Samuel L Jackson.

5:30 Shrimati Sharma Na Kehti Thi 6:00 Small Wonder 6:30 Fox Kids 7:00 Fox Kids 7:30 Kahani Ghar Ki 8:00 Tu Tu Main Main 8:30 Gharwali Uparwali 9:00 Saans 9:30 Kaun Banega Crorepati 10:30 Kahani Ghar Ki 11:00 Kyunki Saas Bhi Kabhi Bahu Thi 11:30 Aaj Ki Baat 12:00 Tanha 12:30 Hit Ya Fit 1:00 Small Wonder 1:30 Saans 2:00 Meri Saheli 2:30 Tanha 3:00 Tu Tu Main Main 3:30 Kahani Ghar Ki 4:00 Gharwali Uparwali 4:30 Mirch Masaia 5:00 Kyunki

Home Improvement 5:00 STAR News Asia 5:30 Friends 6:00 That 70's Show 6:50 Everybody Loves Raymond 6:55 STAR News Asia 7:00 Dharma & Greg 7:30 Frasier 8:00 Chicago Hope 9:00 Friends 9:30 STAR News 10:00 That 70's Show 10:30 Dharma & Greg 11:30 Frasier 12:00 Chicago Hope 1:00 That 70's Show 1:30 Dharma & Greg 2:00 Everybody Loves Raymond 2:30 Frasier 3:00 Creflo Dollar Daily 3:30 Kenneth Copeland Ministries 4:00 Life In The World With Joyce Meyer 4:30 World News 5:00 The Things People Do 5:30 Mork & Mandy 6:00 Hollywood Squares 6:30 The New WKRP in Cincinnati 7:00 The Oprah Winfrey Show

STAR GOLD

8:00 Jubilee Plus 9:00 Tumse Acha Kaun Hai 12:00 Geet Bahar 12:30 Bidaai 3:30 Geet Bahar 4:00 Nishan 7:00 Geet Bahar 7:30 Monday Magic Insaniyat 10:30 Bollywood News 11:00 Shatranj 12:30 Shatranj (Cont) 2:00 Geet Bahar 2:30 Nishan 5:30 Shatranj

STAR WORLD

6:00 Hollywood Squares 6:30 The News WKRP in Cincinnati



That 70's Show on Star World tonight at 10

STAR MOVIES

7:00 Drama: Afterglow 9:30 Comedy: Can'T Buy Me Love 11:00 Thriller: Copycat 1:30 Midday Movie: Notting Hill 3:30 Thriller: Twist Of Fate 5:30 Thriller: Voyage Of Terror 7:30 Comedy: Three Fugitives 9:30 Mysteries & Scandals 10:00 Monday Comedy: Friends And Lovers 12:00 Night Of Laughter: National Lampoons: Golf Punks 2:00 Drama: Second Best 4:00 Comedy: Mr. Destiny 5:45 Romance: Love On The Edge

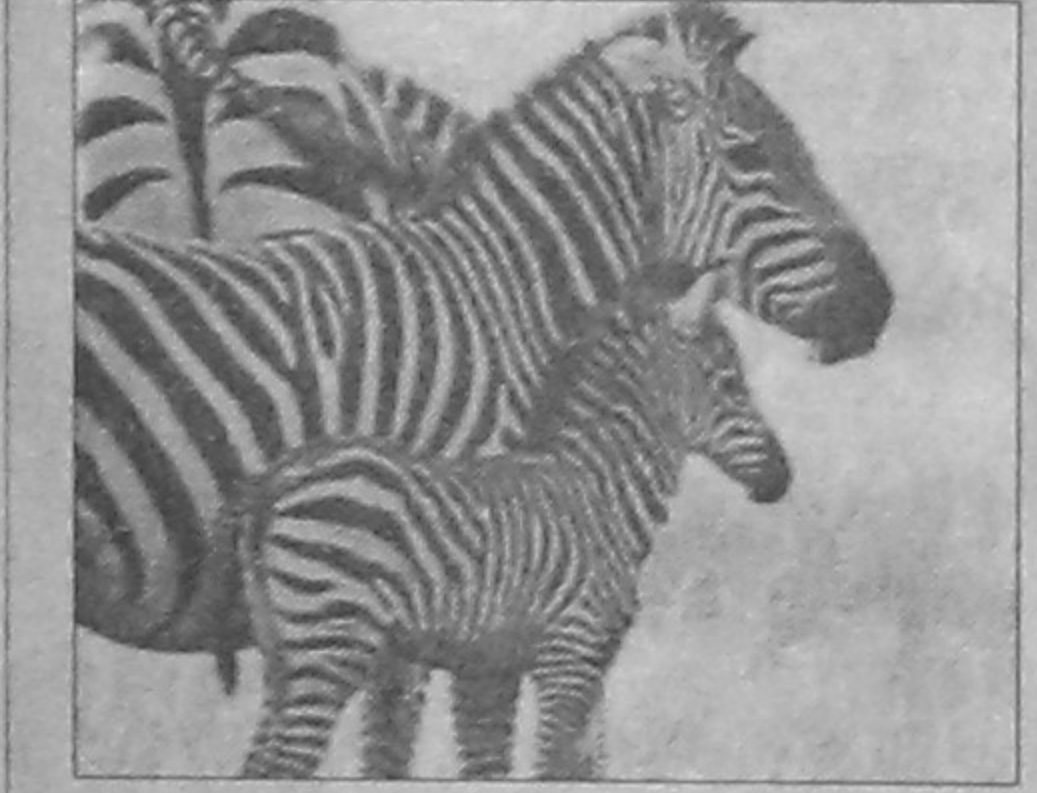
STAR PLUS (INDIA)

6:00 Chupa Rustom 6:30 Star Geetmala 7:30 Good Morning India 8:30 Cine Jharokha 9:00 Hit Ya Fit 9:30 Star Morning Show 12:30 Hit Ya Fit 1:00 TSN 1:30 Tanha 2:00 Meri Saheli 2:30 Saans 3:00 Kalash 3:30 Small Wonder 4:00 Kyunki Saas Bhi Kabhi Bahu Thi 4:30 Cine Jharokha 5:00 Yit Ya Fit



Bengali Movie Aalor Michil on Ekushey television tonight at 8:30

BTV
3:00 Opening Announcement 3:20 Open University 4:00 Khabar 4:05 Educational Programme 4:30 Shastha Tathya:
lines 3:05 Andha Shikari 3:30 Pother Paychali 4:00 Priyo Gaan 4:30 Expedition to the Animal Kingdom 5:00 Religious Musical Program 5:30



Toyota World of Wild Life on Ekushey television today at 7 in the evening

Healthcare
programme for mother and children 4:50 Mahe Ramadan 5:20 Anu Poromanu: Scientific programme for the children 5:45 Nutrition Facts 6:00 Khabar 6:10 Mati O Manush 6:30 Unmesh 7:00 Dolon Champa: Nazrulsaengeet programme 8:00 News in Bengali 8:20 Drama: Konnyar Chokher Jol 10:00 News at Ten 10:20 Murchana: Classical musical programme 11:15 Khabar/ The News 11:30 Close Down.

ALPHA BANGLA TV
6:00 Aalop 7:00 Grihosajja 7:30 News/Arghya 8:00 Din Protidin 9:00 News/Bharat Bhroman 9:30 Bhahari



Dharma & Greg on Star World tonight at 10:30

1:00 Surer Ei Jharna Dhara 1:30 Feature Film 4:00 Ek Akasher Niche 4:30 Griha Sajja 5:00 Shyaola

HBO
6:30 The Family Jewels 8:30 Singles 10:30 Caddyshack 12:30 Dream For An Insomniac 2:15 Marilyn: The Untold Story 4:45 US Marshals 7:30 The Mirror Has Two Faces 10:00 Sphere 12:30

7:00 The Oprah Winfrey Show 8:00 Home Improvement 8:30 Happy Days 9:00 French and Saunders 9:30 Blackadder 10:00 Murder Call 11:00 The Oprah Winfrey Show 12:00 Dr Quinn Medicine Woman 1:00 Fashion TV 1:30 The Bold And The Beautiful 2:00 Mork & Mandy 3:30 Happy Days 3:00 Baywatch 4:00 Hollywood Squares 4:30



Friends and Lovers on Star Movies tonight at 10. Ian (Newbern) decides to spend Christmas with his father in Utah, even though they don't get along especially well. Ian goes partly in hopes of patching up his relationship with his dad, and partly because his friends figure it would be a nice vacation. In fact, his friends join him on the trip and end up engaging in relationship roulette.

10:00 Ultrascience II 10:30 Amazing Worlds 11:30 Discovery Profile Series Files 12:30 Wild Discovery 1:30 Wild Asia 2:30 Medical Detectives III 3:00 Ultrascience II 3:30 Amazing Worlds 4:30 Discovery Profile Series 5:30 Discover Magazine

ZMG
1:30 Blood Red 4:00 On Thin Ice 6:30 The Reluctant 9:00 Consuming Passion 11:30 Miami Blues 2:00 Fatal Pulse 4:30 Bring on the Night 7:00 The Dreaming 9:30 Boundaries of the Heart 11:30 Wizard of Loneliness

ZEE CINEMA
2:30 Meri Dosti Tera Pyar (Abhi Bhattacharya, Geetanjali) 6:30 Jahan Pyar Mile 10:30



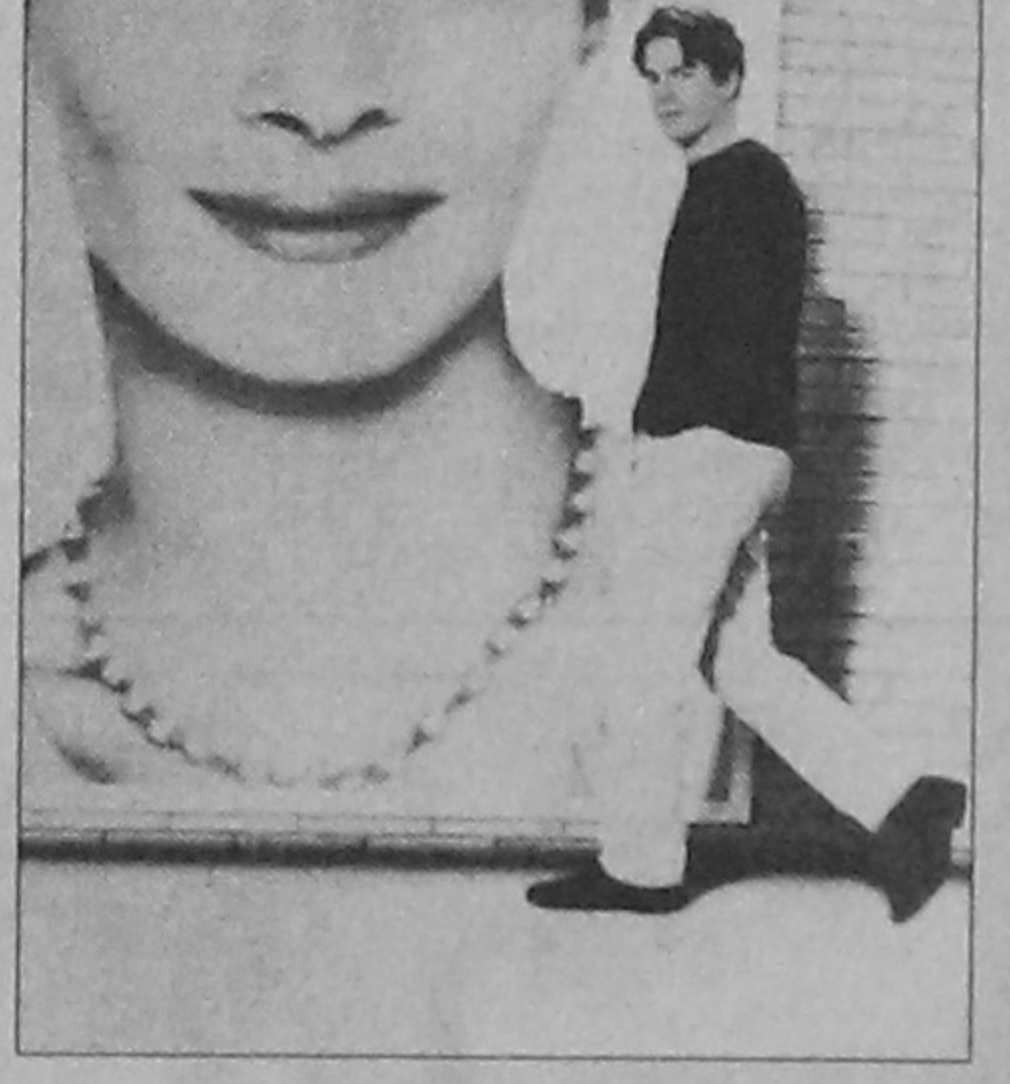
Frasier on Star World tonight at 11:30

5:00 Burn Up Excess/Who Dares Wins 6:00 Survivor 7:00 North Face/Expedition 8:00 Movie: Scarred City 10:00 North Face/Expedition 11:00 Movie: Scarred City 1:00 Earth Final Conflict/Live Free or Die 2:00 Big Sky II/The Choice 3:00 Silk Stalkings IV/Mud Queen Murders

BBC WORLD

6:00 BBC News 6:30 Asia Today/Reporters 7:00 BBC News/Asia

dent Ex World Review 3:00 BBC News 3:30 Hardtalk 4:00 BBC News 4:30 Top Gear 5:00 BBC News 5:30 Correspondent Ex World Review 6:00 BBC News 6:30 Face To Face 7:00 BBC News 7:15 World Business Report 7:30 Jancis Robinson's Wine Course 8:00 BBC News 8:30 Hardtalk 9:00 BBC News 9:30 Asia Today 10:00 BBC News 10:30 Mastermind India 11:00 BBC News 11:15 World Business Report 11:30 Click Online



Notting Hill on Star Movies today at 1:30pm

Today Inc/Asia Business Report 8:00 BBC News 8:30 Asia Today/Reporters 9:00 BBC News 9:30 Asia Today/Asia Business Report 9:30 Asia Today 10:00 BBC News 10:30 Earth Report Ex World Review 11:00 BBC News 11:30 Jancis Robinson's Wine Course 12:00 BBC News 12:30 India Business Report 1:00 BBC News 1:30 Hardtalk 2:00 BBC News 2:30 Correspondent

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Morning 5:00 CNN This Morning 5:30 Asia Business Morning 6:00 CNN This Morning 6:15 Asia Business Morning 6:30 Asian Edition 6:45 Asia Business Morning 7:00 CNN This Morning 7:30 Business Unusual 8:00 CNN & Time 9:00 World News 9:30 World News 10:00 This Week in the NBA 11:00 World News 11:30 Best of Q&A 12:00 World News 12:30 World Report 1:00 World News 1:30 World Sport 2:00 World News 2:30 Best of Insight 3:00 CNN & Time 4:00 World News 4:30 Biz Asia 5:00 Asia Tonight 5:30 World Sport 6:00 World News 6:15 Asian Edition 6:30 Biz Asia 7:00 World News 7:30 Hotspots 8:00 Asia Tonight 8:30 World Sport 9:00 World News 9:30 CNNdotCOM 10:00 World News 10:30 Biz Asia 11:00 World News 11:30 O&A South Asia 12:00 World News 1:00 CNN Indication 1:30 World Business Today 2:00 World News 2:30 Q&A 3:00 World News Europe 3:30 CNN Newsroom

DISCOVERY CHANNEL
6:30 Go For It 7:30 Ushuaia 8:30 Lonely Planet II 9:30 Animals in Danger 10:00 Eye-witness III 10:30 Danger Zone III 11:00 Outer Bounds I & II 11:30 Shark Files, The (II) 12:30 Wild Discovery 1:30 Medical Detectives II 2:00 Medical Detectives I 2:30 Discover Magazine 3:30 Go For It 4:30 Ushuaia 5:30 Lonely Planet III 6:30 Crocodile Hunter's Croc Files 7:00 Bonehead Detectives of the Paleoworld 7:30 Wild Discovery 8:30 Wild Asia 9:30 Medical Detectives III

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