

Exhibition

# Weaving images to express

*Drik Gallery presents Polly Hope's fresh look on the canvases*

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If art is actually all about spaces and expressions then Polly Hope's art exhibition titled Spaces & Places currently going on at the Drik Gallery in the city is another example of that fact. Polly's creations on display are truly an intriguing collection of art at its imaginative best. Polly has juxtaposed a wide range of art forms on a single canvas and created beautiful pieces of expressions out of them. At first glance, her artwork may

results. The still or limited emotions (in her words) of the camera have thus been blended and molded into a more evocative, and expressive form of art in which the brush strokes have filled up that seemingly small gap between the still representation of a place and the creative touch onto it. Polly has used heat transfer systems to transfer different photographs on a canvas and then let her creativity flow run while letting the collage come to life.



Polly Hope

look like a typical collage, but on a closer inspection, it is seen that the seemingly easy picture that is the result on the canvas is actually a painstakingly put together. Polly has used photographs and paint, embroidery and applique work all on the same canvas weaving them into a finely blended picture. The urge behind this creation has been the belief that the camera can be as alive as paint and brush, and Polly says that she has spent many a sleepless night trying to put the two mediums together and show the

Some critics have called her art works "typographical pictures". Polly likes to think that they are a three-dimensional representation on the canvas, since she has used the two dimensional photographs and blended them with other crafts to give them another dimension in terms of space. The artist says that during a visit to France when she visited the actual places that Van Gogh had painted, she was touched and inspired by the way he had captured places and spaces through his



Eloise (detail).

works. She strives in her efforts to create a similar effect by transferring places on the canvases and keeping them there. In most of her work the lack of definite edges in her pictures leave the space unfreeze, which is one of the reasons behind the title of

her collection being Spaces.... These art works are photomontages or collages in which the original pictures have been edited, recomposed and at times recomposed to give them the desired results. With the help of



Royal Art, Diana's Flowers.

paint, embroidery, stitches, patchwork, and other handiwork, Polly adds a new dimension to her work. As a result images that came out are unique. Images of old buildings blended with those of people around the structures, with the added onslaught of the brush and paint tell a story, linking the abstract with a tale of its own. It becomes a glimpse into a new world as imagined in the mind of the artist.

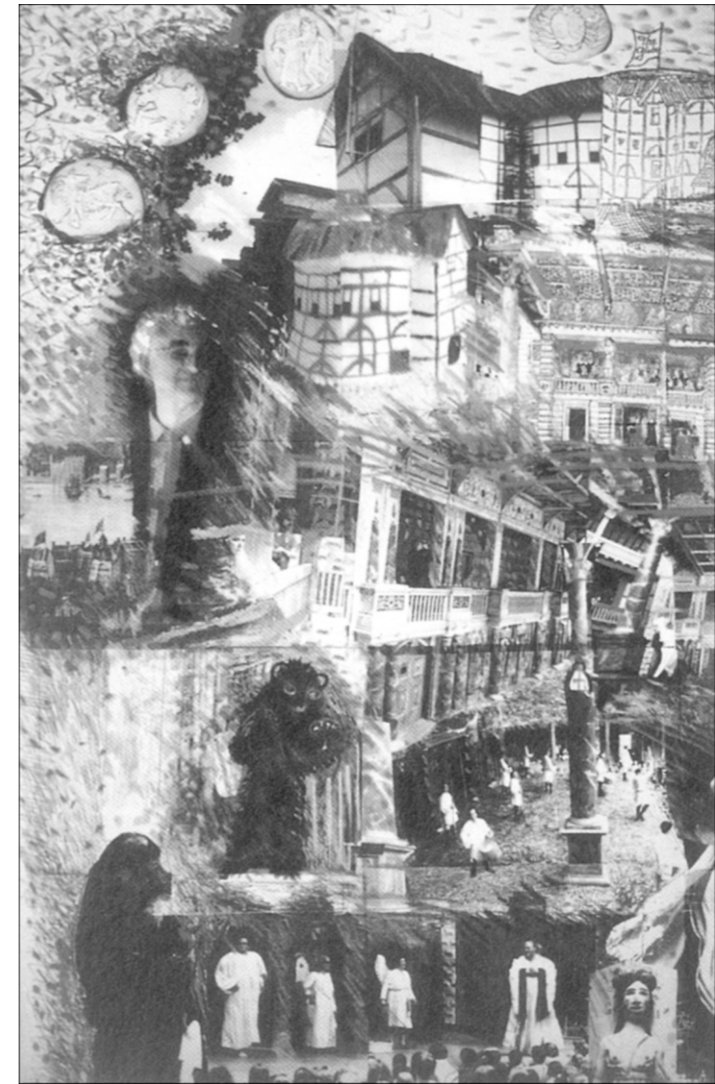
In "The Bride" for example, the demure and shy expression of the bride has been augmented with her painted lips; her forehead has been given more life with the embroidered jewelry. The veil on her head is a net added on the canvas, very neatly attached to the picture, which helps to bring the image to life. It seems as if the girl is actually real life. In "Shakespeare's Globe London", images from different plays of Shakespeare stand out almost making an onlooker feel that he/she is next or with the place itself. In "Royal Art", "Diana's Flowers" etc., the image of the Buckingham Place

strewn with the thousands of bouquets looks so real that an onlooker can feel the presence of the flowers right next to him.. Polly travels extensively. She has been in Europe and America with her camera capturing different places and spaces. These have been used in her current collection on display at Drik Gallery in Dhanmondi.

Born and brought up in England, the artist has held several exhibitions of her wide variety of art work in

London, Wales, Paris, Athens, New York, Dallas, Melbourne, Sydney, Lausanne, Rome, Ahmedabad etc.

Having a wide range of interests, Polly Hunt has also written three books, worked on screenplays and designed costumes for movies, done translations and penned songs and music.



Shakespeare's Globe London(detail).

RECOMMENDATIONS



State of Bengal

The British Council presents concerts with State of Bengal— an Asian underground from the UK today 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.



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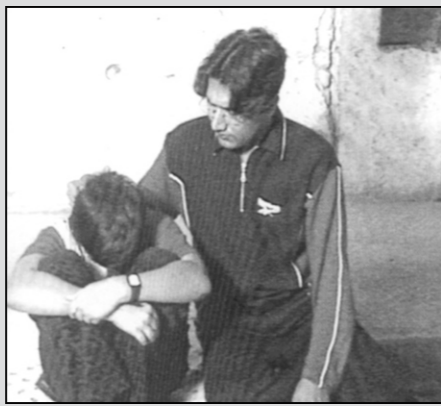
Spaces & Places, the last exhibition of Chobi Mela, has opened at Drik Gallery (House# 58, Road# 15/A, Dhanmondi). The exhibition is characterized for its use of photographs in drawings while depicting a 360 degree space beyond vision centering around any point. British Artist Polly Hope uses photographs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

## TV GUIDE

PICK OF THE DAY



**How to Make an American Quilt on HBO at 9:30 Tonight**  
Oscar-nominee Winona Ryder is Finn, a Berkeley graduate student who decides to spend the summer break at the home of her grandmother, Hy (Burstyn) and her extended family group of remarkable women collectively known as the Grasse Quilting Bee. Finn is there for two reasons to seek some peace and quiet in which she can write her thesis, and to consider a marriage proposal from her boyfriend (Dermot Mulroney). In the solace of Hy's home, surrounded by orange groves the women of the Grasse Quilting Bee relate to Finn the stories of the loves that shaped their lives as they gather to make her wedding quilt. They are tales of true love, betrayal, joy and heartbreak that span more than a century each story as individual as the women themselves Kate Nelligan, Maya Angelou, Alfre Woodard and Samantha Mathis co-star in this Joy Luck Club-esque drama based on the novel by Whitney Otto, who incidentally wrote it as her senior thesis while a graduate student at the University of California at Irvine. Beautifully lensed by internationally-acclaimed cinematographer Janusz Kaminski. Starring: Winona Ryder, Anne Bancroft, Ellen Burstyn

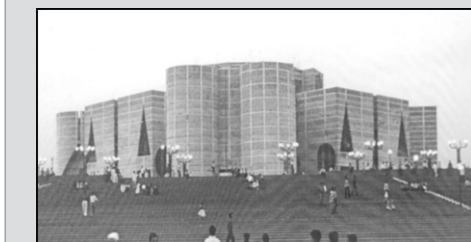


5th episode of the drama E Ki Khela will be aired on Ekushey television at 9:30p.m.

**EKUSHEY TV**  
12:00 Ekushey News  
Headlines 12:05 Akjer  
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Movie: Shamir Shohag  
2:30 Dristi 3:00 Ekushey  
News Headlines 3:05  
Drama Serial: Na 3:30  
Pother Pachali 4:00  
Chirontoni 4:30 Expedition  
Core 7:15 Masters of the Universe 9:30 How to Make an American Quilt 11:45 My Blue Heaven 1:45 Mad City 4:15 Masters of the Universe

**STAR WORLD**  
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 11:00 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 Cont'd 10:30 The X Files 11:30 Star Trek

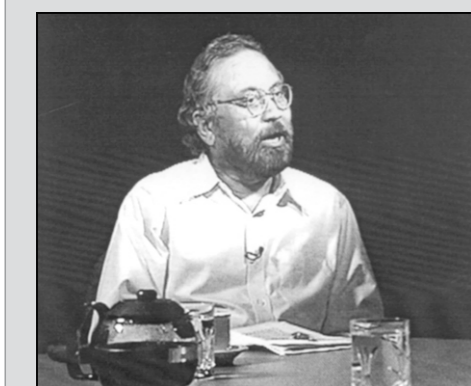
News 11:30 India Business Report 12:00 BBC News 12:30 Hospital 1:00 BBC News 1:30 Face To Face 2:00 BBC News 2:30 This Week 3:00 BBC News 3:30 I Caesar 4:00 BBC News 4:30 Click on Line 5:00 BBC News 5:30 USA DIR 6:00 BBC News 6:30 Rock Family Trees 7:00 BBC News 7:30 Dateline London 8:00 BBC News 8:30 Top Gear 9:00 BBC News 9:30 Dancing in the Street 10:00 BBC News 10:30 India Business Report 11:00 BBC News 11:30 Holiday 12:00 BBC News 12:30 I Caesar 1:00 BBC News 1:30 USA Direct 2:00 BBC News



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to the Animal Kingdom 5:00 Circus Circus 5:30 Dristi 5:50 Akjer Potrikay 6:00 Ekushey News Headlines 6:05 Classic Cartoons 6:30 Charidike 7:00 White Plus Jana Ojana 7:30 Ekushey News 8:00 Protibedon 8:30 Noorjahan 9:30 E Ki Khela 10:00 BTV News 10:25 Shorashori 11:15 Ekushey Late Night News 11:30 Protibedon 11:45 ETV Headlines

**HBO**  
7:00 Topaz 9:30 See You in the Morning 12:00



Sharashari on Ekushey television at 10:25p.m.

Cinema Secrets Ep 10 Action in the Old West 12:30 Jimmy Hollywood 2:45 Hook 5:30 Deep Prabhakar Panshikar 5:30 Hum Tere Aashiq Hain (Jeetendra, Hema Malini, Amjad Khan)

The Next Generation 12:30 Cops 1:00 Star News Focus Asia 2:00 The X Files 3:00 Creffo Dollar Daily 3:30 Kenneth Copeland Ministries 4:00 Life in the Word With Joyce Meyer 4:30 World News 5:00 Grace Under Fire 5:30 Mork & Mindy

**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 10:00 BBC News 10:30 India Tomorrow 11:00 BBC

2:30 Rock Family Trees 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 Geetmala 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 Chali Ka Naam Anlakshri 12:30 Family Fortunes 1:00 Musafir Hoon Yaron 1:30 Mirch

Masala 2:00 Kabhi Kabhie Mere Ghar Mein Bhuchhaal Ata Hai 2:30 Mail Milap 2:40 Star Sunday Matinee: Charas 6:00 Shrimati Sharma Na Kehti Hai 6:30 Jubilee Plus 7:00 Star Bestsellers- First Kill 8:00 Star Film Utsav: Geet Gaya Patharone (Jeetendra, Rajshree) 11:30 Jubilee Plus 12:00 Janata Ki Adalat

DISCOVERY CHANNEL

6:30 Animal Survivors 7:00 In Care of Nature 7:30 Outer Bounds I&II 8:00 Without Warning I



Star Trek - The Next Generation on Star World at 11:30p.m.

8:30 Wings 9:30 Let's Dance/There's No Food 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

**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 Sport 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 New Scooby & Scrappy-Doo Show 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 & Scrappy-Doo Show 5:00 The Popeye Show 5:30 I Am Weasel 6:00 The Powerpuff Girls 6:30 Mike, Lu & Og 7:00 Tom & Jerry Show 7:30 Bugs Bunny Specials 8:00 Garfield Specials 8:30 Pinky & the Brain 9:00 The New Scooby & Scrappy-Doo Show 5:30 The New Scooby Doo Movies

TCM TURNER CLASSIC MOVIES

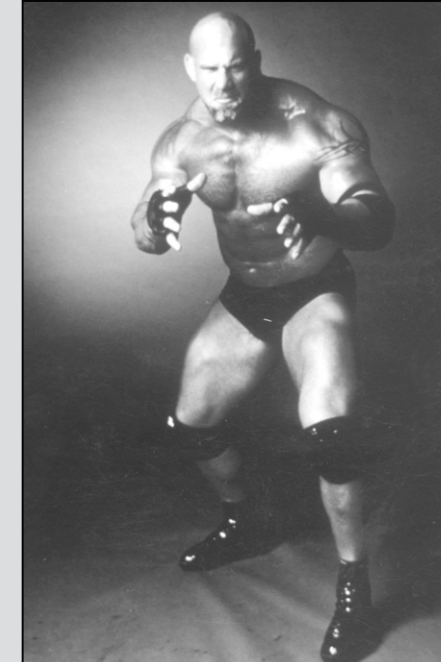
9:30 A Midsummer Night's Dream 11:45 Royal Wedding 1:45 Murder Man 3:25 Tortilla Flat



The X Files on Star World at 10:30p.m.

SPORTS

7:30 New Zealand Cricket Sri Lanka Tour Of New Zealand Christchurch, New Zealand Sri Lanka 11:30 NBA Basketball All-Star Saturday Night 1:30 Asia Sport Show 2:00 Rally Racing On The Limit 2000 2000 APRC Season Review Part 2:30 Spanish Football League 2000/01 Spanish Football League 4:30 Futbol Mundial 5:00 Sports India 5:30 New Zealand Cricket Sri Lanka Tour Of New Zealand Christchurch, New Zealand Sri Lanka 8:00 New Zealand Cricket Sri Lanka Tour Of New Zealand Christchurch, New Zealand Sri Lanka 8:00 Melbourne, Australia 3rd Final, 1st Session 1:00 School Quiz Show ESPN School Quiz Olympiad 1:30 Australia Cricket Carlton Series 2001 Melbourne, Australia 3rd Final, 2nd Session 5:30 Racehorse Digest 6:00 English Premier Football League 8:00 UEFA Champions League Highlights 2000/01 UEFA Champions League Weekly 9:00 Australia Cricket Carlton Series 2001 Melbourne, Australia 3rd Final, H/L 10:00 English Premier Football League Newcastle United Charlton 12:00 Snooker Billiards ESPN World Snooker: 2001 Nations Cup Reading, England Semifinal 2:00 New Zealand Cricket Sri Lanka Tour Of New Zealand Hamilton, New Zealand 6:30 English Premier Football League 8:30 Australia Cricket Carlton Series 2001 Melbourne, Australia 2nd Final H/L 9:28 Australia Cricket Carlton Series 2001 Melbourne, Australia 3rd Final, H/L 10:00 English Premier Football League 8:00 UEFA Champions League Highlights 2000/01 UEFA Champions League Weekly 9:00 Australia Cricket Carlton Series 2001 Melbourne, Australia 3rd Final, H/L 10:00 English Premier Football League Newcastle United Charlton 12:00 Snooker Billiards ESPN World Snooker: 2001 Nations Cup Reading, England Semifinal 2:00 New Zealand Cricket Sri Lanka Tour Of New Zealand Hamilton, New Zealand



World Championship Wrestling Thunder on Star World at 1:00p.m.