

exhibition

# Bringing Life to Metal

Abrarur Rahman charms the town with his creations of imitation jewelry for women

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THERE is nothing like jewelry to adorn an outfit and brighten one's appearance. And when those jewelry are exotic, innovative and eye catching, there is little else one can ask for.



Abrarur Rahman

Abrarur Rahman's jewelry exhibition that ended in the city on Tuesday was an insight into such a collection of creative extravaganzas that stole the hearts of many a people in the city. This was the artist's second show in town, having made quite an impact with his first one last year at Alliance Francaise de Dhaka.

Imitation jewelry in our country is mainly limited to designs imported from neighbouring countries and are the commercial varieties that are available in the hundreds. There are few houses that provide exclusive items designed by local people. Abrar emerged as a rising star in jewelry designing scene. Just as expectations form him are plenty, likewise he has many hurdles to face since the craft of locally made imitation jewelry is a field yet to be explored thoroughly. This also gives him the freedom to experiment with a variety of materials and discover the combination he is looking for.

The pieces on show at the exhibition included single strand pieces, shatleheris, and multiple



Women crowd at the exhibition, taking a closer look at the beautiful creations.

sits to making the actual sets in various combinations as he has designed. He doesn't delegate this portion of the work to any one else, for different reasons, one of them being that the craftsmen make copies of his work to sell them individually. Also because it gives him the freedom to make any alteration as he desires as he proceeds.

The artist stresses on the use of quality materials for his pieces. He uses teak wood for the beads used in his jewelry pieces. He has tried to make a fusion of eastern and western style in the making of this collection. He has made use of *mina* work, moving away from the traditional *mina* patterns in green, red etc to make a style called *mahagony mina*, that turns out in earth tones. He has also used the new trend of colourful beads in setting the silver/gold pieces for an eastern look with a western touch to his creations. He has made the traditional *sattaleheris* for example in multicoloured wooden beads, inspired by the use of beads by the aborigines of Australia.

Abrar has no formal experience in jewelry designing but has

graduated from Chittagong Institute of Fine Arts with a degree in Industrial Art. At present he is working with Singer, Bangladesh Ltd.

Talking about the success of his current show, Abrar says that he is overwhelmed by the response he has received in this show. He has almost sold out all that he created and received orders of 50 more items to be delivered by next month. He stopped taking more orders in the current season because of the limitations in the number of items he can make. There was also a section of customers who wanted him to create the same pieces in gold for the. Abrar says that he is not yet interested in venturing into that.

But judging by the beautiful and unique pieces he has created for this collection, one can almost be sure that if he does venture into gold, the pieces created would be equally eye-catching. Even if he doesn't, this man with a flair for beautiful combinations has charmed out the jewelry lovers of the town.

The show may be over, but the charm lingers on.

## Recommendations



### Circus Women

Indian photographer Saibal Das peeps beyond the glamour of shows and picks up the glimpses of the circus women their joy and misery, their agony and amusement entwined in their everyday life. The show is part of the on going Chobi Mela, 1st Festival of Photography in Asia. The show is being held at Russian Cultural Centre and will run until December 23 from 9 am to 4 pm.

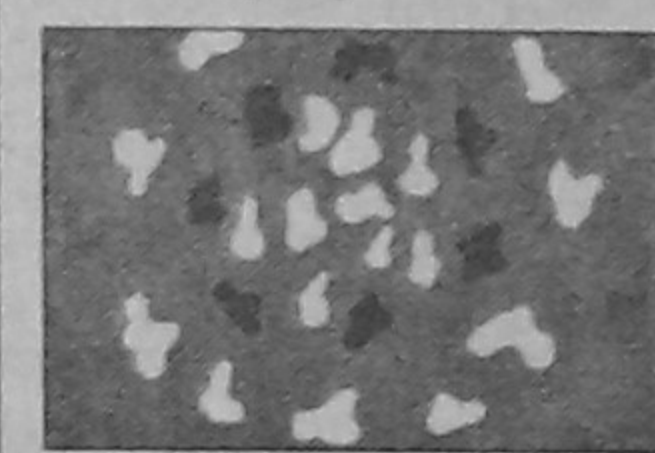
### Exhibition on Liberation

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

The remains found in the killing fields of Jalladkhana and Nuri Masjid and some photographs are being exhibited, at the museum gallery at Segun Bagicha.

### Exhibition

A comic exhibition titled *Ora Prithibir Swapna Dekhe*, 2000 Saler 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.



### Interactive Painting Show

A creatively interactive painting exhibition titled *Mine, Yours, His/Her's and Everybody Else's Paintings* by Omar Zafar is now being held at the Bengal Gallery of Fine Arts at Dhanmandi. The show will remain open on December 21-22 and from December 31-January 9, 2001. The gallery will remain closed from December 24-30 for Eid holidays.



A diamond shaped pendant on a string of blue beads



A multicoloured wooden bead *sattaleheri*.

layers of beads set with gold-plated pendants. All had matching strand sporting a diamond shaped pendant off set by blue *mina* work and smaller blue beads, a pale green beaded strand supporting rectangular pieces strung together with smaller beads of pale green and jade, a *sattaleheri* in multicoloured wooden beads, highlighted by brown round beads, a *sattaleheri* in tiny wooden beads carrying an intricately designed large rectangular pendant...the combinations on show are simply endless.

Abrar has used a variety of materials in his collection, glass, stone, shell and wooden and plastic beads of different sizes and shapes and silver plated in gold. The beads he coloured according to his taste matching them with the *mina* inset on the silver pieces and other beads. These formed the string on which the pendant was set and was further complemented by matching smaller beads used to decorate the pendant as well as the earrings.

Abrar works from his own workshop in his house at Kalabagan. He primarily designs the jewelry pieces and gets them done from silversmiths at Savar. After the elementary work of preparing the jewelry pieces and their gold plating is over, he next



A combination of light and dark green beads offset this neck piece.

## TV GUIDE

### PICK OF THE DAY



#### Mission Impossible

on HBO at 10 pm.

Tom Cruise plays super-agent Ethan Hunt, accused of betraying his agency and selling top-secret information to the highest bidder. Racing from one tight spot to another, he fights to prove his innocence and to uncover the 'mole' that threatens the CIA's efforts in Eastern Europe.

Prime Risk 4:30 Wisdom 7:00 Eleventh Commandment 9:30 Mississippi Burning 11:30 The Joshua Tree 1:30 To Die For 4:00 The Coming

AXN 6:00 Burn Up Excess/Who Dares Wins 7:00 Survivor 8:00 High Action Adrenaline/Space Warship Yamamoto Yoko 9:00



Safal Jara Kemon Tara on Ekushey TV at 8 pm. An interesting activity show with who are successful in life. This week's stars are Selim Mahubb and Banya Mirza.

Movie/Stand off 10:00 North Face Expedition 11:00 Movie/Stand off 1:00 Earth Final Conflict 1/7 The Secret of Standhill 2:00 Big Sky II/Edge of Reality 3:00 Silk Stalkings IV/Ghost of the Past

BBC WORLD 6:00 BBC News 6:30 World Business Report 7:00 BBC News 7:30 Asia Today/Asia Business Report 8:00 BBC News 8:30 Asia Today/Asia Business Report 9:00 BBC News 9:30 Asia Today 9:45 Asia Business Report 10:00 BBC News 10:30 Hardtalk 11:00 BBC News 11:30 Click Online 12:00 BBC News 12:30 IT India Tomorrow 1:30 BBC News 1:30 Hardtalk 2:00 BBC News 2:30 Panorama Cutting 3:00 BBC News 3:30 Hardtalk 4:00 BBC News 4:30 Talking Movies 5:00 BBC News 5:30 Panorama Cutting 6:00 BBC News 6:30 IT India Tomorrow 7:00 BBC News 7:15 World Business Report 7:30 Talking Movies 8:00 BBC News 8:30 Hardtalk 9:00 BBC News 9:30 Asia Today 10:00 BBC News 10:15 World Business Report 10:30 Question Time India 11:00 Top Gear 12:35 World Business Report 12:45 World Sport 1:00 World News 1:30 Hardtalk 2:00 BBC News 2:30 Jancis Robinson's Wine Course ex Life 3:00 BBC News 3:30 World Business Report 4:00 BBC News 4:30 Correspondent 5:00 BBC News 5:30 World Business Report/USA Direct/Asia Today

CNN 4:00 CNN This Morning 4:30 Asia Business 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 Moneyline 8:00 Larry King Live 9:00 World News 9:30 World Sport 10:00 World News 10:30 Showbiz Today 11:00 World News 11:30 Q&A (replay) 12:00 World News 12:30 World Report 1:00 World News 1:30 World Sport 2:00 World News 2:30 Insight 3:00 Larry King Live (replay) 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 Wibizasia 8:00 Asia Tonight 8:30

World Sport 9:00 World News 9:30 Style South Asia 10:00 World News 10:30 Biz Asia 11:00 World News 11:30 Q&A South Asia 12:00 World News 1:00 CNNdotcom 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 9:30 Assignment Discovery 10:30 ESPU 11:00 Outer Bounds 11:30 Shark Files 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 Bonehead Detectives of the Paleoworld 7:00 Mega Movie Magic II 7:30 Wild Discovery 8:30 Ultimate Guide 9:30 Future Tense 10:00

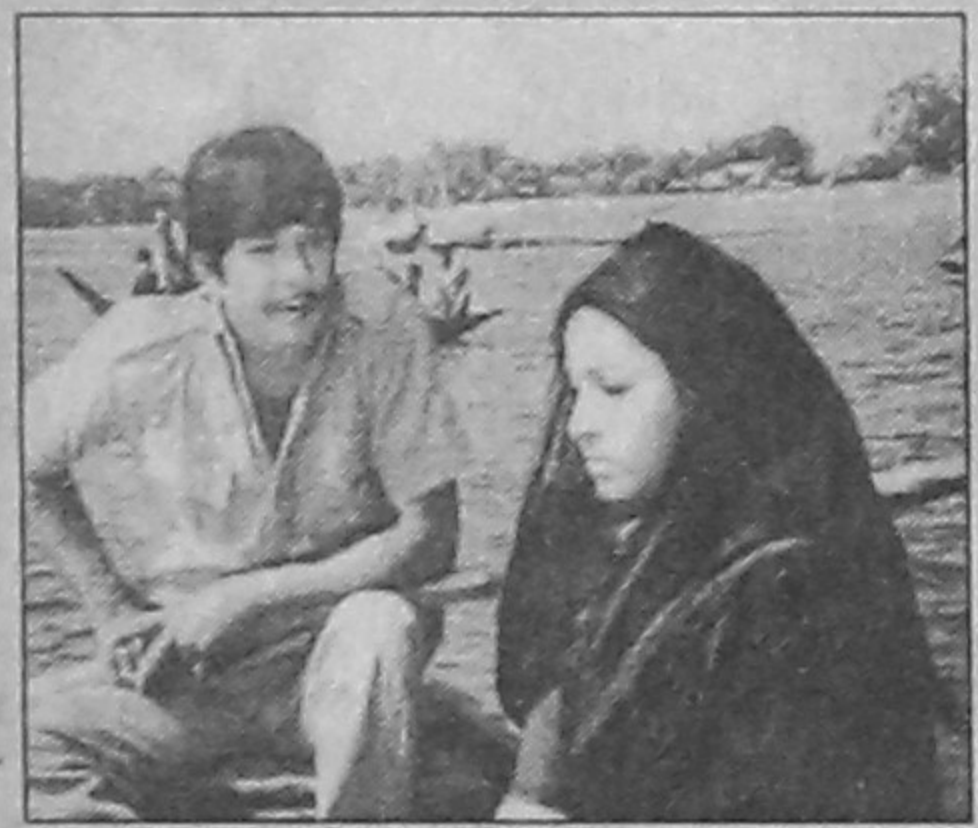


Bengali feature film *Chitra Nadir Pare* on Ekushey TV at 2:40 pm. Tanvir Mokammel, one of the leading directors to emerge from the alternative film movement, sets in latest film *Chitra Nadir Pare* in the 60s when student movement for a new cultural and national identity takes the form of a national movement and also there is Hindu hatred in the air pushing the minority Hindus to borders. Starring Afsana Mimi, Tawkir Ahmed, Rawshan Jamil and Momtazuddin Ahmad.

Seatek II 10:30 India Hour: Gulistan 11:30 Discovery Profile Series 12:30 Wild Frontiers 1:30 Ultimate Guide 2:30 Future Tense 3:00 Seatek II 3:30 India Hour: Gulistan 4:30 Discovery Profile Series 5:30 Discover Magazine

NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC 7:00 Family Hour: Pantanal Brazil's Storgotten Wild 8:00 Island in the Sky 9:00 Family Hour: Swiftwater Rescure 10:00 Wild: Botswana's Triology 11:00 Friday Frontiers: Life's Little Questions 12:00 Ocean Worlds: Diving With The Greatwhales 1:00 Wild: Island of the Vampire Birds 2:00 Risky Business: Urban Gator 2:30 Fore! 3:00 Wild: Return to the wild The Rescued Koala 3:30 Animal Minds 4:00 The Deadly Season 5:00 Family Hour: Dances of the Deep 6:00 Wild: Botswana's Triology 7:00 Friday Frontiers: Mediterranean on Therocks 8:00 The Ghost Whales of Lancaster Sound 8:30 Ocean Worlds: The Ghost Whales of Lancaster Sound 9:00 Return to the Wild: The Disappearing Manatee 9:30 Wild: Graffe of Etosha 10:30 Wild: Graffe of Etosha 11:30 Friday Frontiers: Mediterranean on Therocks 11:00 The Ghost Whales of Lancaster Sound 11:30 Ocean Worlds: The Ghost Whales of Lancaster Sound 12:30 Wild: Botswana's Triology 1:30 The Deadly Season 2:30 Return to the wild The Rescued Koala 3:30 Return to the Wild: The Disappearing Manatee 4:00 Wild: Botswana's Triology 5:00 National Geographic Specials: Love These Trains 6:00 The Survival Game

EKUSHEY TV 2:00 Ekushey News Headlines 2:05 Ajker Potnikay 2:15 Meizan Roshonar Bashona 2:40 Bangla Movie: Chitra Nadir Pare 5:00 Religious Musical Program 5:30 E Shoptaher Bishsho



Chirantani on Ekushey TV at 10:20 pm. Chirantani will feature love songs in this episode.

6:00 Ekushey News Headlines 6:05 The Big Fight 6:30 Gillette World Sports Special 7:00 Pepsodent Braincheck 7:30 Ekushey News 8:00 Shofol Jara Kemon Tara 8:30 Virgin Takdum Takdum 9:00 Shukrobarer Natok: Otoppor Tahara 10:00 BTN News 10:20 Chirontonee 11:00 Ekushey Late Night News 11:15 Ei Shoptaho 11:30 Ekushey News Headlines

STAR WORLD 6:00 Mork & Mindy 6:30 Hollywood Squares 7:00 The New WKRP in Cincinnati 7:30 The Oprah Winfrey Show 8:00 Home Improvement 8:30 Happy Days 9:00 Walker Texas Ranger 10:00 Martial Law 11:00 The Oprah

Jharokha 9:00 Hit Ya Fit 9:30 Star Morning Show 12:30 Hit Ya Fit 1:00 TSN 1:30 Shrimati Sharma Na Kehi Thi 2:00 Meri Saheli 2:30 Saans 3:00 Hasna Mat 3:30 Small Wonder 4:00 Jubilee Plus 4:30 Cine Jharokha 5:00 Hit Ya Fit 5:30 Chupa Rustom 6:00 Small Wonder 6:30 Fox Kids 7:30 Hello Cinema 8:00 Tu Tu Main Main 8:30 Kalash 9:00 Star Superhits: Salaakhein (Sunny Deol, Reevana Tandon) 12:00 Aaj Ki Baat 12:30 Hit Ya Fit 1:00 Small Wonder 1:30 Saans 2:00 Meri Saheli 2:30 Sewalal Mewawala 3:00 Tu Tu Main Main 3:30 I Love My India 4:00 Kuchha Papad Pucca Papad 4:30 Janata Ki Adalat 5:00 Siski 5:30 Kalash

10:00 Friday Night All Stars: Howards End 12:15 Friday Fury: Super Lady Cop 2:30 Action: Rapid Assault 15 4:00 UK Top Ten 5:00 Comedy: The Ref 12



Weekend drama *Atapar Tahara* on Ekushey TV at 9 pm. Uncle Matin is a bachelor. A rickshawpuller convinces him that a bachelor go mad in his old age. After this uncle Matin begins act peculiarly.

STAR MOVIES 7:30 Drama: Playing to Win PG 9:30 Thriller: Earthquake In New York 15 11:30 Drama: Shattered Hearts 12 1:30 Middy Movie: Dangerous Ground 15 3:30 Drama: Playing to Win PG 5:30 Action: Metro 7:00 Family: 101 Dalmatians 9:30 Bhaskar Ghose Show

2:00 Ek Raaz (Contd) 2:00 Geet Bahar 2:30 Subah Ka Tara (Jayshree, Pradeep Kumar) 5:30 Ek Raaz (Kishore Kumar, Jamuna, Pran)

ALPHA TV BANGLA 5:30 Hiyaar Majhe 6:30 Alaap 7:00 Griha Sajja 7:30 News/Arghya 8:00 Serial: Din

ZEE CINEMA 6:30 Mahashaktiman (Raj Babbbar, Meenakshi) 10:30 Jagannath (Shatrughan Sinha, Sangeeta) 2:00 Jheel Ke Us Paar (Mumtaz, Dharmendra) 6:30 Katha (Farokh Nasir, Ditya) 10:30 Jeevan Ek Sangharsh (Anil Kapoor, Madhuri) 2:30 Meri Mahabbat Mera Nasiba (Ravi Behl, Saanchi)

ZEE MGM 6:30 Doctor At Sea 9:00 Our Sons 11:30 Bring on the Night 2:00