RECOMMENDATIONS

Exhibition

Title: TOKAII
Artist: Rafiqun Nabi
Venue: Gallery Chitrak
Time: May 28-June 15, 10am-9pm
The exhibition celebrates the Silver Jubilee of the famous cartoon character.

T-shirt Exhibition

Theme: Kazi Nazrul Islam
Organiser: Nitya Upohar
Venue: Nitya Upohar, Aziz Super Market
Time: May 23 to June 1

Painting Exhibition

Artist: Setara Elin's solo painting exhibition
Time: May 21-31, 5:30 pm
Venue: Alliance Francaise Gallery

Indian Film Show

Organiser: Indian Cultural Centre
House 25, Road 96, Gulshan 2
Time: Mondays & Thursdays, at 6:00 pm
May 31 *Rangeela*
For Complimentary tickets contact Rajib Bhattacharya (8820243-7, 9888789-91)

Discussion programme on Zainul Abedin

Topic: Zainul's Contribution to the Art in the Subcontinent
Discussants: Professor Abdus Satter, Professor Rafiqul Alam and Professor Habiba Khatun
Venue: Bangla Academy Seminar Room
Time: May 29 at 11 am

Exhibition

A forthright painter faces life head-on

Liberal attitudes of a painter with powerful strokes

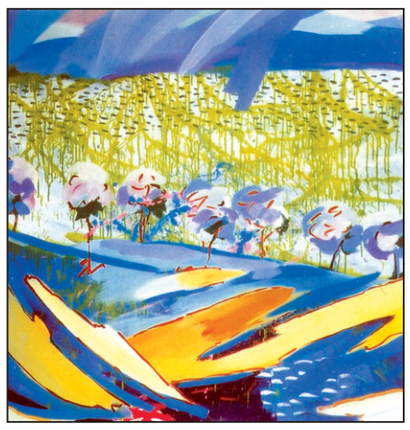
FAYZA HAQ

Setara Elin

SETARA Elin, in her solo painting exhibition *Mirror of My Life* at the Alliance Francaise, faces life without fear or rancour. A single mother, being brought up herself by a single parent, she delineates important moments in her life. In her nearly 50 acrylics on canvas and paper works, she displays a candour that is remarkable. A nature lover, she has depicted the environment with vibrant and bold colours, along with her fearless representations of human figures.

'The paintings are like pages out of a diary in which I have noted down all the remarkable incidents of my adult life, specially the recent years, when I've been struggling with my little child, eking out a living,' she says. Her paintings reveal the landscapes and people who have figured in her life, including the sparsely clad female forms in which she depicts herself. Thus we see her kneeling behind bushes, standing with a blond man, sharing drinks at a cafe.

My Diary contains her portrait, as so often occurs in other works. One of the paintings has her form, scattered along with a number of other people in her life, such as her son and her Norwegian boyfriend and confidant, Tom Hunstad. In this section, some of her larger paintings have been repeated and remain mind-blowing for their boldness and forthrightness. In *My Dreams*, we find the artist's self-portrait as it blends with nature. The environment in the painting is breathtakingly fresh and bursting with buoyancy.



***Landscape of My Country*, Acrylic**

Elin wants to be free from all kinds of mental stress and so she paints idyllic scenes. She often brings in green, red and blue around her figures in subtle, muted shades that play up the main subject, as in *The Memory of May 1*. This apparently marks a day of ecstatic happiness in her life, sharing the mythical apple of the Garden of Eden with the man of her choice.

She says that she has often been abandoned by family and friends but she will not give up her romantic dreams or the treasured memories of secret happy moments, only to appease the norms of life--as she finds around herself--today. These feelings are strongly reflected in her work where she glorifies her relationship with her friend and, at the same time, laments her occasional lonely moments, when there is no one standing by her except nature.

Elin's major group exhibitions include the 11th Asian Art Biennale this year, *Peace Song* at Bengal Gallery in 2003, Young Artist's Art Exhibition at the Shilpakala Art Gallery and Grand Group Exhibition of Foreign and Bangladeshi Artists at Saju Art Gallery in 2001. She is, presently, a senior art teacher at a school.

***Memory of 1st May (2003)*, Acrylic**

Tête-à-tête

There is a dearth of patronage for Nazrul songs--Sujit Mustafa

NOVERA DEEPITA

SUJIT Mustafa, a well-known Nazrul singer of the country, seeks to popularise Nazrul songs among the masses. Characteristically modest despite his achievements, his melodious voice enchants many music lovers.

Recently he spoke to *The Daily Star* about his musical career spanning 30 years. He is particularly vocal on the dearth of government patronage for Nazrul songs.

A major grouse of Sujit is that BTV does not telecast music at prime times or opt for quality in selecting artistes and making music programmes. In his words: 'It is the responsibility of the media to identify the promising artistes. The established singers should be called on by the media to perform rather than the singers developing contacts to participate in shows. The media has failed at this task.'

Sujit Mustafa

Sujit is likewise disappointed with the functioning of the National Nazrul Institute. As he says, 'We are very lucky that we have such an institute. However, we are unfortunate that the institute could not fulfill a single expectation--as, for instance, promoting Nazrul effectively.'

The Nazrul songs could be given the pride of place by the institute. However, this did not materialise. Says Sujit:' The institute makes a manual notation of Nazrul songs from the old records, which is very outdated as well as time consuming.' Sujit suggests that this whole process can be done with software.

Research work on Nazrul also has its shortfalls. 'The institute's publications are mainly Nazrul's biography, research works and notations,' says Sujit, 'But very little research work has been done on his prime treasures, his songs, which displays so much versatility in music and lyrics.' sujit thinks that the idea of preferring the music and tune of Nazrul songs found in the old records is not right. The leading people in this field always take these records as the original tunes by Nazrul and discard the other versions. But, according to Mustafa, it is a crime to discard these songs without proper research.

Sujit says, 'Nazrul has so many unrecorded and unpublished collections in his life, because he led a bohemian life. So, there could be popular songs, which have no records. This does not mean that they are not the originals of Nazrul. There were a number of music composers who composed Nazrul songs by taking his permission. These songs are not available in the records.' Sujit poses the question of what will happen if it is found in future that a particular tune discarded by these people is, in fact, original.

He also expresses regret that the institute only organises programmes on special occasions like the birth and death anniversaries of Nazrul. His opinion is that 'The institute should arrange such programmes throughout the year ' Another of his complaints is that the institute does not have a website so that people have ready access to information about Nazrul Sangeet.

Sujit has had a long innings in music. He began as a classical singer because he had immense interest in classical music in his childhood. He recalls listening to old songs on a spool tape recorder. He had his music lessons in Shantiniketan and later in the Shriram Bharatiya Kala Kendra and Gandharba College in Delhi where he learned ghazal, *thumri* and other classical songs. Among his gurus are master singers like Sohrab Hossain, Anjali Roy, Mohan Singh Gura, Pandit Amar Nath and Pandit Binod Kumar. His father Professor Abu Hena Mustafa Kamal, a towering figure in the cultural field, also deeply influenced Sujit. It was however through the Influence of his mother, that he chose the music arena and began to sing Nazrul songs on his return to Bangladesh.

In his words: 'If music can be an optional or mandatory subject in schools and colleges, many of the singers can earn their living through teaching music. They will live their lives with music and never take to the path of terrorism.'

Event

Birth anniversary celebration of the national poet

2nd day of the programme arranged by Ministry of Cultural Affairs

ERSHAD KAMOL

The Ministry of Cultural Affairs held a 3-day long programme to observe the 105th birth anniversary of our National Poet Kazi Nazrul Islam at the National Museum Auditorium from May 25.

On the second day of the function on March 26, Selima Rahman the state minister of cultural affairs was the chief guest. Mudabbir Hussain, the secretary of the ministry of cultural affairs was the special guest while Kazi Siraj, the Editor of *The Dinkal* was in the chair.

The main discussants were Abul Kashem Fazlul Haq, Poet Asadul Haq and Abdul Mannan Syed, the Executive Director of Nazrul Institute.

The speakers said that to avoid all controversy, we should uphold Nazrul's creativity as a whole and not as a part.

A cultural programme followed the speech. Popular Nazrul singers of the country like Sohrab Hossain, Khalid Hossain, M Rafiqul Islam, MA Mannan, Nashid Kamal, Dr. Afroza Yasmin, Yakub Ali Khan and others presented songs.

The audience appreciated Khalid Hossain's presentation of *Phulero Jalshay Nirobo Keno Kobi*, Shahjahan Patwari's *Ekela Bela Gori* and Dr. Afroza Iasmine's *Phiriya Jodi Aashey*.

Along with the songs the programme also included dance. Kabirul Islam Ratan choreographed a dance composition of the popular song- *Shey Chole Gachhe Bole Ki Go*. The group presented another dance along with Nazrul's poem *Kamal Tune Kamal Kiya Bhai* recited by Ratan Gosh.

In any art form, below average presentation creates irritation amongst the audience. In fact, the performance such as the one mentioned above had a negative impact on the audience. Other than a few artistes, the programme was lacklustre. The authority should give special emphasis in the selection of artistes as well as songs connected to important national events.

Hollywood

Paltrow says 'Ja' to Dietrich flick

REUTERS, *Los Angeles*

Actress Gwyneth Paltrow will produce and star in a feature film about German screen siren Marlene Dietrich, Hollywood trade paper *Daily Variety* reported on May 27. DreamWorks studio optioned the memoir *Marlene Dietrich* written by Dietrich's daughter, Maria Riva. Dietrich's estate has also pledged its cooperation, the paper said.

Paltrow's involvement has received the thumbs-up from Dietrich's grandson, Peter Riva, who was quoted as saying the younger actress 'has the stillness required in an aristocrat, and the ability to plumb the depths of character without too much emotion, which was Marlene's trademark'.

Dietrich, who died in 1992 at age 90, was the highest-paid actress in pre-war Hollywood thanks to such films as *The Blue Angel*. During World War II, she directed all her energies into fighting the Nazis and even travelled to the front. She made her final movie in 1979, the critically panned David Bowie film *Just a Gigolo*.

Marlene Dietrich

Gwyneth Paltrow

There is no start date for the film. Paltrow has just given birth to a daughter, Apple, with her rock star husband Chris Martin of British band Coldplay. Paltrow, who won an Academy Award for the romantic comedy *Shakespeare in Love*, was most recently in movie theatres with the box office bombs *Sylvia* and *View from the Top*.

Achievement

Pop star Beyonce gets wax double

BBC ONLINE

POP star Beyonce Knowles is the latest addition to the Madame Tussauds wax museum in central London. The wax effigy of the Destiny's Child singer joins such music icons as Kylie Minogue, Britney Spears and Madonna in the popular tourist attraction.

The replicas form part of a new Divas exhibit that invites visitors to have their vocal performances evaluated by the American performer's stand-in.

Knowles is said to be 'blown away' by the dummy, which cost £52,000 to make. The singer posed for sculptures for three hours in the US and saw the result three weeks ago in London just before it was completed.

The waxwork is clad in a copy of the orange and pink Versace dress she wore in the video for her single *Crazy in Love*.

Visitors to the museum can currently see Britney pole-dancing, have their singing judged by Pop Idol's Simon Cowell and have a celebrity make-over for a magazine photo shoot.

Knowles' waxwork stands next to those of Kylie Minogue and Britney Spears

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 **8:55 am.12:10 pm. 2:00 pm. 3:00 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) **11:30 pm.**

CHANNEL-i
Breakfast News **7:15 am. 9:00am**
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.**
Latest News (Bangla) at **9 a.m,10:00 am, 11:00 am.1pm. 2:00 pm.3:00 pm. 4:00pm.6:00 pm and 8:00 pm.**

ntv
News Headlines (Bangla) at **10:00 am. 12:00 am. 5:00 pm. 6:15 pm. 9:30 pm.**
News (Bangla) **7:30 am. 2:00 pm. 7:30 pm.10:30 pm.**
Telecast of BTV News (Bangla and English) at **11:30 pm.**

TARA BANGLA
NewsHeadlines(Bangla) at **5:30 pm. 7:30 pm.**
Tara News (Bangla) at **8:30 pm. 11:30 pm.**
Tara News Bangladesh (Bangla) at **9:30 pm.**

BBC WORLD
Every hour on the hour

CHANNEL-i
09:45 *Tritiyo Matra*
10:45 *Na Bola Kotha*
11:30 *Chithi Pelam*
12:30 *Aj Dupurey* (Live)
01:00 *Ebong Cinemar Gaan*
01:30 *Sangbadpatrey Bangladesh O public reaction*
02:00 Bangla Film: *Bijoy* (Shabana, Jasim)
04:30 *Dekhar Gaan Shonar Gaan*
05:00 *Sa Re Ga Ma*
05:45 *Sharif Melamine Sangeetmala*
06:10 Music Plus
06:45 *Chhaya Jhankar*
07:50 Drama Serial: *Amar Katha Likhun*
08:25 Hello Bangladesh
09:35 *Hridoye Mati O Manush*
10:10 Drama Serial: *Moho*

ntv
08:00 *Aajker Shakal*
08:30 *Monihar*
09:00 *Shoptaher Khobor*
09:30 Colours
10:05 Hello Music
10:30 *Dhakar Cinema*
02:30 Drama Serial: *Ronger Manush*
03:05 *Gambhira*
03:40 Pepsi Music Express
04:15 Drama Serial: Aj Robibar
05:10 Gallery
05:40 *Alokpat*
06:20 *Shubho Shondhya*
06:50 *Sangskriti Ei Shoptaho*
08:10 Mega Serial: *Teen Purush*
08:50 Talk Show
11:25 Dindarpan

ATN BANGLA
10:30 Talk Show: *Anterdrishtee*
11:15 Drama Serial: *Mohona*
11:50 Drama Serial: *Jhora Bakul*
12:30 Bangla Film: *Ramer Shumoti*
03:45 *Uro Cola Saat Rang*
04:20 *Hattima Tim Tim*
05:10 *Shurer Madhuri*
06:20 Tom and Jerry
08:00 Drama Serial: *Borendra Aakal*
08:30 Drama Serial: *Bajpakhi*
09:00 Drama Serial: *Lal Neel Beguni*
09:30 Drama Serial: *Ami Kan Pete Roi*
10:30 *Mile Pholok Ray*

TARA BANGLA
9:00 Sri Ramkrishna Rpt.
10:00 Spl. Prog. On Nazrul's Birthday
11:00 Swapner Deshe
11:30 Antakshari .
12:00 Chalti Hawa
12:30 Bangladesh E Samay
1:00 Hanrir Khabar
2:00 Taka Na Sona
2:30 Test Drive
3:00 Bastab
4:00 Music
4:30 Tulkalam
6:00 Byabsha Banijya
6:30 Taka Na Sona
7:00 Sree Ramkrishna
7:30 Chalti Hawa Live
8:00 G. D. Birla Sabhaghar
8:30 Chalti Hawa Live
9:00 G. D. Birla Sabhaghar
10:30 Post Mortem
11:00 Show Case
12:00 Hoi Hullod

HBO
9:15 Close Encounters of the Third Kind
12:00 Tales From The Crypt 18: What's Cooking?
12:45 Space Cowboys
3:15 Assassins
6:00 Dragonworld
7:45 Legend of the Red Dragon
9:30 American Outlaws
11:30 Charlie's Angels
1:30 The Masque of the Red Death

MGM
9:00 Hunting
11:30 200 Cigarettes
2:00 Iris
4:30 House on Haunted Hill
7:00 Tuff Turf
9:30 Mr. Jones
11:30 Only You

ZEE CINEMA
9:30 Dil Ka Kya Kasoor (Pritivi, Divya Bharati)
1:00 Kareeb, Kranti, Barsaat (Bobby Deol)
5:30 Mumbai Se Aaya Mera Dost (Abhishek Bachchan, Lara Datta)
9:00 Hungama (Aftab, Rimi Sen, Akshay Khanna)

STAR MOVIES
8:15 Bandits
10:15 Sgt. Bilko
12:00 Predator
1:45 What's The Worst That Could Happen?
3:30 Rats
5:00 From Hell
7:00 About A Boy
8:40 Kung Pow: Enter The Fist
10:00 Arlington Road
11:55 Jumpin' At The Boneyard

STAR GOLD
9:00 Ek Tha Raja
12:30 Dil Chahta Hai
4:30 Joshilaay
8:00 Startoons Countdown
8:30 Babe - Pig In The City - Hindi Dubbed
11:00 Bade Dilwala

ANIMAL PLANET
8:30 The Protectors K9 The Next Generation
9:30 The Protectors
10:30 Wild Encounters Stalking big Crocs
11:30 Predators Nowhere to hide
12:00 Secret World of Gardens Hoppers
12:30 Wild Encounters Stinkers
1:30 Wild Encounters Global Swarming
2:00 Wild Encounters Ravening Hordes
2:30 Wild Encounters The Arctic No Place to hide
3:30 Croc Files Wild River Ride
4:00 The Zoo
4:30 O'Shea's Big Adventure Silent Rattler
5:00 O'Shea's Big Adventure Monster of Madre
5:30 Champions of the Wild Vervet Monkeys
6:00 Champions of the Wild Mountain Lions
6:30 Wild Island Food for Thought
7:00 Crocodile Hunter Faces in the Forest
8:00 Crocodile Hunter diaries Croc Xmas
8:30 Wild Encounters Supwer Senses
9:30 Wild Encounters Up With the Gibbons
10:00 Wild Encounters Gelada Baboons : The Battles of Braveheart
10:30 Wild Encounters Kalahari : Living on the edge
11:30 Dawn to dusk
12:00 Lords of the Animals The Monkey Player

DISCOVERY
9:30 Understanding Future Wars
10:30 I Love My Music
11:00 Let's Dance & Eat Sadanand in India/Renymol in India
11:30 Mystery Hunters
12:00 Truth or Scare America's Haunted Houses
12:30 Great Hotels Primetime Spcl Eiffel Tower Revealed
1: 30 Friday Spotlight Magnetic Storm
2:30 Friday Spotlight Future Storm : Hell on Earth
3:30 History Weekends Lost Temple to the Gods
5:30 History Weekends Curse of the Inca Gold
6:30 History Weekends A Tryst with Destiny
7:30 Discovery Showcase Haunted London
8:30 Understanding Future Wars
9:30 Discover India
10:30 Drama on Discovery Ben Johnson
11:30 Food, Glorious Food Brazil

NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC
9:30 Hackers In Wonderland
10:30 Mission Wild
11:00 Return To The Wild
11:30 Earth Report
12:00 Geowatch Asia
12:30 Seabiscuit: America Experience
1:30 Hong Kong's Big Bet
2:30 The Waiting Game
3:00 Foxes And Vultures
3:30 Mission Wild
4:00 Return To The Wild
4:30 National Geographic Special
5:30 On Assignment
6:00 Tomorrow's World
6:30 Dogs With Jobs S3
7:00 Toyota World Of Wildlife
7:30 Earth Report
8:00 Geowatch Asia
8:30 On Assignment
9:30 Night Hunters
10:30 Self-Portrait
11:30 To Love Honour And Obey

STAR PLUS
9:30 Fox Kids
10:30 The Best Of Gurukul
11:30 Sankshipt Ramayan
12:30 Kalash
1:00 Star Bestsellers
2:30 Mirch Masala
3:00 Musafir Hoon Yaaron
3:30 Tea Time Cine
6:30 Kya Baat Hail
7:00 Bachcha Party
7:30 Khichdi
8:00 Jaaduu
8:30 Starsuperhit
12:00 Yatra

STAR WORLD
9:30 Journeys In Asian Cuisine
10:00 Top Drive Getaway
10:30 The Bold & The Beautiful
12:30 Rendezvous With Simi Garewal
1:00 Travel Asia
1:30 The Kids From Room 402
2:00 Roboroach
2:30 Monster Farm
3:00 X Men
3:30 Kumars At 42
4:00 Cops
4:30 What Were You Thinking?
5:30 Britannia India's Child Genius
6:30 The X-Files
7:30 Xena:Warrior Princess
8:30 Tna Wrestling
9:30 Thunderdome
10:30 Enterprise
11:30 Baywatch Hawaii

STAR SPORTS
7:30 Malaysia Cricket Challenge Cup Pakistan Vs Sri Lan Ka 2nd Odi Preview(L)
7:45 Malaysia Cricket Challenge Cup Pakistan Vs Sri Lan Ka 2nd Odi 1st Session(L)
11:15 Malaysia Cricket Challenge Cup Pakistan Vs Sri Lan Ka 2nd Odi Lunchtime Show(L)
12:00 Malaysia Cricket Challenge Cup Pakistan Vs Sri Lan Ka 2nd Odi 2nd Session(L)
3:30 Nba Inside Stuff (R)
4:00 Return To Athens (R)
4:30 Football Asia (T)
4:55 Formula One Qualifying Nurburgring Germany Allianz Grand Prix Of Europe Qualifying(L)
7:00 Uefa Champions League Extra (T)
8:00 Gillette World Sport 2004 (T)
8:30 Malaysia Cricket Challenge Cup Pakistan Vs Sri Lan Ka 2nd Odi Highlights(S)
10:00 Harsha Unplugged (R)
10:30 Formula One Qualifying Nurburgring Germany Allianz Grand Prix Of Eur Ope Qualifing(R)

PICK OF THE DAY

Bandits
On Star Movies at 7:00 pm
Genre: Comedy / Crime / Drama
Bruce Willis, Billy Bob Thornton, Cate Blanchett

Mon Cherry Tom and Jerry
On ATN Bangla at 6:20 pm
Cartoon Show
Produced by Hanna and Barbara