

Exhibition

A world of colourful imageries, figures and semi-abstract notions

Artist Firoz Mahmud holds a solo at the Alliance Francaise gallery in the city

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FIROZ Mahmud, who is holding his solo exhibit at the Alliance Francaise, says, "I used to do realistic work at first when I had my earlier exhibitions when we had to confine ourselves to academic work. The teachers confined us to the limitations of impressionism and realism. When I entered the Masters stage we were allowed to enter the postmodern stage of contemporary art. It is true that the raw colours that I use and the manipulation of one images on another and the scenes of violence tends to shake up the viewers rather than soothe me. I had a weakness for bright and striking colours even at an earlier stage but the realistic approach that I had maintained earlier had limited the use of the loud extravaganza of colours to express a basic instinct and flow of emotions."

He has put in images of fish, tiger, humans, and hatchet with colours that are loud and raw. The images are modern and not smooth or soothing any more. He says that he did not keep in focus the prospect of selling to his viewers. His purpose was to express himself and hope for the best. He is well aware that such types of art are not bought to decorate offices and homes. He is conscious of the fact that even the foreign buyer goes after what is apparently beautiful and tranquilizing. He knows the average buyer does not want anything harsh or crude on his walls. He admits that there is a lot of morbidity and harshness in his work. His concepts are the experiences of his last 12 years, which culs in his bitter experiences.

He does not work in the environment that he did since 1990 when he worked in a shed in New Market. Today he has a studio in Indira Road and circumstances are different. He does not do any other work. He gets a few buyers to buy his minimum amount of art equipment. He is fortunate to have some businessmen who appreciate the honesty of his work. They either purchase his work and has the Elizabeth Greenshield Foundation in Canada to give him some backing since 1998.

Touching on the subjects of his paintings, Feroz says that he has no



definite subject but his concept remains the same. It deals with the social, political and even ecological imbalance such as the one on a fish and a tiger. In one of his paintings is a large fish, which is actually a child as the painting is based on "The gift of the Magi". I have used the "rui" fish to symbolize the child and the wealth of our country. The men have been outlined as he has a penchant for drawing. The tiny figures are therefore balance of composition and to lend interest to the work. This is called "The last extent-4". In another piece you see the market sequence with his own silhouette with the

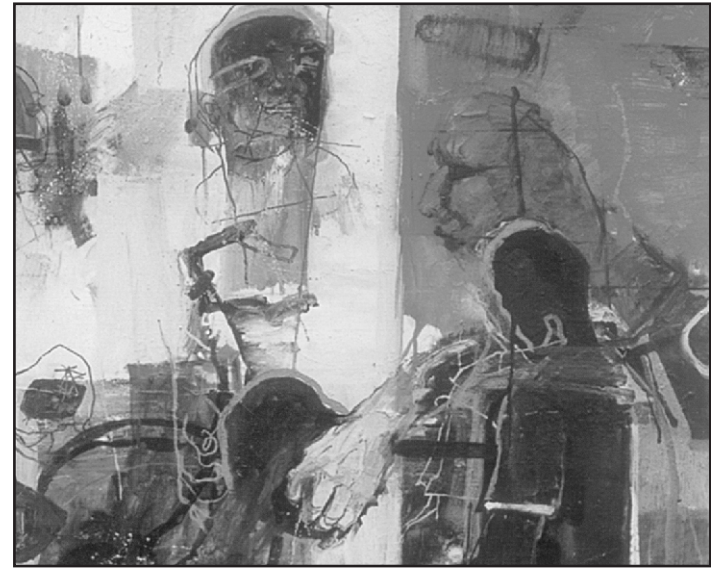
figures who involved the miscreants who are kidnapping helpless people. The flat yellow slab is also for creation. The lamps on top, the ear and the nose are symbols of life. This is called "Last extent-2". In another painting are a man and a woman where you see the upper parts of their bodies. A bird is included in the composition.

Firoz says that drawing is his first love whether he is working in acrylic or installation or whatever. You see its application in all his other work. In one painting you see the face and its reflection while below is a flower and above is a stone like image. The



stone and the flower are contrasting items. The lines are there for his own love of strokes of that nature. The staircase in another painting is a reflection of his earlier days as an artist where he had a tiny room to work in. He has brought in his neck, head and shoulder and behind. His room number was originally that of the number of a shop that he had rented for his work. Behind are the "Ramzan bahini" the famous kidnappers who tortured their victims for ransom. He did not bring in a knife, which was actually in the scene but brought in a stone to soften the projection of the situation.

He says that one time he saw seas of blood but now he has to hold a cloth to his nose when he goes to these scenes and he abhors the sight of blood. Similarly he hates the sight of religious sacrifice during Eid ul Azha. The lines have been brought in for style. In another painting is yet another sequence of the market place that haunts him even today. He has a flower over his head and yet you see the miscreants again. There are cars parked in the distance, the owners of whom used to be involved in the kidnapping racket. This too is done in yellow, red and gray.

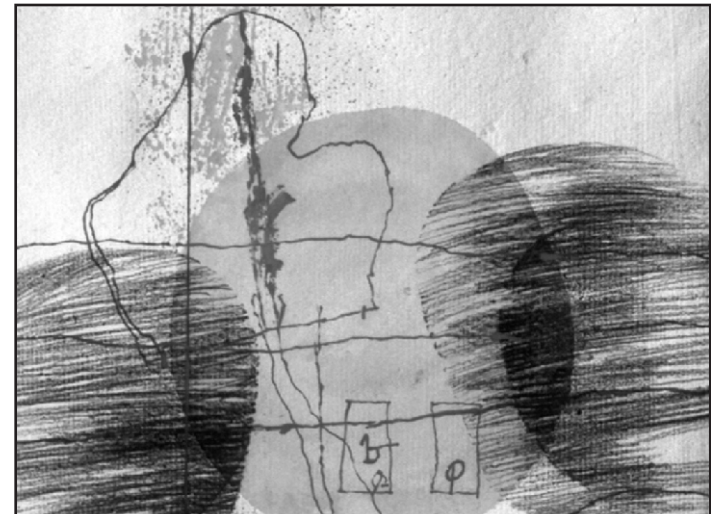


In the installation "Recitation" which involves 12 clocks. The specialty of the clocks is that they have four hands instead of three and represent his life in the past 12 years. Each work consists of a clock and a rectangular structure and each uses images to remind the artist of the unfortunate events that struck a note of pain and disgust in him.

Asked about the artists who have had an impact on his work, Feroz says that he admires the great artists like Picasso, Joseph Buoyes, Jean Basquiat, Mohammed Kibria, and Quarmul Hassan. Talking about

his style, Firoz says that he wants to bring in linear work. He says that he wants to bring in the socio political aspects of our country in his work in the best possible expressionistic way.

He has been selected for UNESCO fellowship after his exhibition. In 1998 he had won the Royal Overseas Lake Award in UK. In between he won an award from the Khulna City last year. He expects the Dilansheen Khanum gold medal from the Institute of Fine Arts DU this year. Besides these he has won about ten awards.



RECOMMENDATIONS

Music

**October 5**  
Singer Faheem Hasan Shahed presents a musical evening at the National Museum at Shahbagh in the city at 5:00 p.m.

Dance

**October 7**  
A dance event of Manipuri style will be presented by reputed danseuse Sharmila Bannerjee and her troupe, 'Nitya Nandan', at 7:00 p.m. at Shahid Zia auditorium at National Museum in the city. Cards are available at Dolce Vita (Dhanmondi), Sagar Publishers (Bailey road), Pathak Samabesh (Shahbagh), Jatra (Kemal Ataturk Ave.).

Hashem Khan's

Solo Exhibition

**September 27 October 7**  
Renowned artist Hashem Khan holds a solo exhibition, 'Art Fair: Six Seasons' at Shilpangan gallery at Dhanmondi in the city. The exhibition remains open from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. everyday.

Photography on The

Twin Towers

**September 29 October 6**  
A photography exhibition is on at the National Art Gallery of Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy in the city, of photographer Obaidullah Mamoon, titled, 'The Twin Towers and The American Spirit' and remains open to all from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. daily except on Friday, when the time is 3 to 7 p.m.

Six celebrated

artists' show

**Sept. 20 Oct. 7**  
Akku Chowdhury hosts art exhibition of 6 celebrated artists of the country, Jamal Ahmed, Kanak Champa Chakma, Khalid Mahmud Mithu, Saidul Islam Jaise, Fareha Zeba and Nisar Hossain at La Galerie, Kemal Ataturk Avenue. The show remains open daily from 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m.

Solo art exhibition

Artist Firoz Mahmud holds a solo exhibition of his artworks at the Alliance Francaise de dhaka, sponsored by Benson & Hedges. The exhibition is open to all and the timings coincide with that of Alliance Francaise.

TV GUIDE

BTV

- 8:30 a.m. Opening
- 8:35 Alo-r poetry
- 9:00 News
- 9:05 Sports
- 9:30 Shustho thakoon
- 10:00 News
- 10:05 Children's news
- 10:10 Drama serial
- 10:40 Natun kuri
- 11:00 News headline
- 12:00p.m. News headline
- 12:15 Azan
- 12:30 Closing of morning session
- 3:00 Opening
- 3:10 News headline
- 3:15 Patriotic songs
- 3:20 Bangla film
- 4:00 News headline
- 4:30 Aiker shongbadpotro
- 5:00 News
- 5:45 Selected program
- 6:00 News
- 6:10 Cartoon
- 6:35 Chittagong BTV
- 7:00 News headline
- 7:05 Malancha
- 7:30 Drama serial
- 8:00 News
- 8:30 Apnar charpaash
- 9:00 News headline
- 9:05 Magazine
- 10:00 News at ten
- 10:30 Talk show
- 11:30 News (Bangla / English)
- 11:45 Closing

CHANNEL-i

- 7:00a.m. Prothom sur
- 9:00 Documentary
- 9:30 Joto pod toto mot
- 10:00 Music Plus
- 10:40 Houseful
- 11:10 Manimal
- 11:40 Music Horizon
- 12:00p.m. Magazine
- 2:55 Double mazaa
- 5:05 Documentary
- 5:35 Children's drama serial
- 6:10 Music Plus
- 6:45 Kolthay kolthay
- 7:15 Channel I News
- 7:45 Telequiz
- 8:25 Drama
- 9:00 Channel I News
- 9:30 Shongbadpotrey Bangla-
- 9:40 Telequiz
- 9:50 Drama serial
- 10:25 Mobile quiz
- 10:30 Channel I News
- 11:25 Talk show
- 12:00 Channel I News

HBO

- 06:30a.m. Hard Knox
- 08:15 The Underneath
- 10:15 Second Skin
- 12:00p.m. Twins
- 02:15 Anya's Bell
- 04:00 Screamers
- 06:15 The Ticket
- 08:00 Python
- 10:00 Justice League of America
- 11:45 I Still Know What You Did Last Summer
- 12:30a.m. The Eyes Of Laura Mars
- 2:30 Scenes from A Mall
- 4:30 American Cyborg
- 6:30 V.I. Warshawski
- 8:30 Too Smooth
- 10:15 Woman on Top
- 12:00p.m. The Eyes Of Laura Mars
- 1:45 The Intern
- 3:30 Jack
- 5:30 Woman on Top
- 7:00 Dead Awake
- 8:45 Crime and Punishment In Suburbia
- 10:30 Too Smooth

HALLMARK

- 01:00 a.m. And Never Let Her Go
- 03:00 Secrets
- 05:00 Sesame Street
- 06:00 The Flamingo Rising
- 08:00 The Haunting Of Lisa
- 10:00 The Young Riders - Black Ulysses
- 11:00 Reason For Living
- 01:00p.m. Touched By an Angel VII
- 02:00 Sesame Street
- 03:00 Scholastic Clifford
- 03:30 Callou
- 04:00 Flipper
- 05:00 Early Edition
- 06:00 Star Trek: Voyager
- 07:00 Dogwoman: The Legend of Dogwoman
- 09:00 Early Edition
- 10:00 Star Trek: Voyager
- 11:00 My Life as a Fairy Tale: Hans Christian Andersen
- 06:00am BBC News
- 6:30 World Business Report
- 7:00 BBC News
- 7:30 Asia Today/Asia Business Report
- 8:00 BBC News
- 8:30 Asia Today/World Business Report
- 9:00 BBC News
- 9:30 Asia Today/Asia

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- 10:00 BBC News
- 10:30 World Business Report
- 11:00 BBC News
- 11:30 World Business Report
- 12:00pm BBC News
- 12:30 World Business Report/Sport Today
- 1:00 BBC News
- 1:30 Talking Movies
- 2:00 BBC News
- 2:30 Hardtalk
- 3:00 BBC News
- 3:30 Money Prog/Panorama
- 4:00 BBC News
- 4:30 Asia Today/World Business Report
- 5:00 BBC News
- 5:30 Hardtalk
- 7:30 Shaka Laka Boom Boom
- 8:00 Aatma
- 9:00 Hit Filmlein Hit Sangeet
- 9:30 Fox Kids Daily Hit Geet
- 10:10 Kya Film Kya Geet
- 10:25 Small Wonder
- 10:30 Hasna Mat
- 11:00 Meri Saheli
- 12:00 Shanti
- 12:30 Hit Filmlein Hit Sangeet
- 1:00 Kalash
- 1:25 Film Toopers
- 1:30 Eena Meena Deeka
- 2:00 Ek Mulaqat
- 2:30 Star Bestseller
- 3:30 Chhupe Chehre
- 4:00 Jubilee Plus
- 4:30 Krishna Arjun
- 5:00 Kora Kaagaz
- 5:30 Hit Filmlein Hit Sangeet
- 6:00 Shaka Laka Boom Boom
- 6:30 Fox Kids
- 7:10 Aaj Ki Baat
- 7:25 Kya Film Kya Geet
- 7:30 Chanwalli Uparwali
- 7:55 Film Toppers
- 8:00 Shaka Laka Boom Boom
- 8:30 Best of Kaun
- 8:45 Banega Crorepati
- 9:00 Khulja Sim Sim
- 9:30 Ssshhhh... Koi Hai ...
- 11:30 Avinash IPS
- 12:05 Aaj Ki Baat
- 7:00 Geet Bahar
- 7:30 Navrang
- 8:00 Bollywood Beats
- 8:30 Ikka Pe Ikka
- 9:00 Geet Bahar
- 9:30 Anuraag

STAR GOLD

- 6:00 Star News Hindi
- 6:30 Newshour
- 7:30 Breakfast News
- 8:00 English
- 8:30 Breakfast News
- 9:00 Hindi

TODAY'S HIGHLIGHTS

- HBO:** 11:45 p.m. *I still know what you did last summer.* A year after her friends were filleted and hung out to dry, Julie James is picking up the broken pieces of her life - leaving her hometown and painful memories behind to attend college in Boston.
- HALLMARK:** 11:00 p.m. *Reason For Living: The Jill Ireland Story.* The real life story of Jill Ireland, the English actress, who sets aside her own fight with cancer to help her adopted son Jason try to escape the hell of heroin addiction. Mother and son both take strength from Ireland's vital English parents, but Jason must make the commitment to fight his battle on a personal level.
- STAR MOVIES:** 8:45 p.m. *Crime + Punishment In Suburbia.* It is a romantic tale that unveils the many faces of love in a journey towards truth. At what point, if any, is crime justifiable? And how far can one go to repair the consequences of their actions?

STAR WORLD

- 7:00 Oprah Winfrey Show
- 8:00 Da Vincis Inquest
- 9:00 Buffy The Vampire Slayer
- 10:00 Angel
- 11:00 Oprah Winfrey Show
- 11:58 STAR Asia Travel
- 12:00 NYPD Blue
- 1:00 Caroline In The City
- 1:30 The Bold & The Beautiful
- 2:00 Hollywood Squares
- 2:30 Family Ties
- 3:00 Baywatch
- 4:00 The Simpsons
- 4:30 Cheers
- 5:00 Star News Asia
- 5:30 Frasier
- 6:00 World's Wildest Police Videos
- 6:55 Asia News Upd
- 7:00 Nash Bridges
- 8:00 Traders
- 9:00 Frasier
- 9:30 World's Wildest Police Videos
- 10:30 Nash Bridges
- 11:30 Traders
- 6:00 Star News Hindi
- 6:30 Newshour
- 7:30 Breakfast News
- 8:00 English
- 8:30 Breakfast News
- 9:00 Hindi

PICK OF THE DAY



**Python**  
On HBO at 8:00 p.m. With a cast led by Starship Troopers' Casper Van Dien, MTV babe Jenny McCarthy and Freddie Krueger himself, Robert Englund, expect nothing but one wild rollercoaster ride of a movie about a giant, genetically-engineered python which escapes and starts picking off the residents of a small US town.

NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC

- 7:30 Nat Geo Max
- 8:30 Dogs With Jobs
- 9:00 Human Edge
- 9:30 On The Edge
- 10:30 Sci-Files
- 11:30 People & Places
- 12:30 Dogs With Jobs
- 1:00 Human Edge
- 1:30 On The Edge
- 2:30 Toyota World Of Wildlife
- 3:00 Wild
- 3:30 Nat Geo Max
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- 10:00 Sci-Files
- 11:30 People & Places
- AXN
- 8:00 Movie: Octopus
- 8:30 Motorworld
- 9:30 Sheena II Collateral Damage
- 10:30 Andromeda A Rose in the Ashes
- 11:30 The Agency
- 12:30 Courage
- 1:30 Sheena II Collateral Damage
- 2:30 Movie: Octopus
- 4:30 The Green Hornet

ZEE TV

- 6:00 Yaadon Ke Pal
- 6:30 Bhakti Bhav
- 7:00 Yoga For Life
- 7:20 Jagran
- 7:50 Zee Gym & Eat Healthy
- 8:20 News
- 8:30 Ardhangani
- 8:45 Yaadein Radio Ceylon Ki
- 9:00 Cartoon on Zee
- 10:30 Hum Paanch
- 11:00 Weekend Cinema
- 12:00 Khana Khazana
- 12:30 Rishleye The Love Stories
- 1:30 Hamare Tumhare
- 2:30 Gharana
- 3:00 Indrajit
- 6:30 Cartoon on Zee
- 7:00 Cartoon on Zee
- 8:00 Baat Ban Jaaye
- 8:30 World Close Up
- 9:30 Jeena Isi Ka Naam Hai
- 10:30 Sa Re Ga Ma Pa
- 11:30 Gharana
- 12:00 Tele Brands
- 6:00 News RPT
- 6:30 Bulletin

ZEE CINEMA

- 7:30 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
- 2:57 Manoranjan
- 3:00 Bulletin
- 4:00 RPT
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- 6:00 RPT
- 6:30 Zee Business
- 6:57 Manoranjan
- 7:00 Bulletin
- 7:30 News At 7
- 8:00 Zee Business
- 8:30 News At 8
- 9:00 Metro News
- 9:30 News At 9
- 10:00 Prime Time
- 10:30 ISS Waqt
- 11:00 Din Bhar
- 11:30 World View
- 7:30 Lamboo Dada
- 10:30 Jawani Diwani
- 1:30 Kali Topi Laal Rumal
- 5:00 Cine News
- 5:30 Julie
- 9:30 Top Of The Tops
- 9:30 Girtar
- 9:00 Millennium
- 11:30 Doctor at Sea
- 2:00 Separate Ways
- 4:00 Secret Admirer
- 7:00 California Casanova
- 9:30 Number one Fan
- 6:00 Benny Hill Shoe
- 6:30 Capitol
- 7:00 Family Pride
- 7:30 Heartbreak High
- 8:30 Benny Hill Shoe
- 9:00 Three's Company
- 9:30 Kate & Allie
- 10:00 Jesse
- 10:30 La Femme Nikita
- 11:30 Full House
- 12:00 Fresh Prince of Bel Air
- 12:30 Veronica's closet
- 1:00 Royal Canadian Air Farce
- 1:30 Benny Hill Show
- 2:00 Three's Company
- 2:30 Friends
- 3:00 Seinfeld
- 3:30 La Femme Nikita
- 4:30 Suddenly Susan
- 5:00 Mad About YOU
- 5:30 Heartbreak High
- 6:30 Full House
- 7:00 Movie Stars

ZEE MUSIC

- 6:30 Zee Music Box
- 7:30 Sizzlers
- 8:00 Zee Music Box
- 8:30 Dil Se
- 9:00 Sizzlers
- 9:30 Hit Pit Hit
- 10:30 Hit Mix
- 11:00 Zee Music Plus
- 12:00 Dialogue
- 12:30 Manoranjan
- 1:30 News At 7
- 2:00 Zee Business
- 2:30 Tara Rum
- 3:30 Just Jammin
- 4:00 Zee Music Plus
- 5:00 Dialogue
- 5:30 Hit mix
- 6:00 Zee Music Plus
- 7:00 Compact Disc
- 7:30 Zee Music Plus
- 8:30 RAAAH
- 9:30 First Take/Sizzlers
- 10:30 Dil Se
- 11:00 Jharokha
- 11:30 Zee Music Plus
- 11:30 Phonen Maal
- 7:00 Animal Doctor
- 7:30 World of Horses
- 8:00 The Aquanauts
- 8:30 Animal Planet Safari
- 9:30 Weir N Wonderful Friday
- 11:00 The Jeff Corwin Experience
- 12:00 Vets on the Wild Side
- 12:30 Animal Hospital
- 1:00 Vet's School
- 1:30 Wild Rescues
- 2:00 Champions of the Wild IV
- 2:30 Cats
- 3:00 Animal Planet Safari
- 4:00 Animal Doctor
- 4:30 Weir N Wonderful Friday
- 6:00 Shark Gordon
- 6:30 O'Shea's Big Adventure
- 7:00 Vets on the Wild Side
- 7:30 World of Horses
- 8:00 Animal Planet Safari
- 8:00 Savage Wilderness
- 10:00 Animal Doctor II
- 10:30 Weir N Wonderful Friday
- 12:00 Shark Gordon
- 7:30 Crocodile Hunter
- 8:30 Wild Discovery

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SONY

- 6:30 Music Mantra
- 7:00 Dil Ka Dwar Khol
- 7:30 Amrit Varsha
- 8:00 Sant AsaramVani
- 8:30 Charbusters
- 9:00 Good Morning Disney
- 10:00 Music Mantra
- 10:30 Bournvita Quiz Contest
- 11:00 Shree Ganesh
- 12:00 Mahadi Days
- 12:30 Pelhuan
- 1:00 Kkusum
- 1:30 Kanyadaan
- 2:00 Lajja
- 2:30 Milan
- 3:00 Hum Pardesi Ho Gaye
- 3:30 Thoda Hai... Thoda Ki Zarurat Hai
- 4:00 Just Mohabbat
- 4:30 Alpviram
- 5:00 Khwaish
- 5:30 Shri Krishna
- 6:30 Disney Hour
- 7:30 Charbusters
- 8:00 Music Mantra
- 8:30 Boogie Woogie
- 9:00 Par Is Dil Ko Kaise Samjaye
- 9:30 Kkusum
- 10:00 Heena
- 10:30 CID
- 11:00 Achanak 37 Saal Baad
- 11:30 Bhanwar
- 12:00 The Making of a Dream
- 7:30 Mini Movies : Inspector Eagle
- 8:30 Cahani Poori Filmi Hai: Deewar
- 9:00 Khusoorat
- 9:30 Kahani Poori Filmi Hai: Deewar
- 1:30 Sangam
- 5:00 Biographies
- 5:30 King Uncle
- 9:00 Hotlist
- 9:30 Chal Mere Bhai Parakh

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