

RECOMMENDATIONS



Art Exhibition

A solo exhibition of paintings by Abdu Satter is going on at the Saju Art Gallery. It is the artist's 19th solo exhibition. The exhibition is open from 10 a.m. up to 8.30 p.m. till January 5, 2003 every day except Friday.

15th National Fine Arts Exhibition 2002

December 28

The 15th National Fine Arts Exhibition 2002 starts on December 28 at the Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy. At the exhibition several awards including Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy Award 2002 for the Best Work, Bengal Foundation Award, Arab Bangladesh Bank Award, Deepa Haque Award, Bashundhara Group Award and Pacific Group Gold Medal will be declared. Honourable President Professor Dr. Iajuddin Ahmed will inaugurate the exhibition. The exhibition will run through January 27 everyday from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. and from 3 p.m. to 7 p.m. on Fridays.

Exhibition

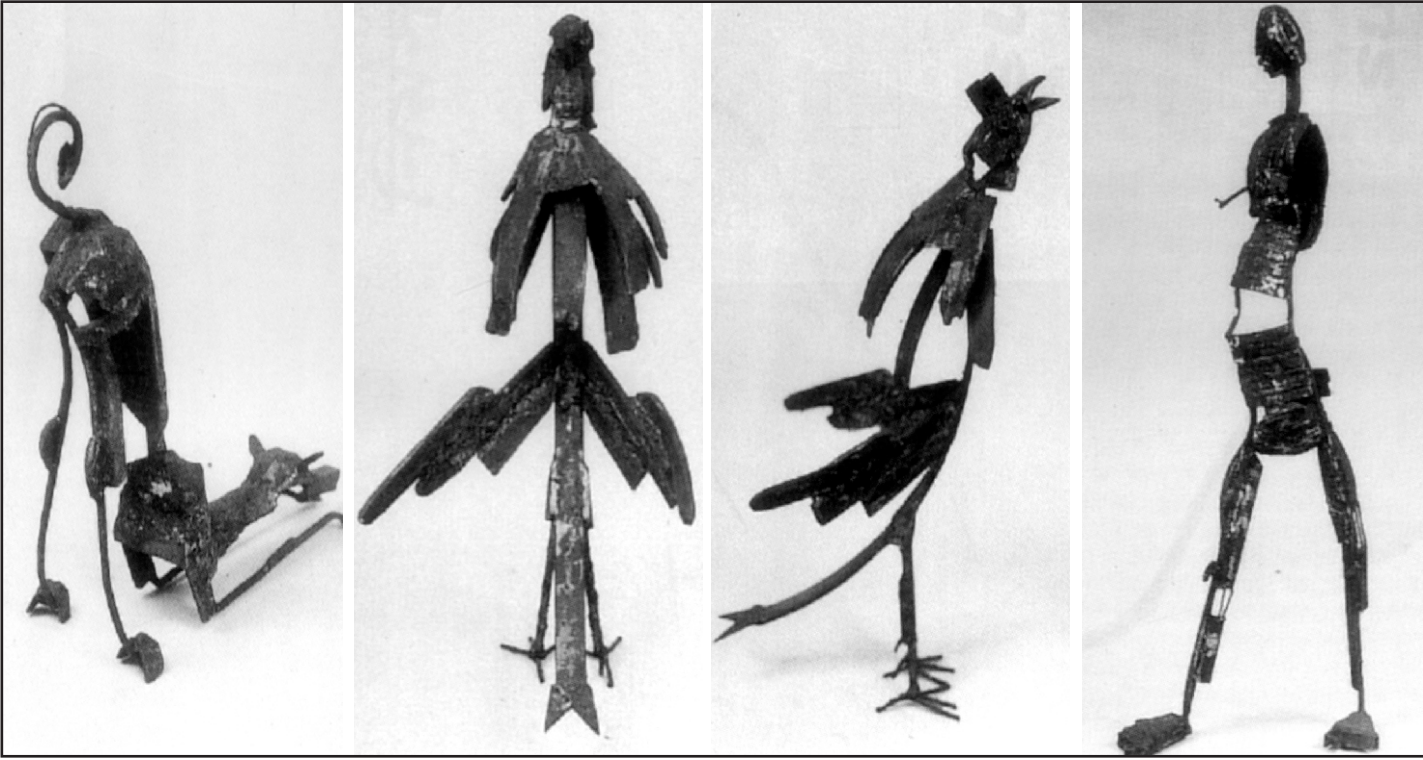
December 27-January 8

A solo exhibition of paintings by A H M Bashirullah will start at the Alliance Francaise de Dacca on December 27 at 5 p.m. The exhibition will remain open for visitors up to January 8 everyday from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Exhibition

Plain but provocative

Towfiqur Rahman's sculpture exhibition at Gallery "Chittrak"



Samples of Tawfiqur Rahman's sculpture exhibition seen at Gallery "Chittrak"

SAIFUL ISLAM

THE sculptures of Towfiqur Rahman though seem non-elaborate are not non-rhetorical. The way they hold the eyes of the viewers trapped in the hollows inside the volume deliberately created by the artist is another important aspect of the sculptor's works. The unbiased geometrical formations of sculptor Towfiqur Rahman are being exhibited at Gallery Chittrak in Dhaka from 20 December 2002; the exhibition will be open for the visitors till December 31, 2002.

Towfiqur Rahman's sculptures are being exhibited at a time when sculptor Hamiduzzaman Khan is holding an exhibition of his works at the Bengal Shilpalaya.

Hamiduzzaman Khan's works are minimalist and Towfiqur's focus seems to be more on the jigsaw puzzle of space. His works, done in welded iron, can be taken as pure

formations though they are not totally solid. His works titled Figure provokes us. The space left vacant in-between the shits of iron that has made a human figure standing erect makes our eyes wait for moments. We think as we look through the space. In this way passages are created in time by the sculptor to make us contemplate. The works titled The Boy on Buffalo also play with space.

Nisar Hossain commented that Towfiqur Rahman "has tried to consider how to keep the linear quality of a thin sheet of iron and yet convey through it the feeling of the volume. How to transfer this feeling from positive space to negative space. His works are successful reflection of this preoccupation."

Sculptor Towfiqur Rahman has presented his sculptures in a new way to the viewers, with each sculpture drawings are kept hanging on walls. Towfiqur Rahman used to

make basic sketches of his artworks before starting the process of sculpting, as he believes in putting his imagination into drawings and keep them before him as he works. Thus thirty of his drawings are bonus to the viewers, as the exhibition has fifteen sculptures.

The exhibition of the images of the objects at the workshop site is another new thing that is introduced. The images are kept in a room adjacent to the rooms where the sculptures and drawings are kept for the viewers. And in a page stuck to wall the key theme of Towfiqur Rahman appears in handwritings, "Art is a process".

Why is art a process and why is art being a process so valuable a concept to the sculpture? We can hear the answer directly from the artist's mouth: "The art object definitely reflects my thoughts and views. That is why process is an essential part of creation, which ultimately leads to expression. The

language of art has to be used for the clear expression of this process. I want to express myself very simply. Each individual uses language to communicate with others. I want to use my medium as language. Just as I want to express my limitations through art works, I also want my art works to reflect my struggle to understand my weaknesses through the process of art making. The environment, the inside, the outside, the animate, and the inanimate, all participate in the process of art. Over and above all, it is the person through which the process takes place, who constantly filters, selects, assesses and decides what needs to be expressed and how." Though all that might seem ambitious, Towfiqur Rahman's presentation of art under process makes us believe that this person does justice to his words. And he is resourceful in his own way when he thinks of realizing what he believes and dreams of.

Event

Concert for a cause

"Bangladesh Protibondhi Foundation" organises a function for the differently abled at Zia Auditorium

RUMMAN UDDIN AHAMED

IN observance of the "World Disability Day", Kiliyari and Bangladesh Protibondhi Foundation presented a concert recently at Shahid Zia Auditorium, Bangladesh National Museum. "Bangla", Pathik Nabi, Mehedi, Pantho Kanai, and Shahid had performed in the concert.

According to United Nations announcement, each year, on 3rd December the "World Disability Day" is observed. On this occasion all the countries of the world hold many activities. The purpose is to make the common people aware of the differently abled, as they need care and respect from them. The day is observed to let the people know that the differently abled are also human being and they have the right to live like everybody else. In addition to that, the research-oriented results and information are also important to be exchanged among different countries throughout the world for better care of the disabled. Moreover, the day is observed to pronounce the human rights of the disabled. Accordingly, "Bangladesh Protibondhi Foundation" had organized a superb concert.

On May 18th 1984, "Bangladesh Protibondhi Foundation", an organization for the "Developmentally

Disabled", was set up as a non-profit voluntary organization by a group of professionals, philanthropists and social workers to establish the rights of children and adults with disability and make them independent, self-reliant and contributing members of the society. The major objective of the foundation is that the foundation provides total service to the disabled children and adults throughout the country to make them independent and self-reliant in accordance with their disability and levels of handicap. Again, it trains personnel (at different levels) for providing services and care to the disabled in Bangladesh.

The show organised by "Bangladesh Protibondhi Foundation" started with a chorus sung by all the differently abled children of the school. The disabled children presented a moving performance. Then performances of "Bangla", Pathik Nabi, Mehedi, Pantho Kanai, and Shahid were laudable. First on stage was Shahid: his rock tune and humorous songs kept the audience rollicking for a while. Then came Pantho Kanai. The metaphysical songs reminded us of Pink Floyd. Next came Pathik Nabi with his nostalgic tune. Narcissism was found in his presentation, as he produced a fusion of jazz and pure folk music: some of his songs were spiritual. After that, Mehedi came with his hard rock values.

Surprisingly, it was mingled with pure folk tunes. The lyrics were of proletarian socio-economic concept with traditional simple sweetness: the simplicity of the words was wonderful indeed. Then came the heart-rending performance by "Bangla" and a dozen of their songs were superb. Each and every of their songs was singularly different. There were pure folk songs with western orchestration, which were heart-throbbing. They sang "Lalon Shah" which was purely enigmatic. The spontaneity of their performances captivated the audience for quite some time and they sang contemporary songs with great dexterity. The blues were hypnotic while the spiritual songs were heart rending.

The concert was performed in a very informal fashion. Blues, jazz, folk tunes, psychedelic orchestration and fusion were, in one word, fantastic. It gave a flavour apart from the mainstream band music; every song was deeply thought-provoking. The alternative tunes made us think of the differently abled, who are in fact alternative individuals of our society. The concert literally spent out the words "Yes, you're OK" to the differently abled. Lastly, all the differently abled children gathered with the performers and sang together that was, in fact, moving.



Differently abled children who joined in the concert, seen with the singers

TV GUIDE

BTV

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12.15 Desher Gan
12.20 Magazine Perogram
1.00 Khabar
1.20 Shastha Tatha
1.45 Aker Shangbadpatro
2.00 News Headlines
2.05 Cartoon
2.30 Torushshaya
3.00 Khabar (English)
3.05 News For Children
3.10 Chetona
3.30 National Television
3.40 Debate Competitionjogita
4.00 News Headlines
4.30 Nirbachito Anushtan
5.00 Khabar
5.05 Shukhi Paribar
5.30 Amader Ranna
6.00 Khabar
6.10 Gittimallya
6.15 Programs form
7.00 Chittagong Center
7.05 Weather Report
7.10 Mati O Manush
7.30 Special Program
8.00 8 o'clock Bengali News
8.30 Drama Serial: Horek Rakam
9.00 Drama
10.00 10 o'clock English News
10.25 Shangbad Protibedon
10.30 Drama Serial:
11.00 The X Files
11.30 Khabar/The News
CHANNEL-i
7.00 Prothom Sur
9.30 Music Plus
10.30 Money Talk
10.50 Anirban
12.00 Drama Serial : Naksha
2.0 Bengali Feature Film: Omar Akbar
Evening
5.35 Focus Chittagong
6.10 Music Plus
6.45 Gitidhara
7.15 Channel i News
7.40 Ispahani i Tele Quiz
7.55 Unnayan Manusher
8.25 Drama Serial:
9.00 Channel i News
9.35 Shangbadpotre
9.40 Ispahani i Tele Quiz
10.00 Drama Serial:
10.25 Channel i Mobile Quiz
10.30 Channel i News
11.15 Live telecast of BTV's
11.55 Telecast of BTV's
12.25

HBO

- 6:30 Hush
8:30 Turbulence 2: Fear
10:30 Ishtar
12:45 Small Solders
3:00 The Adventures of
Rocky and
Bullwinkle
5:00 Deadly Pursuits
7:00 Outbreak
9:30 Striking Distance
9:30 He Said, She Said
11:30 The Shawshank
Redemption
2:30 Small Soldiers
4:45 The Flying Dutchman
STAR MOVIES
6:30 Planing Mona Lisa
8:15 Say Anything
10:00 Bootmen
11:45 Bulletproof
1:30 The Hudsucker
Proxy
3:30 Supernova
5:15 Speedway Junky
7:00 O Brother Where Art
Thou
9:00 The Blues Brothers
11:15 Bulletproof
1:00 Return of the living
Dead
AXN
6:30 Guinness World
Records : Primitime
7:30 Relic Hunter
8:30 Celebrity Adventures
9:30 The Right Stuff
10:30 VIP
11:30 Alias
12:30 AXN Who Dares
wins India special
1:30 Guinness World
Records : Primitime
2:30 Movie: Crocodile II:
Death Roll
2:30
5:30 VIP
6:30 Alias

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Moment Caught on
Tape
8:30 Guinness World
Records: Primitime
9:30 Sun Movie: Hard
Target
11:30 Alias
12:30 Relic Hunter
ADVENTURE
ONE
(30 minutes +)
5:30 Explorer's Journal
6:30 The Hunt For
Amazing Treasures
7:00 On Assignment
7:30 Height Of Courage:
Norman Vaughan
8:30 Danger Diaries
9:30 Korubu: First
Contact
10:30 Ng Explorer
11:30 Explorer's Journal
12:30 The Hunt For
Amazing Treasures
13:00 On Assignment
13:30 Height Of Courage:
Norman Vaughan
14:30 Danger Diaries
15:30 Arctic Flyer
16:00 Living With Gorillas
17:00 Danger Diaries
18:00 Miracle At Sea
19:00 Ng Explorer
20:00 Explorer's Journal
21:00 The Hunt For
Amazing Treasures
21:30 Miracle At Sea
22:30 Ng Explorer
23:30 Explorer's Journal
CARTOON
NETWORK
(30 minutes +)
5:00 The New Scooby
Doo Movies
6:00 The Perils of
Penelope Pitstop
6:30 Josie and the

TODAY'S HIGHLIGHTS

STAR MOVIES: 9:00 p.m. The Blues Brothers. After the release of Jake Blues from prison, he and brother Elwood go to visit the old home where they were raised by nuns. He learns the church stopped its support and will sell the place to the education authority, and the only way to keep the place open is if the \$5000 tax on the property is paid within 11 days. The brothers want to help and decide to put their blues band back together and raise the money by staging a big gig. As they set off on their "mission from god" they seem to make more enemies along the way. Will they manage to come up with the money in time?
AXN: 9:30 p.m. Hard Target. Natasha Binder comes to New Orleans looking for her father, who has gone missing. In doing so, she meets a very hard man called Chance. He helps her find out that her father was killed by an organisation who sell the opportunity to hunt human prey. They are taking advantage of a police strike in New Orleans. Will the Muscles from Brussels win through?

PICK OF THE DAY

The Shawshank Redemption
On HBO at 11.30 p.m.
Andy Dufresne is a young and successful banker whose life changes drastically when he is convicted and sentenced to life imprisonment for the murder of his wife and her lover. Set in the 1940's, the film shows how Andy, with the help of his friend Red, the prison entrepreneur, turns out to be a most unconventional prisoner.

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