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Colouring a Different Canvas

Sumon Bapary's his first solo at L'Alliance Francaise de Dhaka

By Tawfique Ali

PAINTING these days has gained newer dimensions. With various experiments by the artists it is in a process of transformation. Artists are too tireless in their effort to give their works a different characteristic. Such efforts speak about the novelty in their minds. Bangalees have traditionally inherited a different artistic trend. Their pottery, wood-work and metal work can easily be treated as artworks. This bears a testimony to the fact of what they are. Making pots and panting on them is an ancient tradition in Bangalee culture. Contemporary young artists are remarkably exerting their artistic creed to once again portray the country's traditional past with a new appeal. The solo exhibition of pottery painting by Sumon Bapary, a budding painter, hosted by Alliance Francaise is not an exception to that. This show, opened on January 15, is another step to retain Bangladeshi cultural tradition.

The works on display are portraits, landscapes and women figures in pastoral setting, floral and abstract alpona. Bangladesh's natural beauty painted on the pots of different shapes and sizes easily entice the viewers. The works have been made eloquent by the deliberate use of colours signifying the artist's feelings, his ideas and objectives. But could painting on pots be a problem for an artist? "The texture of the pot itself has given me a challenge to paint on it and I find that the shape of the pot can give a different dimension to my paintings," said Sumon.

A number of realistic portraits haven found powerful expression in Sumon's works. Portrayal of Sheikh Mujibur Rahman, Rabindranath Tagore, Kazi Nazrul Islam and a pioneering Bangladeshi photographer Monjur Alam Beg are the remarkable examples of texture. Another portrayal of a singing bowl against a pastoral backdrop represents rural landscape of this country.

Women faces occupy many of Sumon's works. These faces speak of their sorrows and happiness, some other innermost feelings with adequate purity and simplicity in this part of portrayal. Though deformity is frequent and prominent in Sumon's works, realistic implication has also been suggested. One of the paintings shows a woman figure against the backdrop of a meadow, standing under a tree. She is clad in leaves, virtually suggesting woman and nature merged into one. It is further hinted that the woman likes to be identical with the nature. This in fact implicates that women and nature are complementary to each other. She appears to be emotionally attached to nature. She stretches her look to the far end of the horizon, may be awaiting her loved one to come back to her. This woman's emotion and mind's texture are reflected against big canvas called 'nature' that simultaneously echoes emotional intricacy and mental state of a youthful woman. Nature and women share each other emotionally in this piece of work.

In another piece, a woman is seen sitting under a tree letting her legs wet in water of a running brook by the distant hills. The usual shape of the tree has been broken into different forms, may be to give expressions to different states of the woman's mind.

Another notable work in the show projects distracted human thoughts. Distraction has been suggested by the use of different colours and shade. Stormy condition of thoughts settle down at one stage and comes to a confluence that assumes red colour suggesting a radiant resolution.

Sumon Bapary, a second-year student, currently enrolled in BAF Govt Art College, Chittagong, took part in a duet pottery exhibition held at Alliance Francaise in 2000.

All his earthen works paintings on display are for sale. Prices of these Bangladeshi urns vary from Tk 55 to Tk 3500. Wide ranging floral alpona on the pottery are potential ingredients of decoration, beautification and collection.

Art lovers and gallery goers may spend an evening among these colourful urns at L'Alliance Francaise.

Visitors admire a piece by Alka Mathur at the joint show by two Indian artists, Naresh Kapuria and Alka Mathur, now being held at Bengal Gallery of Fine Arts. Minister for Communications Anwar Hossain performed the inauguration of the 16-day show yesterday. High Commissioner of India to Bangladesh M.L. Tripathi was present the inaugural ceremony as special guest. --Star photo.

Recommendations

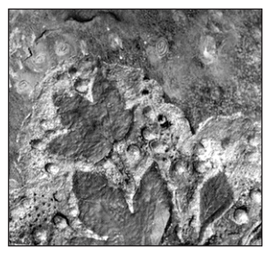
14th National Art Exhibition.

Three-week long Fourteenth National Art Exhibition 2000, organised by Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy, will be inaugurated on January 23, 2001 at the Academy auditorium at 4:00 afternoon.Theexhibition will go on till 12th February daily from 11:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. From 3:00 p.m. to7:00 p.m. on Friday. The exhibits will be on display at Bangladesh shishu Academy and Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy Gallery.

Musical evening

Muktijudha Jadughar(Liberation war museum) presents a fund raising winter evening of musical soiree.

Pramila Chakrabarti's solo musical recital will be held at the Cafe Theatre of the Museum---5, Segun Bagicha, on January 26 at 6. Snacks will be served in the tea-break.



Art exhibition

Alka mathur and Naresh Kapuria's joint show opens at Bengal Gallery onJanuary18. Alka Mathur is a familiar name in the Dhaka art circle. These two artists together promise a mind stirring show for the city's gallery-goers.

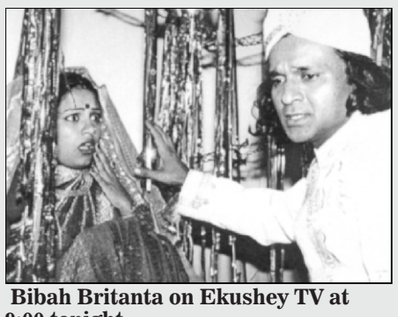
The War We Forgot

A photography exhibition on the history of country's Liberation War has opened at the Drik Gallery..The show displays historic images of the internationally renowned press and other photographers who were in bangladesh during the War in 1971.The works of Abbas, Barbey, Henri Bureau, David Burnett, Horst Faas(Associated Press), Michel Laurent(associted Press)Raghu Rai Rashid Talukder , among others, have been kept on display. The exhibition is open for all from 3 p.m.to 8 p.m. daily and will come to an end on February 2.

TV GUIDE

EKUSHEY TV

2:00 Ekushey News Headlines 2:05 Ajker Potrikay 2:15 E Shoptaher Bishsho 2:40 Classic Cartoons 3:00 Ekushey News Headlines 3:05 Bangla Movie: 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 Drama Serial: Probashi Porijon 8:30 Virgin Takdum Takdum 9:00 Shukrobarer Natok: Bibaho Brittanto 10:00 BTV News 10:20 Nescafe Unpluggled 11:00 Ekushey Late Night News 11:15 Ei Shoptaho 11:30 Ekushey News Headlines



Bibah Britanta on Ekushey TV at 9:00 tonight.

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French and Saunders on Star World at 3:00 in the morning.

STAR WORLD

6:30 Life In The Word With Joyce Meyer 7:00 World News 7:30 Grace Under Fire 8:30 Murder Call 9:30 The Oprah Winfrey Show 10:30 Home Improvement 11:00 Happy Days 11:30 Walker Texas Ranger 12:30 Martial Law 1:30 The Oprah Winfrey Show 2:30 World's Wildest Police Video 3:30 Grace Under Fire 4:00 The Bold & the Beautiful 4:30 Mrk & Mindy 5:00 Happy Days 5:30 Baywatch 6:30 Hollywood Squares 7:00 Home Improvement 7:30 STAR News Asia 8:00 Friends 8:30 World Championship Wrestling Worldwide 9:25 STAR News Asia 9:30 Nash Bridges 10:30 Murder Call 11:30 Friends 12:00 STAR News 12:30 Nash Bridges 1:30 Goodness Gracious Me 2:00 Blackadder 2:30 3rd Rock From the Sun 3:00 French and Saunders 3:30 Murder Call 4:30 Nash Bridges 5:30 Morris Cerullo

Friends on Star World at 8:30 tonight.

STAR PLUS

6:00 Tu Tu Main Main 6:30 STAR Geetmala 7:30 Hit Ya Fit 8:00 Cine Jharokha 8:30 Good Morning India 9:30 Star Morning Show 12:30 Hit Ya Fit 1:00 TSN 1:30 Shrimati Sharma Na Kehti Thi 2:00 Meri Saheli 2:30 Saans 3:00 Hasna Mat 3:30 I Love My India 4:00 Jubilee Plus 4:30 Cine Jharokha 5:00 Hit Ya Fit 5:30 Chhupa Rustom 6:00 Small Wonder 6:30 Fox Kids 8:00 Tu Tu Main Main 8:30 Kalash 9:00 Star Superhits: Parapara (Amir Khan, Saif Ali Khan, Raveena Tandon, Neelam) 12:00 Aaj Ki Baat 12:45 Parampara (Contd) 1:00 Chalti Ka Naam Antakshri 2:00 Gharwali Uparwali 2:30 Chhupa Rustam 3:00 Shrimati Sharma Na Kehti Thi 3:30 Kalash 4:00 I Love My India 4:30 Janata Ki Adalat 5:00 Siski 5:30 STAR Bestsellers

Home Improvement on star World at 10:30 a.m.

STAR MOVIES

7:00 Drama: The Outsiders 9:00 Thriller: Snake Eyes 11:00 Action: Money Talks 1:00 Comedy: Life with Mikey 1:00 Action: Rambo First Blood 2 3:00 Action: The Contract 5:00 Comedy: Ernest Saves Christmas 7:00 You-Pick-the-Flick: TBA 9:00 Action: 6 Days 7 Nights 11:00 Drama: The Outsiders 1:00 Action: Jack Of Hearts 3:00 Drama: A River Runs Through It 5:00 Comedy: Bitter Suite

STAR GOLD

8:30 Bollywood News 9:00 Geetanjali (Jeetendra, Rekha) 12:00 Geet Bahar 12:30 Naya Din Nai Raat (Sanjeev Kumar, Jaya Bhaduri) 3:30 Bollywood News 4:00 Ek Hi Maqsad (Om Puri, Divya Rana) 7:00 Geet Bahar 7:30 Shaandaar Shukrawaar Film Show: Gharana (Rajendra Kumar, Asha Parekh) 10:30 Bollywood News 11:00 Aar Paar (Guru Dutt, Shyama) 12:30 Aar Paar (Contd) 2:00 Geet Bahar 2:30 Ek Hi Maqsad (Om Puri, Divya, Rana) 5:30 Aar Paar (Guru Dutt, Shyama)

HBO

6:30 Surviving Picasso 9:15 The Paper 11:30 Wag The Dog 1:30 Batman Returns 4:00 Top Secret! 5:45 The Stepdaughter 7:45 Twister 10:00 Tango & Cash 12:15 A Prefect World 3:15 Wag The Dog 5:15 Top Secret!

AXN

6:00 Dark Skies/Inhuman Nature 7:00 Action Heroes/Action Heroes 8:00 Cyberteam in Akihabara/Flame of Recca 9:00 Slam Dunk/Samurai X 10:00 Charlie's Angels I/Angels on a String 11:00 Action Heroes/Action Heroes 12:00 Beastmaster II 1:00 Movie: Home Invasion 3:00 Who Dares Wins/Cyberteam in Akihabara 4:00 Flame of Recca/Slam Dunk 5:00 Samurai X/Who Dares Wins 6:00 Walker's World/Walker's World 7:00 Wheels of Justice 8:00 Premiere Movie: The Opportunists 10:00 Charlie's Angels I/Angels on a String 11:00 18 Wheels of Justice 12:00 Movie: The Opportunists 2:00 Dark Skies/Inhuman Nature 3:00 Silk Stalkings V/Playing Doctor

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 ex Privacy: Net World Rev 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 Italian Feast Rouch Science 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 / Asia Today

CNN

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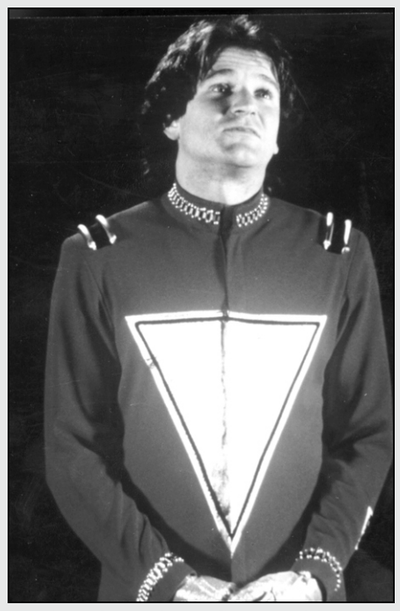
DISCOVERY CHANNEL

6:30 Eyewitness II 7:00 In Care of Nature 7:30 Outer Bounds I&II 8:00 Without Warning I 8:30 Lonely Planet I 9:30 Assignment Discovery 10:30 Go For It! 11:30 Inntimate Escapes 12:00 Inntimate Escapes 12:30 Wild Discovery 1:30 Medical Detectives II 2:30 21st Century Medicine 3:30 Animal Survivors 4:00 In Care Of Nature 4:30 Outer Bounds I & II 5:00 Without Warning I 5:30 Lonely Planet III 6:30 Splat II & III 7:00 Let's Dance/There's No Food Like My Food 7:30 Wild Discovery 8:30 Ultimate Guide 9:30 Future Tense 10:00 Cafe Digital 10:30 India Hour: Gulsitan 11:00 India Hour Gulsitan 11:30 Discovery Profile Series 12:30 Wild Discovery 1:30 Ultimate Guide 2:30 Future Tense 3:00 Cafe Digital 3:30 India Hour: Gulsitan 4:30 Discovery Profile Series 5:30 21st Century Medicine



Mork and Mindy on Star World at 4:30 afternoon.

ZEE CINEMA

6:30 Raksha Bandhan (Sachin, Sarika) 10:30 Chowkidar (Sanjeev Kumar, Yogita Bali) 2:00 Commando (Mithun, Mandakani) 6:30 Suhaag (Amitabh Bachchan, Rekha) 10:30 Jungbaaz (Raj Kumar, Govinda, Mandakini) 2:30 Raani Mera Naam (Vijaya Laxmi, Premnath)

ZMGM

6:30 Lonely Hearts 9:00 Desert Heart 11:30 The Charge of Model-T 2:00 Getting Even 4:30 Perfect Man 7:00 the Believers 9:30 The Favor 11:30 Drugstore Cowboy 1:30 Hotel Oklahoma 4:00 Dinner at the Ritz

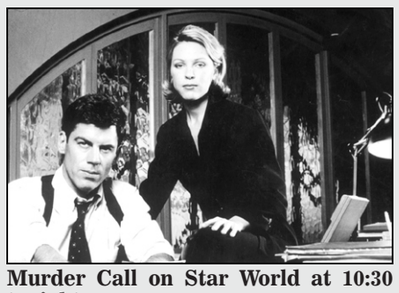
PICK OF THE DAY

Tango & Cash on HBO
Tonight at 10:00

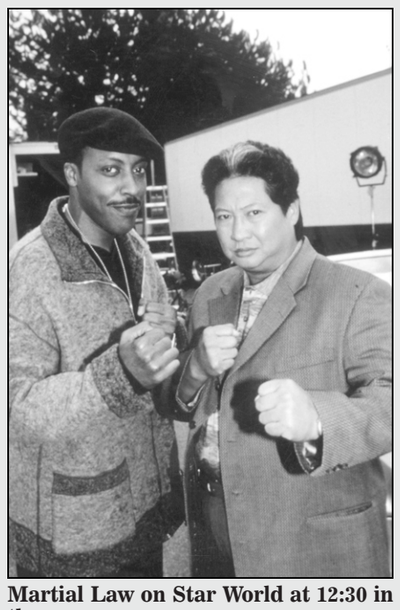
Sylvester Stallone and Kurt Russell star as Tango and Cash, a team of rival Los Angeles detectives who must learn to overcome their differences in order to survive the life-threatening situations that abound in this comic-adventure. Ray Tango (Stallone) and Gabe Cash (Russell) are extreme opposites, alike only in their ability to break up major drug deals. Tango wears custom suits, drives a Cadillac and speaks in soft tones; Cash, on the other hand, has long hair, a wardrobe of kneeless jeans and torn t-shirts, and a big mouth. Each believes in his soul that he is by far the best cop-of-all-cops. There is hardly a thing that they agree upon, but they share an enemy in common: underworld don Yvess Perret who frames them in a phony drug deal, sending them to prison. The competitive twosome can only agree that their lives aren't worth much if they don't escape. When the two super heroes break out of prison and set about to clear their reputations, they laughs are as fast and furious as the action, and the wise cracks fly along with the bullets and the punches.

Starring : Sylvester Stallone, Kurt Russell, Teri Hatcher

Goodness Gracious Me on Star World at 1:30 midnight.



Murder Call on Star World at 10:30 tonight.



Martial Law on Star World at 12:30 in the noon.