

RECOMMENDATIONS

Tapan Sinha Retrospective
Zahir Raihan Film Society.
December 24
Sagina Mahato (1970) at 05.30 p.m.
December 25
Atanka (1986) at 03 p.m.
Harmonium (1975) at 05.30 p.m.
December 26
Banchharamer Bagan (1980) at 05.30 p.m.
December 27
Adalat O Ekti Meye (1981) at 05.30 p.m.

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.

Exhibition
December 20-31
Solo painting exhibition of Rafiqul Islam at Divine Art Gallery.

Indian Classical
December 24
Shamima Parvin will perform Indian classical music at the Alliance Francaise de Dacca at 7.00 p.m.

Music
December 24
Classical Indian music concert at Alliance Francaise. Singer: Shamima Parveen with Dipon Sarkar on the guitar and Sayed Sajid Hossain on the tabla at 7p.m.

Paintings
December 26-30
Exhibition of paintings of Rohena Alam Khan and Lamia Wajeehah Hossain at Drik Gallery.

7th Berger Young Painters' Art Exhibition
December 22-26
The 7th Berger Young Painters' Art Exhibition 2002 opens today at the Zainul Gallery of Institute of Fine Arts, University of Dhaka at 11 a.m. The exhibition will remain open for visitors from 11 a.m. to 7.30 p.m.

Exhibition

Toils and turbulence of city life

Rafiqul Islam's solo exhibit at Divine Art Gallery

FAYZA HAQ

HERE are artists who tend to sometimes shun the reality of metropolitan life. But Rafiqul Islam is no escapist. He brings in the clamor, confusion and chaos of every day metropolitan existence with its pollution, overcrowding and high rise mushrooming buildings with subtlety and imagination. Although it is the humdrum everyday existence that brings on to his paper, yet he does it with such a style and choice of lines and colours that the conglomeration of humans, machines, buildings vehicles etc, that are brought into his paintings do not create a confusion in our minds. In fact, he portrays the reality with the buoyant colours of his palette in such a manner that we are not disoriented or disgusted with the portrayal of the crazy, confusing rush to get about one's work in the cities of Bangladesh.

For Rafiqul Islam it is not the flowers, boats, fish or the opalescent moon that provide the inspiration of his work. He is no escapist or one to idolize the glory of the retreat to peaceful harmony of our country side, for instance, or even the beauty and harmony to be found from time to time, in spots in the cities or near the few gardens or lakes. Out of the harum-scarum lust for city existence come Rafiqul Islam's harmonious creations with colours of joie de vivre and lines of superb confidence with which he depicts the truth of daily city life. To have combined the forms and colours with such suavity and dexterity in water colour speaks of mastery over the brush as one must be swift in applying water washes as compared to acrylic or oil. This is although Rafiqul has experimented at times, with mixed media too.

We see swirls, rectangles, semi-circles, loops and bars of colours which vary from cobalt blue to paler shades of sky blue, along with orange, russet and gray-green in Rafiqul's "From City Life-1". Bars and splashes of gray are included in the right end and in the backdrop as also in the body of the painting. Minute geometrical shapes have been used to work on the main body of the water-colour creation. The lines are bold and so are the



From city life-1 (water-colour)

vibrant colours. One can imagine the pulsating life in the city with its machines and human coexisting in a pell-mell manner that evokes the suffocation and stifling claustrophobia in the cities where man

must survive despite the hurry and scurry of the pattern of urban life. The dirt and grime of the unavoidable urban existence with all the electrical gadgets, streams of vehicles, the overpowering

squeezing of space, as row upon row of tall buildings go up, leaving little space for normal, peaceful life for humans are all brought in.

Rafiqul's "Shade of inner vision", which is in mixed media,

has departed from the use of a single medium to depict the agony and frustrations of the mind's of men in the city. There are innumerable loops in shades of jade green, fire-red, gray-blue and blue verging into red. With those in the backdrop come dots, rectangles and u-shapes as well as cross marks and squiggles. These vary from orange to burnt-sienna and burnt-umber and are sometimes carefully outlined. The forefront appears pale in comparison as do parts of the background so that the mixture of images from a tormented mind are well presented with the rectangle of white in the centre.

Another mixed media which has the same theme of "Shade of inner vision" is another flamboyant mixture of splashes of colours which are basically dark, varying from black and dark blue to greens and browns. The geometrical shapes here are held together by thick black texture work along the centre and spaced out to the top and the forefront. This medley of colours is juxtaposed against a

pale gray and lemon yellow backdrop, so that the disharmony of the modern mind, with its hang ups and compulsions are well portrayed in a dramatic manner.

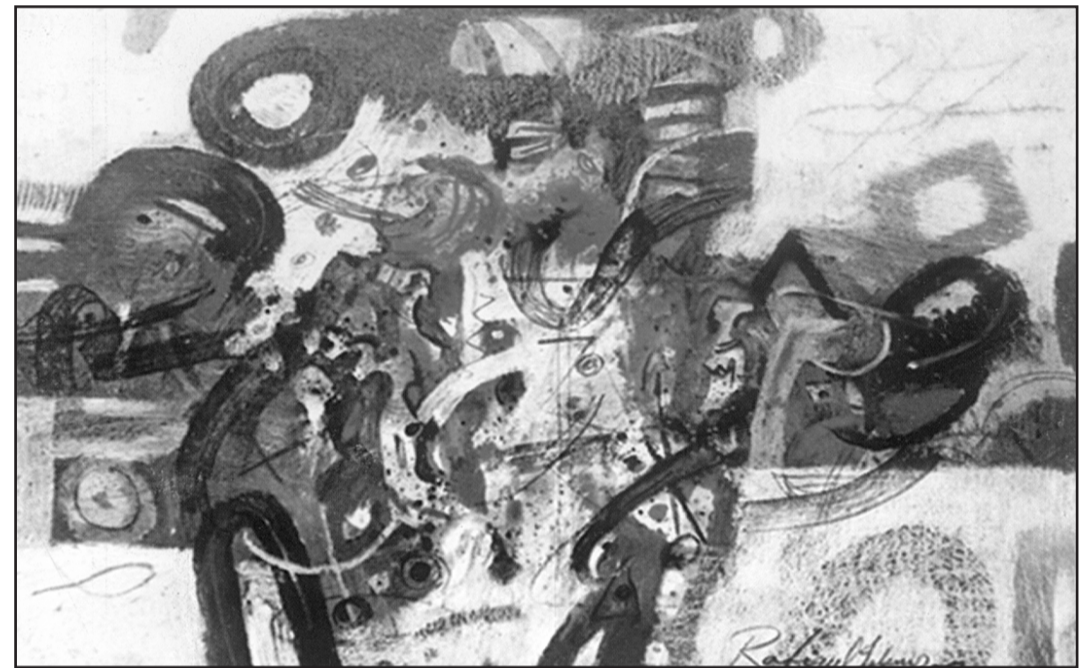
Something more soothing is seen in "From Nature", a water colour, where the artist has remembered that nature too plays some part in our parks, lawns and gardens in the city and even though flowers and leaves maybe confined to the verandah or the staircase landing or even the living room table's flower vase. In this Rafiqul has used waves of sea-green, splashes of soft orange and lines of delicate turquoise to delineate his impression of flowers and leaves. He has brought in the essential barks of trees in the loops, zigzags and splashes of burnt umber and muted grays. Sunflower yellow has not been left out as it has been mingled with the rest of the intermingling splashes and abstract forms. The contrast of white with its dainty dots in shades of muted red and brown lends balance with the composition.

Despite the rhythm and harmony of the forms, lines and colours, here too there is not the idyllic impact which we get in most other Bangladeshi artists' depiction of nature.

Rafiqul Islam has his BFA from the Institute of Fine Arts, DU, and has made study tours in India (1979) and China (1980). He has won two awards including the 2nd prize for layout design from the National Monument Shikah Chironant on Suhruwardy Garden, and the 3rd prize for design and model at the BSCIC pavilion of Dhaka International Trade Fair, DITF (1999). He has taken part in innumerable joint exhibitions such as the 5th Asian Biennale, Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy, Art exhibition of cyclone victims at the Institute of Fine Arts, DU. The 14th National Art Exhibition, Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy etc. He has also exhibited his works at Iran and Oman. This is his fourth solo venture and the exhibition lasts till 31st December.



Shades of inner vision-3 (mixed media)



Shades of inner vision-2 (mixed media)

TV GUIDE

BTV

12.10 p.m. Opening
12.10 News Headlines
12.15 Patriotic Songs
12.20 Drama of this Week (Re-telecast)
01.00 Khabar
01.45 Aiker Shangbadptra
02.00 News Headlines
02.05 Open University
02.25 Health Bulletin
02.45 Shobar Jonoy Shikkha
03.00 Khabar
03.10 Children's News
03.15 Cartoon Show
03.40 Chander Hashi
04.00 News Headlines
04.10 Shangeeta
04.35 Shukhi Poribar
05.00 Khabar
05.05 Boi-Potra
06.00 Khabar
06.10 Nazrulgeeti Programme: Shandhyamaloti
06.35 Programmes of Chittagong Centre
07.00 News Headlines
07.05 Weather Bulletin
07.10 Drama Serial: Danrao Shomyo
07.30 Chhandey-chhandey
08.00 Bangla Shangbad of 8'o clock
08.30 Drama Serial: Char Kolmi-r Shukh Dukkha
09.00 Drama Serial: Hothat Kokhon
09.30 Chhaya-chhanda
10.00 English News of 10'o clock
10.25 News Report
10.30 Rimjhim
11.30 Khabar/ The News
CHANNEL-i
Morning session
07.00 a.m. Prothom Shur
09.30 Music Plus
10.35 Bashor Ghar
10.50 CloseUp-JukeBox
11.25 Drama Serial: Amader Graam Amader Shefali
12.00 p.m. Drama Serial: Dola
12.30 Business Show
02.00 Bangla Feature Film: Bhai Bondhu
Evening session
05.35 p.m. Srishti Shukher Ulyashay: Biographical programme on Dr. Nurul Islam
06.10 Music Plus
06.50 i Sports
07.15 Channel-i News
07.45 Ispahani-i Tele Quiz (Questions)
07.55 Drama Serial: Durer Akash
08.25 Drama Serial: Grihagalpo
09.00 Channel-i News
09.30 Shangbadptraey Bangladesh
09.40 Ispahani-i Tele Quiz (Answers)
10.00 Drama Serial: Britter Balrey
10.25 Channel-i Mobile Quiz
10.30 Channel-i News
11.15 Shurer Kobita

ATN

6:00 Islamic prog.
8:00 ATN Bangla News
8:25 Children prog : ATN
Sapla Saluk Gold
Medel Protejugeta
9:35 Reporting prog :
Ghotonar Napathee
10:10 Magazine prog :
Sutorang
12:00 ATN Bangla News
2:05 Musical prog : ATN
Music
2:30 ATN Bangla News
Headlines
2:45 Bengali feature film:
Biswas Abiswas
5:50 Islamic prog : Islame
Sawal O Jabab
6:25 Musical prog : Music
Time
7:00 ATN Bangla Evening
News
7:25 Magazine : Audio
Mela
8:00 Computer Based
prog : ATN Computer
Projukte
8:35 Film magazine :
Henolux Benudon
10:00 ATN Bangladesh
News
9:15 Musical prog : Saet
Rang
10:00 ATN Bangladesh
News
10:35 Special prog :
11:10 Musical prog :
11:30 ATN Bangla News
12:00 Bengali feature film :
Rup Nogorer
Rajkanna
HBO
6:30 The Flying Dutch-
man
8:15 Friday The 13th : The
Final Chapter
10:00 Double Platinum
12:00 Rush Hour
2:00 Dragonheart
4:00 Superstar
5:45 Cry Freedom
9:00 Night Visions EP 11:
Patterns Voices
10:00 The Art of War

12:15 Maverick
2:45 Rush Hour
4:45 Superstar
STAR MOVIES
7:30am The Mighty Ducks
9:30 The X-Men
11:15 Legends Of The Fall
1:30 MAC & Me
3:15 The New Adven-
tures of Pinocchio
5:00 Toys
7:00 Dazed and
Confused
9:00 Remember The
Titans
11:00 Pumpkinhear :
Blood Wings
12:45 Legends Of The Fall
STAR PLUS
(Thirty minutes plus)
6:30 Geet Bahar
7:00 Shaka Laka Boom
Boom
7:30 Aatma
8:30 Hit Filmein Hit
Sangeet
9:00 Fox Kids
9:40 Hit Geet
9:55 Kya Film Kya Geet
10:00 Maal Hai To Taal Hai
Bichitra
10:30 Hera Pheri
11:00 Meri Saheli
11:25 Film Toppers
11:30 Shanti
12:00 Hit Filmein Hit
Sangeet
12:30 Kasautii Zindagii Kay
Kumkum - Pyara Sa
Bandhan
13:30 Bhabhi
14:00 Kyunki Saas Bhi
Kabhi Bahu Thi
14:30 Shagun
15:00 Kahaani Ghar Ghar
Kii
15:30 Smriti
16:30 Kaahin Kissi Roz
16:30 Saans
17:00 Hit Filmein Hit
Sangeet
17:30 Small Wonder
18:00 Fox Kids
18:40 Aaj Ki Baat
18:55 Kya Film Kya Geet
19:00 Kumkum - Pyara Sa

TODAY'S HIGHLIGHTS

WESLEY SNIPES
HBO: 10 p.m. *The Art of War*. Shaw is an operative for the United Nations' covert dirty-tricks squad, using espionage and quasi-ethical tactics to secure peace and cooperation. When a shipping container full of dead Vietnamese refugees turns up on the docks and China's ambassador is gunned down at a dinner celebrating a new trade agreement with China and the US, Shaw is framed for the murder and must evade the FBI and Triad gangsters to find out what is really going on.

REMEMBER THE TITANS
STAR MOVIES: 9.00 p.m. *Remember the Titans*. Suburban Virginia schools have been segregated for generations, in sight of the Washington Monument over the river in the nation's capital. One Black and one White high school are closed and the students sent to T.C. Williams High School under federal mandate to integrate. The year is seen through the eyes of the football team where the man hired to coach the Black school is made head coach over the highly successful white coach.

Bandhan
19:25 Film Toppers
19:30 Shaka Laka Boom
Boom
20:00 Khichdi
20:30 Kasautii Zindagii Kay
21:00 Kehta Hai Dil
22:00 Kahaani Ghar Ghar
Kii
22:30 Kyunki Saas Bhi
Kabhi Bahu Thi
23:00 Kaahin Kissi Roz
23:30 Aaj Ki Baat
STAR WORLD
(Thirty minutes plus)
06:30 Oprah Winfrey Show
07:28 Star Asia Travel
07:30 Bugs
08:30 That 70s Show
09:00 Grounded For Life
09:30 Boston Public
10:30 Oprah Winfrey Show
11:28 Star Asia Travel
11:30 Everybody Loves
Raymond
12:00 Becker
12:30 Suddenly Susan
13:00 Bold&Beautifu
13:30 Hollywood Squares
14:00 The Brady Bunch
14:30 Baywatch
15:30 The Simpsons
16:00 Cheers
16:30 Starnews Asia
17:00 Frasier
17:30 The Drew Carey
Show
18:00 Whose Line Is It
Anyway
18:25 Starnews Asia
18:30 Marc Anthony
19:30 Celine Dion
20:28 Star Asia Travel
20:30 Frasier
21:00 The Drew Carey
Show
21:30 Whose Line Is It
Anyway
22:00 Marc Anthony
23:00 Celine Dion
STAR GOLD
(Thirty minutes plus)
6:30 Geet Bahar
7:00 Rahu Ketu -
Sundaymatinee
10:30 Hit Filmein Hit
Sangeet
11:00 Salma
14:00 Geet Bahar
14:30 Hit Filmein Hit
Sangeet
15:00 Love In Tokyo
18:15 Hit Geet
18:30 Hit Filmein Hit
Sangeet

PICK OF THE DAY

Maverick
On HBO at 12.15 a.m. *Maverick* is recreated from the character James Garner created in the 1950s TV program. *Maverick* is a gambler who would rather con someone than fight them. He needs an additional three thousand dollars in order to enter a Winner Take All poker game that begins in a few days.

Jaan Ki Baazi
22:30 Geet Gata Chal
23:00 Hit Filmein Hit Sangeet
23:30 Angoor
CHANNEL [V]
(Thirty minutes plus)
7:00 [V] Hit Machine
7:30 [V] Back To Back
8:00 [V] Jumpstart
9:00 [V] Hit Machine
9:30 [V] Back To Back
10:00 [V] Hit Machine
10:30 [V] Back To Back
11:00 [V] Hit Machine
11:30 [V] Zabdardast Hits
12:00 [V] Jungli Jukebox
12:30 [V] Fdfs
13:00 [V] Hit Machine
14:00 [V] Back To Back
14:30 [V] Zabdardast Hits
15:00 [V] Back To Back
15:30 [V] Hit Machine
16:00 [V] Hotline
17:00 Vitop5@5
17:30 [V]Ideo War
17:45 [V] Hit Machine
18:00 Very V
19:00 Ctrl [V]
19:30 [V] Zabdardast Hits
20:00 [V] Back To Back
20:30 [V] Zabdardast Hits

Christmas*
3:30 The Mask
4:00 Swat Kats
4:30 The New Adventures
of Captain Planet
5:00 Dexter's Laboratory
5:30 Jackie Chan Adven-
tures
6:00 All New Popeye
6:30 Scooby Doo Hour
7:30 The Powerpuff Girls
8:00 The Looney Tunes
Show
9:00 The Cartoon Cartoon
Show
10:00 Johnny Bravo
10:30 Superfriends
11:00 Lippy The Lion
12:00 Swat Kats
12:30 The New Adventures
of Captain Planet
ADVENTURE
ONE
(Thirty minutes plus)
06:30 Across The Line - S2
07:00 Treasure Seekers
08:00 Surfer's Journal
08:30 Explorer's Journal
09:30 Explorer
10:30 Cycling Mongolia
11:30 Danger Diaries
12:30 Across The Line - S2
13:00 Treasure Seekers
14:00 Surfer's Journal
14:30 Explorer's Journal
15:30 Treasure Seekers
16:30 Surfer's Journal
17:00 Explorer's Journal
18:00 Ng Explorer
19:00 Fresh Air Crew
19:30 Bird Nesters Of
Thailand
20:00 The New Adventures
of Captain Planet
20:00 Mike Lu & Og
10:30 Jetsons
11:00 The Penis of Penelope
Pitstop
11:30 Josie and the
Pussycats
12:00 The Looney Tunes
Show
1:00 Tom & Jerry Kids
1:30 The Powerpuff Girls
2:00 The Scooby Doo Show
A Cartoon Network

Sachin Tendulkar (R)
7:30 American Muscle 2002
8:00 Pool World Pool
Masters 2002
Finals(R)
9:00 Winter X Games
Classix Winter X
Games VI Classix -
Moto X Mt. Aspen, CO
USA (R)
9:30 English Premier
Football League
English Premier
Football League
2002/03 Blackburn,
ENGLAND Blackburn
Rovers Vs Manchester
United (R)
11:30 Motorsport Asia (R)
12:00 Ladies Pro Bowlers
Tour Pwba Shootout
Las Vegas, NV USA
(R)
13:00 Women'S Pro Billiards
2002 Wpba Classic
Tour Albuquerque, NM
USA Finals(T)
14:00 Football Focus (R)
15:00 Asian Bowling Tour
Aviva Asian Bowling
Tour, Hong Kong
Semifinals & Finals(T)
18:00 English Premier
Football League
English Premier
Football League
2002/03 Manchester,
ENGLAND Manches-
ter City Vs Tottenham
Hotspur (R)
20:00 Sportscenter Hindi
Super Plays Of
2002(T)
20:30 Sachin Tendulkar
Programming India
Vs... Presented By
Sachin Tendulkar (T)
Goals! (T)
21:00 Pro Billiards 2002
Wheelchair Billiards
(R)
23:00 Sportscenter Hindi
Super Plays Of
2002(R)
23:30 English Premier

Football League
English Premier
Football League
2002/03 Liverpool,
ENGLAND Liverpool
Vs Everton (R)
STAR SPORTS
(Thirty minutes plus)
9:30 Watersports World (T)
10:30 Gillette World Sports
Special Gillette World
Sports (R)
11:00 Trans World Sport (T)
12:00 English Premier
Football League
English Premier
Football League
2002/03 Blackburn,
ENGLAND Blackburn
Rovers Vs Manchester
United (T)
14:00 Yachting World
Yachting Series 2002
Clipper Rd The World
Yacht Race-
Portugal(T)
14:30 Max Power Max
Power 2002 (T)
15:30 Sports Unlimited (T)
16:30 Go Kart Mif Formule
Mondiale C'Ship 2002
Mumbai, MA INDIA
Event Highlights(T)
17:00 On The Limit On The
Limil 2002 - Japanese
Gt C'Ship Suzuka
Circuit, JAPAN Round
8(T)
17:30 Spanish Football
League 2002/03
Spanish Football
League (T)
19:30 Sportsline Tonight
Sportsline (L)
20:00 English Premier
League Highlights
English Premier
League Highlights
2002/03 (T)
21:00 Sachin Tendulkar
Programming India Vs.
Presented By Sachin
Tendulkar (T)
22:00 Sportsline Tonight
Sportsline (T)
22:30 Cricket Talk Show