

CULTURAL FEAST

Exhibition

Title: Dhaka Art Circle Paintings 2005
Organiser: Society for Promotion of Bangladesh Art with association of Shaju Art Gallery
Artists: 14 contemporary artists of Bangladesh
Venue: Shaju Art Gallery, DCC Super Market 2nd Circle, Gulshan II
Date: June 04-14

Musings

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"Dance comes naturally to me" ---Nadia

NOVERA DEEPITA

DEVOTED dancer Nadia says, "Dance comes naturally to me and is my greatest passion. I take pleasure from seeing the performances of other dancers and their synchronised movements. This spurs me on to improve my performance and carry on with my individual dancing style."

At the age of four Nadia entered the field of dance. Recalling her childhood, dancer turned actress, Nadia says, "We went to China with a cultural troupe. The year: 1989. Here we spent one month in China and performed in 15 dance items." She fondly remembers the excitement that she shared with the children from both home and abroad.

Nadia says, "We went sightseeing, which included one of the seven wonders: the Great Wall of China."

Her basic lessons began at the Shishu Academy. A seven-year course followed at the Bulbul Academy of Fine Arts (BAFA). She learned Kathak under Shibli Muhammad, Bharatnatyam under



Nadia in a graceful pose

Belayet Hossain Khan and Manipuri under Tamanna Rahman. In 1990 she won the third place

in acting in the Natun Kuri competition. She played Ratan in Rabindranath Tagore's Post-

Master. Nadia says, "I participated in the competition sportingly without expecting any rewards."

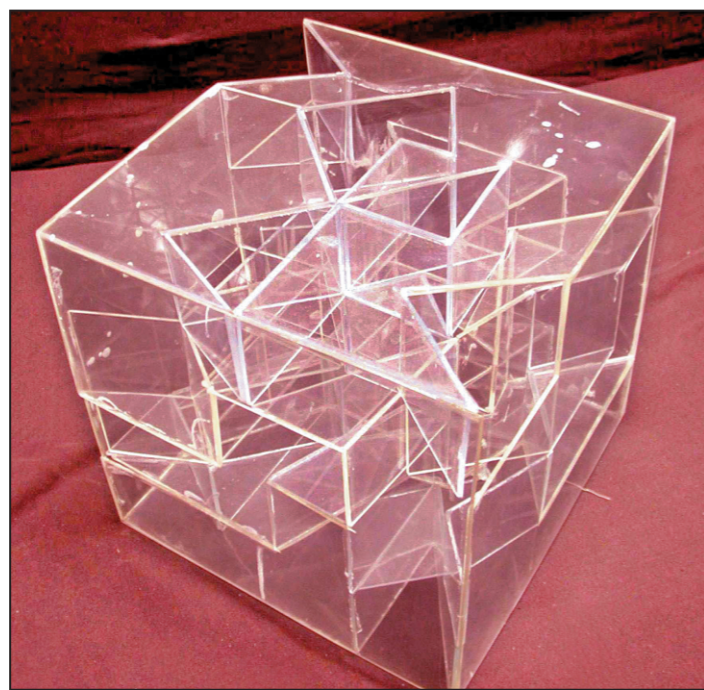
Later, she played Boichi in Imdadul Haque Milon's Baro Rokom Manush. A year later in 1993 she acted in her first commercial for Elegant Sweater. Thereafter she took part in other commercials as well.

Looking back, Nadia says, "My first performance as a full fledged artist was in Chhaya Kaya. For this I received the BACHSHASH award as the best debutante actress in 2002. The other plays are Marichika, Anyarokom Manushera, Britto, Bashanto Ashey Chupisharey, Nayak Nayika and Srabon Megher Din. She is currently acting in two serials: Poribar O Ekti Company and Shukhnagar Apartment."

Among Nadia's noteworthy dance dramas are Tagore's Mayar Khela, Nazrul's Raktolal Ahonkar, Amir Shawdagar O Bhelua Shundari. She has also performed in Chitrangada on BTV on Tagore's birth anniversary. Nadia is a recipient of other awards for dance such as Shanko Telefilm award and TRAB award in 2002.

Campus Chronicles

Positive Negative: A venture of UAP Students



One of the works on display

CULTURAL CORRESPONDENT

Positive Negative, an exhibition organised by the level-1 term-2 architecture students of the University of Asia Pacific (UAP), showcases first year student projects. Named after the final project, the exhibition deals with the duality of space and form. Contrary to popular belief, space is not treated as a byproduct of form here, but rather as an equal participant in the overall scheme of the design

Photography Exhibition

Title: International Inter University Photography Exhibition 2005
Venue: Shilpakala Academy
Date: May 28- June 04, from 11am to 7pm

Musical Soiree

Occasion: Birth Anniversary of Nazrul
Organiser: Abohoman
Artistes: Khalid Husein, Yaqub Ali Khan, MA Mannan, Salauddin Ahmed, Abu Bakar Siddiqui, Leena Taposhi
Venue: National Press Club
Date: May 29, at 5pm

Occasion: Birth Anniversary of Nazrul
Organiser: Chhayanaout
Venue: Experimental Theatre Stage, Shilpakala Academy
Date: June 04, at 7pm

Cultural Programme

Organiser: Goethe-Institut, Centre for Asian Theatre
Venue: Goethe-Institut (German Cultural Centre), House 10, Road 9, Dhanmondi
Date: May 30, at 3pm

Occasion: Birth Anniversary of Nazrul

Organiser: Chhayanaout
Venue: Experimental Theatre Stage, Shilpakala Academy
Date: June 04, at 7pm

Theatre

Meemangchina staged in Kolkata

A neo-ethnic drama Meemangchina of the Department of Drama and Dramatics of Jahangirnagar University was staged in Kolkata recently, says a press release. Organised by the cultural organisation Naiyor, the festival titled "Bangla Epar Opar 2005" featured various aspects of theatre of the Bangladesh and West Bengal.

Meemangchina, which means a colourful cloth using for the funeral of an aristocrat Garo, is the representa-

tion of the culture and heritage of the indigenous Garo people. Rashid Harun directs the play and Dr Afzar Ahmed is the playwright.

The 1 hour 50 minute long play, staged at the Purbasree Stage charmed the audience. Apart from this, the second show of the play Meenangchina was staged at the Aban Mancha of the drama department of the Rabindra Bharati University.



A scene from the play

Homage

Accolades for the great film personality

AKHIL BAKSHI

The urbane Dutt Sahib was truly a South Asian icon. I accompanied him as a full-time member on two major international motoring expeditions: the 10,000-km Azad Hind Expedition in 1996 and Hands Across The Borders in 1999. The Azad Hind Expedition refreshed the national memory with the sacrifices made by the soldiers of the INA. Hands Across The Borders was a mass contact programme to promote peace and development in South Asia.

In every corner of South Asia from Galle in Sri Lanka to Cox's Bazar in easternmost Bangladesh, from the boondocks of Bumthang in Bhutan to Maoist-affected Pokhara in Nepal, people showered him with their love and affection. The common man idolised him. Thousands flocked to have a glimpse of him and touch him. STD phone operators would refuse to accept money for the calls he made. In restaurants, unknown persons would walk up to him to say how much they admired his work. Soldiers in Bangladesh remembered his visit to entertain them soon after Independence. Dutt Sahib evoked genuine love and respect.

He had tremendous energy. During the Hands Across The Borders expedition, after weeks of strenuous driving in the searing summer heat of South Asia, we had taken an extended break in Pokhara. Instead of resting and lounging around, like the rest of us, he would pack a knapsack and go on long treks, returning late in the evening. In Jim Corbett Park, he was up early morning and washed all the five expedition jeeps single-handedly.

During the expedition, he was always cautioning his teammates to be careful about getting a heat stroke. It was a blazing May. He would ask us to keep our heads covered and to switch off the jeep air-conditioning a few minutes before getting out of the



vehicles. It is strange that it was a heat stroke that led to his end.

Dutt Sahib was like a mountain that transmitted peace and tranquillity to everything that was around him. He inspired all NGOs, youth organisations and individuals that came into contact with him. I am sure they will carry forward his ideal of selfless service.

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Exhibition

Mixed media mural display



An artificial fireplace made of sandstone and wood

CULTURAL CORRESPONDENT

Sandstone, clay, terra cotta and stones, wood and metal-- these materials feature prominently in the works of sculptress Sameena M Karim. Entering Art & Soul Gallery in Gulshan, one's attention is grabbed by her mural, titled Sea World. One cannot but stop to admire this work in lovely colours of blue and turquoise. Using, terracotta, bronze, ceramics and shells, Sameena effectively depicts underwater life--complete with a tortoise, fish, shells and organic life forms.

Another work at the 15-day ongoing Mixed Media Mural Exhibition is a mask fashioned out of ceramic and sandstone. Then there are ceramic pots and bowls in an array of brilliant colours. Also on display are sculptures and wall hangings.

Another popular draw is an artificial fireplace made of sandstone and wood. The sandstone comes from Thailand. Last, are the woolen rugs in shades of blue,

grey and white. Sameena has done her master's in fine arts from Chittagong University. Now she is based in Dhaka and this is her first solo exhibition. The display ends on June 4.



King Mask, a mixed media

TV GUIDE

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

News Bulletin

BTW 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) at 11:30 pm. CHANNEL-i News (Bangla) at 7:15 am, 9:00am, 2:00pm, 7:00pm, 9:00pm, 10:30pm, 12:15am. Telecast of BTW 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. Telecast of BTW News (Bangla and English) at 11:30 pm. LATEST NEWS (Bangla) at 9:00 am, 10:00 am, 11:00 am, 1:00pm, 3:00 pm, 4:00pm, 6:00 pm and 8:00 pm. ntv News Headlines (Bangla) at 10:00 am, 12:00 am, 6:15 pm, 9:30 pm. News (Bangla) 7:30 am, 2:00 pm, 5:00 pm, 7:30 pm, 10:30 pm. Telecast of BTW 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. BBC WORLD Every hour on the hour

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3:45 Man In The Mirror
5:15 Hot Chick The
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2:30 Conspiracies on Trial
3:00 Pope John Paul
3:00 Great Romances of the 20th Century
3:30 Discovery Wings Why Planes Fall
4:30 Supernatural Science Between Life and Death
5:30 Mystery Hunters
6:00 Kitchen Chemistry
6:30 Chocolate
7:00 Wind Driven
7:00 Speed
7:30 Wild Discovery
8:30 Discovery's Biggest Shows Krakatoa
10:30 Night Safari Wingbeats To the Amazon
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1:30 The Apprentice
2:30 Miss Match
3:00 Fashion TV
3:30 Baywatch Hawaii
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5:30 Parkinson
6:30 Rendezvous With Simi Garewal
7:30 A-List Celebrity Bloopers
8:00 The Kumars At No. 42
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3:30 Ancient Egypt
4:00 Built For The Kill
4:30 Tsunami: One Place Many Stories
5:30 ESPN
9:30 Nokia Epl Celebration (S)
11:30 ESPN School Quiz 2005 Review Show (T)
12:30 Cricket Gold (T)
2:06 Sportscenter Sunday (T)
2:30 Bangladesh Tour Of England 1st Test Day 4 Highlights(R)
3:22 Sportscenter Weekend (T)
3:27 Bangladesh Tour Of England 1st Test Day 4 1st Session(L)
5:30 1cc Cricket World (R)
6:00 Bangladesh Tour Of England 1st Test Day 4 2nd & 3r Session(L)
10:30 Uefa Champions League Magazine Shows (T)
11:00 Epsn School Quiz 2005 Review Show (R)
11:30 Classic Boxing - Ali V Frazier (T)
12:30 STAR SPORTS
8:30 The Golf Club (T)
9:00 Formula One Saturday Qualifying(Germany European Grand Prix Qualifying(R))
10:00 Asian Tour: Maekyung Lg Fashion Open Seoul

South Korea Day Four(L)
1:00 Gillette World Sports 2005 (T)
1:30 Cricket Classics Super Doubles (R)
1:57 Formula One Sunday Qualifying(Germany European Grand Pn X Qualifying(L))
3:00 1cc Cricket World (R)
3:30 Uefa Champions League Magazine Shows (T)
4:00 International Triathlon Union 2005 Event Highlights(T)
5:00 Race Day Germany European Grand Prix(L)
5:45 Formula One World Championship Germany European Grand Prix(L)
8:00 Chequered Flag: Formula One Nurburgring
10:00 TEN SPORTS
8:00 Gamer TV
9:00 WWE Experience
10:00 French Tennis: Day 6 (3rd Round Highlights)
12:30 Cricket Classics Super Doubles (R)
12:30 Gillette World Sport Magazine Shows (T)
2:00 Uefa Cup Extra Magazine Show (T)
2:00 French Tennis: Day 6 (3rd Round Highlights)
10:00 French Tennis: Day 7 (Round of 16)
11:35 WI v PAK: 1st Test, Day 4 (1st Session)
12:05 WI v PAK: 1st Test, Day 4 (Interval)
1:30 Germany European Grand Prix(L)
8:30 Hitz (T)
9:00 Team India Programming India