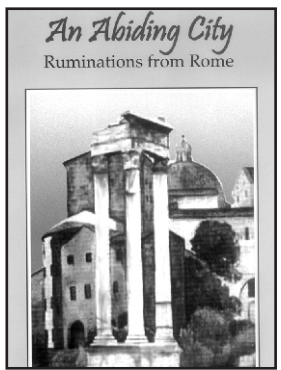


RECOMMENDATIONS



Book launching December 17 The University Press Limited and The Daily Star will jointly hold launching ceremony of the book 'An Abiding City: Ruminations from Rome' by Neeman A Sobhan.

Visions-1 December 10-24 Alliance Francaise de Dacca will host a avant-gardist French exhibition titled, 'Visions-1 new vision in fashion'.

Art Show November 20 January 10 A group art exhibition of four young artists is being held at the American International School at Baridhara in the city and remains open daily throughout the day.

Surya Utsav December 29 - January 02 Bangladesh Astronomical Association arranges one of its annual events, Surya Utsav (Sun Festival) as the organisation aims at showing the participants, several exciting matters including the first sunrise of the year 2003.

Exhibition

Placid colours, opaque lives

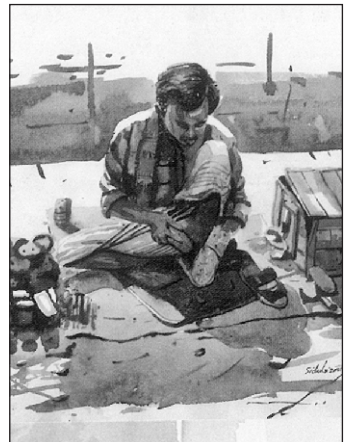
Four young artists' works exhibited at the American International School Gallery

SAIFUL ISLAM

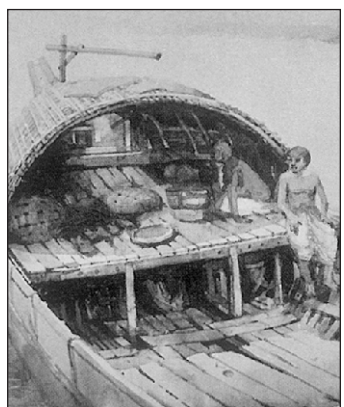
EXPLORATION of the lives of common men, celebration of their labour and struggle suffuse the works of the four young artists are being exhibited at the American International School Gallery in UN Road, Baridhara, Dhaka, titled 'The unsung heroes of Bangladesh'.

tion sprouting in society. Distortion, surrealism and use of pre-natural elements have become common materials in their works. Alienation, perversion, abuse and exploitation are subjects that they work mostly on.

Nevertheless, the fluidity and placidity of their works are being



Cobbler/Shoe repairman



Boat man

and peasants. A large proportion of protein comes from fishes, hundreds of fishermen work throughout the year boating along the rivers and the Bay of Bengal. Though the disparity between the rich and the poor is increasing the poor or the people involved in these noble professions comprise of eighty percents of the country, and they are busy in works that are not acknowledged by the rich.

Abdul Monem, born in 1973, is an MFA student, Craft, in the University of Dhaka. Abdur Razzaque Prodhhan was born in Rngpur, 1975. He passed BFA, drawing & Painting, in 1998 from Dhaka University. Saidul Islam, born in 1974, is a student of Lithograph, Atlanta, Georgia, USA. Hossain Muhammad was born in 1974 in Mymensingh. The exhibition has caused a ripple among the students and teachers of the American International in Dhaka.



Fisher man

Event

Begum Rokeya: "mother" of modern Bangladeshi women

Discussion and article reading on Begum Rokeya at Bangla Academy

RUMMAN UDDIN AHAMED

'BEGUM Rokeya Day' was observed on 9th of December 2002 with much ado. On this occasion Bangla Academy had organised an article reading and discussion ceremony on 'Humanity and Non-sectarianism in Begum Rokeya's literary thoughts'.

The discussion started with an impressive analysis of Begum Rokeya's literary works commented upon by Dr. Mansur Musa. He said that Begum Rokeya had created her writings not only for the sake of literature but to redeem the miserable situation of the society. During her time, womanhood was considered as an embarrassment; Begum Rokeya stood straight against all odds.

She was the exponent of the progression of respected womanhood: Dr. Mansur explained how backward were the Muslim communities specially Bengali women and how Begum Rokeya gleaned the merit of the Bengali womanhood. He spoke about Begum Rokeya's thirst for knowledge; he also said, "She was fond of history and she taught it to the ignorant society of her times."

Professor Selina Bahar Jahan presented an excellent article in the program. She said, "It is a pity that we still don't know about Begum Rokeya's birthday properly. We just assume that it is on 9th December. It is a pity that the Muslim fundamentalists did not let the people bury Begum Rokeya in Kolkata. She was



Begum Rokeya seen in her early years

later buried at the family graveyard of Late Abdul Aziz on 9th December 1932 in Syedpur." Dr. Selina Bahar Jahan later discussed Begum Rokeya's literary works and read from some of her writings. She spoke about "The Bishwakosh Shampradaya" and explained how this non-communal literary giant was referred to as 'Mother by the Hindus in her society. Dr. Jahan also illustrated Begum Rokeya's enormous concern for humanity, she had also narrated about the present society and voiced on that we have not come far enough from the society that Begum Rokeya had encountered. In her article Dr. Jahan explained how Begum Rokeya got the suffering women together and engaged them in social work. Begum Rokeya had established a school for the girls called, "Sakhawat Memorial Girls School", in that school all the teachers were non-Bengali and of other

caste and community except one, viz. M. Fatema Khanam. This of course focuses Begum Rokeya's respect for the singularity of knowledge through non-communalism. One was told that in her school Begum Rokeya taught mainly in Urdu and English. After that she introduced Bengali. Begum Rokeya always kept herself busy for the advancement of Bengali women and their self-respect. Throughout the article Jahan explored Begum Rokeya's incredible identity. As a whole, the discussion and article reading program arranged by the Bangla Academy had been laudable. Shahida Khanam had presented the program. Besides, on that very day at 4 p.m., on the occasion of 'Begum Rokeya Day', a publication ceremony of the book "Rokeya Manos Konna: Sritigatha" was held at 3, Paribag, Dhaka.

Dance



Geeta Mahalik performing Odissi dance at the National Museum auditorium on December 9

Bazaar to bring home unique paintings and bric-a-bracs

"Britto" art bazaar at Gulshan, held on Dec 12; "Britto" workshop in Jan. 2003

CULTURE DESK

'BRITTO' international artists workshop will be held shortly in the city. "Britto" is a newly founded, artist-led, non-profit trust committed to promoting exchange and dialogue between artistic communities internationally and particularly within the South Asian region.

While our Government Academy is doing its best to provide a forum for the arts, it is limited by its resources and philosophy and is unable to cater to the more experimental demands of younger artists. Furthermore, while there are several workshops and exhibitions which have been organised in previous years within Bangladesh, contemporary global reflection and critical discourse are not necessarily reflected in these programmes.

"Britto" is committed to raising awareness and gaining a higher profile for the artists of Bangladesh and the region in this global art scenario. It is proposing to hold an international artists' workshop in January 2003, during which artists from 10 different countries will live and work together with an equal number of artists from Bangladesh. The artists will work in an environment of exchange and experimentation at a suitable venue outside of Dhaka.

As an extension of "Britto", the organizers have an ambitious outreach programme, which includes lectures and talks given by the artists during the workshop at various institutes. An open studio day, when the public is invited to view the artwork, is organised at the end of the two-week workshop. "Britto" members are confident that this will be well attended by students, artists and the general public.

To continue this intercultural interaction, a public symposium and evening event for local sponsors and the general public will be held at the British Council Auditorium after the open studio day in Dhaka.

The programmes are being coordinated with the help of the German Embassy.

TV GUIDE

BTV

Morning 8.40 Alor Pathe 9.00 Khabar 9.05 Khaladhula 9.30 Shadesh Shanskriti 10.00 The News 10.05 Cartoon 10.35 Notun Kuri 2002 11.00 News Headlines 11.00 News Headlines 3.15 Desher Gan 3.20 Bengali Feature Film 4.00 News Headlines 4.30 Agker Shanbadpatra 5.00 Khabar 5.45 Shashatabhya 6.00 Khabar 6.10 Cartoon 6.35 Programs from Chittagong Center 7.00 News Headlines (English) 7.05 Weather Report 7.10 Malancho 7.30 Tomy Miar Kitchen 8.00 8 O'Clock Bengali News 8.30 Apnar Charpath 9.00 Cine Magazine 10.00 10 O'Clock English News 10.25 Shangbad Protibedon 10.30 Tele Film 11.30 Khabar / The News

CHANNEL-i

Morning 7.00 Prothom Sur 9.30 Music Plus 10.30 House Full 11.10 Minimal 2.00 Shatter Shandhane 7.45 Double Maza 5.05 Documentary Program 5.35 Children's Show 6.10 Music Plus 6.45 Baro Masher Ranna 7.15 Channel Eye News 7.45 Ispahani Eye Tele Quiz (Question) 7.55 Shajai Shapna Ghar 8.25 Sunlight Priyo Natok 9.00 Channel Eye News 9.30 Shanbadpotre Bngladesh Channel Eye Tele Quiz (Result) 10.00 Drama Serial : Jao Pakhi 10.25 Channel Eye Mobile Quiz 2525 11.15 Merin Loketon Thake 12.00 Channel Eye News

ATN BANGLA

6:00 Islamic prog 8:00 ATN Bangla News 8:25 Drama serial : Balobashar Suk Dukkh 9:00 Magazine prog: Tasmery Kechokhon 9:35 Drama serial : Belete Bilas 12:00 ATN Bangla News 2:05 Film song's prog : Surchobi 2:30 ATN Bangla News Headlines 2:45 Bengali feature film : Lat Saheber Meya 5:50 Islamic prog : Islame Sawal O Jabab 6:25 Child prog : Shapla Shaluk 7:00 ATN Bangla Evening News 7:25 Solo musical prog : Singer : Topon Chowdhury 8:00 Reporting Prog, Ghotona Probhah 8:35 Puppet magazine : The World of Jonathon Sing 9:00 ATN Bangla News 9:15 Drama serial : Ghoyenda Kahene 10:00 ATN Bangla News 10:35 Talk show : Sekal Akal 11:10 Musical Prog: ATN Bangla News 12:00 Bengali feature film : Nure

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 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

6:00 Hanover Street 8:45 Night Falls on Manhattan 11:00 Rage and Honor : Hostile Takeover 1:00 The Art of War 3:15 Sleepers 6:00 Bats 8:00 Barb Wire 10:00 Universal Soldier : The Return 11:45 Dudley Do-Right 1:15 The Art of War 3:30 The Shawshank Redemption

AXN

6:30 Ripley's Believe It or Not! 7:30 Felix Hunter Three Rivers to Cross 8:30 Exploring the Unknown 9:30 Rated X 10:00 Boarding Pass 10:30 Pacific Blue 11:30 The Agency 12:30 Ripley's Believe It or Not! 1:30 The Amazing Race 2:30 Movie : Manhunter Best of Prime Zone 3:30 Pacific Blue 4:30 Treasure Hunt 5:30 Treasure Hunt 6:30 Beastmaster/Sisters 7:30 Best of X Zone The Amazing 8:30 Ripley's Believe It or Not! 9:30 Babelicious Saturday Movie : Single White Female 10:30 Pacific Blue 11:30 Treasure Hunt

SONY

6:00 Music Mantra 7:45 High Fidelity 9:45 Replicant 11:30 After Midnight 1:15 Life With Mikey 3:00 The Mighty Ducks 5:00 High Fidelity 7:00 Doppelganger 8:45 Pacific Heights 10:30 Brotherhood 12:15 Remember The Titans 2:15 Stepfather II 06:00 Star Geetmala 07:00 Chupa Rustam 07:30 Aatma 08:30 Hit Filmein Hit Sangeet 09:00 Fox Kids 09:40 Hit Geet 09:55 Kya Film Kya Geet

TODAY'S HIGHLIGHTS

STAR MOVIES: 8:45p.m. Pacific Heights. Based on a real life experience, a couple Patty and Drake buy their dream house in San Francisco. They decide to rent out the ground floor apartment to help out with the mortgage payments. Charming Carter Hayes initially seems to be an ideal tenant, but after he moves in things begin to go wrong. He doesn't pay his rent, refuses to leave and barricades himself in.

AXN: 9:30 p.m. Single White Female. When a 'Single White Female' places an ad in the press for a similar woman to rent a room (to replace the boyfriend she's just left), all the applicants seem weird. Then along comes a level headed woman who seems to be just right. The new lodger has a secret past which haunts her.

SET MAX

7:30 Mini Movies : Anokhi Chall 8:30 Kapil Di Se 9:30 Ghaath 1:00 Current Bollywood 1:30 Sharabi 5:00 Hotlist 5:30 Aap Ke Deewane 9:00 Cricket Masters 9:30 Oh Darling Yeh Hai India 1:00 Hotlist 1:30 Sharafat 4:30 Jagir

STAR MOVIES

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STAR PLUS (Thirty minutes plus)

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PICK OF THE DAY



Universal Soldier: The Return On HBO at 10:00 p.m. The 'Muscles from Brussels' kicks his way back into the limelight with this follow-up to the 1992 Roland Emmerich-Dean Devlin production. This time, Luc Deveraux (Van Damme) must face off against an evil supercomputer, SETH and its minions -- killer cyborg soldiers known as Unisols.

STAR GOLD

(Thirty minutes plus) 06:30 Hit Filmein Hit Sangeet 07:00 Durgesh Nandini 10:30 Jubilee Plus 18:00 Bol Baby Bol 18:30 Yatra 19:00 Kya Film Kya Geet 19:00 Sea Hawks 20:00 Haseena Maan Jayegi 23:00 Musafir Hoon Yaaron 23:30 Aaj Ki Baat

STAR WORLD

(Thirty minutes plus) 06:30 Water Rats 06:30 The Simpsons 07:00 Malcolm In The Middle 07:30 The Bold & The Beautiful 09:30 Rendezvous With Simi Garewal 10:00 Travel Asia 10:30 Goosebumps 11:00 Life With Louie 11:30 The Tick 12:00 X-Men 12:30 World's Wildest Police Videos

CHANNEL [V]

(Thirty minutes plus) 07:00 [V] Saturday Stack 07:30 [V] Back To Back 08:00 [V] Jumpstart 09:00 [V] Saturday Stack 09:30 [V] Back To Back 10:00 [V] Saturday Stack 10:30 [V] Back To Back 11:00 [V] Saturday Stack 11:30 [V] Zabdardast Hits 12:00 [V] Saturday Stack

CARTOON NETWORK

(Thirty minutes plus) 6:00 The Perils Of Penelope Pitstop 6:30 Josie And The Pussycats 7:00 The Cartoon Cartoon Show 8:00 Tom & Jerry Show 9:00 Jackie Chan Adventures 9:30 Hong Kong Phooey 10:00 Superman The Animated Series - Double Eps 11:00 The Real Adventures Of Jonny Quest 11:30 Swat Kats 12:00 The Mask - Double Episodes 1:00 Richie Rich 1:30 A Pup Named Scooby Doo 2:00 Tom & Jerry Show 3:00 The Flintstones And Jetsons Hour 4:00 The Popeye Show 5:00 The Powerpuff Girls - Double Episodes 6:00 Dan Dare 6:30 Cardcaptors 2 7:00 Samurai Jack 7:30 Hong Kong Phooey 8:00 Superman The Animated Series - Double Eps 9:00 The Flintstones And Jetsons Hour 10:00 The Real Adventures Of Jonny Quest 10:30 Sheep In The Big City 12:00 Dan Dare 12:30 Cardcaptors 2

ESPN

(Thirty minutes plus) 02:00 Sportscenter Hindi (T) 02:30 Australia Cricket Vb Series Sydney, Sportsline (R) 02:55 Sportsline Tonight Sportsline (R) 03:25 New Zealand Cricket National Bank Series 02/03 Wellington, New Zealand Vs India 1st Test, Day 3, 1st Session(L) 04:00 Sportscenter Hindi (R) 04:30 Nba Action (T) 05:00 Sportscenter Hindi (R) 05:30 Nba Basketball Indianapolis, In Usa Denver Nuggets Vs Indiana Pacers (L) 08:00 Here We Go! English Premier League

NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC

(Thirty minutes plus) 06:30 Animal Edens 07:00 Mummy Road Show Tales Of The Living Dead 08:00 Earth Report 08:30 Earthpulse 09:00 In Dogon Country Nat Geo Genius 10:00 Tomorrow's World On Assignment 11:00 Jungle Grave 12:00 Great Adventures WithHayden Turner 13:00 Hornets:A Sting In The Tale 14:00 Raptors In Microcosm 14:30 Wild World Of The East

STAR SPORTS

(Thirty minutes plus) 02:00 Futbol Mundial (R) 02:25 Sportsline Tonight Sportsline (R) 02:55 Sportsline Tonight Sportsline (R) 03:25 New Zealand Cricket National Bank Series 02/03 Wellington, New Zealand Vs India 1st Test, Day 3, 1st Session(L) 04:00 Sportscenter Hindi (R) 04:30 Nba Action (T) 05:00 Sportscenter Hindi (R) 05:30 Nba Basketball Indianapolis, In Usa Denver Nuggets Vs Indiana Pacers (L) 08:00 Here We Go! English Premier League

HALLMARK

6:00 The Great Mom Swap 8:00 Katts and Dog 9:30 Ghostwriter 10:00 Sesame Street 10:30 Scholastic Clifford 11:00 The Other Side of Love 1:00 Journey 3:00 Taking a Chance on Love 5:00 Star Trek : Voyager

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New Zealand Cricket National Bank Series 02/03 Wellington, New Zealand Vs India 1st Test, Day 3, 2nd & 3rd Session(L) 10:30 New Zealand Cricket National Bank Series 02/03 Wellington, New Zealand Vs India 1st Test, Day 3, Review(L) 11:30 Cricket Programming Super Selector (R) 12:00 Nba Inside Stuff (R) 12:30 Football Asia (T) 13:00 Here We Go! English Premier League Preview (R) 13:30 Spanish League Highlights 2002/03 Spanish League Highlights (T) 14:00 New Zealand Cricket National Bank Series 02/03 Wellington, New Zealand Vs India 1st Test, Day 3, Highlights(S) 16:00 Rally Racing Mai Indian National Rally C'ship 2002 Nashik, India Event Highlights(T) 16:30 Sachin Tendulkar Programming India Vs... Presented By Sachin Tendulkar (R) 17:30 New Zealand Cricket National Bank Series 02/03 Wellington, New Zealand Vs India 1st Test, Day 3, Highlights(R) 19:30 Cricket Programming Super Selector (R) 20:00 New Zealand Cricket National Bank Series 02/03 Wellington, New Zealand Vs India 1st Test, Day 3, Highlights(R) 22:00 New Zealand Cricket National Bank Series 02/03 Wellington, New Zealand Vs India 1st Test, Day 3, Lunchtime