

WHAT'S ON THIS WEEK

Solo Painting Exhibition

Title: Image
Artist: Mohammad Fokhrul Islam
Venue: Alliance Francaise, 26, Mirpur Road, Dhanmondi
Date: May 2-15
Time: 9:00am-12:00pm & 5:00pm-8:00pm
On Saturdays 5:00pm-8:00pm



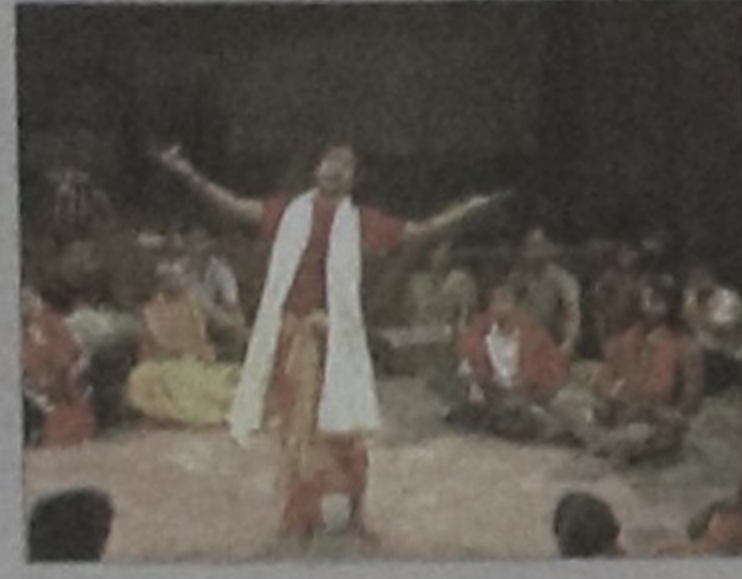
Theatre

Play: Konjush
Troupe: Lok Natyadal
Venue: Mahila Samiti Auditorium, Bailey Road
Date: May 9
Time: 7 pm



Theatre

Play: Sitar Bonobash
Troupe: Department of Drama and Music, DU
Venue: Natmondol, DU
Date: May 4-8
Time: 7 pm everyday



Theatre

Play: Little Shop of Horror
Troupe: Dhaka Stage
Venue: American International School, United Nations Road, Bandhara
Date: May 7-9
Time: 7:30 pm everyday



In conversation Joyraj: Eager to play versatile characters

NADIA SARWAT

Over the last few years, many newcomers have made their mark on the small screen. However, character artists are still reluctant to take on challenging roles and continue to opt for the run the mill hero parts. Thankfully there are some exceptions such as Joyraj.

The artiste is now active on the fronts of both theatre and TV. In particular, his powerful role as a negative character in the film *Ayna*, directed by Kobori Sarwar, has fetched him much acclaim. The talented actor recently engaged in a one on one with *The Daily Star*.

In his words, "The fact is that I never thought of becoming an actor. On an impulse, after my SSC in 1988, I joined a theatre group named Manchabhuvan in Chittagong. After that my love for acting in theatre flourished. Then I shifted to Dhaka and joined Aranyak in 1990. I really enjoyed working in the plays *Iblish*, *Joy Joyanti* and others with Aranyak. The character of a violin player in a Kirtan troupe in *Joy Joyanti* is one of my favourite roles in theatre."

Joyraj made his debut on the small screen in Mamunur Rashid's drama serial *Swopner Shohor* (1992). *Kuhu*, *Kagozer Manush* and *Swopno Sangini* among others are some of Joyraj's memorable plays. His skills have been further refined by his rendering of the character of Lokman, in the play *Swopno Sangini*, directed by Animesh Aich.

He has also been well appreciated for several single episode plays and telefilms during the Eidul Azha: among them *Felu the Great*, *Tunak* and *Abchha Premier Protok Chhaya*. Recently he has



Joyraj

PHOTO: STAR

worked Mamunur Rashid's drama serial *Naksha*, Sohrab Hossain's *Shoua Paanch Arai Lane* and two other current drama serials, *Rangila Boro* and *Amader Nurul Huda*. He has also appeared as a model for a couple of TV commercials.

Theatre, TV or film-- which medium does he prefer? With a smile, he answers: "As long as I have an opportunity to act, I don't actually differentiate between the mediums."

Joyraj is often seen in the role of a negative character. Any reason? "Often positive roles become stereotyped. On the contrary, there is no such limitation in negative characters. The actor is free to portray negative roles and I quite enjoy this. However, I am not prejudiced in my choice of role. I have a passion for acting and am happy with a variety of roles."

Joyraj regrets the lack of quality institutions in Bangladesh to formally train actors. "Most of us learn to act on the stage itself, as I am doing. But I think a proper training would be more productive. It's really sad that we don't have any international standard institutions yet."

Three persons honoured in Panchagarh

KONGKON KARMAKER, Dinajpur

Panchagarh Shahitya Sangsad, a cultural body, recently honoured three eminent persons for lifetime contributions in their respective fields.

The awardees are Dr. Abdul Aziz (Social Work), Language Movement Veteran Md. Abdul Quader (Language) and Hasan Imam Md. Karim (Culture).

Md. Monjurul Ahsan Bhuiyan, Additional Deputy Commissioner of Panchagarh, handed over the certificates and medals. Md. Ariful Islam, President of Panchagarh Shahitya Sangsad, chaired the programme.

Panchagarh Shahitya Sangsad initiated the programme in 1999, honouring late Dr. Zahir Uddin.

Lohan to be on season finale of 'Ugly Betty'

Lindsay Lohan will make a guest appearance on the season finale of ABC's *Ugly Betty*.

The 21-year-old actress is set to play an old schoolmate of America Ferrera's character Betty Suarez on the show's May 22 season closer, according to the trade paper *Variety*.

Both *Variety* and *Usmagazine.com* said Lohan began shooting her scenes during the weekend. Lohan also is expected to appear in five episodes of *Ugly Betty* next season.

Her publicist did not immediately return a call seeking comment Sunday.

Source: CNN

Enigmatic images in black and gold

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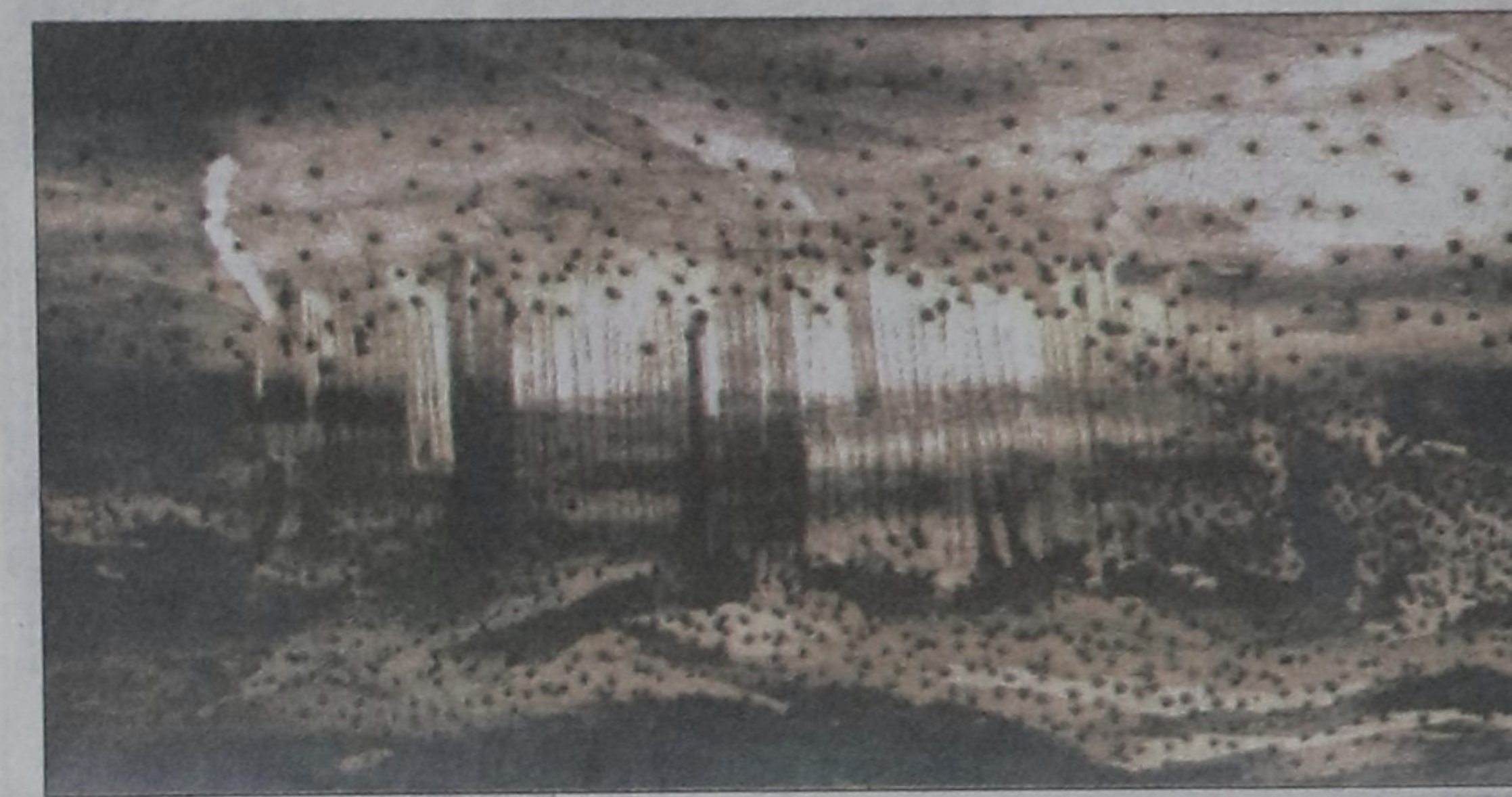
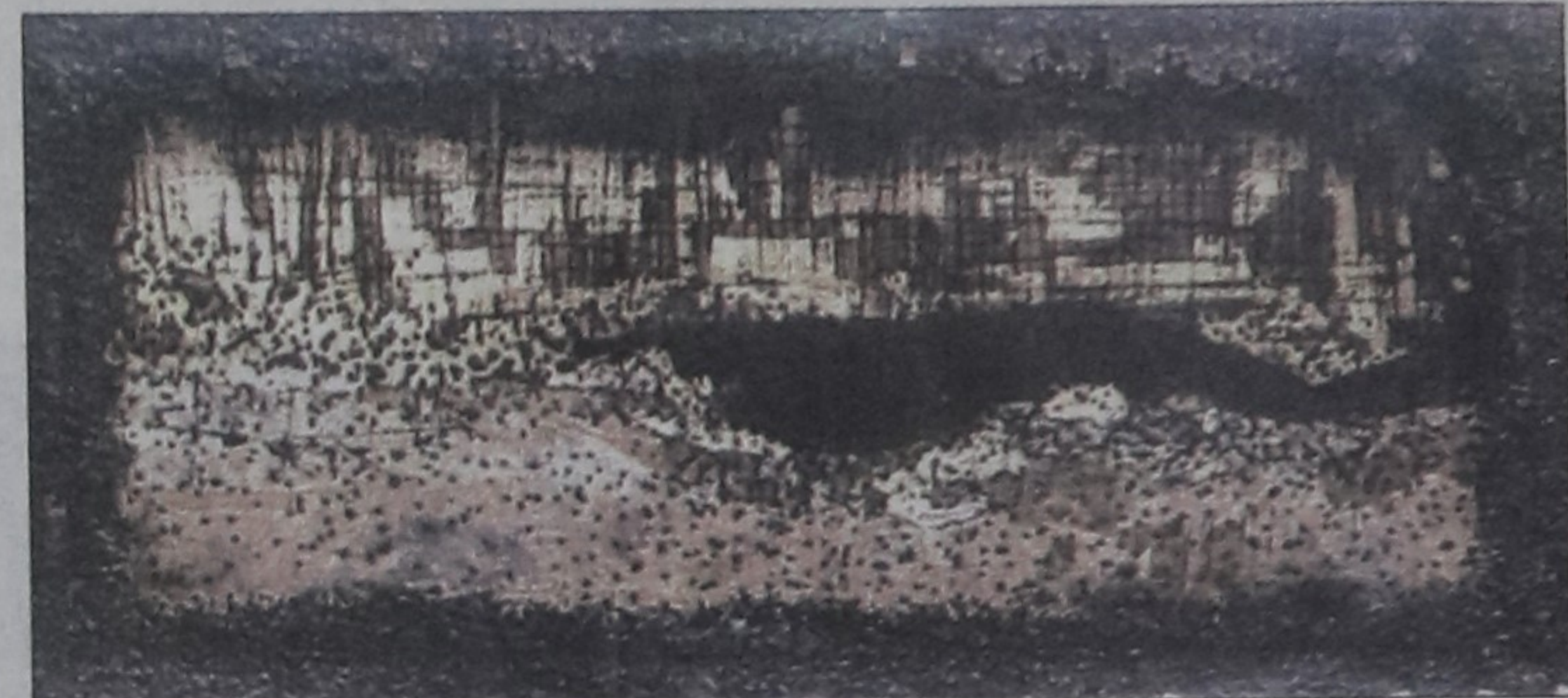
Fokhrul Islam, who is having his 18th solo exhibition at La Galerie, Alliance Francaise, says, "For me art is the simplest way to express my feelings, emotions and love. I simply bring art to viewers and I hate to pass judgment on them. If they touch your heart in the slightest of ways, I'm happy and contented." He believes in simply letting his hands and eyes speak.

Fokhrul has been praised for his singular imagery and chromatic economy. He uses simply golden ochre and smoldering black on white. His work, at times, appears like water colour, as it dribbles, flows down and stains. With quick, sweeping strokes and lines, he brings in large landscapes, vibrant with life, despite their simplicity and economy of colours.

Fokhrul's severe, geometrical, abstract pieces bring in rain swept evenings, which could be found anywhere in the world and not just Bangladesh, with its storms and cyclones. One sees clouds, spray and mists emerging from seeds or spots. His work is sophisticated although he himself appears unassuming.

Italian artists, Raffaele Grossi, Del Giudice and Petra Weiss praise his "richness and intensity" in using black and chrome yellow only. Patrizia Guaitto also admires his extraordinary sensitivity which bring in an oriental light wherever the paintings go. Dr. Gouriswar Bhattacharya of Berlin too has fine words for his semi abstract paintings.

Fokhrul's "Image-3", oil on paper is like some enormous gold and black caterpillar moving on sand or some part of a large seed-bearing elongated fruit. His "Image-2" is a fanciful landscape



Art works from Fokhrul's exhibition

from some dream world, with slender trees, large stars, and waving brown grass.

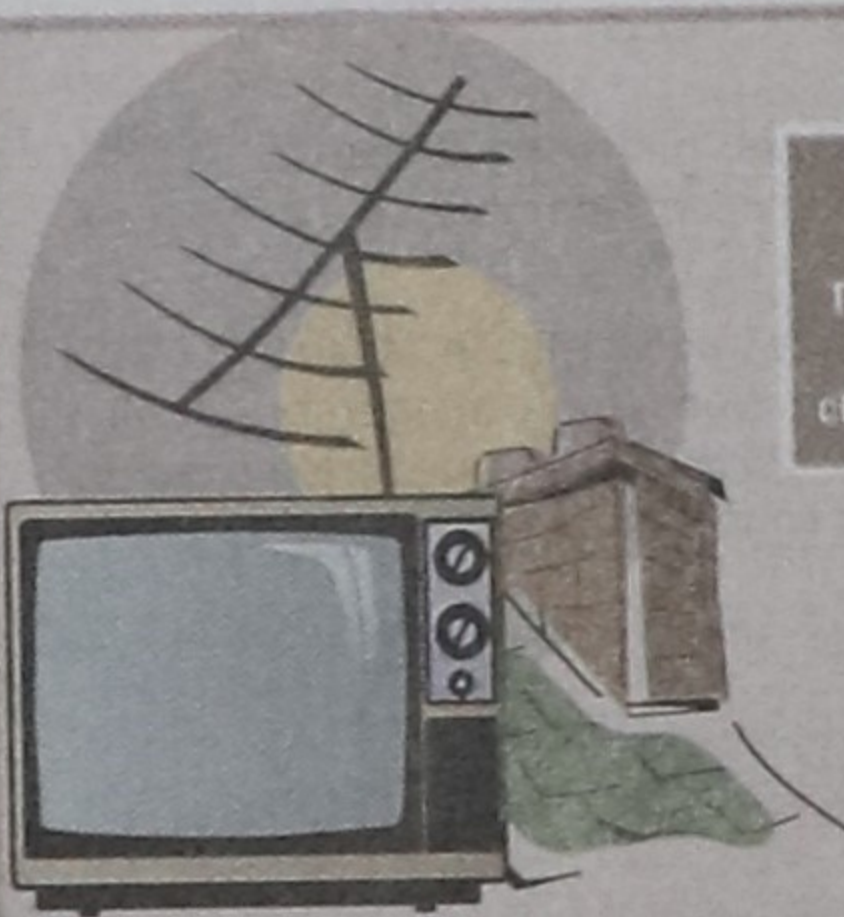
"Images 4 and 5" appear like some large, discs of swirling gold and black, containing many tiny seeds or stones. Images 6 and 7 have innumerable fine lines like waving grass around rivers with the pale sky above.

Lines of flying birds appear in "Image -8", crossing rivers and land masses, surrounded by a dark frame. This painting too is full of hundreds of dots, dashes and fine lines. Seen against an expanse of yellow are floating rectangular shapes, in "Image 9" are specs, grains and a waving line which can be a boat or a land mass.

It takes time to grow to appreciate Fokhrul's abstract work. However, these works of deserted landscapes, created from printer's ink and mustard oil, speak of both pleasures and pains of life.

Fokhrul has exhibited in India, Pakistan, Japan and Bangladesh. He has studied in Beijing, China.

The exhibition ends on May 17.



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-1
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 am, 10:00 am, 11:00 am, 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.

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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.

CHANNEL-1

09:30 Shagbadpotrey Bangladesh
09:45 Public Reaction
09:50 Gramophone Titimatra
11:05 Sports Time
12:30 Talk Show: Citycell Tarokathatan
01:05 Ebong Cinemar Gaan
01:30 Musical Programme: Sa Re Ga Ma
02:35 Ekattur er Dinguli
03:05 Channel-i Shera Kontho'08
04:05 Educational Programme: BSB Cambrina Medha Bikash
05:30 Mukhti Judhgo Protidin
06:00 Mega Serial: Shath Goenda
06:20 Cookery Show: Desh Bideshey Ranna
07:50 Drama: Oporichita
09:35 Drama Serial: Dokin Tolpaar
10:00 Drama Serial: Zero Point
11:30 Musical Programme: Citycell Sa 2 Sa
12:00 Gramophone Aiker Shagbadpotro

ETV

08:30 Ekush-er Shokaal
09:15 Drama: Tomtom
10:30 Ekush-er Business
12:00 Ekush-er Dupur
12:30 Selected Programme
01:30 Ekush-ey Business: Shophol Jara
02:30 Drama Serial: Dur-er Manush
03:30 Cine Hits
04:00 Shurothaal
04:30 Protidin
05:15 Sports Plus
05:45 Ekush-er Shondhya
06:15 SMS Mania
06:30 Desh Jurey Shanglap
07:45 Ashar Chor
08:15 Talk Show: Tini
09:30 Drama Serial: Tom Tom
10:00 Ekush-er Shomoy
10:50 Financial Bulletin
11:40 El Shoptaho
12:00 Ekush-er Raat

Rtv

08:40 Musical Programme: Saanget Ongon
09:00 Rtv Exclusive
09:05 Protidin
09:35 Prio Mukh
10:03 Drama Serial: Shitakundo Pahary
11:00 Taroka Alap
11:30 Drama Serial: Aguntaak
12:15 Cookery Show: R-Ranna
12:35 Musical Programme: Shur-ey Path Chola
01:00 Gaanchil Eidin
01:30 Dhallywood Beats
02:30 Bangla Feature Film

06:00 Protidin
06:35 Wedding of the World
08:00 Drama Serial: Aguntaak
08:35 Talk Show: Drishikon
09:20 Drama Serial: Anondojatra
11:00 Travel Show: Pnithir Pathay Pathay
11:30 Biz Event
12:00 Editor's Comment
08:30 Aiker Shokaal
08:55 Drama Serial: Eit Kach-er

09:30 Khacha
Nityo Lohori
09:50 Gallery
10:05 Musical Programme: Music Jam
10:30 Golpo Kathar Natok
11:30 Talk Show: El Shomoy
12:10 Japan Video Topic
01:05 Drama Serial: Eit Kaanch-er Khacha
02:30 Drama Serial: Teen Purush
03:15 Drama Serial: Neer
04:25 Puppet Show
05:30 Apnar Jigyasha

06:20 Shubho Shondha
08:15 Cookery Show: Siddiqua Kabir's Recipe
09:00 Kichhu Katha Kichhu Gaan
09:45 Drama Serial: Neer
11:35 Talk Show: El Shomoy
BANGLAVISION
08:30 Amader Oitthi
09:00 Children's Programme: Ebong Class-er Bairey
09:30 Bangla Feature Film
02:00 Drama Serial: Mohanagar

02:40 Drama Serial: Ekta Pakhi
03:05 Talk Show: Top Story
04:20 Drama Serial: Swopno Chura Cinebit
05:30 Citycell Din-er Sheshey
08:25 Drama Serial: Mohanagar
09:05 Home Care Apnar Doctor
09:45 Drama Serial: Shunyo Pata Media Bhuvan
11:25 Shongbad Protidin
CHANNEL 1
08:40 Bangladesh
10:30 Bangla Feature Film
03:30 Drama Serial: Daanguli
04:00 Drama Serial: Mon Baari
04:30 One Glamour
05:15 Shamprotik
07:00 Padmoraag
08:15 Drama Serial: Obosheyshey Ek Din
09:00 Drama Shurubhat Serial: Mon Baari
09:30 Expression

STAR MOVIES
11:00 Terminator
12:45 10 Items Or Less
02:15 Something Beneath
03:45 Krippendorf's Tribe
05:25 Primeval
07:00 King Maker, The
08:35 Step Up!
10:20 Gravedancers
STAR WORLD
11:30 8 Simple Rules
12:00 The Simpsons
01:30 Northern Exposure
02:30 The Ellen Degeneres Show
03:30 The Bold And The Beautiful
04:00 General Hospital
05:00 Desperate Housewives
06:00 King Of The Hill
06:30 The Simpsons
07:00 Rodney
07:30 Friends
08:00 Seinfeld
08:30 American Idol
09:30 Ghost Hunters
10:30 Bones
11:30 Most Shocking

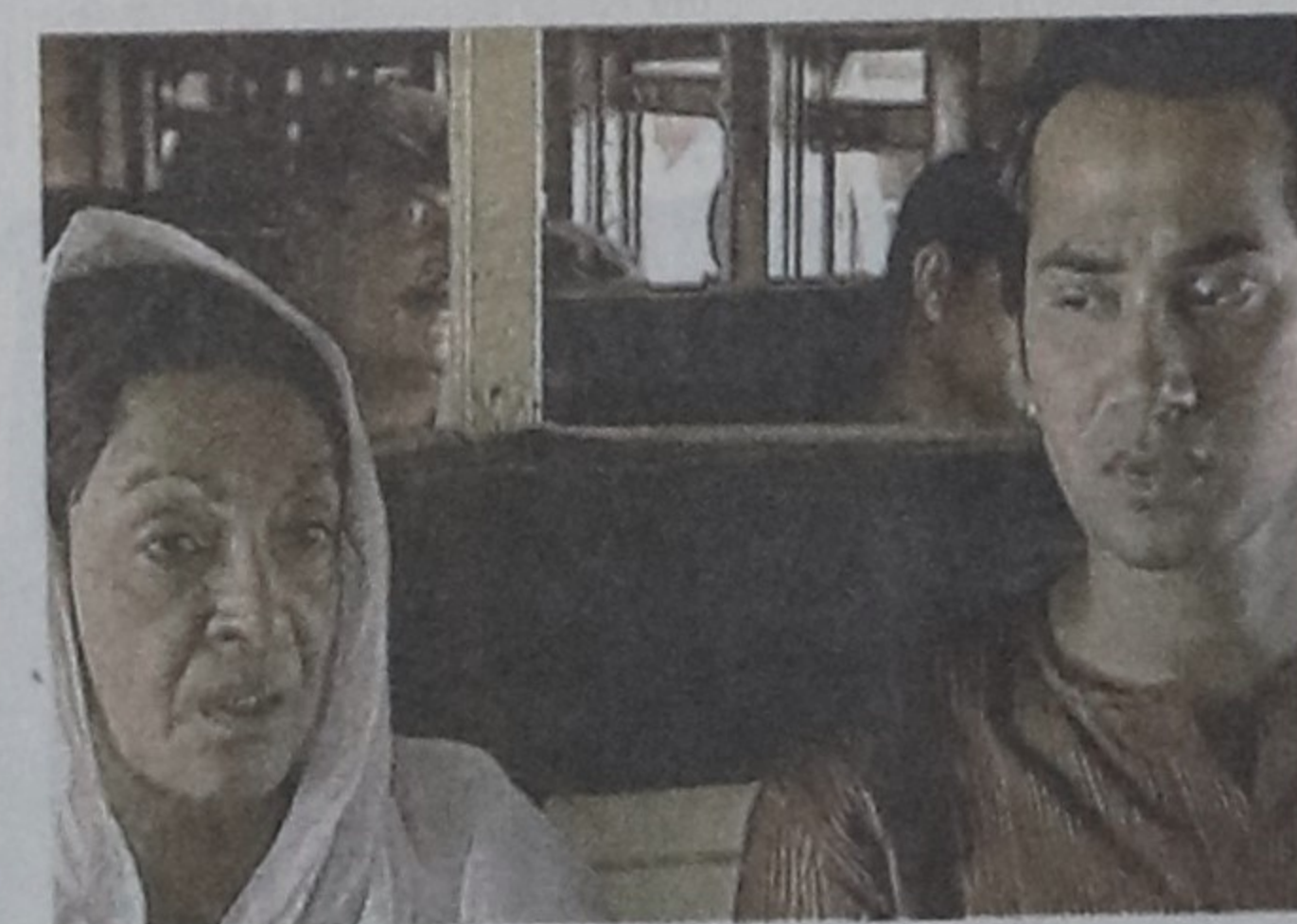
THE HISTORY CHANNEL
11:45 Eye Max
12:15 Swama Heera
12:30 Helen Of Troy
01:30 Doglights - Season 2
02:30 Operation Market Garden
03:30 Destination Diamond Mine
04:30 Bbq Tech
05:30 Enzo Ferrari
06:30 Helen Of Troy
07:30 Abominable Snowman
08:30 Cannibal
09:30 Dracula's Underground

10:30 Lost Worlds
11:30 Doglights - Season 2
ZEE STUDIO
12:35 Snapshots
03:05 Freaky Friday
05:15 101 Favourite Stars Way Back When
06:15 Glory
09:00 Hot Shots! Part Deux
11:00 The Hitchhiker's Guide To The Galaxy

STAR PLUS
12:30 Bidaai
01:30 Kumkum - Pyara Sa Bandhan
02:30 Karam Apnaa Apnaa
04:00 Kayamath
05:30 Kasturi
06:00 Raja Ki Aayegi Baraat
06:30 Bidaai
07:00 Gharisi
07:30 Sangam
08:00 Santaan
08:30 Raja Ki Aayegi Baraat
09:00 Kis Desh Me Hai Meraa Dil
09:30 Bidaai
10:00 Kasturi
10:30 Kahaani Ghar Ghar Ki
11:00 Kyunki Saas Bhi Kabhi Bahu Thi
11:30 Kayamath

NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC CHANNEL
11:30 Planet Mechanics
12:30 Naked Science
01:30 Apeman Of Sumatra
02:30 Rhino
04:30 I Didn't Know That
05:00 Swimming With Sea Snakes
05:30 Big Bang
06:00 Croc Chronicles
06:30 Chasing Earthquake
07:30 In The Dragon's Jaws
08:30 Dangerous Encounters
09:30 Inside Iraq's Kill Zone
10:30 Strongman
11:30 Dangerous Encounters

DISCOVERY CHANNEL
11:30 Men Vs. Wild
12:30 Amazing Baby Videos
01:00 All New Planet's Funniest Animals
01:30 Wildlife Specials
02:30 Hauling
03:30 Weapon Masters
04:30 Forest Tigers - Sita's Story Part 1
05:30 Mega Builders 2
06:30 Human Body: Pushing The Limits
07:30 Great Indian Rhino
08:30 Story Of India
09:30 Manjoub
10:30 Hauling
11:30 Extreme Engineering - Season 2



Oporichita
On Channel 1 at 7:50 pm
Single Episode TV play
Cast: Dilara Zaman, Sajol



Radio Foorti 88.0 FM
07:00am Hello Dhaka
11:00am Amar 88
03:00pm Dhaka Calling
07:00pm Seven Eleven
12:00am Back to Back music
Radio Today 89.6 FM
07:15am Good Morning Dhaka
11:00am Mast Unlimited
01:00pm Today's Adda
04:00pm U-turn
08:00pm Tobe Tai Hok
11:00pm Raat Vor Gan
02:00 am Back to Back



The King Maker
On Star Movies
at 7:00 pm
Genre: Action
Cast: John Rhys-Davies, Cindy Burbridge