

RECOMMENDATIONS



Sculpture exhibition

August 12-28
A sculpture exhibition of artist Ferdousi Priyobhashini continues at Bengal art gallery at Dhanmondi in the city. The exhibition runs everyday from 12:00 to 8:30 p.m.

Poetry reading

August 17
17BC, an international poetry group holds an evening of English Poetry Recital at Bengal Shilpalaya from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Poet Shamsur Rahman, Poet Kaiser Haq, and Poet Sudeep Sen will be present on the occasion. Its open to all.

Digital photography

August 21-24
Titled 'My Life, My Future', a digital photography exhibition starts at the auditorium of British Council in the city on August 21 at 5:30 p.m. that includes works of Youth Forum participants coordinated by Tanvir. The exhibition continues everyday from 10:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. till August 24. Professor Abdullah Abu Sayeed, President of Biswa Shahitya Kendra attends the opening ceremony as Chief Guest.

Dance Festival

September 15-17
A dance festival is to be organised by Nriya Dhara, a local dance institution, at the auditorium of Bangladesh National Museum at Shahbagh in the city that will be participated by over 100 danseuse from across the country including tribal performers from Marna, Santal, Pankho, Chakma and Manipuri communities.
A seminar on the trend and status of Bangladeshi folk dance will also be held during the three-day session that will be attended by reputed dance artists, instructors, critics and cultural personalities from across the country.

Exhibition

Daring with driftwood to stir up passions

Ferdousi Priyobhashini's solo exhibit, "Sikore mouna natok" continues at the Bengal Gallery

FAYZA HAQ

FERDOUSI Priyobhashini, who holds her solo exhibit of driftwood sculpture pieces at the Bengal Gallery says, "I used to do interior decoration as young housewife and later, encouraged by the famous artist SM Sultan in 1988, went into drift wood sculpture in a big way. My husband supports me always in this and does not mind if I put on the light and work into the late hours. I've had seven solos so far, have participated in the Asian Biennale from time to time, and have had seven group displays of my work."

Asked how different the present exhibit was from those done earlier, Priyobhashini says, "I've concentrated and worked harder than in the previous exhibits and also I have added more variations. I believe that SM Sultan left me with the responsibility to work more and more as an artist. Consequently I've worked with more commitment and in more details so as to perfect my art. Also I've taken on more topics in this present venture. Earlier I only carved a bit and the insects would spoil my work in due time but now I make the wood insect free. A lot of money and labour goes into this. I work whenever I have some respite from my household chores and put in four hours daily. I now soak the wood in rainwater for a year and after it is seasoned I add medication to the wood by boiling the wood in water for six hours. However, the large pieces cannot be boiled and on them I put 'tute' (copper sulphate) for preservation."

Dwelling on whether she prefers her larger works to the smaller ones, and which subjects most excite her imagination Priyobhashini says, "whenever I'm handling a piece, I fall in love with it and think that it is my best work. I might be preoccupied with a piece for a month but then I move on to the next one and that consumes all my interest and passion. The smaller pieces, however give me more satisfaction. My work is not sale oriented. When working I don't bother at all as to how much



Semi-abstract, as Priyobhashini feels, provide totality to her works

my piece might fetch. I usually deal with female human figures and birds (as I'm fascinated with nature), while at times I turn my attention to the 1971 nine months of holocaust and the struggle of the Bengalis as I had bitter experiences myself at that time. At times I deal with social problems too such as hunger of the people of the third world country and the migration of communities in times of distress such as during the floods, famines and erosions of river banks. The sufferings of human beings move me tremendously."

Talking about whether she felt inferior to other sculptors who are equipped with academic training, Priyobhashini says, "Certainly not as I work in my own way and do not wish to compete with others. My work has been appreciated many times before and that gives me ample courage to go on in pursuit of sculpture in my own genre."

exhibit)Vy Zaman, Shamim Sikdar and even the young sculptors of the younger generation like Mitu and Juise."

Mentioning her family support in her endeavors, "Had it not been for the understanding and constant backing I would not have possibly have come so far and have worked in peace at his leisure time. When he puts on the light and reads I don't complain and when I'm hard at work past midnight, he does not complain either."

In the exhibition named "Shikore Mouna Natok", in the piece "Sneho" we find the figure of a woman bending down and holding her child. This is all formed from the branches of a tree. We can imagine her clothes twirling at the back while she fondles her infant. Meanwhile her head and hair can be seen a fluid movement while the rest of the driftwood sculpture contains two more pieces of wood branches, which have been juxtaposed to lend reality. This is in unvarnished wood.

"Biporit Shokti" presents a

standing male figure and besides him are more figures, which are done with little touch of perhaps clay to which twigs and more branches have been carefully added with precision. There are three images in all, one standing apart. The wood is in pale brown, touched with deeper brown while the details of the faces are with cement or sand.

"In 'SM Sultan' the face of the famous artist has been brought in with details of the eyes and nose along with the shoulder length flowing hair and all embracing cloak. This is a piece of wood that appears to curl and twirl at the top while it is more straight at the sides and the bottom. It is deep brown while the weather and insects have made holes over the piece."

"Equation" ushers in some human figures, seen against a part of a house with people seen peeping from behind the windows and some bent over the roof and others seen in the house itself. This is perhaps from an old creeper with thick, solid branches. This is done



Works of Priyobhashini reveal human nature relationship



Figurative structures are a favourite theme of the sculptor

by putting together pieces of branches of trailers which she has pieced together and the sculpture stands on two levels of bases taken from sections of tees which have been nailed together with dexterity and imagination.

Images of various human beings go to create "City maker" which is in reddish brown wood and which presents people in various positions—standing and sitting and appears like some 3-D local fresco window where figures are not from separate pieces of wood but one thick twining roots although some of the pieces have been nailed on. The pieces of roots of a tree appear to bend and circle in different directions, some horizontally, some vertically and other diagonally.

To bring in a boat to please your mind comes "Mon paboner nao" where the wood has been scaped out and shaped somewhat to get the effect of limbs and faces of people paddling along in a boat. The faces of men and women have been suggested too in details with eyes,

faces and noses even though this is driftwood which has been cleverly put together. The impact of time is seen in the dents, cracks and holes on the piece. This is in reddish wood.

We come across two birds like herons in "Shukher Boshoti". They look like fat herons with a mesh of wire forming the nest. There is the tree itself which is formed from a slender branch of driftwood and which has been wired on. This has a base at the bottom where one of the mates with its flamboyant plumage and delicate long thin beak as it sits guarding its egg. This is delicately done and has an exotic effect.

We then move on to "Adbashir toijash" which comprises of the container in which the Hill Tracts people pound their food or probably simply eat from. Priyobhashini has taken the trunk of a tree and sculpted into the piece. The bark outside is left natural and untouched. This is placed on a base with wavy edges.

In "Bhagno Prashad", which

implies a torn castle sets the sculptor's imagination a riot. Its walls, open doors, arch and windows as well as pillars have been created from slashed sections of wood that have been pieced together dexterously. The piece is placed on an oval shaped section of a trunk of a tree. It is complete with square pegs at the bottom.

A delineation of a beautiful woman is seen in "Rabindrath Sketch". She is resting on her back and has the twirling and swirling sari around her. This has shades added to the original driftwood in which you can see dots, squares and some element like cement added on.

More fascination with gathered segments of neglected and rejected wood is seen in "Tahader bari" which brings in a house which is modified and exaggerated. It has curves for the top, parallel walls that appear diagonally. This is truly an imaginative piece that is mind-boggling.

We see spread out joyous wings in three pieces of driftwood "Danar mukhorota" They represent herons with their long thin beaks, flapping out their wings in a dramatic manner. Their bodies are complete with extended long tapering legs while their wings have the glamour of those of peacocks or flamboyant flamingos. These are formed from three segments of wood that have been lovingly worked upon. The piece represents elegance and motion.

More intriguing elements are suggested in "Novochari"(astronomer), where we see the man at work. His hands, limbs and body have been gently suggested while he is hard at work. There is base of driftwood while the rest are pieces of twigs of different shapes and sizes which are curled and tied or sometimes stand straight.

The confidence that Priyobhashini has displayed in her latest exhibit speaks of love, sorrow, courage and admirable flights of fancy. Her talent and caliber as a self-taught sculptor are remarkable.

TV GUIDE

BTV	12:10p.m. News headline	12:15 Patriotic songs	12:20 Selected songs	1:00 News	2:00 News headline	2:20 Health program	2:40 Sur O Chanda	3:00 News	3:10 Unmesh	4:00 News headline	4:05 Moner kotha	4:30 Akjer shongbadpotro	4:35 Nibedon	5:00 News	5:05 Sukhi paribaar	5:30 Ei Dhaka shei Dhaka	6:00 News	6:10 Sandhya Malati	6:35 Chittagong BTV	7:00 News headline	7:05 Open T Bioscope	7:30 Sur Ananda	8:00 News	8:30 Magazine	9:00 News headline	9:30 Documentary	10:00 News at ten	10:25 Samakalin Orthoniti	10:30 Telefilm	11:30 News (Bangla/English)
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BBC WORLD	6:00 BBC News	6:30 World Business																						

Report	7:00 BBC News	7:30 Asia Today/World	8:00 BBC News	8:30 Asia Today/World	9:00 BBC News	9:30 Asia Today/World	10:00 BBC News	10:30 Talking Movies	11:00 BBC News	11:30 Simpsons World	12:00 BBC News	12:30 Click Online	1:00 BBC News	1:30 Correspondent	2:00 BBC News	2:30 Inside Enron, Writers	3:00 BBC News	3:30 Voyager: Keats Lost Lake	4:00 BBC News	4:30 Top Gear/Bike Star	5:00 BBC News	5:30 This Week	
HBO	7:00 In the Company of Spies	9:15 Cry Freedom	9:30 Bad Karma	2:15 Practical Magic	4:30 Fianl Voyage	6:30 Primal Force	8:15 Liar Liar	10:00 Joe's Apartment	11:45 Out Of Sight	2:15 Get on the Bus	4:45 Practical Magic	7:30 Best of Chhupa Rustam	8:00 Aatma	9:00 Hit Filmein Hit Sangeet	9:30 Fox Kids	10:10 Hit Geet	10:25 Kya Film Kya Geet	10:30 Gurukul Ancient Wisdom of India	11:30 Chakti Ka Naam Antakshiri	12:30 Eena Meena Deeka	1:00 Tu Tu Main Main 2000 Series	1:30 Ghanwali UParwali	2:00 Hit Fitmein Hit Sangeet
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TODAY'S HIGHLIGHTS	STAR MOVIES: 10:30p.m. <i>While you were sleeping.</i> Lucy Moderatz, a charming but shy toilet seller has a secret crush on Peter Callaghan, a regular customer who has never even given her a second glance. One day, Peter is mugged on the subway platform and falls in front of an oncoming train. Peter goes in a deep coma.	STAR MOVIES: 2:15p.m. <i>Robinhood Prince of Thieves.</i> The film deals with the adventures of Robin Hood after his return from the Crusades. With an indebted Moor by his side, Robin sets out to avenge his father's death and to save the peasants of Nottingham from their crafty, cunning sheriff.	HBO: 12:15 p.m. <i>Cry Freedom.</i> An epic drama based on the true story of newspaper editor Donald Woods' investigation into the murder of nationalist leader Steven Biko. Mistrustful of each other at first, but joined in their common desire to end apartheid, the black activist and the white liberal overcome their differences to become friends.																																
STAR MOVIES	02:30a.m. Supernova	04:15 Finders Fee	06:00 Ace Ventura Pet Detective	07:30 While You Were Sleeping	9:15 Return To Me	11:15 Exposure	12:45p.m. Supernova	2:15 Robinhood Prince of Thieves	4:30 Ma Tick Sea	5:00 Possessed	7:00 Remember the Titans	9:00 100 Girls	10:30 While you were sleeping	STAR GOLD	7:00am Geet Bahar	7:30 Baba Taraknath	11:00 Bollywood Beats	11:30 Ikke Pe Ikka	3:00 Geet Bahar																
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PICK OF THE DAY	Joe's Apartment On HBO at 10:00 p.m. Joe shares his seedy-to-the-max apartment with literally thousands of wisecracking cockroaches, who sing gospel hymns, warble country tunes, and even perform aquatic ballets in the toilet! As Joe grows accustomed to his antennae room-mates, he finds that they come in handy as he tries to woo Lily -- whose dastardly father wishes to decimate Joe's building.																				
NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC	7:00 Wild	7:30 Nat Geo Max	8:30 Sci-Files	9:30 People & Places	10:30 Net Geo Genius	11:00 Human Edge	11:30 Adventure One	12:30 Men of Action	1:30 Saturday Unlimited	4:30 N G Explorer	5:30 Mummy Road Show	6:00 Lights! Cameral Bugs!	6:30 Nat Geo Genius	7:00 Earth Pulse	7:30 Adventure One	8:30 Saturday Unlimited	11:30 NG Classics				
ZEE TV	6:00 Yaadon Ke Pal	6:30 Bhakti Bhav	7:00 Yoga For Life	7:20 Jagran	7:50 Zee Gym	8:00 Tara Rum	8:30 Ramayan	9:00 Nick on Zee	10:30 Hum Paanch	11:00 Hudd Kar Di	11:30 Zee & You	12:00 World Close Up	12:30 Khana Khazana	1:00 Jai Santoshi Ma	1:30 Sa Re Ga Ma Pa	3:00 Safari	6:30 Nick On Zee	7:00 Nick on Zee	8:00 Niliaam Ghar Bid Bid Boom	8:30 Shikari	11:30 Weekend Cinema
ZEE NEWS	6:00 News RPT	6:30 Bulletin	7:00 RPT	7:30 Bulletin	10:00 RPT	10:30 Bulletin	12:00 RPT	12:30 Bulletin	12:57 Manoranjan	1:00 RPT	1:30 Beyond Headlines	2:00 Bulletin	3:00 Bulletin	4:00 RPT	4:30 Bulletin	4:57 Manoranjan	5:00 RPT				
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6:00 The Great Mom Swap	8:00 Katts and Dog	8:30 Ghostwriter	9:00 Sesame Street	7:00 Scholastic Clifford	10:30 Caillou	11:00 The Other Side of Love	1:00 Journey	3:00 Taking a Chance on Love	5:00 Star Trek: Voyager	6:00 McLeod's Daughters	7:00 Zelly and Me	9:00 Star Trek: Voyager	10:00 Cadfael: A Morbid Taste Bones	12:00 McLeod's Daughters																
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ZEE MUSIC	6:30 Zee Music Box	7:30 Sizzlers	8:00 Zee Music Box	8:30 Compact Disc	9:00 Sizzlers	9:30 Hit Pit Hit	10:30 Hit Mix	11:00 Zee Music Plus	12:00 Dil Se B	12:30 Hit Pit Hit	1:30 Zee Music Box	2:00 Jharokha	2:30 Tara Rum	3:30 Dil se *	4:00 Zee Music Plus	5:00 Just Jammin	5:30 Hit Mix	6:00 Zee Music Plus	7:00 Dil Se B	7:30 Zee Music Plus	8:30 Zee Music Com	9:30 Sizzlers	10:00 Dialogues	10:30 Jharokha	11:00 Zee Music Plus	11:30 Phonren Maal				
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