

Soaring High...

Paintings of Bangladeshi kites and album launch at Drik Gallery

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KITES made their appearance over 3,000 years ago, in China. Gradually kites were reproduced throughout Asia, then later, in Europe. Over the centuries kites have become a part of our heritage. Incorporating local designs, patterns and materials, kites, have long been 'Bangalee-fied'. Eid or Baishakhi in Old Dhaka have always been marked by kites of varied shapes and colours soaring in the sky, or the air resonating with competing kite-flyers hollering 'Vo katta!'

Artist Rashid Khan's third solo exhibition titled *Kites of Bangladesh* features paintings of kites sporting traditional *deshi* patterns as well as unfamiliar, intriguing designs. The exhibition was inaugurated at Drik Gallery on March 27. *Tui Thakrey Tor Moton*, the first solo album by Rashid was also launched at the occasion.

Cultural personality Afzal Hossain inaugurated the event.

About Rashid's paintings Afzal Hossain said, "The subject is definitely unique; treatment of colours is mature. It's hard to believe that being an amateur painter, Rashid Khan could produce artworks of this depth."

About his work, Rashid says, "Painting was and continues to be my passion. I have always tried to highlight individuality in my works."

"Kites were often used in my past works. I've had the opportunity to feast my eyes on kites of different sizes, shapes, brilliant colours and names at home and abroad. I have been working on the theme for a year and have tried to feature the splendor and variety of kites available in our country through these paintings."

Golla (oil on canvas), one of the works with a crimson background depicts the Bangladeshi flag in the



An artwork by Rashid Khan (Above), Afzal Hossain and the artist (L) at the exhibition

form of a kite. *Kani Kata* (oil on canvas) features the basic rectangular kite frame with orange triangular shapes at four corners. *Rocketdar* (water and wax) displays inner designs that resemble paper-made airplanes. *Dabadar* (oil on canvas) features the basic kite frame with a chessboard pattern. Pawns in the bright scarlet background add to the effect.

Some paintings feature kites shaped like birds. *Dhapu/ Fescay* (water and wax) shows a kite with a tail similar to that of the local bird *Finggey*. *Cheel* (oil on canvas) displays kites shaped like hawks. The basic frame of the kites is

divided in two colours.

Baksho/ Box (water and wax) shows 3-D kites shaped like boxes. The painting also displays two or more boxes joined to make a single kite.

Rashid has had previous solo exhibitions at Drik Gallery (2000) and Shilpangan (2002). He had also participated in group exhibitions held at IUB (2000) and National Museum (2001, 2003). The artist has received honorary awards from Bangladesh Journalist Association and Rajdhani Shangskritik Forum (both in 2000).

The exhibition will continue till April 4 from 3 to 8 pm.

Swadhinota O Boshonto Mela

Promoting indigenous goods

CULTURAL CORRESPONDENT

The Design Centre of Bangladesh Small and Cottage Industries Corporation (BSCIC) has organised a fair titled *Swadhinota O Boshonto Mela*. The fair began on March 26 and will run till March 31 at BSCIC in Motijheel. BSCIC conducts advisory and industrial promotion services, including training of entrepreneurs, skill development of artisans and craftspeople, creation of jobs for small and cottage industries (SCI) and development of linkages between SCIs and large and medium-sized industries.

The third day of the fair showcased an array of products made by the students of the Design Centre of BSCIC, such as block prints, screen, prints, wood carvings, terra cotta, handicrafts,



Handmade Bangladeshi dolls on display at the fair

PHOTO: SHAWKAT JAMIL

jute and leather products. The pricing of the products was reasonable and there were 68 stalls in the fair.

The Design Centre organises fairs quarterly and this is their 26th such fair. "The purpose of the fair is to promote the products in the local market and motivate the students," said AKM Abdus Sattar, assistant chief designer and

coordinator of the fair. A certification ceremony was also held on the first day of the fair. The chief guest of the event was SR Osmani, chairperson of BSCIC. The special guest was ABM Kamrul Islam, director (Marketing and Design), while Jamilul Alam, regional director of BSCIC, presided over the function.

Shubho Shondhya crosses 1000th episode tonight

The daily programme on ntv, *Shubho Shondhya*'s 1000th episode will be aired this evening at 6:20 pm, says a press release.

The programme has attained popularity among the TV viewers within a brief period. Parvez Chowdhury was initially the producer of the programme, currently the executive producer. The programme is hosted by Tina Salem Manzur, Premanjita Chowdhury and Farah Sharmin.

The TV show includes several

sections titled *Kaal Sharadin*, *Haath Bariye Dao*, *Anyochhobi*, *Dekhechhilam Chokher Aloye*, *Tobuo Trishna Metey Na*, *Archive Thekey*, *ntv Highlights*, *Gaalgoppo* and *Camerawallah*. The different sections feature cultural programmes being held in Dhaka and all over the country, birthdays and death anniversaries of eminent personalities, requests to lend a hand to noble causes, tourist attractions in the country and more.



Al Mansur and Tina Salem in *Shubho Shondhya*



The students of Independent University, Bangladesh (IUB) organised a cultural show and a play on the eve of the 35th Independence Day. The function was held at the University premises, Baridhara

Theatre festival in Bogra comes to an end

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Bogra

A weeklong 'Inter-district Cute Drama Festival', began on March 23 at the Aminul Haque Dulal Auditorium in Bogra Zilla School premises of the district. Around 18 theatre groups attended the festival to celebrate 25 years of Bogra Theatre. The organisers said the plays are based on facts during the

Liberation War, including the historic *Banur Pokur Killing* in Bogra district where 17 unarmed people were killed by the Pakistani forces.

A colourful rally was brought out, led by well-known theatre artiste Pijush Bandopadhyaya, president of Gram Theatre, Dhaka. The first play to be staged was *Koibart Bibro* by Bogra Theatre.

Bulbul: Monthly programme of Nazrul songs

Fatema Tuz Zohra and Rowshan Ara Mustafiz honoured

CULTURAL CORRESPONDENT

The monthly musical soiree of Nazrul songs held by Nazrul Sangeet Shilpi Parishad (NSSP) was held at the Nazrul Institute, Dhanmondi on March 28. Two noted Nazrul singers and members of NSSP, Rowshan Ara Mustafiz and Fatema Tuz Zohra -- recipients of Ekushey Podok this year -- were honoured at the event.

Ferdousi Rahman -- renowned artiste and president of NSSP, Latifa Chowdhury -- vice president of the organisation, Abdul Hye Sikdar -- executive director of Nazrul Institute, seasoned Nazrul artistes Khalid Hossain, Shaheen Samad and Nashid Kamal were present at the programme.

The programme started with artiste Nashid Kamal briefly going over the backgrounds and accom-

plishments of Rowshan Ara Mustafiz and Fatema Tuz Zohra.

Khalid Hossain said, "I've been following Rowshan Ara's singing career for over 40 years now. Skilled in Indian classical music and Nazrul songs, Rowshan has established herself as one of the A-listed singers of our country. Over the course of four decades, her voice hasn't lost even a fraction of the appeal."

"Fatema has the basic quality that makes for a true artiste -- passion for her craft. Be it *ghazal*, *jhumur* or devotional songs of Nazrul or songs of Tagore, Atul Prasad, DL Roy, Rajnikant or even *adhunik* songs, Fatema has carved a niche for herself. She is also a poet and has had books published."

Abdul Hye Sikdar said, "Nazrul Institute is pleased to be a part of this occasion celebrating the accomplishments of two leading

Nazrul artistes of the country who have received Ekushey Podok, highest state honour."

"Nazrul Institute belongs to every Nazrul devotee. Unfortunately with the funds allocated by the government, the institute can barely sustain. We cannot accommodate quality programmes often due to lack of sufficient funds. The institute and its auditorium need some major renovations as well. I'd request all the artistes to work along with us to improve the conditions of the institute and its programmes."

Rowshan Ara Mustafiz said in her speech, "I feel elated that I've received the Ekushey Podok, no doubt. But I do feel an artiste should receive such awards in her 'prime time'. That encourages one to strive harder in the quest for one's creative best."

Fatema Tuz Zohra said, "It feels

great to be honoured by eminent artistes whom I've always looked up to and my peers. The honour bestowed upon me by the state belongs to all my fellow Nazrul artistes."

About the state of affairs of Nazrul Institute, Ferdousi Rahman said, "The conditions of the institute need to be improved. Many complain about the venue. Perhaps the institute can be moved to a more suitable location. If it requires us, artistes, to take to the streets to fight for the cause, I for one will be in the frontline."

Musical performances by members of the NSSP, Shireen Akhter Chondona and SD Sumon followed. Rowshan Ara Mustafiz and Fatema Tuz Zohra also performed on the occasion.

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.

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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 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 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

09:25 Shashwato Jibon
09:35 Open University
10:00 Satellite broadcast
12:30 Shashthati
01:00 Selected Programme
02:15 Selected
Programme
04:00 Angkur
04:30 Selected Programme
05:05 Prottyashar Alo
05:30 Selected Programme
06:35 Jiboner Alo
07:30 Egiye Cholar Pothay
08:35 Protidin Bangladesh
08:45 Sangeeter
Shongroshala
Teknaf Thekey Tetulia
Apar Shasthyo

ATN

08:45 Mukto Shanglap
10:30 Anyodrishti
11:05 ATN Taroka,
Tarokader Taroka
(Acting)

12:15 Bangla Feature Film

03:45 ATN Rannaghar
04:20 Shundor Jiboner
Jonjo

04:45 Ispahani Pure Snax
Quiz Time

05:10 Bangla Namer Desh

05:45 Islami Sawaal O
Jobab (Live)

06:20 Prapok
08:00 Rock Link
08:30 Drama Serial: Ferari
Siren

09:00 Drama Serial: Britto

09:30 Drama Serial: Hortoner Bibi

10:40 Char Deyaler Kabyo

CHANNEL i

09:30 Shongbadpotrey
Bangladesh
Public Reaction
09:50 Tritiyomatra
12:30 Aaj Dupurey O Citicell
Tarokakothon
Selected
01:05 Ebong Cinemar Gaan
01:45 Public Reaction
02:40 Tritiyo Matraye Apri
03:05 Hridoye Mati O
Manusher
Daak
04:05 Bashudhara Amader
Gaan
Sa Re Ga Ma
04:45 Sa Re Ga Ma
05:30 RC Tones and Tunes
06:00 Music Plus
06:30 Amar Chhobi
07:50 Drama Serial: Akashi
Ronger Rumal
Drama Serial: Shutoye Bandha
Projapoti
Drama Serial: Shampurno Rangin
Drama Serial: Pothey
Jetey Jetey

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08:35 Aiker Shokal
09:00 Siddiqua Kabir's
Recipe
09:30 Ki Kotha Tahar
Shathey
10:05 Chalochchitro Kotha
11:30 Bangla Feature Film
01:05 Mukhtangan
02:35 Drama Serial: Labonyoprobha
Mega Serial: Ronger
Manush
03:50 Drama Serial: Amader
Anondo Bari
04:25 Shapla Kuri Contest
2005
04:50 Snapshots of Change



Britto
On ATN Bangla at 09:00 pm
Drama Serial
Cast: Litu Anam, Tarin, Nadia

05:15 Dindarpan
05:20 Smritir Janatae
06:20 Shubho Shondhya
06:50 Biz Week
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PICK OF THE DAY



Jumanji

On HBO at 09:30 pm

Genre: Action

Cast: Robin Williams, Bonnie Hunt, Kirsten Dunst

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12:00 The Long Kiss
Goodnight
Unforgiven
02:30 Snakehead Terror
07:15 Lethal Weapon 2
9:30 Jumanji
11:45 Mystic River