

Exhibition

Tribute to a friend

Bright and prolific young artist Syed Zakir Iqbal's posthumous solo is now being held at Zainul Gallery

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YES, eyelashes, pupils, eyes in eclipse, eyes veiled in thick misty white, eyes emerging gradually, as if we are viewing the emergence of the sun, eyes dumb with questions set towards the spectator: these are the images scattered across one of Zakir's painting experimental, meditative, and mature. In fact, Zakir's works are paradoxically tender and awe-inspiring, calm but full of vital energy.

A gifted artist, Syed Zakir Iqbal died an untimely death on April 2, 2001 at the age of 29. The present show, commemorating Zakir, now being held at the Zainul Gallery, Institute of Fine Art, University of Dhaka, is a testimony to Zakir's artistic achievements.

Organised by a group of Zakir's friends, the exhibition with its rich content drawing good crowd.

Prolific, Zakir's work ranges from collage to oil painting, from

sketch to graphic-print, some of them aspire towards abstract expressionism. Some of his paintings are huge in size and some of them are tiny of stamp size. Sometimes it is just a bucolic scene a village, a hut, a tree, sometimes it is the familiar campus of the Institute of Fine Art, sometimes there is a flower vase painted on a background dipped in bold colour, sometimes there are birds as if flying against a turquoise curtain, sometimes there is an alien figure; in some pictures there are insects drifting across, formless birds, faces of women sketched in five different manners, abstract nude characters, pencil, brush and other materials spread over the world map, the face of an actress prominent among shadows, apparitions, though the surface is full of deep black and red.

Biplob, a friend of the Zakir, expressed his wonderment at the mature ideas of his departed friend. 'When we were trying to focus on realism, he began

expressing himself in abstraction. His found his ideas new. Some of the paintings are abstruse, only the painter could have talked about their meaning.' When his friends were concerned about their exams and career, Zakir was indifferent to academic procedures.

'He loved to enjoy freedom in his work, he preferred to express his own ideas' added Shishir Bhattacharya.

In Zakir's painting prominence of mixed media is noticeable. The use of red, black, and green in his art is interesting. 'Another interesting thing is that the way he used to work. We have seen him to work on the back of visiting cards, on thin margins of newspapers, on waste papers, on packing boards, on packets of cigarette, on invitation cards,' said Zakir's twin brother, Zahid Iqbal.

It would be a mistake to say that most of the paintings of Zakir has a strong inclination towards abstraction. It is true formless characters, shadowy

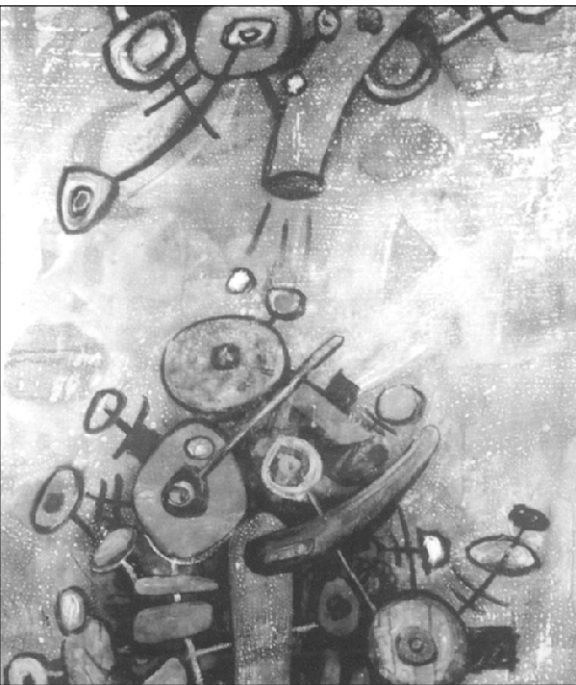
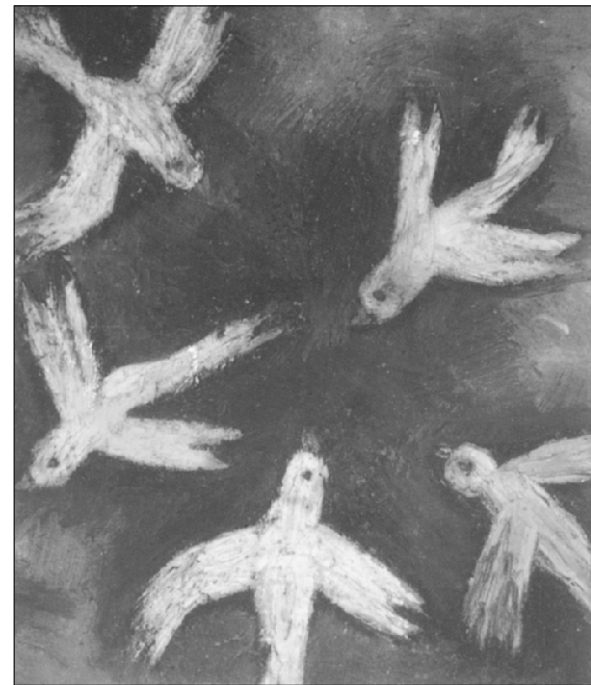
images, half-shaped, semi-shaped circles, suffuse a large part of his painting.

Realism is another aspect of his work. There is a building under construction emerging from dense green of flora this may pinpoint urbanization and deforestation. In fact, realism is printed on the faces of the characters painted, as if they are tinted in pain, agony--the faces are grieved. The colours used by him may point towards the vibrancy of life but the undertone of pathos is visible enough to get attention to. Perhaps, that is why they are untitled. A title is too little for these vibrant paintings as they speak of many contrary things in the same calculated manner an abstruse dialectical method pointing towards something. And this something is difficult to approach. Probably that is why his friends did not dare to put titles under the paintings. But an appreciation is always welcome.

Zakir did his BFA in 1996

from the Institute of Fine Art, University of Dhaka. In 1994 he attended a workshop on Attractive Art Exhibition and Artists, with H. Gercke and Kunsiverian Heidelberg, organized by the Goethe Institute, Dhaka. He also attended a month long Metal Sculpture Workshop under Susan Benton, renowned artist from America, organized by Institute of Fine Art, University of Dhaka. In the year 1998 he won the Best Award in Experimental Work in 1st Tone International Exhibition, organized by Gallery Tone, Dhaka.

Zakir's important shows include the 12th National Art Exhibition, Bangladesh-Japan Group Art Exhibition at Art Point Gallery, Japan; Group Art Exhibition at Indian Cultural Centre, Dhaka; and Annual Art Exhibition at Institute of Fine Art, University of Dhaka; and the 13th National Young Artist Art Exhibition, Dhaka.



RECOMMENDATIONS

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 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.

Solo exhibition

A solo painting exhibition by Ali Akbar is being held at the Gallery 21 (765 Satmasjid Road, Dhanmondi, Dhaka). The exhibition will remain open to all everyday from 10:00 a.m to 8:00 p.m. till September 30.

Sculpture show

The 3rd solo sculpture show by Maynul Islam Paul is being held at the La Galerie / Alliance Francaise de Dhaka. The exhibition will remain open to all everyday from 5:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. till September 30.

Six Seasons

Shiparag 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 canvas the rich variety of our seasons and their ambience. The month-long show will continue till October 14 everyday from 11 am to 8pm.

TV GUIDE

EKUSHEY

12:20 Bangla Film: Love Story
2:40 Drishti
3:00 Ekushey Headlines
3:05 Drama Serial: Jhpr Brishtir Nir

3:30 Drama Serial: Jononi
4:00 Khelay Khelay Chirontonee

4:30 Expedition to the Animal Kingdom
Drishti
5:00 Ajker Potrikay
5:30 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
8:40 Jati Jantay Chai
10:00 News: Simulcast from BT

10:30 Nirbachon Shonglap
11:00 Ekushey Nightly News

CHANNEL I
(Evening session)
1:15 Ebang Sayed Shamsul Haq
2:00 Drama serial Nepathaya Nayak
2:30 I Prabaha
3:00 Bengali feature film Danga. Starring Manna, Sucharita
6:10 Mukta Bhabana Mukta Chintia
6:40 Narir Votadhikar
7:15 Channel I news headlines
7:20 Open discussion on election 2001
8:00 Chithi Pelam
8:30 Ispahani tele quiz
8:40 Music circle
9:15 Drama serial Nepathaya Kahini
9:30 Results of Ispahani tele quiz
10:00 Quiz sixty seconds
10:01 Drama Bullet nay Ballot
10:30 I Prabaha

ATN
5:30 Islamic Prog.
7:00 Musical Prog. ATN Music Jamaat-e-Islami Bangladesh Produced Election prog "Shadin Bangladesh"
8:05 Drama Serial Uttarann
8:45 Nirbachoni Halchal-2001
9:20 Sappner Dhaka-Samridido Dhaka
9:55 BNP Procuded Election Programme "Sabass Bangladesh"

10:35 Awami League Produced Election Programme Joy Bangla Banglar Joy
11:05 BNP Procuded election programme "Sabass Bangladesh"

11:15 Bengali film "Bodnoshib"
6:07 Health Care Prog. Sustha Thakun
6:45 Special prog Hamontho "Ami Jai Chole Jai"

HBO

6:30 Guarding Tess
8:30 Psycho II
10:45 Congo
1:00 Anne of the Thousand Days
4:00 Spiders
6:00 Brothers of the Frontier
8:00 Don't Talk to strangers
10:00 Top Gun
12:15 The Unholy
2:15 Psycho II
4:30 Don't talk to Strangers

STAR GOLD
10:30 Amul Bollywood News
11:00 Geet Bahar
11:30 Dhan Daulat (Rishi Kapoor, Neetu Singh)
3:00 Amul Bollywood News
3:30 Baghavat
7:00 Dharmendra, Hema Malini
7:30 Geet Bahar
Rang Birangi Paying Guest (Dev Anand, Nutan)
11:00 Amul Bollywood News
11:30 Aaj Ki Aurat (Dimple Kapadia, Jeetendra, Sujata Mehta)
12:30 Aaj Ki Aurat (Contd...)

STAR WORLD
6:00 Happy Days
6:30 3" Rock From The Sun
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
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STAR PLUS (INDIA)
6:00 Sanskruti
6:30 Star Geetmala
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
Saahil
11:30 Sansar
12:00 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
Hit Ya Fit
5:30 Small Wonder
6:00 Fox Kids Daily
7:19 Sangeet Toppers
7:30 Sanskruti
8:00 Hum Saath Saath Hain
8:30 Son Pari
9:00 Kaahin Kissii Roz
9:30 Kaun Banega Crorepati
10:30 Kahaani Ghar Ghar Ki
11:00 Kyunki Saas Bhi Kabhi Bahu Thi
11:30 Aaj Ki Baat
12:00 Shagun
12:30 Telebrands
1:00 Hit Ya Fit
1:30 Meri Saheli

STAR MOVIES
7:15 Action : Dick Tracy
9:15 Comedy : First Kid
9:45 Comedy : More Dogs Than Bones
11:15 Midday Movie : The Operative
3:45 Action : Red Heat
5:45 Comedy : G-Men From Hell
8:00 Hearts of Fire : Cooktall

TODAY'S HIGHLIGHTS

EKUSHEY: 8:00 pm. *Bandhan*, episode-43. Rohan's mother is losing her control over her son. It hurts her. And it is frustrating for her too. Shirin leaves for another room with Tithi. It hurts Jolly. On the other hand, Ali Hossain and Imran discuss among themselves about Badal.

STAR WORLD: 6 and 9:30 PM *The Drew Carey Show*. When Drew and Mimi discover they were the only employees not invited to a popular co-worker's party, they decide to crash the celebration together. In the process, however, Drew learns he actually was invited, but Mimi wasn't.

STAR PLUS: 10:30 PM *Kahaani Ghar Ghar Ki*, episode-198. Kamal goes to Priyanka (Nivedita's best friend) and finds out that Nivedita has left for an unknown destination. Avantika tells Maa that she is in the house only for a short time and asks her to find out from Ajay why.

Top Gun
on HBO on September 26 at 10 pm.
Some of the most eye-boggling flight sequences ever filmed will take your breath away in the action-romance that soared into box-office stratosphere.

ESPN

7:30 Football Focus
8:30 NFL's Greatest Moments Player of the Millennium (T) Basketball 3" Adidas Regional Streetball Finals Hong Kong, Hong Kong Highlights
10:30 Italian Football Hilities Italian Serie A 2001/2002 Highlights
11:30 Pakistan Cricket New Zealand Tour of Pakistan Rawalpindi, Pakistan New Zealand @ Pakistan 3"
12:30 Odi, Highlights
12:30 UEFA Champions League 2001/02 UEFA Champions League Group Phase 1, Matchday 3
3:00 South Africa Cricket India V South Africa in Review Johannesburg, South Africa India @ South Africa 3" Test Highlights
4:00 UEFA Champions

12:30 Mujhe Dor Koi Kinche Sansaar
2:00 Deewane To Deewane Hai
2:30 Manzilein Apni Apni
3:00 Hindi Feature Film
5:45 News
6:15 Yaadon Ke Pal
6:30 Aalaap
7:00 Yoga For Life
7:30 Jagran
7:50 Zee Gym & Eat
8:20 Healthy
8:30 Ardhangini

9:00 [V] Hit Machine
9:30 [V] Jungli Jukebox
10:00 [V] FDFS
10:30 [V] Hit Machine
11:30 [V] Hit Machine
12:00 [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 Late Night [V]
12:00 [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
11:30 Tech Tuesday
12:30 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

ZEE TV

SPORTS
League 2001/02 Uefa Champions League Group Phase 1, Matchday 3
6:00 Football Focus
7:00 Yachting 2001 Transpac Race Honolulu, HI USA
7:30 In the Driver's Seat Alpa Trucks Hamburg, NY USA
8:00 Athletes In Motion Sportscenter Hindi Goals!
9:00 English Premier Football League English Premier Football League 2001/02 Southampton, England Aston Villa @ Southampton
11:00 Sportscenter Hindi
12:00 UEFA Champions League 2001/02 UEFA Champions League Group Phase 1, Matchday 3
12:30 UEFA Champions

League 2001/02 UEFA Champions League Group Phase 1, Matchday 3
5:00 ESPN's Wednesday Night Baseball
6:00 Cricket Programme Super Selector October Launch
7:30 Sportsline Today Spanish Football League 2001/02 Leeds, England Derby County @ Leeds United Af
3:00 National Sports Report

3:30 Mountain Bike World Cup Mountain Bike World Cup 2001 Quebec, Canada Highlights
4:00 Asian Badminton Championship JVC Asian Badminton Championships Highlights
6:00 Extreme Magazine Yoz Magazine
6:30 Cricket Programming Super Selector October Launch
8:00 Sportsline Today
8:30 World Cup Mix
9:00 Fim World Motorcycle Championship Motogp 2001 Com Val Ricardo Tormo, Spain Highlights
10:30 Sportsline Tonight
11:00 Pakistan Cricket New Zealand Tour of Pakistan Rawalpindi, Pakistan New Zealand @ Pakistan 3"
12:00 Odi, Highlights
12:00 Sportsline Tonight

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
5:30 Spl. Correspondent
6:30 Sports News
7:00 Business News
7:30 News In Hindi
8:30 Business News
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 & Hils Magic Words
3:00 Kehnte 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

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 Shaan-Elahi
6:00 Yeh Kaisa Farz
10:00 Rustam-E-Sohrab
1:30 Mists 420
6:00 Izzaki Rofi
10:00 Shrimen Ashiq

ZEE MUSIC
10:30 Hit Mix
11:00 Blue
11:30 Zee Music Box
12:00 Zee Music Plus
1:00 Hit Pe Hit
1:30 Jharokha
2:35 Dil Se
3:00 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

ALPHA TV
Bangla
10:00 Omanisha
11:00 Aat Pake Bandha
11:30 Grihsajja
12:00 Bahari Ahaar
12:30 Ebar Jombae Mawja
1:00 Ingeet
2:00 Nayanantara
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

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 Gese Case
2:30 Hit Pe Hit
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 Bolli Bund

SONY
10:30 Choodiyaan
11:00 Hum Sub Ek Hain
11:30 Chamatkar
12:00 Family No. 1
12:30 Boogie Woogie
1:00 Kahin Diya Jale Kahi Jiya
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