

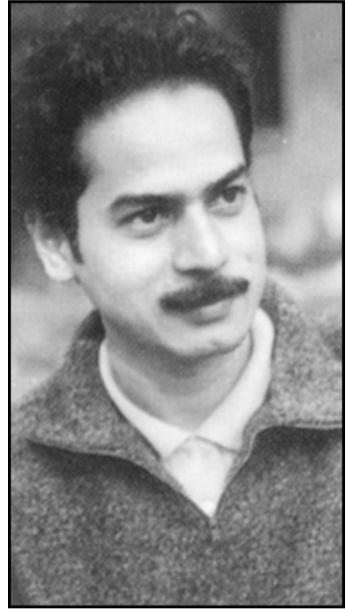
Exhibition

Breathing life into wood

Rajaul Islam's creative imagination on wood on display at Zainul Gallery

MUNEERA PARBEEN

Anything of beauty is joy forever, they say. And these words come true all over again when one sees the work of young artist Rajaul Islam. Wood carving



The artist: Rajaul Islam

comes to life at the hands of this young man still pursuing his studies. The artist is holding an exhibition of his works titled Pipashartho Kath

(thirsty wood) at the Zainul Gallery in the city.

Rajaul has created a world of beauty of his own kind with exquisitely carved forms and structures on wood that only a very fine and creative mind can come up with. A simple process of woodcarving comes alive in the hands of this young man in a very different form.

Rajaul has created structures that show imagination has no bounds and this thirst of creative imagination takes beautiful forms under the guidance of his tools on wood. A seemingly plain piece of wood is curved, cut and dissected as to create a shape that represents the image that the artist has on his mind.

The contours of the shapes that Rajaul has created are easy flowing and creates a seemingly difficult shape with ease on a piece of wood, which in spite of its immobile and static being, seem to be breathing with life. Plant, leaves, fishes, flowers and just about any other shape curved on the wooden surface come in a combination of the natural and abstract forms.

Rajaul has a little bit of abstract forms in all his creations, and it is this merger of the real and the imaginative that make his shapes all the more exquisite. The wood is curved and chiseled out to form a layered creation. In some pieces the artist has coloured out the different layers as to make them more clear in their appearance and visible to the naked



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eye. In Durga, for example, the abstract representation of the ten hands of the Hindu idol and a featureless face of Durga create a picture of the idol that is clear in its representation, and yet new and different in its layout.

In Owl, he has chiseled out two owls on a tree, and the picture having been created on wood itself, makes it all the more real-life like as if two owls are actually peeping out at viewers.

Rajaul pays attention to the tiny details in his sculptures. This is very apparent even in very tiny pieces as Flower and Fish where, the barest details of the structures have been finely chiseled out.

There are other pieces on display at the show that deserve appreciation and applaud. Nature, She, Orchid, Kamala, Tradition are just a few of those.

Rajaul says that the works of many artists has inspired him, and mentioned the works of Satish Gajral of India, who has influenced

his work to a certain extent. He says that he could never imagine before that carving and creating shapes out of wood would be so fulfilling to his artistic quest, and hopes to continue with the medium.

Currently doing his MFA from the Institute of Fine Arts of Dhaka University, Rajaul works mostly from the studio of his department.

He has also participated in a number of group exhibitions in different regions of the country. He has also won a number of awards for his creative work including the Class Best Award from Rajshahi Art College (1988), Best Award in Water Colour at the Annual Art Exhibition, Govt. Art College, Chittagong (1989), and the Best Experimental Work Award at the Annual Art Exhibition at Charukala Institute (1999).

The exhibition at Zainul Gallery is his first solo on wood and has on display 35 pieces of art created over the past two years. The exhibition ends tomorrow.

Award

Recognising their excellence

Weekly Anannya honours ten leading women in the society with the Anannya Top Ten Awards 2001

CULTURAL CORRESPONDENT

LIKE every other year the weekly Anannya has also honoured ten women this year again. The Anannya Top Ten Awards are a special honor for the women in the country. The recipients of this years awards are Hena Das (Politics), Prof Dr Tahmina Hossain (Administration), Valery Taylor (Social Welfare), Jahanara Begum (Handicrafts), Rokiya a Rahman (Entrepreneur), Barrister Salma Sohan (Law and Human Rights), Ashalata Baidya (Liberation War), Shamim Akhter (Cinema), Zobera Rahman Linu (Sports) and Momtaz Begum (Music).

The awards were formally handed over to the recipients at a glittering ceremony held at the main auditorium of the National Museum at Shahbag on Sunday evening.

The ceremony was presided over by Tasmima Hossain MP, the editor of the magazine, while poet Shamsur Rahman was the chief guest at the function, Dhaka University Prof. Zarina Rahman Khan also attended the programme as a special guest.

While speaking at the function poet Shamsur Rahman said that the society would have to change one day or the other and expressed hope that women would one day very soon be able to obtain all the rights that they are entitled to.

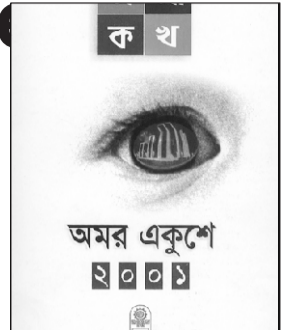
Tasmima Hossain while addressing the function said that not any of the women who had been honoured by Anannya this year had born to win this award just like that. But they, she said, have achieved this through their struggle in the field of their choice. Anannya strives to keep this struggle for excellence alive through their awards, she said while congratulating these year's winners.

Shamim Akhter, one of the recipients of the award and maker of the much-acclaimed movie Ilishash Kannya said while accepting her award, that the liberation war was the spirit with which the journey of this country's people began. This was the spirit that had led them to political awareness. She hoped that just like now people talked about the political empowerment of women, they would soon also have to acknowledge the cultural empowerment of women as well.

Anannya introduced the Awards in 1993. Executive editor of the magazine Dil Monowara Monu in her address of welcome said that she felt proud to note that the magazine had been able to honour 80 women so far for their contributions in different fields. She said that Anannya since its inception strives to present role models for the society to look up to

The award distribution ceremony was conducted by Bonnya Lohani.

RECOMMENDATIONS



Ekushey Book Fair

Musical programme in the evening today. Tomorrow there will be a discussion on "Demand and promise of the 21st century: Use of Bangla Language." Professor Mansur Musa will present the key-note paper while Prof. Abul Kalam Monjur Moshed and Prof. Begum Jahannarwill discuss on the paper. Prof. Moniruzzaman will preside over the programme. The evening will be rounded up with the staging of a play.

Film Festival and Cultural Week

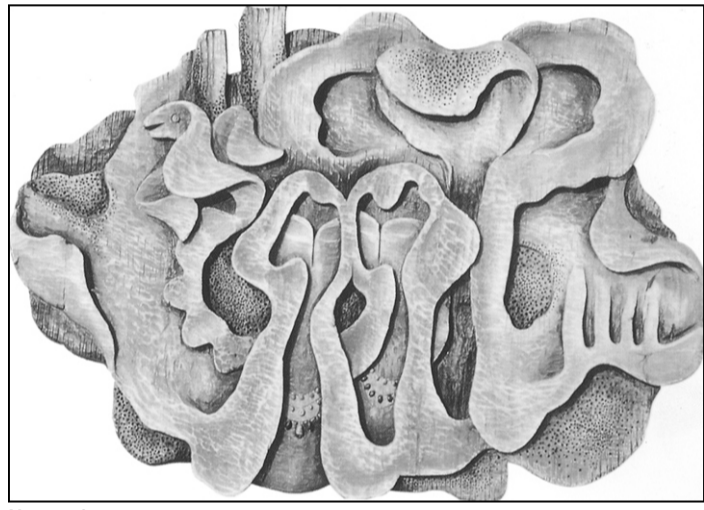
On the occasion of the 22nd anniversary of the Victory day of Islamic Revolution in Iran, office of the Cultural Counsellor, Embassy of the Islamic Republic of Iran, Dhaka has organised a Cultural and Film Festival Week on February 4 at the Bangladesh Shishu Academy auditorium at 4:00p.m. Professor Abu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



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The recipients of the Anannya Top Ten Awards 2000 with poet Shamsur Rahman (c) and Tasmima Hossain, MP (3rd from L) at the National Museum auditorium on Sunday evening.

TV GUIDE

PICK OF THE DAY



The specialist

on HBO Tonight at 10:00

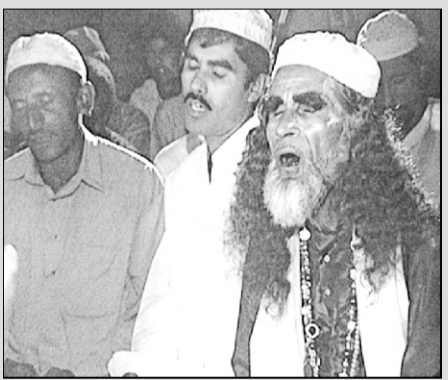
Watch Sylvester Stallone starring as Ray Quick, an explosives expert hired by Sharon Stone (May Munro), a woman seeking revenge against the Miami underworld who murdered her parents when she was still a girl. A deadly game of cat and mouse ensues.

Starring: Sylvester Stallone, Sharon Stone, James Woods, Rod Steiger.

Hit Ya Fit 8:00 Cine Jharokha 8:30 Good Morning India 9:30 Star Morning Show: Tarqueeb (Mithun, Shakti Kapoor) 12:30 Hit Ya Fit 1:00 TSN 1:30 Small Wonder 2:00 Meri Saheli 2:30 Saans 3:00 Shagun 3:30 Siski 4:00 Kyunki Saas Bhi Kabhi Bahu Thi 4:30 Cine Jharokha 5:00 Hit Ya Fit 5:30 Love My India 6:00 Small Wonder 6:30 Fox Kids Daily 7:30 Kahaani

EKUSHEY TV

12:00 Ekushey Headlines 12:05 Aker Potrikay 12:15 Bangla Movie: Doyal Murshid 2:40 Drishti 3:00 Ekushey Headlines 3:05 Drama series: Koyekjon Opradhi 3:30 Amader Kotha 4:00



6th episode of Deh Tori on Ekushey TV at 7:00 in the evening.

Chitrogeeti 4:30 Expedition to the Animal Kingdom 5:00 Circus Circus 5:30 Drishti 5:50 Aker Potrikay 6:00 Ekushey Headlines 6:05 Classic Cartoons 6:30 Charidike 7:00 Deho Tori 7:30 Ekushey News 8:00 Drama Serial: Domvo 9:00 English series: MacGyver 10:00 News: Live Telecast from BTv 10:25 Chitrogeeti 11:00 Ekushey Late Night News

CHANNEL-I

6:15 Special Programme on Hajj 6:50 Akattorer

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DISCOVERY CHANNEL

6:30 Animal Survivors 7:00 ESPU 7:30 Outer Bounds I & II 8:00 Without Warning I 8:30 Lonely Planet I 9:30 Beyond 2000 10:00 The Quest 10:30 Go For It! 11:30 Intimate Escapes 12:00 Intimate Escapes 12:30 Wild Discovery 1:30 Medical Detectives I 2:00 Medical Detectives I 2:30 Life-line 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 I 6:30 Let's Dance/There's No Food Like My Food 7:00 Real Kids, Real Adventures 7:30 Wild Discovery 8:30 Hunters 9:30 Trauma IV Live in the ER 10:30 On the Inside 11:30 Discovery Profile Series 12:30 Wild Discovery 1:30 Hunters 2:30 Trauma IV Life in the ER 3:30 On the Inside 4:30 Discovery Profile Series 5:30 Lifeline

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 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 World Beat 8:00 Asia Tonight 8:30 World Sport 9:00 World News 9:30 CNN Indiadotcom 10:00 World News 10:30 Biz Asia 11:00 World News 11:30 Q&A South Asia 12:00 World News 1:00 Style South Asia 1:30 World Business Today



Bipasha and Jhara in the drama serial Jao Pakhi on Channel I at 10:00 tonight.

2:00 World News 2:30 Q&A 3:00 World News Europe 3:30 CNN Newsroom

BBC WORLD

6:00 BBC News 6:30 World Business Report 7:00 BBC News 7:30 Asia Today Inc. World Business Report 8:00 BBC News 8:30 Asia Today Inc. World Business Report 9:00 BBC News 9:30 Asia Today Inc. World Business Report 10:00 BBC News 10:30 Hardtalk 11:00 BBC News 11:30 Holiday 12:00 BBC News 12:30 Mastermind India 1:00 BBC

News Report Inc. Asia Today

HBO

6:30 When Justice Falls 8:30 Memphis Belle 10:45 The Hunted 1:00 Addicted to His Love 3:00 Crossing Delancey 5:00 Uncommon Valor 7:15 The Age of Innocence 10:00 The Specialist 12:15 Dangerous Attraction 2:00 The Hunted 4:15 The Age of Innocence

STAR PLUS

6:00 Tu Tu Main Main 6:30 STAR Geetmala 7:30

STAR GOLD

8:30 Bollywood News 9:00 Sasural (Rajendra Kumar, B. Saroja Devi) 12:00 Geet Bahar 12:30 Daal Mein Kaala (Kishore Kumar, Nimmi Agha) 3:30 Bollywood News 4:00 Paras (Rakhee, Sanjeev Kumar) 7:00 Geet Bahar 7:30 Mangal Masti-Azaad (Dharmendra, Hema Malini) 10:30 Bollywood News 11:00 Hotel (Vinod Mehra, Navin Nichol, Bindiya Goswami) 12:30 Hotel (Contd) 2:00 Geet Bahar 2:30 Paras (Rakhee, Sanjeev Kumar) 5:30 Hotel (Vinod Mehra, Navin Nichol, Bindiya Goswami)

STAR MOVIES

7:00 Drama: Summer Of The Monkeys 9:00 Thriller: Bad Savage 100 11:00 Comedy: Mafia! 83 1:00 Drama: Lloyd 74 3:00 Comedy: Revenge Of The Nerds IV 88 5:00 Action: President's Man 87 7:00 Heroes of Fire: The Horse Whisperer 162 9:45 Drama: Return to Snowy River 99

CARTOON NETWORK

6:30 The Road Runner Show 7:00 The Smurfs 7:30 The Popeye Show 8:00 Dexter's Laboratory 8:30 Johnny Bravo 9:00 The Powerpuff Girls 9:30 Batman The Animated Series 10:00 Sylvester & Tweety Mysteries 10:30 Garfield and Friends 11:00 Tiny Toon Adventures 11:30 Tom & Jerry Kids 12:00 The Little Lulu Show 2 12:30 Scooby Doo Where Are You? 1:00 The Smurfs 1:30 The Road Runner Show 2:00 Tiny Toon Adventures 2:30 Ninja Robots 3:00 The Little Lulu Show 2 Toon Tamasha 3:30 Flintstones

4:00 The Mask 4:30 Swat Kats 5:00 Scooby & Scrappy Doo 5:30 Dexter's Laboratory 6:00 Johnny Bravo 6:30 The Powerpuff Girls 7:00 The Popeye Show 7:30 Batman The Animated Series 8:00 Sylvester & Tweety Mysteries 8:30 Garfield and Friends 9:00 The Road Runner Show 9:30 The New Scooby Doo Movies

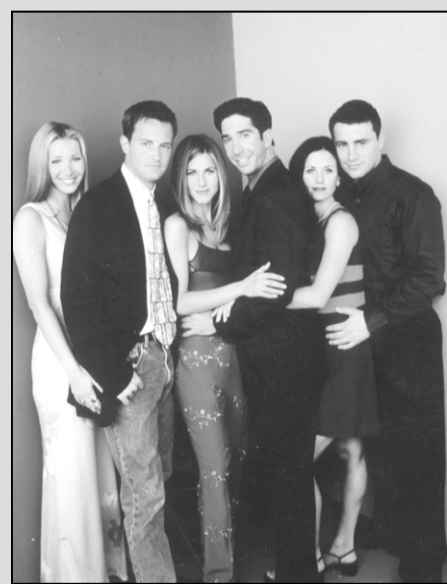
4:00 Five/Six Nations Championships Six Nations Championships 2001 Cardiff, WALES, UK England 6:00 Australia Cricket Carlton Series 2001 Perth, Australia Zimbabwe 7:00 World Wrestling Federation Live Wire World Wrestling Federation Livewire 8:00 Sportline Tonight 8:30 Spanish Football League 2000/01 Spanish Football League 10:30 Sports

5:00 Sportscenter Bristol, CT USA (L) 6:00 School Quiz Show ESPN School Quiz Olympiad 6:30 Sportscenter Hindi (R) 7:00 Boxing Series Friday Night Fights

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STAR WORLD

06:00 Murder Call 07:00 The Oprah Winfrey Show 08:00 Home Improvement 08:30 Happy Days 09:00 That '70s Show 09:30 Dharma & Greg 10:00 Chicago Hope 11:00 The Oprah Winfrey Show 12:00 Everybody Loves Raymond 12:30 Frasier 1:00 Grace Under Fire 1:30 The Bold & the Beautiful 2:00 Mork & Mindy 2:30 Happy Days 3:00 Baywatch 4:00 The Simpsons 4:30 Home Improvement 5:00 STAR News Asia 5:30 Friends 6:00 J.A.G. 6:45 20:55 STAR News Asia (5mins) 7:00 The Pretender 8:00 Law & Order: Special Victims Unit 9:00 Friends 9:30 STAR News 10:00 J.A.G. 11:00 The Pretender 12:00 Law & Order: Special Victims Unit 1:00 J.A.G. 2:00 The Pretender 3:00



Friends on Star World at 9 tonight

TCM TURNER CLASSIC MOVIES

9:30 The Adventures Of Don Juan 11:30 The Loved One 1:40 Best Foot Forward 3:25 Woman Of The Year

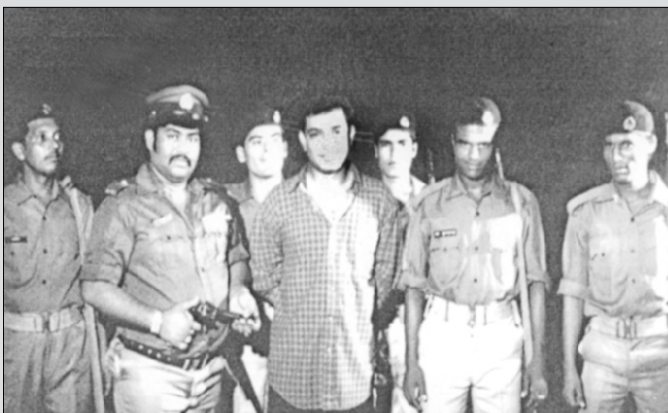
STAR SPORTS

7:00 Sportsline Today 7:30 New Zealand Cricket Sri Lanka Tour Of New Zealand Auckland, New Zealand Sri Lanka 11:30 Trans World Sport 12:30 Sportsline Today 1:00 PGA Tour Golf A&T Pebble Beach National Pro-Am 2:00 The Little Lulu Show 2 Toon National Sports Report (S)

Tonight (T) New Zealand Cricket Sri Lanka Tour Of New Zealand Auckland, New Zealand Sri Lanka 12:00 Sportsline Tonight (T) 12:30 World Wrestling Federation Metal 1:30 Five/Six Nations Championships 2001 Rome, ITALY Ireland 3:30 Sportsline Tonight 4:00 Heineken Classic Golf Heineken Classic 2001 Perth, Australia Day One 7:00 Rally Racing On The Limit 2000 APRC Season Review Part 1

ESPN

7:00 Snowmobiling 00/01 Snocross World Championship Series Sd Deadwood, SD USA 8:00 English Premier Football League (R) 10:00 Clas-



7th episode of Koyekjon Oparadhi on Ekushey TV at 3:05 in the afternoon.



Jag on Star World at 10 tonight



The Pretender on Star World at 11 tonight