

CULTURAL FEAST

Exhibition

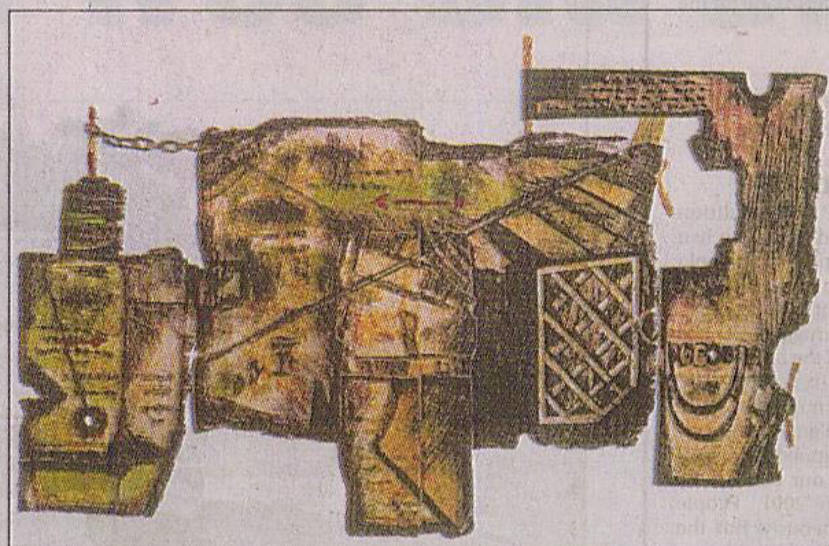
Salam's subtle and symbolic images

FAYZA HAQ

ABDUS Salam has exhibited his symbolic and mind-whirling prints at the Alliance Francaise gallery. The art connoisseurs present at the show were replete with praises for the young printmaker. His works were included in the fairly recent exhibit at a studio in Paris, along with those of Safiuddin and Mohammed Kibria. He has also exhibited in a joint exhibition at the Goethe Institut, in 2002, and won much acclaim. He has worked in dry-point, which is the most difficult section in the print medium.

Salam has added variations of his own. He has worked on the metal sheet in numerous ways, continuing with his labour of love for hours at a stretch. His teachers, such as Mahmudul Haque and Rafiqun Nabi lauded his dry-point work at the opening, and were effusive in the detailed descriptions that they included in their respective opening speeches, at the opening of the show. The artist himself was bursting with confidence, as he spoke to The Daily Star about his exhibition, *Rejection*.

His broken doors and windows are not seen as simple subjects, said Nabi. The artist, Nabi pointed out, is trying to break the forms in his own style, and then recollect the broken forms, giving it a different look. This time he had added some figurative work along with semi-abstract shapes. What then is new? Nabi explained that Salam had added colours to the dark image -- when traditionally dry-point is in black and white. He is now getting an opportunity to participate in a workshop, and exhibit in the prestigious Fukuoka gallery in Japan. "He has been exhibiting



Rejection-- a piece by Abdus Salam

professionally now for seven years, searching for his own identity. Later he found the dry-point to best express himself. I'd say the display is quite an achievement but this is not the end of the road. One expects him to improve with time," Nabi explained.

After completing his Commonwealth fellowship in London, 32-year-old Salam took part in the La Courriere exhibit, with 19 other print-makers from Bangladesh, in 2004. He then visited the various galleries in Europe to expand his vision. Salam said that he chose dry-point because this was a medium that had not been explored in Bangladesh. He said, "I always wanted to do something exceptional: dry-point was almost a dodo,

locally i.e., and even worldwide not much has been explored in this medium. I wanted to do something on a large scale. The aluminum plates that I've used, are not just scratched on, but also beaten with a hammer, and put together in such a manner that you cannot find the joining sections. The plates have then been worked on to give textures. The hammer beats follow my emotions."

In his works, Salam symbolised the mundane existence of urban life. He broke the geometrical sheets. Thus the iconoclast moved away from the conventional clean geometrical shapes and edges. The final impact appeared pessimistic, as if the artist was overwhelmed by the prevailing socio-political scenario.

Universal Studio in still shots

CULTURAL CORRESPONDENT

"A picture is worth a thousand words," goes an old adage. Photographers speak through the lens of a camera and the photographer displays his heartfelt emotions through his works. Hence, a brilliant photograph becomes a silent story, beautifully narrated by him. Hemayet Uddin Ahmed is a photographer who is quite capable of doing just that.

A senior cameraman of BTV and an executive committee member of Bangladesh Photographic Society, Hemayet Uddin has been working in the photography field for the last 25 years. During his recent visit to USA, Hemayet had taken some photographs at the Universal Studio, Hollywood. Centre for Developing Management Excellence has organised a photographic exhibition comprising the photos at Drik Gallery, from April 22.

Universal Studio at Hollywood -- the only movie thrill park



The set of Water World



Action at the set of Terminator 2

in the world, needs no introduction. It's a world of modern and futuristic wonders, as well as replicas of ancient marvels. At the Studio you can hear the cameras rolling, get an inside look at the sets and uncover the behind-the-scenes secrets of legendary films. Special Effects Stages let you jump into the action of creating the special effects of movie's most amazing illusions.

All these and more came alive on Hemayet Uddin's photographs.

Among the pictures, the ones taken at the sets of Terminator 2: 3D, Water World are awe-inspiring. The pictures of wax statues of film icons at the Wax Museum, Halloween Day Parade, landscape of Los Angeles created raves among the visitors, both young and adults. Other photographs at the exhibition feature the beautiful landscapes of Indiana, some aerial shots of Los Angeles and skyline of Chicago.

The exhibition ends today.

Tribute

Untimely demise of Mbin -- a musician at his prime

FAIZUL KHAN TANIM

A pall of gloom descended over the country last week, when on April 20, 2005 at 4:30 am the musical prodigy Imran Ahmed Chowdhury Mbin was killed in a road accident near Comilla (Chonddogam). The accident occurred while returning to Dhaka, in a microbus after a concert, along with members of the alternative rock band Black.

Like most other citizens, musicians and music admirers, we are shocked and saddened by the tragic death of Mbin. Mbin (36) was regarded by most musicians as the best sound engineer as well as a creative music instrument player in the country.

Mbin was born on January 6, 1969 in Dhaka. He did his schooling from BAF Shaheen School, attended Notre Dame College and Dhaka University.

One of his close friends, Thein Han Maung Titi -- director of Ektaar Music and managing director of Sound Machine, emotionally described Mbin as passionate and bohemian. He says, "Mbin was discovered way back but officially exposed during 1986/87."

"An instinctive musician, he created wonders with sound without any official training whatsoever. He was not only a sound engineer but a groovy bassist who played bass in Wining's album *Ochena Shohor*. Creating amazing sounds for hit albums like *Tajmahal*, *Dukhini Dukhho Korona* and the first time feat -- unplugged album *Ferari Mon*.

"His greatest sorrow was that he had worked of a sound engineer always went unnoticed by the music fans due to inadequate coverage."

Mbin's professional life was neatly described by Isha Khan Duray -- colleague at the Sound Garden recording studio. "He was my Guru. He was my driving force behind what little I am now. The studio flourished ever since he joined Sound Garden. His popularity captured both the Underground and the Mainstream music genres which included names like Miles, Feedback, LRB, James, Aurthohin, Cryptic Fate and more. He mixed the *Chaprotro* album, which is still marked as the making of new rock bands in Bangladesh. *Screw Driver* and *Capsule* were great albums



Mbin focused at work at Sound Garden

mixed by this promising musician Mbin. To my honest recollection, Prometheus's latest album was his last work", says Duray.

Another nostalgic musician Maqsoodul Huq of Maqsood O Dhaka says "I knew him as a young boy. In 1993, at the Chittagong M A Aziz stadium, he mixed sound for a milestone open air concert. I could feel he was an instinctive musician. And it was amazing how we shared the same favourite sound engineer, *Bob Clearmountain*. We both learnt about creative sound mixing from international concert audio and videos. He was a perfectionist. Mbin's entrance in to our musical arena was like adding talent to the existing list of sound engineers who were badly needed around 1993."

"He mixed quite a few of my albums. The very controversial album *Nishiddho*, as well as albums like *Bauliana*, *Deho Ghor* were mixed by him. I remember the first production *Khuiji Tomakey Khuiji* of Maqsood O Dhaka was mixed by Mbin. That was the song, which brought the band to limelight.

"Mbin was also a great trouble-shooter. I found very few people in our music scene who could locate and troubleshoot problems related to

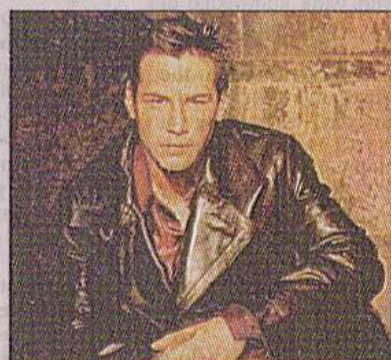
sound and musical instruments. "A very unfortunate phase in Mbin's career was from December 1997 till the end of 1998, when he was cornered in our music scene. He was not allowed in any concerts or musical production due to the steaming politics in the music scene. That phase particularly was painful for this rather shy musician."

One of the role models from the Underground, Sumon of Aurthohin, and bassist of the band also explained his work with Mbin as a privilege. "I could be sure that the work would be professional when working with him. His talents and experience will be greatly missed. I was once blown away by one of his pieces of studio work. What an amazing *slap* (a bass guitar playing technique) I thought and went to congratulate him. And to my surprise he said that whole portion was done by a guitar pick. Only a talented musician can do something like that", says Sumon.

Someone once said, "Death is not the greatest loss in life. The greatest loss is the talent which dies with the soul". Imran Ahmed Chowdhury Mbin's death is indeed a great loss to our music industry for years to come.

DID YOU KNOW?

Born as Keanu Charles Reeves in Beirut, Lebanon, in September of 1964 and Canadian by nationality -- the future actor was a world traveller by the age of two, thanks to his father's career as a geologist. His first name means "cool breeze over the mountains" in the Hawaiian language. Before he started pursuing acting as a career, Reeves was an ice-hockey player. His formidable presence in front of the goal eventually earned Reeves the nickname "The Wall".



A former backup singer for Michael Jackson -- Sheryl Crow now enjoys her celebrity status as one of the most original female rockers. During her struggling days, Crow penned some songs for established artistes like Celine Dion and Wynonna Judd. Two of her front teeth are fake, she had them knocked out when she tripped on the stage earlier in her career.

North Korean dictator Kim Jong Il is obsessed with movies. To fuel his passion, he maintains an enormous studio on the outskirts of Pyongyang and has made quite a few films. The titles of Kim's "revolutionary" blockbusters are *Sea of Blood* and *The Immortal Soldier*. Kim is also said to own a collection of over 2000 movies, and is especially fond of *James Bond* films and horror flicks like *Friday the 13th*. However, he had his propaganda machine lodge protests against *Die Another Day*, because the film's villains were North Koreans.

Compiled by Cultural Correspondent



TV GUIDE

PICK OF THE DAY



Shukno Phul Rongin Phul

On BTV at 9:00pm

Cast: Aupee Karim, Fazlur Rahman Babu, Najma Anwar, Sharmila Ahmed, Monir Khan Shimul, Masum Aziz, Rumana, Dr Izzat

Script: Muhammad Zafar Iqbal, Direction: Abul Hayat

This drama serial, funded by the UNICEF, is a mass awareness venture dedicated to the hard to reach working children. The story is about a young girl, who wants to do something for the deprived children. So she joins a school for such children. But naturally she faces several difficulties in the course of her struggle. Her father, and her beloved, who is a doctor, give her the support she needs to carry on her effort.

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
News (Bangla) at 7:15 am, 9:00am, 2:00pm, 7:00 pm, 9:00pm, 10:30, 12:15am.
Telecast of BTV news (Bangla and English) at 11:30 pm.

ATN BANGLA
News (Bangla) at 7:00 am, 10:00am, 2:00 pm, 7:00 pm, 10:00 pm, 11pm.
News (English) 8:20am, 7:00pm, 5:00 pm, 7:30 pm, 10:30 pm.

CHANNEL-i
Telecast of BTV News (Bangla and English) at 11:30 pm.

TARA BANGLA
News Headlines (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.

BBWORLD
Every hour on the hour

BTV
07:30 Shubhechha Nin
08:15 Programme from BTV Archive
08:40 Bishwa Protidin
09:00 Satellite Programme
12:15 Shagbadpotrey Pala
12:30 Shasthya Tattiya
01:05 Lal Golap
02:05 Sesamepur
02:30 Grantha Bhuvan
03:05 Shuro Lahon
03:35 Open University
04:05 Lekha Pora
04:30 Shukhi Poribar
05:05 National School Debate Competition
05:50 Chhotoder Khabor
05:55 Shamakalin Arthoniti
06:00 Dosh Janapad
06:10 Dolon Champa
06:35 Nityer Taley Taley
07:00 News Headlines, Weather forecast, Share Market
07:05 El Desh El Shomoy
07:30 Drama Serial: Akash Bihora Megh
08:25 Protidin Bangladesh
08:30 Drama Serial: Swaponokher Deshey
09:00 Drama Serial: Shukno Phul Rongin Phul
10:25 Taknaf Theke Tatilia
12:05 Chawa Pawa Satellite Programme

CHANNEL-i
09:45 Tritiya Matra
10:45 Live Educational Programme
11:30 Chhili Pelam
12:00 Special Programme
12:30 Ar Dupurey O Cityvel
13:00 Drama Serial: Rakakothon
01:00 Ebong Cenemra Gan
01:25 Public Reaction
01:30 Shagbadpotrey Bangladesh

01:35 Special Programme
03:50 Banglar Gaan
04:20 Amar Channel i
04:45 Darshak Forum
05:30 Sa Re Ga Ma
05:30 X-Music
06:00 Music Plus
06:30 Bangjo O Aurthoniti
06:50 Business Show
07:50 Drama Serial: Poribar O Ekti Company
08:25 Sunskil Apshora
09:35 Drama Serial: Shampurna Ranganen
10:00 Drama Serial: Megabond

ATN BANGLA
10:30 Anordristhi
11:05 Drama Serial: Ek Janamey
11:35 Musical Programme
12:15 Dekhi Nayan Melea
01:25 Chobir Golpo
02:30 Drama Serial: Shumpoka
03:15 Drama Serial: O Amar Chokkhu Nai
03:50 Children's Programme
04:25 Chhotoder Prithibi
05:10 Shonali Din
05:45 Islami Sawaal O Jawab
06:20 Ananda Srishti
08:00 Drama Serial: Shukhnagar Apartment
08:30 Drama Serial: Shimahin Shimanay
09:00 Sushtha Thekun Live
10:35 Katha Mala
12:20 Adibashi Janopad

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09:30 Ain O Jibon
10:05 Animal Kingdom
10:30 Dhakar Cinema: Jibon Manel Juddha
02:35 Drama Serial: Jhut Jhamela

03:15 Right Click
03:40 Medhabi
04:25 Khobar Deshey
05:20 Deshey
05:20 Aapnar Jigyasha
06:00 Dasher Khabar
06:20 Shubho Shordhaya
06:50 Knabover
08:15 Shaonhaney
08:15 Drama Serial: Sporsher Bairey
08:50 Musical Programme
09:40 Drama Serial: Anyarakom
11:20 Dindarpan

HBO
9:15 As Good As It Gets
10:05 I.Q.
2:00 Rock Star
4:00 Urban Legend

6:00 Bal To 2: The wolf
7:30 The Adventures of Pluto Nash
9:30 First Blood
11:30 The Astronaut's Wife
1:45 Delta Force 2: The Colombian Connection
4:00 As Good As It Gets
8:45 Casino
11:15 Saving Jessica Lynch
1:00 Opening Night
1:30 Rambo III
3:15 Hunted
5:05 Patch Adams
7:00 Replacement Killers
8:30 Storm Catcher
10:15 People I Know

12:00 Murder Of Crows
1:45 Reality Bites
STAR GOLD
9:45 Game
1:30 Mehndi
4:45 Joshilay
8:30 Phir Bhi Dil Hai Hindustani
12:20 Meraa Ghar Mere Bachche
STAR PLUS
5:00 Tedhe Medhe Sapney
6:00 Maal Hai To Taal Hai
6:30 Adventures Of Mickey
7:00 Disney's The Week-enders
7:30 Kumkum - Pyara Sa Bandhan

8:00 Hello Dolie
8:30 Dekho Magar Pyaar Se
9:00 Kasauti Zindagi Kay Milee
10:00 Kkavyanjali
10:30 Kahaani, Ghar Ghar Ki
11:00 Kyunki Saas Bhi Kabhi Bhu Thi
11:30 Kahin To Hoga
12:00 K Street Pali Hill
STAR WORLD
9:30 Oprah Winfrey Show
10:30 The Apprentice
11:30 The X Files
12:30 Parkinson
1:30 Magnum P.I.
2:30 Oprah Winfrey
3:30 Bold And Beautiful
4:30 Hollywood Squares
5:00 Whose Line Is It

5:30 Ally Mc Beal
6:30 The Simpsons
7:00 That '70s Show
7:30 Friends
8:00 Newsradio
8:30 The King Of Queens
9:00 Everybody Loves Raymond
10:00 Frasier
10:30 Boston Public
11:30 Newsradio
12:00 Cover Story
NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC
4:00 Dogs With Jobs
4:30 Backyard Science
4:45 Doc Eureka
5:00 Serious Jungle
5:30 Ng Explorer
6:30 Frontlines Of Construction
7:30 Insects From Hell
8:00 Totally Wild
8:30 Tales Of The Living Dead
9:00 Mummy Road Show
9:30 Riddles Of The Dead S3
10:30 Seconds From Disaster
11:30 Taboo
ANIMAL PLANET
10:30 The most Extreme
11:30 Animal Planet Show-case
12:30 On The Edge
2:30 On The Edge
4:30 Animal X
5:30 Animal Planet
6:00 The Planet's Funniest Animals
6:30 Amazing Animal Videos
7:30 Ultimate Killers
8:00 Predators Mass attack
8:30 On The Edge
10:30 Animal Planet Showcase
11:00 Land of the Tiger

DISCOVERY CHANNEL
10:30 Night Safari
11:30 Diagnosis Unknown
12:30 Wild Discovery
1:30 Egypt Week Remases
3:30 Night Safari
4:30 Diagnosis Unknown
5:30 Popular Mechanics for Kids
6:00 In Therapy
6:30 Life on the Edge
7:30 Wild Discovery
8:30 Egypt Week
9:30 Seven wonders of the Industrial World
10:30 Superstructures of the World
11:30 FBI Files
STAR SPORTS
9:30 Chequered Flag: Formula One Foster's San Marino Grand Prix(R)
10:00 Gillette World Sports 2005 (R)
10:30 Spanish Football League 2004/05 (S)
12:30 English Premier Football League 2004/05 Everton Vs Birmingham City (R)
2:30 Super 12 Rugby 2005 Brisbane Australia Queensland Reds Vs Sharks Round 9(T)
4:30 Race Day Imola San Marino Foster's San Marino Grand Prix(R)
5:15 Formula One 2005 Imola San Marino Foster's San Marino Grand Prix(R)
7:30 Chequered Flag: Formula One Foster's San Marino Grand Prix(R)
8:00 Sportline (L)
8:30 Spanish Football League 2004/05 (R)
10:30 Sportsline (R)
11:00 Hitz (R)

ESPN
9:30 Born To Play: Masters Of Football (R)
10:00 ESPN Great Outdoor Games (R)
12:00 Motorsport Asia (R)
12:30 Icc Cricket World R
1:00 Winter X Games IX - Day 2 Part 2 Mt. Aspen Co Usa (T)
2:30 Hitz (R)
3:00 Final Score (R)
3:30 English Premier Football League 2004/05 Chelsea Vs Fulham (S)
5:30 Brazilian Football (S)
7:30 English Premier League Highlights 2004/05 (T)
8:30 Sportscenter India (L)
9:00 Cricket Gold (R)
11:00 Toyota Football Cup Close (T)
11:30 Sportscenter India (R)
12:00 Sportscenter Asia (S)

TEN SPORTS
8:00 Gillette World Sport
9:00 WWE Heat
10:00 W i v SA: 3rd Test, Day 4 Highlights
11:00 Trans World Sports
11:30 UEFA Cup Extra Magazine Show
12:00 Indian Golf Show
12:30 Trans World Sports Legends
1:30 Gillette World Sport
4:00 Italian Serie A - Highlights
5:00 WWE Heat
7:00 WWE Raw
8:00 W i v SA: 3rd Test, Day 4 Highlights
10:45 W i v SA: 3rd Test, Day 5 (1st Session)
3:05 W i v SA: 3rd Test, Day 5 (2nd Session)