

Exhibition
Lines to caste a spell over the eyes

Country's foremost painter Aminul Islam's drawing retrospective

FAYZA HAQ

AN exhibition of fifty years of Aminul Islam's drawings is being held at the Bengal Gallery. These comprise over hundred drawings dating from the nineteen fifties to the present day.

Aminul Islam says, "Recently some young artists have started a method of writing that is subjective. I admire their courage as non-verbal art forms whether painting or music is not possible to express through words. Even Rabindranath Tagore often expressed his uneasiness while writing on his own art work. In my drawings, which span fifty years, I have to compromise



The artist: Aminul Islam

between history, aesthetics and objectivity. The line is the most primitive of art forms to express the three dimensional visible world in two dimensional flat surface.

"The conception of line came to human beings in the form of horizontal, vertical and angular forms as they came across vast land, sea and the sky overhead. Many cave paintings which exist today, astonish us by the forceful lines that were drawn twenty to thirty thousand years before Christ, using only straw, cane, fibrous roots of trees and possibly animal hair.

"The Egyptians and the Sumerians began writing on half-dried clay tablets using thorns of date trees that grew in large abundance. Later the Hebrews and Arabs began using feathers of large birds and the tool had its special mark in the way they wrote. The



Chinese were the first to begin writing with brush which is still in use. The quality of lines drawn with brushes were known in ancient Japan and Korea too.

"When artists use lines of different quality in pictorial subjects they describe not only outer appearances but also emotional aspects. There are many more things in drawings such as balance, harmony, and rhythm of compositions.

"My own earliest drawings are straightforward and representational. Gradually they became geometrical and semi-abstract and finally non-objective rhythmical form

. My later works are kind of improvisation in music. The ultimate purpose of drawing is not to illustrate or copy some outer fact or inner vision but to evolve a harmonious wholeness which finds its passage in our imagination."

Aminul Islam's drawings of the fifties include a realistic portrait of a young man with a with a small amount of shading in front and the back. The facial features are so realistic that they could have been taken from a photograph. Another creation dating to the same period are the sides and backs of horses seen in oval curves and think lines



denoting the hips, hoofs, tail and sides of the animals. Triangular shapes that denote the head and necks are seen in another part of the drawing. All these are held in squares and rectangles. From the same time comes the presentation of a woman carrying a vessel. Her skirt and veil swirl with the wind. Her limbs appear poetic as do the curve of her hip. She has bangles on her wrists and earrings on below her

cascading hair. Her skirt is embroidered as also is her blouse. The figure is held up on swirling, trembling lines.

A drawing from the seventies bring a figure of a nude woman tied up in chains with pieces of wood at the back. Apart from her falling, rippling hair her only cover are leaves seen behind her hand, between her legs and behind her hips.



Squiggles and dots from the creation of the same period in bold thick sweeps and curls while the works of the eighties bring in more circles, rectangles and curls which could be representing forms in nature such as trees and birds simplified into squares and circles. The drawings of the nineties are equally abstract creating joy and harmony through variations of black and white forming swirls and lines that remind you of jewels scattered

on velvet and parts of nature such as buds, flowers and roots of trees. Another drawing has a collection of curved lines forming a tree complete with branches, leaves and roots.

In Aminul Islam's works we see the power of stark black lines that could represent anything from humans to daring and imaginative abstraction.

RECOMMENDATIONS



Exhibition
 A solo exhibition of paintings and drawings by Nazlee Lalail Mansur has opened at the Zainul Gallery, Institute of Fine Arts, University of Dhaka. The exhibition will run till February 17 from 2 to 8p.m. daily.

Publication ceremony

A publication ceremony of the Bangla adaptation of Dr. Patricia Sonksen and Blanche Stiff's illustrated book on a programme for visual development for infants and children "Show Me What My Friends Can See" will be held on Thursday, February 15 at 12 noon at the Dhaka Shishu Hospital auditorium. The ceremony will be presided over by Prof. Manzoor Hussain while Dr. Patricia Sonksen will remain present as the chief guest.

Film Show

Walt Disney Retrospective by Zahir Raihan Film Society.
 Zahir Raihan Film Society will screen 6 animated fairy tales made by world famous American animation film maker Walt Disney from February 18 to 20 at the German Cultural Centre at Dhanmondi (Road No. 02). Snow White and The Seven Dwarfs will be screened on 18th February at 4:00 p.m. and Cinderella at 5:30 p.m. On 19th February, Sleeping Beauty at 4:00 p.m. and The Little Mermaid at 5:30 p.m. And on 20th February, Beauty and the Beast at 4:00 p.m. and Aladdin at 5:30 p.m. Children are allowed free access to all the shows.

Exhibition

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

TV GUIDE

PICK OF THE DAY

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3:00 Opening announcement.
3:20 Open University. 4:00 Khabr. 4:05 | 8:20 Drama: Nodir Mato. 9:30 Jadur Nagari. 10:00 News at Ten. 10:20 Anandolok. 11:30 Khabar/ The | lines 3:05 Ondho Shikari 3:30 Shampa Razaer Boithok 4:00 Priyo Gaan 4:30 Expedition to the Animal Kingdom | Ekushey News Headlines 6:05 Classic Cartoons 6:30 Charidike 7:00 Toyota World of Wildlife 7:30 Ekushey News 8:00 Tuni Mem 8:30 Bangla Movie: Vondo 10:00 BTV News 10:20 Bangla Movie: Vondo (remaining part) 11:00 Ekushey Latenight News | 12:30 Tumsa Nahin Dekha (Shammi Kapoor, Ameeta, Pran) 3:30 Geet Bahar 4:00 Jal Bin Machhili Nirtya Bin Bi (Sanjeev Kumar, Nirupa Kumar, Nirupa Roy) 7:00 Geet Bahar 7:30 Monday Magic Khuddaar (Amitabh Bachchan, praveen Babi, Vinod Mehra) 10:30 Bollywood News 11:00 Palki (Rajendra Kumar, Waheeda Rehman) 12:30 Palki (Cont) 2:00 Geet Bahar 2:30 Jal Bin Machhili Nirtya Bin Bi (Sanjeev Kumar, Nirupa Roy) | Report 1:00 BBC News 1:30 Hardtalk 2:00 BBC News 2:30 Correspondent 3:00 BBC News 3:30 Hardtalk 4:00 BBC News 4:30 Top Gear ex Waterworld 5:00 BBC News 5:30 Correspondent 6:00 BBC News 6:30 Face To Face 7:00 BBC News 7:15 World Business Report 8:00 BBC News 8:30 Hardtalk 9:00 BBC News 9:30 Asia Today 10:00 BBC News 10:30 Mastermind India 11:00 BBC News 11:15 World Business Report 11:30 Click Online 12:00 BBC News 12:30 World Business Report 12:45 World Sport 1:00 BBC News 1:30 Hardtalk 2:00 BBC News 2:30 Holiday 3:00 BBC News 3:30 World Business Report 4:00 Asia News 4:30 Asia Business Report 4:45 World Business Report 5:00 BBC News 5:30 Asia Business Report/Asia Today |
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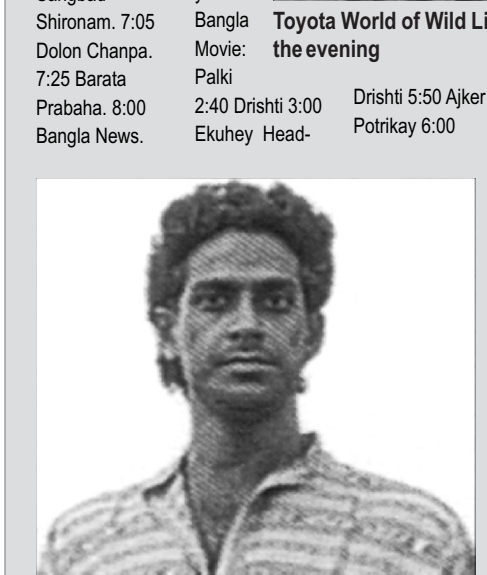


Bengali feature film Palki on Ekushey TV at 12:15 in the afternoon. Starring Faroque, Manna, Sunetra.

Educational programme. 4:30 Maternal and child health development programme. 4:45 Sports programme. 5:20 Aloy Bhuban Bhora. 5:45 Pusti Tathya. 6:00 Khabar. 6:10 Unmesh. 6:35 Programme of Chittagong centre. 7:00 Sangbad Shironam. 7:05 Dolon Chanpa. 7:25 Barata Prabaha. 8:00 Bangla News.

News. 11:45 Closing. 5:00 Circus 5:30

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 12:00 Ekushey y Headlines 12:05 Ajker Patrika y 12:15 Bangla Movie: Palki 2:40 Drishti 3:00 Ekuhey Head-



Drama Tuni Mem on Ekushey TV at 8 tonight. Starring Tamalika Karmaker, Micheal Sweet

HBO

6:30 The Prince of Tides 9:00 Uncommon Valor 11:15 Lean on Me 1:30 Funny Valentines 3:45 The Specialist 6:00 Other

BBC WORLD

6:00 BBC News 6:30 Asia Today/Reporters 7:00 BBC News/Asia Today Inc Asia Business Report 8:00 BBC News 8:30 Asia Today/Reporters 9:00 BBC News 9:30 Asia Today/Asia Business Report 10:00 BBC News 10:30 Earth Report 11:00 BBC News 12:00 BBC News 12:30 India Business

STAR GOLD

8:30 Beete Hue Din 9:00 Gunnaam (Manoj Kumar, Nanda) 12:00 Geet Bahar

BBC WORLD

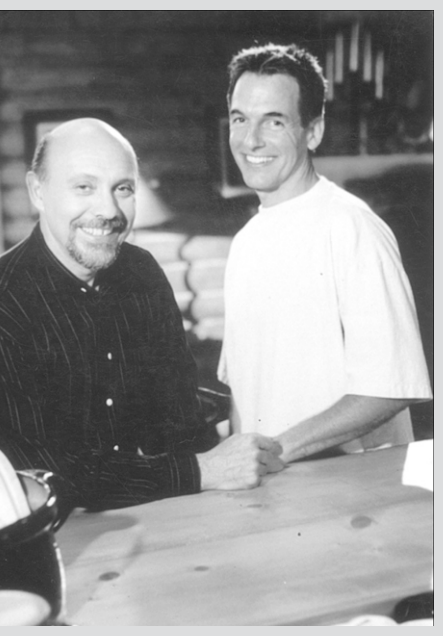
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CNN

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



Lorenzo's Oil on HBO at 10 tonight. Based on a true story, this remarkable and heartwarming tale chronicles Nick Nolte and Susan Sarandon as two parents who battle time and the medicine establishment to save their son's life who is suffering from a rare disease.



Chicago Hope on Star World at 12 tonight

Morning 6:30 Asian Edition 6:45 Asia Business Morning 7:00 CNN This Morning 7:30 Business Unusual 8:00 CNN & Time 9:00 World News 9:30 World Sport 10:00 World News 10:30 This Week in the NBA 11:00 World News 11:30 Best of Q&A 12:00 World News 12:30 World Report 1:00 World News 1:30 World Sport 2:00 World News 2:30 Best of Insight 3:00 CNN & Time 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 Hotspots 8:00 Asia Tonight 8:30 World Sport

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STAR PLUS

6:30 Star Geetmala 7:30 Hit Ya Fit 8:00 Chhuppa Rustam 8:30 Good Morning 9:30 Star Morning Show: Kalkakra 12:30 Hit Ya Fit 1:00 TSN 1:30 Small Wonder 2:00 Meri Saheli Thi 4:30 Cine Jkarokha 5:00 Hit Ya Fit 5:30 Smriti Sharma Na Kehti Thi 6:00 Small Wonder 6:30 Fox Kids 7:30 Kahani Ghar Ghar Ki 8:00 Tu Tu Main Main 8:30 Garhwali Uparwali 9:00 Saans 9:30 Kaun Banega Crorepati 10:30 Kahani Ghar Ghar Ki

DISCOVERY CHANNEL

7:00 In Care of Nature

7:30 Outer Bounds I & II 8:00 Without Warning I 8:30 Lonely Planet VI 9:30 Beyond 2000 10:00 The Quest 10:30 Go For It! 11:30 Intimate Escapes 12:30 Wild Discovery 1:30



Friends on Star World at 9 tonight

Medical Detectives I 2:00 Medical Detectives II 2:30 Vital Breakthroughs 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 IV 6:30 Crocodile Hunter's Croc Files 7:00 Splat II & III 7:30 Wild Discovery 8:30 Wild Asia 9:30 Medical Detectives 10:00 Ultrascience II 10:30 Amazing Worlds 11:30 Discovery Profile Series 12:30 Wild Discovery 1:30 Wild Asia 2:30 Medical Detectives 3:00 Ultrascience II 3:30 Amazing Worlds 4:30 Discovery Profile Series 5:30 Vital Breakthroughs

TCM TURNER CLASSIC MOVIES
 9:30 The Perfect Specimen 11:30 Personal Property 1:30 Born to Dance 3:30 A Southern Yankee

STAR WORLD
 6:00 Murder Call 7:00 The Oprah Winfrey Show 8:00 Home Improvement 8:30 Happy Days 9:00

11:00 Tom & Jerry Show 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

Nash Bridges 10:00 Murder Call 11:00 The Oprah Winfrey Show 12:00 Dr Quinn Medicine Woman 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 That '70s Show 6:30 Everybody Loves Raymond 6:45 STAR News Asia 7:00 Dharma & Greg 7:30 Frasier 8:00 Chicago Hope 9:00 Friends 9:25 STAR News 10:00 That '70s Show 10:30 Dharma & Greg 11:00 Everybody Loves Raymond 11:30 Frasier 12:00 Chicago Hope 1:30 That '70s Show 1:30 Dharma & Greg 2:00 Everybody Loves Raymond 2:30 Frasier 3:00 Crello Dollar Daily 3:30 Kenneth Copeland Ministries 4:00 Life In The World With Joyce Meyer 4:30 World News 5:00 Grace Under Fire 5:30 Mork & Mindy

STAR MOVIES
 6:00 Action: Air America 8:00 Action: Dick Tracy 10:00 Drama: Journey Of Natty Gann 12:00 Comedy: 10 Things I Hate About You 2:00 Thriller: