

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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EYES, 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 questionset towards the spectator: these are the images scattered across one of Zakir's paintingexperimental, 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 scenea 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

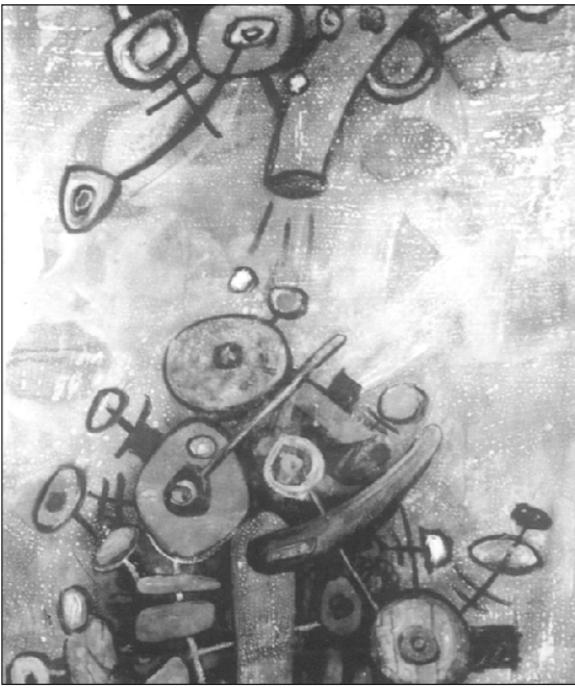
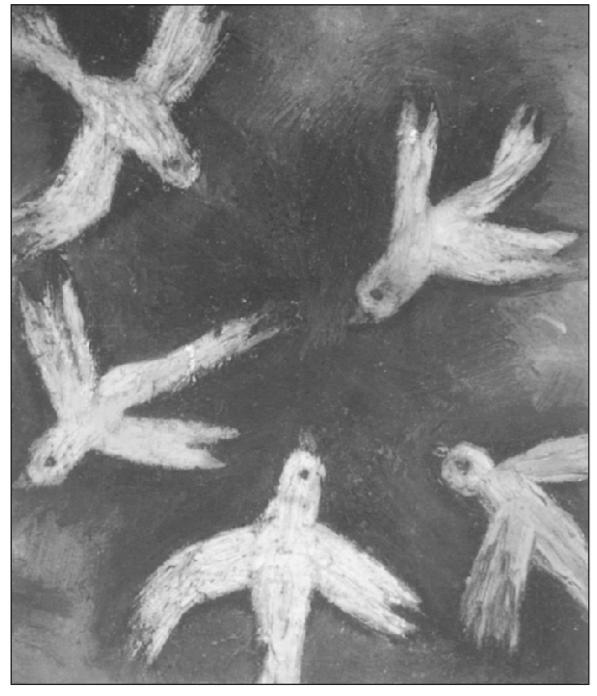
images, half-shaped, semi-shaped circles, suffice a large part of his painting.

Realism is another aspect of his work. There is a building under construction emerging from dense green of florathis 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 manneran 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. Gericke and Kunsvierter 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

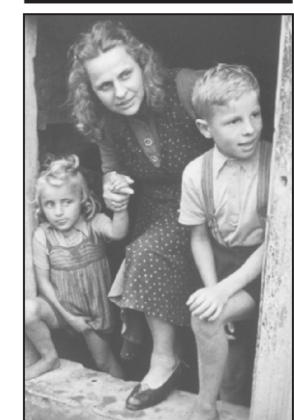


Photo-Exhibition : Germany 1945-1995.

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, Dhamondi 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, Dhamondi, 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 l'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

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 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

HBO

12:20 Bangla Film: Love Story

2:40 Drishiti

3:00 Ekushey Headlines

3:05 Drama Serial: Jhpr Brishtir Nir

3:30 Khelay Khelay

4:00 Chirontonee

4:30 Expedition to the Animal Kingdom

5:00 Drishiti

5:20 Ajker Potrikay

5:30 Muktomono

6:00 Ekushey Headlines

6:05 Muktomono

6:30 Deshure 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 Janty Chai

10:00 News: Simulcast from BTV

10:30 Nirbachon Shonglap

11:00 Ekushey Nightly News

CHANNEL 1 (Evening session)

1:15 Ebang Sayed Shamsul Haq

2:00 Drama serial Nephathaya Nayak

2:30 I Prabha

3:00 Bengali feature film Danga. Starring Manna, Sucharita

6:10 Mukta Bhabana Mukta Chinta

6:40 Narir Votadhirak

7:15 Channel 1 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 Nephathaya Kahini

9:30 Results of Ispahani tele quiz

10:00 Quiz sixty seconds

10:01 Drama Bullet nay Ballot I Prabha

10:30 ATN

5:30 Islamic Prog.

7:00 Musical Prog. ATN Music

7:35 Jama-e-Islami Bangladeshi Produced Election prog "Shadhin Bangladesh"

8:05 Drama Serial Uttran

8:45 Nirbachoni Halchali-2001

9:20 Sapner Dhaka-Samridho Dhaka

9:55 BNP Procured Election Programme "Sabass Bangladesh"

10:35 Awami League Produced Election Programme Joy Bangla Banglar Joy

11:05 BNP Procured 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"

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 Dharmendra, Hema Malini)

7:00 Geet Bahar

7:30 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

7:30 Ispahani tele quiz

8:00 Drama serial Nephathaya Kahini

9:00 Results of Ispahani tele quiz

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

3:30 The Simpsons

4:00 3' Rock From The Sun

4:30 Friends

5:00 Star News Asia

5:30 Friends

6:00 The Drew Carey Show

6:30 Whose Line Is It Anyway?

7:15 Comedy : Dick Tracy

7:45 Comedy : First Kid

8:15 Comedy : More Dogs

8:45 Splat! IV

9:15 Comedy : Die Heard-

11:25 Comedy : Midday Movie : The Operative

12:00 South Africa Cricket Review Johannes-

burg, South Africa

12:30 Lonely Planet V

1:00 Friends

1:45 Action : Red Heat

2:15 Comedy : G-Men

2:45 From Hell

3:15 Hearts of Fire : Cocktall

3:45 Friends

4:15 The Practice

4:45 Friends

5:15 The Drew Carey Show

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