

Exhibition

A contest of artistic calibre

Preparations are underway as Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy expects a grand inauguration of the 10th Asian Art Biennale Bangladesh 2002 at Osmany Memorial Hall

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THE countdown has begun ten days to go and then starts the much awaited prestigious cultural event! It would be a chilled wintry Wednesday when the Prime Minister of Bangladesh inaugurates the 10th Asian Art Biennale Bangladesh 2002 at the art gallery of Osmany Memorial Hall in the city at 11 a.m. on January 9, 2002.

The international biennale art exhibition, one of the most important events in our cultural arena, is being held here since the early 80's hosted by Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy.

The concerned authorities are passing hectic moments with final preparations, as 41 foreign countries have so far confirmed their participation for the month-long art event. The organisers had initially contacted with 60 countries of the regions for their possible entry. Needless to say, the center stage would form around Asian countries yet several African and Pan-Pacific nations are also to feature

their works of art. The countries are Australia, Azerbaijan, Bahrain, Bhutan, China, Egypt, India, Indonesia, Iran, Iraq, Japan, Jordan, Kenya, Kuwait, Kyrgyzstan, Lebanon, Malaysia, Maldives, Mauritius, Mongolia, Morocco, Nepal, New Zealand, Nigeria, Oman, Pakistan, Palestine, Philippines, Qatar, Russia, Republic of Korea, Saudi Arabia, Singapore, South Africa, Sri Lanka, Sudan, Syria, Thailand, Turkey, United Arab Emirates, Yemen and the hosts Bangladesh. A pleasant surprise for the organisers has come through an increase in the number of participating countries from 34 partakers in the previous meet.

Various works from 22 countries have arrived in Dhaka till date and the authorities have so far cleared entries of 16 countries to bring those to the Shilpakala Academy building at Shegunbagicha in the city. The next few days would see the arrival of all the works of rest of the countries as January 4th has been set as deadline to complete the

display activities. The present art gallery of Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy would remain as the main venue besides inclusion of the first floor of the new gallery at the Academy premises. The 'Jatlyo Chitrashala' or National Art Gallery, yet to receive status of formal inauguration, would hold 184 works of the Bangladeshi artists who are to number at around 160. The other two exhibition sites would be the gallery of Osmany Memorial Hall, also the inaugural venue and the art gallery of National Museum at Shahbagh. A couple of Japanese artists are already in the city with their works of display.

It would simply be a wonderful opportunity for the local connoisseurs of art and culture to view works of some of the renowned artists of the adjoining regions. Sculptural installations, always an item of high interest to the general visitors, would certainly attract a huge gathering on various venues across the city.

Paintings in oil, acrylic and mixed media would bring some



Funny still-life / Oil, 70x70 cm, 2001 (Solomkin Yuriy from Russian Federation)

real flavour of aesthetic orientation and one could certainly rely on the objectivity of these fine artists who would too, be glad to enhance their capacity on a foreign land and in front of a group of visitors

quite unaware of the type of composition.

As Ferhat Ozgur, a Turkish artist mentions, 'My work "FOUR IMAGES" reveals the inner psychological world of every figure through printed images on four shirts that are not truly pictorial expressions. The printed images seem to be the most powerful of all expressions'.

Lee, jin-dong and Yun, Sung Jun are two of the most reputed artists from the Republic of Korea who would join the mammoth assemblage of world maestros in Dhaka. Like most other artists they too, believe in the emancipation and purification of the soul through an inclination of the mind towards artistic perception, be it art, sculpture or one of any other form.

Nabibaksh Mansoori, who comes from Gujarat, is a fine painter of Indian origin whose subjects broadly reign on the close bond of relationship between humans and nature, landscape, vegetation and so on.



Broken dialogue-3 / Acrylic, 120x60 cm, 2001 (Jagath Ravindra from Sri Lanka)

Mansoori discovers a female figure amidst the mountains and friends among trees of the roadside!

Another enthusiastic nature-lover comes in the form of the Indian artist Dinesh Baduni who feels that the depiction of a serene scene of hills is not just a blend of colour, rather an expression of the painter's deep feelings and emotions.

Sculptor Gayoor Hassan, another Indian, has an attraction towards subjects of philosophical value. 'My sculpture often speaks of my unrelenting quest for the philosophical, the mystical and the spiritual ideology with the essence of the land to which I belong', mentions a dedicated Hassan.

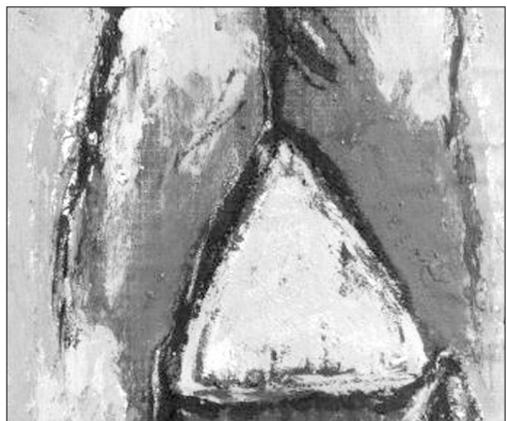
Two completely different characters, Ms. Nobuho Nagasawa and Ms. Yuri Mitsuda are coming from Japan with their unique works of sculpture those of which include eggshaped potteries.

A two-day long seminar 'Indigenous art: Tradition, Identity and Challenges' would be held on

January 10 and 11 with a stretch of five sessions over the period. Mustafa Zaman Abbasi, Director-General of Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy would be the chief guest on the inaugural session while eminent cultural researchers Sadek Khan, Professor Nazrul Islam and two foreign members of the Jury Committee would conduct the other sessions.

The foreign members of the Jury Committee will be Professor Jin Shangyi from China, Professor Emmanuel Torres from the Philippines and artist Hassan Bourkia from Morocco. The guests of the Jury Board are expected to arrive in the city on January 5 and are expected to complete their assignment of judgement by the evening of January 8, 2002.

The 10th Asian Biennale, one of the greatest cultural fiestas of the continent, would surely present all with a rich blend of artistic calibre and would certainly open up fresh paths in our cultural tradition.



Without Title no. 7 / Acrylic, 21 / 29, 1999 (Bouchta El Hayani from Morocco)



Without Title no. 10 / Acrylic, 17 / 11.5, 1999 (Bouchta El Hayani from Morocco)

RECOMMENDATIONS

Film Festival

Today's screening schedule of the 7th International Short and Independent Film Festival at the Central Public Library Auditorium.

- 11:00am Parsa, The Achaemenid Heritage, Iran
- Wide Eye (Fic) 9 min, Canada
- Circus (Ani) 1.33 min, Argentina
- Ants (Fic) 35 min, Spain
- 3:00pm Vanished With Water (Doc) 23 min, Turkey
- Short Summer Vacation (Fic) 21 min, Spain
- Live the Life of Living, Iran
- Unique (Doc), 20 min, India
- 5:00pm The Insect Houe (Exp), UK
- Sound of the Earth, Iran
- Gdynia (Fic) 30 min, Germany
- Madona with a child (Doc) 10 min, Latvia
- Hyde and Jekil (Fic) 7 min, Spain
- 7:00pm All Sorts of Skin (Fic) 15 min, Canada
- The Magic Flute (Doc) 10 min, Latvia
- The Corus (Fic) 17 min, Iran
- Song of Ancestor (Fic) 40 min, USA.

Liberation War Museum

Liberation War Museum has chalked out a 7-day schedule of cultural programs to celebrate the 30 years anniversary of the Victory and Liberation of Bangladesh. The weeklong programs at the Museum's Café Theater includes: **December 30, Sunday:** Cultural programme participated by the students of UCEP School at 5:00 p.m.

Drama Festival

For upholding the Bengali heritage at the end of this year Nataraj is holding a 5-day long Theatre Festival (December 25-30) at the Guide House auditorium.

Schedule of the theatrical shows is as follows: **December 30: Alal Dulalar Pala** by Dhaka Padatik at 6:30 p.m.

Sculpture show

A group sculpture show is now being held at the gallery of National Museum at Shahbagh. The show showcases recent work by Hamiduzzaman, Ivy Zaman and Rowan Aziz. Open to all, the show runs till January 15.

TV GUIDE

- BTV**
- 3:10 News Headlines
 - 3:15 Desher Gaan
 - 3:20 Open University
 - 3:45 Shukhi Poribar
 - 4:00 Khabar
 - 4:05 Animation Film: Totally Tuned In
 - 4:30 Pushtiatyaha
 - 4:45 Programme for children
 - 5:00 News Headlines
 - 5:10 Shasthatyaha
 - 5:25 National Television Debate
 - 6:00 Khabar
 - 6:10 Taruchaya
 - 6:35 Programme from Chittagong station
 - 7:00 News Headlines (English)
 - 7:05 Mati O' Manush
 - 7:30 Special on artist Abbas Uddin
 - 8:00 News in Bengali
 - 8:30 Drama: Shukher Bondore
 - 9:00 News Headlines
 - 10:00 News at Ten (Emglish)
 - 10:25 Abohoman Bangla
 - 11:30 Khabar / The News
 - 12:00 Ekushey Middy
 - 12:30 Shoptaho Ghura
 - 1:00 Expedition to the Animal Kingdom
 - 1:30 Documentary Programmed: Japan Video Tropic
 - 1:50 Classic Cartoons
 - 2:10 Surer Prodeep
 - 2:40 Drishti
 - 3:00 Ekushey Headlines
 - 3:05 Drama serial: Otithi Apon
 - 3:30 Kena Kata
 - 4:00 Surer Prodeep
 - 4:30 Expedition to the Animal Kingdom
 - 5:00 Circus Circus
 - 5:30 Drishti
 - 5:50 Aiker Potrikay
 - 6:00 Ekushey Headlines
 - 6:05 Classic Cartoons
 - 6:30 Charidike
 - 6:55 Ekushey Headlines
 - 7:30 Ekushey News
 - 7:58 Ek Minute
 - 8:00 Mukto Cholochitro Mukto Prokash
 - 8:30 Surjer Neeche
 - 9:00 Ekushey News
 - 9:05 Sumprotique
 - 10:00 News: Simulcast from BTV
 - 10:30 Ekushey Business
 - 11:00 Ekushey Late Night News
 - 11:30 Nirbachon Shonglap
 - 12:00 Ekushey Headlines

- ATN BANGLA**
- 5:30 Islamic prog.
 - 7:00 Child prog. - Shapla Saluk
 - 7:35 Film songs prog. : Anurodher Assor
 - 8:00 ATN Bangla News
 - 8:25 Drama serial: Uttaran
 - 9:00 Reporting Magazine: Gona Probaha
 - 9:35 Drama serial: Chomok Vila
 - 10:10 Magazine prog. : Ispahani Ayojon
 - 10:50 Film Magazine : Boliwooder Kholo
 - 11:20 Bengali film : Jonmo Theke Jolse
 - 12:00 ATN Bangla News
 - 6:07 New singer competition prog. : Nabin Boron
 - 7:00 ATN Bangla Evening News
 - 7:35 Drama serial: Uttaran
 - 8:10 Film prog. : Cine Songlap
 - 8:45 Bejoyer Katha Participator Col. (Red.) Mr. Oli Ahmed
 - 9:20 Drama serial: Jibon Nodir Jowar Vata
 - 10:00 ATN Bangla News
 - 10:35 Indian film songs. : Boliwood Topten
 - 11:05 Bengali film: Shes Khela
 - 11:30 ATN Bangla News
 - BBC WORLD**
 - 6:30 Holiday
 - 7:30 Hospital
 - 8:30 Correspondent
 - 9:30 This Week
 - 10:30 Mastermind India
 - 11:30 India Business Report
 - 12:30 Wheels
 - 1:30 Hardtalk India
 - 2:30 This Week
 - 3:15 Bubble Trouble
 - 4:30 Click Online
 - 5:30 Hospital
 - 6:45 People's Century Top Gear
 - 8:30 Dateline London
 - 9:15 Road To Riches
 - 10:30 Hardtalk India
 - 11:15 Bubble Trouble
 - 12:30 Hospital
 - 1:30 People's Century
 - 2:30 Top Gear
 - 3:30 Dateline London
 - 4:30 Asia Business Report/Asia Today
 - HBO**
 - 6:30 Murderous Vision
 - 8:30 The Concierge
 - 10:30 Kidnapped in Paradise
 - 12:30 Pet Sematary
 - 2:30 Band of Brothers 10: Points
 - 3:45 Miracle On 1-880
 - 5:45 3 Ninjas Kick Back
 - 7:45 Problem Child 2
 - 9:30 To Wong Foo Thanks For Everything, Julie

- 11:45** Newmar
- Robin Hood: Men in Tights
 - 1:45 Pet Sematary
 - 3:45 Strange Days
 - STAR MOVIES**
 - 7:00 Drama: Resurrection Man
 - 9:00 Thriller: Stealth Hunters
 - 10:45 Comedy: Speechless
 - 12:30 Action: LAPD
 - 2:15 Thriller: Matthew Blackheart
 - 4:00 Thriller: Mighty Joe Young
 - 6:00 Comedy: Volunteers
 - 7:45 Action: Titan A E
 - 9:30 Sunday Megamovie: Possessed
 - 11:30 Action: Total Recall
 - 1:30 Comedy: Speechless
 - 3:15 Action: High Explosive
 - 5:00 Action: Total Recall
 - STAR GOLD**
 - 10:30 Geet Bahar
 - 11:00 Geet Bahar
 - 11:30 Geet Gata Chal
 - 12:00 Rahein Na Rahein Hum
 - 1:00 Sunday Noon Show Chalta Purza (Rajesh Khanna, Parveen Babi)
 - 12:30 Star News Focus Asia
 - 1:30 The X Files
 - 2:30 3" Rock From The Sun
 - 3:00 Crefo Dollar
 - 3:30 Keeneth Cope land Ministries
 - 4:00 Joyce Meyer Ministries
 - 4:30 World News
 - 5:00 Fashion TV
 - 5:30 Mork And Mindy
 - STAR PLUS**
 - 6:00 Mirch Masala
 - 6:30 Star Geetmala
 - 7:30 Aatma
 - 8:30 Dharam Aur Hum
 - 9:30 Surabhi
 - 10:00 Family Fortunes
 - 10:30 Kaun Banega Crorepati Junior
 - 11:30 Chalti Ka Naam Antakshiri
 - 12:30 Chhupa Rustam
 - 1:00 Musafir Hoon Yaron
 - 1:30 Mirch Masala
 - 2:00 Hit Filmein Hit Sangeet
 - 2:30 Mail Milap
 - 2:40 Star Sunday Matinee
 - 2:50 Hit Filmein Hit Sangeet
 - 3:30 The Simpsons
 - 4:00 Baywatch Hawaii
 - 5:00 Star Asia Travel Singapore Special
 - 5:30 3" Rock From The Sun
 - 6:00 Star News Focus Asia
 - 7:00 The X Files
 - 8:00 Star Trek The Next Generation
 - 9:00 Rendezvous With Simi Garewal
 - 9:30 Star News Focus Asia

TODAY'S HIGHLIGHTS

STAR WORLD: 5:00 p.m.
The Simpsons. Viv a Ned Flanders: In this exciting episode of the world's favorite animated family entertainment, Homer shows Flanders how to enjoy life by taking him to Las Vegas.

STAR PLUS: 8:30 p.m.
Raju Chacha. New Year special Raju Chacha starring Ajoy Devgan and Kajol will be premiered on Star Plus for all it's viewers.

STAR WORLD: 7:00 & 10:30 p.m.
The X Files. Millennium: As the year 2000 approaches, the agents seek out ex-Millennium Group member Frank Black when some of his former associates turn into the walking dead.

- 10:30 The X Files
- 11:30 Star Trek The Next Generation
- 12:30 Star News Focus Asia
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PICK OF THE DAY

To Wong Foo Thanks for Everything
 On HBO at 9:30 p.m.
 The residents of a small town are about to get a rude awakening because the queen is paying a visit drag queen that is! Vida and Noxeema win a drag contest in the Big Apple and a trip to Hollywood, and drag the inexperienced drag princess Chi Chi along for the ride.

- 2:00 Kaahin Kissii Roz
- 2:30 Jubilee Plus
- 3:00 Pal Chhin
- 3:30 Saahil
- 4:00 Sansar
- 4:30 Chhupa Rustam
- 5:00 Meri Saheli
- 5:30 Hit Filmein Hit Sangeet
- STAR NEWS**
- 8:30 Star News English
- 9:30 Star News Hindi
- 11:30 Star News English
- 12:00 Star Business Week
- 12:30 Star News English
- 1:00 Reality Bites
- 3:00 Limelight Hindi
- 3:30 The Big Fight
- 8:00 Star Talk
- 8:30 We The People
- 9:30 Star News Sunday
- 10:30 Star News Ravivahr
- 11:30 Star News English
- 12:30 Star Business Week
- AXN TV**
- 4:00 High Actin Adrenalini
- 4:30 World's Most Amazing Videos II
- 5:30 Rollerjam
- 6:30 David Blaine: Street Magic
- 7:30 Grandeur Musashi RV
- 8:30 You're Under Arrest/GOGS
- 9:30 Outdoor Quest
- 10:30 The Amazing Race
- 11:30 Who Dares Wins II
- 12:30 Survivor: Africa
- 1:30 David Blaine: Street Magic
- 2:30 Movie: Darkman
- 4:30 High Action Adrenalini/AXN Speed India

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- 7:30 Survivor: Africa
- 8:30 David Blaine: Street Magic
- 9:30 Sun Action Heroes
- Movie: Crouching Tiger, Hidden Dragon
- 11:30 Movie: Dragonheart
- 1:30 The Right Stuff
- 2:30 Rollerjam
- 3:30 High Action Adrenalini
- ZEE MGM**
- 1:30 French Kiss
- 4:00 Break Dance
- 6:30 Suture
- 9:00 Inferno
- 11:30 The Eleventh Commandment
- 2:00 Perfect Match
- 4:30 Sharks Treasure
- 7:00 Suture
- 9:30 Inferno (Jean Claud, Van Dam)
- 11:30 The Eleventh Commandment (Martin Sheen, Helen Shaver)
- ZEE ENGLISH**
- 12:30 Benny Hill Show
- 1:00 Homicide
- 1:30 Mini Series: Dangerous Lady
- 3:00 Heartbreak High
- 4:00 Charlie Chaplin
- 5:00 Mowgli
- 6:00 Heartbreak High
- 6:00 Over The Edge
- 6:30 Mini Series: Dangerous Lady
- 7:30 Heartbreak High
- 8:30 Movie Stars
- 9:00 Homicide
- 10:00 Mowgli
- 10:30 Charlie Chaplin

- 11:00 Over The Edge
- 11:30 Police Academy
- 12:30 Brand Champs
- 1:00 For Your Love
- 1:30 The Sopranos
- 2:30 Friends7
- 3:00 La Femme Nikita
- 4:00 Mini Series: Black Scorpion
- 5:00 Veronica's Closet
- 5:30 Heartbreak High
- 6:30 Suddenly Susan
- 7:00 ER
- 8:00 Living Single
- 8:30 Jesse
- 9:00 Friends7
- 9:30 Mini Series: The Other Side Of Paradise
- 10:30 The West Wing
- 11:30 Friends7
- 12:00 Movie Stars
- ZEE TV**
- 12:30 Bournvita Quiz Contest
- 1:00 Aaj Bhi...Ateet
- 1:30 Dollar Bahu
- 2:00 Hip Hip Hurray
- 2:30 Zee & You
- 3:00 Feature Film
- 3:30 News
- 6:00 Yaadon Ke Pal
- 6:30 Homicide
- 7:00 Yoga For Life
- 7:40 Jagran
- 7:50 Zee Gym
- 8:00 Guldasta
- 8:30 Nickelodeon on Zee
- 9:00 Jai Jai Tridev
- 9:30 National Challenge Antakshari
- 11:30 Baazi Kiski
- 12:30 Bournvita Quiz Contest
- 1:00 Hip Hip Hurray
- 1:30 Rists Take/Top of the Tops
- 2:00 Dollar Bahu
- 2:30 Zee & You
- 5:00 Cinema Hits
- 6:00 Ek Nazar
- 6:30 Nickelodeon On Zee
- 7:30 Neelaam Ghar Bid Bid Boom
- 8:30 Razzmatlazz
- 9:30 Sansaar
- 10:30 Aap Jo Bolein Haan To Haan Aap Jo Bolein Naa To Naa
- 11:30 India's Most Wanted
- 12:00 Gudgudue
- 12:27 Intermisssion
- ZEE CINEMA**
- 1:30 Prabhat
- 4:30 Mazloom
- 7:30 Nyaye Anyay
- 10:30 Mausam (Sanjeev Kumar, Sharmila Tagore)
- 1:30 Hum Dil De Chuke Sanam (Salman, Aishwarya, Ajay D)
- 6:00 Sajjan Bina Suhagan (Rajendra Kumar, Nutan)
- 10:00 Ghayal (Sunny Deol, Meenakshi Sheshadri)

- ZEE MUSIC**
- 12:35 Phoren Maal
 - 1:05 Zee Music Box
 - 1:30 Jharokha
 - 2:00 Hit Pe Hit
 - 3:00 Just Jammin
 - 3:30 Tara Rum
 - 4:30 Phoren Maal
 - 5:30 Sizzlers
 - 6:00 Zee Music Com
 - 7:00 Tara Rum
 - 7:30 Tara Rum
 - 8:30 Hit Pe Hit
 - 10:30 Hit Mix
 - 11:00 Artist Of The Fortnight
 - 11:30 Zee Music Box
 - 12:00 Dial M
 - 1:00 Hit Pe Hit
 - 2:00 Jharokha
 - 2:35 Blue
 - 3:05 Tara Rum
 - 4:00 Hit Pe Hit
 - 5:00 Music Box
 - 5:30 Hit Mix
 - 6:00 Dil Se
 - 6:30 Best of The Best
 - 7:30 Hit Pe Hit
 - 8:30 Fillers
 - 9:00 Compact Disc
 - 9:30 Zee Music Box
 - 10:00 Sizzlers
 - 10:30 Jharokha
 - 11:05 Zee Music. Com
 - 12:00 Phoren Maal
 - ALPHA TV**
 - BANGLA**
 - 12:30 Bangla Feature Film
 - Talk Jhal Misti
 - 3:30 Bharat Bhroman
 - 4:00 Daibaddha
 - 4:30 Jhara Samayer Upakatha
 - 5:00 Gandharbi
 - 5:30 Saat Kahan
 - 6:00 Bhalo Basa Mandobasa
 - 6:30 Manabi
 - 7:00 Arghya/Ananda Vilas
 - 7:30 News
 - 8:00 Surer Ei Dharana Dhary
 - 8:30 Amra probasi
 - 9:00 News
 - 9:05 Bharat Bhroman
 - 9:30 Premier Phande
 - 10:00 Samayer Sur
 - 10:30 Soni Robi Mojar Chobi
 - 11:30 Choto Chuttr Phake
 - 12:00 Bideshini Bodhu
 - 12:30 Tritiyo Purush
 - 1:00 Ranna Ghar
 - 1:30 Antraaley
 - 2:00 Goyenda Paribar
 - 2:30 Feature Film
 - 5:00 Arghya /Anand Vilas
 - 5:30 Amra Probasi
 - 6:00 Alpha Khabor
 - 6:25 Jhankar
 - 7:00 Mojar Khel Kobitay
 - 7:30 Ekuse Paa
 - 7:25 Jhankar
 - 7:30 Googly
 - 7:55 Jhankar