

Exhibition

East meets West

Ali Akbar, Bangladeshi artist settled in USA, holds his solo show at Gallery 21

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"MY sole pride lies in the fact that I am a Bangladeshi", says Ali Akbar, a US-based Bangladeshi painter, who holds his one-man show at the Gallery 21 in Dhanmondi. Entitled "H2O", the exhibition opens on Friday, September 21.

Born and brought up in Bangladesh, Ali, a 34-year-old young man, received his formal education in art from the Fine Arts Institute of Dhaka University and later graduated from Southeastern Oklahoma State University and Collin County Community College, USA.

"I have gone through different phases of struggle in trying to cope with the lifestyle and values of the American society. But gradually things began to settle down and life started to offer its many splendours. I put up my solo exhibition at the Spectrum Gallery in downtown Dallas in 1991. Finding potential resource and probably some confidence, the Chairman of my department advised and helped me to join the Dallas Museum of Art in Texas where I am still working as visitor services assistant manager",



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said confident Ali.

The works of this artist seem to carry an entirely different form in the sense that, his pieces include subjects and topics coming from two different dimensions yet meeting and mingling



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the jovial period of youth days.

"Themes of my works are my childhood, youth and the present status of mine but certainly not the future. You may find a touch of spirituality blended with real-life attitudes and here lies my self-satisfaction. The world should exist not only with materialistic objectives rather maintain a well-balanced situation placing spirituality and reality side by side. We are all human beings despite our race or creed and proper love for humanity should arise above everything and permeate through everything", added Ali.

His themes predominantly deal with his personal notion of our liberation war and that of language movement. Some of the works like "Ballya Shikhya" and "Bornomala" depict his intense love for motherland and mother tongue.

"Though I have settled abroad I always feel a sense of emptiness in my soul and feel that I am being uprooted from my country and my people. America to me is a place where there are opportunities of some kind and an artistic freedom not to be found here but then again everything is quite artificial there. There is an inexplicable pain in my heart", said Ali



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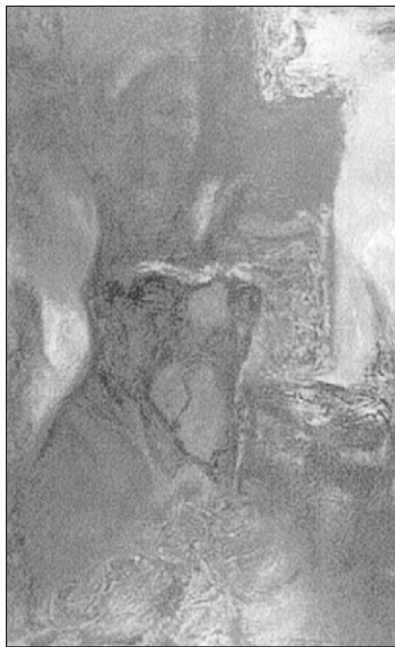
Akbar while discussing his works.

Ali finds great pleasure in observing and experiencing life through a bird's-eye view perspective trying to locate the aspects and customs of America, Bangladesh or Europe under one frame.

The eroticism and romanticism that we explore in the works are another important theme of this artist. His floating figures represent the psychological landscape of human emotions. The figures are found swimming among colours and textures that evoke the presence of cloud, sky, smoke or fog! The outstretched limbs attract each other depicting the necessity of connection and attraction between two or more adults in reality. In fact, the works involved with the theme of love and passion carry a sense of self-depiction according to Ali. "In stages of my pictures, I find my childhood days, then my exuberating youth and finally the sense of maturity and success that I am experiencing at present", said Ali Akbar.

Ali Akbar's sense of responsibility and dedication towards his work is certain to make him a great maestro in the days to come.

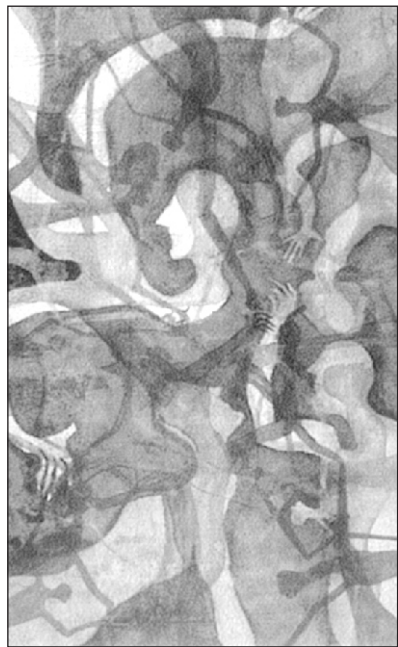
About his works on Liberation War



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TV GUIDE

BTV

3:45 Swastha Tathya
4:00 Khabar
4:05 Cartoon Jumanji
4:20 Sukhi Paribhar
4:40 Khetle Khetle computer
5:20 Magazine Prayas
5:45 Pushti Tattya
6:00 Khabar
6:10 Geet Bitan
7:00 News headlines
7:05 Unmesh
8:00 News in Bangla
8:30 Drama serial Bhalobashar
10:25 Sei Gan Guli
10:00 News in English
10:25 Sei Gan Guli

EKUSHEY TV

12:00 Ekushey Midday
12:20 Bangla Film: Harano Sur
2:40 Drishti
3:00 Ekushey Headlines
3:05 Drama Serial: Jhor Bristir Nir
3:30 Drama Serial: Jononi
4:00 Khetlay Khetlay Chirontonee
4:30 Drishti
4:50 Aikar Potriky
5:00 Muktomoncho
6:00 Ekushey Headlines
6:05 Muktomoncho
6:30 Deshjure Headlines
6:35 Charidike
6:55 Ekushey Headlines
7:00 Bolte Chai
7:30 Ekushey News
7:58 Ek Minute
8:00 Drama Serial: Bondhon
8:30 Drama Serial: Bongshogoti
9:00 Pother Pachile
9:30 Drama Serial : Sundoree
10:00 BTV News
10:30 Nirbachon Shanglap
11:00 Ekushey Nightly News

ATN

5:30 Islamic Prog.
7:00 Musical Prog. ATN Music
7:35 Film Songs Cinemusic
8:45 Drama Serial Uttaran
9:20 Nirbachon-2001, ATN
9:55 Bengali film Praschitta
6:07 Health Care Prog. Sustha Thakun
6:45 Film Magazine Daiwood Bichitra
7:20 Rong Be Ronger Din
8:00 Nirbachon-2001, ATN
Banglar Mokhomukhi

HBO

6:30 Patch Adams
8:45 Macarthur
11:15 Chances Are
1:30 St. Elmo's Fire
3:35 King Cobra
5:45 Mchale's Navy
8:00 Epoch
10:00 Flight of the Intruder
12:15 Out of Sight
2:45 St. Elmo's Fire
5:00 Epoch

STAR GOLD

10:30 Amul Bollywood News
11:00 Geet Bahar
11:30 Bachpan (Sanjeev Kumar, Tanuja)
3:00 Amul Bollywood News
3:30 Sansar (Agha, Pushpavali)
7:00 Geet Bahar
7:30 Rang Birang Chalta
Purza (Rajesh Khanna, Parveen Babhi)

STAR WORLD

7:00 The Oprah Winfrey Show
8:00 Water Rats
9:00 JAG
10:00 The Pretender
11:00 The Oprah Winfrey Show
12:00 NYPD Blue
1:00 Things People Do
1:30 The Bold and The Beautiful
2:00 Mork & Mindy
2:30 Happy Days
3:00 Baywatch
4:00 The Simpsons
4:30 3" Rock From The Sun
5:00 Star News Asia
5:30 Friends
6:00 The Drew Carey Show
6:30 Whose Line Is It Anyway?
6:45 Star News Asia
7:00 Ally McBeal
8:00 The Practice
9:00 Friends
9:30 The Drew Carey Show
10:00 Whose Line Is It Anyway?
10:30 Ally McBeal
11:30 The Practice
12:30 The Drew Carey Show
1:00 Whose Line Is It Anyway?
1:30 Ally McBeal
2:30 3" Rock From The

Sun
STAR PLUS
(INDIA)

7:30 I Love My India
8:00 Hit Ya Fit
8:30 Aatma
9:30 Fox Kids Daily
10:15 Sangeet Toppers
10:30 Small Wonder
11:00 Kabhie Kabhie Mere Ghar Mein Bhuchal
Aata Hai
11:30 Saahil
12:00 Sansar
12:30 Hit Ya Fit
1:00 Hum Saath Saath Hain
1:30 Kahaani Ghar Ghar Ki
2:00 Sanskruti
2:30 Kyunki Saas Bhi Kabhi Bahu Thi
3:00 Shagun
3:30 Shanti
4:00 Meri Saheli
4:30 Kaathin Kissii Roz
5:00 Kabhie Kabhie Mere Ghar Mein Bhuchal
Aata Hai
5:30 Hit Ya Fit
6:00 Small Wonder
6:30 Fox Kids Daily
7:19 Sangeet Toppers
7:30 Sanskruti
8:00 Hum Saath Saath Hain
8:30 Son Pari
9:00 Kaathin Kissii Roz
9:30 Kaun Banega Crorepati
10:30 Kahaani Ghar Ghar Ki
11:00 Kyunki Saas Bhi Kabhi Bahu Thi
11:30 Popular Mechanics for Kids
12:00 Shagun
12:30 Telebrands
1:00 Hit Ya Fit
1:30 Meri Shaheli
2:00 Kaathin Kissii Roz

STAR MOVIES

7:15 Family : 101 Dalmatians
9:15 The Ticket
9:45 Comedy : More Dogs Than Bones
11:45 Sci-Fi/Action : Apex
1:45 Midday Movie : Prototype
3:45 Action : Alien Intruder
5:45 Drama : The Scout
8:00 Hearts of Fire : White Fang-2 Myth of the White Wolf
10:00 UK Top Ten
10:30 You Pick The Flick Com :
12:45 Action : Alien Intruder
7:30 [V] So Long Gone
8:30 [V] Jumpstart
10:30 [V] Hit Machine
12:30 [V] Jungli Jukebox

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12:30 [V] Jungli Jukebox

TODAY'S HIGHLIGHTS



Ekushey:

9:30 pm. *Sundari-7* episode. Nilmani expresses his desire to learn the art of tiger hunting to revenge the death of his brother-in-law. He begins to pursue Harjan Sardar to learn the art.



Ekushey:

8:30 pm. *Bangshagati*-last episode. Everyone returns to the city. Dhruva keeps his doors closed and mouth shut all the time. And only murmurs his thoughts.



Star World:

6 and 9:30 pm. *The Drew Carey Show*. In, Drew's the Other Guy, Drew opens this episode with his musical trip through 'hip', featuring cameo appearances by Flip Wilson, Dick Clark, and H.R. Pufnstuf. Meanwhile, Drew surprises his girlfriend by bringing dinner to her home.

1:00 [V] FDFS
1:30 [V] Hit Machine
4:30 [V] Hotline
5:30 Very [V]
7:30 [V] Hit Machine
8:00 [V] Colossal Chaos Countdown
9:00 [V] Hit Machine
9:30 [V] Jungli Jukebox
10:00 [V] FDFS
10:30 [V] Hit Machine
11:00 [V] Hit Machine
12:30 Club [V]
1:00 [V] Hit Machine

DISCOVERY

6:30 Junkyard Wars
7:30 Popular Mechanics for Kids
8:00 Splatt! IV
8:30 Wild Discovery
9:30 Discovery Sunday Ushuaia
10:30 Junkyard Wars
12:30 Tech Tuesday
2:30 Wild Discovery
3:30 Science Mysteries
4:30 Discovery Civilisation
5:30 Popular Mechanics for Kids
6:00 Splatt! IV
6:30 Trail Blazers II
7:30 Hunters
8:30 Land of the Tiger
9:30 Wild Discovery
10:30 Medical Detectives III
11:30 Lonely Planet V
12:30 Wild Asia
1:30 Hunters
2:30 Land of the Tiger

ZEE TV

12:30 Mujhe Dor Koi Kinche
1:00 Sansaar
2:00 Deewane To

2:30 Manzilein Apni Apni
3:00 Hindi Feature Film
5:45 News
6:15 Yaadon Ke Pal
6:30 Aalaap
7:00 Yogs For Life
7:30 Jagran
7:50 Zee Gym & Eat
8:20 News
8:30 Ardhangini
8:45 Yaadein Radio Ceylon Ki
9:00 Nickelodeon on Zee
10:00 Guldasta
10:30 Sarhadain
11:00 Ek Tukda Chand Ka

ESPN

6:30 Fivb World C'Ship of Beach Volleyball
Klagenfurt, Austria
Women's Semifinals
7:30 Spanish Football
League 2001/02
8:30 Spanish Football
League
10:30 Senior Pga Tour Golf
Sbc Senior Open Long Grove, IL USA Second Round
11:30 NFL's Greatest Moments The Greatest Generation (New)
12:30 Sportsline Today
1:00 English Premier Football League
2001/02 Charlton, UK
Leeds United Afc @ Charlton Athletic
National Sports Report

11:30 Ek Nazar
Woh Haseen Pal
12:00 Manzilein Apni Apni
1:00 Koi Apna Sa
1:30 Koi Apna Sa
2:00 Choti Maa Ek Anokha Bandhan
Gharana
2:30 Hindi Feature Film
3:00 Ek Nazar
6:00 Nickelodeon On Zee
7:30 Ek Nazar
8:00 Deewane To Deewane Hai
9:00 Ek Tukda Chand Ka
9:30 Mehendi tere Naam Ki
Choti Maa Ek Anokha Bhandhan
10:00 Koi Apna Sa

PICK OF THE DAY



Flight of the Intruder on HBO on September 19 at 10 pm. North Vietnam, 1972: Hanoi is off limits to American bombers, due to peace talks, but that doesn't stop three fearless navy pilots from avenging their buddies deaths. Flying low-altitude bombers with no defensive weapons, they're out to bomb a Hanoi missile park.

SPORTS

3:30 Horseshow Jumping
International Horse Trials Blair Castle, Scotland Highlights
4:30 World Grand Prix
Badminton Brunei, Brunei Finals Highlights
5:30 This is the Pga Tour
Extreme Magazine Yoz Magazine
7:00 Watersports World
8:00 Sportsline Tonight
8:30 World Cup Mix
9:00 Max Power
10:00 Sportsline Tonight
10:30 Sportline Classics
11:00 Boycott's Best England V India (1st Test)
12:00 Sportsline Tonight
12:30 Race Day Monza, Italy
Italian Grand Prix
Formula One 2001
Formula One World Championships
Monza, Italy Italian

STAR SPORTS

7:30 Football Focus
8:30 Basketball 3rd Adidas
Regional Streetball
Finals Hong Kong, Hong Kong Highlights
9:30 Uefa Champions
League 2001/02 Uefa
Champions League
Group Phase 1, Matchday 2
5:00 ESPN's Wednesday
Night Baseball

9:00 Metro News
9:30 News At 9
10:00 Prime Time
11:00 News Round Up
11:30 World View Evening
12:00 Sports News
ZED TV
10:30 Once Upon A Time
11:00 Apni Sehat
11:30 Corporate Warriors
12:00 Walkins Tall
12:30 Jobs People Do
12:45 Tip Tap Toe
1:00 Net Riders
1:30 Drishti
2:00 Master X
2:30 Jobs People Do-Hindi
2:45 Jadoo & Hills Magic Words
3:00 Kehle Sunte
3:30 Parenting Ek Ehsaas
4:00 Kye Aap Jante Ho
4:30 Palsa Vasool
5:00 Zed TV Curtain Raisers
6:00 Strictly Business
6:30 Crit Rsr-School & ECL
7:30 Footprints of Time
8:00 Xpressions
8:30 Echak Daana
9:00 Right Click
9:30 Business Quotient
10:00 Zed TV Curtain Raisers
11:00 Medium
11:30 Communications Skills
12:00 Crt Rsr-Women & Home

ZEE NEWS

6:30 News In Hindi
12:00 Zee Premier Show
12:00 News in Hindi
4:00 Beyond Headlines
4:30 News in Hindi
5:00 Spl. Correspondent
5:30 News in Hindi
6:30 Sports News
7:00 Business News
7:30 News in Hindi
8:30 Business News

ZEE ENGLISH

10:30 A Mind To Kill
11:30 Full House
12:00 Capitol
12:30 All My Children
1:30 Dave's World
2:00 Three's Company

2:30 Friends
3:00 Veronica's Closet
3:30 A Mind To Kill
4:30 Here's Lucy
5:00 Evening Shade
5:30 Heartbreak High
6:30 Fresh Prince of Bel-Air
7:00 Full House
7:30 Three's Company
8:00 Here's Lucy
8:00 Friends
9:00 Fresh Prince of Bel-Air
9:30 ER
10:30 For Your Love

ZEE CINEMA

2:30 Sanam Aap Ki Khatir
6:00 Premika
10:00 Adalat
1:30 Balma
6:00 Andaz
10:00 Pushpak
9:00 Rain Man
11:30 Car 54 Where are you
2:00 Hot Spot
4:30 After Midnight
7:00 Choose Me
9:30 Rain Man
11:30 Car 54 Where are you

ZEE MUSIC

10:30 Hit Mix
11:00 Blue
12:00 Zee Music Box
12:30 Zee Music Plus
1:00 Hit Pe Hit
2:00 Jharokha
2:35 Dil Se
3:05 Tara Rum
4:00 Hit Pe Hit
5:00 Zee Music Box
5:30 Hit Mix
6:00 Cool Age
6:30 Zee Music Plus
7:30 Hit Pe hit
8:30 Best of Best
9:30 Zee Music Box
10:00 Sizzlers
10:30 Jharokha

ALPHA TV

Bangla
10:00 Omanisha
11:00 Aat Pake Bandha
11:30 Grithsajja
12:00 Bahari Ahaar
12:30 Ebar Jombae Mawja
1:00 Ingeet
2:00 Nayantara
2:30 Bangla Feature Film
5:00 Gaan Unltd
5:30 Disney
6:00 Alpha Khabor
6:25 Jhankar
6:30 Grohon
7:00 Guest House
7:25 Jhankar
7:30 Surer El Jharna Dhara
7:55 Jhankar
8:00 Nayantara
8:30 Ek Akasher Niche
8:30 Chena Muk Achena
Manush
Bhristi Megh Akash
9:30

SITI CINEMA

10:30 Duniya Na Mane
3:30 Janamkundi
6:30 Doodh Ka Karz
9:30 Raste Pyar Ke
10:30 Ed, Edd & Eddy
11:00 Flintstones
11:30 Tom & Jerry Kids
12:00 The Little Lulu Show
12:30 Scooby Doo Where Are You?

JOHNY QUEST

1:00 Johnny Bravo
1:30 Pinky & The Brain
2:00 Sylvester & Tweety
2:30 The Mask
3:00 Flintstones
3:30 Tom & Jerry Kids
4:00 The Little Lulu Show
4:30 Swat Kats
5:00 The Real Adventures of
Johnny Quest
5:30 Dexter's Laboratory
6:00 The Powerpuff Girls
6:30 The Popeye Show
7:30 Acme House
8:30 Scooby Doo Hour
9:30 Boomerang
10:00 Speed Racer
10:30 The Cartoon Show
11:30 Power Zone

MTV

10:30 MTV Most Wanted
11:30 Non Stop Hits
12:30 MTV Hit Film Music
1:00 House Full
1:30 MTV Fresh
1:45 MTV Gone Case
2:30 Non Stop Hits
3:30 MTV Love Line
4:00 MTV Bakra
4:15 Non Stop Hits
4:30 MTV Select
5:30 MTV Most Wanted
6:30 MTV Classics
7:30 MTV Cinemascope
7:45 Non Stop Hits
8:30 MTV Bakra
8:45 Non Stop
9:30 MTV Bolti Bund

SONY

10:30 Choodiyaan
11:00 Hum Sub Ek Hain
11:30 Chamatkar
12:30 Family No. 1
1:00 Boogie Woogie
Kahin Diya Jale Kahi
1:30 Ek Mehal Ho Sapno Ka
2:00 Kaun Apna Kaun
Paraya
2:30 Kusum
3:00 Ghar Ek Mandir
3:30 Choti Si Asha
4:00 Aurat
4:30 Ithaas
5:00 Ajnabi
5:30 Chartbuster
6:00 Music Mantra
6:30 Disney Hour

RECOMMENDATIONS

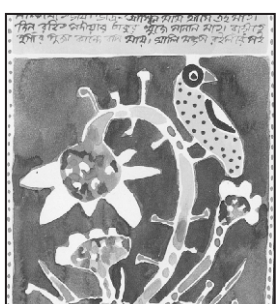
30 years of Independence

To celebrate 30 years of Independence 'Ganer Dali' has organised a cultural evening at the National Museum on September 22 at 7:15 p.m.

Podatik

Podatik Natya Shongshad has organised a musical evening featuring the Rabindra singers of Bangladesh and India at the Indian Cultural Centre (754 Salmasjid Road) on September 20 at 6:45 p.m.

Six Seasons



Shilparag Gallery at Dhanmandi (House#15, Road# 27 old) presents an exhibition on the theme six seasons. Leading artists of the country have captured in their canvases the rich variety of our seasons and their ambience. The month-long show will continue till October 14 everyday from 11 am to 8pm.

Photo-Exhibition : Germany 1945-1995.

Goethe Institute Dhaka holds a photo exhibition titled 'Germany 1945-1995' (Deutschland seit 1945), featuring fifty years of German history, on September 17 at House # 10, Road # 9, Dhanmondi R/A. The show runs from 2 to 8 p.m every day, (except Fridays & Saturdays) till September 30.

Photo show

Renowned Bangladeshi portrait photographer Nasir Ali Mamun was all through with the German Nobel Prize Laureate Gunter Grass during his Dhaka visit in 1986. The exhibition, featuring the moments of Gunter Grass Nasir snatched with his camera is being held at the German cultural centre, Goethe institut, House # 10, Road # 9 Dhanmondi, Dhaka and runs through September 20.