

Proshanto's delineations of havoc and hope

Paintings on Victory Day



Artworks on display

FAYZA HAQ
THE recent acrylic, etching and mixed media exhibition by Proshanto Karmakar, "Victory Day", is based on the struggle of the freedom fighters, the martyred intellectuals, and the genocide by Pak Army -- on the whole the Liberation War. The exhibition is on at the Shilpalay Art Gallery in Baridhara.
This has been Proshanto's theme earlier too when he presented photographs on the subject at Gallery Tone. Six-year-old when the Liberation War took place, he is sorry that he couldn't take up arms against the marauding soldiers at that time. This is his tribute to the valiant struggle of a brave, new nation, Bangladesh.
In the paintings and prints are to be seen the corpses of the martyred intellectuals at the Rayerbazar Baddhobhumi and other scenes of 1971. "I didn't see the images myself but had access to photographs galore dating back to that period," says a charged Proshanto. "Had I been fifteen at that time, nothing could have stopped me from taking up arms. Today I have two weapons, to fight against any evil threatening my country which my elder brother Kalidas Karmakar put in my hand: the camera and the paint brush with which I'm carrying on my fight."
Taught by Bonizul Huq from Rajshahi Art College and provided guidance and oppor-

tunities by his brother Kalidas, he was told by Quamrul Hassan, "Whether you have academic training in a big way or not, keep studying artworks, specially that of the masters." Proshanto greatly admires Van Gogh, which remains the all time favourite of Bangladesh artists as regards theme and technique. "Always maintain your individuality so that the viewer will see your work and recognise that as only yours," Biren Shome once told him.
In the paintings Proshanto has used a variety of colours ranging from black to touches of vermilion, green, blue etc. The corpses are black, with flecks of brighter hues to highlight them. Even there one finds hope in the form of flying white doves of peace. The paintings dealing with the freedom fighters are more buoyant, especially with the fluttering of the green and gold.
Asked if he preferred painting to prints, Proshanto says, "I get a lot of satisfaction from etching. The necessary acid is not easily available and so I'm moving on to acrylic that has the effect of oils and is quick to complete. He is also experimenting with serigraphy.
Proshanto's photography had dealt with the parents of freedom fighters, at an exhibition held at the National Museum in 1987. The Gallery Tone venture, earlier on, in prints and mixed media had also won approval of the connoisseurs.

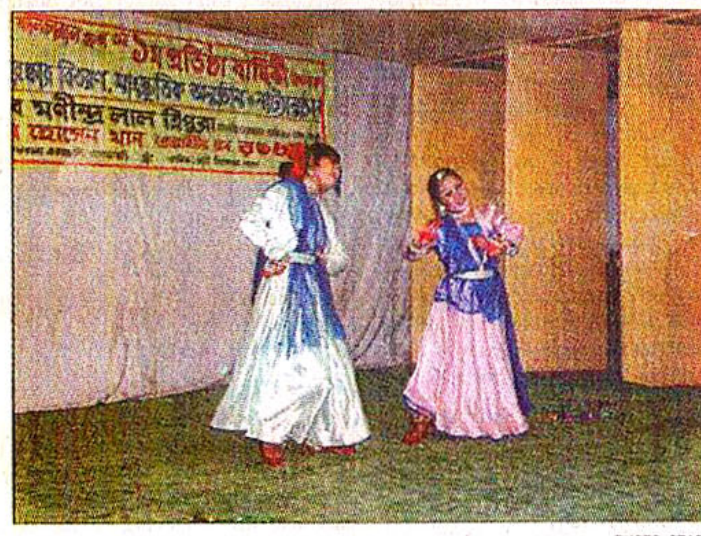
Dwelling on Begum Rokeya's philosophy

CARE Bangladesh observes Rokeya Day

KONGKON KARMAKER, Dinajpur
CARE Bangladesh, an international non-government organisation observed 'Begum Rokeya Day' at Atgaon union under Bochaganj upazila of Dinajpur recently. This was to spread Begum Rokeya's ideology among the rural women. The audience was told that they should take pride in being women.
Marking the day, the organiser held several competitions on drama, dance, recitation, tales from Rokeya's life. There were also musical programmes focusing on Begum Rokeya's philosophy. The event was held at Baznya High School ground, Atgaon union of Bochaganj upazila, Dinajpur.
At the discussion, presided over by Sunil Chandra Dev Sharma, headmaster of Baznya High School, the speakers urged the women to be united against domestic violence.
Md. Abul Hashem, UNO of Bochaganj upazila handed over the prizes among the winners as chief guest, while Md. Ashraf Haque Prodhan, Upazila Education Officer of Bochaganj, and Zannatul Mawa, project director of Protirodh project of Care Bangladesh were present as special guests at the day long programme.
Students also staged four plays dwelling on Begum Rokeya's message, and they drew much applause.



A scene from the play



Artists perform at the programme

Preserving ethnic culture

CHT school's call for indigenous efforts

JASIM MAJUMDER, Khagrachhari
Speakers at a cultural function recently urged the people to ensure the amusement facilities. By organising cultural events the expected peace, development and harmony will be maintained in CHT, they added.
They urged the people to be aware of their cultural origin so that the state would endorse their artistic endeavours.
Speakers said this in a cultural function organised by Hill Moon Cultural Group to mark its first anniversary at Zilla Shilpakal Academy in Khagrachhari recently.
Managing Director of Hill Moon Cultural Group Nazrul Islam pre-

Sacha Baron Cohen to shed 'Borat' persona for good

REUTERS, London

British actor-comedian Sacha Baron Cohen says the time has come to shed forever his persona as 'Borat', the boorish, oversexed, TV journalist from Kazakhstan who became a surprise box office sensation last year.
In a rare interview as himself, Cohen told Britain's *Daily Telegraph* newspaper he found it painful to abandon his Borat character, and another of his oddball alter egos, Ali G, but felt both had become too familiar to the public.
Cohen created both personae as devices for improvised social satire, in which people he interacted with in interviews or casual encounters became his unsuspecting comic foils.
His act was most famously showcased in last year's movie phenomenon *Borat: Cultural Learnings of America for Make Benefit Glorious Nation of Kazakhstan*, a faux documentary of the Central Asian reporter on a cross-country U.S. road trip.
"When I was being Ali G and Borat, I was in character sometimes 14 hours a day and I came to love them. So admitting I am never going to play them again is quite a sad thing," he told the newspaper.
The film benefited in part from publicity sparked by Kazakh officials protesting the unflattering portrait of their country as a backward nation of misogynists and anti-Semites.

Eid Menu

Tele-film "Shampurna" on ntv

CULTURAL CORRESPONDENT

Tele-film *Shampurna* will be aired today at 2:30 pm. The story of the film depicts a love triangle involving Afzal Chowdhury, Rimjim and Priyanti. Afzal Chowdhury, owner of an ad firm, is a happily married man. Once he comes across a young photographer Rimjim at his office and since then the two develop a soft spot for each other. In time Afzal's wife Priyanti comes to know about the relationship. On the other hand, Rimjim's friend Sumon also mistrusts her.



Richi Solaiman, Monir Khan Shimul, Tisha and Emon play lead roles in the tele-film.

Musical programme "Amar-o Gaitey Ichchhey Holo" on ntv

Musical programme *Amar-o Gaitey Ichchhey Holo* will be aired on the fourth day of Eid at 5:20 pm. The programme features performances by upcoming singers. Wakil, Abida, Laura and Tahmid will sing at the programme. Elita Karim will host the show.



"Daho" on ATN Bangla

CULTURAL CORRESPONDENT

Aly Zaker, Iresh Zaker, Tisha, Joyraj and Chitralekha Guha feature in the play *Daho* to be aired tonight at 7:50pm on ATN Bangla. The play is written by Litu Shakhawat and directed by Golam Sohrab Dodul.

'Bachelor Bharatey Ebong Rupkothar Daitya' on Rtv

CULTURAL CORRESPONDENT

Directed and written by Suman Anwar and Tauhin Hasan, the play *Bachelor Bharatey Ebong Rupkothar Daitya* will be aired

tonight at 8 pm. The story of the play revolves around Mobin and Anwar, two unemployed urban youths. They pass their time daydreaming without making any real effort to change their

lifestyle. One day they come across a boy with a magic lamp that brings an instant change in their lives. Mosharrar Karim and Nadia play the lead roles.

"Swopno Jokhon" on Banglavisision



CULTURAL CORRESPONDENT

Written by Dewan Shamsur Rakib and directed by Kaushik Shankar Das, single-episode play *Swopno Jokhon* will be aired tonight at 8:15pm on Banglavisision. At the

centre of the play is a love story that involves accidents, guilt, separation and reconciliation. Ratul's girlfriend Nodi is injured seriously in a car accident. Like Nodi's father, Ratul also holds himself accountable for the accident. Nodi's father forbids him to ever meet her. The

separated lovers' mutual friend Nupur expresses her interest for Ratul. Tension rises as Nodi's birthday approaches. The cast includes Apurbo, Sohana Saba, Chaiti and Abdullah Rana. Samia Zaman is the executive producer of the play.

ON AIR

PICK OF THE DAY

Tularashi
On Ekushey Television at 09:30 pm
Telefilm
Cast: Jenny, Mosharrar Karim, Rounak Hasan

Mobarok-er Biye
On Rtv at 03:45 pm
Telefilm
Cast: Shahiduzzaman Selim, Dilara Zaman

11:15 Drama: *Mati O Ashchorjo Shotto*

07:40 Eid Ahanda Sangeet

08:15 Gaanchil Et din

09:00 Rtv Exclusive Magic Show

09:35 Feature Film (Foreign)

11:30 Children Programme

12:15 Feature Film

03:45 Tele-film: *Mobaraker Biye*

06:00 Profidin

06:30 Wide Angle

08:00 Drama: *Rupkothar Daitya*

09:20 Musical Programme

11:00 Special Programme

12:00 Rtv Exclusive

BANGLAVISION

12:30 *Eid-e Krishoker Hashi*

01:00 *Hari Jiti Nahi Laag*

02:20 Bangla Feature Film

06:00 *Citycell Din-er Sheshey*

06:20 *Agey Ki Shundor*

04:30 Sangam

05:00 Santaan

05:30 V Trailers - Star Plus

06:00 KASTURI

06:30 Bidai

07:00 Baa Bahoo Aur Baby

07:30 Sangam

08:00 Santaan

08:30 Meri swaz ko mil geyi roshni

09:00 Kasauti Zindagi Kay

09:30 Bidai

10:30 KASTURI

10:30 Kahaani & Kyunki

10:30 Cross Over

11:30 Kayamath

12:00 Karam Apnaa Apnaa

10:00 Less Than Perfect

10:30 Monk

11:30 Cops

12:30 Seinfeld

NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC

09:30 Innovation

10:30 Sauna Belt

11:15 Sun Sky Shop

11:30 Make Me A Genius

12:30 My Brilliant Brain

01:30 Innovations

02:30 Keno, Mentor, Prince

03:00 Big Cats

03:30 Innovation

04:30 I Didn't Know That

05:00 Diamondback Survivors

05:30 Big Bang

06:00 Return to Croc Eden

06:30 Innovation

07:30 Dangerous Encounters

08:30 Desperate Dive

09:30 Situation Critical

10:30 Dino Autopsy

11:30 Helicopter Down

12:30 Valley Of The Wolves

09:00 The Simpsons

09:30 The Black Donnellys

10:30 The Jane Show

11:00 Criss Angel Mindfreak

11:30 American Inventor

12:30 Desperate Housewives

01:30 Fashion House

02:30 The Ellen Degeneres Show

03:30 The Bold And The Beautiful

04:00 General Hospital

05:00 Heroes

06:00 Rodeny

06:30 The Simpsons

07:00 Hope & Faith

07:30 Friends

08:00 Seinfeld

08:30 Hope & Faith

09:00 6 Simple Rules

09:30 According To Jim

04:00 American Dragon: Jack Long

11:00 101 Dalmatians

11:30 V Trailers - Star Plus

12:00 Bidai

01:00 Kasauti Zindagi Kay

01:30 Karam Apnaa Apnaa

02:00 Saarthi

03:30 Kyunki Saas Bhi Kabhi Bahu Thi

04:00 Kayamath

03:30 Oskar Schindler

04:30 Engineering an Empire

05:30 Tactical to Practical

06:30 Eagles

07:30 Mysteries of Freemason

08:30 Osama's Hideouts

09:30 Jekyll & Hyde

11:30 Royal Murders

12:00 Movie Star or Spy?

12:30 Tactical to Practical