

Exhibition

Uniting for a cause

Kabyakala and Dhaka Art Circle team up to hold an art workshop and a group exhibition of reputed artists in the port city of Chittagong

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KABYAKALA, a literary organization that works for the cause of poets and poetry arranged a five-day painting exhibition jointly with Dhaka Art Circle, an association formed by reputed artists of the country. Around 75 works of art made up the exhibition, held at the premises of Chittagong Club from April 21 to 25.

Fifteen senior artists, some of whom belonged to leading position in the art arena of our country, in addition to lesser known young painters, took part in the display that stirred up quite a huge amount of interest among the people of the metropolitan and adjoining regions. Of the more reputed artists, Abu Taher, Shamsul Islam Nijami, Samarjit Roy Chowdhury, Biren Shome, Pranesh Mondal, Abdus Shakoor, Chandra Shekhar Dey, Syed Enayet Hossain, Mohammad Mohsin, Reajul Karim, Anwarul Huq, Swapan Chowdhury, Monsur Ul Karim, Rafi Haque and A.K.M. Qayum demonstrated high standard in their works.

Earlier, an art workshop was held at Chittagong from March 15 to 19. Kabyakala was pleased to team up with Dhaka Art Circle in organising the workshop that was participated 25 painters including 8 reputed artists of the country. Dhaka Art Circle President, Abu Taher himself was one of them.

The idea of organising a art exhibition outside the capital involving a large number of artists, was first introduced in my mind by reputed artist, Abu Taher, who is the President of Dhaka Art Circle and also a close friend of mine', mentioned Shahed Rahman, President of Kabyakala. As said by Shahed Rahman, Abu Taher advised him of forming a fund for rehabilitation of needy artists and poets of the country and to donate sales' proceedings from the displayed works, if any, to the fund.



'Rural image' by Abu Taher

With this joint inspiration from the two literary personalities, the art exhibition was organised at the Chittagong Club premises.

The displayed art works of the Chittagong exhibition mostly contained themes of nature and woman of Bangladesh. Use of bright shades could be observed in many of the works where yellow, gold, red and bright green came up, repeatedly.

A work by Chandra Shekhar Dey titled, 'Green sun' presented a virtual reality upon canvas where the viewer could find oneself

amidst a green and bluish shaded paddy field with newly sown plants. Red patches of mud symbolised footmarks of the hard working farmer who had to spend enormous energy and time behind the project of his cultivation with a hope of returning home with a handsome amount during the harvesting season.

Pranesh Mondal's 'Lilies', done in oil, reflected the simple nature of village woman and young girls, who after a hard working day at the back yards, returned home in the evening with a handful of lotus



A painting by poet Shahed Rahman

from a nearby pond or 'beel'. Here the artist was successful in depicting the rural lifestyle of Bengal. He painted girls who wore only a thin piece of sari with no blouse.

'Rural Image', a work of Abu Taher was another splendid piece of exhibit that projected a bright and lively image, in abstraction, of the natural beauties of Bengal where green, red and yellow spoke of Mother Nature.

Shamsul Islam Nijami, an elderly painter presented works including one titled, 'Storks and Fishes' that brought before the

viewer, a flock of white storks fishing on the banks of a pond while a school of fish swam underneath. Storks, being a symbol of the rural nature of Bengal, added special flavour to the artistic creation of Nijami where he composed the work in a shade of drab bluish green. Some red outer linings on the body edges of the long-legged birds provide a touch of liveliness amidst an otherwise dull background.

In contrast to the painting of storks, 'Spring', done in oil by Samarjit Roy Chowdhury, features



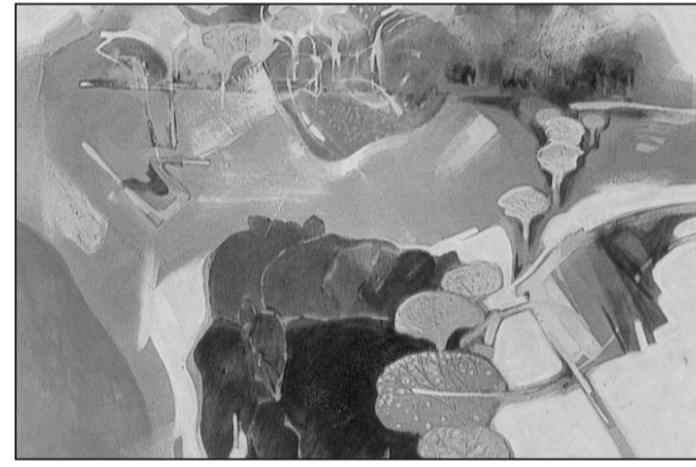
'Lilies' by Pranesh Mondal

one, 'Chattala' by Syed Enayet Hossain or 'Nature' by A.K.M. Quayum, both of which contained elements of the green nature, flora and fauna of Bangladesh.

'This is our maiden venture in the field of social service. With the cooperation of all, we hope to inseminate something worthwhile and tangible to come out in future', said artist Abu Taher, one of the co-hosts of the exhibition.



'Storks and fishes' by Shamsul Islam Nijami

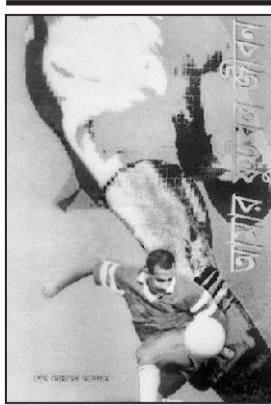


'Chattala' by Syed Enayet Hossain



'Nature' by A.K.M. Quayum

RECOMMENDATIONS



Publication ceremony

May 18
Former ace footballer Sheikh Md. Aslam has written a biographical book titled 'Amar football jibon', that gets published this afternoon at a formal ceremony to be held at the auditorium of National Sports Council. A video will follow the publication event in which Aslam will appear as a singer and a football player.

Concert of Classical Music

May 18
As part of their 'Cultural Events 2002', the Embassy of Italy in Bangladesh organises a concert of classical music titled, 'I Solisti Veneti' at 7:00 p.m. at Dhaka Sheraton Hotel.

Quamrul-er Ramonira

May 17-31
Entitled 'Quamrul-er Ramonira', a 15-day long painting exhibition of artist Quamrul Hassan will be held at the Shilparaman gallery in the city. The show is open to all from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. daily.

Calligraphy exhibition

May 17-June 04
A calligraphy exhibition with works of 24 renowned artists goes on at the lobby of National Museum in the city.

Group art show

May 15 to 29
The High Commission of India Cultural Centre presents a group art show featuring fifteen prominent artists from Chittagong at 754, Salmasjid Road, Dhaka. The show opens on May 15, which runs daily from 12 noon to 8 p.m.

BTV

3:10 News headline
3:00 Opening
3:15 Patriotic songs
3:20 Health related program
3:45 Kheladhula
4:00 News
4:05 National League Football
5:00 News headline
6:00 News
6:10 National League Football
7:00 News headline
8:00 News
8:30 Drama
9:00 News headline
10:00 News at ten
10:25 Ajker Arthaniti
10:30 Drama series
11:30 News (Bangla/English)
11:45 Closing
EKUSHEY
12:00 Ekushey Headlines
12:05 Ajker Potrikay
12:20 Mukto Khobor
12:50 Bolte Chai
1:00 Ekushey Headlines
1:05 Bolte Chai
1:20 Classic Cartoons
2:00 Toyota World of Wildlife
2:30 Ei Shoptaho
3:00 Ekushey Headlines
3:05 Jatra Pala
5:30 Gillette FIFA World Cup 2002
6:00 Ekushey Headlines
6:05 Serial : Alif Laila
6:55 Ekushey Headlines
7:00 Shoptaho Ghura
Deshjure
7:30 Ekushey News
8:00 Ekushey News (English)
8:05 Bangla Film : Tazzo Putro
10:00 News: Simulcast from BTV
10:30 Bangla Film : Tazzo Putro
11:00 Ekushey Late Night Shongbad

NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC

9:30 Free Diving : The Deeper Blue : A Freediver's Story

6:30 Toyota World of Wildlife : Episode 37

7:00 Animal Eden : Between the Desert and the Deep : Episode 1

7:30 Science Of Sport : Science Of Cricket

8:30 Endangered : Wolverine and Oil

9:00 Human Edge : Episode 2

9:30 National Geographic Explorer : Episode 36

10:30 Earth Report : Mount Kenya : Episode 10

11:00 EarthPulse Presented by Ford's Heroes for the Planet : Episode 22

12:15 Chasing Time : San Francisco

12:30 Nat Geo Genius : Episode 10

1:00 Human Edge : Episode 22

1:30 In The Footsteps Of Cruseo

2:00 Demolition Divers

2:30 In Japan : Japan Traditions

3:00 In Japan : Birds

3:30 In Japan : Kendo's People

4:00 In Japan : Kendo's Gruelling Challenge

4:30 In Japan : Kofum, Little Rich Beauty

5:30 War Ships : War Ships : Episode 1

6:30 Nat Geo Genius : Episode 12

7:00 Human Edge : Episode 3

7:30 Hitchhiking Vietnam

8:30 Free Diving : Yasemin Dalkic - World's Deepest

6:30 Nicholas and Alexandra

6:30 Geet Bahar

11:00 Geet Bahar

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