

'Rebirth of Learning' and 'Eastern Softness'

Weeklong exhibitions at Zainul Gallery

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WEEKLONG art exhibitions by young artists M Shaiful Islam and Rubait Shailla Eti ended yesterday at Zainul Gallery 1 and 2 respectively, at the Institute of Fine Arts.

Shaiful's 6th solo exhibition titled "Rebirth of Learning" featured artworks including drawings, sculptures, ceramics, paintings, digital paintings, photo paintings, photography and poems. Eti's solo exhibited, "Eastern Softness" displayed oriental paintings.

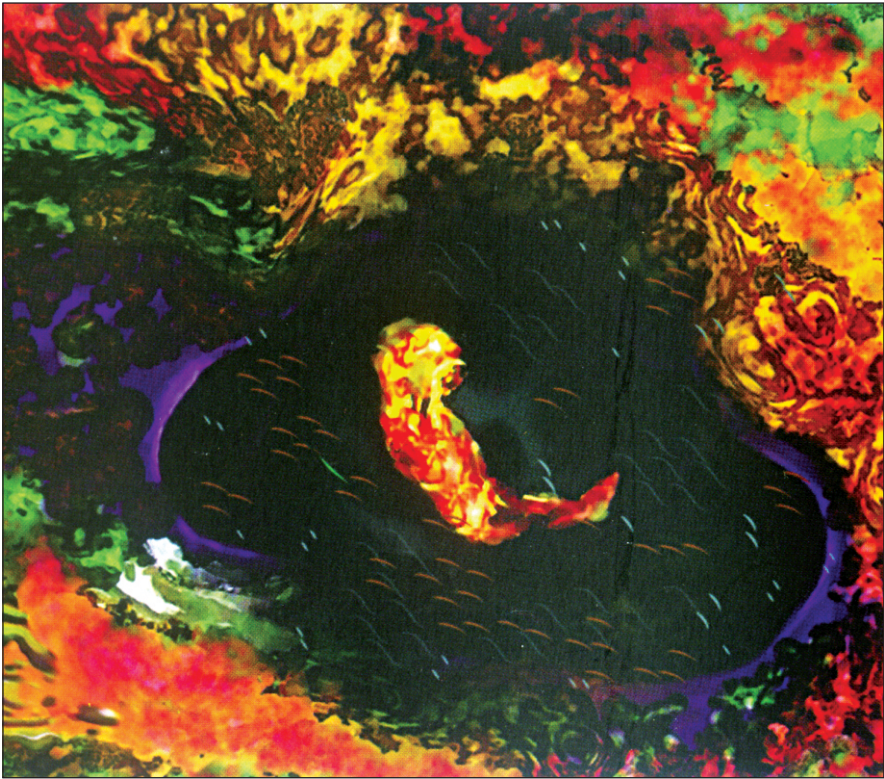
Highlight of Shaiful's exhibition is use of modern technology in the abstractions. His photo paintings are quite appealing. The artist

has created the impression of a 'negative image' on a (2x3) glass surface. He has enlarged the image using photo-lab technology.

Using software like Photoshop, Shaiful has created abstract paintings applying colours like black, yellow and red.

Uniqueness of his exhibition was the use of images of Sultan Isa Khan's relics. The artist has taken photographs of the textures of historic edifices and using graphic animation has modified those to appear like human figures.

Delicate lines in Shaiful's drawings, mostly by ballpoint pen on regular papers, feature the human complexity. His style of drawing seems



Computer painting by M Shaiful Islam

to have been influenced by renowned artist Kalidas Karmokar's printmaking.

Manuscripts of Shaiful's poems, a good number of ceramic works and installation works were also included at the exhibition.

The essence of Oriental art that features the divine beauty of nature has been aptly presented in Rubait Shailla Eti's exhibition, "Eastern Softness".

Maintaining the Oriental style, Eti has tried to depict the harmony between the female form and fauna by using vibrant colours on wet papers. Fourteen paintings feature women in saree, doing hair,

bathing, plucking flowers, at leisure, mingling with others and more. The impressive water-colour compositions have turned these ordinary female figures into divine creatures.

In "Practice at Museum", a series of two paintings, Eti has drawn legendary figures, using oxide colours on silk cloth.

Apart from female figures, Eti has portrayed flowers like pumpkin, dahlia and *jhumko joba*, maintaining the Oriental tradition of painting flora and fauna. Her image of red *jhumko joba* is unique.

17th National Art Biennale to begin

CULTURAL CORRESPONDENT

The month-long National Art Biennale begins tomorrow at the National Art Gallery, Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy (BSA). The biennale will be inaugurated by Ayub Quadri, advisor to the Ministries of Education, Primary and Mass Education and Cultural Affairs. It is the 17th arrangement of national art exhibition and competition in which selected 373 art works by 247 artists will be on display till July 16.

Director of Department of Fine Arts of BSA, M Nazrul Haque, informed, "Artists from different corners of the country submitted around 1,300 artworks including paintings, prints, sculptures, ceramics and installations. A five-member jury that includes veteran artists of



the country have selected the artworks that will be on display at the

biennale. As the number of participants have increased this year, we cannot display the artworks of veteran artists along with those of upcoming artists due to accommodation constraint."

Veteran artist Aminul Islam is the convener of the jury committee. Artists Abu Taher, Mahmudul Haq, Abdus Shakoor Shah and art critic Mainuddin Khaled are other members of the committee.

Ten participants will be awarded by BSA and other private organisations. BSA will provide a Grand prize of BDT 51,000 and three other honorary awards. Besides, six other private awards to be given at the biennale are: Bengal Foundation Award, Arab Bangladesh Bank Award, Shah AMS Kibria Award, GrameenPhone Award, Azizunnesa Fine Arts Award and Deepa Haque Award.

Talent hunt for aspiring folk artistes

CULTURAL CORRESPONDENT

As part of a talent hunt programme, cultural organisation Pali Baul Shamaj Unnayan Shangtha (PBSUS), in association with the German Embassy, held a daylong cultural programme at Shawkat Osman Memorial Auditorium, Central Public Library on June 14.

The programme titled "Talent Hunt Top Ten Baul-3rd round" featured performances by 34 folk artistes. PBSUS launched the talent hunt in April this year, with the aim to discover talented young folk artistes. From 210 entries in the first round, 40 were selected by a panel of judges consisting of noted folk artistes Kanganali Sufia, Himangshu Biswas and Abinash Chandra Sheel.

The second round was held on June 2, in which 34 qualified for the third round.

After the third round 28 aspiring folk singers are left. The fourth round is expected to be held shortly.

Veteran folk artiste Abdur Rahman Boyati was present at the event.



Young contestants at the talent hunt

CULTURALFEAST

Recitation Programme

Title: Kobilar Adda
Venue: Natmondol, Dhaka University
Date: June 16
Time: 4pm

Group Art Exhibition

Artist: Mahabubul Islam Babu, Zahir Hossain Newton, Rajaul Islam Lovlu, Abdul Aziz, Syed Mohammad Shamim, Uttam Kumar Roy
Venue: Radius Centre, Bay's Galleria (5th Floor), 57 Gulshan Avenue
Date: June 15-30
Time: 10am-8pm

Title: Thoh Shun
Venue: Art Club Bangladesh Gallery, Suite 3B, House 4, Road 104, Gulshan 2
Date: June 15-20
Time: 11am-8pm

Painting Exhibition

Artist: Tayeba Begum Lipi
Title: Feminine
Venue: Bengal Shilpalaya, House 275/F, Road 27 (old) Dhanmondi
Date: June 15-28
Time: 12pm-8pm

Photography Exhibition

Artist: Shamsunnahar Lovely
Venue: Zainul Gallery-1, Institute of Fine Arts, Dhaka University
Date: June 17-22
Time: 11am-6pm

Musical soiree at Goethe Institut

CULTURAL CORRESPONDENT

Goethe Institut in Dhaka arranged a musical soiree to celebrate the season of monsoon on June 14. Artist Shama Rahman rendered Tagore songs on rain as well as other tunes. The candlelit event had just the right ambience for songs of rain.

Shama Rahman started the evening with *Nilanjana chhaya*, followed by the familiar song *Aaj ei*

godhuli laganey.

One after another, the artiste rendered songs -- *Aaji tomayee abar chai shonabarey*, *Mon-e ki dwidha rekhey geley choley*, *Megher porey megh jomechhey*, *Amar neeshitho raater badalo dhara* -- capturing the different emotions evoked by rain.

Shama also performed *Ami tokhono chhilem magono gohono ghumer ghorey*, *Duurey kothay duurey duurey*, *Aaj srabon-er purnimatey* and *Ami roop-e tomaye*

bholabona.

The artiste then rendered songs on request from the audience, including *Chhaya ghonaechhy bon-e bon-e*, *Amar din phuralo*, *Sraboner pabon-e* and *Krishnokoli ami tarey boli*.

Skillful renditions of songs by Shama, accompanied by Daulat-ur-Rahman on keyboard, Mohammad Omar on *tabla* and Pradip Ray on percussion, received rounds of applause from the audience.



Shama Rahman renders song at the programme

An evening of Nazrul songs by Arun Anjali



Khairul Anam Shakil (Second from L) with performers

CULTURAL CORRESPONDENT

To celebrate ten years of tenure of noted Nazrul singer Khairul Anam Shakil as a music teacher, cultural organisation Arun Anjali arranged a musical programme on June 14. The event was held at Chhayanaut Shankkriti Bhavan.

The evening featured performances by students of Shakil. It was the first stage performance for most of them, informed Shakil. The aim of the initiative is to bring forth new

talents and familiarise them with stage performance, he added.

Young singers presented a number of solo and choral renditions of Nazrul songs. The programme started with a chorus, *Deshgouro bijoye debraj*, *Choncholo Shyamol*, *Shaono raate jodi*, *Megher domru bajey*, *Tumijoti dhona*, *Keno dile e kaanta*, *Jakna nishi gaan-e* and many more were performed throughout the evening.

Shah Rukh Khan to receive prestigious French award

PALLAB BHATTACHARYA, New Delhi

Bollywood superstar Shah Rukh Khan is truly in big league now. He has been honoured by the French government with the Order of the Arts and Literature award for his "exceptional career".

The recognition puts Khan in the illustrious club of the same award winners like Bengali filmmaker Mrinal Sen, Tamil superstar Sivaji Ganesan, Carnatic musician Balmurali Krishna, India-born author Salman Rushdie, Hollywood stars Robert Redford, Bruce Willis, Leonardo DiCaprio, Sharon Stone, Meryl Streep and Uma Thurman.

Khan will be conferred with the decorative medal at a function later this summer.

The medal is given to French nationals and foreigners for their significant contributions to arts and literature and development of global culture.

Khan's most recent film *Don*, a remake of the Amitabh Bachchan-starrer with the same title in the 1980s, was partly shot in Paris.

Khan has a wax statue in the world-famous Madame Tussaud's in London which the actor had jovially described as "much better looking" than he himself.



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. (To be telecast on all Bangla channels).

CHANNEL-i
News (Bangla) at 7:15 am, 9:00am, 2:00pm, 7:00pm, 9:00pm, 10:30pm, 12:15am.

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.
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 8:00pm.

CHANNEL 1
News (Bangla) at 8:00am, 12:00pm, 2:30pm, 6:30pm, 7:30pm, 10:00pm, 12:30am

BANGLAVISION
News (Bangla) at 8:00am, 2:00pm, 6:00pm, 7:15pm, 10:30pm.
News Headlines (Bangla) at 10:00am, 12:00am, 4:00pm.
News Headlines (English) at 8:05pm

Rtv
News (Bangla) at 10:15pm, and 12:15am

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News (Bangla): 7:30am, 12:02pm, 2:00pm, 7:30pm, 10:30pm, 1:00am

ETV
News (Bangla): 1:00pm, 3:00pm, 5:00pm, 7:00pm, 9:00pm, 11:00pm

BTV

11:15 Musical Programme
11:40 Shukhi Poribar
12:05 Drama Serial: Shubarno Lota
12:30 Mati O Manush
01:00 Bishwa Bichitra
01:30 Maa O Shishur Kotha
02:15 Sisimpur
02:40 Bangla Feature Film
05:05 Nobo Anondey Jago
06:40 Matri Basha
07:05 Laukik Bangla
07:30 Shobar Jonno Cinema
08:35 Documentary
Programme: Amar Dosh
09:00 Drama: Bishonyo Britye
Adi O Okritiyi

ATN BANGLA
10:30 Talk show: Aktel Onnoddishi
ATN Music
11:05 Shurur Madhuri
12:15 Shathidin
01:30 Nari
02:40 Talk Show: Budget
Prorbori Bhadrana
Shobar Jonno
03:45 Shesh Okhor
04:20 Gram Gonjer Khobor
05:00 Talk show:
GrammenPhone
Nari O Rajniti
06:20 Gondhoraj Samsung
Cine Aha
08:00 Mega Serial: The
New Sobuj Opera
08:40 Mega Serial: Laal
Neel Beguni
09:00 Mega Serial: Ek
Jonomey
Grameenphone
12:00

Lead News

Channel i

09:30 Shangbadpotre
Bangladesh
09:45 Public Reaction
09:50 GrameenPhone
Tritiomatra
11:05 Na Bola Kotha
11:30 Mukto Bazaar
Orthoniti
12:30 Citycell Taroka
Kathan
01:05 Ebong Cinemar
Gaan
01:30 Shangbadpotre
Bangladesh
01:45 Public Reaction
02:40 Talk Show: Shikhya
Shujog Na Odhikaar
03:05 Dhaka Guide
04:05 Educational
Programme
04:40 Shotyer Shondhaney
Muktijuddh Protdin
05:30 Harano Shoishob
Harano Shompod
06:20 Amar Bangladesh
07:50 Mega Serial: Bhober
Haat
09:35 Hridoye Mati O
Manush
10:00 Drama Serial: Niloy
Tarzan
11:30 GrameenPhone
Ajker Shanbad Potro

Rtv
08:00 Ei Shokaal
09:05 Aj Potrikay
09:30 Drama: Ei Phit Oi
Phit
11:00 Gop Shop
12:00 Musical Programme
01:30 Aj Potrikay
02:45 Bangla Feature Film
06:00 Din Protidin
06:35 Bishwa Jurey



Laal Neel Beguni
On ATN Bangla at 08:40pm
Drama Serial
Cast: Jahid Hassan, Dolly Zahur



Grey's Anatomy
On Star World at 09:30pm
TV Series
Cast: Katherine Heigl, Jeffrey Dean Morgan

BANGLAVISION
10:10 Apnar Ki Kichhu
Bolar Achhey
11:10 Shomoy Ashomoy
11:40 Media Bhubon
Drama Serial:
Kachhey Durey
03:10 Drama Serial: Dhula
Ura Din
04:15 Public Forum
05:00 Ebong Classer
Bailey
05:40 Diner Sheshey
06:35 Music Moment
08:15 Drama Serial: Shesh
Odhay
08:55 Amar Ami
09:30 Drama Serial:
Bachelor Dompoti
BOISHAKHI
08:00 Din Protidin
09:00 Cartoon
09:30 Talk Show: Jonotar
Kath Goray
12:00 Islamic Programme
01:25 Cooking Show
02:00 Drama
03:30 Kashem Malar Prem
04:00 Game Show
05:00 Cartoon
05:30 Musical Programme
06:00 Nazrul Song
07:15 Quiz Show
07:45 Drama Serial: Polatok
Drama
09:15 Talk Show: Law and
Development
STAR MOVIES
09:30 The Big Green
11:15 Happy Gilmore
12:50 The Mistress Of
Spices
02:30 On The Lot
03:30 Opening Night
04:00 Robots
05:30 Spymate
07:00 The Perfect Catch
08:45 Star Wars: Ep. VI -
Return Of The Jedi
11:00 A Passage To India
01:45 Spymate
03:15 New France
05:45 Star Wars: Ep. Vi -
Return Of The Jedi
STAR PLUS
09:00 Bolly V - Star Plus
09:05 V Trailers - Star Plus
09:30 Saans
09:30 V Trailers - Star Plus
10:00 V Trailers - Star Plus
10:30 Aladdin
11:00 Kim Possible
11:30 Sonpari
12:00 Karishma Ka
Karishma
12:25 Bolly V - Star Plus
12:30 V Trailers - Star Plus
12:55 Bolly V - Star Plus
01:00 Shaka Laka Boom
Boom
Bolly V - Star Plus
01:55

02:00 V Trailers - Star Plus
02:25 Bolly V - Star Plus
02:30 Volcano (Hindi)
Shows
05:00 V Trailers - Star Plus
05:25 Bolly V - Star Plus
05:30 Krishna Kathayien
06:30 Star Voice Of India
07:25 Bolly V - Star Plus
07:30 Kasturi
08:00 Idea lifa Award 2007
08:30 Lucky
09:30 Prithviraj Chauhan
10:00 Baa Bahoo Aur Baby
10:30 Star Voice Of India
11:30 Thodi Si Zameen
Thoda Sa Aasma
Bolly V - Star Plus
STAR WORLD
09:30 The Apprentice
10:30 The Bold And The
Beautiful
12:30 The Simpsons
01:00 Travel Asia
01:30 Wills India Fashion
Week
02:30 Arrested Development
03:00 8 Simple Rules
03:30 Malcolm In The Middle
04:00 My Name Is Earl
04:30 Frasier
05:00 Psych
06:00 30 Rock
06:30 The O.C.
07:30 Tna Xplosion
08:30 Desperate
Housewives
09:30 Grey's Anatomy
10:30 Heroes
11:30 Psych
12:30 Prison Break
DISCOVERY CHANNEL
09:30 Discovery Spotlight
11:30 Extreme Machines
12:30 Engineering the

World's Rally
02:30 Discovery's Biggest
Shows
04:30 Wildest Week
05:30 Really Big Things with
Matt Rogers
06:30 Planet Earth
07:30 Wild Discovery
08:30 Discover India
09:30 Everest: Beyond the
Limit
10:30 How do they do it?
11:30 Equator
NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC
09:30 Chimps Unchained
10:30 Vampires
11:30 Hauntings
12:30 Atlantis
01:30 Is It Real?
02:30 Steam, Heavenly
Angel, Mike
03:00 Salt Water Crocodiles
03:30 Naked Science
04:30 I Didn't Know That
05:00 Steam, Heavenly
Angel, Mike
05:30 Big Bang
06:00 Large Sharks
06:30 Comet Air Crash
07:30 Oceans in Glass
08:30 The Serpent
09:30 Great Indian Witch
Hunt
10:30 Titanic
11:30 Lockdown
12:30 Countdown Crocs
HISTORY
09:15 Global Sky Shop
09:30 USS Forrestal
10:30 Munich Airport
Baggage
11:00 Yes Minister S1
12:30 Das Boot

03:30 Perfect Tribute
05:30 Twist of Fate
07:30 Che Guevara
11:30 Eliot Ness
12:30 Perfect Tribute
STAR SPORTS
08:00 Guinness 9 Ball Tour
2007, Kuala
12:30 The Ubs Golf Club
(Golf)
01:00 2007 Motogp World
Championship H
Road To Beijing
(Olympics)
02:00 Npower Test Series
(Cricket)
06:00 India Down Under
(Cricket)
06:30 Npower Test Series
(Cricket)
10:57 2007 Formula One
Qualifying (Aut)
12:00 India Down Under
(Cricket)
12:30 Npower Test Series
(Cricket)
ESPN
10:30 Sportscenter Week In
Review (Spo
11:30 Hitz (Cricket)
11:30 India Down Under
(Cricket)
11:55 Major League
Baseball (Baseball)
02:55 2007 Scripps National
Spelling B
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Review (Spo
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Weekend (Sport
News)
05:30 The Artois
Championships
(Tennis)
10:00 Sportscenter At The