

Exhibition

Drawing inspiration from Sultan

Tanvir Islam Mithu's one man show focuses on life around him

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TANVIR Islam Mithu, who recently had his solo exhibition at the Zaimul Gallery, said that in his pursuit of fine arts he was mostly inspired by SM Sultan rather than any other artist. He said that as a student he was greatly attracted to outdoor scenes and his surroundings. At the same time, he made close studies of post-impressionist painters along with the Fauvists and Cubists. However, while learning from them, he tried to maintain his own individual identity.

In this particular exhibition Tanvir included his work from his MFA class. He said that while remaining faithful within the framework of the curriculum he tried to represent his own identity with red blues and yellow dominating in his landscapes. The rest, he said are arrangements in red, yellow and mixed blue.

Dipping into his personal life and his surroundings, he pointed out, he had added

symbolism to lend depth to his work. While aware that critics were there to guide him in his work, he had also kept the viewers in mind.

In Tanvir's *Landscape*, done in mixed media, we see tall thin trunks of trees in brown and black. The branches of leaves in clumps are seen in hazes of green and blue. The background is brought in cubes of orange, yellow brown and burnt sienna, seen in between the tree trunks, which are sometimes particoloured. Thus nature has been simplified and presented in geometrical forms of tall sentinels.

My Room-1, also in mixed media, brings in a room depicted in cubes of green, blue, brown, blue, yellow and black with the left part being divided by a yellow bar leading on to more cubes in red, yellow, blue and brown. There is a doorway to the left done in duck egg blue and yellow. The doors themselves are done in combination of horizontal and vertical shades of orange, brown and blue. On the floor,

which is a big splash of semi circular bunt red are two lying elongated human figures done in shades of blue.

Another conglomeration of squares and lines forming doors and windows is *My Room-2*, a mixed media, holding a pair of sketched out figures in ink blue paced on a yellow oblong base. One figure has its knee up while the other has crossed its legs while both have folded hands behind the head. These resting figures are seen against oblong shapes of burnt sienna, yellow ochre, black, sap green, pale brown and yellow. Once again figures and forms have been reduced to bars, stripes, rectangles and minimal sketches.

Workstation, in acrylic, has a figure in brown and red, sitting bent on a chair and behind it are computers and other office paraphernalia in blobs of orange, red, brown and beige. The arms of the figure are exaggerated as compared to the small head. The orange of its clothes merge with similar shades at the back while even



Workstation, acrylic, 62 cm X 50 cm

the shadows are the same shades of yellow, orange and brown so that the subject blends with the background.

Face, in acrylic, is an intriguing composition of blue, black, brown, red and yellow, with a brown mask in the centre of bars and curves of a variation of colours which suggest shapes from everyday life and dream.

Model Study -3, in acrylic, has a dark feminine figure done in shades of indigo blue with a loin cloth, bangles and chain done in deep red. The woman is not young and muscles and fat bulges are apparent. Her skin is dark and her breast pendant and her calves curved. Yet this dusky middle-aged figure in her pensive mood, sitting on two stools, in front of a window and gazing out moves us despite her lack of physical charm. The depiction is down to earth and has its own earthy appeal.



Model Study, acrylic, 35 cm X 50 cm

her noses thrust up and their brown liquid eyes with their long lashes staring into the future ahead done in brown, green, blue and black, set off with strokes of gray and more floating shapes at the back give us a mysterious insight into the domestic creatures of the farm.

Buffalo, a pastel work, show the same animals from the back and sides so that we get unusual angles of their tails, hips, hooves and horns set against a cloudless sky with the beaten plain below. The movements of the animals have been captured with sensitivity.

The same can be seen of *Village*, an acrylic, where the buffaloes with their dreamy large eyes are combined with human figures in the bullock cart behind, which the woman sitting with knees bent and the man driving the bullocks ahead. Touches of red, dark green and beige bring scenes from the wayside path and village behind.

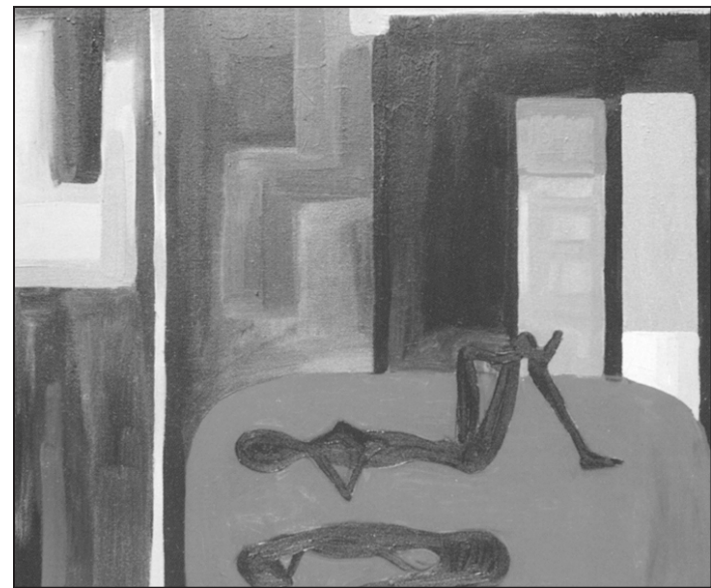
A seated figure in *Woman*, another acrylic, brings the traditional scene of a village women oiling her long mid-

night blue hair. The sari has hints of green flower motifs while the bottle green blouse is touched with red. Her face, neck, hair and hands have cubist touches to complete them while the household scene at the back is formed with bars of colours.

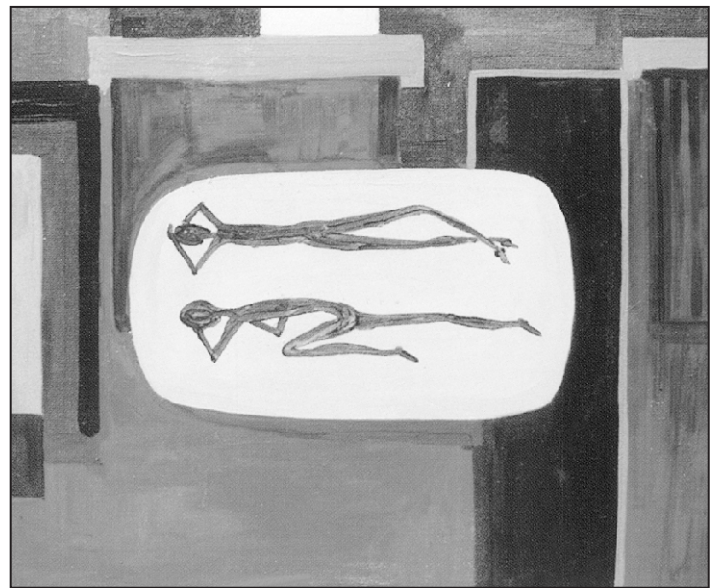
Study-1 and Study-2, both in acrylic, have young seated women in red, yellow, gray and white, detailed with black to show the harmony of friendship. Here the clothes, faces and limbs are splashes of colours with only hints of details.

Play, in pastel, brings in two chess players who are pondering over their next move. Their clothes, faces and hands are simply suggested while details of the game and the hookah are brought in squares and circular shapes with elongated tops.

Tanvir's deftness with his strokes in delineating household items and paraphernalia around him are admirable indeed. His emphasis is not only on formal display of times but on time and space of which they are a vital part.



My Room-1, mixed media, 122 cm X 102 cm



My Room-2, mixed media, 122 cm X 102 cm

RECOMMENDATIONS



Group show
 A group exhibition of Samakal Shilpi Goshy opens at Shilpangan on Friday, November 2 at 4:30 pm. Noted artist Aminul Islam will perform the inauguration while renowned educationist Prof. Anusuzzaman will preside over the function. Renowned artist Rafiqun Nabi will be present as special guest on the occasion.

Sculpture show
 The second sculpture show by Nasima Haq Mitu begins on November 1 at the Zaimul Gallery of the Institute of Fine Arts, Dhaka University at Shahbag. The inaugural will take place at 5 in the evening with Manzare Hassin Murad, Moinuddin Khaled, Mamun Hussain, and Azad Abul Kalam attending as guests.

Art show
 An exhibition of Rokeya Sultana's work is now being held at Bengal Gallery of Fine Arts, House # 275/F, Road # 27, Dhanmondi. The artist's work reflection afflicted on nature and women. The show runs everyday from 12 noon to 8 pm. till November 14.

The Mummy Returns
 This Hollywood blockbuster now runs at the country's premier cinema hall Mohumita. The Mummy Returns is the sequel of The Mummy and have all the ingredients of its earlier one. With its spine-tingling adventures against breath-taking landscapes, The Mummy Returns is sure to thrill cine buffs.

Street drama
 Winter is the time for street drama. Bangladesh Patha Natak Panshad every year holds street drama through out the winter season. This year's street drama season begins on Friday November 2 at 3 in the evening at Suhrawardy Uddan. Theatre personality Aly Zaker will inaugurate the season while Mamunur Rashid, Nasir Uddin Bachchu, Pujish Banerjee, Golam Kuddus, and Rokeya Rafiq will take part in the discussion.

TV GUIDE

TODAY'S HIGHLIGHTS



EXUSHEY: 8:00 pm. Ateeb. Helal is a professional thief. One day he made a journey to the city to find his lost wife. He continues with his profession, but is being caught by Dr. Nira. After listening to him, Dr. Nira wants to help him.



EXUSHEY: 10:30 pm. Pratinid Ekti Golap-episode-3. Shilpi takes Manik to meet Nantu. There Manik and Ark lock into a fistfight. Shilpi offers Nantu a job because she feels she is responsible Nantu's job loss.



STAR WORLD: 6:00 & 9:30 pm. Roswell. Max, Isabel and Michael worry that Maria may reveal their secret to Valenti, while they consider investigating their past.

PICK OF THE DAY



Jade
On HBO at 10:00 pm
 Assistant District Attorney (David Caruso) investigates the murder of a prominent man, who is found brutally murdered in his luxurious mansion. The only lead for the District Attorney is a roll of film revealing the governor's underground night life, and the key to finding the murderer is a prostitute named Jade (Linda Fiorentino).

BTV

- 3:20 pm Open University
- 3:45 Health programme
- 4:00 Khabar
- 4:05 Special programme for children to mark Shab-e-Barat
- 5:00 Discussion programme highlighting Shab-e-Barat
- 5:25 SAARC exchange programme
- 6:00 Khabar
- 6:35 Programme from Chittagong centre
- 7:00 News headlines
- 7:05 Devotional song
- 8:00 News in Bangla
- 8:30 Special programme on Shab-e-Barat
- 9:00 News headlines
- 9:30 Devotional song
- 10:00 News in English
- 10:30 Milad Mahfil
- 11:30 Khabar/ The News

EXUSHEY TV

- 12:00 Ekushey Midday
- 12:30 Chardike
- 1:00 Expedition to the Animal Kingdom
- 1:30 Circus Circus
- 1:50 Classic Cartoons
- 2:10 Surer Prodeep
- 2:40 Drishti
- 3:00 Ekushey Headlines
- 3:05 Drama Serial
- 3:30 Kena Kata
- 4:00 Surer Prodeep
- 4:30 Expedition to the Animal Kingdom
- 5:30 Drishti
- 5:50 Aker Potrikay
- 6:00 Ekushey Headlines
- 6:05 Classic Cartoons
- 6:30 Deshjure
- 6:55 Ekushey Headlines
- 7:00 Adventure Bangladesh
- 7:30 Ekushey News
- 7:58 Ek Minute
- 8:00 Drama Oteeb
- 9:00 Serial: Alif Laila
- 10:00 News: Simulcast from BTV
- 10:30 Drama: Pratinid Ekti Golap
- 11:00 Ekushey Late Night News
- 11:30 El Shophalo
- 12:00 Ekushey Headlines

ATN

- 5:30 Islamic Prog.
- 7:00 Islamic Prog.: Sundor Jeebaner Jannee
- 7:35 Cook Prog.: Ranina Banna
- 8:00 ATN Bangla News
- 8:25 Special prog on Durga Puja
- 9:00 Film Magazine Anuvob Shadkalo
- 9:35 Drama Serial: Baker Nibas
- 10:10 Reporting prog.: Prekha Pot
- 10:50 Special prog on Durga Puja
- 11:30 Islamic Prog.:
- 12:00 ATN Bangla News
- 3:30 Bengali Film: Amar Songsar
- 6:32 Child's Prog.: Cholo Gan Gai
- 7:00 ATN Bangla News Headlines
- 7:10 Viewers Request Prog: Matamot
- 7:50 Drama Serial: Ultram
- 8:25 Reporting Prog.: Gotona Probhah
- 9:00 Magazine Prog.: Tasmery Kechukhon
- 9:35 Special prog on Durga Puja
- 10:00 ATN Bangla News
- 11:05 Bengali Film: Sontan Jokhon Sotri
- 11:30 ATN Bangla News

CHANNEL-i

- 6:25 Drama (S) Joar Vata
- 7:00 Chitti Pelam
- 7:35 Travel Show
- 8:00 Din Protidin
- 8:15 Sastain Music Time
- 9:00 Drama: Istihahi Tikana
- 10:10 Music Plus
- 11:15 Drama (S) Joar Vata
- 12:00 Chitti Pelam
- 12:35 Travel Show
- 1:15 Sastain Music Time
- 2:00 Drama: Istihahi Tikana
- 3:00 Bangla Cinema: Dowal Mursed (Anwar H, Suchanda)

PM

- 6:10 Music Plus
- 7:15 Channel I Sangbad
- 7:25 Silpo Samsossa
- 8:00 Jolo Padh Tato Math
- 8:30 I Tele Quize
- 8:35 Drama Mama Vagner Khando
- 9:00 Channel I Sangbad
- 9:20 Sangbad Patra Bangladesh
- 9:30 I Tele Quize
- 9:35 Sabobarater Mahotho
- 10:00 Quize: 60 Sec
- 10:30 Channel I Sangbad
- 11:00 Milad Mahfil

BBC WORLD

- 9:30 Asia Today/Asia Business Report
- 10:30 Click Online
- 11:30 EUR DIR
- 12:30 Hardtalk
- 1:30 Top Gear
- 2:30 Life
- 3:30 Hardtalk
- 4:30 Talking Movies
- 5:30 Life
- 6:30 IT: India Tomorrow
- 7:15 World Business Report
- 7:30 Talking Movies
- 8:30 Life
- 9:30 Asia Today
- 10:15 World Business Report
- 10:30 Hardtalk India
- 11:30 World Business Report/World Sport
- 12:30 Hardtalk
- 1:30 Future Fantastli, QED, Clarkson
- 2:30 World Business Report
- 3:30 Correspondent ex supporting Roles
- 4:30 World Business Report/Asia Today
- 5:30 Hardtalk
- 6:30 Hud
- 8:45 Uncommon Valor
- 11:00 The Family Jewels
- 1:00 Maternal Instincts
- 3:00 My Best Friend's Wedding
- 5:15 Lorenzo's Oil
- 8:00 Evil Has a Face

10:00

- Jade
- 11:45 Battlefield Earth
- 2:15 Glory
- 4:45 My Best Friend's Wedding

STAR GOLD

- 10:30 Amul Bollywood News
- 11:00 Geet Bahar
- 11:30 Film
- 3:00 Amul Bollywood News
- 3:30 Film
- 7:00 Geet Bahar
- 7:30 Saturday Shukrawar Film
- 11:00 Amul Bollywood News
- 11:30 Film
- 12:30 Film (contd)
- 3:00 Geet Bahar
- 3:30 Film
- 7:00 Film

STAR WORLD

- 9:00 The Drew Care Show
- 9:30 Whose Line Is It Anyway
- 10:00 Ally McBeal
- 11:00 The Oprah Winfrey Show
- 12:00 The Practice
- 1:00 Fashion
- 1:30 The Bold & The Beautiful
- 2:00 Mork & Mindy
- 2:30 Happy Days
- 3:00 Baywatch
- 4:00 The Simpsons
- 4:30 3rd Rock From The Sun
- 5:00 Star News Asia
- 5:30 Friends
- 6:00 Roswell
- 6:45 Asia News
- 7:00 Angel
- 8:00 Martial Law
- 9:00 Friends
- 9:30 Rosewell
- 10:00 Cont'd
- 10:30 Angel
- 11:30 Martial Law
- 12:30 Roswell
- 1:30 Angel
- 2:30 3rd Rock From The Sun
- 3:00 Creflo Dollar Daily
- 3:30 Kenneth Copeland Ministries
- 4:00 Life In The Word with Joyce Meyer
- 4:30 World News
- 5:00 Media TV
- 6:00 Sanskruti
- 6:30 Geet Bahar
- 7:30 Hum Saath Aath Hain
- 8:00 Aatma
- 9:00 Hit Filmlein Hit Sangeet
- 9:30 Fox Kids Daily
- 10:30 Small Wonder
- 11:00 Pal Chhin
- 11:30 Saahil
- 12:00 Sansar
- 12:30 Hit Filmlein Hit Sangeet

10:00

- Hum Saath Aath Hain
- 1:30 Kahaani Ghar Ghar Kii
- 2:00 Sanskruti
- 2:30 Kyunki Saas Bhi Kabhi Bahu Thi
- 3:00 Shagun
- 3:30 Kasauti Zindagi
- 4:00 Men Saheli
- 4:30 Kaahin Kissi Roz
- 5:00 Shanti-79
- 5:30 Hit Filmlein Hit Sangeet
- 6:00 Small Wonder
- 6:30 Fox Kids
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- 8:00 Hum Saath Aath Hain
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- 9:00 Kasauti Zindagi Kay ep 4
- 9:30 Kora Kagaz
- 10:00 Kangan
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- 12:05 Aaj Ki Baat
- 4:00 Sansar-i
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- 5:00 Shanti
- 5:30 Hit Filmlein Hit Sangeet

11:00

- Inspector Gadget
- 12:30 Living In Peril
- 2:30 Just A Little Harmless Sex
- 4:30 Mod Squad
- 6:30 Lock Up
- 8:15 Instinct
- 10:15 Air up There The
- 12:15 Rocky V
- 2:15 Just a Little Harmless Sex
- 3:45 Bill and teds excellent advent

11:00

- Instinct
- 7:00 Mission to mars
- 9:00 Living In Peril
- 7:30 [V] So Long Gone
- 8:30 [V] Jumpstart
- 10:30 [V] Hit Machine
- 12:30 [V] Jungli Jukebox
- 1:30 [V] FDFS
- 1:30 [V] Hit Machine
- 4:30 [V] Hotline
- 5:30 Very [V]
- 7:30 [V] Hit Machine
- 8:00 PO [V]
- 9:30 [V] Jungli Jukebox
- 10:00 [V] FDFS
- 10:30 Club [V]
- 11:30 [V] Hit Machine

11:00

- Western Union World Football
- 12:30 Athletes in Motion
- 1:00 National Hockey Night
- 1:30 Ipswich, England West Ham United @ Ipswich Town
- 3:00 National Sports Report
- 3:30 Gillette World Sports Special
- 4:00 Rally Racing Indian National Motorcross Championship 2001
- 4:30 World Cup Mix
- 5:00 Sportscenter Bristol, CT USA
- 2:00 MLB World Series Game
- 3:30 In the Driver's Seat
- 4:00 UEFA Champions League 2001/02 Group Phase 1, Matchday 2
- 6:30 Sportscenter Hindi
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11:00

- Final Round Sportsline Today
- 1:00 English Premier Football League 2001/02
- 1:30 Ipswich, England West Ham United @ Ipswich Town
- 3:00 National Sports Report
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11:00

- Super Selector-October Winners
- 10:30 Futbol Mundial
- 10:30 Sportsline Tonight
- 11:00 Cricket Talk Show
- 11:00 Harsha Online
- 12:00 Sportsline Tonight
- 12:30 Australian Doemstic Cricket Australia
- 1:30 Tennis Masters Series By Mercedes-Benz Paris
- 1:30 Tennis Masters Series Paris, France Early
- 3:30 Sportsline Tonight
- 4:00 Max Power
- 5:00 Sportsline Tonight
- 5:30 Sailing Volvo Ocean Race.

11:00

- 3:05 Tara Rum
- 4:00 Hit Pe Hit
- 5:00 Music Box
- 5:30 Hit Mix
- 6:00 Artist Of The Fortnight
- 6:30 Music Plus
- 7:30 Hit Pe Hit
- 8:30 Dial M
- 9:30 Music Box
- 10:00 Sizzlers
- 10:30 Jharokha
- 11:00 Compact Disc
- 11:35 Phoren Maal
- 12:35 Shabb
- 1:05 Music Box
- 1:30 Jharokha
- 2:00 Hit Pe Hit
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- 3:30 Tara Rum
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- 5:30 Sizzlers
- 6:00 Sheshprashna
- 6:30 Tritiyo Purush
- 7:00 Grohon
- 7:30 News
- 8:00 Surer Ei Dharana Dhary
- 9:00 News
- 9:05 Bharat Bhraman
- 9:30 Ki Likhi Tomai
- 10:00 Bideshini Bodhu
- 10:30 Monniye
- 11:00 Sheshprashna
- 11:30 Grohon
- 12:00 Jhara Samayer Japakkatha
- 12:30 Chena Mukher Shari
- 1:00 Ingit
- 1:30 Ek Akasher Niche
- 2:00 Nayantara
- 2:00 Feature Film
- 5:00 Surer Ei Jharna Dhary
- 5:30 Dour
- 6:00 News
- 6:30 Grohon
- 7:00 Shesh Prashna
- 7:30 Monniye
- 8:00 Nayantara
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- 9:45 Ingeat
- 10:15 Dai Baddha
- 10:45 Ek Palake
- 11:00 Shesh Prashna
- 11:30 Shesh Prashna
- 12:00 Shesh Prashna
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- 3:00 Ki Likhi Tomai
- 3:30 Bharat Bhraman
- 4:00 Nayantara
- 4:30 Ek Akasher Niche
- 5:00 Chena Mukher Shari
- 5:30 Zee Jalsa
- 7:30 Mini Movies : Chupp
- 8:30 Current Bollywood Biographies
- 9:30 The Burning Train
- 12:30 Hotlist
- 1:00 Aakhir Kyon
- 4:30 Prem Pratigya
- 8:30 Kahani Poori Film Hai: Deewar
- 9:30 Comedy: Khatta Meetha
- 10:30 Abhilasha
- 4:30 Ladaaku
- 7:00 Feedback

SPORTS

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