

RECOMMENDATIONS

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 Shipangan 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, Satmasjid Road, Dhaka. The show opens on May 15, which runs daily from 12 noon to 8 p.m.

Japanese film session

May 19-21
Rainbow Film Society has organised a three-day long Japanese Film Session, in association with Goethe-Institut. Filmshows start daily at 5:30 p.m. at the German cultural center auditorium. 'Andromeda' and 'Doubles' will be screened on May 19, 'Ekiden' and 'HIMITSU-Secret' on May 20 and 'The white collar worker' and 'KEIZOKU Unsolved cases' on May 21.

Photography on ship breaking

May 18-29
R. Laarsen, a photographer from Sweden and a teacher at Pathshala Photography School, holds a solo exhibition in the city on issues of ship-breaking in Bangladesh. Through his works, Laarsen raise questions those focus on various hazardous and harmful sides of the business including matters of environmental pollution caused by the breaking process.

Painting show

May 17
An exhibition of works the country's old and young artists opens on May 17 at 5:30 p.m. at Gallery 21 (765, Stamasjid Road, Dhanamondi). Former Chief Justice Muhammad Habibur Rahman, painter Qayyum Chowdhury and Prof. Anisuzzaman are due to attend the inaugural function. The show will remain open from 3 p.m. to 8 p.m. everyday.

Exhibition

Realistic worlds of Indian trio

Three young painters from Kolkata present a week long exhibition of their artworks at the Fine Arts Institute in the city

AZIZ AMIRUL

INTERNATIONAL Young Artist Organisation from India, headed by its convenor Tapas Mallick, hosts a painting exhibition of three rising Indian artists, at the Institute of Fine Arts at Shahbagh in the city.

Subrata Das, Apurba Mazumdar and Sukanta Das exhibit a total of 24 works at the exhibition that becomes a first public display in Bangladesh for all the three young artists.

Sukanta Das, who possesses art-based educational degree from Academy of Fine Arts in Kolkata, displays 10 works in the exhibition. Done in oil, the works of Sukanta feature masked faces of men and women, who pose as jokers and clowns. Here the artist wants to bring a symbolic effect in a surrealist setting where the masked jokers represent various controlling forces of the

contemporary societies of the world. A work titled 'The King Maker' shows a checkered-dressed masked person who tosses up two pieces of dice from a game board that symbolises a situation faced by the general citizens of a country. The common mass is, in a similar way, used or exploited by the hypocritical political leaders who often, play games with lives of the commoner. Sukanta, a kind of artist who likes to protest through his symbolic works, draws, in 'Stringer', a female and a stone figure. The girl, who is well dressed and puts on precious ornaments, is a member of a red-light area. The statue beside her is also a member of the community but has totally been exploited of her moral entity, whatsoever. Both the statue and the girl, in words of the artist, represent a class of women who possess absolutely nothing but a dead individuality for which some ill forces of the

society are responsible.

Subrata Das, the elder brother of Sukanta, also displays his works at the exhibition though he himself could not come to Dhaka due to some unavoidable engagements at home. Subrata works mostly in mixed media and some of his creations displayed in the Dhaka exhibition bring before the viewer a typical picture of the old part of Kolkata city. Amidst struggling conditions of heat, rain and flash floods, a rickshaw-puller continues to serve members of better-off groups who are his clients. Through depiction of dilapidated architectural structures of the old city of Kolkata, the artist wants to send a message to the city fathers about the necessity of preservation of traditional buildings and towers of the 300-year old metropolitan. 'Black crows that come in most of Subrata's works, represent the shabby and unpleasant condition of a black old city of Kolkata', mentions Sukanta while he represents his brother at the exhibition.

Apurba Mazumdar, the last of the trio, presents a series of realistic works those depict the city lives of Kolkata, rather that of the newer part of the state capital. Apurba, who has a diploma degree in Fine Arts from Kolkata, uses watercolor as a medium of his creations. Rain drenched Kolkata city, rally of old cars in a workshop, splashing waves at a sea beach are some of the subjects of his works. The young artist tries to observe the human life that is continually being swinging with elements of life, death, inspiration, boredom and re-awakening.

The exhibition is open to all from 2 p.m. to 8 p.m. daily till May 22.



The King Maker / Sukanta Das

Lust for life

'A Farewell to Home Town', Aminul Islam Soyel's first solo exhibition in watercolour

ANAM BISWAS

I do not have much to say about the exhibition. As you can see all these are realistic works. Well, the exhibition, you may say a sort of introduction of myself...And, this is also a question of survival. Many artists need to sell their works... you know. But the emotions that drive me to paint is as true and vivid as the hardships of my life". That's what Soyel said about his first solo held at Zainul Gallery, Institute of Fine Arts, Dhaka University. The exhibition started on the 8th and went on till May 14.

Aminul Islam Soyel, a man of 35, spent the major part of his life in Mymensingh. And God knows how he loves the town. So as a painter Soyel always wanted to do the first solo on his beloved Mymensingh -- his home, his emotion. A town he knows. The people, the river Bramhaputra, the boats, the lands around with all-different shades and colours...

yes, he loved them all. The artist now lives in Dhaka permanently. But whenever possible he rushes to his hometown with a hunger to regain the freshness and innocence he lost a long ago. "Mymensingh gives me strength. It inspires me to live and to love; to create". Soyel kept his promise of doing his first solo on his home town.

All the watercolours of A Farewell to Home Town were done during his visits in Mymensingh in March 2000 and in April 2002. The realistic landscapes, identical in subject matter and treatment, share the same title -- Landscape on dry time as they depict the scenario of a particular season. The pieces were created to share some of the artist's intimate moments -- true and simple. So



'Landscape on dry time'

there is little room left for some prolonged intellectual discussion or investigation.

The originality of this water-colour exhibition lies somewhere else. That is the paintings are capable of creating an immediate effect on the viewers. More specifically, they transfer a certain kind of sensation: within seconds you are brought under a naked sun dazzling shamelessly; you are in the middle of a dried up river on a boat ride with all and sundry, or a cart is passing by within the meadows in some lonely midday afternoon. Soyel did not

use bright colours to create the shabbiness of the dry season. His intention was to portray the nature veiled in a layer of dust, which has its own beauty. Some pen drawings and portraits in the show gave a sense of relief to the viewers.

Soyel is looking forward to do his second solo. And that will be "of a totally different character.. Abstract oil paintings...completely personal with the title An unfit citizen". Though Soyel's exhibition is over, those interested may visit his website: www.aisoyel.com.



'Rejection' is included in Soyel's forthcoming exhibition

Exhibition with a purpose

Fulki, an educational institution of children holds fund-raising art exhibition of top painters at Gallery 21 in the city

CULTURAL CORRESPONDENT

FULKI, a unique organisation that works for the welfare and educational progress of children, celebrates silver jubilee of its founding through a group exhibition of some of the leading artists of Bangladesh, that currently goes on at Gallery 21 (765, Satmasjid Road, Dhanamondi) in the city.

The organisers intend to donate the sales' proceedings from the displayed artworks to a charity fund of a school run by Fulki. The school also has day care center where working mothers (in garment factories) leave their children, while they attend their job.

The exhibition hold works of art in water colour, print and drawing, done by eminent artists including Shafiuddin Ahmed, Qayyum Chowdhury, Rafiqunnabi, Hashem Khan, Farida Zaman, Shakur Shah, Rokeya Sultana, Nazlee, Monsur Ul Karim, Hashi Chakravarti, Ranjit Das, Abul Barq Alvi, Shahid Kabir, Chandra Shekhar Dey, Wakilur Rahman, Dhali Al-Mamun, Shishir Battacharya and others. The artists have donated their works to Fulki for the charity purpose.

The exhibition is open to all till May 24, from 3 p.m. to 8 p.m. daily.

TV GUIDE

BTV

3:00 Opening
3:15 Patriotic songs
3:10 News headline
3:20 Open University
3:45 Sukhi paribar
4:00 News
4:05 Cartoon
4:25 Tarucchaya
4:45 Alor shatadal
5:00 News headline
5:05 National debate
6:00 News
6:10 Shasthya Tothya
6:35 Chittagong center
7:00 News headline
7:05 Mati O Manush
7:25 Lok lokalo
8:00 Bangla news
8:30 Drama
9:00 News headline
10:00 News at ten
10:25 Boi patra
11:30 News (Bangla/English)
Closing

EKUSHEY

12:00 Ekushey Midday
12:30 Shoptaho Ghura Deshjure
1:00 Ekushey Headlines 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 Drama Serial
3:05 Pother Pachile
4:00 Surer Prodeep Expedition to the Animal Kingdom
4:30 Circus Circus
5:00 Drishti
5:50 Aker Potrikay
6:00 Ekushey Headlines Circus Circus
6:30 Charidike
6:55 Ekushey Headlines Deshjure
7:00 Ekushey Shongbad
8:00 Ekushey News
8:05 Drama serial : Durer Batighor
8:30 Natok: Ognir Giri
9:30 Sumprotique
10:00 News : Simulcast from BTV
10:30 Ekushey Business
11:00 Ekushey Late Night News

CHANNEL-i

Morning

7:55 Bangladesher paribesh
8:25 Pre-world cup football program
9:10 Songs
9:40 Na bola kotha
10:10 Documentary
10:40 Eker bhetor paanch
11:10 Music Plus
11:50 Bangladesher paribesh
12:15 Pre-world cup football program
12:30 Drama serial
1:00 Songs
1:30 Na bola kotha
2:00 Bangla feature film

Evening

5:00 Opening
5:05 Documentary
5:40 Film songs
6:10 Music Plus
6:50 Boithaki
7:15 Channel I News
7:50 Pre-World cup football program
8:00 Gender development program
8:30 English film
8:55 Ispahani I telequiz
9:00 Channel I News
9:30 Shongbadpotrey Bangladesh
9:45 Channel I Mobile 2525
10:00 Amar chabi
10:25 Ispahani I telequiz
10:30 Channel I News
11:30 Bangla feature film
HBO
6:30 Spiders
8:30 "OLiver!"
11:30 Buried Alive 2
1:30 When trumpets Fade
3:30 Pet Sematary II

5:30 Escape Under Pressure

7:30 Bloodsport
9:30 Batman & Robin
12:00 Ghost
2:30 When Trumpets Fade
4:30 Poison

BBC WORLD

6:00 BBC News
6:30 Holiday
7:00 BBC News
7:30 Simpson
8:00 BBC News
8:30 Correspondent
9:00 BBC News
9:30 This Week
10:00 BBC News
10:30 Mastermind India
11:00 BBC News

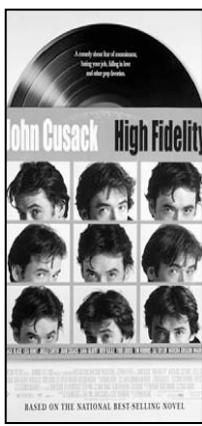
India Business

11:30 Report
12:00 BBC News
12:30 Commando!
1:00 BBC News
1:30 Face to Face
2:00 BBC News
2:30 This Week
3:00 BBC News
3:30 Horizon
4:00 BBC News
4:30 Click Online
5:00 BBC News
5:30 Simpsons
7:00 Sansar (Agha, Pushpavalli)
10:30 Geet Bahar
11:00 Geet Bahar
11:30 Kuch Yaadein Kuch Baatein
12:00 Rahein Na Rahein Hum
12:30 Sunday Noon Show : Himmat (Sunny Deol, Tabu)
3:30 Aitbaar (Raj Babbar, Dimple

TODAY'S HIGHLIGHTS



EKUSHEY: 8:05 p.m. **Duere Batighar.** Today's episode of the serial features Nishi's anxiety having not found Sajedul out. With dislocation of his whereabouts, Nishi becomes suspicious. She comes to know from his neighbour that one of his relations is in hospital.



STAR MOVIES: 7:00 P.M. **High Fidelity.** In a biting romantic comedy based upon the Nick Hornby novel of the same name, Rob Gordon is the owner of a semi-failing record store in Chicago, where he sells music the old-fashioned way on vinyl. He's a self-professed music junkie who, if not reorganizing his expansive, esoteric music collection, spends his days at his store with his two equally fanatical employees, Dick and Barry. When Rob's immaturity finally causes his long-time girlfriend, Laura, to walk out on him, what does he do? Find all his ex-girlfriends and maybe one new one and try to make things right. Movies this wry and likable hardly ever get made. Roger Ebert, Chicago Sun-Times.

PICK OF THE DAY



Batman and Robin

On HBO at 9:30 p.m.
It's Clooney's (Out of Sight, Ocean's Eleven) turn to slip on the notorious black rubber that drives women wild and baddies up the wall. Gotham City's got new trash, but Burce Wayne's got more to worry about it seems that Alfred, his trusty help around the house has taken seriously ill, and a cure must be found fast or by death will they part.

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7:00 Geet Bahar
7:30 Sunday Blockbuster Parvarish (Amitabha Bachchan, Vinod Khanna)
11:00 Kuch Yaadein Kuch Baatein
11:30 Awaaz (Rajesh)

STAR PLUS

7:30 Aatma
8:30 Dharam Aur Hum
9:30 Amul Best of Surabhi
10:00 Family Fortunes
10:30 Bol Baby Bol
11:00 The Price is Right
11:30 Chalti Ka Naam Antakshiri
12:30 Chhupa Rustam
1:00 Musafir Hoon Yaroon
1:30 Mirch Masala
2:00 Hit Filmlein Hit Sangeet
2:30 Mail Milap
2:40 Star Sunday Matinee- Sonjog

(Amitabh Bachchan, Mala Sinha)
6:00 Hit Filmlein Hit Sangeet
6:30 Fox Kids Sunday
7:30 Son Pari
7:55 Jubilee Plus
8:30 STAR Mast Movie: Vijeta (Sanjay Dutt, Raveen Tandon)
12:00 Hit Filmlein Hit Sangeet
6:30 Untamed Heart
8:30 Intern, the
10:15 Rough Air
12:00 Big Mommas House
1:45 Being John Malkovich
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STAR WORLD

7:00am Billboard Us

Countdown
9:00 Star Hunter
10:00 Ally Mcbeal
11:00 The Practice
12:00pm First Wave
1:00 Ufo's The Best Evidence Ever
2:00 Angel
3:00 Crown And Country
3:30 Travel Asia
4:00 Baywatch Hawaii
5:00 Futurama
5:30 3" Rock From The Sun
6:00 Star News Focus Asia
6:30 IHT World
7:00 The X Files
8:00 Star Trek
9:00 Rendezvous With Simi Garewal
9:30 Star News Focus Asia
10:00 IHT World
10:30 The X Files
11:30 Star Trek

AXN

6:30 Relic Hunter
7:30 Shadow Skill

8:30 Space Warship Yamamoto Yoko
9:30 Battledome
10:30 The Right Stuff
11:30 Guinness World
12:30 Scariest Places On Earth
1:30 The Amazing Race
2:30 Hitachi Movie Festival Movie: Robocop: Crash & Burn
4:30 Motorworld
5:30 The Amazing Race
7:30 Ripley's Believe It Or Not!
8:30 Fear Factor
9:30 Sun Action Heroes : Premier Movie: Commando
11:30 Movie: The Highwayman

ANIMAL PLANET

7:00 Parklife: Africa
7:30 Battersea Dogs Home
8:00 Animal Doctor
8:30 The New Adven-

tures of ARK animal
Rescue Kids
9:00 Rolf's Amazing World of Animals
9:30 Animals A-Z
10:00 Champions of the Wild
10:30 Money business
11:00 Animal Doctor
11:30 O'Shea's Big Adventure
12:00 Saved on Sunday
1:30 Animal Planet Safari
2:00 Vets in Practice- Season
3:00 Parklife: Africa
3:30 Horse Tales
4:00 Animal Hospital
4:30 Croc Files
5:00 Wild Rescue III
5:30 Natural World
6:30 Planet's Funniest Animals
7:00 Battersea Dogs Home
7:30 Barking Mad
8:00 Saved on Sunday
8:30 Parklife: Africa
9:30 Velvet Claw
10:00 Wild On The set
10:30 Natural Neighbors
11:00 Zoo
11:30 Animal Planet Safari

DISCOVERY

6:30 am Discovery Sunday
9:30 History of Football
10:30 Mega Movie Magic
11:00 Popular Mechanics for Kids
11:30 Splatt! II & III
12:00 Truth or Scare
12:30 Discovery Kids Ultimate Guide to the Awesome
1:30 Science Mysteries
2:30 Science Frontiers
3:30 Friday Showcase
5:30 New Detectives III
6:30 The FBI Files

7:30 Discovery Sunday
10:30 Night Safari
11:30 World's Best World's Best Thrill Parks
ZEE MUSIC
7:30 Sizzlers
8:00 Music Box
8:30 Bes Of The Best
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
3:30 Jharokha
2:30 Tara Rum Pum
3:30 Hit Mix
4:00 Hit Pe Hit
5:00 Dil Se
5:30 Hit Mix
6:00 Music Plus
7:00 Dialogue
8:30 Bes Of The Best
9:30 Sizzlers
10:00 Just Jammin
10:30 Jharokha
11:00 Music Box
11:30 Phoren Maal
ALPHA TV BANGLA
7:00 Aalaap Bengali Spl
7:30 Surer Ei Dharana Dharay
8:00 Gaan Unltd
8:30 Bharat Bhraman Sanghaat
9:00 Satahik Bhagya Chakra
10:30 Soni Robi Mojar Chobi
11:00 Agni Yuger Padatik
11:30 Choto Chuttrir Phake
12:00 Bhawanipurer Chatujjera
12:30 Half Chocolate
1:00 Ranna Ghar
1:30 Parineeta
2:00 Guest House
2:30 Bhag Bandi Khela
5:00 Saptahik Bhagyachakra

5:30 Mathe Maidane
6:00 News In Bengali
6:30 Abhinetri
7:00 Major Khela Kobitae
7:30 Googly
8:00 Alpha Bangla Rangmnch Utsav
9:45 Purobi Bangla
10:25 Chena Mukh Achena Manush
11:00 News
11:30 Sudhu Tomake Chai
12:00 Abisasya
ZEE TV
7:00 Yoga For Life
7:40 Jagran
7:50 Zee Gym
8:30 Nickelodeon
9:00 Nick On Zee
9:30 Ramayan
10:30 Mahabharat
11:30 Evergreen Moments of Antakshari
12:30 Gubbare
1:30 Top of the Tops
2:00 Khana Khazana
2:30 Zee & You
3:00 Love
6:30 Nickelodeon On Zee
7:00 Nick On Zee
8:00 Nilaam Ghar-Bid id Boom
8:30 Rishtey The Love Stories
9:30 Sansaar
10:30 X Zone
11:30 Tum Pukar Lo
12:00 Weekend Cinema
ZEE CINEMA
7:00 Weekend Cinema
7:30 Jawani
10:30 Sheshnaag (Rekha)
1:30 Jeans
5:15 Top of The Tops
6:00 Hum Dil De Chuke Sanam
9:30 Making Of A Legend
10:00 Zee Cine Awards 2002