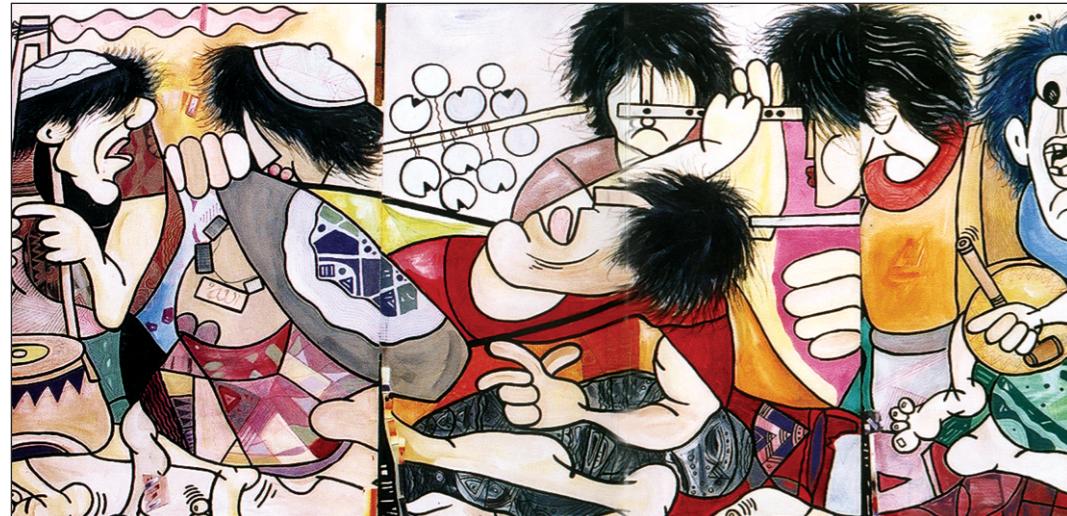


Exhibition

Exuberant images by Kamaluddin

FAYZA HAQ

KAMALUDDIN Talukder, whose solo exhibition is on at the Alliance Francaise, is an artist who is differently-abled. The hearing and speech impaired artist has created creditable work that harks back to Jamini Roy, Quamrul Hassan and Zainul Abedin. In his paintings are representations of contented families, mother and child, birds, fish and scenes from sun-washed villages and riverside. The colours are applied flat and outlined, while figures have been simplified into geometrical shapes, with exaggerations in the perspective.

One of his creations based on the mother and child theme has the chubby, cuddly child with blue-black eyes, happily sitting on the mother's lap. The woman's sari is decorated with detailed designs of fish, flowers. A blue-black, apparently well-fed cat rests against her. The backdrop is left gray and beige. Flecks of red brighten up the foreground. The picture is one of contentment and harmony.

"Mother-11" presents a plump seated woman with blue and pink designs in her sari. She has designs decorating her head too. She appears placid and carefree. "Shelter in the blue sky" has yet another seated chubby woman playing the harmonium. Self-satisfied and engrossed in herself and her music, her limbs appear larger than life. Her head is faced down in an unusual angle. "Image of life and time-1" introduces two village women, one combing the other's long hair. These figures too are rotund but not repulsive. Motifs of flowers, leaves, boats and

sunbursts decorate their clothes. A singing bird is included in this idyllic scene.

In "Parents and children", one sees a man in "lungi" and white cap, his wife with silver amulets around her neck, and two children, along with a pet cat. The gathered family appear blissful. The figures are rounded, muscular and exaggerated. "Utopia" brings abstract forms of brown and beige, proving the artist to be at ease with abstraction too. Rectangles, triangles, semicircles are brought in against a backdrop of pink and beige. Seeing from a distance, one can see the impressions of a woman in this painting.

"Quest for truth and happiness" introduces a woman with a triangular face with interlacing eyes. Geometrical shapes form the background. Lines, dots and streaks are there too to heighten the craftsmanship of the work. "Composition-111" once again features a seated woman with large eyes, nose and breast, layers of purple washes at the back. "Images of life and time" introduces a round female face with stringy blue hair enveloping it. Motifs of fish, snakes, human limbs and eyes interlace the composition. The sky and the sea have also been represented.

In two of his works, the artist has depicted people with physical disabilities, with white canes, on wheel chairs and crutches, forging ahead in the world. Here he brings in his own world of being differently-abled and trying to make it on his own.

Kamal's works reflect a world of exuberance -- colours, lines and forms.



Works by Kamaluddin Talukder

CULTURAL FEAS

Painting & Drawing
Exhibition of Quamrul Hassan

Title: Quamrul Hassan in Line and Colour
Venue: Bengal Gallery of Fine Arts, Bengal Shilpalay, House 275/F, Road 27, Dharmundi
Date: September 20-October 4
Time: 12:00 pm to 8:00 pm



Painting Exhibition

Title: Conventional Abstract
Artist: Abdus Salam
Venue: Dots Contemporary Art Centre, 191/A, Haque Tower, Tejgaon-Gulshan Link Road, Tejgaon
Date: September 16-30
Time: 11:00 am to 8:00 pm

A music video on Grameen Microcredit



Camilla Sunde and Thomas Schofield (centre) with students of Grameen Shikha

Los Angeles based 'The Green Children Foundation' is making a music video on Grameen Microcredit, says a press release. For the music video, a group from

the foundation recently travelled to Dhaka. The group, which included Camilla Sunde, who has rendered the song and the songwriter Thomas Schofield, spent seven

days shooting the video with their crew in the villages of Mirzapur, Gazipur and Bhawal Rajbari Sreepur Grameen Bank branch area. Preschool children of Grameen Shikha have also participated in the video.

Thomas Schofield visited Grameen Bank in Bangladesh with Vidar Jorgenson, Chairman of the World Health Care Congress, USA in February this year. The impact of microcredit on the poor inspired him to write the song "Hear me now." The music video follows the life of a Grameen Bank Microcredit borrower, Monika Rani.

Thomas Schofield says young people are the target group of this music video. Through the song and the video he wants to inform the youth worldwide about the success of microcredit.

A portion of the income from this music video, which should be marketable soon, will be spread across Grameen Shikha, Grameen Health Care, and Grameen Trust. At the end of this year, the team from The Green Children will return to Bangladesh to premier this music video in Dhaka and the village of Gazaria in Sreepur.

Docudrama 'Ontoraler Kotha' on gender violence

To generate awareness among the masses and to minimise violence against women (VAW), and highlight issues such as child rights and reduction of poverty, United Network Limited (UNL) had earlier produced and aired a 26-episode docudrama, titled *Ontoraler Kotha*.

After the completion of its first phase UNL has started the production of 26 new episodes. Starting from



Event

Indigenous cultural programme in Rangamati

SHANTIMOY CHAKMA, Rangamati

Rangamati Hill District Council (RHDC) recently organised a cultural evening to honour the visiting ambassador of the Union of Myanmar, Thane Myint at the local Tribal Culture Institute (TCI) auditorium.

Indigenous artistes of the Chakma, Marma, Tangchangya, Tripura and Lusai communities performed songs and traditional dances at the event.

Dancers of the Marma community performed a "Candle dance", balancing lit candles on small plates on their palm. This was followed by a "Bamboo dance" performed by artistes of the Lusai community.

Suchanda Tangchangya performed a love song titled *O-re-o-baier-an, jar-tuiparandare-koidegoina*. Aungthoi Marma and Subhadra Tripura performed tradition songs while Kalayan Chakma and Shila Chakma performed a duet song.

Chakma artistes also performed a traditional "Bizu dance." The Chakma community celebrates "Bizu Utsab," ushering in the New Year at the end of Bangla month of *Chitra*. Tripura artistes wrapped up the programme with a "Bottle dance".

Earlier, ambassador Thane Myint visited the museum of TCI and admired the collection of different traditional items.



Indigenous artistes perform at the programme

Oprah to go on radio



Get ready for Radio Oprah. Talk show queen Oprah Winfrey launched her own channel, "Oprah and Friends", on Monday morning on XM Satellite Radio, with shows hosted by her and a collection of popular personalities from her TV show, including her best friend, Gayle King, fitness expert Bob Greene and renowned poet Maya Angelou.

The station will broadcast 24 hours a day, with highlights of the shows replayed every weekend.

Guests set for the first few weeks of programming include actresses Annette Bening and Julia Louis-Dreyfus, rocker Jon Bon Jovi, *New York Times* columnist Tom Friedman and real estate mogul Donald Trump. Winfrey will co-host a show with King, dubbed "The Oprah and Gayle Show," on which they discuss the latest news and gossip.

Other shows will focus on finance, style, relationships and spiritual wisdom.

XM Satellite Radio boasts more than 7 million subscribers.

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

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) 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 pm.
Telecast of BTW 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, 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; 1:00 pm; 3:00 pm; 4:00 pm; 6:00 pm and 8:00 pm.

ntv
News Headlines (Bangla) at 10:00 am; 12:00 pm; 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 6:30pm; 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

08:30 Open University
11:15 Shukhi Poribar
12:05 Songbadpoter Pata Thake

12:30 Maa O Shishir Kotha
01:00 Shobor Jonyo Shikhya
01:30 Mati O Manush

02:15 Children's Programme: Moner Kotha
02:40 Cartoon: Woody Wood Packer

03:05 Computer Round Band Show
04:00 Pobitro Quran Telawat o Torjoma

04:30 Talk show: Ei Shomoy
06:40 Geeto Bitan
07:30 Package Programme
08:45 Drama Serial: Pantho Nibash

09:25 Drama Serial: Polotoka Prem
10:30 Talk show

ATN BANGLA

08:35 Shongbad Potre Bangladesh
09:50 Grameen Phone Trityomatra

11:05 Cricket Online (live)
11:30 Amar Chhobi

12:30 Aaj Dupurey O Citycell Tarokakothon

01:05 Ebong Cinemar Gaan
02:40 Humayun Ahmed's Selected Drama

03:15 Amader Gaan
03:35 Sa Re Ga Ma

04:05 i Sports
04:25 i Speed

05:00 Ronjanul Mubarak (live)
06:00 Hamd o Naat

06:05 Monohor Iftar
06:30 Mirror
07:50 Rup Roshoso

08:20 Drama Serial: Ferari

09:35 Drama Serial: Sutoy badha Projapoti

12:00 Grammerphone Ajker Shangbadpotro

10:30 Anyodrishi Drama Serial: Olot Palot

01:30 Nari

02:30 Eid Bazaar

03:15 Drama Serial: O Amar Chokhru Nai

04:15 Islamic Programme

04:45 Mobarak Ho Mahe Romjan

06:20 Aynur Sharminay

07:50 Drama Serial: Jollad

08:20 Drama Serial: Ferari Siren

08:50 Drama: Nayika Ashchhe

10:40 Talk Show: Mukto Shonglap

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08:35 Shuprobhat

09:35 Drama Serial: Khola Chokhe

10:30 Purush

11:00 Drama Serial: Boro Didi

03:30 Motantor

03:30 Drama Serial: Daar Kaak

04:00 Gaamer Khata

04:30 Bioscope

05:10 Rohmoter Mash

06:10 Saaj Bela

06:45 Jonotor Ishitbar Pare

07:00 Romjaner Swad

08:15 Drama Serial: Daar Kaak

09:00 Talk Show: Joyitar

09:00 Rupantor Golpo

09:30 Tagore Songs

09:50 Baker Pothey

11:00 Baker Pothey

CHANNEL 1

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