## RECOMMENDATIONS

### Satranji display

August 1 - 8 An exhibition of traditional Satranji by eminent satranji maker and promoter Shafiqul Alam Selim of Karupannya, Rangpur, starts at DRIK gallery at Dhanmondi in the city and is open to all from 3 to 8 p.m. daily. Reputed performer Asaduzzaman Noor M.P. inaugurates the display while puppeteer Saidul Haque Juise stays present as special guest in the opening

### **Aquarium Exhibition**

# August 2 - 9

An exhibition of aquarium and colourful tropical fish is currently being held at the outlet of American Aquarium Project at 22/2, Sonargaon road at Hatirpool (beside Eastern Plaza) in the city that displays and sells aquariums and fishes of a wide range. The show continues everyday from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m.

# **Art exhibition**

August 2-15

Artist Fakrul Islam holds a solo exhibition of his works at the gallery of Alliance Francaise, complete schedule of which will soon be announced. 'Art is the best way to express emotion, love and personal attitude of oneself' says Fakrul.

### Children's painting July 22-August 8

Entitled Wasserwelten (Water world), an exhibition of paintings done by children from the schools of 'Shilpi Sultan Pathshala' and 'Surovi' of Dhaka, takes place at Goethe Institut in the city from 2 p.m. to 8 p.m. everyday except on Fridays and general holidays.

## Telefilm

August 7

Premier of telefilm 'Devdas' will be held from 7 p.m. at TAI KING Chinese restaurant at New Eskaton (near Maghbazar) in the city. The event will also host muharat ceremony of Lajja, a telefilm

# Harmony in stark black and white

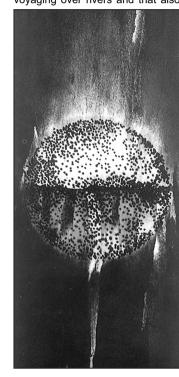
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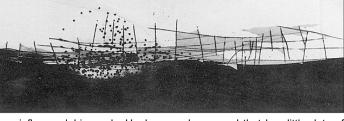
# Fokhrul Islam's solo exhibition held at the Alliance Française in the city

OKHRUL Islam, who has studied in China and has had exhibitions in Chua Gallery, Tokyo, Japan and will hold another, at Birla Kolkata India, holds his fourth, solo exhibit of paintings at the Alliance Française.

In his black and white creations

Fokhrul has brought in nature and the environment around him in terms of pure abstraction. Fokhrul objects to the terminology "abstract" for his group. He prefers the word non-figurative for his work although he aims to catch what is within the human mind and within the apparent beauty of nature in his paintings He uses white as it stands for all colours in his mind while black stands for their negation as far as he is concerned and he has brought in elements of landscape such as rivers, ponds, leaves, insects and plumes of birds and skins of animals in his paintings. He likes to paint nature as he remembers from his childhood as it takes him away from the humdrum of city life. He loves voyaging over rivers and that also





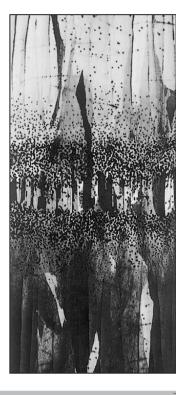
has influenced his work. He has tried to bring in elements of beauty in plants and animals, focusing on details and has also suggested abstracted ideas such as love and hate. Fokhrul says, "Even the ingredients of politics have flavoured my work as mankind cannot ignore his surroundings. While working, I even keep my religion in mind. If my work touches your heart in even the slightest way I'm contended."

All the paintings have been labelled as "Image". In one you see a round shape that is divided in the centre and has colours falling from it in shades of white with dots of black and on top there is a sunburst is white on a background of black. In another painting we see geometrical forms of rectangles, lines and triangles put together to forms almost a shape of a flower that is floating on water. This is in beige, black, gray while the background is a shade of gray with dots scattered all through the space. There are more scattered bits and the subject is on a rectangular form.

Another painting presents a large sweep of pale beige with line formations on it which breaks the long sweep of the rectangle and shades of black, gray and sketches on it. The backdrop is brownish black. In the next one we se a shape like a meteor in a disc formation with planets in a ring from around it. It is itself U-shaped with little dots and hazy curled lines on it .It is beige, white, black, gray with a backdrop of black, gray with lines that you can detect in the dark hues. In image brings in lines that you see at night or it could be an old dilapidated fence and this is in beige and sepia with dark outlines. The lines form long rectangles while the background is brown and dark. There are some dots in the forefront. In

a long panel that has little dots of black on a beige and black background and in the centre a rectangular form which has more rectangular forms all along it in very dark brown outlined with beige and encircled with gray dots. This could be a piece of lava or a piece of land or a collection of stagnant water.

In another painting we see shades of gray, green, beige ,and brown falling from the top to the bottom . It is conical at the top and more rectangular at the bottom. Like so many of his paintings, it has dots all over, less on top than the middle so that it appears gray on top so that you get the effect of a cluster of bees on a bee hive. There are more such clusters at the back. This could be



the bark of a tree with insects gathering on it in a horde. It could even be an old wall covered with growth like lichens. In vet another image we see forms of beige falling down, with touches of white and black, with lines, sketches, dots and geometrical forms. It is pale at the top and darker at the bottom while gray and black around the centre portions Despite the dark hues you can detect the dots and the crisscrossing horizontal and rectangular lines held within the sweeps of dark shades. Again an "Image" presents a

creation in beige and gray with vertical lines going through a circular image with dots of black, lines of very deep brown, with a background of gray and black with shadows of gray and white in white. In another of Fokhrul's paintings we see a soothing form, in which the upper portion has been left white while the lower area is gray, and black and in the centre we see artist's favourite crisscrossing lines, dots along with them in shades of gray and beige. In another such image , made by by horizontal and vertical intersecting lines are more dots and dashes on the horizontal bar that has gone through the centre of the paper. There are tiny dots of different sizes and shapes over the white.

There are more such images in the same vein. In one we see bars of rectangles which are presented in horizontal and vertical positions Once again they are in shades of beige and gray, crossed, dotted smirches, splashes of brown with brown and gray at the back and touches of white in the foreground. Here, yet again, one can stand before the painting and dream of whatever one wanted to and let the shapes take wings of imagination. Furthermore, we have portions of a mass which has been divided into rectangular shapes, some being put diagonally and others in upright rectangular forms which have intersecting lines, dots, blotches, contained within brown, black and sepia backdrop. On top there are more dark sweeps while at the bottom are layers of white strokes to provide contrast.

In another such an "Image" we



see a swirl of lines one merging into another forming what appears at first glance to be a picture from outer space. The upper portion is left stark white while the lower section is black and white. Another image has once more a twirling, swirling and gliding form so that it appears like some rotating disc and it has touches of gray and beige while the lines are in sepia with beige and brown dots . At the bottom are slashes of delicately outlined white in dark brown and more gray.

In another painting one gets the effect of a swing and this has dots and crisscrossing gliding lines which go to form the intriguing shape. As the lines travel from left to right, there is a simplified crescent shape. The upper section is again stark white while the lower part has black and beige smudges. Another "Image" presents a rectangle, which is almost like some pillar that is about to be completed. Crisscrossing diagonal delicate lines move on to another direction. This is couched

in shades of gray at the bottom and sepia while the top portion is left bare. In another creation we see a similar form with gliding lines that create a swing-like subject with the artist's infatuation for dots and lines

Despite limiting himself to two basic colours, Fokhrul has done a good job with his non figurative creations . His favourite artist is Monirul Islam and we see influence of that artist's work in his paintings too. Among women painters, he admires Naima Haq, who too uses lines and dots in her work and keeps her forms to a minimal forms Fokhrul left China before completing his course as he felt that he was not forging ahead in that environment and his paintings are a success in Japan which has gone into non figurative work in a big way.

# Telefilm



Benny Hill Show

Three's Company

The West Wing

Suddenly Susan

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Heartbreak High

Gregory Hines Show

Fresh Prince of Bel Air

Three's Company

Suddenly Susan

Veronica's Closet

Mad About You

The Sopranos

**ANIMAL PLANET** 

Horse tales

The Aquanauts

**Animal Funniest** 

Crocodile Hunter

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Vet's school

Wild Rescues I

The Trials of life

Horse Tales

Nature World

The Jeff Corwin

Barking Mad

Wild Discovery

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Unit members and performers of telefilm 'Devdas' attend an introductory ceremony at a city restaurant on August 3

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Managing India

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Welcome Home

Doctor In Love

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### **STAR MOVIES** Mockingbird Dont Sing 6:30

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Boston Public

King of Queens

Dharma & Greg

Everybody Love

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TODAY'S HIGHLIGHTS

EKUSHEY: 6:30 p.m. Ebong ranna. The

procedure of a wide variety of dishes, ranging

from Bengali to Chinese, continental to far-

eastern and those of other parts of the world.

This episode will feature recipe of Kofta curry

from the chef of Ninfa's, a top restaurant of the

city. Rita Mujib will present recipe of wonthon

soup. Shahirul Huda Rumi hosts the program.

EKUSHEY: 8:05 p.m. Bandhan. The drama

serial presents developments of a number of

program presents recipe and cooking

CHANNEL-i: 6:10 p.m. Music plus. Being a complete musical program, it features several sections like 'Favourite singer', 'Countdown', 'Song of the week', 'New song', etc. There are also latest news on music, and forthcoming

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Tales of the Living Dead

National Geographic

Adventure Starts Here

Nat Geo Genius

Human Edge

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On The Edge

Nat Geo Max

Frontiers

Scientific American

People & Places

Dogs with Job

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### families and characters of the city. Leading performers like Abul Hayat, Bijori Barkatullah, "Truman"

On HBO at 10:00 p.m.

People & Places **AXN** 

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Yoga For Life

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PICK OF THE DAY

How did a failed farmer and haberdasher from Missouri get to the White House? Gary Sinise (Ransom, Bruno) stars as Harry S. Truman, who never wanted to be President, but whose downhome values and integrity made him one of the greatest. Diana Scarwid (What Lies Beneath) plays his lifelong love, Bess, Based on David McCullough's Pulitzer Prize-winning novel.

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**ZEE MGM** 

**ENGLISH** Over the Edge Family Pride Heartbreak High

Full House

Fresh Prince of Bel Air

Royal Canadian Air Farce

Benny Hill Show Three's Company Kete & Allie Movies Stars The West Wing

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Lonely Planet V 6:30 Animals

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