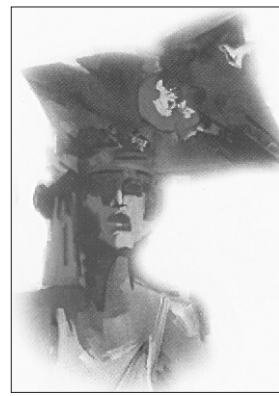


RECOMMENDATIONS



Exhibition

March 06-26
To celebrate the 5th anniversary of the Bengal Gallery of Fine Arts, an exhibition featuring the recent works of the eminent artist Qayyum Chowdhury is going on. The show will be open for all till March 26 from 12:00 pm to 8:00 pm.

Events at Alliance Francaise

Exhibition

March 04-March 14
2nd solo exhibition of Ronni Ahmed is open at La Galerie from 5 to 9 pm.

March 19-30

The inauguration of a painting exhibition of artist Awena Cozannet will take place at 6 pm at the gallery.

Recitation

March 09-10
To celebrate Spring, poets will recite Bangla and French poems accompanied by piano at 6 pm.

Jazz evening

March 11
A jazz evening will take place at 9:30 pm at the cafeteria, which is free for the members of the institute.

Musical evening

March 25
A musical programme will be held at the cafeteria at 9:30 pm. The members of the institute can enjoy the show free of cost.

Marching ahead



Singer Beyoncé Knowles addresses the crowd at Saturday's NAACP Image Awards ceremony. Knowles was presented with the Entertainer of the Year honour.

Exhibition

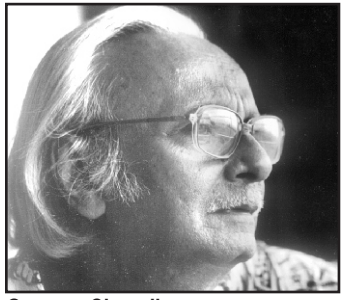
Of boats, birds and beautiful women

Qayyum Chowdhury's solo at Bengal Gallery

FAYZA HAQ

YESTERDAY was the 70th birthday of eminent artist Qayyum Chowdhury. Speaking about himself at his solo exhibition at Bengal Gallery of Fine Arts, held to mark the gallery's 5th anniversary, Qayyum Chowdhury said: "From my childhood images of nature preoccupied me to such an extent that I brought them to life not

new; it is a continuation of the past. The themes remain the same: flowers, birds, butterflies, women, paddy fields, rivers, skies the countryside as seen in simple geometrical shapes and buoyant colours. I try to bring in the rhythm of life in the Bangladeshi countryside and I'm always preoccupied by the local landscapes with the turquoise, mustard, russet, emerald, ruby and other vibrant colours. I make notes in a diary before I work and later develop on them.



Qayyum Chowdhury

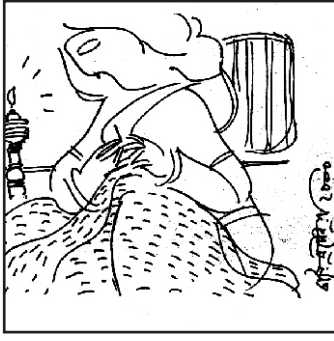
only in my drawing books but also the examination copies of other subjects for which I was repeatedly scolded by my teachers. Drawing and colouring was a natural instinct. When I was in high school we got rich reading material from Kolkata, illustrated by famous artists. Since then I was determined to paint and sketch beautiful images like them centering on the skies, fields, trees, birds, beast and flowers of beautiful Bengal. At that time I couldn't distinguish between illustration and painting.

However, there are paintings of 2003 which critics have termed as fiery and angry, and different from the works done before 2000 where I brought in Bengal folk motifs and dealt with the alluvial plains, boats and rich Bengal visuals of red-green-blue. The new image is compassionate yet critical of our times and I've termed them 'Flowing Time', which critics read as 'Dark Time', the ferocity of which is said to chill your bone and snatch one away from any complacency. The nostalgia of the past is absent but looks into the future, keeping the



The horseman

Oil on canvas



Liberation War of 1971 in mind.

Talking about why it took him long to have a solo exhibition, Qayyum Chowdhury said, "It took me five years. I like to take as much as two months to finish a canvas. I want the work to be perfect and finished in every way. I do detailed work and that is time consuming. I have nearly 70 oils, drawings and water colours in this exhibit."

Touching on whether his illustration work affected his paintings, Qayyum Chowdhury said, "Not at all; on the other hand my paintings affect my

illustration. I've been doing graphic designing from 1952 and this year, during Ekushey book fair, I did 35 book jacket designs."

Dwelling on whether the young Bangladeshi artists were forgetting their roots in their attempt to reach out for the post-modern effect, Qayyum Chowdhury said, "The young artists feel that painting is an international language; it has no bars and should be understood by everybody, anywhere in the world; they do not confine themselves to boats, birds and beautiful village women. Sometimes this has good effects and at times bad."

In "At the end of the day", an oil on canvas, one saw three fishermen returning home from work. The face, bodies and limbs were in rectangles of purple, blue, green and shades of brown, while the nets were in variations of grey, touched with royal blue. "Whirlpool" depicted a woman with her sari blown aside, and her legs sunk in the treachery of nature. Flowers, birds and boats were carefully included in the composition at the back and front. The dominant colours were green, blue, ochre, red and pink. The colours were throbbing with emotion. "The last spring", oil on canvas, had little birds in yellow and blue along with decorative representations of trees and leaves on a background of orange, burnt sienna and other russet colours. One of the paintings dealing with the freedom fighters brought in the Bangladesh flag along with the soldiers with their red badges of courage tied on their forehead, wearing singles and flourishing bayonets.

Qayyum Chowdhury has had numerous solo and joint exhibits in USA, Germany, India, Pakistan, Japan, Hong Kong, Czechoslovakia, Russia, Middle East and Bangladesh. His awards include Ekushey Padak (1986), Sultan Padak (1999), Leipzig Book Fair Prize for book illustration and the Imperial Court Prize in Teheran Biennale (1966).

Display

Ikebana: enhancing the beauty of flowers

Ikebana competition and demonstration held at BRAC



ELITA KARIM

THE Embassy of Japan and Dosokai Ikebana School recently organised an Ikebana competition and demonstration for the Sogetsu School of Ikebana at the BRAC Centre, Mohakhata. 'Ikebana' is a Japanese term, simply referring to the art of flower arrangement. Begum Selima Rahman, the State Minister for Cultural Affairs was the chief guest. The Ikebana expert, Hiroshi Nakamura came all way from Japan to demonstrate the craft and judge the entries.

become enthusiastic learners of this craft.

The venue of the contest was tastefully decorated with Ikebana arrangements. The winner of the contest was Shamsun Nahar. Her floral arrangement bloomed out in a contrasting combination of blood red flowers on a dark, round and flat bowl. The Ikebana display of second prize winner, Tania Tasrina, was in exquisite colours of

green and orange. She had undoubtedly tried to include the various elements of the Bangladeshi culture in her work. The third prize winner, Nadira Parvin, had a sharp edge to her work. Her leaves revealed a remarkable contrast with the small yellow and pink flowers. Special prizes were awarded by Sozan Nakamura from the Sogetsu Ikebana School, Japan and Maleka Khan, Principal of Dosokai School, Dhaka, Principal of Minufar Nasrin, Nurun Nahar and Sultana Shahana for their impressive designs and centring on nature.

Hiroshi Nakamura, a Japanese expert in the craft, created fourteen Ikebana creations for the audience, students and teachers. His amazing art included various kinds of flowers, bamboo shoots and fruits, which he combined with mud pots and vases made of rock.

The demonstration ended with an elaborate design with bamboo shoots, green leaves and wild flowers. The chief guest, Selima Rahman, was invited to undertake an Ikebana arrangement. The day, dedicated to Ikebana, symbolised the close ties between Japan and Bangladesh.



The craft of Ikebana comes to Dhaka

Campus chronicles

Happy Times International school celebrates its Silver Jubilee

SAAD BIN FAZLE HAMMADI

HAPPY Times International School celebrated its 25th year of functioning at an impressive cultural function held at the Shaheed Zia auditorium of National Museum recently. The function was inaugurated by chief guest M. Morshed Khan, foreign minister of the People's Republic of Bangladesh and special guest Dr. Dilara Chowdhury, Professor, Department of government and politics, Jahangir Nagar University.

Ms Rahat Sarwar, principal of Happy Times International School, paid tribute to the students and teachers whose hard work has brought the school to its eminent position. 'Happy Times has succeeded in producing brilliant students,' said M. Morshed Khan.

Students of different age groups took part in the function. The high points of the occasion were drama, Nazrul Sangeet, Rabindra Sangeet, dances of spring and winter, patriotic songs and band performances. The performances



Students of the school performing a dance

of the students were indicators of their love and respect for the nation and culture even in an era marked by its affinity for western culture.

The event also honoured the students of Happy Times International school who have completed their O'levels in 2003 and achieved good grades with

certificates and awards. Among the students, Faisal Khan and Khubaib Abdullah also won The Daily Star Awards 2003 for their outstanding academic performances. With the celebration of silver jubilee, Happy Times International School has also launched its school magazine.

Entertainment

Spielberg 'our second Schindler'

Steven Spielberg says making Schindler's List changed his life.

He isn't the only one. Holocaust survivor Celina Biniaz says that before the movie, she was unable to speak of her experience. The movie "liberated me by giving me a voice. Before that, no one had a reference point, no concept of what it was really like."

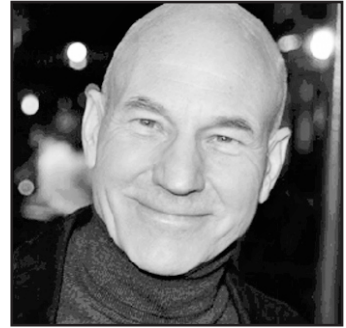
Poland. At an event last week to mark the release of the DVD, Biniaz hugged Spielberg, saying, "You are our second Schindler."

Her videotaped testimonial is part of the DVD's 77-minute *Voices From the List* documentary. Biniaz says the movie is very accurate.

"But in many ways, the horrors were greater," she says. "If he had made it as true to the horrors as they really were, people would not have seen it."

Patrick Stewart blasts Kill Bill for female violence

British thespian Patrick Stewart has blasted movies like Quentin Tarantino's *Kill Bill*—for helping to "stereotype violent attitudes of men to women". Speaking at Friday's launch of a new Amnesty International campaign against attacks on women in London, the *Star Trek* star revealed he witnessed his father beating his mother and claimed movies and TV have helped to perpetuate a nasty new trend. He says, "The entertainment industry has been extremely irresponsible in perpetuating and stereotyping the violent attitudes of men to women. I condemn utterly films like *Kill*



Bill. We are told it is about empowering women. All it does is empower a woman to kill another woman."

TV GUIDE

All programmes are in local time. The Daily Star will not be responsible for any change in the programme.

News Bulletin

BTV
News Headlines (Bangla) at 9:40 am. 12:10 pm. 2:00 pm. 3:10 pm. 4:00 pm. 7:00 pm.
News (Bangla) at 8:00 am. 1:00 pm. 5:00 pm. 8:00 pm.
News (English) at 3:00 pm. 10:00 pm.
Late Night News (Bangla and English) at 11:30 pm.
CHANNEL-i
Breakfast News 07:15 am. 9:00 am
News (Bangla) at 7:15 pm. 9:00, 10:30, 12:15 am.
Telecast of BTV news (Bangla and English) at 11:30 pm.
ATN BANGLA
News (Bangla) at 8:00 am. 12:00 pm. 7:00 pm. 10:00 pm. 11:00 pm.
Telecast of BTV News (Bangla and English) at 11:30 pm.
CHANNEL-i
09:50 *Trityo Maatra*
11:30 *Mega Serial: Shar-e-Tin Tola*
12:00 *Chhiti Pelam*
01:00 *Ebong Cinemar Gaan*
02:00 *Feature Film: Premier Kosom (Mahfuz) Antara*
5:00 *Sa Re Ga Ma Pa Gaaner Opar-e*
05:45 *Musical Plus*
06:10 *Shomoyer Kotha*
06:45 *Travel On*
07:55 *Travel On*
08:25 *Drama Serial: Kichhu Megh Kichhu Roudur*
09:35 *Drama Serial: Rangdhanu Rang*
10:00 *Drama Serial*
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08:30 *Right Click*
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BTV
07:35 *Suprabhat Bangladesh*
08:25 *Quiz Quiz*
01:05 *Harano Dinor Gaan*
02:05 *Khetle Khetle Computer*
02:30 *Hijoi Tomal*
03:35 *Geel Bitan*
04:05 *Open University*
04:30 *Agrodoot*
05:05 *Mati O Manush*
05:30 *Apon Tumi*
06:10 *Shippo O Shahitto*
06:35 *Programme from Chittagong Centre*
07:00 *Share Market, Weather Forecast*
07:30 *Film Show: Mortal Combat Conquest*
08:30 *Drama Serial: Ahangkar*
09:00 *Drama Serial: Shamudra Shimanya*
09:30 *Drama Serial: Jochhonar Kalo Chhaya*
10:35 *Amader Ain*
11:00 *Gauner Bhele*
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09:30 *Ei Shomoy Hello Music*
10:02 *Shur Ananda*
10:30 *Tele Film: Bhalobasha Dot Com*
11:00 *Putul Nach*
02:30 *Drama Serial: Ebong Ami*
03:40 *Taray Taray*
04:15 *Drama Serial: Shomogyo*
05:10 *Ke Korbe Bajimat*
05:40 *Apar Jigyasha*
06:20 *Shubho Shondhya*
06:50 *Sports World*
08:10 *Sidiqua Kabir's Recipe*
08:50 *Kichhu Kotha Kichhu Gaan*
09:40 *Drama Serial: Britobandi Dindardar*
11:20 **ATN BANGLA**
11:15 *Talk Show: Anmodristee*
11:45 *Mega Serial: Mohona*
12:40 *Feature film: Jibon Deya Bhalobasha*
3:45 *Uro Cola Saar Rang*
4:20 *Shapla Shaluk*
5:10 *Motamot*
5:50 *Islamee Sawal O Jawab*
6:25 *Talk Show: Anmodristee*
7:40 *Gondoraz Samsung Cine Aaha*
8:15 *Drama Serial: Khuwab*
8:40 *Drama Serial: Nayeka Sangbad*
9:25 *Drama Serial: Danob*
10:30 *Talk Show: Face to Face*
12:20 *Feature Film: Griha Bodhu*
8:15 *Red Sonja*
8:40 *Conspiracy The Exorcist*
12:00 *The Quick and The Dead*
2:45 *The Screaming Room: Dracula Goes to*

TODAY'S HIGHLIGHTS

HBO: 11:15 pm *The Hunted*. Action/Drama/Thriller: **Heath Ledger, Benicio Del Toro, Connie Nielsen**. In the green woods of Silver Falls, Oregon, Aaron Hallam, a trained assassin keeps his own brand of wildlife vigil. After brutally slaying four deer hunters in the area, FBI Special Agent Durrell turns to L. T. Bonham—the one man who may be able to stop him. At first L. T. resists the mission. But when he realises that these recent slayings are the work of a man he trained, he feels obligated to stop him.

STAR MOVIES: 5:30 pm *The Order*. Mystery/Thriller/Horror: **Heath Ledger, Shannyn Sossamon, Benno Furrmann**. Alex Bernier, member of an arcane order of priests called Carolingians, is sent to Rome to investigate mysterious circumstances surrounding the recent death of the head of the order. The body bears strange marks on the chest, which may or may not be the sign of a Sin Eater, a renegade who offers absolution, last rites and therefore a path to heaven outside the jurisdiction of the church. Alex enlists the aid of his old comrade Father Thomas and a troubled artist upon whom he once performed an exorcism. He soon finds himself plunged into a mystery.

MGM
9:00 *Big Game*
11:30 *The Shrink Is In*
2:00 *The Music of Chance*
4:30 *Getting Personal*
7:00 *Prophecy II*
9:30 *Dune Surfer (Philip Brown, Todd Jensen)*
11:30 *Philadelphia (Tom Hanks, Denzel Washington)*
TARA BANGLA
2:00 *Taka Na Sona*
2:30 *Angana Live*
3:30 *Tara News-Aaj Dupure*
4:00 *State Govt. Lottery*
4:30 *Tarpor Chand Uthlo*
5:00 *Serial Probaho*
5:30 *Tara News-Aaj Bikela*
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ZEE CINEMA
10:30 *Chandni Bar (Tabu, Atul Kulkarni)*

PICK OF THE DAY



Philadelphia
On MGM at 11:30 pm
Genre: Drama
Tom Hanks, Denzel Washington, Roberta Maxwell
A gay lawyer stricken with AIDS seeks assistance from a homophobic personal injury attorney when a prestigious Philadelphia law firm fires him for incompetence. Not the standard 'issue' movie or even the standard courtroom drama but a sensitive and heartfelt look at the affect of AIDS on family, friends and the people who interact with an AIDS victim.

1:30 *Zakham (Ajay Devgan, Pooja Bhatt, Sonali Bendre)*
5:30 *Ram Jaane (Shahrukh Khan, Juhi Chawla)*
9:30 *Sabse Bada Khladi (Akshay Kumar, Mamta Kulkarni)*
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7:00 *Sree Ramkrishna*
7:30 *Antakshari*
8:00 *Serial-Jug*
8:30 *Serial Tarpor Chand Uthlo*
9:00 *Serial Swapner Rang Nil*
9:30 *Tara News-Aaj Rate*
10:30 *Election Spl. Live Doshtai*
11:30 *Tara News*
12:00 *Hoi Hulud*
ZEE TV
9:00 *Chausath Pann/Justoo*
9:30 *Jhalak*
10:30 *Piya Ka Ghar*
4:30 *Astiva... ek prem Kahani*

3:30 *Movie: Phool or Kantey*
6:30 *Cartoon Network On Zee*
7:25 *Jhalak*
7:30 *Hum Paanch*
7:55 *Ek Nazar*
8:00 *Piya Ka Ghar*
8:30 *Chausath Pann/Hum Sub Barati*
9:00 *Mansha Lavanya*
9:30 *Astiva Ek Prem Kahani*
STAR WORLD
2:30 *Oprah Winfrey Show*
3:30 *Bold And Beautiful*
4:30 *Hollywood Squares*
5:00 *Whose Line Is It Anyway*
5:30 *Miami Vice*
6:30 *The Simpsons*
7:00 *Home Improvement*
7:30 *Friends*
8:00 *Just Shoot Me*
8:30 *Charmed*
9:30 *Karen Kingston*
10:30 *Two Guys And A Girl*
11:00 *Titus*
11:30 *Baywatch*
STAR PLUS
2:30 *Kabhi Aaye Na Judai*
3:00 *Shagun*
3:30 *Kyunki Saas Bhi Kabhi Bahu Thi*
4:00 *Kahaani Ghar Ghar Ki*
4:30 *Kahin To Hoga*
5:00 *Kaahin Kissii Roz*
6:00 *Hum Saath Ath Hain*
6:30 *Fox Kids*
7:30 *Kumkum - Pyara Sa Bandhan*
8:00 *Shaka Laka Boom Boom*
8:30 *Sonpari*
9:00 *Kasauti Zindagi Kay*
9:30 *Sanjivani - A Medical Boon*
10:30 *Kahaani Ghar Ghar Ki*
11:00 *Kyunki Saas Bhi Kabhi Bahu Thi*
STAR GOLD
9:00 *Parvarish*
12:30 *Himmat*
4:30 *Himalayputra*

8:00 *Maya Sarfarosh*
NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC
2:30 *Violent Earth*
3:30 *Hitler's Lost Sub*
4:30 *Hong Kong's Big Bet*
5:30 *Monkey Business*
6:00 *Mission Wild*
6:30 *Dogs With Jobs*
7:00 *Toyota World Of Wildlife*
7:30 *Swamp Tigers*
8:30 *Cheating Death*
9:30 *Voyage Of Dragons Kings*
10:30 *Whose Line Is It Anyway*
11:30 *Hidden Genders*
DISCOVERY
2:30 *New Detectives*
3:30 *Wild Discovery*
4:30 *Operation Junkyard*
5:00 *Mystery Hunters*
5:30 *Travelers: San Diego*
6:30 *A Celebration of Flight*
Health in the Air
7:30 *Wild Discovery*
8:30 *Extreme Engineering*
9:30 *Extreme Machines*
10:30 *Dinosaur Planet Alpha's Eggs*
11:30 *Marital Arts*
ANIMAL PLANET
2:30 *Profiles of Nature: Bear Attack 3*
3:30 *Animal Hospital*
4:00 *Wild Rescues*
4:30 *Emergency Vets*
5:00 *Breed: Australian Shepherd*
5:30 *Amazing Animal Videos*
6:30 *Planet's Funniest Animals*
7:30 *Planet's Deep Trouble*
8:30 *Animal Planet Reveals: Dogs of Peace*
9:30 *Animal Planet Reveals: A Nose For Crime*
10:30 *India Uncovered*
11:30 *Killing For A Living*

STAR SPORTS
6:00 *South Africa Tour Of New Zealand National Bank Series New Zealand Vs South Africa 1st Test Day 1 (L)*
2:30 *Outdoor Quest 2003 Highlights #3 (T)*
5:00 *Max Power 2004*
16:00 *Hitz (R)*
6:30 *South Africa Tour Of New Zealand National Bank Series New Zealand Vs South Africa Highlights (S)*
8:00 *Sportslive (L)*
8:30 *UEFA Champions League 2003/04 First Knock-Out Round Leg #2 (S)*
11:00 *South Africa Tour Of New Zealand National Bank Series New Zealand Vs South Africa Highlights (R)*
ESPN
1:20 *Bangladesh Tour Of Zimbabwe Nissan One Day International Series Zimbabwe Vs Bangladesh 3rd ODI 1st Session (L)*
9:00 *Sportscaster India (L)*
9:30 *UEFA Champions League 2003/04 Chelsea Vs VfB Stuttgart First Knock-Out Round Leg #2 (S)*
TEN SPORTS
10:00 *SL V.Aus :1st Test, Day 3 (Preview)*
10:30 *SL V.Aus :1st Test, Day 3 Live*
5:30 *After Burn*
6:30 *India-Pakistan Unforgettable*
7:30 *ATP Tennis*
8:00 *Mens Olympic H/Ls*
9:00 *SL V.Aus :1st Test, Day 3 After Burn*
11:00 *After Burn*
12:00 *Mens Olympic H/Ls*