

Exhibition

Poignant portrayals of vie vitale

Exhibition by 25 leading women artists at Chitrak

RECOMMENDATIONS

Calligraphy

May 17 - June 04

A calligraphy exhibition with the works of 24 renowned artists goes on at the lobby of National Museum in the city. The exhibition is open to all daily from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Twelve young artists' show

May 26 - June 4

A contemporary painting exhibition of 12 young artists of Bangladesh is on at the gallery of Russian Cultural center in the city. The display is open from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. daily.

Female artists' group show

May 24 June 02

A group art exhibition of 25 female artists of the country is on at Gallery Chitrak in the city. The exhibition is open daily from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Solo photography exhibition

June 1-3

Photojournalist Pranab Roy holds a solo of his works on nature at Pouro Pathagar in Narayanganj. The exhibition is open daily from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m.

Made in Australia

June 1-7

Shahabuddin Mohammad, an artist of the country, presently based in Australia, holds his second solo exhibition at Zainul Gallery of Fine Arts Institute in the city. The show is open to all from 10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. daily.

Musical evening

June 2

Iqbal Ahmed, based abroad, presents a solo of Tagore songs at 7 p.m. at the Bengal Shilpaly in the city.

FAYZA HAQ

THE 25 women artists' exhibition that began at Chitrak Gallery on May 25th and continues till June 2nd June was a sheer pleasure both visually and intellectually. It presented the fact that Bangladeshi women are constantly working at their work despite their duties at home as house-makers in order to maintain a regular income. Art galleries are not few or far between today and nor are there a great dearth of connoisseurs and buyers but nevertheless women artists' struggle to paint and exhibit regularly is something that one must take one's hat off to.

Rokeya Sultan's "She-7", tempera, has a woman with her bosom exposed and her face done quickly but delicately, with one hand only. It is done with different shades of colours taken from nature, the artist being inspired by the nature poems of Rabindranath Tagore and Jiban Ananda Das. Thus yellow ochre and red have been used in the background as well as on the figure that dominates the composition. She herself says that she has found the colours in nature, in the water pools, mustard fields, paddy fields, the sky in Bangladesh itself in her frequent trips outside Dhaka. The subject's hair is tied in blue and nature that surrounds in her in patches of yellow, vermilion, black and green, with circles, other curled forms. The woman is holding on to a flower, reminding one of the Moghul miniature portraiture of Noorjehan and other kings and queens of the Moghul past. This is undoubtedly an idyllic creation in which Rokeya is on the focus as the subject has been presented with a necklace, curled falling jet-black hair and the resplendent flower in the hand. The nature depiction in the composition remains minimal. The colours of nature around are yellow, green, blue and red.

In Rokeya Sultan's another "She", in tempera, is mostly in shades of red. Here too a woman dominates the composition as before. She holds a flower in one hand and has a bird flying towards her in blue, while her hands are curled up as if in some ecstatic dance, and her rounded upturned beaks are bare. There are more birds and other elements of nature such as beads, seeds, weeds, waves. On top are more blue flying birds. The subject's lips, eyes, ears and hands are simplified but she remains exquisite. Rokeya has deified womanhood as she believes women struggle both at home and workplace.

Rokeya Sultan's "Flower", acrylic, has a woman sitting down, with her hair cascading down in black, holding on to large flowers that have dots on them and are yellow and white, giving the impression of enormous "dolonchmpas". There are more flowers in the background and on the two sides of the woman in blue, pink, yellow and red with massive dots on them. The background has more red and yellow. The woman's body is in shades of orange, red and yellow. Her moon-like eyes with the circular pupils are pink. She has a blue oval shaped cloth to sit on and it has dots on them. She has a necklace, bangles and looks definitely cute. Once again, Rokeya has brought in womanhood as the main feature of her composition in her chosen naive style.



A work by Kanak Champa Chakma

They carry prayer beads and the prayer wheels in their hands. At the back is the famous many-eyed pagoda of the Kathmandu, which is done in brown, yellow and white with details in geometrical shapes of triangles and rectangles. There are more turrets and at the top are the eyes of the goddess. There are then the delicate pink bunting strung delicately across the blue and white sky. There are more bell-shaped structures at the back. The scenic beauty along with man is picturesque indeed and departs from Kanakchampa Chakma's tribal subjects of the past. The left part is left stark white for eye-relief and interest in the composition. She was in Nepal for a holiday and made the quick painting during that time.

Equally interesting is Kanakchampa's second entry on Nepal's portrayal of its religion; is also intriguing, impressionistic, moving and informative. This acrylic "Impression of Nepal-2" has another close presentation of a Buddhist priest in reddish brown robe, with his grey face while in front is a large ancient bronze bell done in details. It hangs from huge chains and has winged gorgons on top, done in studied, graphic details. There are gay but muted pink, yellow, and blue bunting on the top and sides held by delicately sketched in strings, and even the side of the monastery wall is done in details in an impressionistic manner, with geometrical form, bringing in colours of yellow,

white, beige. Blue and yellow form the background to set off the dark subject. Kuhu's drawing presents a sketch in crayons of a woman in a sari, called "Maa-1" and is apparently expecting a baby going by her belly contours. Her sari is done in shades of blue, green and white. She has a dark skin although her face is fair and her cupid lips are red and inviting. Her beautiful eyes are large, like limpid pools. She is seated in a relaxed manner on a polished, expensive chair and flaunts bangles, earrings and nose-ring. The rest of the paper has been left white with pale strokes of suggested blue, green with rectangle and triangle sketches



By Selina Chowdhury Mili

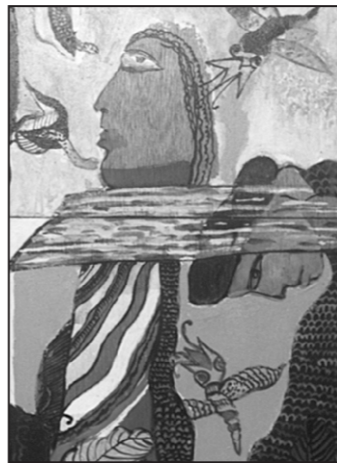
In Kuhu's drawing "Maa-2" we see a woman holding on to a child and she is covered with a "burqa" which is in indigo, black and shades of white. She has bangles on her hands which are yellowish and golden, while her eyes are somewhat slanted. Her lips, nose and eyes have touches of red. Her face has definite shades of orange and white while the healthy child is dressed in a sweater of beautiful dark red, blue and white. The child has a black holy string tied on its wrists and ear tops. The child has short hair and smiles slightly showing some portions of her teeth.

Farah Zeba's acrylic "Part Lives" has brought in the pain and agony of human kinds. There are many women on her canvas, some stand-



By Atia Islam Anne

Nasreen Begum's acrylic on paper portrait in blue presents a young woman done in the Oriental Art manner mixed with modern experimentation. The subject has a crescent moon on her forehead while her figure is gorgeous and her eyes are like lotus buds. Her nose and lips are also near perfect, according to all standards, her hair is short. She has a cactus before her, bearing in mind that Nasreen believes that most women have problems in their adult lives and this thorny plant represents that belief. Flower and leaf, a rose and plants motifs decorate the sides of the fascinating portrait, both imaginative, visually appealing and thought-



By Dilara Begum Jolly

In Nasreen Begum's next acrylic portrait depicts a statuesque woman with delicate jewellery on her hair, ears, done in white details. Her eyes are like starbursts while there is a fine but definite arrow pointing towards her. The woman herself has designs on her sari which have rectangle and star shapes in red, blue, and yellow. There is a patch of green, touched with red at the back and there is more calligraphy in Bangla included in this portrait too. At the left side are geometrical motifs which are taken from nature and are circular, oval, rectangular and star shaped. At the left side of the decorative plaque there tiny dots and on her right are more motifs in pink and blue so that they look like flying exotic birds of paradise.

Faraha Zeba's present three women, once again groaning and contemplating with overt pessimism. The one in front, done in indigo, has her hand held up. Her face is in grotesque white, blue and red. There is another figure in painful orange and green and she appears to be pondering over the past. Behind her is yet another figure in dull and dismal gray and beige, pink, outlined with black. At



By Fariha Zeba

provoking. /This is mostly in blue and white, while the backdrop contains dots while the star-shaped flowers are touched with white and are done in details with great delicacy. The impact is soft, gentle and feminine.

the back are two figures of apparently children have been included and they appear to be seated, thinking and dreaming. Besides them a plaques of orange, indigo, green dots and colours that sweep on to the second lower base. This is in green, brown, orange with more orange on the top, sides, more beige at the two ends. A tiny figure is included in the forefront which is done in pink and is crossed over with delicate orange lines. Fariha's paintings are certainly thought provoking and bravely experimental.

In Dilara Begum Jolly's "Bondage-3", acrylic, presents the face of a woman surrounded by wild jungle snakes and huge bees. Her eyes are large while her hair falls in dark snake-like thick curls. Her face is blue, her eyes large, her lower portion is brown while her lips too are of burnt sienna. The snakes that come down curling about her are black, ugly and look positively dangerous. Even the flying bees look like some pre-historic creatures and are as huge as the woman's head. These are done in raw blue, orange, green while the wings look almost like large leaves. In between the board on which the painting is made is halved. Her body below is covered by apparent loops of snakes. The leaves below are huge and perhaps belong to the Chittagong hilly area. The impact is awe-inspiring and frightening. Gulshan Hussain's oil painting brings in the sky, boats, bridges, the river in front presents a picturesque landscape as also does her semi abstract piece with her orange tiny birds scattered all around. The paintings included many other fine works which were both moving and striking such as that of Atia Islam Anne apart from the marvellous creation of Ivy Zaman and Selina Chowdhury Mili. The exhibition proves beyond doubt that women are progressive and superb fine art experts.

PHOTOS: SHEIKH ENAM

TV GUIDE

BTV

- 12:00 Opening
12:10 Patriotic songs
12:30 Live transmission of World cup football match between Ireland and Cameroon
2:55 News
3:00 Live transmission of World cup football match between Denmark and Uruguay
4:00 News headline
5:00 News
5:30 Live transmission of World cup football match between Germany and Saudi Arabia
6:00 News
7:00 News headline
7:30 SAARC exchange program (Srilanka)
8:00 News
8:30 Drama: Matir bichana
9:00 News headline
10:00 News at ten
10:25 World cup match highlights
11:30 News (Bangla/English)
11:45 Closing
EKUSHEY
12:00 Ekushey Headlines
12:05 Akjer 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 Shoptabo
3:00 Ekushey Headlines
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
7:30 Ekushey News
8:00 Ekushey News (English)
8:05 Bangla Film
10:00 News: Simulcast from BTV
10:30 Bangla Film
11:00 Ekushey Late Night Shongbad

CHANNEL-i

- 8:10am Your Choice Ole
Ole
8:40 Joyar Bhata
9:10 Raven
9:40 The Edge
10:10 Shat Ronger Mela
10:40 Music Plus
11:15 Chaya Zhonkar
11:45 Discussion on Star players of World Cup 2002
12:00pm Your Choice Ole
Ole
12:30 Joyar Bhata
1:00 Raven
1:35 Bengali Movie: Doya Maya
5:05 i-Zone
5:40 Eker Bhetore
6:10 Music Plus
6:50 Bnagladesh Poribesh
7:15 Channel i News
7:50 Discussion on Star players of World Cup 2002
8:05 Swapner Bazaar
8:30 Shei Shur Shei Gaan
8:55 Ispahani i tele-quiz (question)
9:00 Channel i News
9:30 Shongbadpotre
Bnagladesh
9:45 Channel i Mobile Quiz 2525
10:00 Na Bola Kotha
10:25 Ispahani i tele-quiz (results)
10:30 Channel i News
11:15 Pepsi Live Concert
12:00 Channel i News
ATN
12:00 Islamic prog: Children : Cholo Gan Gai
7:00 Children : Cholo Gan Gai
7:35 Viewers opinion prog. : Motamot
8:00 ATN Bangla News
8:25 Musical prog:
9:00 Special prog : On World Tobacco Day
9:35 Magazine prog. : Tashery
Kechokhon
10:10 Drama serial :

- 10:50 Abahese
Bengali feature film : Modumeta
12:00 ATN Bangla News
6:07 Children prog. : Shapla Saluk
6:45 Viewers request film songs prog. : Anurodher Assor
7:00 ATN Bangla Evening News
7:35 Mage Serial : Mohine
8:10 Reporting prog. : Ghotona Probaha
8:45 Drama Serial : Mamla Hamla
Jamela
9:20 Musical Prog: Streter Pata Theke
10:00 ATN Bangla News
10:35 Film Magazine
Boliwooder
Khorob
11:15 Special Prog: Mela 2002
11:30 ATN Bangla News
BBC WORLD
6:00 BBC News
6:30 World Business Report
7:00 BBC News
7:30 Asia Today/World Business Report
8:00 BBC News
8:30 Asia Today/World Business Report
9:00 BBC News
9:30 Asia Today/World Business Report
10:00 BBC News
10:30 Talking Movies
11:00 BBC News
11:30 Simpson
12:00 BBC News
12:30 Click Online
1:00 BBC News
1:30 Click Online
2:00 BBC News
2:30 The Rat Pack/The Future Just Happened/The Human Body
3:00 BBC News
3:30 La Stories
Voyager : Hemingway
4:00 BBC News
4:30 The Car's The

TODAY'S HIGHLIGHTS

- 5:30 p.m. Gillette FIFA World Cup 2002. Episode 8: This week's team feature will be on Japan. How the Japanese will play as the first time host country. There is no doubt that this team will play better in their own fields even if they don't win the World Cup. Tales of five star players of this year's world cup will be in the 'Top Five' section.
STAR MOVIES: 7:00 p.m. Dead Poet Society. Painfully shy Todd Anderson has been sent to the school where his popular older brother was valedictorian. His roommate, Neil, although exceedingly bright and popular, is very much under the thumb of his overbearing father. The two, along with their other friends, meet Professor Keating, their new English teacher, who tells them to go against the status quo.
STAR WORLD: 7:00 & 10:30 p.m. First Wave. In 1564, Nostradamus - the man who saw tomorrow - foretold an apocalyptic invasion coming in three terrifying waves: the first wave - an elite infiltrative and saboteur force, the second wave - invasion from above, and the third wave - Armageddon. The First Wave is here. In tonight's episode, After a nearly fatal bomb explosion, Foster finds himself inside the National Defense Agency.

PICK OF THE DAY

WINTERBOURNE
Mrs. Winterbourne
On HBO at 10:00 p.m.
A woman gets pregnant by her boyfriend, who then leaves her. She boards a train, which crashes and she ends up in a hospital, mistakenly identified as Patricia Winterbourne, a widow whose husband died in the train crash. She comes to live with the rich family of her deceased "husband." Her new life is ruined when the real father of her baby comes back.

- Star/Top Gear
5:00 BBC News
5:30 This Week
HBO
7:00 Class of '61
9:00 Magic in the Mirror
10:45 Born Free a New Adventure
12:45 Planes, Trains & Automobiles
2:45 Evolution's Child
4:45 The Huntress
6:30 The Militia
8:15 Satan's School for Girls
10:00 Mrs Winterbourne
12:15 Fatal Attraction
2:45 Spartacus
STAR PLUS
7:30 Chupa Rustam
8:00 Aatma
9:00 Hit Filmlein Hit Sangeet
9:30 Fox Kids
10:30 Family Fortunes
11:00 AmulBest of Surabhi
11:30 Chalti Ka Naam Antakshairi
12:30 Eena Meena Deeka
1:00 Tu Tu Main Main
1:30 Indiatimes Presents Coke [V]
Popstars
2:00 Hit Filmlein Hit Sangeet
2:30 Kashmakash
3:00 Kundali
3:30 Tea Time Cinema : Preet Ki Dori (Tanuja, Ajay Sahami)
6:30 Fox Kids
7:30 Bol Baby Bol
8:00 The Price Is Right
8:30 Star Superhit : Khuff (Sanjay Dutt, Manisha Moirala)
11:30 Aaj Ki Baat
12:05 Kuruksheetra (contd).
ZEE TV
6:00 Yaadon Ke Pal
6:30 Bhakti Bhav
7:00 Yoga For Life
7:20 Jagrani
7:50 Zee Gym
8:00 Tara Rum
8:30 Ramayan
9:00 Nickelodeon
10:30 Hum Paanch
11:00 Hudd Kar Di
11:30 Zee & You
12:00 Baazi Kiski
12:30 Khana Khazana
1:00 Jai Santoshi Ma
1:30 Rishtey The Love

- 2:30 Weekend Cinema
3:00 Sa Re Ga Ma Pa Gubbare
5:30 Top of the Tops
6:30 Nickelodeon On Zee
7:00 Nick on Zee
8:00 Nilaam Ghar Bid Bid Boom
8:30 Saturday Live
Sunidhi Chauhan
Tum Pukar Lo
ALPHA TV
6:00 Moyurakshi Tumi
6:30 Mon Niye
7:00 Shayola
7:30 Aalaap Bengali Spl
8:00 Bishesh Sangbad
8:30 Gaan Unltd. (Bengali)
9:05 Bharat Bhraman
9:30 Bhalo Bhasha
10:00 Abhinetri
10:30 Encounter
11:00 Moyurakshi Tumi
11:30 Saregama
12:30 Chena Mukher
1:00 Shari
1:30 Kono Ek Din
1:30 Ek Akasher Niche
2:00 Pratibimba
2:45 Bengali Feature Film
5:00 Jhara Samayer
5:30 Upakatha
6:00 Bichitra
6:30 News In Bengali
7:00 Bhalobasa
7:30 Aatpake Bandhe
8:00 Shudhu Tomake Chai
8:30 Saregama
9:55 Sat Kahan
10:25 Abisasya
11:00 News in Bengali
11:30 Choto Chulir Phanke
12:00 Encounter
ZEE MUSIC
6:30 Hit Pit Hit
7:30 Sizzlers
8:00 Music Box
8:30 Compact Disc
9:00 Dil Se
10:00 Hit Mix
11:00 Taaza Maal
12:00 Dil Se
12:30 Hit PI Hit
1:30 Music Box
2:00 Jharonakha
2:30 Tara Rum Pum
3:30 Hit Mix

- 4:00 Hit Pe Hit
5:00 Just Jammin
5:30 Hit Mix
6:00 Music Plus
7:00 Dil Se
7:30 Hit Pe Hit
8:30 Music Com
9:30 Sizzlers
10:00 Dialogue
10:30 Jharokha
11:00 Music Box
11:30 Phoren Maal
SET MAX
7:30 Mini Movies: Bhakti Mein Shakti
8:30 Biographies
9:00 Hotlist
9:30 Dharam Veer
10:00 Biographies
1:30 Anari
5:30 One Two 123
5:00 Junoon
9:00 Hotlist
9:30 Khushboo
1:30 Anubhav
4:30 Mera Desh Mera Dharam
HALLMARK
06:00 The Yearling
08:00 Katts And Dog - Episode # 1 - Hot Under The Collar
08:30 Ghostwriter - Episode # 39 Get The Message Pt. 1
09:00 Sesame Street - Episode # 7
10:00 Scholastic Clifford - Episode # 31 - Welcome To The Doghouse/ Promises, Promises
10:30 Caillou - Episode # 5
11:00 My First Love
01:00 Maybe Baby
03:00 Mary & Tim
05:00 Star Trek: Voyager - Episode # 33 Meld
06:00 Mcleod's Daughters - Episode # 12 - Pandora's Box
07:00 In A Class Of His Own
09:00 Star Trek: Voyager - Episode # 34 Dreadnought
10:00 Taggart: For Their Sins

- STAR MOVIES
06:30 Getting It Right
8:30 Turbulence 3
10:15 Woman On Top
11:45 American Tragedy 1
2:45 End Of Days, The
4:45 Keeping The Faith
7:00 Dead Poets Society
9:15 Another Stakeout
11:00 Turbulence 3
12:45 Murphys Romance
2:30 Keeping The Faith
NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC
6:30 am Toyota World of Wildlife : Episode 39
7:00 Animal Eden : Giants in a Shrinking World : Episode 3
7:30 EarthPulse Presented by Ford's Heroes for the Planet : Episode 31
8:00 Out There part of Adventure Starts Here with Toyota : Episode 11 : River Of Lost Souls
8:30 Endangered : Happy Trigger
9:00 Human Edge : Episode 16
9:30 National Geographic Explorer : Episode 38
10:30 Earth Report : Hands On : It's a Gas : Episode 12
11:00 EarthPulse Presented by Ford's Heroes for the Planet : Episode 24
11:30 Chasing Time : Mumbai
12:00 Kung Fu : Hidden Qi : Mystery of Chinese Kung Fu
12:30 pm Nat Geo Genius : Episode 14
1:00 Human Edge : Episode 10
1:30 Desert Lake Venture : Episode 1
2:30 Rhino : Forgotten Rhino
3:30 Rhino : Mkomazi Rhino
4:30 Rhino : A Rare Move
5:00 Rhino : Rhino's Little Helpers

- 5:30 War Ships : Episode 4 : Aircraft Carriers
6:30 Nat Geo Genius : Episode 16
7:00 Human Edge : Episode 17
7:30 Desert Lake Venture : Episode 2
8:30 Shipwrecks : Ashkelon : The Lost Ships Of Med
9:30 Shipwrecks : Shipwrecks - A Natural History
10:00 Shipwrecks : Fernando De Noronha
10:30 Shipwrecks : Shipwrecks - Truk Lagoon : Underwater Odyssey
11:30 National Geographic Classics : Life and Legend Of Jane Goodall
12:30 am Shipwrecks : Ashkelon : The Lost Ships Of Med
SONY
06:30 am Music Mantra
07:00 Chartbusters Music
07:30 Sant Asaram Vani Others
08:00 Mythological Film: Badrinath Yatra
11:00 Taal Se Taal Mila Others
11:30 Good Morning Disney Cartoons
12:30 pm Sunday Ke Sunday Comedy
01:00 The Making of a Dream Film-based
01:30 Cine Matinee : Aag Movie
05:30 Chartbusters Music
06:00 Music Mantra Music
06:30 Disney Hour Cartoons
07:30 CID Files Thriller
08:30 Cine Prime: Hero Movie