

Exhibition

Brave Big Birds

Najmul Haque's debut show at Alliance Francaise

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THE exhibition of water-colour by Najmul Haque at the Alliance Francaise ended on February 8. In it the artist had mostly focused on birds believ-



The artist: Najmul Haque

ing that human beings were like birds waiting to be free. The artist was greatly influenced by the songs

of Lalou, dealing with the "ochin pakhee", and the poetry of Rabindranath Tagore.

Najmul was keen on drawing and painting as a child of eight in '75. Once when he got a scolding from his mother he scribbled with his ball point pen on a table cloth. When his mother saw the splendid sketch of a tree, instead of being angry with him was decided that her son would go in for fine arts. Later he was acquainted with the artist Kazi Hassan Habib who also influenced him. Subsequently he qualified from the Chittagong Art College.

The artist concentrates on water colour as he finds it natural and also a media which takes different forms once mingled with water. The artist deals with mankind's soul when painting birds. "These creatures are dear to people all over the world", says Najmul. Once he has finished a painting it often does not appeal to him and he has to move on to the

next attempt. While painting the artist often listens to Rabindranath Tagore. When working he also keeps in mind the influence of Picasso and Van Gogh, being a great admirer, at the same time of Rembrandt and Michael Angelo. The works of Rabindranath and Ram King Kor are also elements that influence him. "Art is a language and though I try to express myself, "Najmul says. "I do not believe in conventions so that the red colour does not represent blood for me as much as a desire." He works in his little room, on the bed, table and floor.

In "Bird -2" we see six birds done in deep blue and green as the artist believes that the leaves and plants in which these birds live influences these creatures. The feathers have been done in details and some of them appear to take cover. The hills and trees at the back have been brought in a manner that the birds



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appear to mingle with them. The artist believes that there is a similarity between birds and humans and this idea he presents in "Bird-3" where a bird and a human appear to be sharing a load. The sky above is awash with gray and green. In another creation we see human beings appearing similar to the trunks of trees. The man's figure is being chased by birds. Just as man has to persevere so do the birds.

Next we see a bird done in details in orange and yellow and surrounded by partial figures of other birds. The rest of the paper is left white except for a streak of blue extending from the main bird lending a dramatic touch. You can see the feathers and the head of a bird in the background and at the bottom

are the feathers of yet another exotic bird. In one section of another painting are birds outlined with hot pink filled with beige and black. This is supported with figures of humans also done in pink and black. More human figures are included in gold and orange surrounded by a sun and fire as well as a tiger brought in the fourth section of the paper.

Again we see hunting of birds where the bird has fallen on the ground and there are human figures around it. There is a second bird in the sky and trees hold in the main images. The background is violet and black. The human figures are in green and blue. In another picture we see a man and a woman flying with a book in their hand. Following

them is a huge bird done in blue and gray, outlined with black. The theme here is the pursuit of knowledge.

There is the delineation of crows done in beige surrounded by other birds done in green and flaunting red beaks. Both the ground and sky are shades of violet with shades of pink. In "Trapped Birds" indicating humans caught up in the web of life. The oblong faces are yellow, orange and blue flecked with blue and yellow.

Najmul brings in nature with mud houses and trees outlined with pink and including stripes. At the base of the houses is a huge grass hopper with a bright orange and red body and blue legs. Leaves appear to be falling on objects. Trees grass and land are brought in with faint strokes of blue. The sky is brought in with shades of blue and white. Trees and leaves are brought in "Bird-10" which has whirling minarets surrounded by leaves, barks and branches of trees which appear like swirled feathers of a giant paradise bird with turquoise and flaming orange. Another delineation of birds

brings in the creatures with their wings, tails and crests in green and purple. There are waves of water bearing flowers in front. Seen with it is a torso of a human being decked with leaves and blossoms.

Najmul has also experimented with landscape. "Dream" has trees done in brown with shades of ink blue brought in with the land and sky done in shades of midnight blue. "First Morning" has a tiny floating moon above a strip of land with black trees with a fleck of colours seen between the shades of black which usher in the sky. There is also a pleasing delineation of a boat done in dripping gray and blue. The water is in shades of pink and more blue while the sky is a bright melange of green and purple. Fireflies are brought in "Jonaki" where the blobs of green and gold seen through black and blue openings in the sky. Meanwhile "Evening" has trees seen at sunset with blue, jade green and white shades.

Najmul's bold experiments with water-colour has brought in highly imaginative use of figures and colours.

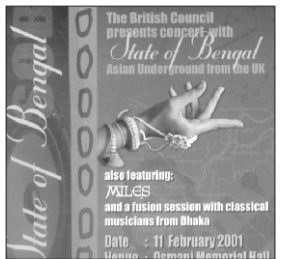


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RECOMMENDATIONS



Stae of Bengal

The British Council presents concerts with State of Bengal - an Asian underground from the UK on February 10 and 11 at 7:00 p.m. at Osmani Memorial Hall.

This will also feature Miles and a fusion session with classical musicians from Dhaka. Admit cards are available at The British Council, Dhaka, The British Council Teaching Centre, 754b Satmasjid Road, Sagor Publishers, Bailey Road, Video Connection, Gulshan and Film Fair Video, Dhanmondi.

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.



Exhibition

Spaces & Places, the last exhibition of Chobi Mela, opens today at Drik Gallery (House# 58, Road# 15/A, Dhanmondi.) at 5:00 p.m. The exhibition is characterized for its use of photographs in drawings while depicting a 360 degree space beyond vision centering around any point. British Artist Polly Hope uses photographs and other art forms of murals and architectural objects in her work.

TV GUIDE

PICK OF THE DAY



"As Good As It Gets" on HBO at 10 pm
Winner of two Oscar Awards for Best Actor and Best Actress and nominated for seven Academy awards. A professional malcontent is unavoidably drawn into the lives of a waitress and his gay neighbour in this heart-warming comedy about discovering happiness beneath life's hard shell.
Starring: Helen Hunt, Jack Nicholson, Cuba Gooding Jr.

BTV
9:10 Nijer Janya: A Programme on Workout and Self-Defense 9:35 Samata: Programme on Women's Right 10:00 Matamat 10:25 Programme on Mother and Child Healthcare 10:40 Movie of the Week : The Sting 3:15 Telefilm: Relief 4:00 Khabar 4:25 Programme on Population

Headlines 3:05 Shorashori 4:00 Adventure Bangladesh 4:30 Toyota World of Wildlife 5:00 Savage World 6:00 Ekushey Headlines 6:05 Noorjahan 7:00 Mukto Khobor 7:30 Ekushey News 8:00 Bangla Film 10:00 BTV News 10:20 Bangla Film 11:00 Ekushey Late Night News

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6:30 Animal Survivors 7:00 I Care of Nature 7:30 Outer Bounds I&II 8:00 Without Warning I 8:30 Lonely Planet VI 9:30 Cafe Digital 10:00 Medical Detectives 10:30 Extreme Machines 11:30 Amazing Worlds 12:30 Wild Asia 1:30 Ultimate Guide 2:30 Trauma IV- Life in the ER 3:30 Uncharted Africa 4:00 I Care of Nature 4:30 Decisive Weapons (I&II) 5:00 Discovery News 5:30 Assignment Discovery 6:30 Real Kids, Real Adventures 7:00 Splat IV 7:30 Medical Mysteries 8:30 Health Showcase 9:30 New Detectives III 10:30 Journeys to the Ends of the Earth 11:30 Trailblazers II 12:30 Medical Mysteries 1:30 Health Showcase 2:30 New Detectives III 3:30 Journeys to the Ends of the Earth 4:30 Trailblazers II 5:30 Lifeline



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Control 5:50 Nebadan 6:00 Khabar 6:30 Programme of Chittagong Centre 7:00 Sangbad Sironam 7:05 Geetimalya 7:25 Film Show: Earth Final Conflict 8:00 News in Bangla 8:20 Drama of the Week: Jadoa 9:30 Chitra Jagat 10:00 News at Ten 10:20 Khola Janala 10: 45 Mini Series: She is Green 11:00 Khabar: The News 11:45 Closing

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Rock Family Trees on BBC World at 9:10 tonight

HBO
7:00 Stealing Home 9:00 Her Alibi 11:00 Dangerous Attraction 12:45 Johnny Skidmarks 2:45 The Shadow 5:00 When Danger Follows You Home 7:00 Cinema Secrets EP 9: Unhuman Beings 7:30 Frantic 10:00 As Good As It Gets 12:45 Memberships Belle 3:00 Not of this World 5:00 Her Alibi

BBC WORLD

6:00 BBC News 6:30 World Business Report 7:00 BBC News 7:30 Asia Today/World Business Report 8:00 BBC News 8:30 Asia Today/World Business Report 9:00 BBC News 9:30 Asia Today/World Business Report 10:00 BBC News 10:30 Hardtalk 11:00 BBC News 11:30 Talking Movies 12:00 BBC News 12:30 Question Time India 1:30 Click Online 2:00 BBC News 2:30 Dancing in the Street 3:00 BBC News 3:30 Rock Family Trees 4:00 BBC News 4:30 Holiday 5:00 BBC News 5:30 This Week 6:00 BBC News 6:30 Dancing in the Street 7:00 BBC News 7:30 I Caesar



Hercules on Star World at 4 this evening

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CNN
4:00 World Business Today 4:30 Inside Asia 5:00 CNN World View 5:30 Moneyline News Hour 6:30 World Beat World News Americas 7:00 The Artclub 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 Science and Technology Week 12:00 World News 12:30 CNN Hotspots 1:00 World News 1:30 World Sport 2:00 World News 2:30 Style with Elsa Klensch 3:00 Larry King Live (replay) 4:00 World News 4:30 CNNdotCOM 5:00 World News 5:30 World Sport 6:00 World News 6:30 Biz Asia 7:00 World News 7:30 World Beat 8:00 World News 8:30 The Artclub 9:00 World News 9:30 Style South Asia 10:00 World News 10:30 CNNdotCOM

STAR WORLD

6:00 The Adventures of Sinbad 7:00 The Simpsons 7:30 Things People Do 8:00 The Bold & The Beautiful 10:00 TV Com. 10:30 Travel Asia 11:00 Fox Kids Goosebumps 1:00 World Championship Wrestling Niro 3:00 Baywatch 4:00 Hercules 5:00 Xena 6:00



Bay Watch on Star World at 10 tonight

STAR PLUS (INDIA)

6:30 Star Geetmala 7:30 Hit Ya Fit 8:00 Cine Jharokha 8:30 Good Morning India 9:30 Fox Kids 10:30 National

Geographic Special 11:30 I Love My India 12:00 Chhupa Rustom 12:30 Mirch Masala 1:00 TSN 1:30 Gharwali Uparwali 2:00 Tu Tu Main Main 2:30 National Geographic Special 3:30 Tea Time Cinema (Mithun, Amrita Singh) 4:30 Musaffir Hoon Yaroon 7:00 Family Fortunes 7:30 Chalti Ka Naam Antakshiri 8:30 STAR Mast Movies: Aankhon Mein Tum Ho 11:30 Aaj Ki Baat 12:00 Ithaas (contd.) 12:30 Siski 1:00 Kalash 1:30 Sewalal Mewawala 2:00 Tu Tu Main Main 2:30 Hasna Matt 3:00 Kabhi Kabhie Mere Ghar Mein Bhuchhaal Aata Hai 3:30 National Geographic Special 4:30 Musaffir Hoon Yaroon 5:00 Gharwali Uparwali 5:30 Shrimati Sharma Na Kehni Thi

CARTOON NETWORK

6:30 Jetsons 7:00 The Smurfs 7:30 The Popeye Show 8:00 The News Scooby Doo Mysteries 8:30 Courage the Cowardly Dog 9:00 Johnny Bravo 9:30 Dexter's Laboratory 10:00 The New Adventures of Captain Planet 10:30 Ninja Robots Double Episode 11:30 Tom & Jerry Show 12:00 Bugs Bunny Specials 12:30 Character of the Month: Snagglepuss 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 New Scooby Doo Mysteries 5:00 The Popeye Show 5:30 Courage the Cowardly Dog 6:00 Johnny Bravo 6:30 Dexter's Laboratory 7:00 Tom & Jerry Show 7:30 Bugs Bunny Specials 8:00 Garfield Specials 8:30 Pinky & The Brain 9:00 The New Scooby Doo Mysteries 9:30 The New Scooby Doo Movies

MOVIES
9:30 Our Dancing Daughters 11:10 Three Little Words 2:20 Her Cardboard Lover 3:30



Dancing in the Street on BBC World at 6:10 in the evening

Angels With Dirty Faces

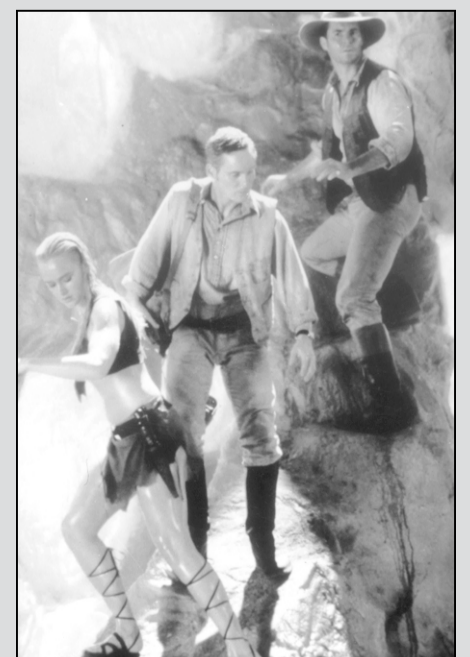
STAR SPORTS

7:30 Golf Programming GolfGlobe 2001 8:00 Sports Unlimited 9:00 New Zealand Cricket Sri Lanka Tour of New Zealand Auckland, New Zealand Sri Lanka 11:30 New Zealand Cricket Sri Lanka Tour of New Zealand Auckland, New Zealand Sri Lanka 2:00 World Cup Swimming World Cup 2000/2001 Sheffield, England Highlights 4:00 Olympic Magazine 4:30 Spanish League Highlights 2000/01 Spanish League Highlights 5:00 Australia Cricket Carlton Series 2001 Melbourne, Australia 2nd Final 6:00 NBA Inside Stuff 2000/01 NBA Inside Stuff 6:30 Gillette World Sports Special 2:30 New Zealand Cricket Sri Lanka Tour of

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ESPN

7:30 Australia Cricket Carlton Series 2001 Sydney, Australia 1st Final, 1st Session 10:00 Australia Cricket Carlton Series 2001 Melbourne, Australia 1st Final, 2nd Session 12:00 Cricket Talk Show Boys and Sunny Masterclass: Captaincy 1:30 NBA Action 2:00 English Premier League Highlights 3:00 New Zealand Cricket Sri Lanka Tour of New Zealand Hamilton, New Zealand Sri Lanka 4:30 Australia Cricket Carlton Series 2001 Melbourne, Australia 2nd Final, 1st Session 6:30 Australia Cricket Carlton Series 2001 Melbourne, Australia 2nd Final, 2nd Session 9:00 English Premier League 11:00 English Premier Football League 1:00 ATP Tennis Show 1:30 Italian Serie A Football Italian Serie A 2000/2001 3:30 LPGA Golf LPGA Takefujii Classic Kona, Hawaii 5:30 Sportscenter : International Edition 6:00



The Lost World on Star World at 6 this evening

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