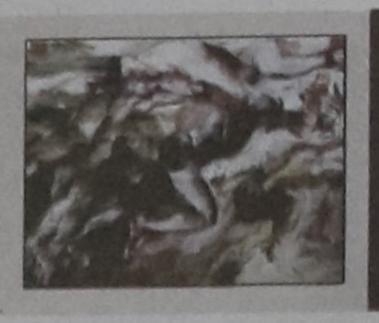


Solo Painting Exhibition Title: Jai Bangla Artist: Shahabuddin Venue: Bengal Gallery of Fine Arts, H 275/F. Rd 27 (old), Dhanmondi Date: Sep 27-Oct 10 Time: 12-8pm



**Art Exhibition** Artists: Farzana Ahmed Urmi & Tanny Venue: Zainul Gallery, Faculty of Fine Arts, DU Date: October 3-7 Time: 10am-8pm

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**Baul Songs** Artistes: Darbesh Shadhon Fakir and his Organiser: High Commission of India Venue: India Cultural Centre, H35, Rd 24, Date: October 8 Time: 7pm



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(From left): Feroz Alam, Jashim Uddin, Morshed Alam, Md. Harunur Rashid and M. Hamid

Hamid.

Solo Painting Exhibition Title: Kantha Kahini Artist: Fahamida Enam Kakoli Venue: La Galerie. Alliance Française de Dhaka, 26, Mirpur Rd, Dhanmondi Date: October 1-14



Profile

# Aminul Islam: A modernist and experimental painter

TAKIR HOSSAIN

Aminul Islam is one of the senior-most and acclaimed painters in our country. Among his contemporaries are Murtaja Baseer, Rashid Chowdhury, Devbas Chakraborty and Abdur Razzaque. He made an immense contribution by introducing modern paintings in Bangladesh. He gradually changed his styles, and established himself as a significant painter in Bangladesh. "Painting, for me, is the best way to knowledge, the best means to participate profoundly in the global life," said Islam.

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Aminul Islam embarked on his primary education at Mahuttuli Free Primary School. On the completion of his primary education, he gained admission to Armanitola High School. During this time, he started copying Japanese and Chinese art. He was also copying some Indian painters' works in this period. "I liked cubist and semi-cubist works of Gagendranath Tagore. My parents had no intention of letting me be a painter. During this time, artists were often mired in poverty and many could not get jobs without first writing signboards. My father was depressed when he learnt about my plans."

From the beginning, his



The artist

works have been closely (now Kolkata), he met Zainul linked with nature and its Abedin, Quamrul Hassan and various mysterious aspects. "I find the greatest pleasure and inspiration from natural seek admission in Calcutta designs and patterns, visual. Art College as an art college and imaginary, representing was to be established in and expressing the primary forms and units of life," said a few days, I returned to the artist.

Islam passed his matriculation in 1947. Then he went sign of any art college being admission. While in Calcutta Dacca College. Noted author distinctive appearance.

Shafiuddin Ahmed. "They suggested that I should not 'Dacca' (Dhaka) shortly. After Dacca with Zainul Abedin. However, since there was no

Alauddin Al Azad, scientist Abdullah Al Muti Sharfuddin, Hasan Hafizur Rahman, educationist Abdul Quayyum and others were my contemporaries. I got involved with a left leaning party. We started running a cultural and social forum called 'Progoti Lekhok Shilpi Samiti'. The forum published little magazines, journals and poetry books. The forum mainly enabled us to build intimate links with each other," stated Islam.

Later, the Government Institute of Art was established in 1948. Hamidur Rahman, Imdad Hossain, Ismail, Abdul Kader and others were admitted along with Aminul at the institute -the first batch to do so.

After completing his BFA, Aminul went to Florence to pursue higher studies in art. His three years there proved very formative, as he found answers to many of the questions he had earlier about art and aesthetics. "I have grown primarily as a non-figurative painter since the early '60s and have renewed my efforts to experiment in different mediums and art forms. Gradually I have become increasingly aware of the different qualities of line produced by pen, pencil, brush, bamboo, discarded brush and other objects. They produce many qualities of to Calcutta Art College for opened, I got admitted at line to give my drawing a

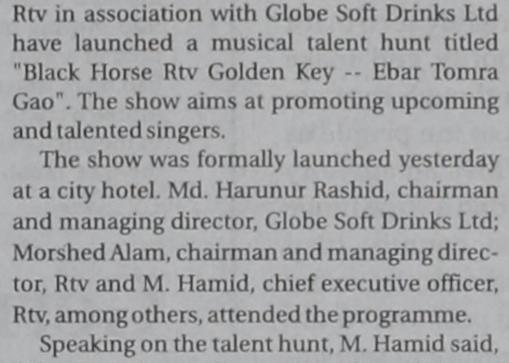
"I was guided by Professor Conti. Sculptor Novera and Hamidur Rahman visited me in Italy. We spent a lot of time together and earned varied experiences through the years."

Several solo exhibitions of Islam's works were held in Rome and Florence. After coming to Dacca in 1956, his first solo exhibition was held at the Press Club. Other exhibitions were held in 1961 (Bangla Academy) and 1963 (Art College). The exhibited works were done in Florence. "My colleagues were eagerly waiting for the exhibition, which saw the emergence of semi-abstract and abstract works," he said.

"Painters are of two kinds -one group works with emotions and the other works with intelligence. My position is in the middle. Both aspects are inherent in me," asserted

After moving back to Dacca, Aminul's style underwent a fundamental change. Lines, colours and space became the prime focus in his paintings. He is also a mural painter. He did many mural works in different parts of the country. Throughout his chequered career, he frequently returned to the

Aminul Islam's latest solo exhibition will begin in November at Gallery Chitrak.



at the event.

MAINUL HASSAN

"The show aims at discovering talented singers and promoting them." A total of 30 singers have been selected for the contest. As part of the selection process, which started in June, audio albums featuring

The winner of the contest will be awarded a golden key to a brand new car. "Black Horse Rtv Golden Key -- Ebar Tomra

Gao" will go on air from October 9. The programme will be aired on Rtv every Tuesday upcoming singers were collected from the and Friday at 9:20 pm.

market. The singers were evaluated by

renowned music director Ahmed Imtiaz Bul-

bul, singers Samina Chowdhury and Bappa

Majumder, and musician Shawkat Ali Emon.

They will continue being the judges on the

try but due to lack of exposure they are not

getting anywhere. Through this show, we hope

to provide these singers with a platform and

help them take their careers forward," said M.

Judges Bappa Majumder and Samina

Chowdhury were also present at the launching

"There are many gifted singers in our coun-



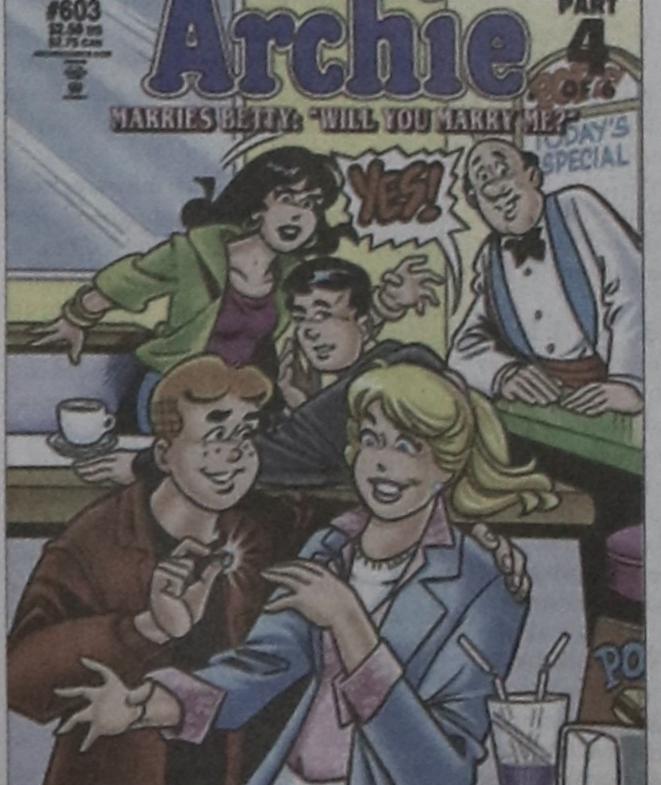


Works by Aminul Islam

# Archie's destiny, as shaped by Robert Frost

redhead from Riverdale made headlines around the world when word leaked, back in

That perennially teenage Veronica Lodge, in issue No. 600 of the comic that bears his name. But that issue, published in August, was only Part May, that he would propose to 1 of a six-part story. Although his longtime love interest, Archie did marry Veronica,



Robert Frost's "Road Not Taken" was one inspiration for the story of Archie's future love life.

ing, Betty Cooper. That's just Veronica," but issue No. 603, story included a film ("Sliding the media spotlight.

Archie was talked about less for her tycoon father. and less. In 2007 the publishers of Archie Comic Publications introduced what they called a "New Look" for the Archie gang, which was less November issue Archie will cartoony, but that experiment will end this year.

as a way to celebrate the set of twins factors into this 600th issue, has become a game changer for the company. "What the story has done is to introduce Archie reacted negatively to the on a global level," said Jon marriage to Veronica. "The Goldwater, co-chief executive of Archie Comic Publica-

written by Michael E. Uslan Uslan, a comic-book histoand illustrated by Stan rian, a longtime "Archie" fan

November, when Archie "Archie" artist. The first half screen "Batman" films. Uslan proposes to the lady in wait- was called "Archie Marries said his inspiration for the the latest twist in the romantic on sale next month, is called Doors"), a poem (Robert triangle that has thrust this "Archie Marries Betty." The Frost's "Road Not Taken") and nearly 70-year-old character, end of bachelorhood began a song ("Both Sides, Now"). and his parent company, into in issue No. 600, in which Archie found himself on a began to unfold, the core Archie, who first appeared road named Memory Lane, readers of "Archie" were in December 1941, has fol- which he has often travelled. female, between the ages of 7 lowed the course of other This time he walked a differ- and 17, sources said. But the comic-book characters: ent direction and encoun- new story line has spinoff titles, a radio tered a fork in the road. He multigenerational appeal, programme, a newspaper chose the left path, which with feedback from readers strip and a Saturday morning allowed him to see his future cartoon series. But as comic with Veronica and their books became graphic novels, twins, and himself working

At the end of the October issue, No. 602, Archie goes for an evening stroll and encounters the fork again. In the find himself back in Riverdale High, this time envisioning a The wedding, which began future with Betty as his wife. (A destiny as well.) This alternative future will

be a relief to the fans who polls that I've seen ran about 80/20, Betty over Veronica, with Jughead continually The wedding story was coming in a strong third," said

things will take a turn in Goldberg, a longtime and a producer of the big-

Until the wedding story indicating that the comic had been shared among parents and children.

The response in India was especially enthusiastic, and so "Archie" will now be printed in five languages there. Archie Comic Publications plans to open its first international office in New Delhi next year and is also preparing some exclusive comics for that market that will include

Indian characters. Archie and his gang may even make their way into feature films or new animated series. The publisher recently signed with Creative Artists Agency to represent the gang in Hollywood.

Source: The New York Times

### Rajshahi auditions of Lux Channel i **Super Star 2009**

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Rajshahi

The regional audition of "Lux Channel i Super Star 2009" was held at a city community centre in Rajshahi last Monday.

Drawn by the dream of becoming superstars, hundreds of girls from the eight districts of Rajshahi division took part in the daylong selection process.

In the evening, 14 girls were awarded with 'Yes' cards for participating in the next round of the competition.

Tazin Ahmed, Tarin, Shihab Shaheen and Shamim Ahmed were judges of the selection process.

Natore; Tamanna Afreen Bipasha and Shamim Ara Rahman Sonia of Rajshahi University; Muksita Khanam Shanta of Asian University; Alif Almas Arju of Rajshahi College; Salma Sultana of Natore Rani Bhawani Girls' College; Farhara Jahan and Sharmin Sultana of Rajshahi and Iffat Ara Tania of Rajshahi Southern University.

of Pabna Edward College; Umme Hafsa Layla of

The participants were from Rajshahi, Natore, Naogaon, Chapainawabganj, Pabna, Sirajganj, Bogra and Jaipurhat districts.

The huge turnout of girls at the competition

was heartening, said the organisers. Lux in association with Channel i first The selected participants are -- Ruma Parvin launched the talent hunt in 2005.



Rajshahi contestants who received 'Yes' cards.

PHOTO: STAR

## The joys of travel Rexona Destination Unlimited on ATN Bangla

**CULTURAL CORRESPONDENT** 

Travel show "Rexona Destination Unlimited" will be aired tonight on ATN Bangla at 8pm. Hosted by Maliha, each episode of the show features a popular tourist destination and in-depth information on it. Tonight's episode will focus on the colourful heritage and scenic beauty of Thailand.

Wednesday.

The show is aired every



Tonight's episode features popular tourist attractions in Thailand.