

RECOMMENDATIONS

Calligraphy

May 4 to 15
Anifur Rahman, a calligraphy artist holds his fifth solo exhibition at the lobby of National Museum in the city. The exhibition displays around fifty works, done in Arabic and Bangla. The exhibition is open from 10:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

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 inaugurated the exhibition.

Ahmed Nazir's print exhibition

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

Monsur's Gallery

May 12
An art gallery of Professor Monsur Ul Karim, a teacher of Chittagong University Fine Arts Department, is to be inaugurated on May 12 at 5:00 p.m. at South Nalapara in the port city. The gallery will remain open from Saturday to Wednesday from 3:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. and on Thursday and Friday from 6:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. All are invited to attend the opening ceremony.

Exhibition

Lyricism from home and abroad

Md. Muniruzzaman's exhibition at Muscat, Oman

FAYZA HAQ

MUNIRUZZAMAN who had been to Oman in 1997 on the invitation of the Bangladesh Ambassador at Oman, Maj. General Amin Ahmed Chowdhury, had gone with a team which included the artists Mustafa Manwar, Rafiqun Nabi and the photographer Noazesh Ahmed. The had held a group exhibition for seven days and had found encouragement and appreciation from the Omani Society for Fine Arts, who had organized the show as well as the viewers. This was the first such foreign exhibit at Oman.

Muniruzzaman says, "With the memories of my visit to Oman I did some paintings and combined those with typical Bangladeshi scenes. I am related to Ambassador Chowdhury who once again invited me to come over to showcase my paintings. This took place from 2nd April to 7th April and it was called 'Landscapes from Oman and Bangladesh.' I had taken 12 Bangladeshi scenes and 12 delineating Oman scenes. I did eight more having arrived at Oman.

"Also, I held a workshop with six young Omani fine arts students teaching them water colour in the outdoor areas. This was for a week. The Oman economy is so good that the Muscat appeared like an exotic and clean flower vase. However they lacked behind in the world of fine arts as they have no academy there to guide or instruct them. Their Society for Fine Arts is the only source through which they have some learning in that area. Our ambassador told them that they needed a proper school or coaching centre with an adequate syllabus or they cannot be accomplished artists. The artists are weak in drawing and



Seascape

each one goes his own way with abstracts or realism in a haphazard way. They lack the grooming that the students get say in Bangladesh even though participate regularly in our Asian Biennales. They have become artists through their individual efforts and not though any academic training. Sometimes they go overseas and get training for about three months and this is the extent of their

formal education in fine arts.

"I was satisfied with my exhibition this time as there were many viewers and I made adequate sale of my paintings. The ten paintings sold was a record for Oman which does not have a tradition of art appreciation. These works were both in oil and water-colour. In Bangladesh, in comparison, the young artists are far more advanced in their education and their regular

experimentation. We may not be a rich country but we have progressed considerably in the field of fine arts."

Talking about his own entry into the field of fine arts, Muniruzzaman says, "The first person who inspired me was my mother, who id a lot of intricate embroidery and encouraged me enormously. My grandfather was a 'puti' singer in the folk tradition and this too gave me an impetus. My youth was in Barisal before I came to study at the Fine Arts Institute at DU and did my masters from there. Although I have not studied abroad I have gone overseas with my paintings as to UK, Russia, India, Japan and Nepal and studied the works there. I have five awards including a Japan international award and a United Nation Centre (Bangladesh)'s award."

"River Padma" is about Bangladesh and we see the river flowing in sweeps of blue and white below a mauve sky. Some trees and land have been brought in miniscule manner in the backdrop while in the forefront is the silvery and burnt sienna shore with some green slopes to break the monotony.

"Landscape" shows Bangladeshi cows of different hues -- black, brown and white-- grazing in peace with the flowing and winding river behind and between them and shrubs of different plants and grass patches intermingling with the flat landscape. Gathering purple clouds add more colour to the composition.

"Boat" from Bangladesh is a dramatic and idyllic creation of a boat that has been grounded. It is outlined with black and brown while gold like flecks form the covered area. The reflection on the water in brown, gray and mauve which match the deepening indigo sky make the painting striking indeed.

The mustard field, which



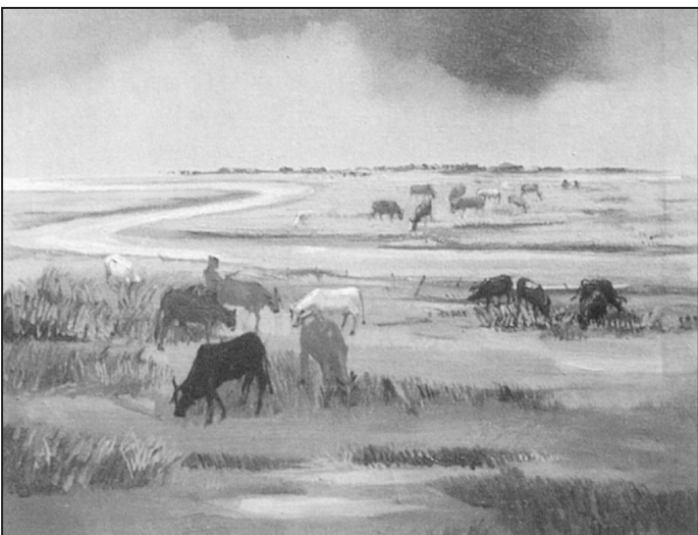
Boat

once again depicts Bangladesh, has a mass of yellow and gold with the figures of a mother and a child crossing the field. Emerald tints are brought in the forefront while a clear blue sky with a few billowy clouds and green clumps of tree tops are brought at the back.

"Rest" from his homeland brings an exquisite delineation of boats tied to the shore with an angry and ominous splash of

indigo high up in the sky. The poles of the boats are smudged vermilion, burnt-sienna, blue while the bodies of the boats are brown, blue and red along with white with bars.

From Oman comes a landscape with a goat in brown and white standing against bleached white sand and tiny palm trees in the background. Hills in brown and gray have been brought in along with a



Landscape

pale blue-gray sky. The picture evokes space and loneliness.

"Childhood", based in Oman, brings in a bending figure of a woman in red, seen from the back with sweeps of lyrical gray and green along with indigo forming rocks, trees the sky and sweeps of sand.

"Jabrin Fort" is a red depiction of an old fort lined with trees with red sand in front and a clear sky with a few white clouds at the back. This brings in the history of the country that Muniruzzaman had visited. There is another old fort, falling to pieces though some of the towers and walls are still intact in another painting. This has the white sand and the portrait of a turbaned old man with flowing white beard and cloak like white clothes, holding a stick in hand.

Equally impressive is the portrait of an Omani dignitary with his black and gold cloak, pink and blue turban and a salt and pepper beard and moustache. Similarly there is the portrait of a woman selling earthenware with clay stoppers. She is done in gold and orange with touches of scarlet while the earthenware vessels are black and brown.

Another Arabian scene is the seascape with the indigo water between slopes of hills and sweeps of beige beach. On top is the dark blue sky with beige impressions of clouds.

Md. Muniruzzaman is in charge of Gallery Chitrak and his works are among the collection of the Shilpakala Academy, the National Museum, Osmany Museum, Sylhet, Shilpangan Art Gallery, the Goethe Institut, Dhaka and Rhone Poulence Rorer's worldwide HQ building in Philadelphia, USA, and Galerie Danial Besseiche, France.

TV GUIDE

BTV	
3:10	News Headlines
3:15	Deshar Gaan
3:20	Open University programme
3:45	Pustitithya
4:00	Khabar
4:05	Cartoon
4:20	The sun of good earth
5:00	News Headlines
5:15	Sangeeta
5:35	Engineers' Day
6:00	Khabar
6:10	Sukhi paribar
6:35	Programme from Chittagong station
7:00	News Headlines (English)
7:05	Pran Taranga
8:00	Bangla Bulletin
8:30	Drama serial
9:00	News Headlines
9:05	Drama
10:00	English Bulletin
10:25	Mithaskria
11:30	Khabar/The news
11:45	Closing
EKUSHEY	
12:00pm	Ekushey Midday
12:30	Deshjure Chalachitro
1:00	Ekushey Headlines
1:05	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
3:30	Amader Kotha
4:00	Surer Prodeep
4:30	Expedition to the Animal Kingdom
5:00	Circus Circus
5:50	Ajker Potrikay
6:00	Ekushey Headlines
6:05	Classic Cartoons
6:30	Charidike
6:55	Ekushey Headlines
7:00	Kena Kata
7:30	Ekushey Shongbad
8:00	Ekushey News
8:05	New Drama Serial : Chayaghore
8:30	Drama serial : Biskata
9:00	Drama : Soudamini
10:00	News : Simulcast from BTV
10:30	When Century Was Young
11:00	Ekushey Late Night Shongbad
11:30	Ekushey Business
12:00	Ekushey Headlines

ATN	
5:30	"Islamic Prog
7:00	Competition prog: Sapla Saluk ATN
	Gold Medal
	Protijugita
8:00	ATN Bangla News
8:25	Musical Prog. : Bhalobasar Suk Dukkho
9:00	Reporting prog: Ghotonar Nepathee
9:35	Band Musical prog. : Pop Dhamaka
10:10	Magel serial : Kun Semanay Mukte
10:50	Bengali feature film: Nure
12:00	ATN Bangla News
6:07	Musical prog: ATN Music
6:45	Dance prog. : Nete Neta
7:00	ATN Bangla Evening News
7:35	Drama serial : Shaishab
8:10	Computer based prog. : ATN Computer Projukte
8:45	Drama: Abhemanee Aunubhobe
10:00	ATN Bangla News
10:35	Musical Prog. : ATN
11:15	Bengali Feature film: Protirud
11:30	ATN Bangla News
BBC WORLD	
6:00	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

11:00	BBC News
11:30	World Business Report
12:00pm	BBC News
12:30	World Business Report/Sport Today
1:00	BBC News
1:30	Click Online
2:00	BBC News
2:30	Hardtalk
3:00	BBC News
3:30	Earth Report
4:00	BBC News
4:30	Asia Today/World Business Report
5:00	BBC News
5:30	Hardtalk
HBO	
6:30am	Rattled
8:15	Escape From LA
10:15	Dream House
12:00	The Chamber
2:15	Accidental Meeting
4:00	Bloodfist V : Human Target
5:45	Midnight Run
8:15	Leave It To Beaver
10:00	Virtuosity
12:00am	Sleepers
2:45	Escape From LA
4:45	Bloodfist V : Human Target
STAR MOVIES	
6:30am	Hendrix
8:30	Stepfather II
10:15	Last of the Mohicans
12:00pm	Me Myself and Irene
1:45	Silent Justice
3:30	Going to Kansas City
5:30	Speechless
7:00	Anywhere But Here
9:00	Beach, The
11:00	Stepfather II
12:45	Mary and Rhoda
STAR GOLD	
7:00am	Anhonee (Sanjeev Kumar, Leena Chandravarkar)
10:30	Bollywood News
11:00	Geet Bahar

TODAY'S HIGHLIGHTS	
	EKUSHEY: 10:30 p.m. <i>Phireydekhi</i> . 8th episode of the documentary focuses back in 1929, the world economy suffered a disaster. But now days there have been division of labour alongside labour union playing strong role to uphold their rights. In 1919, 40 lacks American workers went on general strike to drive their deal of equal status home. Division of labour and discovery of petroleum are two prominent features of 20 th century industrial scenario.
	ATN: 8:45 p.m. <i>Aubhimaney Aunubhabe</i> . Mom & Jhumu, who are two sisters, live at a posh area of Dhaka. Rifat, a university student, is their cousin. Mom is a dance artist and a model. Out of his affinity for Mom, Rifat gets furious with her when she indulges to entertain her admirers. Mom decides not to do modeling any more. Jhumu mediates their misunderstanding and brings them together.
11:30	Balika Badhu (Sachin)
3:00pm	Bollywood News
3:30	Arzoo (Dilip Kumar, Kamini Kaushal)
7:00	Geet Bahar
7:30	Mangal Masti : Shapath (Mithun Chakraborty, Jackie Shroff)
11:00	Bollywood News
11:30	Chunaoti (Feroz Khan, Neetu, Dharmendra)
STAR PLUS	
6:30	Star Geetmala
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	Hasna Mat
11:30	Meri Saheli
12:00pm	Shanti
12:30	Hit Filmlein Hit Sangeet
1:00	Kora Kagaz
1:30	Kahaani Ghar Ghar Kii

2:00	Bhabhi
2:30	Kyunki Saas Bhi Kabhi Bahu Thi
3:00	Shagun
3:30	Kasautii Zindagii Kay
4:00	Kavita
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9:30	Kamzor Kadii Kaun
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11:00	Kyunki Saas Bhi Kabhi Bahu Thi
11:30	Kasain Kissii Roz
12:05	Aaj Ki Baat
HALL MARK	
6:00	God Bless the Child
8:00	Anne Rice's :

PICK OF THE DAY	
	Virtuosity On HBO at 10:00 p.m. Ex-cop Oscar Winning Denzel Washington is sprung from prison to battle a "virtual" villain in this imaginative, futuristic thriller filled with eye-popping computer animation and special effects. Developed as a police-training device, 'Sid 6.7' has the character traits of 181 psychopaths -- including Adolph Hitler, Charles Manson and the creep who killed Washington's family.
8:00	Music Box
8:30	Dil Se
9:00	Sizzlers
9:30	Hit Pe Hit
10:30	Hit Mix
11:00	Taaza Maal
12:00	Compact Disc
12:30	Hit Pe Hit
1:30	Music Box
2:00	Jharokha
2:30	Tara Rum Pum
3:30	Hit Mix
4:00	Hit Pe Hit
5:00	Compact Disc
5:30	Hit Mix
6:00	Music Plus
7:00	Just Jammin
7:30	Hit Pe Hit
8:30	Music. Com
9:30	Sizzlers
10:00	Dil Se
10:30	Jharokha
11:00	Music Box
11:30	Phoron Maal
ALPHA TV BANGLA	
7:00	Shayola
7:30	Aalaap Bengali Spl
8:00	Sur Taal Bengali
8:30	Gaan Unltd.
9:10	Bharat Bhraman
9:30	Kichu Smriti Kichu Gaan
10:00	Saregama
11:00	Mayurakhshi Tumi Bangla
11:30	Bhalo Bhasha
12:30	Chena Mukher Shari
1:00	Kapurush
1:30	Ek Akasher Niche
2:00	Pratibimba
2:30	Ichapuran
5:00	Gaan Unltd.
5:30	Football
6:00	News in Bengali
6:30	Mayurakhshi Tumi Bangla
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9:10	Chena Mukh Shari
9:55	Kapurush
10:25	Bishesh Sangbad
10:00	News in Bengali
10:30	Nick on Zee
11:00	Hum Paanch
11:30	Hudd Kar Di
12:00	Koshish ... Ek Aashaa
12:30	Kitne Kool Hain Hum
1:00	Tu Kahe Agar
1:30	Koi Apna Sa
2:00	Choti Maa Ek Anokha Bandhan
2:30	Gharana
3:00	Anokha Moti
6:00	Nick On Zee
6:30	Nickelodeon
8:00	Apna Apna Style
8:30	Kitne Kool Hain Hum
9:00	Justjoo
9:30	Nilaam Ghar Bid Bid Boom
10:00	Kohi Apna Sa
10:30	Choti Maa... Ek Anokha Bandhan
11:00	Tu Kahe Agar
11:30	Tum Pukar Lo
12:00	Gharana
ZEE CINEMA	
7:00	Yoga For Life
7:30	Jagran
7:50	Zee Gym & Eat Healthy
8:20	News
8:30	Ardhangini
10:00	Bonds of Love
1:00	Sliders
2:00	Sesame Street
3:00	Scholastic Clifford
3:30	Caillou
4:00	Live Through This
5:00	Star Trek: Voyager
6:00	Sliders
7:00	Take My Advice
9:00	Star Trek: Voyager
10:00	Blind Witness
ZEE TV	
7:00	Top Of The Tops
7:30	Jai Bhawani
10:30	Faraar (Amitabh Bachchan)
1:30	Kayda Kanoon
5:15	Weekend Cinema
6:00	Kali Basti
9:15	Yaadein Radio
	Ceylon Ki
9:30	Tara Tum
10:00	Kabza
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11:30	Aat Pake Bandha
12:00	Shayola
SONY	
6:30	Music Mantra
7:00	Chartbusters
7:30	Amrit Varsha
8:00	Sant AsaramVani
8:30	Charbuster
9:00	Good Morning Disney
10:00	Music Mantra
10:30	Dekh Bhai Dekh
11:00	Choodiyan
11:30	Shaheen
12:00	Challenge
12:30	Indian Holiday
1:00	Kkusum
1:30	Ek Mahal Ho Sapano Ka
2:00	Kutumb
2:30	Kuchh Jhuki Palka
3:00	Dhadkan
3:30	Thoda Hai... Thoda Ki Zarurat Hai
4:00	Choti si Asha
4:30	Spash
5:00	Jaane Kahan Mer Jigar Gaya Jee
5:30	C.A. T.S
6:00	Just Mohabbat
6:30	Disney Hour
7:30	Charbusters
8:00	Music Mantra
8:30	Hum Sab Ek Hain
9:00	Dhadkan
9:30	Kkusum
10:00	Kutumb
10:30	Aahat Specials
11:30	Kuchh Jhuki Palka
12:00	Kaun Apna Kaun paraya
ANIMAL PLANET	
7:00	Wild Rescues II
7:30	K-9 to 5
8:00	Wild on the Set II
8:30	Planet's Funniest Animals
9:00	Crocodile Hunter's Croc Files
9:30	Horse Tales
10:00	Animal Hospital