

Exhibition

The twain shall meet

NIVEDITA RAITZ VON FRENTZ

Nearly two dozen paintings depicting, among other subjects, Bangladeshi festivals and seasons are displayed at Afrozaa Jamil's fourth solo exhibition at the Nordic Club in Gulshan.

Dhaka-born Afrozaa spent her early years following her army colonel father around what was then West Pakistan, returning to her birthplace a couple of years after independence. The second of four sisters, Afrozaa has culture in her blood; her father was a good Tagore singer, her mother "culturally enlightened". Unfortunately, her father's dream that Afrozaa pursue the study of art in Paris did not materialise, and while she concurrently learned music with Ustad Yasin Khan, she declined a place at Baroda for personal reasons. Instead, she joined Charukala for an all-encompassing two year pre-degree course, and went on to complete her Bachelor's there, taught by many of today's renowned names.

Majoring in Oriental Art, Afrozaa set off on her European sojourn, having her fill of museums, and returned to join Aarong as a designer under chief Chandrashekhar. Marriage took her further afield to Los Angeles in the late eighties, a move she considers the turning point in her artistic style's development. "California changed the way I think, my view towards mankind". There, she honed her print-making and painting skills and believes the result to be a "confluence of eastern and western techniques; a wonderful friendship". Preferring to portray women in the impressionist style, Afrozaa uses a fusion of acrylics and oils to achieve a semi-abstract effect.

She fondly recalled her first solo at the Sonargaon Hotel while still a Charukala student. "It was not

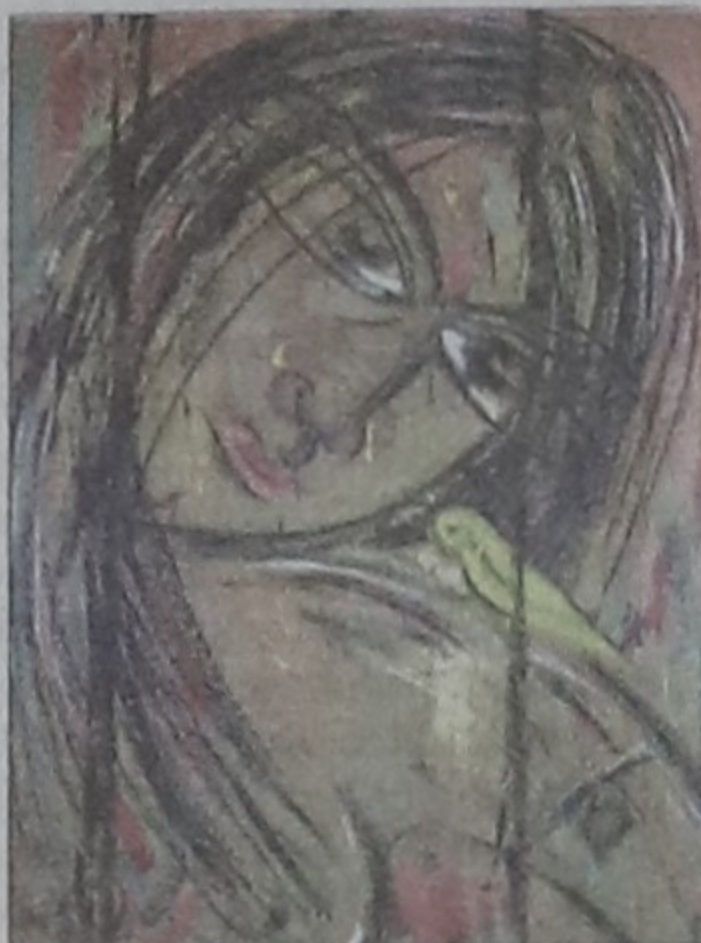
appreciated by my teachers, who thought I had jumped the gun, but well received by relatives, friends and the public." Returning to Dhaka in 2005 with the intention of staying a while, Afrozaa was apprehensive about her foray into the local art scene, her contemporaries having moved on, become senior artists. Designer friend Mahin Khan persuaded Afrozaa otherwise; 2007 was a prolific year, work-

ing towards the exhibition.

Channelling her talent towards a good cause, together with children's author Nazia Jabeen, Afrozaa is actively involved in Save the Children UK's (SCUK), *Prodipan* programme, teaching art to child labourers. "It's wonderfully satisfying to see the children's smiles." Afrozaa also finds contributing time to another SCUK project at a boys' juvenile development



Art works by Afrozaa Jamil



centre in Tongi "very fulfilling. I am more than happy to transpire my knowledge to these children."

Last November, Cyclone Sidr's deadly aftermath was keenly felt in Bangladesh, Bagerhat district's Shoronkhola Upazila being no exception. Furthering her involvement with SCUK, Afrozaa visited nine children's safe havens (*Amader Jayga*) set up by the international NGO. She found them to be well-managed and run, with local NGOs pulling out all the stops. As part of an exercise to distract the children, she took along huge 6 x 3 feet canvasses and acrylic paint, allowing them free reign. "I simply guided the children, let them experiment. I was welcomed so warmly. There was no sign of Sidr on their faces." Naturally, Sidr's effect on Afrozaa is reflected in a couple of paintings in this current selection.

In addition to her welfare commitments, and shuttling between the USA and Bangladesh, Afrozaa intends having further exhibitions here. She is thrilled that her ongoing effort at the Nordic Club will boost her plans to make the necessary inroads.

The writer is a freelance contributor

The journey of Srijon continues

CULTURAL CORRESPONDENT

The regular musical soiree organised by Srijon every month was held at the Poet Sufia Kamal Auditorium, National Museum on February 29. It was the 67th musical event that took place on the initiative of Srijon. The organisation aspires to enlighten the new generation about the country's heritage and at the same time create a fusion of the veteran singers and the upcoming artistes.

The event introduced a new association titled Srijon-Shoili with the vision to present group renditions. The highlights of this month's programme were songs on the occasion of International Mother Language Day. Sumon Mazumder who is a teacher at Chhayanaut provided training to the group, which included Fariha Rob Nirma, Selim Reza, Indrajit, Banasree, Reepa, Munni, Tumpa, Rani, Zahid, Golap and Naureen.

Fahim Hossain Chowdhury, Tasmi Binte Tarique, Shikha Rouf, Kalpana Anam, Kanaz Bhattacharjee Rono, Monjusha, Chandra Roy and Shaymol Pal were among the artistes who performed at the function. They presented songs of yesteryears and patriotic songs. The primary aim of such a venture is to maintain a correlation between the audience and the rich genre of Bangla music.

The programme was hosted by Sharif Talukder and Mubina Rahman. Poet, cultural personality and the advisor of ATN Bangla Mr. Saiful Bari inaugurated the event.



Artistes perform at the musical event by Srijon

New serial on Ekushey TV



A scene from the serial

CULTURAL CORRESPONDENT

Ekushey TV will air a new television serial *Durer Manush* from tonight. The serial has been written and directed by Arun Choudhury and the cast includes Mahfuz Ahmed, Tisha, Armaan Parvez Murad, Chhonda, Hillol and Shanu.

Mahfuz, Tisha and their daughter lead a happy life in Pataya, Thailand. Tisha has been living in Thailand with her parents for quite a few years and has no idea of the dark past Mahfuz has fled from. The marriage starts to fall apart when Murad comes looking for him in Thailand and informs Tisha that Mahfuz's brother is a criminal in Bangladesh.

Meanwhile, Murad is in Thailand with another motive-to murder Chhonda. However, eventually, he falls in love with her. Chhonda has come to Thailand on a study tour along with her lover Hillol. Here he comes across his former love Shanu. The relationship is revived between the estranged couple and at the same time Chhonda starts to bond with Murad.



All programmes are in local time. The Daily Star will not be responsible for any change in the programme.

On Air

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, 9:00 am, 2:00 pm, 7:00 pm, 9:00 pm, 10:30 pm, 12:15 am.

ATN BANGLA

News (Bangla) at 7:00 am, 10:00 am, 2:00 pm, 7:00 pm, 10:00 pm, 11 pm, News (English) 8:20 am, 7:00 pm.
Latest News (Bangla) at 9:00 a.m., 10:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m., 1:00 pm, 3:00 pm, 4:00 pm, 6:00 pm and 8:00 pm.

CHANNEL 1

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

BANGLAVISION

News (Bangla) at 7:30 am, 1:30 pm, 5:00 pm, 7:15 pm, 10:30 pm.
News Headlines (Bangla) at 10:00 am, 12:00 am, 4:00 pm.
News (English) at 6:00 pm.

Rtv

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

ntv

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

ETV

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

BTV

08:15 Shuprobhat
08:45 Bishwa Bichitra
09:05 Bhashar Gaan
09:50 Cricket
05:05 Debate
06:10 Swadhinota Tomar Shadinota
06:35 Nirapodey Cholley Chai
06:50 Mati O Manush
07:25 Talk Show: Shomoyer Shonglaap
08:30 Proidin Bangladesh
08:35 Drama Serial: Shohor Sheshbari
09:00 Entertainment Show: Aaina
10:30 Musical Programme: Geeti Madhuri
11:00 Talk Show: Dale Dine Dhaka

ATN BANGLA

08:15 Aker Shanbadpotro
08:30 Drama Serial: Ochhi Pakhi
09:15 Drama Serial: Amader Nurul Huda
10:30 Talk Show: Onyodishti
11:05 Drama: Dupurer Roddur
01:30 Khelar Jogot
02:30 Take Care
03:15 TRAB Award 2007
05:00 Gram Gonjer Khabor
05:10 Kaal-er Jattrar Dhoni
05:45 The Sword of Tipu Sultan
06:20 Three Stooges
08:00 Drama Serial: Aloknogor
08:40 Drama Serial: Syed Banir Bou
09:20 Drama Serial: Prothom Shokal
11:30 Daily Soap: Doli's House
12:00 Grameenphone Lead News

CHANNEL i

08:05 Tagore Song
08:30 Shokaler Gaan
09:30 Shangbadpotro Bangladesh
09:45 Public Reaction
09:50 Grameenphone Tritomatra
11:05 Apolo Tele Prescription
11:30 Hridoye Mati O Manush
12:30 Citycoil Taroka Katha
01:05 Ebong Cinemar Gaan
01:30 Sa Re Ga Ma
02:35 Ekattur er Dinguli
03:30 BBC Bangladesh Shonglaap
04:05 Educational Programme
05:30 Mukhi Judho Amar Ohonkaar
06:00 Drama Serial: Alor Khonjey Kojona
06:30 South Asian
07:50 Mega Serial: Ghar Kutum
08:20 Drama Serial: Noukadubi
09:35 Mega Serial: 420
10:00 Drama Serial: Ochena Neel

Kontho
Drama Serial: 69
12:00 Grameenphone Aker Shangbadpotro

ntv

08:30 Aker Shokal
08:55 Bangla Feature Film
12:10 Talk Show: Ei Shomoy
01:05 Japan Video Topic
02:30 Jatiyo Shonglaap

01:30 Ekushey Business: Shophol
Jara
03:30 Cine Heats
04:00 Explosive
05:45 Ekusher Shondhya
06:15 SMS Mania
06:30 Desh Jurey
07:30 Drama Serial: Poribibi
12:10 Total Music
09:30 Drama Serial: Dur-er Manush
11:40 Sports Plus

12:15 Escape From New York
02:00 The Big White
STAR PLUS
08:30 Prithviraj Chauhan
09:00 SHARARAT
09:30 Krishna Kathaiyen
10:30 My Friend Ganesha
01:00 Shararat-Thoda Jaadu Thodi Naz
01:30 Raja Ki Aayegi Baraat

11:30 J.A.G.
12:30 Vanity Insanity

NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC

08:30 Big Bang
09:00 Blue Whales
10:30 Ngongoro
11:30 Living With Big Cats
12:30 Animals Behaving Badly
01:30 Python Attack
02:30 The Combatants
03:30 Polar Bear
04:30 Serious Amazon
05:00 Chimp Diaries
05:30 Big Bang
06:00 Lions
06:30 Hawaii Super Ferry
07:30 The Survivors
08:30 Avalanche At Montroc
09:30 Brighton Bombing
10:30 Iranian Embassy Siege
11:30 Avalanche At Montroc
12:30 Brighton Bombing

HISTORY

10:30 Great Britain
11:30 Mansfield Park
01:30 Cop Cars

02:30 Man Who Predicted 9/11
03:30 Inner Planets
04:30 60's Tech
05:30 70's Tech
06:30 Longitude
10:30 US Mints
11:30 History of Poker
12:30 Ernest Hemmingway

ZEE STUDIO

11:00 Ultimate Film Fanatic: Season Finale
11:30 Dirty Dancing
01:30 George Of The Jungle
03:30 World Cinema
05:30 The Hitchhiker's Guide To The Galaxy
08:00 Hollywood's 10 Best - Season II
08:30 Little Women
11:00 Storm Catcher

DISCOVERY

10:30 India With Sanjeev Bhaskar: Episode 2

11:30 Into Alaska With Jeff Corwin: Denali National Park And Preserve
12:30 Extreme Engineering 4: Hurricane-Proof Homes Coast, Danny Helps With The Final Installation.
01:30 Raw Nature: Raw Talk
02:30 Meerkat Manor (Season 3): Journey's End
03:00 Animal Camera - Surveillance On Survival: Episode 2
03:30 Deadliest Catch 2: Man Vs. Ice
04:30 Discovery Atlas: Mexico Revealed (W)
06:30 Himalaya With Michael Palin: Episode 3
07:30 Africa's Super Seven
08:30 Race To Mars: Episode 2
09:30 Base Camp Moon
10:30 Searching For The Coast Wolves

Desperate Housewives
On Star World at 9:30 pm
TV Series
Cast: Teri Hatcher, Felicity Huffman



Nabila Chorit

On ntv at 9:45 pm

Drama Serial

Cast: Richi, Dilara Zaman

05:30 Apnar Julgasha
06:20 Shubho Shondha
06:45 Shomporko
08:15 Drama Serial: Shantokutir
09:00 Crime Watch
09:45 Drama Serial: Nabila Chorit
11:35 Talk Show: Ei Shomoy

CHANNEL 1

08:40 Shuprobhat Bangladesh
09:15 Selected Programme
10:30 Bangla Feature Film
02:00 Biswa Jurey Saat Din
03:30 Drama Serial: Ochena Apon
04:00 Valentine Rock Night
05:15 Shamprotik
06:00 Saajbela
06:45 Rokto Gham Potaka
07:00 Shondhikoney
08:15 Drama Serial: Ochena Apon
09:00 Shomoyer Aynay Rajniti
09:30 Cine Tunes
11:00 Gaaney Gaaney Bohudur
11:30 Nirbachito Khabor

ETV

08:00 Ekushey Shokal
12:30 Ekushey Business: Special Focus

BANGLAVISION

09:05 Drama Serial: Pingol Akash
09:30 Bangla Feature Film
12:30 Amader Olithi
02:00 Daily Soap: Mohanagar
02:40 Drama Serial: Shomo Kutir
03:05 Nodi O Jibon
04:20 Banijomela Proidin
05:30 Raat: Biratey
06:05 Din-er Sheshey
06:50 Sports Vision
08:25 Drama: Mohanagar
09:05 Apnar Agami
09:45 Drama Serial: Swapnochura
11:25 Drama Serial: Shohor-er Shesh Bari
12:00 Shangbad Proidin

STAR MOVIES

08:10 Dreamer: Inspired By A True Story
09:55 There's Something About Mary
11:55 Good Year, A
01:50 Paparazzi
03:15 Keeping Mum
05:00 Bone Collector, The
07:00 Employee Of The Month
08:50 Into The Blue
10:45 Wild Things II

02:00 Best performances of NB 3
08:00 Raja Ki Aayegi Baraat
08:30 Saibaba
09:30 Prithviraj Chauhan
10:00 Baa Bahoo Aur Baby
10:30 Aek Chabhi Hai Padoss Mein
11:00 Aek Chabhi Hai Padoss Mein
11:30 Raja Ki Aayegi Baraat
12:05 Shararat-Thoda Jaadu Thodi Naz

STAR WORLD

09:00 Life With Bonnie
09:30 According To Jim
10:00 My Wife And Kids
10:30 Two & A Half Men
11:00 8 Simple Rules
11:30 Smallville
12:30 The O.C.
01:30 The Bold And The Beautiful
03:30 Desire: Table For Three
04:30 The Ellen Degeneres Show
05:30 Love You To Death
06:00 Travel Asia
06:30 Ugly Betty
07:30 For Better Or For Worse
08:30 Bionic Woman
09:30 Desperate Housewives
10:30 Heroes