

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

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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 surrealistic 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 'Sringer', 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 than 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 reawakening.

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

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, Satmasjid Road, Dharmundi). 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.



The King Maker / Sukanta Das

Lust for life

'A Farewell to Home Town', Aminul Islam Soyle'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 Soyle 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 Soyle, 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 Soyle 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". Soyle 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 watercolour 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. Soyle 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.

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



'Rejection' is included in Soyle'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, Dhanmondi) 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 Shafiuiddin 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 Bhattacharya 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.

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 Taruchhaya
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 lokaloy
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)
11:45 Closing
EKUSHEY
12:00 Ekushey Midday
12:30 Shoptaho Ghura
Deshjire
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 Pother Pachile
4:00 Surer Prodeep
4:30 Expedition to the
Animal Kingdom
5:00 Circus Circus
5:30 Drishti
5:50 Ajker Potrikay
6:00 Ekushey Headlines
6:05 Circus Circus
6:30 Charidike
6:55 Ekushey Headlines
7:00 Deshjire
7:30 Ekushey Shongbad
8:00 Ekushey News
8:05 Drama serial : Durer
Batighor
8:30 Natok: Ogni Giri
9:30 Sumptique
10:00 News : Simulcast
from BTV
10:30 Ekushey Business
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
12:30 Songs
1:00 Songs
1:30 Na bola kotha
2:00 Bangla feature film
Evening
5:00 Opening Report
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 develop-
ment program
8:30 English film
8:55 Ispahani I telequiz
9:00 Channel I News
9:30 Shongbadporey
Bangladesh
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 Semetary 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
11:30 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
10:30 Geet Bahar
11:00 The Price is Right
11:30 Chalti Ka Naam
Antakshri
12:30 Chhupa Rustam
12:00 Raheen Na Rahein
Hum
1:00 Musafir Hoon
Yaroon
1:30 Mirc Masala
2:00 Hit Filmein Hit
Sangeet
2:30 Mail Milap
Tabu)
3:30 Aitbaar (Raj
Babbar, Dimple
Matinee- Sonjog

TODAY'S HIGHLIGHTS

EKUSHEY: 8:05 p.m. *Dueire Batighor*. 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.

STAR GOLD
7:00 Sansar (Agha, Pushpavalli)
10:30 Geet Bahar
10:30 Sunday Block-buster Parvarish
(Amitabha Bachchan, Vinod Khanna)
11:00 Kuch Yaadein
Kuch Baatein
11:30 Awaaz (Rajesh)
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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 sly 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.

STAR MOVIES
6:30 Star News Focus
7:30 Star News Focus
8:30 Star News Focus
9:30 Star News Focus
10:00 IHT World
10:30 The X Files
11:00 Intern, the
11:30 Star Trek
12:30 End of Days, The
STAR WORLD
7:00am Billboard Us

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7:30 Discovery Sunday
10:30 Night Safari
11:30 World's Best World's
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
6:00 Music Plus

ZEE MUSIC
7:30 Sizzlers
8:00 Music Box
8:30 Bes Of The Best
9:00 Hit Pe hit
10:30 Hit Mix
11:00 Taaza Maal
12:00 Compact Disc
1:30 Hit Pe Hit
1:30 Music Box
2:30 Tara Rum Pum
3:30 Hit Mix
4:00 Hit Pe Hit
4:30 Croc Files
5:00 Wild Rescue III
5:30 Hit Mix
6:00 Music Plus

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 Nickeldeon On Zee
7:00 Nick On Zee
8:00 Niilaam Ghar-Bid id
Boom
8:30 Rishety 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

DISCOVERY

6:30 am Discovery Sunday
9:30 History of Football
10:30 Mega Movie Magic
Chakra
10:30 Soni Rojor
Chobi
11:00 Agni Yuger Padatik
11:30 Choto Chuttir Phake
12:00 Bhawanipurer
Chatujera
12:30 Half Chocolate
1:00 Ranna Ghar
2:00 Parineeta
2:30 Guest House
2:30 Bhag Bandi Khela
5:00 Saptahik
Bhagachakra

ANIMAL PLANET
7:00 Parklife: Africa
2:30 Battersea Dogs
Home
3:30 Friday Showcase
4:00 Animal Doctor
5:30 New Detectives III
6:30 The FBI Files

ALPHA TV
BANGLA
7:00 Aalaap Bengali Spl
7:30 Surer Ei Dharana
Dharay
8:00 Gaan Unltd
8:30 Bharat Bhraman
Stories
9:00 Sanghaat
10:00 Satahik Bhagya
Chakra
10:30 Soni Rojor
Chobi
11:00 Agni Yuger Padatik
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