

CULTURAL FEAST

Exhibition

Idylls in water-colour

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RASHED Kamal Russell's solo water-colour exhibit, *Transparent Essence* was held at Zainul Gallery recently. At the exhibition one saw buoyant and confident strokes in water-colours, the most difficult medium in fine arts to master. The water-colour landscapes were done when Russell toured the Chittagong Hill Tracts with his col-

leagues - Akhir, Adnan, Sadeq, Rana and others, whose works have been seen earlier at the same venue last September - from the MFA section in painting with Hamiduzzaman Khan.

Russell's experiences had always been positive, specially, when he went with Hamiduzza-man, as he got careful and subtle guidance and encouragement from the master sculptor.

Asked why he preferred water-

colour, Russell said that he felt most confident in this medium, it was relatively inexpensive as he bought his paintings, brushes and hand made paper from Kolkata, or got them from patrons and friends. He added that all one requires is a mug of water and the necessary art equipment to paint; moreover, as he paints with a quicksilver touch, at his home and in his department, he gets the encouragement of onlookers. Out of 33 entries, half had been quickly lapped up and Russell was confident of further sale by patrons. Some black and white water-colours had also been included in his solo which looked more mature and more difficult to accomplish. As one knows, bold and black impact is more dramatic and effective - going by comments of overseas artists, as from Japan and France. The solo includes landscapes on Nijumdeep and the rest are on Bandarban, Gahgrachori and other hilly areas. There are also paintings of old houses and ruins, as in old Dhaka and Panam Nagar, as Russell recounts.

Dwelling on his favourite landscape pieces, Russell said that his experience in Bandarban had been most fruitful. He said that the spots brought in most elements of landscape, such as hills, beautiful clear sky, flowing rivers and the locals being included in that scenario. "The elements are changeable, along with the fluctuating background scene. Today I'm doing black-and-white landscapes, such as the one of mangrove forests," says



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Russell. His basic guides are Nisar Hussain and Shishir Bhattacharya, at the Fine Arts Dept, Dhaka University (DU). "Both comprehend the subject in depth and take endless pains to instruct and guide me," he says.

In Russell's *Countryside 3*, one found soft impressions in the backdrop of trees in yellow-ochre, different shades of jade and emerald, along with tree trunks in decisive jet-black strokes. The paper, the base had been

left untouched to lend space. The people included were seen in scintillating but delicate Impressionistic hues. The hut, the subject was also lyric and carefully composed within the composition. The one on the mangrove forest was nearly as thought-provoking as some of the parallel entries by much more senior artists seen earlier, at Chittrak.



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BGTF Drama Festival '05

Raktokorobi: Tagore's play with universal appeal

CULTURAL CORRESPONDENT

Preview of tonight's play:

Tonight, Nagorik Natya Sampradaya will stage Tagore's *Raktokorobi* directed by Ataur Rahman. According to the playwright, Rabindranath Tagore, the subject of the play is universal.

The play focuses on the dwellers of a place called "Jagnapuri" (sacred ground). The city is opulent but it lacks humanity. The leviathan King of the place, according to the mythology, is Kubera, but Tagore calls him Makar-Raj, as the play is not based on myth. One day a beautiful young maiden Nandini, symbolising purity,

comes to the place in search of Ranjan, her beloved. Every male in the vicinity wants her, even the King himself. But no one can get a hold of her. As a result, the emptiness in every individual soul turns to cruelty.

Eventually the King breaks down the walls of prejudice solely to get the girl. And a new conflict arises between the subjects and the King.

Md Saiful Islam has designed the set and Nasirul Haque Khokon is the light designer.

Nagorik Natya Sampradaya will stage *Raktokorobi* at the Experimental Theatre Stage as part of the ongoing theatre festival arranged by BGTF.



Ataur Rahman and Aupeer Karim enacting a dramatic scene in intricate light and shadow

Rice People (Director Rithy Panh, Cambodia)
Day: Sunday, 11 December
Time: 2:15 pm & 7:00 pm

Hyenas (Director Djibril Diop Mambety, Senegal)
Day: Monday, 12 December
Time: 12:00 noon & 4:30 pm

Zulu Love Letter (Director Ramadan Suleman, South Africa)
Day: Monday, 12 December
Time: 2:30 pm & 7:00 pm

Platform (Director Jia Zhangke, China)
Day: Tuesday, 13 December
Time: 12:45 pm

The Silences of the Palace (Director Moufida Tlatli, Tunisia)
Day: Tuesday, 13 December
Time: 4:30 pm & 7:30 pm
Thursday, 15 December
4 favourite films of the festival will be screened on the closing day.

Asian Film Festival 2005

Organiser: Dhaka Chalochchitra Shobha
Venue: Alamgir Kabir Film Centre, 62 Science Laboratory

Date: December 11
Film: Blackboard 3:30pm
Children of Heaven 6:00pm

Date: December 12
Film: Cup 3:30pm
Osama 6:00pm

Date: December 13
Film: Suicide Club 3:30pm
The Fast Runner 6:00pm

Date: December 14
Film: Dukhai 3:30pm
Kittankhola 6:00pm

Date: December 15
Film: The Little Angel 3:30pm
Puteri Gunung Lideng 6:00pm

Exhibition

Title: Indigenous Textiles, Handicrafts and Food Exhibition
Venue: Design and technology Centre, Road # 10, House # 53, Block # E, Banani
Time: December 16-18 from 10 am to 8 pm

Art Exhibition

Title: 10th Berger Young Painters' Art Exhibition 2005
Organiser: Berger Paints (BD) Ltd
Venue: Zainul Gallery, Institute of Fine Arts
Date: December 18-22
Time: 11:00am to 7:30pm



Models display costumes by Ahong at the recent Bridal & Jewellery Expo-2005 held at Bangladesh China Friendship Conference Centre.

Lennon remembered on 25th death anniversary

John Lennon's former wife Yoko Ono and the musician's many fans have mingled in Strawberry Fields, New York, to mark the 25th anniversary of his death.

In his home city of Liverpool devotees released hundreds of white balloons bearing messages into the sky. The former Beatle was shot in Manhattan on December 8, 1980 by Mark Chapman, who is now in a New York prison.

In a newly released interview, Chapman describes his "compulsion" to kill Lennon as "like a runaway train".

Lennon had just turned 40 when he was shot and killed in New York.

Lennon's message still seems to remain ablast among his fans: "Peace and love and live the best you can."



Fans paying tribute to Lennon

Buzz-worthy upcoming films



(Top) Eric Bana (C) with co-actor in Munich, (Bottom) Ziyi Zhang with Ken Watanabe in Memoirs of a Geisha

Munich

Director: Steven Spielberg
Cast: Geoffrey Rush, Daniel Craig, Eric Bana

Buzz factor: The film recounts the dramatic story of the secret Israeli squad assigned to track down and assassinate 11 Palestinians believed to have planned the 1972 Munich massacre and the personal toll this mission of revenge takes on the team and the man who led it.

Inspired by actual events, the narrative is based on a number of sources, including the recollections of some who participated in the

events. The script is the first feature film written by Tony Kushner, winner of the Pulitzer Prize, the Tony Award and many others for his epochal Broadway drama *Angels in America* as well as its Emmy Award-winning adaptation for HBO.

According to Spielberg, "For me, this movie is a prayer for peace. The biggest enemy is not the Palestinians or the Israelis. The biggest enemy in the region is intransigence."

Releasing date: December 23, 2005.

Memoirs of a Geisha

Director: Rob Marshall
Cast: Ziyi Zhang, Ken Watanabe, Michelle Yeoh

Buzz Factor: In the years before World War II, a Japanese child is torn from her penniless family to work in a geisha house. Despite a treacherous rival who nearly breaks her spirit, the girl blossoms into the legendary geisha, Sayuri. Beautiful and accomplished, Sayuri captivates the most powerful men of her day, but is haunted by her secret love for the one man beyond her reach.

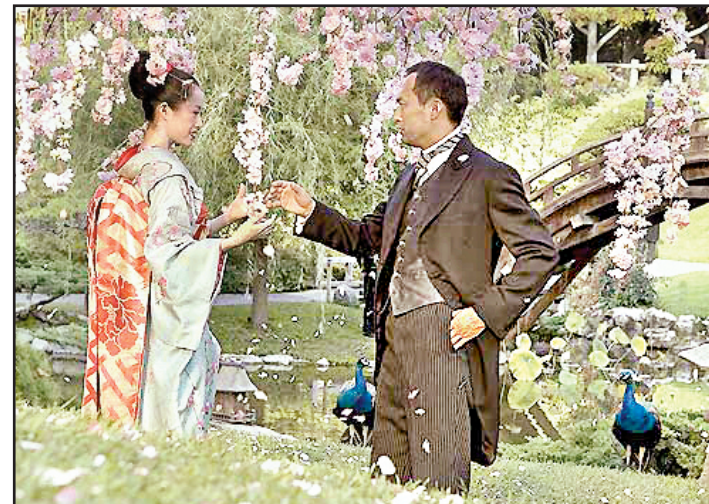
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Golden's bestseller with the same title. The lush landscapes, the talented, high-profile Chinese actresses Ziyi Zhang and Michelle Yeoh looking stunning as the highly regarded geishas in 20th century Japan, have already boosted curiosity about the film among movie enthusiasts around the world.

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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
News (Bangla) at 7:15 am, 9:00 am, 2:00 pm, 7:00 pm, 9:00 pm, 10:30 pm, 12:15 am.
Telecast of BTV news (Bangla and English) at 11:30 pm.
ATN BANGLA
News (Bangla) at 7:00 am, 10:00 am, 2:00 pm, 7:00 pm, 10:00 pm, 11 pm.
News (English) 8:20 am, 7:00 pm
Telecast of BTV News (Bangla and English) at 11:30 pm.
Latest News (Bangla) at 9:00 am, 10:00 am, 11:00 am, 1:00 pm, 4:00 pm, 3:00 pm, 4:00 pm, 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 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.

BBC WORLD

Every hour on the hour

BTV
08:15 Shubhechchha Nin
10:00 Satellite Programme
02:15 Sisimpur
02:40 Bangla Feature Film
05:05 Nobo Anondey Jago
06:10 Wrestling
06:55 News Headlines, Share Market, Weather Forecast
07:00 Laukik Bangla
07:30 Drama Serial
08:40 Special Programme
08:00 Weekly Drama: Bisholla
10:25 Teknaf Theke Tetulia
10:35 Documentary programme: Bodle Jachchhe Bangladesh Satellite Programme

ATN BANGLA

08:10 Musical Programme on Nazrul: Bulbul
08:45 Drama Serial: Ferrari Siren
09:25 Drama Serial: Britto
11:35 Feather Touch Char Deyalar Kabbyo
12:15 Bangla Film: Brothingsha
02:27 Muktiyudhder Ei Diney
03:45 Shurer Madhuri
04:20 Children's Programme: Cholo Gaan Gai
05:00 Gram Ganjer Khabor
05:10 Ishkul Bela
05:45 Islami Sawal O Jobab (live)
06:20 Travel Show: Amar Danish Amar Bangladesh
08:00 Drama Serial: Jol Porey Pata Norey
08:30 Drama Serial: The

New Shabuj Opera
Drama Serial: Lal Neel Beguni
09:30 Drama Serial: Ek Jonomey
10:35 Citycell Shusthya Thakun (live)
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08:35 Aajker Shokal
Drama Serial: Kachher Manush
09:30 Ki Kotha Tahar Shathey
10:05 Glamour World
10:30 Dhakar Cinema
10:05 Mukhtang
03:15 Tomakei Khunjchhey Bangladesh
04:25 Tepantorer Mathey
05:15 Din Darpan
05:20 Alokpat
06:20 Shubho Shondha
06:50 Right Click
08:25 Drama serial: Romizer Ayna
09:10 Pechhone Tokhon
11:25 Dindarpan

CHANNEL i

09:30 Shongbad Potrey Bangladesh and Public Reaction
09:45 Tritiyo Matra
10:45 Na Bola Kotha (Live)
12:00 TVC Sky Shop
12:30 Aj Dupurey
01:00 Eborng Cinemar Gaan
01:25 Public Reaction
02:30 Special Programme
04:00 Bashundhara Amader Gaan
05:15 Janapader Khabor
06:00 Music Plus
06:30 Din Bodoler Gaan
07:40 Selected Programme
09:35 Hrodoye Mati O Manush

PICK OF THE DAY



Hridoye Mati O Manush On Channel-i at 9:35 pm
Genre: Agricultural Programme
Host: Shykh Seraj

10:00 Drama Serial: Rongila Manush
HBO
8:30 Passionada
10:45 A Walk to Remember
12:45 Momentum
2:45 The Long Kiss Goodnight
5:15 Vampire in Brooklyn
7:15 Anger Management
9:30 Timeline
11:45 Shaolin Brothers
1:45 Gotti
4:00 The Long Kiss Goodnight
02:10 The Tai Chi Master
04:10 Dunston Checks In
06:00 Robocop
08:05 Curse Of The Komodo
10:00 China Moon
11:40 Creature Movie
11:15 U-Turn
05:05 Dunston Checks In
06:55 When Zachary Beaver Came To Town
8:45 My Best Friend's Wedding
10:50 Bruce Almighty
12:55 Hollow Man
03:05 Almost Famous
12:30 Hollywood Shootouts
01:00 Travel Asia
1:30 Married To The Kellys
02:00 The King Of Queens
02:30 The Office
03:00 Coupling
04:00 Arrested Development
04:30 Desperate Housewives
05:30 Life As We Know It
06:30 8 Simple Rules
07:00 Miss World
09:00 TNA Xplosion
10:00 Coupling
10:30 Miss World
12:30 Fun Zone
10:00 Fun Zone
10:30 O'shea's Big Adventure
11:30 Wild Rescues
12:30 Natural World
1:30 Fun Zone
2:30 Mad Mike and Mark
3:30 Animal Precinct
4:30 Whole Story
6:30 Crocodile Hunter Diaries
7:30 Attenborough Presents
8:30 Lords of the Animals
9:00 Wild Island
9:30 Fun Zone
10:00 One Planet
10:30 Fun Zone
8:30 Extreme Engineering

Timeline
On HBO at 9:30pm
Genre: Action/Adventure
Cast: Paul Walker, Gerard Butler, Frances O'Connor

01:30 Unsolved History
10:30 Wild Discovery
11:30 Ultimate Discovery
12:30 Unsolved History
1:30 Extreme Engineering
2:30 Timeblazers
3:00 In Therapy
3:30 Baby Whisperer
4:00 Celebrity Doubles
4:30 Wild Discovery
5:30 Guilty or Innocent
6:30 Great Ideas
7:30 Wild Discovery
8:30 Discover India
9:30 Urban Explorers
10:30 Discovery Wings
11:30 Extreme Evidence
12:00 Conspiracies on Trial
07:30 English Premier League Preview(T)
08:00 Tna Impact(R)
09:00 Icc Cricket World(T)
09:30 Asian Tour Volvo Masters Of Asia Day Three(L)
01:30 Cricket Classics Great Indian Partnerships(R)
02:00 Cricket Classics Close Encounters(R)
02:30 Football Asia(T)
03:00 Locker Room(R)
03:30 A1 Grand Prix Qualifying Uae; Uae(L)
05:30 Uefa Champions League Magazine Shows Uefa Champions League Magazine Show(T)
06:00 Gillette World Sports Special Gillette World Sports 2005(T)
06:24 Asian Tour Magazine Show Asian Tour Weekly

STAR SPORTS

07:30 English Premier League Preview(T)
08:00 Tna Impact(R)
09:00 Icc Cricket World(T)
09:30 Asian Tour Volvo Masters Of Asia Day Three(L)
01:30 Cricket Classics Great Indian Partnerships(R)
02:00 Cricket Classics Close Encounters(R)
02:30 Football Asia(T)
03:00 Locker Room(R)
03:30 A1 Grand Prix Qualifying Uae; Uae(L)
05:30 Uefa Champions League Magazine Shows Uefa Champions League Magazine Show(T)
06:00 Gillette World Sports Special Gillette World Sports 2005(T)
06:24 Asian Tour Magazine Show Asian Tour Weekly

ESPAN

10:00 Sportscenter Week In Review(T)
10:30 Australia Tour Of New Zealand Chappell-Hadlee Trophy Christchurch; New Zealand New Zealand Vs Australia 3rd Odi; Highlights(S)
08:24 English Premier Football League English Premier Football League 2005/06 Bolton; England Chelsea Vs Aston Villa(L)
10:30 English Premier Football League English Premier Football League 2005/06 Birmingham; England West Bromwich Albion Vs Manchester City(S)
06:54 2005(T) Australia Tour Of New Zealand Chappell-Hadlee Trophy Christchurch; New Zealand New Zealand Vs Australia 3rd Odi; Highlights(S)
08:15 Epl Saturday Premiership Saturday(L)
08:25 English Premier Football League English Premier Football League 2005/06 London; England Chelsea Vs Wigan Athletic(L)
10:30 Epl Saturday Premiership Saturday(L)
10:40 English Premier Football League English Premier Football League 2005/06 Newcastle; England Newcastle United Vs Arsenal(L)

TEN SPORTS

08:00 Gamer TV
09:00 WWE Velocity
09:30 World Rally
10:00 Winning Post Ep 25
11:00 Legends
11:30 Indian Golf Show
12:00 Pakistan v England: 1st ODI (Preview)
03:30 Pakistan v England: 1st ODI (1st Session)
04:15 Pakistan v England: 1st ODI (Lunch)
08:00 Pakistan v England: 1st ODI (2nd Session)
08:30 Champions Trophy Preview Show
10:30 Sahara Hockey Champions Trophy: India v Australia
11:00 World Rally
12:00 WWE Experience
02:00 Sahara Hockey