

Exhibition

Bangladeshi art in the land of the rising sun

Fokhrul Islam's exhibit at Tokyo

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PAINTING exhibitions in various galleries around Dhaka city are featured regularly in these columns. But this exhibition being featured here was held in Japan. How great it makes the artist and his near and dear ones feel when he can show his art works to a wider audience, when he gets an international break. It is a matter of pride for his nation too, to

artist, he fails to create an art form. The creation becomes a quest to prove something. This, he feels, is a barricade towards creativity. He never tries to pass judgement on his work either. He reasons that one can not measure love and affection. Similarly, he cannot judge his work. As long as his creations bring happiness to people, make them smile and touch their heart, he is happy. This is what he, as an artist, conceives as his gain.

Md Fokhrul Islam completed his BFA in Ceramics from the Institute of Fine Arts of Dhaka University in 1990. After that he spent two years

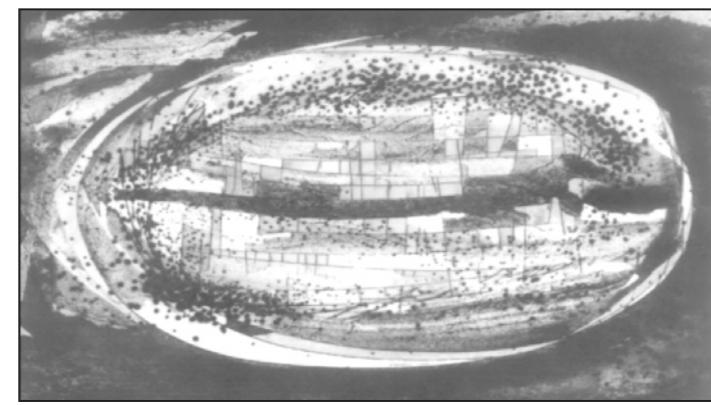


Image-1: oil on paper

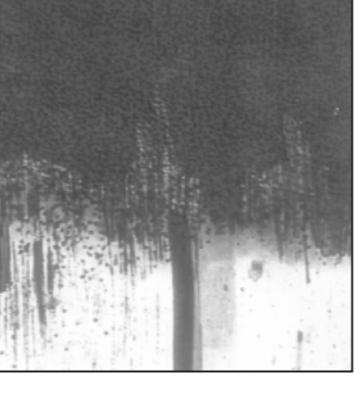


Image-4: oil on paper

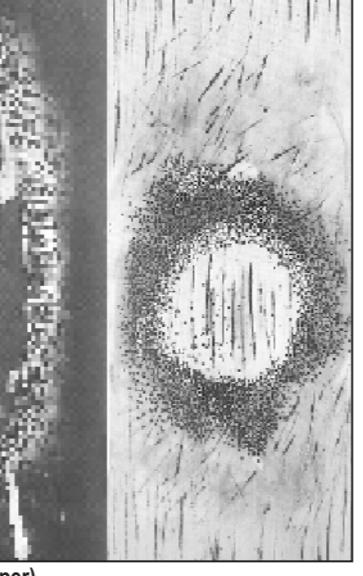


Image-5, Image-2, Image-6 (oil on paper)

Fokhrul Islam

know that a 'son of the soil' is making waves abroad.

Mohammad Fokhrul Islam has successfully held a solo art exhibition in Japan. This exhibition was held from 7th to 19th May at the Chuwa Gallery in Tokyo. This was his fourth solo art exhibition. He has previously held two exhibitions in Zainul Gallery, Institute of Fine Arts and one at Alliance Francaise de Dhaka.

Most of his works displayed in the Chuwa gallery, were oil on paper. There was an exaggerated use of browns and blacks. A lot of bold stripes and use of earth tones made up his abstract arts. A few of his creations are printed here.

Talking about his work, he says that he does not try to prove his skills though his paintings. For him, art is a medium of expressing of his emotions. Fokhrul says that whenever he tries to prove himself as an

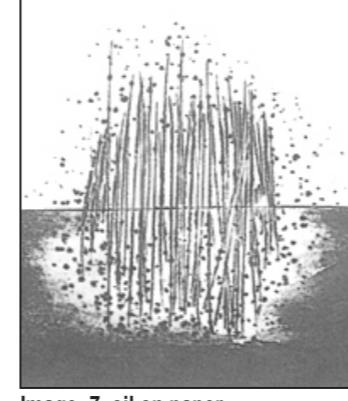


Image-7: oil on paper

studying in Beijing on a Chinese government scholarship. He has participated in a host of workshops and art camps under renowned artists from both home and abroad. Among those under whose supervision he worked include Professor Abdur Razzaq, Professor Mahmudul Haq, Sussan Benton, a renowned artist from America, Adriana Hernandez from Denmark, and Jorg Bachhofer of Germany. Fokhrul has participated in many group exhibitions both home and abroad.

He is currently working as a freelance artist at his own studio in Bashiruddin Road, Kalabagan, Dhaka.

Event

Bringing people closer to their culture

Shetubandha accords reception to five renowned personalities of the country

CULTURAL CORRESPONDENT

SHETUBANDHA, a cultural organisation dedicated to the promotion of artists of the country, recently accorded a reception to renowned personalities of the society and held a cultural function to mark the occasion.

The cultural organisation awarded five personalities for their contribution in their respective fields. The awardees are Tohab Khan (journalism), M A H Selim (social welfare), Abdus Sabur Khan Chowdhury (comptre), Shahin Samad (singer) and A T M Shamuzzaman (acting).

Hena Kabir presided over the programme held at the Central Public Library auditorium in the city. State Minister for Foreign Affairs Abul Hasan Chowdhury was present as chief guest. Khandokar Rasheedul Haque, R M Khan and Mahabub-uz-Zaman were present as special guests.

The programme began with the presentation of flower bouquets to all the distinguished guests on the dais by the members of the organi-

sation. The chief guest than handed over a certificate and crest to each of the five recipients.

State Minister Abul Hasan Chowdhury said in his speech that "Shetubandha" was an organisation whose efforts were really worthy of appreciation. It is role model for other cultural organisations to look up to.

Singers Farida Parveen, Yasmin Mushtari, Ferdous Ara, and Ifat Ara Nargis presented songs at the cultural programme that followed the reception.

Shetubandha is a cultural organisation set up to promote such activities in the country. Its name is derived from two very Bangla words, *Shetu*, which means a bridge, and *Bandha*, which means a connection or tie.

A bridge is also used for communication purposes, to connect two remote areas. The organisation is working to do that, that is setting a form of communication between people and culture.

The organisation is a result of the thinking and efforts of some artistes to generate for a good cause. It aims

to lift our indigenous culture to step forward, and to promote or culture and heritage both at home and overseas, so that it is used as a bridge of communication between different people.

In the past, the organisation has helped to promote neglected artistes living at various corners of the country to the larger audience in Dhaka. It has also come forward to help destitute or needy artistes in need of help through raising funds. An international music convocation was organised with the participation of renowned artistes of the sub-continent to promote brotherhood among neighbouring countries. At different times it has also brought needy and destitute children to the auditorium, giving them a chance to watch cultural functions to encourage them towards cultural activities.

Shetubandha has also set up a rehabilitation centre for the old and disabled artistes and has further plans up its sleeves for more social welfare activities in the future. It has also set up a modern training centre for budding artistes of the country.

RECOMMENDATIONS

Contemporary Art of Bangladesh - Trends

Organised by the High Commission of India, a ten daylong exhibition titled 'Contemporary Art of Bangladesh - Trends' is being held at the High Commission of India Cultural Centre.

The exhibition will remain open from 11:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. till June 2.



Bonsai Exhibition

The 4th solo exhibition of Bonsai by Arham-ut-Hug Chowdhury is being held at the Bengal Gallery (Bengal Shilajala, 275/F, Road 27 old, Dhannondi).

The exhibition will remain open to all from 12:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. everyday till May 31.



Paintings for the Liberation War Museum

A painting exhibition by Kanak Champa Chakma and Khalid Mahmood Mithu is being held at the Saju Art Gallery in Gulshan. The artists donated all these artworks for Liberation War Museum's fund raising.

The exhibition will remain open to all from 10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. till May 31.

Summer Fest

A fashion exhibition by design house Kay Kraft titled 'Summer Fest' is being held at the WVA auditorium. The exhibition will continue everyday from 3 p.m. - 9 p.m. till May 28.

TV GUIDE

BTV
3:20 Open University
3:45 Sports Programme
4:00 Khabar
4:05 Shasthathaya
4:30 Educational Programme
4:45 Shukhi Poribar
5:20 Unmesh
5:45 Special on Zainul Abedin
6:00 Khabar
6:10 Dolon Champa
6:35 Ultaran
7:00 News Headlines
7:05 Tukhor
7:30 Barta Probaha
8:00 News in Bengali
8:30 Nimantran
9:00 News Headlines
9:30 Man of Angeloes
10:00 De-Re
10:30 News in English
10:55 Unnayan Shonglap
11:30 Khabar / The News
11:45 Closing

ETV

12:00 Ekushey Midday
12:20 Bangla Film: Ora Egarjon
2:40 Drishi
3:00 Ekushey Headlines
3:05 E K Khela
3:30 Jononi
4:00 Ek Cup Cha
4:30 Expedition to the Animal Kingdom
5:00 Circus Circus
5:30 Drishi
5:50 Ajker Potrikay
6:00 Ekushey Headlines
6:05 Classic Cartoons
6:30 Charidike
7:00 Toyota World of Wildlife
7:30 Ekushey News
8:00 Bondhori
8:30 Oshanto Shongshar
10:30 News: Simulcast from BTV
11:00 Ekushey Nightly News

BBC WORLD

6:30 Asia Today Inc Asia Business Report
7:30 Asia Today Inc Asia Business Report
8:30 Asia Today Inc Asia Business Report
9:30 Asia Today Inc Asia Business Report
10:30 Rough Science(14) Phys Wld (15-20) Predictions (21-23) Future Fant (24-26)

STAR PLUS (INDIA)

6:00 Ek Main Aur Ek Tu
6:30 Star Geetmala
7:30 Chhupa Rustam
8:00 Hit Ya Fit
8:30 Good Morning India

STAR WORLD

9:30 Star Morning Show : Karishma (Kamal Hasan, Reena Roy)
12:30 Hit Ya Fit
1:00 TSN
1:30 Kahaani Ghar Ghar Ki
2:00 Sanskruti

STAR GOLD

11:30 Palkon Ki Chhaon Mein (Rejesh Khanna, Hema Malini)
1:00 Geet Bahar
1:30 Ek Nari Ek Brahmachari (Jeetendra, Mumtaz, Shatrujan Sinha)
2:00 Mork & Mindy
2:30 Happy Days

STAR MOVIES

6:30 Drama: Forever Fever
8:30 Action: Deadly Bet 88
10:00 Family: The Last Great Warrior
11:00 The Oprah Winfrey Show
11:45 Comedy: The Parent Trap

STAR SPORTS

6:00 Murder Call
7:00 The Oprah Winfrey Show
8:00 Home Improvement
8:30 Happy Days
9:00 David Beckham's Story

AXN

6:30 Grandeur Musashi RV/Starship Troopers
7:00 Dharma & Greg
7:30 Frasier
8:00 Everybody Loves Raymond
8:30 Samaj Ko Badal Dalo (Ajay Sahni, Sharada)

TODAY'S HIGHLIGHTS

EKUSHEY: 8:00 p.m. *Bandhan*. Episode 8: Akram comes back, but after fighting with Jolly, wants to leave again. Imran tells him that his friend Badal has come and asks him not to leave.

STAR WORLD: 10:00 p.m. *Sabrina The Teenage Witch*. To Tell A Mortal: The Quizmaster pops in to alert Sabrina that it's Friday the 13th. On this day she may tell a mortal she's a witch. Special appearance by Drew Carey.

STAR WORLD: 10:30 p.m. *Dharma & Greg*. Play Lady Play: Dharma gives her musical talents a try when she agrees to play drums for a friend's high school band, but when things go awry Dharma scores a much bigger gig. Special appearance by Bob Dylan and his band.

STAR WORLD: 11:30 p.m.