

12th Asian Art Biennale '06

Sedaghat Jabbari Kalkhoran

and the “Holy Names”

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IRANIAN artist Sedaghat Jabbari Kalkhoran is one of the winners of the 'Grand Prize' at the 12th Asian Art Biennale, Bangladesh '06. He received the prestigious award for his mixed media work titled *Holy Names*.

A professor of Iran Association of Calligraphers and also a faculty member of Department of Fine Arts, Tehran University, Kalkhoran has

created a new dimension in the composition of *Holy Names*, for which he thinks he has been awarded the prize amongst several deserving art works.

Kalkhoran says, "The aim of the exhibition is to create the interaction between traditional and modern approach to art. An artist must be contemporary in views, ideas and presentation, which gives the art a unique tone. The composition of the calligraphy *Holy Names* is

presented like a canvas of contemporary painting."

The traditional environment, decoration and architecture of Iran are created with the golden background on the canvas. The different shades of green, blue and chocolate have created a wonderful composition in *Holy Names*. Kalkhoran says, "Colour composition is the primary stage of work in an art piece. Delivering messages is important. Iranian art

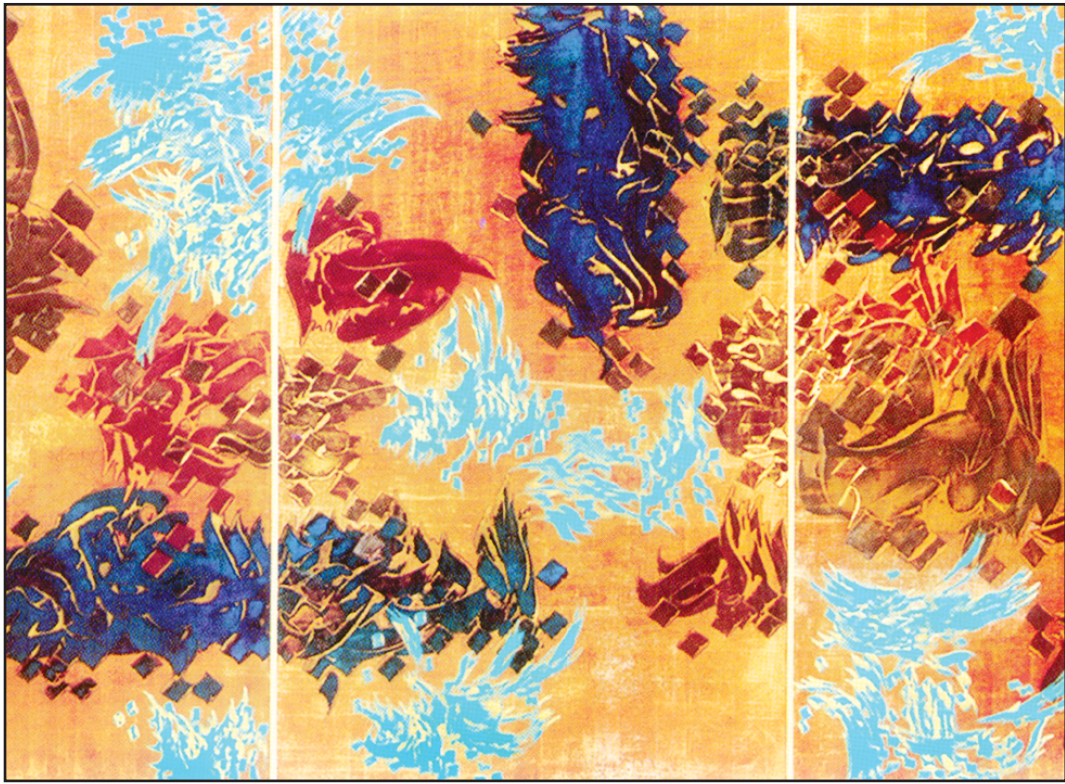


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characteristics are evident in my work, but even a non-Iranian can perceive the messages delivered. The messages are relevant to the present world scenario." The alphabets often appear as the images of human beings.

Kalkhoran likes to portray the magnificence of Allah by decorating His names repeatedly on the canvas. In this sense his approach to art is a kind of 'Sufism'. He says, "I like to address spirituality by writing the 'Holy Names' repeatedly in different styles and shades. I never do any 'exercise' before my final work. It comes spontaneously and I won't be able to make copies of my work."

Sedaghat Jabbari Kalkhoran is ecstatic not just because he has won the Grand Prize but rather for his participation in a standard international competition and exhibition. Earlier he has won several prestigious awards in different international exhibitions. He is also the author of many articles on art.



Holy Names by Sedaghat Jabbari Kalkhoran, the artist (Top)



FAYZA HAQ

Jayantha Chandrasin's film "Guerilla Marketing" is a participant of the 3rd International Film Festival, Bangladesh. Jayantha is the writer as well as the director of the play "Ath" (Hands) which caused a great stir in the eighties. His next creation "Mora" (Shark) won seven national awards in the Stage Drama Festival in 1988. He is the producer of tele-film "Vedaha mine" (Lady Physician). He has also directed the TV serials "Vesmu-huna" (The mask) in 1993 and "Dandubasnamanya" (Range of arrows) in 1995, which received two awards.

He made "Akalasandya" (Un timely dusk) which won two awards in 1996. His fifth production was "Rajana", his debut in films and for this he received nine awards (including the Best Film, Best Director and Best Script) at the Signis Award Ceremony in Sri Lanka.

He got the opportunity to train

Jayantha, a director with

a powerful vision

under the German actor Dr Norbet J Mayer. In 1990 he received a scholarship to study acting in the then East Germany.

In "Guerilla Marketing" we get the story of Sumrya Mahakehelwala and Thisara Dissanayeke who are cousins and childhood sweethearts. In the beginning of the film they are both working in an advertising agency. Their love for each other is kept a secret. However, Thisara leaves Sumrya to marry Rangli, an upperclass urban woman to deny and flee from his rural roots. Sumrya knows that Thisara was diagnosed as schizophrenic. Thisara, who shows exceptional creativity, rises to the top of the advertising industry soon.

Gregory Mahadikaram, a prominent politician, gets Thisara to design his presidential campaign. Thisara proposes a novel campaign strategy. His strategy is to train a group of young men and women and employ them to spread outrageous rumours that show Mahadikaram in



Scenes from *Guerilla Marketing*

the most positive role. Thisara overworks and this takes a toll on him in the height of the election campaign. Negative expression of hallucinatory conditions makes Thisara helpless.

The one image that dominates his hallucination is Gregory Mahadikaram, who 'comes out of the television' and talks to him, walks into his bedroom etc. Thisara is soon admitted to a mental hospital.

A psychiatrist identifies the source of the illness and replaces the negative hallucinations associated with Gregory with the positive feelings for his childhood sweetheart Sumrya and the romantic past associated with her. One day Mahadikaram visits his friend Thisara in the hospital. Thisara, who is struggling to overcome his negative hallucinations, chases the real-life Gregory from the hospital, thus chasing the negative elements of his

hallucination. He then leaves the hospital partially recovered with the positive hallucinations he retains about Sumrya and everything she represents.

Jayantha's favourite films are Satyajit Ray's "Ponther Panchali", Kurosova's "Rashoman", and Bergman's "The Silent". He also enjoyed Tanvir Mokammel's "Chitra Nadir Parey" and Tareq Masood "Ontorjatra". In particular he enjoyed the story lines and the characterisation. He said that his experience at the current film festival has been a pleasant one and that the organisers here are warm and understanding.

CULTURAL FEAST

Exhibition

Title: 12th Asian Art Biennale, Bangladesh
Venue: National Art Gallery, National Museum, Osmani Auditorium
Date: March 5-31

Title: The Other Voice
Date: March 8-19
Time: 12pm to 8pm
Venue: Bengal Gallery Of Fine Arts House#275/F, Road 27(Old), Dhanmondi R/A

Title: Spring Art Festival
Date: March 3 to 13
Time: 11am to 8pm
Venue: Art & Soul Gallery House # 16, Road 36, Gulshan Avenue

Film Festival

Title: 3rd International Film Festival, Bangladesh
Venue: Public Library
Date: March 11
The Forest of Gods at 12:30 pm
The Tale of Three Jewels at 3 pm
15 Park Avenue at 5 pm
Kantatar at 7 pm
Venue: National Museum
Date: March 11
Canticle of the Stone at 10:30 pm
Curfew at 1:30 pm
Page 3 at 3 pm

Ontorjatra

A saga of self realisation

CULTURAL CORRESPONDENT

Sohel (Rifaqat Rasheed), a British born Bangladeshi, who has grown up in the materialistic social structure and Internet culture, returns to

his motherland after receiving the news of his father's death. The story follows the transforming experience of Sohel as well as his divorced mother Shireen (Sara Zaker) as they, in their different ways, try to come to terms with this loss.



A scene from the movie

For the son, the return to Bangladesh is a journey of self-actualisation and rediscovery. For the mother the journey is a mix of nostalgia and anxiety in anticipation of a difficult reunion. Generations of family members holding diverse cultural and social values face each other.

In this sense Tareque and Catherine Masud's latest movie *Ontorjatra* is an intimate exploration of the complex issues of dislocation and identity in a chaotic world.

As the subplot *Ontorjatra* deals with issues such as oppression of women in the family life, change of lifestyle as an impact of unplanned urbanisation of Old Dhaka, the 'Bihari crisis' and others.

Best part of the movie is its splendid cinematography to portray the colours and chaos of Old Dhaka and the lush greenery of Sylhet. The symbolic shots, camera framing has made the movie unique amongst hundreds. Moreover, Dolby digital 5.1 surround system gave a realistic touch to the cacophony of Old Dhaka as well as serenity of the tea gardens.

Sara Zaker, Rokeya Prachi, Harold Rasheed, Rifaqat Rasheed and Raisa Nawar were impressive in the major roles. However, Abdul Momen Choudhury, Jayanto Chattyopadhyay and Nasrine R Karim could have been more convincing.

Ontorjatra was screened recently at the inaugural of the 3rd International Film Festival, Bangladesh.

Poets Rafiq Azad, Mahadev Saha, Muhammad Samad, Anisur Rahman, Sadia Arman and Amirul Arham recited their poems at the Alliance Francaise, Dhaka on March 9.



Kylie becomes an author



Kylie Minogue appears set to add 'children's author' to her impressive list of creative achievements. The cancer-stricken singer is tipped to release *Showgirl Princess* in UK this September.

Aimed at young girls (ages six and over), the book's central character is called Kylie, whose dream of becoming a star is realised. Publisher Puffin tried to keep a lid on the plot when questioned, but insisted the book was "not autobiographical". "Kylie does draw on her experiences. The book is for young girls who dream of dressing up and going on stage, and it's written in a tone that's suitable for children," a spokeswoman said, "the main character just happens to be (a) Kylie."

Source: Internet

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, 9:00am, 2:00pm, 7:00pm, 9:00pm, 10:30pm, 12:15 am.
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
Telecast of BTV News (Bangla and English) at 11:30 pm.
Latest News (Bangla) at 9:00 a.m, 10:00 am, 11:00 am, 1:00pm, 3:00 pm, 4:00pm, 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 5:30pm, 7:30pm.
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
08:45 Shamprotik Biswa
09:05 Swshwato
09:15 Cricket: Bangladesh Vs Sri Lanka Test
02:15 Sisimpur
02:40 Bangla Feature Film
05:05 English Debate Competition
07:00 Wrestling
07:00 Special Programme
07:30 Drama Serial: Antoralei Anurag
08:40 Shafolla Gatha
09:00 Drama: Ostitto
10:25 Teknaf Theke Tetulia
11:00 Chaowa Paowa
08:35 Aajker Shokal
09:00 Drama Serial: Kachher Manush
09:30 Talk Show: Ki kotha Tahar Shathe
10:05 Magic Magic
10:30 Dhakar Cinema
10:05 Muktagongon
04:25 Tepartortor Mathay
04:50 Snapshots Of Change
05:15 Din Darpan
05:20 Alokapat
06:20 Shubho Shondha
06:50 Gaaner Shomoy
08:25 Drama serial: Romizer Aaina
09:10 Single Episode
Drama: Tourist
Dindarpan
11:25 CHANNEL i
09:30 Shongbad Potrey
Bangladesh
09:45 Public Reaction

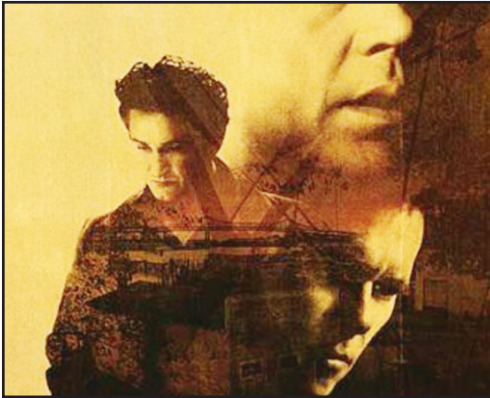
09:50 Tritiyo Matra
11:05 Na Bola Kotha (Live)
11:30 Mukto Bazar
12:30 Aj Dupurey
01:05 Ebong Cinemar Gaan
01:45 Public Reaction
02:40 Shaat Rang
03:20 Dhaka Guide
04:30 Hey Taronna
05:30 Cholo chchitra
Shangeetmala
06:00 Music Plus
06:30 Drama Serial: Dui Prohor
07:50 Drama Serial: Swapnoloker
Kolpokotha
08:20 Drama Serial: Ekush
Er Por
09:35 Hridoye Mati O Manush
Rexona Challenge
10:00 ATN BANGLA
08:45 Ferari Syren
09:15 Drama Serial: Britto
11:05 Drama Serial: Hortoner Bibi
11:35 Chari Deyaler Kaboy
12:15 Bangla Feature Film
03:45 Shurer Madhuri
04:15 Cholo Gaan Gai
04:45 Ispahani Pure Snax
Quiz Time
05:10 School Bela
05:45 Islami Sawal O Jobab (live)
06:20 Travel Show: Gugly
08:00 Drama Serial: Jol Porey Pata
08:30 Drama Serial: The New Shabuj

Laal Neel Beguni
On ATN Bangla at 09:00
Drama Serial
Cast: Zahid Hassan, Tamalika
09:00 Opera
Drama Serial: Lal Neel Beguni
09:30 Drama Serial: Ek Jonomey
10:40 Citycell Shusthya Thakun (live)
07:45 Shukhi Thakun Deho
09:30 Money
Gapshap
10:00 Aj Potrikae
10:30 Drama Serial: Biraj Bou
11:00 Drama Serial: Othelo Syndrom
12:00 Drama Serial: Biyer Golpo
01:00 Music Music
02:30 Alok Dhara
04:00 Bangla Feature Film: Naajawan
06:35 Just Band
08:00 Tele-film
10:50 Look At Me
HBO
10:15 Billy Madison
12:30 Rome 03 :An Owl in a Thornbush
01:30 Contact
04:30 Sahara
06:45 Bad Boys II
09:30 Mystic River
12:15 The Time Machine
02:15 Ripley's Game
04:30 Weapons of Mass

PICK OF THE DAY



Laal Neel Beguni
On ATN Bangla at 09:00
Drama Serial
Cast: Zahid Hassan, Tamalika



Mystic River
On HBO at 09:30 pm
Genre: Suspense
Cast: Sean Penn, Tim Robbins, Kevin Bacon

STAR MOVIES
08:00 Good Boy!
09:30 K-9: P.I
11:10 Chariots Of Fire
01:15 Dodgeball: A True Underdog Story
02:45 Sister Act
05:20 Man On Fire
09:25 Out Of Time
11:10 Baadasssss!
01:00 Lucia Lucia
02:45 Mada Up
STAR PLUS
10:00 V Trailers - Star Plus
10:30 Dharam Aur Hum
11:25 Bolly V - Star Plus
11:30 Krishna Kathaiyen V Trailers - Star Plus
02:05 Bolly V - Star Plus
02:30 Shanno Ki Shaadi
03:00 Kora Kagaz
06:30 The Proud Family
07:00 Goof Troop
07:25 Bolly V - Star Plus
07:30 Meri Mrs Chanchala
08:00 Pardey Ke Peechey
08:30 Star Parivaar Awards 2006
09:30 Jodee Kamaal Ki
10:30 Baa Bahoo Aur Baby
11:00 Shanno Ki Shaadi
STAR WORLD
09:30 The Bold & The

12:30 Beautiful
Rendezvous With Simi Garewal
01:30 My Wife And Kids
02:00 King Of Queens
03:00 Coupling
03:30 Malcolm In The Middle
04:30 American Idol
05:30 Desperate Housewives
06:30 North Shore
07:30 The Collector
08:30 Tna Xplosion
09:30 Ghost Hunters
10:30 Little Britain
11:30 Cops
12:00 Totally Outrageous Behavior
NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC
08:00 Telebrands
09:30 Dogs With Jobs
10:30 Backyard Science
10:45 Doc Eureka
11:00 Serious: Desert
11:30 Backyard Science
11:45 Doc Eureka
12:00 Serious: Desert
12:30 Wildlife Detectives
01:00 Croc Chronicles
01:30 Built For Destruction
04:30 Megacities
05:30 Gladiator Wars
06:30 Quest For Dragons
07:30 Rough Trades
08:30 Going To More Extremes
09:30 Hunter Hunted
10:30 No Borders
DISCOVERY
10:30 World Book Day Special
11:30 Beyond Tomorrow
12:30 Fifth Dimension
01:30 Wild Discovery

02:30 I Shouldn't Be Alive
03:30 Life on the Edge
05:30 Discover India People
06:30 Extreme Machines
07:30 Wild Discovery
10:30 Discovery Wings
11:30 Lifestyle Showcase
STAR SPORTS
11:30 Icc Cricket World (T)
12:00 Asian World Cup
Qualifiers 2006 Fifa World Cup
02:00 Asian Tour Amby Valley
Masters Highlights(T)
03:00 Football Asia (T)
03:30 Gillette World Sports
Special Gillette World Sports 2006 (T)
04:00 Uefa Champions League Magazine Shows
04:57 Formula One Qualifying 2006
06:00 English Premier Football 2005/06
08:00 Asian Tour Magazine
Show Asian Tour Weekly 2006 (T)
08:30 Gillette World Sports
Special Gillette World Sports 2006 (R)
08:48 English Premier Football League 2005/06
11:00 English Premier Football League 2005/06
ESPN
10:30 Sportscenter Week In Review (T)
11:00 The Football Quiz Kick-Off Round 1(R)
12:30 Here We Go (S)
01:30 Nba Action (T)

02:00 Cricket Classics
Sehwag's Best (R)
02:30 One Day International
Series South Africa Vs Australia 4th Odi
Highlights(S)
04:00 Sportscenter Week In Review (R)
04:30 West Indies Tour Of New Zealand The National Bank Test Series - 2006
08:45 Epl Saturday Premier-ship Saturday (L)
08:55 English Premier Football League 2005/06
11:00 Epl Saturday Premier-ship Saturday (L)
11:10 English Premier Football 2005/06
TEN SPORTS
08:00 Gamer TV
09:00 WWE: Velocity
09:30 Gillette World Of Sports
10:00 Winning Post
11:00 Legends
12:00 Italian League Highlights
01:00 German League Highlights
02:00 Trans World Sports
02:30 Gillette World Of Sports
03:00 Winning Post
05:30 Pakistan v India : 1st ODI H/Ls
06:30 WWE: Experience
07:00 EuropeanTour Weekly
07:30 Martini World Cup
08:30 Trans World Sports
09:00 Pakistan v India : 2nd ODI H/Ls
12:00 WWE: Experience
Trans World Sports