

RECOMMENDATIONS



Syed Jahangir's solo

April 18 to May 9
Featuring recent artworks, the 32nd solo art exhibition by Syed Jahangir started at the Bengal Gallery of Fine Arts. The exhibition will continue everyday from 12 - 8 p.m.

Shabin Shahriar's fourth solo

May 1 to 7
A weeklong painting exhibition by Shabin Shahriar opens at Zainul Gallery of Fine Arts Institute, University of Dhaka. Artists Abdus Sattar and Professor Abdul Matin Sarkar are due to attend the inaugural ceremony.

Theatre

May 3
A theatrical production titled 'Hugo's pariahs' by eminent French actress, director and playwright Pierrette Dupoyet will be brought before the Dhaka audience at the auditorium of National Museum in the city. Tickets are available at the office of Alliance Francaise at Dhanmondi in the city.

Tagore song festival

May 1 to 3
A Tagore song artists' organisation, *Bangladesh Rabindrasangeet Shilpi Sangstha*, has drawn up three day-long programmes marking its 13th National Tagore song Festival on May 1 at 5 p.m. at Bangladesh Shishu Academy auditorium.

Ahmed Nazi's print exhibition

May 3 to 12
City's Gallery *Chittrak* presents a ten day long print exhibition by Ahmed Nazir on May 3 at its premises, House #21, Road #4, Dhanmondi R/A at 6 p.m. Eminent artists Mohammad Kibria and Shahid Kabir are due to attend the inauguration. The show will be open daily from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m.

Exhibition

Tracing a path of his own

Ahmed Nazir's exhibition opens at Chittrak on 3rd May

FAYZA HAQ

AHMED Nazir's solo exhibition of approximately fifty works begins at Gallery Chittrak on 3rd May. He says, "sure, my father, Safiuddin's works had some impressionable impact on me since I was a child as that was inevitable at first, but I have chosen a style of my own as I want people to know me for myself and not for my father. The change within me came by itself as I made no conscious effort of my own. I have never tried to use my father's influence in my career. Meanwhile my mother, who did plenty of exquisite embroidery, gave me a lot of support and encouraged me in every possible way. I had my father's guidance and then there was Mohammed Kibria, Shahid Kabir and Monirul Islam to be inspired by. Others like Kalidas Karmakar and Rokeya Sultana have also stirred me by their prints".

Asked if his works were abstract, Ahmed Nazir says, "My work is based on nature and I have exaggerated or simplified the details, wrapped in the rhythm and harmony in my work. We cannot draw or paint something which we cannot see or visualize. What appears like abstract in enlargement is not such a far-fetched figment of the imagination or indiscriminate scratching of lines or splashing of paint. There are some elements that is taken from the thought processes and memory or even the subconscious mind. Imagination does combine with my work as it is not straight realism. Even in realistic and impressionistic works of others the imaginative power does work to make them successful pieces of work. Thus I've brought in dreams and innermost feelings and aspirations in my prints."

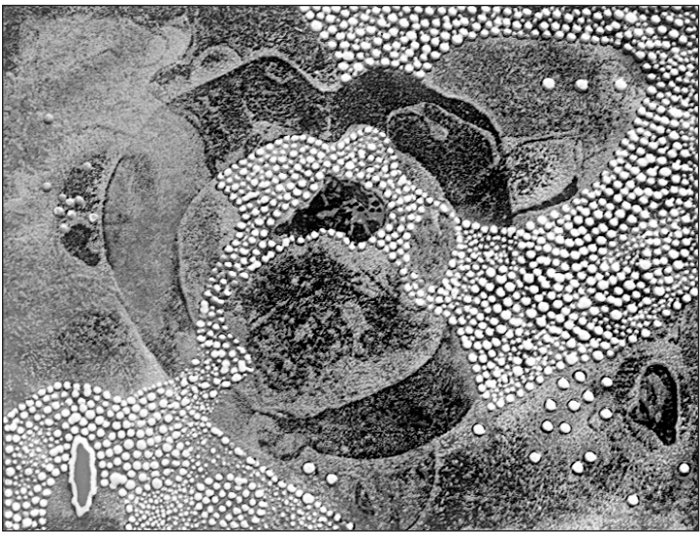
Talking about the themes of his

present exhibits, Ahmed Nazir says, "Last time I concentrated on the moon. This time I've brought in samples of all my work from the beginning till 2002. Thus I've dealt with Pahela Baishakh, the floods, the Chittagong cyclone, the Freedom Movement and a series called 'War file' which deals with wars in general. There are both figurative and non figurative works. I have brought in folk motif also. There are colography, dry point, etching, mezzotint, lithography etc. I went into prints perhaps because since my childhood I have been surrounded by prints. When I used to study at the Fine Arts Institute I was particularly drawn to the Print Department. I enjoy print as there is a lot of scope of experimenting and joy of suspense as the colours take shape and form. Sometimes what I have done is not satisfactory and then I have to think out how to improve the work and this gives pleasure. Meanwhile, the more I work the more it appears that I need to learn more when at first, after the conventional classes I thought I knew all that was to know. Having completed my work I might feel satisfied yet a week later that work may give no sense

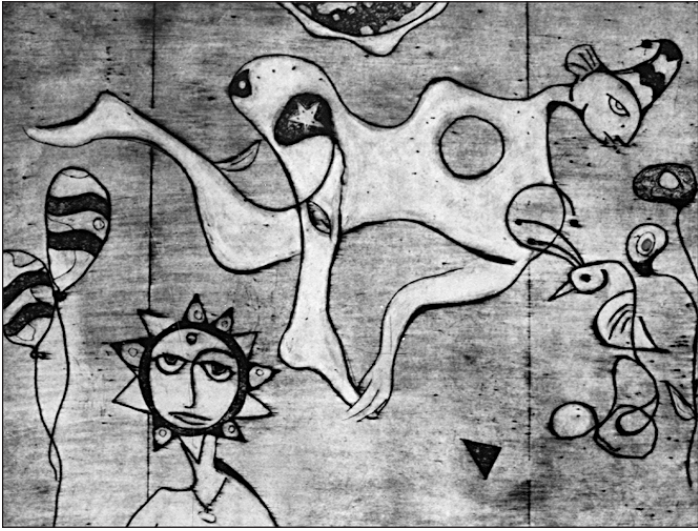
of satisfaction. Thus I have miles to go'. When I did small pieces I used my father's original machine, which is now an antique piece as it was the first printing machine of its kind in Bangladesh, but later I used the big machine."

In a lithography we see the face of a woman with tiny lips in front. This face is almost like mask which is pink while the eyes and eyebrows are outlined in black. The cascading hair too is black while there are splashes of gray, beige, orange and white in front. In another lithography piece we see a face in red with black eyes with dots and splashes in gray all over. It has black bars on top, side and in the forefront. In one of the series of the "War file" we see a skull with its mouth open and tormented sockets of the eyes. At the sides are gray, black and brown and the subject is self is outlined in gray and black.

In one of the pieces of the "Dream", series, an etching, we see a round ball which is in gray, brown and beige. There is a mask in the background with the face and nose being visible. This is in beige and contains lines and squiggles, rectangles and triangles which are held in a frame.



Reflection of the moon on water, etching



Pahila Baishakh, dry point

Beyond the frame are motifs of wood panels with rough texture where the wood has been eaten away by age. There are tiny figures of a couple, done in orange, embracing each other and this lends more dimension to the composition. In another creation of the "Dream" series we see rhythmic lines, squiggles and dots which are floating free keeping tune to their own cadence. Rectangles, triangles and circles in orange, gray and black are float-

ing images. As you ponder over it you go into a trance of your own entering your personal flights of imagination.

"With the present social conditions", Ahmed Nazir says, "neither man nor woman is safe wandering around by themselves and in 'Scared we see a young woman apprehensive as to what will take place next, as she is far from home. Her eyes are deep set while her straight hair falls in streaks of gray. Her clothes are



From 'Dream' series, mixed media



Vibration of Moon, mixed media

pale in colour and she has an amulet about her neck. There is a suggestion of a face of a man who is following her and around her are geometrical motifs that enhance the beauty of the composition. There is yet another composition that deals with fear. We find a good looking woman with chiseled features almost like that of a Greek statue. Around her are lines and forms in gray and black. At the side is her worried profile with twisted lips, waiting with apprehension.

There is then the composition of the flood situation when people are marooned and cannot get adequate food or shelter. In "Con-fined" you see three elongated characters done in gray, green and brown. These emaciated people are in the conventional sari and "lungi". Their marooned homes are in the backdrop while water has collected in the forefront. The rest of the details have been done in beige and brown.

In the "Moon" series there is a creation with circles and orbs in shades of gray with flecks of blue and white. There are faces which are almost human and are presented in a geometrical manner. There is a vermilion dot signifying

force at the side. "These are the dreams where men forget their pain and suffering by day. Thus the effect is that of a rain washed scene that is pristine and memorable," Ahmed Nazir says. In another creation of the "Dream" series there are pink, gray and white rectangle containing another rectangle with shades of gold, pink and brown. On top is a floating piece which holds other forms in pink and yellow. On top and at the bottom are two triangular shapes in gray with a touch of red. The rest of the paper is left blank.

In another example of the "Dream" series we see images that are blurred and beautiful. Here there are pile upon pile of forms in green and brown leading to each other. You can trace out parts of human forms and at times blossoms and clouds. There is white in front while a grayish cloak with emerald tints covers the composition. A scarlet line balances the twirling and swirling forms.

Ahmed Nazir's exhibition is a mind-boggling display of mastery over various mediums presenting manifold subjects of interest.

TV GUIDE

BTV

3:10 News Headlines
3:15 Desher Gaan
3:20 Open University
3:45 Shasthathatha
4:00 Khabar
4:05 Cartoon: Zoomanji
4:20 Shukhi Poribar
4:40 Desh O' Bigyan
5:00 News Headlines
5:20 Shikshangan
5:45 Geet Bitan
6:00 Khabar
6:10 Saarc Programme
6:35 Programme from Chittagong station
7:00 News Headlines
7:05 Procheshta
7:25 Mati O' Manush
8:00 News in Bengali
8:30 Drama Serial: Zhul Baranda
9:00 News Headlines
9:05 Drama Serial: Shatsho Shatlattur
9:30 Chayachanda
10:00 News at Ten
10:25 Special on May Day
11:00 Orthonoitik Porikroma
11:30 Khabar / The News

CHANNEL I

Morning session
7:30 Shilpa Katha
8:00 Drama serial: Simana
8:30 Drama serial: Joar Bhata
9:00 Drama: Ghar Mon janala
10:10 Documentary
10:40 Gata Stadin
11:10 Music Plus
12:00 Shipakatha
Evening session
12:30 Drama serial: Simana
1:00 Joar Bhata
1:30 Ghar Mon Janala
2:00 Bangla Movie
5:10 Documentary
5:40 Chithi Pelam
6:10 Music Plus
6:50 Solo Music
7:15 Channel i Sangbad
7:50 May Day programme
9:00 channel i Sangbad
9:35 Bangladesh in News Paper
9:50 Ispahani i Tele-quiz
10:00 Audio Bazar
10:30 Channel i Sangbad
11:10 Chithi pelam
11:30 Bangla Movie

EKUSHEY TV

12:00pmEkushey Midday
12:30 Deho Tore
1:00 Ekushey Headlines
1:00 Expedition to the Animal Kingdom
1:30 Documentary
Programmed: Japan Video Tropic
1:50 Classic Cartoons
2:10 Deho Tore
2:30 Drishti
3:00 Ekushey Headlines
3:05 Drama Serial: Ek Cup Cha
3:30 Surma Parer Gaan
4:00 Expedition to the Animal Kingdom
Wildlife on One
5:00 Drishti
5:30 Aikjer Potrikay
5:50 Ekushey Headlines
6:00 Classic Cartoons
6:05 Deshjure Songlap
6:30 Ekushey Headlines
7:00 Chips & Bytes
7:30 Ekushey Shongbad
8:00 Ekushey News
8:05 Drama Serial: Bondhon
8:30 Pop Show
9:00 Pother Pachile
9:30 Serial : Choto Golper Shambhar
This week : Poth Jana Nai
10:00 News: Simulcast From BTV
10:30 Chittrogetee
11:00 Ekushey Late Night Shongbad
11:30 Sumprotique
12:00 Ekushey Headlines
ATN BANGLA
5:30 Islamic prog:
7:00 Musical prog:
7:35 Discover Bangladesh
8:00 ATN Bangla News
8:25 Drama Serial : Shaishab

9:00 Computer Based prog. : ATN Computer Projukte
9:35 Drama : Meghe Dhaka
10:50 Bengali feature film: Dukkho Nay
12:00 ATN Bangla News
6:07 Sustha Thakun
6:45 Film Songs
Prog: Surchobi
7:00 ATN Bangla Evening News
7:35 Musical Prog.
8:10 Special Prog: On May Day
8:45 Drama Serial : Babak
9:20 Special Prog. : May Day
10:00 ATN Bangla News
10:45 Film magazine: Filmy Bazar
11:15 Bengali Feature film: Sudu Tume
11:30 ATN Bangla News
BBC WORLD
6:00am BBC News
6:30 World Business Report
7:00 BBC News
7:30 Asia Today/Asia Business Report
8:00 BBC News
8:30 Asia Today/World Business Report
9:00 BBC News
9:30 Asia Today /Asia Business Report
10:00 BBC News
10:30 World Business Report / Sports Today
1:00 BBC News
1:30 Clarkson
2:00 BBC News
2:30 Hardtalk
3:00 BBC News
3:30 Reporters
4:00 BBC News
4:30 Asia Today/World Business Report
1:00 BBC News
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2:00 BBC News
2:30 Hardtalk
3:00 BBC News
3:30 Reporters
4:00 BBC News
4:30 Asia Today/World Business Report

TODAY'S HIGHLIGHTS



EKUSHEY: 9:30 p.m. *Poth Jana Nei*. Gohur Ali is a simple and honest village guy. He donates his own land for the construction of the village road. With that road he comes to town. To Gohur Ali it was a 'path of a new life'. Gohur meets Aslam in town. Aslam comes to his village and takes advantage of his honesty.



STAR MOVIES: 7:00 p.m. *Rough Air*. Passengers on a routine overseas flight get a terrifying surprise when a thunderstorm rips the cargo door off of their airplane. Sent into a potentially deadly tailspin, the plane can only be saved by the work of the courageous and industrious copilot.



STAR WORLD: 6:00 & 9:30 p.m. *The Drew Carey Show*. As the name suggests, the show is a humorous outlook on Drew Carey's life... This lovable comedian and author has inspired this fast-paced comedy depicting the life of a single "every guy" who's just trying to have some fun along the way. In tonight's episode, Drew is witness to sexual harassment in the office.

PICK OF THE DAY



Dance With Me
On HBO at 10:00 p.m.
Young Cuban Rafael just buried his mother, and comes to Houston to meet his father John for the first time. The difficult part is that John doesn't know he is Rafael's father. John runs a dance studio, and everyone prepares for the World Open Dance championship in Las Vegas. It soon becomes clear Rafael is a very good dancer, and Ruby (Vanessa Williams) is the biggest hope for the studio at the championship.

5:00 BBC News
5:30 Hardtalk
HBO
6:30am Mercy
8:15 Black Rain
10:45 Rattled
12:30 To Wong Foo Thanks for Everything, Julie Newmar
2:45 Night of the Creeps
4:30 Psycho III
6:15 Eye for an Eye
8:15 Guardian
10:00 Dance With Me
12:30 Second Skin
2:15 Black Rain
4:45 Night of the Creeps
STAR MOVIES
6:30 January Man, The
8:30 Volunteers
10:15 Man in the Moon, The
12:15 Clown at Alaska
12:00 Clown at Mid-night
1:30 Mystery Alaska
3:30 Spring Forward
5:30 Pink Lightning
7:00 Rough Air
8:30 High Explosive
10:30 Volunteers
12:30 Major League
STAR GOLD
7:00am Mehboob ki Mehindi (Rajesh Khanna, Leena Chandavarkar)
10:30 Bollywood News
11:00 Geet Bahar
11:30 Daadi Maa (Ashok Kumar, Bina Rai)
3:00pm Bollywood News
3:30 Love in Simla (Joy Mukherjee, Sadhana)
7:00 Geet Bahar
7:30 Rang Birangi
11:00 Satyakam (Dharmendra, Sharmila Tagore)
11:30 Bollywood News
11:30 Touhean (Raj Babbar, Dimple Kapadia, Poonam Dhillon)
STAR PLUS (INDIA)
7:30 Hum Saath Aath Hain
8:00 Aatma
9:00 Hit Filmein Hit Sangeet
9:30 Fox Kids Daily
10:30 Small Wonder
11:00 Hasna Mat
11:30 Meri Saahil
12:00pm Shanti

12:30 Hit Filmein Hit Sangeet
1:00 Kora Kagaz
1:30 Kahaani Ghar Ghar Ki
2:00 Bhabhi
2:30 Kyunki Saas Bhi Kabhi Bahu Thi
3:00 Shagun
3:30 Kasautii Zindagi Kay Kavita
4:00 Kaathin Kissii Roz
4:30 Meri Saheli
5:00 Hit Filmein Hit Sangeet
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11:00 Kaahin Kissii Roz
12:05 Aaj Ki Baat
STAR WORLD
7:00 The Oprah Winfrey Show

8:00 Home Song
8:30 Shattered Family
10:00 Sea Change
11:00 Bridge to Silence
1:00 Sliders
2:00 Sesame Street
3:00 Scholastic Clifford
3:30 Caillou
4:00 Sea Change
5:00 Star Trek: Voyager
6:00 Sliders
7:00 Dalva
9:00 Star Trek : Voyager
10:00 Face of Evil
12:00 Marriage Acts
ZEE TV
6:00 Yaadon Ke Pal
6:30 Bhakti Bhav
7:00 Yoga For Life
7:30 Jagran
7:50 Zee Gym & Eat Healthy
8:20 News
8:30 Ardhangani
8:45 Yaadein Radio
Ceylon Ki
9:00 Nickelodeon on Zee
9:30 Nick On Zee
10:30 Hum Paanch
11:00 Hudd Kar Di
12:00 Justujoo
12:30 Kitee Kool Hain Hum
1:00 Tu Kahe Agar
1:30 Koi Apna Sa
2:00 Choti Maa Ek Anokha Bandhan
2:30 Banarasi Babu
3:00 Nick on Zee
3:30 Baywatch
4:00 The Simpsons
4:30 3rd 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
6:55 Asianews Update
7:00 Ally McBeal
8:00 The Practice
9:00 Friends
9:30 The Drew Carey Show
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11:30 The Practice
HALLMARK
6:00 Lavyrle Spencer's

8:00 Bichitra
8:30 Gaan Unltd.
9:05 Bharat Bhraman
9:30 Purobi Bangla
10:00 Googly
10:30 Mathe Maidane
11:00 Grohon
11:30 Sesh Prashna
12:00 Neel Chander Alo
12:30 Chena Mukher Shari
1:00 Kapurush
1:30 Ek Akasher Niche
2:00 Pratibimba
2:30 Chopper
5:00 Sesh Prashna
5:30 Footba II
6:00 News in Bengali
6:30 Grohon
7:00 Shayola
7:30 Surer Ei Jharna Dharaya
8:00 Pratibimba
8:30 Ek Akasher Niche
9:10 Chena Mukh Shari
9:55 Kapurush
10:25 Bichitra
11:00 News In Bengali
11:30 Bhawanipurer Chatujjera
Shayola
ZEE MUSIC
7:30 Gujarati News
8:00 Daily News
8:30 Babul Ki Duwayan
9:00 Gharana
9:30 Kohi Apna Sa
10:00 Chingari
10:30 Kirchiyan
11:00 Sangini
12:00 Aan
12:30 Baazi
3:30 Punjabi News
4:00 Choti Maa Ek Anokha Bandhan
4:30 Sansaar
5:30 Justujoo
6:00 Kartavya
6:30 Raah
7:30 Gharana
8:00 Babul Ki Duwayan
8:30 Leti Ja
9:00 News Bulletin
9:30 Asli Atta Ki amanat
9:30 Kohi Apna Sa
10:00 Choti Maa Ek Anokha Bandhan
10:30 Aan
11:00 Shri 420
11:30 Zee Nostalgia

12:00 Agni Chakra
SET MAX
7:30 Mini Movies : Tumhara Kaloo
8:30 Caravan
9:00 Hotlist
9:30 Ghar Ka Chirraag
1:00 Caravan
1:30 Haathon Ki Lakeeren
5:00 Current Bollywood
5:30 Muqaddar Ka Faisla
9:00 Hotlist
9:30 Dharam Veer
1:30 Gudia
4:30 Mashaal
SONY
6:30 Music Mantra
7:00 Charbusters
7:30 Amrit Varsha
8:00 Sant AsaramVani
8:30 Charbusters
9:00 Good Morning Disney
10:00 Music Mantra
10:30 Circus
11:00 Choodiyan
Shaheen
12:00 Challenge
12:30 The Rasoi Show
1:00 Kkusum
1:30 Ek Mahal Ho Sapano Ka
2:00 Kutumb
2:30 Kuchh Jhuki Palkain
3:00 Dhadkan
3:30 Thoda Hai... Thoda Ki Zarurat Hai
4:00 Chot si Asha
4:30 Sparsh
5:00 Jaane Kahan Mera Jigar Gaya Jee
5:30 C.A. T.S
6:00 Dil Vil Pyaar Vyaar
6:30 Disney Hour
7:30 Charbusters
8:00 Music Mantra
8:30 Hum Hain Dilwale
9:00 Dhadkan
9:30 Kkusum
10:00 Kutumb
10:30 Aahat Specials
11:30 Kuchh Jhuki Palkain
12:00 Kaun Apna Kaun paraya