

Exhibition

Brimming with colours and lines

FAYZA HAQ

THE art exhibition that was recently held at Saju's Art Gallery was to mark International Women's Day by the Society for Promotion of Bangladesh Art (SPBA) and Banglalink. Women artists ranging from the age of 18 to 35 participated in the exhibition. 192 artists took part in it.

As Elthem Kabir of SPBA put it, "The entrées included young artists ranging from high school students to professional doctors and architects. There was recognition of six works of equal ranking. There was an independent panel of judges, which consisted of Farida Zaman, Naima Haque, Nazli Laila Mansur, Dilara Begum Jolly, Nasreen Begum and Fayza Haq.

"The artists who were successful were Kausar Parvin Dalai from Chittagong (Apon Onubhotee), Reema Sabiha from Dhaka (Mask), Ummy Salma Shawon from Khulna (Life), Ferdous Ara Islam Dhaka (Loneliness), Kaniz Husna Akbory from Rajshahi (Relation-4) and Fahmida Elahi Borna from Chittagong (Amaar Dhorma). The distinguished guests on the occasion were Aud Lise Norheim, Norwegian Ambassador, Veena Sikri, Indian High Commissioner, Barbara Richardson, Canadian High Commissioner and Judith Chammass, the Charge D'Affaires, American Embassy."

One of the winning paintings had the picture of a new bride in red, being taken home in a boat to her in-laws. The bridegroom too



Viewers looking at the prize winning paintings

was bright in blue top and green "lungi". The media is oil on canvas. The river and sky could be seen beyond the boat. This is a traditional picture of a festive mood. Dalia's Apon Onubhotee was a woodcut that presented a holiday by the riverside where young women played at will. This was in black, white and gray, with a touch of blue and yellow.

Borna's Amar Dhorma had dealt with human emotion and had used oil with octane. The theme was secularism. The artist wanted to show that it was goodness in man that was important and not the religious belief, which

has come down through family traditions. Salma Shawon's painting depicted the figure of a man and woman in orange and black. The lines were simple and the figures geometrical in their simplicity. Reema Sabiha had worked on handmade paper and had done a collage of photographs that had been painted over. This was a social satire protesting against the lack of freedom of expression for women. Loneliness had been done by a doctor, Firdous Ara, and the large amount of gray that had been used expressed her emotions. The green frame brought in an ele-

ment of hope.

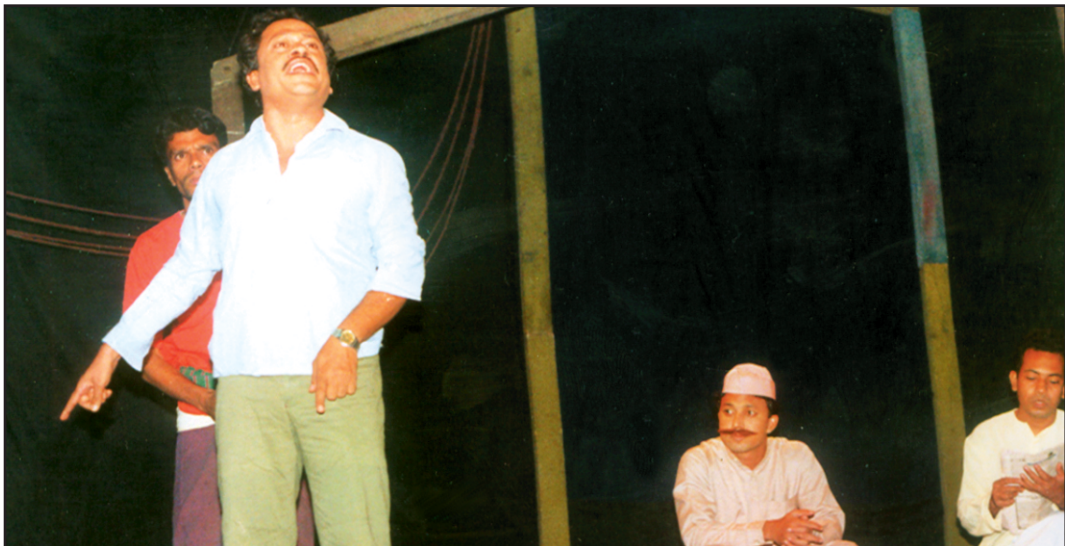
Other paintings too captured one's fancy like Rebecca Sultana Molly's delineation of a woman set in a background of flowers was also delightful. Nahid Niazi Nipu had used wood instead of canvas, and had worked on her subject by painting over it, burning it, making holes through it, etc. Farzana Ahmed Shanta had brought in flowers and leaves in the manner that Nasreen Begum does.

It was heartening to see so many young women artists doing original work.

PHOTO: STAR

Theatre

Udichi stages Chilekothar Shepai



Actors of Udichi in the play Chilekothar Shepai

Cultural organisation Udichi held the 25th staging of Chilekothar Shepai yesterday at Neelima Ibrahim Auditorium, Mahila Samiti Theatre, says a press release. Based on Akhtaruzzaman Ilyas' acclaimed novel, Ratan Siddiqi has written the script of the play. Kamaluddin Kabir is the director of the play; Faiz Zahir is the set

and light designer.

The play highlights days during the 'Mass Upsurge' of 1969. Living in an attic of a house in Old Dhaka, Osman silently witnesses the tyranny of the Ayub Khan regime and the struggles of the masses to ensure their basic rights. Osman is in conflict between different political views

and groups. But eventually he comes out of his cocoon. Death of an individual whom Osman trusted boosts his morale.

Prabeer Sardar, Munim Islam Shimul, Ratan Deb, Nazmul Karim Shobuj, Fahmida Haq Koli, Joya Sengupta and others have played different roles in the play.

Display

Swiss art in Dhaka

A selection of arts and crafts from Switzerland is on display at the Goethe-Institute, Dhaka. The exhibition that opened recently will continue till March 13. In addition to presenting the traditions and folklore, the variety of programmes -- films, documentaries, and lectures on and about Switzerland -- are aimed to portray the contemporary image of the country, says a press release.

Arts and crafts developed in Switzerland throughout centuries reveal various influences, which know no political boundaries. Art from northern Switzerland, for example, is clearly part of the Alpine culture, while a Latin influence dominates in the Tessin. The differences are most marked in the types of motifs and decoration used.

Each day there will be a cultural programme related to Swiss culture, politics and art.



ERSHAD KAMOL

In the presence of hundreds of enthusiastic children from Shishu Academy and Khelaghar, the 'Children's Film Showcase' of the 3rd International Film Festival, Bangladesh began on March 4 at the Shishu Academy Auditorium.

10 films including two local movies are being showcased in the festival. The participating Bangladeshi movies are -- Duratta, directed by Morshedul Islam and Shahoshi Chhele, directed by Hafizuddin. Moreover, eight films from France, China, Denmark and India have been included in the festival. Except three French animated movies -- Kirikou, Les Prophet the Granulose and Dexas Fares -- all are feature films.

The 'Children's Film Showcase' was inaugurated by Azad Rahman, president of Bangladesh Federation of Film Societies (BFFS). Dr Ali Asgar, chairperson of children's organisation Khelaghar was the special guest, while Rahman Mustafiz, the convenor of 'Children's Film Showcase' delivered the welcome speech.

The discussants focused on the importance of making quality films for children for their intellec-

Showcasing films for children



Child actors in a scene from Morshedul Islam's Duratta

tual development and recreation. They sought patronage of the government and private sectors.

After the discussion, French animated movie Kirikou directed by Michel Ocelot was screened. The 70-minute-long film recounts the tale of tiny Kirikou born in an African village. Karaba, a sorcer-

ess puts a terrible curse on Kirikou's village. Kirikou sets out on a quest to free his village from the curse.

A blend of African folk tales, the film appeals to the inner-child among us and generates the eternal strive against ignorance and evil. The stunning visuals are

accompanied by traditional African music by talented musician Youssouf N' Dour of Senegal.

Rahman Mustafiz informed that children from selected schools are invited to watch movies free of charge; underprivileged children will get priority.

Today's attractions

Venue: Central Public Library

Movie: Days of Santiago (Peru)

Time: 5:00 pm

Synopsis: 23-year old Santiago Roman returns to Lima after years of fighting terrorist subversion and drug trafficking in Peru and the war against Ecuador. He is part of a lost generation, those who paid the consequences of political irresponsibility of their government. Santiago finds

Lima hostile, chaotic and decadent. He tries to adapt to the civil life but his memories won't let him be at peace with himself. Santiago still has the mindset of a soldier and wants to establish his own sense of order. Society and people, however, move at their own pace.

Directed by Josue Mendez, the movie has been submitted for Oscar 2006.



Scenes from Days of Santiago (Top) and The Night of Truth

Venue: National Museum

Movie: The Night of Truth (Burakina Faso/ France)

Time: 7:00 pm

Synopsis: In an African country, a brutal 10-year-long ethnic war is about to end, with the signing of the peace treaty by the President and Colonel Theo, leader of the rebel forces. Colonel Theo holds a feast to signal the end of the conflict, where the President and his wife are

the chief guests. The evening is characterised by deep tension, as the President's wife cannot stop thinking about her son's murder. A simple act, the beating of a drum, could end the peace process and the climax can be shocking.

Directed by Fanta Regina Nacro, the film has won an award for Best Script at the Aemience International Film Festival 2005.

Gibson to speak ancient tongue at Oscars

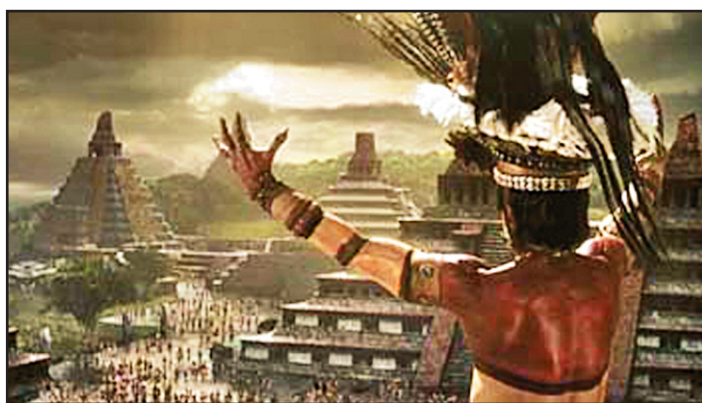
AP, New York

Mel Gibson will give audiences a preview of the ancient language spoken in his upcoming movie, Apocalypto.

During a brief appearance on the Academy Awards held Sunday, Gibson will speak Maya, the only language in the film. His last movie, The Passion of the Christ, was in Latin and Aramaic.

"I wanted to shake up the stale action-adventure genre," Gibson said in an interview. "So I think we almost had to come up with something utterly different like this."

Apocalypto is set in pre-Columbian Mexico and is being shot on the fringe of southern Mexico's rain forests. It addresses the end of civilisations and contains warnings about environmental degradation and political fear-mongering.



A scene from Gibson's film, Apocalypto

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) at 11:30 pm.

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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) at 8:20 am, 2:00 pm, 4:00 pm, 6:00 pm and 8:00 pm.

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News Headlines (Bangla) at 10:00 am, 12:00 am, 6:15 pm, 9:30 pm.

News (Bangla) at 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

09:05 Mati O Manush
09:25 Shashwato Jibon
10:00 Satellite broadcast
12:30 Shashtho Tathya
02:15 Sisimpur
02:40 Lekha Pora
03:05 Anu Poromanu
03:35 Nritter Taley Taley
05:05 National Television School Debate Completion

06:10 Apon bhum
06:35 Programme On Cricket
07:00 Hridoy O Mukitijuddho
07:30 Drama Serial
07:50 Mohan Swadhinota
08:35 Protidin Bangladesh
08:45 Drama Serial:

09:25 Enechi Shurjer Hashi
Drama Serial: Atopor
Nurul Huda
Tefnaf Thekey
Tetulia
10:25 Shindhu Hindol

10:35 CHANNEL-i

09:30 Shongbad Potrey
Bangladesh
Public Reaction
09:50 Tritiyomatra
Education
11:05 Programme
12:30 Aaj Dupurey
01:10 Ebon Cinemar
Gaan

01:45 Public Reaction
02:40 Special Programme
Bashundhara
04:05 Amader Gaan

04:45 Sa Re Ga Ma
05:30 Banijjo O Orthoniti
Music Plu
06:00 Banijjo O Orthoniti
Star Gate SG One
06:20 Drama Serial: Hatt
Drama Serial: Shimana

08:20

09:35 Drama Serial: Sampurna Rangin
Drama Serial: Pothe
Jetey Jetey
10:00

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09:30 Apon Aloy
10:00 Grammen Phone
Shironam
10:05 Zoo Adventure
10:30 Dhakar Cinema
11:05 Muktangon
02:35 Drama Serial: Ramizer Aaina
Lux Glamour World
03:15 Drama Serial: Godhulir Aloy
04:25 Bhiniya Swader
Khorbor
04:50 Snapshots Of
Change
05:20 Apnar Jigyasha
Shubho Shondhya
06:50 Crime Watch
07:20 ntv Dekhe Bolun
08:25 Drama serial: Labanya Proba
Bari Ghar Thik Thak
09:10 Drama Serial: Godhulir Aloy
09:50 Dindarpan

11:25 ATN BANGLA

10:30 Annodrishti
Drama: Ek Jonome
11:05 Drama: Ek Jonome
12:20 Musical Programme
12:20 Drama
01:25 Choloচিত্র Golpo
02:30 Nirob Koshto
03:15 Drama Serial: O
Amar Chokkhu Nai
04:25 Shustho Thakun
04:45 Ispahani Pure Snax
Quiz Time
05:10 Matir Shubash
05:45 Islami Sawaal O
Jobab (live)
06:20 BSB Education Zone
08:00 Drama Serial: Shukhnagar



ATN Taroka, Tarokader Taroka

On ATN Bangla at 9:00 pm

Talent Hunt

Anchor: Khondokar Ismail and Kona



The Nutty Professor

On HBO at 09:30 pm

Genre: Comedy

Cast: Eddie Murphy, Jada Pinkett, Smith

PICK OF THE DAY

08:30	Apartment Drama Serial: Flat No. 40	09:00	ATN Taroka (Music)
10:35	Kothamala	10:35	Kothamala
12:20	Musical Programme	12:20	Musical Programme
07:45	Shukhi Thakun Deho Mone	07:45	Shukhi Thakun Deho Mone
02:30	Islamic Programme	02:30	Islamic Programme
03:00	Ajker Bangladesh Shustho Thakun Deho Mone	03:00	Ajker Bangladesh Shustho Thakun Deho Mone
05:00	Human Nature	05:00	Human Nature
06:00	Wide Angle	06:00	Wide Angle
06:35	Japito Jibon	06:35	Japito Jibon
08:00	Drama Serial: Agontuk	08:00	Drama Serial: Agontuk
08:50	Drama Serial: Rater Golpo	08:50	Drama Serial: Rater Golpo

03:30	Sin Eater The Girl Next Door The Cold Mountain	09:00	Kasauti Zindagii Kay Millee
05:20	Hollywood Shootouts	09:30	Kavyanjali
07:00	Simon Birch	10:00	Kahaani Ghar Ghar Kii Kyunki Saas Bhi Kabhi Bahui To Hoga
09:30	Big Shot: Confessions Of A Campus Bookie	10:30	Kahaani Ghar Ghar Kii Kyunki Saas Bhi Kabhi Bahui To Hoga
11:30	Shanti	11:00	Kahaani Ghar Ghar Kii Kyunki Saas Bhi Kabhi Bahui To Hoga
12:00	Maan	11:30	Monk
02:00	Bhabhi	12:00	Charmed
02:30	Kesar	12:30	Lost
03:00	Saarthi	01:30	Desperate House- wives
05:00	Shagun	04:30	General Hospital
06:00	Maan	05:30	Angel
06:30	The Proud Family	06:30	The Simpsons
07:00	Goof Troop	07:00	The King Of Queens
08:00	Akkad Bakkad	07:30	Friends
08:30	Bambee Bo	08:00	Seinfeld
	Mum Tum Aur Hum	08:30	My Wife And Kids

09:00 Everybody Loves
Raymond

09:30 King Of Queens

10:00 Frasier

10:30 Absolutely Fabulous

11:00 Coupling

DISCOVERY

09:30 Discovery's biggest
Shows

11:30 Night Safari

12:30 Journey Of life

01:30 Wild Discovery

02:30 Detective Stories

03:30 Medical Diary

04:00 Operation Junkyard

05:30 Junkyard Wars

06:30 Man And Machine

08:30 Zero Hour

09:30 War Zone

10:30 Ten Ways Special

11:30 FBI Files

NATIONAL

GEOGRAPHIC

09:30 Megacities

10:30 Seconds From
Disaster

11:30 Rough Trades

12:30 Going To More
Extremes

01:30 Different Ball Game
S2

02:30 Seconds From
Disaster

03:30 National Geographic
Special

04:30 Backyard Science

04:45 Doc Eureka

05:00 Serious: Desert

05:30 Planet Wild

06:00 Snake Wranglers

06:30 Storm Stories

08:30 Is It Real?

09:30 Interpol Investigates

10:30 Air Crash Investigation
S2

11:30 Animals Like Us

STAR SPORTS

08:00 Sri Lanka Tour Of
Bangladesh

09:15 Chittagong Bangla-
desh Bangladesh Vs
Sri Lanka 1st Test Day
5 High Lights(R)

12:00 Sri Lanka Tour Of
Bangladesh Bogra
Bangladesh Bangla-
desh Vs Sri Lanka 2nd
Test Day 1st Sessi
On(L)

04:30 Sri Lanka Tour Of
Bangladesh Bogra
Bangladesh Bangla-
desh Vs Sri Lanka 2nd
Test Day 1, 2nd & 3rd
Session(L)

06:30 Spanish Football
League (S)

06:30 Bull Riders Associa-
tion Built Ford Tough
Series 2005 Las Vegas
Nv Usa Finals(R)

08:00 Spanish Football
League (S)

08:30 Bull Riders Associa-
tion Built Ford Tough
Series 2005 Las Vegas
Nv Usa Finals(R)

10:00 Sportscenter India
Sportscenter Update
Gillette World Sports
Special Gillette World
Sports 2006 (R)

10:02 Gillette World Sports
Special Gillette World
Sports 2006 (R)

10:30 Bull Riders Associa-
tion Built Ford Tough
Series 2005 Las Vegas
Nv Usa Finals(R)

11:30 Sportscenter India
Sportscenter Update
Moto Gp Highlights
Motogp Season
Review Season
Review #1 -

11:32

ESPN

09:30 Nba Action (R)

10:00 Motorsport Asia (R)

10:30 English Premier
Football League
2005/06 Manchester
United Manche Sier
City Vs Sunderland

02:30 Asian World Cup
Qualifiers 2006 Fifa
World Cup : Asian
Qualifiers Dammam
City Saudi Arabia
Republic Group A(T)

05:00 Icc Cricket World (R)

05:30 English Premier
Football League
2005/06 Liverpool
England Liverpool Ol Vs
Charlton Athletic (R)

07:30 English Premier
League Highlights

09:00 Sportscenter
Sportscenter Asia
Classic Boxing Classic
Boxing - Wilfred
Benitez Vs Shields

11:00 Sportscenter
Sportscenter Asia (R)

11:30 Australia Tour Of
South Africa Standard
Bank One Day
International Series
Port Elizabeth South
Af Rica South Africa
Vs Australia 3rd Odi
Highlights(R)

09:00 WWE:Heat

09:30 Total Rugby

10:00 Madhavrao Scindia
2006

12:00 Indian Horse Racing

01:00 Trans World Sports

04:00 WWE: Specials: No
Way Out

05:30 Hockey: Pakistan v
India