

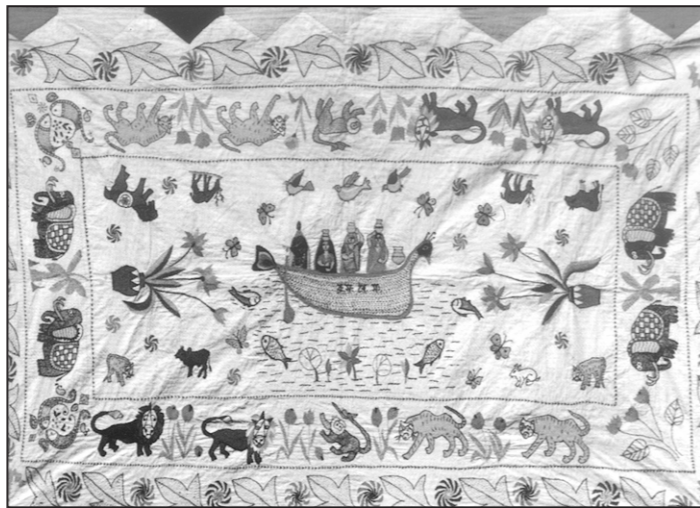
Exhibition

# A family affair

Swapan Chowdhury and his family express their creative imagination through *Three Generations* show



The artist family



Journey, embroidered quilt Jindupabha Devi

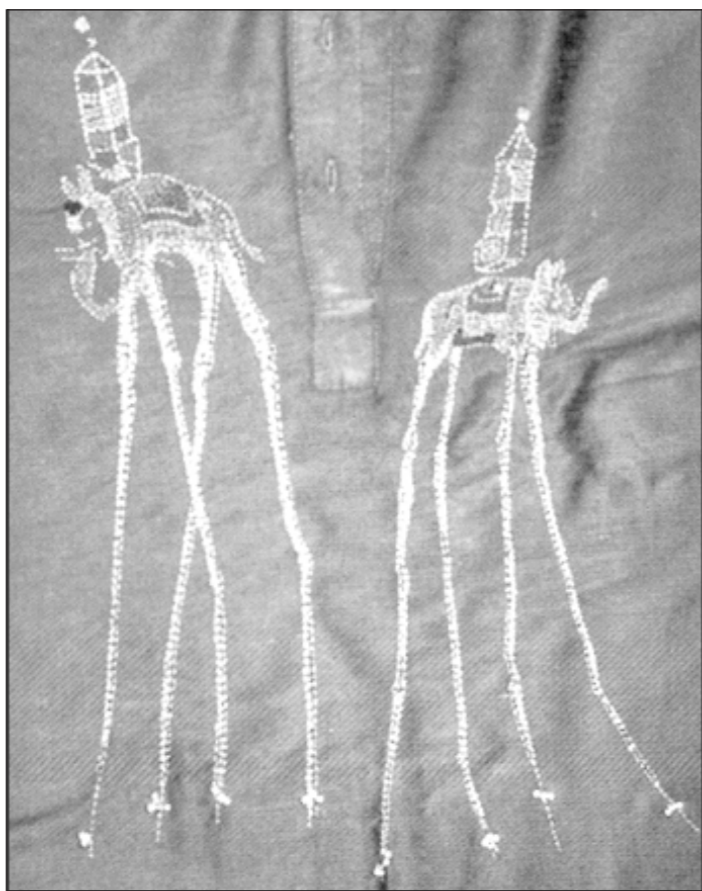
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**T**HREE Generations is an exhibition at Drik presenting the works of Swapan Chowdhury and his family, tracing down from his mother.

Swapan works in many medias including oil, acrylic and mixed media. His favourite media is the mixed media because here he can best play with his emotions and attitudes. He usually takes nature as his subject in which he includes man. He says, "For me there is no difference between an ant and a man. Seen from a distance from the top both are the same. The basic form is the same and they both feel the same pain."

"Nature-18" is a part of a series on spring. For him, during this time, nature appears to dance with joy. In the background is the red of happiness with semi abstract forms. The series of circular images that go from the right to the left in the painting in brown and black stand for leaves, birds, and fish. Thick splashes of vermilion lend variety to the texture and stand for both soothing and rough feelings within the artist.

"Nature-10" has a square divided into four parts in the centre of the paper that holds the mixed media where water colour, print and sketch have been included. The sketches include rectangles, oblongs and



Kameeze Sultan Mahmood Milita

other spheres that are grey. The forms are continued into the background which are held together in a beige and mauve background.

Swapan says, "I don't try to tell a story in my paintings. My compositions are a decorations as I believe in 'art for art sake'. I believe in presenting colour and form in an attractive way. I feel the life of the painting is in its composition."

"Nature-8" has some raised line with forms that are touched with mauve, blue and dots of yellow. The purple bars and the touch of vermilion

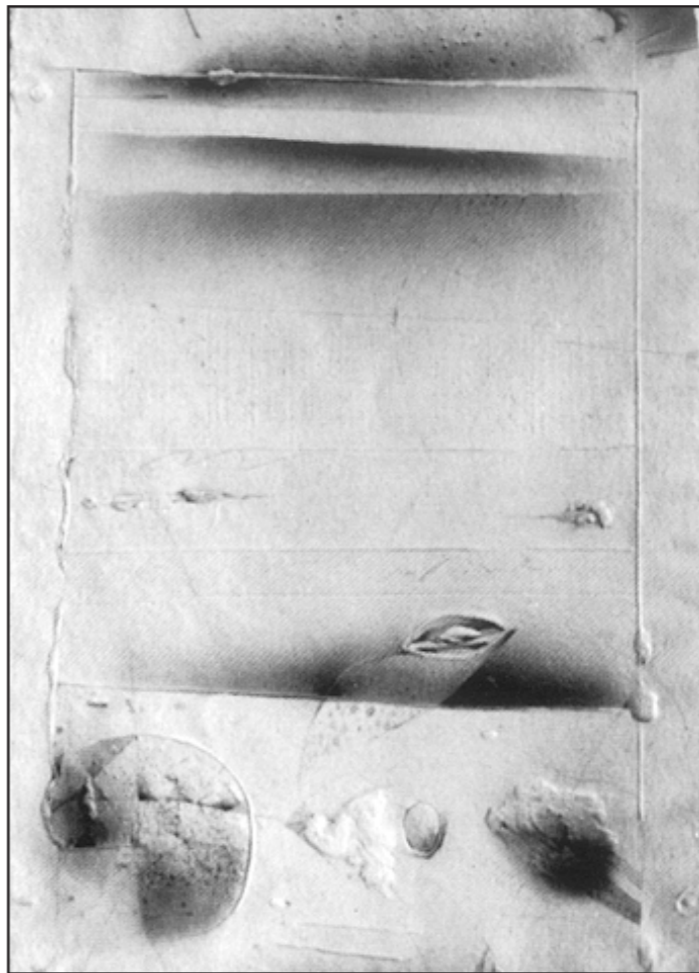


Wife Shayan Chowdhury Arnob

in the corner go to bring in what Swapan terms as a "dairy of a painter". Here the line stands for a bird's flight while the dots at the bottom stand for collecting fungus. Other lines and forms bring in swaying flowers.

Similarly "Nature-14" has a lot of orange and yellow in squares and rectangles along with circles and splashes bringing in clouds falling water and sunbursts to the mind. Eastern paisley motifs are carefully and minutely included. The canvas is divided into rectangular portions, all blending into one another. The artist says, "This depicts the end of spring with the outset of autumn. Here nature is seen as sun-washed and rain-washed."

One finds images of falling drops in "Nature-9" in a garden where one detects leaves, stems which are simplified into geometrical forms and presented in shades of orange, black, red. This captures the dying light at the closing spring with the predominating black. Swapan says, "An artist does not have to present philosophies or ideas on sociology or economy. His prime work is to present something pleasing to the eye. Just as the 'sur' and 'taal' are vital for a song. An artist should not wait for the appreciation of the viewers. He should work what comes honestly within himself. He should work to satisfy himself and



Nature 12 Swapan Chowdhury

not what the buyers may want."

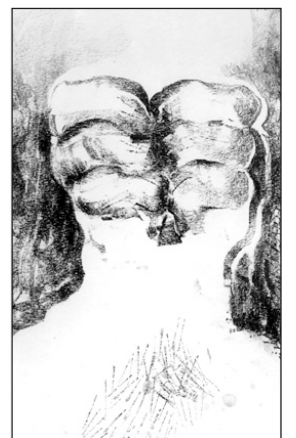
The exhibition also contains the prints of Swapan's son Shayan, who has recently completed his studies at Santiniketan. One of his works contains the Shyama dance-drama where the figures follow ancient folk motifs taken from books. While the background is in black, the figures are in black and white in linocut. The rest of Shayan's works are surrealistic and which have a clear message of telling a story through motifs. Thus in the lithograph "Stri" there is a woman's figure being strangled with vines with an iron at the back. Another noteworthy inclusion in the display is the photo-scope mixed media in which we see a dining man wrapped by yards of spaghetti, done

in brown, vermilion and yellow.

Also seen at the exhibit are the admirable "nakshikantha" by Swapan's mother, Jindupabha Devi with lions, tigers, elephants, boats, fish, flowers and human beings done in neat stitches. The fascinating embroidery work on fashion clothes, with embroidery following the works of great artists in the past in Europe, done by Swapan's daughter Sultana Mahmood, are also seen at the exhibit.

The display of the vibrant works of the different members of the family, coming down through generations, reflect the interest in art through the years in Swapan Chowdhury's home.

RECOMMENDATIONS



Killigion

An art exhibition by Kajol titled 'Killigion' started at the Gallery Chittrak on February 23. The exhibition will remain open from 10a.m. - 8p.m. every day till March 4.



Kubin's show

An art exhibition by Alfred Kubin (1877-1959) will be inaugurated at the Goethe Institut on March 11 at 6p.m. The exhibition presents fifteen pen and ink drawings of the so called 'Hans von Weber Mappé' (reprinted in a limited edition in 1989).

The exhibition will remain open to all from 2p.m. - 8p.m. everyday except Fridays and Saturdays till March 25.

Art to save life

A joint art exhibition by two sisters Tia and Nadia Chowdhury started at the North South University (BTA tower 6th floor) yesterday.

The money collected from the exhibition will help a disabled boy Sheikh Mohammad Shaheer for the implantation of artificial limbs. The exhibition time has been extended and will come to an end after the Eid.

## TV GUIDE

PICK OF THE DAY



Star Trek Generations on HBO on March 3 at 10 pm. The past meets the future as two generations Enterprise Captains, James T. Kirk and Jean-Luc Picard up to save the universe from a powerful energy ribbon known as 'Nexon', in the best Star Trek movie to date.

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2:00 Ekushey Headlines  
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Muktigudho Amar Ahongker 11:15 Drama: Grihobin Aroner Pathe 11:50 Akattorer Dinguli 12:00 Sarejomin 12:40 Your Choice Ole Ole 1:15 Kara Alape 2:00 Drama: Kajol Rekha 2:50 I Focus 3:00 Bangla Cinema: Vat the (Sabana/Alomgir) 6:00 Reciting from Holy Quran

Azam (Prithviraj Kapoor, Dilip Kumar, Madhubala) 10:30 Jubilee Plus 11:00 Bandhan Kuchchey Dhaagon Ka (Sashi Kapoor, Rakhee, Zeenat Aman) 12:30 Bandhan Kuchchey Dhaagon Ka (Contd...) 2:00 Geet Bahar 2:30 Shaadi Ke Baad (Jeeendra, Rakhee) 5:00 Bandhan Kuchchey Dhaagon Ka (Sashi Kapoor, Rakhee, Zeenat Aman)

HBO

7:00 Nowhere to Hide 9:00 Poodle Springs 11:00 Soapdish 1:00 Why Do



Xena: Warrior Princess on Star World at 1a.m.

7:00 Mukto Khobor 7:30 Ekushey News 8:00 Bangla Film 10:30 BTB News 11:00 Ekushey Late Night News

6:10 Suvo Sandha 6:40 Muktigudho Amar Ahongker 7:15 Drama: Galper Shesh Ase 7:50 Akattorer Dinguli 8:00 Jukti Tarkho 8:40 Music Horizonte 9:15 Gher Gherosthai 10:00 Anuvhabe Anukhane 10:50 I Focus 11:00 Bangla Cinema: Anno Jibon (Asad/Champal/Abul Khair)

DISCOVERY CHANNEL

6:30 Eyewitness II 7:00



Hercules on Star World at 2a.m.



Mission: Impossible on Star World at 2p.m.

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

Fools Fall in Love 3:15 Wyatt Earp 7:15 Cinema Secrets EP 12: Effects For Laughs 7:45 Fire Down Below 10:00 Star Trek Generations 12:30 Batman 3:15 Waiting For Guffman 5:00 Poodle Springs

STAR GOLD

8:30 Bollywood News 9:00 Shaadi Ke Baad (Jeeendra, Rakhee) 12:00 Geet Bahar 12:30 Hamrahi (Rajendra Kumar, Jamuna) 3:30 Bollywood News 4:00 Sargam (Raj Kapoor, Rehana) 7:00 Geet Bahar 7:30 Reid & Taylor Saturday Special Mughal-E-



Earth Final Conflict on Star World at 7.25p.m.

BBC WORLD

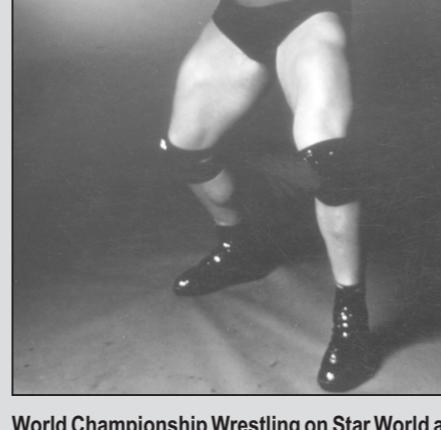
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CNN

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 EbizAsia 7:00



World Championship Wrestling on Star World at 1p.m.

11:30 CNN Indiadotcom 12:00 World News 12:30 Ebizasia 1:00 World News 1:30 CNN Hotspots 2:00 World News 2:30 World Beat 3:00 World News 3:30 Golf Plus

STAR SPORTS

6:30 Futbol Mundial (R) 7:00 Tour of Langkawi Malaysia, Malaysia Day #8 Highlights (T) 7:30 Golf Programming Golfglobe 2001 (T) 8:00 Formula One Qualifying Australian Grand Prix (L) 9:00 ATP Tennis Kroger St Jude Memphis, TN USA Semifinals (R) 12:00 Indoor Athletics IAAF Indoor Grand Prix Birmingham, England (T) 2:30 International Cricket Bradman (R) 4:00 National Rugby League 2001 Melbourne, Australia North Queensland Cowboys @ Melbourne Storm Round 2 (R) 6:00 NBA Inside Stuff 2000/01 NBA Inside Stuff (R) 6:30 Spanish League Highlights 2000/01 Spanish League Highlights (T) 7:00 Cricket Talk Show Boys And Sunny Masterclass: Fast/Swing/Seam Bwlg (R) 8:00 Six Nations Championships 2001 Twickenham, England Scotland (L) 10:30 Formula One Qualifying Australian Grand Prix (R) 11:30 PGA Tour Golf Genuity Championships Miami FI USA Second Round (S) 1:00 Spanish League Highlights 2000/01 Spanish League Highlights (R) 1:30 Gillette World Sports Special Gillette World Sports (T) 2:00 Spanish Football League 2000/01 Spanish Football League Madrid, Spain Barcelona vs Real Madrid (L) 4:00 Formula One Qualifying Australian Grand Prix (R) Key: L (Live), S (Same Day Delay), A (As Live), T (Taped), R (Repeat)

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 11:00 Business Unusual

ESPN

6:00 NBA Basketball Indianapolis, in USA Seattle Supersonics @ Indiana Pacers (L) 8:30

School Quiz Show ESPN School Quiz Olympiad (R) 9:00 Sportscenter Hindi (R) 9:30 Racehorse Digest (T) 10:00 Snooker Billiards ESPN World Snooker: 2001 The Masters From Wembley London, England Semifinal 12:00 Sportscentre: International Edition (T) 12:30 Cricket

Crown Best of Freestyle Motorcross (R) 1:30 Italian Serie A Football Italian Serie A 2000/2001 Brescia, Italy Lazio @ Brescia (L) 3:30 Snooker Billiards ESPN World Snooker: 2001 The Masters from Wembley London, England Semifinal (T) 5:30



3rd Rock From The Sun on Star World at 9 p.m.

Talk Show Boys And Sunny Masterclass: Best Xi 1:30 Basketball: NBA Action (R) 2:00 NBA Basketball Indianapolis, in USA Seattle Supersonics @ Indiana Pacers (R) 4:30 Classic's Sugar Ray's Hit Parade 1974 World Heavyweight Title Bout (Bh) Zaire, Africa (R) 5:30 English Premier Football League Leeds, England Manchester United @ Leeds United Afc (L) 7:30 Boxing Series Friday Night Fights Ledyard, CT USA (T) 9:00 English Premier Football League Leicester, England Liverpool @ Leicester City (L) 11:00 International Cricket Bradman (R) 12:30 X-Games Preview/Recap 2001 Winter X Games white Out (T) 1:00 Van's Triple Crown Van's Triple

Championship Wrestling Worldwide 2:00 Mission Impossible 3:00 Baywatch 4:00 Hercules 5:00 Xena 6:00 Sir Arthur Conan Doyle's The Lost World 7:00 First Wave 8:00 Water Rats 9:00 3rd Rock From The Sun 9:30 Star News 10:00 Baywatch 11:00 First Wave 12:00 Sir Arthur Conan Doyle's The Lost World 1:00 Xena 2:00 Hercules 3:00 Key of David 3:30 Morris Cerullo 4:00 Beanny Hinn 4:30 Space Island One 5:30 Doggie Howser

Sportscentre: International Edition (S)

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Click Online on BBC World at 8:30p.m.

WORLD

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

Nischol) 4:30 Musaffir Hoon Yaron 7:00 Family Fortunes 7:30 Chalti Ka Naam Antakshiri 8:30 STAR Mast Movies: Hageekat (Ajay Devgan, Tabu) 11:30 Aaj Ki Baat 12:00 Hageekat (contd...) 12:30 Siski 1:00 Kalash 1:30 Sewaili Mawala 2:00 Tu Tu Main Main 2:30 Sonpari 3:00 Ek Main Aur Ek Tu 3:30 National Geographic 4:30 Musaffir Hoon Yaron 5:00 Gharwali Uparwali 5:30 Shrimati Sharma Na Kehti Thi



Water Rats on Star World at 8 p.m.