

Exhibition

Ambiguous but daring

Three young artists' exhibit at Goethe Institute

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THEY were young, experimenting, adventuring. But they certainly put out a remarkable exhibition. Rashid Amin, Maynul Islam Paul and Shamsul Alam Azad have come quite a way in their creative journey in print, painting and sculpture as was seen in their recent exhibition at the Goethe Institut. They have already

established themselves in the mind of the art enthusiasts. These modern young artists express what is there in the innermost recess of the human psyche.

Rashid says, "The problems that we face in the print media is that we don't get the special handmade paper that we need for this work. The other factor that has hindered our work till recently was the absence of a machine but now this is provided by Gallery Chittrak

and Mokhlesur Rahman. I myself am working at Jessore on a fellowship on etching till December and there the necessary machine is provided by Charupit. I hope to have a solo exhibition of my work there at Gallery 21 in February.

"Prints don't tend to sell. People wonder if a print is pure art. I don't think that the fact that my works are abstract tend to deter buyers as by now abstracts are no longer a new concept. Even realistic works are not being sold that well in the different galleries."

Talking about his experiences in China as compared to those in Bangladesh, Rashid says, "While studying there I found it more organized as compared to here where social and political upheavals often disrupt our lives."

Touching on his subject, Rashid says, "This is a continuation of my work on nature as seen in my earlier solo exhibition at the Goethe Institut. I present my theme in an abstract manner. I have used a lot of black as I have been influenced by the back lines of Chinese calligraphy. If I don't use black I can't express my innermost thoughts."

Paul says about his career with stones, wood blocks and cement, "After having done a foundation course for two years from Rajshahi I found a seat in the sculpture department at the Institute of Fine Arts and this led me to my present preoccupation with tree trunks, boulders and cement."

Talking about whether he finds it difficult to get his materials, Paul



Mind of Nature 5



Mind of Nature 6

says, "Since I mostly work with wood it is easy enough to get my raw materials. I work with all types of wood, both expensive and cheap. I get this from Shem Bazaar and my home in Gaibandha. I try to shape the wood into forms such as a comb or a plough which have been seen at my last solo exhibition at Alliance Francaise gallery. In the present exhibition you find wood, metal, stone and cement. I prefer wood to all other materials as when you carve it you feel you are travelling from darkness to light. The sense of creation is very satisfying. As for my metal work I do the casting in Tejaogang and Dhohikhal where normally motor parts are made. This iron piece cost me Tk 400 when a brass piece would have touched me for Tk 2000. I only go in for brass when I have saved up enough."

Giving his reasons for trying different sculpture mediums, Paul says, "I am most at ease with wood but I try my hand at others although those materials are difficult to get by. In some ways you can say there isn't much work in sculpture in our country except in cases like the works of Hamiduzzaman Khan, Alok Roy and Shamim Sikdar."

Elaborating on his work, Paul says, "In 'Silent discourse' you can trace the head and body of a meditating human form seated on a mound. In 'Silent discourse 6' I

have retained the original form of the wood bringing in the eyes and nose of a face. In the cement piece you see the form of a table where people tend to gather to discuss their thoughts and ideas. The gray cement and powder dust gives it the tones. In the zinc composition once again you come across the seated, pensive, meditating figure. This solid cubist form is in shades of brown and gold. It is true that there is not much sale of sculpture in Bangladesh but this has not deterred me from holding three solo exhibits."

Azad says about his paintings, "My works deal with nature. When I was a child I used to be fascinated by different aspects of nature and I often found myself contemplating on them. I used to take different scenes from around me, patch them together in my imagination and lose myself in some fictitious game in this new environment of trees, lakes, fields and flowers. Thus nature occupied a major part of my thinking process. When I joined the Fine Arts department, I enjoyed doing landscapes from nature with major use of green. When I got an award for '90 it was for a close up study of gourd leaves and later on my masters classes I had even more freedom to work on my favourite theme."

"Today I present the balance and strength of the plants and trees around me. I realize that it is nature that has kept man alive even

though we have tried little to protect nature and in fact have gone out of way to destroy it. I don't want to capture the obvious scenic beauties but phenomena such as the resting of a seed in a bed of earth and then growing up receiving light, water and air. Today if you feel the impact of nature in my paintings it is hoped that lost nature is preserved in these works."

Taking about why his works are abstract, Azad says, "Our thoughts are abstract and so is knowledge. If I want to present the inner strength and depth of nature along with my imagination and this can best be expressed in non figurative representations. My subjects bring in skies, masses of water and expanses of land. Lines have been brought in to divide the images and

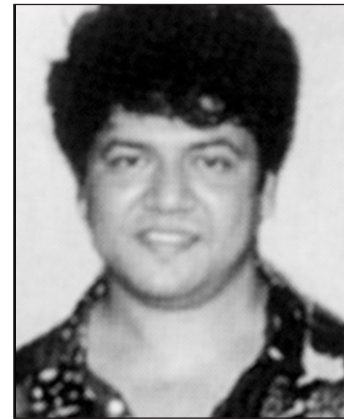
denote the speed of life apart from bringing in light and shadow, and elements such as water droplets and pebbles."

Speaking about artists who have influenced him, Azad says, "Abstract painters in Bangladesh often present nature as in the case of Kibria and Rafiqun Nabi whom I admire. At one time I used to like Turner very much. However, I have not tried to imitate them. I do not keep my mind on buyers when I paint. I don't have much sale but that doesn't bother me. Teaching brings in the essential income that I need. Commissioned work supplements that earning. I treasure my independence."

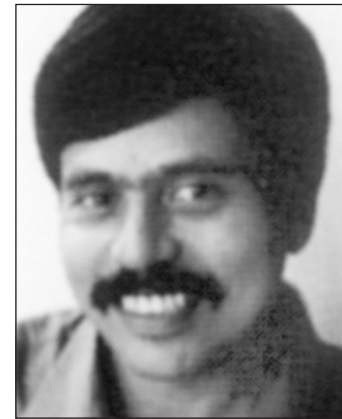
All the three artists share a bond arising from their thirst of reaching out for the universal in terms of visual expression.



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Shamsul Alam Azad



Maynul Islam Paul



Rashid Amin



Silent Discourse by Paul

RECOMMENDATIONS

Classical Indian music

A two-day, November 12-13, Indian classical vocal and instrumental music programme begins at National Museum Auditorium at 7 in the evening everyday. Noted tabla player Mallar Ghosh and leading vocalist Shantanu Bhattacharyya will perform on the opening day while Purbayan Chatterjee will give a sitar recital on the following day.

Satranji show

A seven-day exhibition showcasing traditional mat or satranji is being held at the Drik gallery. Open for all from 3-8 pm, the show will run till November 17.

Art show

An art exhibition of the Samakal Art Group is now being held at Shipangan gallery. After the formation of the group, this is Shamakal's seventh exhibition. Open from 10 am to 8 pm, the show will continue up to November 14.

Contemporary Art of Bangladesh

A ten-day long art exhibition entitled Contemporary art of Bangladesh-Trends-2 is now being held at art gallery of the Indian Cultural Centre at Dhamandi. The show features works of Abdus Satter, Abdus Shakoor, Abul Barq Alvi, Alak Roy, Biren Shome, Chandra Shekhar Dey, Hamiduzzaman Khan, Hashi Chakraborty, KMA Quayyum, Kazi Giasuddin, Monsur-ul-Karim, Nazlee Laila Mansur, Shahabuddin, Shahid Kabir, Swapan Chowdhury. Open for all from 12 to 8 pm, the show runs till November 17.

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 artists work reflect affliction inflicted on nature and women. The show runs everyday from 12 noon to 8 pm. till November 14.

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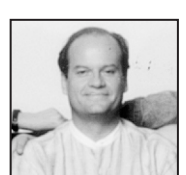
TODAY'S HIGHLIGHTS



EKUSHYE: 8:00 p.m. *Bandhan, Episode 55:* Dola has to leave the house because she is Kanka's daughter. But by this time Dola has created a place in Rabeya's heart. Rabeya does not want her to leave. Dola faces Rabeya.



STAR WORLD: 9:30 p.m. *That 70s Show, Ice Shack:* The group go to an ice shack and Kelso tries to win Jackie back. Meanwhile, Kitty and Red convince Laurie to go back to school.



STAR WORLD: 11:00 p.m. *Fraiser, Three Dates and A Breakup Part 2:* After Martin's breakup with Sherry, Fraiser realizes that his father didn't really want to leave Sherry, so he uses his professional skills to bring them back together.

PICK OF THE DAY



Band of Brothers 4: Replacements On HBO at 10p.m. Due to heavy casualties, a group of fresh paratrooper replacements joins Easy Co. in time for a massive drop into German occupied Holland for Operation Market-Garden.

BTV

9:00a.m. Live Cricket from Dhaka Stadium: test match between Bangladesh and Zimbabwe (Day 5)

3:10p.m. News Headlines

4:00 Khabar

4:05 Live telecast of the parliamentary session from 8th National Parliament

5:00 News Headlines

5:05 Shukhi Porbar

5:20 Niramoy

5:45 Pushlitathya

6:00 Khabar

6:35 Dolon Champa

7:00 News Headlines (English)

7:05 Tukhor

7:25 Chande Anande

8:00 News in Bengali

8:25 Drama: Daag

9:00 News Headlines

9:00 News in English

10:25 Shilpa O'Shanitya

11:30 Khabar/The News

EKUSHEY

9:30 Bangladesh-Zimbabwe Test Cricket Match

3:00 Ekushey Headlines

5:00 Circus Circus

5:30 Dishi

5:50 Aikter Potrikay

6:00 Ekushey Headlines

6:05 Classic Cartoons

6:30 Chandike

6:55 Ekushey Headlines

7:00 Toyota World of Wildlife

7:30 Ekushey News

7:58 Ek Minute

8:00 Bondon

9:00 Bangla Film:

9:30 News at Nine

9:05 Bangla Film:

10:00 News Simulcast From BTV

10:30 Bangla Film:

11:00 Ekushey Nightly News

CHANNEL-I

6:25 Drama: Joar Vata

7:00 Jobon Jekhane Jemon

7:35 Ahi Samoy

8:00 Din Protidin

8:15 Amar Chobi

10:10 Music Plus

11:15 Drama: Joar Vata

12:00 Jobon Jekhane Jemon

12:35 Ahi Samoy

1:15 Amar Chobi

2:00 Amar Chobbi

3:00 Bangla cinema: Jiner Badsha (Bappara/Ranjita)

6:10 Music Plus

7:15 Chanel I Sangbad

7:25 Drama: Joar Vata

8:00 Roving Eye

8:30 I Tele Quize

8:35 Ek Jalake Channel I

9:00 Channel I Sangbad

9:20 Sangbad Patra Bangladesh

9:35 I Tele Quize

9:35 Daynandin

10:00 Quize: 60 Sec.

10:30 Channel I Sangbad

11:00 Bangla Cinema: Sato Bow (Jasim/Kaboni)

ATN

5:30 Islamic Prog

7:00 Children Prog: Nabin Boron

8:00 ATN Bangla News

8:25 Drama serial: Uttaran

9:00 Film prog: Cine Songlap

9:35 Musical prog: Sur Saikate

10:10 Drama serial: Jibon Nodir Jowar Vata

10:50 Indian film songs: Bollywood Topten

11:20 Bengali film: Mir Jafor

12:00 ATN Bangla News

6:07 Child's prog: Shapla Saluk Gold Medel

Protijogita

7:00 ATN Bangla News Headlines

7:35 Drama serial: Uttaran

8:10 Reporting prog: Ghotanar Napathee

8:45 Magazine prog: Sutorang

9:20 Film songs prog: Chitra Mala

10:00 ATN Bangla News

10:35 Drama serial: Bondon

11:15 Bengali film: Adarshow Ban

11:30 ATN Bangla News

HBO

6:30 The Family Jewels

8:30 The Godfather

12:00 Lorenzo's Oil

2:45 Midway

5:30 The Assignment

7:45 Mission Impossible

10:00 Band of Brothers 04: Replacements

11:15 Frankie and Johnny

1:30 Lorenzo's Oil

4:15 Mission Impossible

STAR GOLD

10:30 Beete Hue Din

11:00 Geet Bahar

11:30 Preet Ki Dor (Ajay Sahni, Tanuja)

3:00 Geet Bahar

3:30 Barkha Bahar (Navin Nischol, Rekha)

6:30 Geet Bahar

7:30 Monday Magic Aakhri Khat (Rajesh Khanna, Indrani Mukherjee)

11:00 Amul Bollywood News

11:30 Jeene Ki Raah (Jeetendra, Tanuja)

12:30 Jeene Ki Raah (Contd.)

3:00 Geet Bahar

3:30 Barkha Bahar (Navin Nischol, Rekha)

7:00 Aakhri Khat (Rajesh Khanna, Indrani Mukherjee)

BBC WORLD

10:30 QED

11:30 Life

12:30 Hardtalk

1:30 Click Online

2:30 Correspondent

3:30 Hardtalk

4:30 Top Gear

5:30 Correspondent

6:30 India Biz Report Profiles

7:30 QED

8:30 Correspondent

9:30 Asia Today

10:30 India Biz Report Profiles

11:30 World Business Report

12:30 Hardtalk

1:30 Holiday

2:30 World Business Report

3:30 Earth Report

STAR PLUS (INDIA)

6:00 Kundali

6:30 Star Geetmala

7:30 Kahaani Ghar Ghar Ki

8:00 Aatma

9:00 Sangeet Toppers

9:30 Fox Kids Daily

10:30 Small Wonder

11:00 Pal Chhin

11:30 Saahil

12:00 Sansar

12:30 Sangeet Toppers

1:00 Hum Saath Saath Hein

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 Kaahin Kissii Roz

5:00 Pal Chhin

5:30 Kaun Banega Crorepati

6:00 Kahaani Ghar Ghar Ki

6:30 Kyunki Saas Bhi Kabhi Bahu Thi

7:00 Aaj Ki Baat

7:30 Shagun

8:00 Telebrands

8:30 Sangeet Toppers

1:30 Meri Saheli

2:00 Kaahin Kissii Roz

2:30 Tu Tu Main Main

3:00 Pal Chhin

3:30 Saahil

4:00 Sansar

4:30 Kyunki Saas Bhi Kabhi Bahu Thi

5:00 Shanti

5:30 Sangeet Toppers

STAR WORLD

6:00 Red Heat

7:00 The Oprah Winfrey Show

8:00 Water Rates

9:00 Nash Bridges

10:00 Bugs

11:00 The Oprah Winfrey Show

12:00 Mike Hammer Private Eye

1:00 Fashion TV

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 That 70's Show

6:30 Everybody Loves Raymond

6:55 Asianews

7:00 Dharma & Greg

7:30 Frasier

8:00 Chicago Hope

9:00 Friends

9:30 That 70's Show

10:00 Dharma & Greg

10:30 Everybody Loves Raymond

11:00 Frasier

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1:30 Everybody Loves Raymond

2:00 Frasier

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

5:30 Mork & Mindy Show

CHANNEL [V]

ESPN

6:30 NFL Primetime Bristol, CT USA

7:28 NFL Football Seattle, WA USA Oakland Raiders Raiders @ Seattle Seahawks

10:00 NFL Sportcenter

11:30 Ladies Pro Bowlers Tour Professional Women's Bowling Association Jacksonville, FL USA

12:30 Golf Classics Tiger's Triple @ Seattle Seahawks

1:30 Pro Billiards 2001 Int'l Challenge of Champions Uncasville, CT USA Semifinal

2:30 NFL Football Seattle, WA USA Oakland Raiders @ Seattle Seahawks

3:30 LPGA Golf Cisco World Championship First Round

7:30 Tony Hawk's Gigantic Skatepark Tour 2001

Hawaii

8:30 [V] Hit Machine

9:30 [V] Jungli Jukebox

10:00 [V] FDFS

10:30 [V] Hit Machine

11:30 Late Night [V]

12:00 [V] Hit Machine

1:00 [V] Hit Machine

STAR MOVIES

7:30 [V] So Long Gone

8:30 [V] Jumpstart

10:30 [V] Hit Machine

12:30 [V] Jungli Jukebox

1:00 [V] FDFS

1:30 [V] Hit Machine

4:30 [V] Hotline

5:30 Very [V]

7:30 [V] The Chosen One Britney Spears Live At

7:30 Ghost, the Judgment Day

9:00 Hurricane

11:00 Angelas Ashes

3:30 Sixth Sense, the Eye

5:15 Thin Air

7:00 My Father the Hero

8:45 Pitch Black

10:30 Ghost, the

12:30 Dr Jekyll and Mr Hyde

SPORTS

@ Australia 1st Test, Day 5, 1st Session

8:00 Sportscenter Hindi

8:30 Australia Cricket New Zealand Tour of Australia 2001 Brisbane, Australia New Zealand @ Australia 1st Test, Day 5, 2nd & 3rd Session

1:00 English Premier Football League 2001/02 Manchester, England Fulham @ Manchester United

11:00 Western Union World Football

11:30 Sportscenter Hindi LPGA Golf Cisco World Ladies Match Play Championship First Round

5:00 Sportscenter Bristol, CT USA

8:00 Spanish Football League 2001/02

10:30 Sports Tonight

11:00 Australia Cricket New Zealand Tour of Australia 2001 Brisbane, Australia New Zealand @ Australia 1st test, Day 5, Highlights

12:00 Sportsline Tonight

12:30 Tennis Master Series By Mercedes-Benz Tennis Masters Cup Sydney 2001 Sydney, Australia Early Round Coverage Day #1

2:30 Asia Sport Show

3:00 Football Asia

3:30 Sportsline Tonight

4:00 International Motorsports News 2001

5:00 Rally Racing 2001 Fia Wrd Rally Championships Perth, Australia Highlights

5:00 Sportsline Tonight Mercedes-Benz Tennis Masters Cup Sydney 2001 Sydney, Australia Early Round Coverage Day #1

8:00 Sportsline Tonight

2:30 My Father the Hero

4:30 Air America

ZEE TV

6:00 Yaadon Ke Pal

6:30 Aalaap

7:00 Yoga For Life

7:30 Jagran

7:50 Zee Gym & Eat Healthy

8:20 News

8:30 Ardhangini

8:45 Yaadein Radio Ceylon Ki

9:00 Nickelodeon on Zee

9:30 Nickelodeon

10:00 Guldasta

10:30 Sarhadain

11:00 Ek Tukda Chand Ka

11:30 Ek Nazar

12:00 Woh Haseen Pal

1:00 Manzlein Apni Apni

1:25 Jhalak

1:30 Koi Apna Sa

2:00 Choti Maa Ek Anokha Bandhan

2:30 Gharana

3:00 Jawan Mohabbat Feature Film

6:00 Ek Nazar

6:30 Nickelodeon On Zee

7:00 Nickelodeon

7:30 Ek Nazar

8:00 Deewane To Deewane Hai

8:30 Ek Tukda Chand Ka

9:00 Koi Apna Sa

9:30 Choti Maa Ek Anokha Bandhan

10:00 Koi Apna Sa

10:30 Aap Jo Bole Haan to Haan Ap Jo Bole Na

11:30 Sarhadain

12:00 Gharana

12:30 Amanat

1:00 Razzmatazz

2:00 Deewane To Deewane Hai

2:30 Manzlein Apni Apni

3:00 Gust House-Feature Film

5:30 News in Hindi

ZEE CINEMA

6:00 Feature Film

9:00 Kuch Lamhe Kuch Nagme

9:15 Making Of A Legend

9:45 Movie Fare

10:00 Feature Film

1:00 Chhapli Chat

1:15 Madhyantar

1:30 Feature Film

5:00 Darpan

5:15 Ikke Pe Ikka

5:45 Film Time

6:00 Feature Film

9:15 Cine News

9:30 Tara Rum

10:00 Daava-Feature Film

10:50 News

2:15 Kuch Lamhe Kuch Nagme

2:30 Feature Film

5:30 Chhrehn

ZEE MUSIC

6:00 Music Plus

7:00 Aalaap

7:30 Tara Rum

8:30 Hit Pe Hit

10:30 Hit Mix

11:00 Pyaar Mohabbat Etc

11:30 Music Box

12:00 Music Plus

1:00 Hit Pe Hit

2:00 Jharokha

2:35 Justjammin

3:05 Tara Rum

4:00 Hit Pe Hit

5:00 Music Box

5:30 Hit Mix

6:00 Fillers

6:30 Music Plus

7:30 Hit Pe Hit

8:30 Blue

9:00 CoolAge

9:30 Music Box

10:00 Sizzlers

11:00 Jharokha

11:05 Artist Of The Fortnight

11:35 Phoren Maal

12:35 Shabab

1:05 Music Box

1:30 Jharokha

2:00 Hit Pe Hit

3:00 Music Mag

3:30 Tara Rum

4:30 Phoren Maal

5:30 Sizzlers

ALPHA TV

BANGLA

6:00 Nijei Nayak

6:30 Kashinath

7:30 News

8:00 Surer Ei Dharana Dharay

8:30 Luko Choori

9:00 News

9:05 Bharat Bhraman

9:30 Mojar Khela Kobitay

10:00 Zee Jalsa

10:30 Ranna Ghar

11:00 Premier Phande

11:30 Grohon

12:00 Manabi

1:00 Saat Kahan

1:30 Kashinath

2:00 Sanghat

2:30 Feature Film

5:00 Surer Ei Jhama Dharay

5:30 Jhara Samayer Upakatha

6:00 News

6:30 Grohon

7:00 Shesh Prashna

7:30 Kichu smriti Kichu Gaan

8:00 Nayanlara

8:30 Ek Akasher Kichu

9:15 Chena Mukh Shari

9:45 Ingeet

10:15 Football

10:45 Ek Palake

10:50 News

10:55 Ek Palake

11:00 Goyenda Paribar

11:30 News

11:55 Ek Palake

12:00 Prapto Baekoder Janyo

12:55 Ek Palake

12:30 Bangla Feature Film

3:00 Googy

3:30 Bharat Bhraman

4:00 Nayanlara

4:30 Ek Akasher Niche

5:00 Chena Mukher Shari

5:30 Football

HALLMARK

1:00 Love is Strange

3:00 Spools of War

5:00 Sesame Street

6:00 Norman Rockwell's Breathing Home Ties

8:00 Blonde

10:00 Lonesome Dove: The Series

11:00 Pals

1:00 Sliders Season III

2:00 Sesame Street

3:00</