

Studio pottery

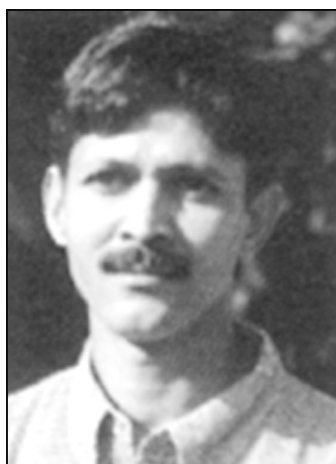
The glaze-man gets going

Zainul Gallery shines with Nurul Amin's earthenware

Tawfique Ali

NURUL Amin has just put his signature among artists. Although painting on earthen and ceramic wares is not a new in Dhaka art galleries, and for that matter in Bangladesh's art history, yet this young man's works were a manifestation of how far the young artists have advanced in their pursuits. The buyers including the onlookers had their money's worth at Charukala's Zainul Gallery, where Amin had his first solo exhibition from January 28 to February 3.

Amin made his pieces look so attractive and different that almost every visitor there couldn't resist his/her I-must-keep-one feeling. Most of these exquisite art works were household utensils. There were also many showpieces on the display. A blend of glaze and paint lent Amin's works altogether a different dimension. Apart from showpieces like urns, plates, portraits and landscapes, household articles [which included soup bowls, tea sets etc., most of which were sold in the first few days of the week-long exhibition.



Nurul Amin.

Amin, who mostly work at his guru's studio in Mirpur, has moulded China clay into different shapes and given expression of his ideas and imagination by spraying some specially-made (which are quite costly in Bangladesh's backdrop) colours and glazes on them. Some very common - personal, political and social - concerns of people's day-to-day life have found an artistic portrayal on his earthenwares. His

experiment with wall painting on ceramic has added an exceptional value to this field of pottery.

"I wanted show that wall painting can also be done on ceramic which is more durable than other media like canvas or paper," a confident Amin told The Daily Star, expressing his gratitude to Sayeed Talukdar, currently the chair of Ceramic Department, for tutoring him.

His works were burnt in as high temperature as 900 to 1200 Celsius to retain the glow of the glaze and to give the images and figures permanence they need. The price range his articles ranged from Taka 100 to Taka 3000.

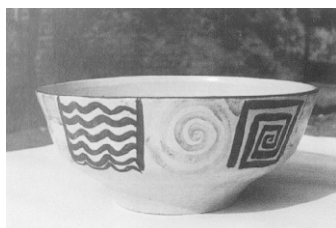
A tea-set done in Nerige a media usually practised by the Japanese, holds a distinction to Amin's works. Other usable household articles like soup bowls create an appeal which do not escape viewers' notice.

Notable pieces among wall paintings encompasses a portrait of artist Zainul Abedin, a self-portrait, rural landscape and abstract figures. A live image of Zainul Abedin was depicted on ceramic tiles. Realistic neatness of this picture is remarkable. Said Amin, "First I bought these pieces of ceramic tiles then composed them together to paint on them and burnt to give the permanence."

Images created by a unique blend of colour and glaze sprayed on ceramic surface of tiles and pottery contain an eloquent expression of thoughts and ideas.

Another wall painting titled "Not Heart, Brick" shows a host of poverty ridden figures craving for alms from a rich man who remains indifferent to the latter's request. The artist's intention was to paint at heartless society, with heartless affluent people.

Rural landscapes of fishing, ploughing and domestic interior marked with natural vegetation and greenery are worth looking at as



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they offer tranquillity.

Another work done in three pieces depicting three phases of the mass upsurge of 1969 speaks of a glorious past of Bangladesh. First phase is a depiction of a batch of

abstract figures implying suppression and sprinkled colour drops signifying a blast resulting in bloodshed and disaster. The second phase is a more organised demonstration of the people hand in hand. In this phase an angry face of a rebel who chants slogans in the forefront of a procession appear to voice a rightful demand of the commoners. Third is the portrayal of a street agitation gaining momentum. Closed fists of the agitators signify the protest against injustice and demanding for political and social justice.

Amin's works are certainly a



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homage to the pioneers martyrs of the movement.

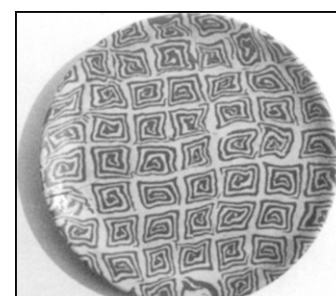
An urn on the show had a depiction of a human figure whose radiant ambitious thoughts have been shown in the form of the flame of a candle. Subsequent despair and deterioration of the earlier state and final encounter with reality resulting in a resolution is striking.

Amin has made use of deformed figures in his work to provide the viewers with a scope of various interpretations of an artistic object - a normal practice artists.

Amin is an ever-smiling soft-spoken artist who hails from Netrokona and presently an MFA student at the Institute of Fine Arts, Dhaka. He has attended a two-day workshop on ceramic conducted by Suku Park ceramic artist from Korea, organised by Charukala's Ceramic Department and a seminar on ceramics organised by National Folk Museum of Bangladesh, Sonargaon, in 1996. He has received a five week-long training on tea set design, mould-making casting and glaze fire at Bangladesh Sanitary and Insulator Factory, Dhaka.

Nurul Amin has been honoured with 1996 best media award in ceramic annual art exhibition and 2000 - best experimental work award in ceramic annual art exhibition both organised by the Institute of Fine Arts.

In 1991, he held an exhibition to help the cyclone victims. He took part respectively in twelfth and thirteenth National Art Exhibition in 1996 and 1998. He has also participated in the 14th National Art Exhibition - 2000. In 1997 he held an exhibition at Indian Cultural Centre to save the life of a young writer. He has taken part in many other exhibitions and competitions.



Nerige, Earthenware.

RECOMMENDATIONS

Film Festival and Cultural Week

On the occasion of the 22nd anniversary of the Victory day of Islamic Revolution in Iran, office of the Cultural Counsellor, Embassy of the Islamic Republic of Iran, Dhaka has organised a Cultural and Film Festival Week on February 4 at the Bangladesh Shishu Academy auditorium at 4:00p.m. Professor Abu Sayeed, State Minister for Information will inaugurate the occasion as chief guest.

Exhibitions of the holy Quran, books, calligraphy, photo, poster, handicrafts, engraving, video documentary show, photographs on historical places of Iran and photographs on the Islamic Revolution will be displayed everyday from 9:00a.m to 5:00p.m. till February 8. Films will be screened from 4 to 8p.m. till February 8 and there will also be a children drawing competition.

Coming of Age

An exhibition of paintings by selected contemporary artists will be held at the European Commission Residence on February 9 at 5:00p.m. venue: 177 Gulshan Avenue. The exhibition is being organised by Gallery 21. The inaugural ceremony will be followed by a cultural event.

The exhibition will remain open on February 10 & 11 from 3:00 - 8:00p.m.

Water Colour

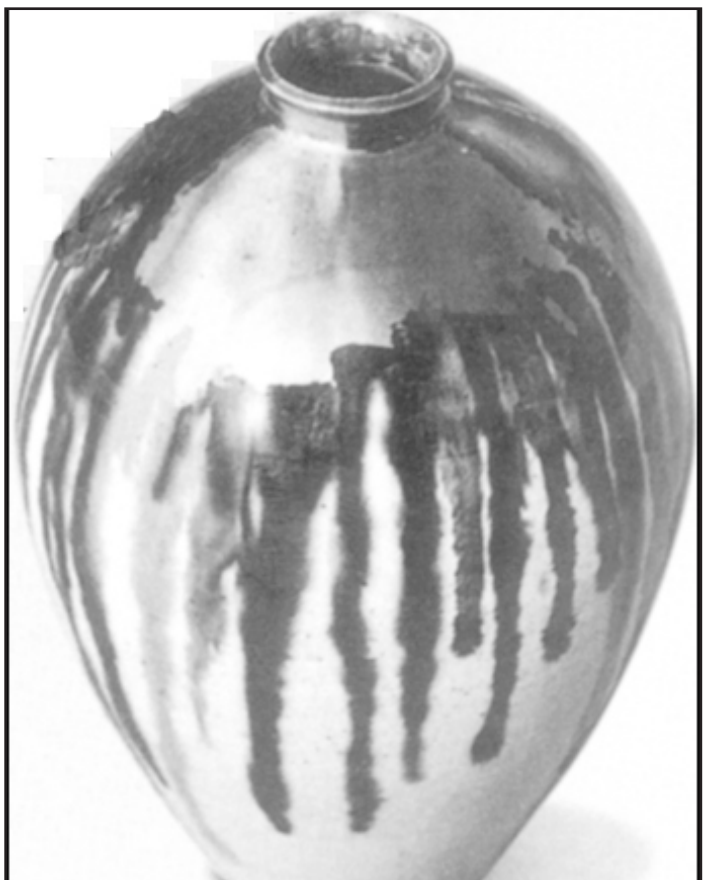


A special water colour show featuring country's seven celebrated water colour artists now being held at Shipangan art gallery from 10 am-8pm everyday until February 4.

The participating artists are Professor Abdur Razaque, Mostafa Manwar, Professor Quayum Chowdhury, Professor Hashem Khan, Professor Rafiqun Nabi, Monirul Islam (Spain) and Professor Hamiduzzaman Khan.



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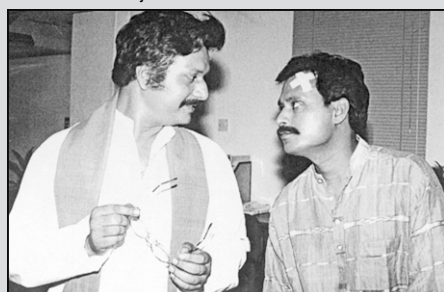
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EKUSHEY

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Anuvhabe Anukhane 2:50 I Focus 3:00 Bangla Cinema : Premier Dhabhi

STAR GOLD



4th episode of E-Ki-Khela on Ekushey TV at 9:30 tonight.

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CHANNEL-i

Morning 6:15 Sitplok 6:50 Akattorer Dinguli 7:00 Jukt Tarkho 7:40 Music Horizonte 8:00 Din Protidin 8:25 Gher Gherosthali 9:00 Anuvhabe Anukhane 9:50 I Focus 10:00 Reciting from Holy Quran 10:10 Deser Gane 10:40 Vasha Amar Ahongker 11:15 Silp Khathra 11:50 Akattorer Dinguli 12:00 Jukt Tarkho 12:40 Music Horizonte 1:15 Gher Gherosthali 2:00



Shei Sur Shei Gaan on Channel I at 8:40 tonight.

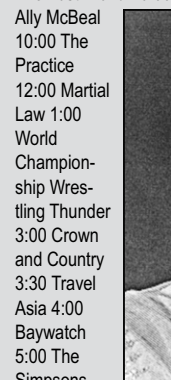
Zehreela Insaan (Rishi Kapoor, Neetu Singh) 7:00 Geet Bahar 7:30 Sunday Blockbusters An Evening in Paris (Shammi Kapoor, Sharmila Tagore) 10:30

Beete Hue Din 11:00 Dafa 302 (Randhir Kapoor, Rekha) 12:30 Dafa 302 (Cont) 2:00 Geet Bahar 2:30 Zehreela Insaan (Rishi Kapoor, Neetu Singh) 5:30 Dafa 302 (Randhir Kapoor, Rekha)

STAR WORLD

7:00 Action: Guardian Angel 9:00 Action: Total Recall 106 11:00 Thriller: As Time Runs Out 9:00 Action: 6 Days 7 Nights 97 3:00 Star Kids Club: Barney's Great Adventure 74 5:00 Action: Manhunter 113 7:00 Sunday Megamovie: The Blair Witch Project 78 9:00 Action: Air America 106 11:00 Action: Guardian Angel 95 1:00 Action: Iron Eagle 2 95 3:00 Action:

6:00 JAG 7:00 Nash Bridges 8:00 The Pretender 9:00 Sir Arthur Conan Doyle's The Lost World 10:00 Ally McBeal 10:00 The Practice 12:00 Martial Law 1:00 World Championship Wrestling Thunder 3:00 Crown and Country 3:30 Travel Asia 4:00 Baywatch 5:00 The Simpsons 5:30 3rd Rock From the Sun 6:00 Star News Focus Asia 7:00 The X Files 8:00 Star Trek: The Next Generation 9:00 TV Com 9:30 Star News Sunday 10:00 Star News Sunday 10:30 Star Trek: The Next Generation 12:30 Cop 1:00 Star News Focus Asia 2:00 The X Files 3:00 Creflo Dollar Daily 3:30 Kenneth Copeland Ministries 4:00 Life in the World With Joyce Meyer 4:30 10:1 Focus 11:20 Bangla Cinema: Take Ana Pai



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BBC WORLD

6:00 BBC News 6:30 This Week 7:00 BBC News 7:30 Holiday 8:00 BBC News 8:30 USA Direct 9:00 BBC News 9:30 Correspondent ex World Review 10:00 BBC News 10:30 India Tomorrow 11:00 BBC News 11:30 India Business Report 12:00 BBC News 12:30 Mastermind India 1:00 BBC News 1:30 Face To Face India 2:00 BBC News 2:30 This Week 3:00 BBC News 3:30 Global Sunrise 4:00 BBC News 4:30 Click on Line 5:00 BBC News 5:30 USA Dir 6:00 BBC News 6:10 Bubble Trouble/Shock Royal Global Sunrise 7:00 BBC News 7:30 Dateline London 8:00 BBC News 8:30 Top Gear 9:00 BBC News 9:10 Inside/Moral Combat Global Sunrise 10:00 BBC News 10:30 India Business Report 11:00 BBC News 11:30 Holiday 12:00 BBC News 12:10 TBA/Royal Collart 1:00 BBC News 1:30 USA Direct 2:00 BBC News 2:30 Tate Mod/Rhock Royal Global Sunrise 3:00 BBC News 3:30 Top Gear 4:00 BBC News 4:30 Asia Business Report/Reporters 5:00 BBC News 5:30 Asia Business Report/Asia Today

STAR PLUS 6:30 Star Geemala 7:30 Good Morning India 8:30 The Sword of Tipu Sultan 9:30 Fox Kids Sunday 10:30 Janata Ki Adalat 11:00 Chupa Rustom 11:30 Chalti Ka Naam

President's Man 87 5:00 Celebrity Profile: Audrey Hepburn 40



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DISCOVER CHANNEL

6:30 Animal Survivors 7:00 ESPU 7:30 Outer Bounds I&II 8:00 Without Warning 1:30 Wings 9:30 Let's Dance/There's No Fool Like My Food 10:00 Crocodile Hunter's Croc Files II 10:30 Popular Mechanics for Kids 11:00 So You Want To be? 11:30 Real Kids, Real Adventures 12:00 Splat II & III 12:30 Lonely Planet V 1:30 Discovery Profile Series 7:30 Vital Breakthroughs 8:30 Lifeline 9:30 Science Frontiers 10:30 Discovery Showcase 11:30 Discovery Profile Series 12:30 Vital Breakthroughs 1:30 Lifeline 2:30 Science Frontiers 3:30 Discovery Showcase 4:30 Discovery Profile Series 5:30 21st Century Medicine

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TV GUIDE

PICK OF THE DAY



Parenthood on HBO at 9:30 tonight
A delightful comedy about a dedicated father who discovers just how challenging raising kids can be. Gil Buckman (Martin) will do anything to ensure that his three kids have all the advantages. But he soon discovers that no matter what he does much of his kids development is out of his hands. Caught-up in the ever competitive world of parenting, and observing the methods employed by other parents. Gil finds himself facing unexpected dilemmas every step of the way many of the comic themes are drawn upon director Ron Howard's own personal parenting experiences. Starring: Steve Martin, Mary Steenburgen, Dianne Wiest



3rd Rock from The Sun on Star World at 5:30 p.m.

CNN

4:00 World News 4:30 World Sport 5:00 CNN World View 5:30 Inside Asia 6:00 World News 6:30 The Artclub 7:00 CNN World View 7:30 World Beat 8:00 Larry King Weekend 9:00 CNN World View 9:30 Style with Elsa Klensch 10:00 World Report 11:00 World News 11:30 Inside Asia 12:00 World News 12:30 Your Health 1:00 World News 1:30 World Sport 2:30 Diplomatic License 3:00 Larry King Weekend 4:00 World News 4:30 Ebizasia 5:00 World News 5:30 World Sport 6:00 World News 6:30 CNN Hotspots 7:00 World News 7:30 Business Unusual 8:00 World News 8:30 CNNdotCOM 9:00 World News 9:30 World Beat 10:00 World News 10:30 CNN IndiadotCOM 11:00 Style South Asia 11:30 Ebizasia 12:00 World News 12:30 Style with Elsa Klensch 1:00 CNN IndiadotCOM 1:30 CNNdotCOM 2:00 World News 2:30 The Artclub 3:00 World News 3:30 Diplomatic License

CARTOON NETWORK

6:30 Jetsons 7:00 The Smurfs 7:30 The Popeye Show 8:00 The News Scooby Do Mysteries 8:30 I Am Weasel 9:00 The Powerpuff Girls 9:30 Mike, Lu & Og 10:00 The New Adventures of Captain Planet 10:30 Boomerang 11:30 Tom & Jerry Show 12:00 Bugs Bunny Specials 12:30 scooby's all Star Laff-a-lympics Double Episode 1:30 Garfield Specials 2:00 Pinky & the Brain Toon Tamasha 2:30 Captain Planet 3:00 The Mask 3:30 Addams Family 4:00 The Real Adventures of Jonny Quest 4:30 The News Scooby & Scrapy-Doo Show 5:00 The Popeye

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The X-Files on Star World at 7:00 & 10:30 p.m.

TCM (Turner Classic Movies)

9:30 The Big Sleep 11:35 The Gorgeous Hussy 1:35 The Maltese Falcon 3:05 Deep Valley

STAR SPORTS

8:00 Five/six Nations Championship s Six Nations Championship s 2001 Rome, Italy Ireland @ Italy 10:00 Asia Sport Show 10:30 NBA Inside Stuff 2000/01 NBA Inside Stuff 11:00 Gillette World Sports Special 11:30 Heineken Classic Golf Heineken Classic 2001 Perth, Australia Final Day 2:30 Rally Racing On The Limit 2000 2000 AFRS Season Review Part 3:00 Spanish Football League 2000/01 Spanish Football League 5:00 Sports India 5:30 New Zealand Cricket Sri

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ESPN

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6:00 World Of Rugby The IRB's World Of Rugby 6:30 Asian X-Games Qualifiers the 2000 Asian X-Games Qualifiers 8:00 Star Game 2001 NHL All Star Game Denver, CO USA 4:30 Western Union World Football & Racing 5:30 LPGA

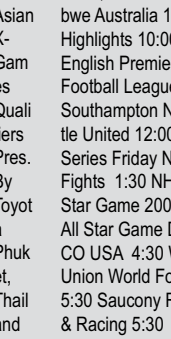


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