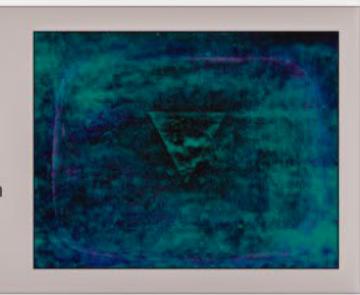
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Solo Painting Exhibition Artist: Soumvaiit Choudhury Venue: Radius Centre. Bay's Gallery 57, Gulshan Avenue (5th Floor) Date: April 2-17



17th Young **Artists Art Exhibition 2010** Venue: National Art Gallery, Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy Date: April 2-19

Time: 11am-7pm



Group Art Exhibition Venue: Hague Art Gallery, DCC Market, Gulshan-2 Date: March 25-April 5 Time: 10am-8pm

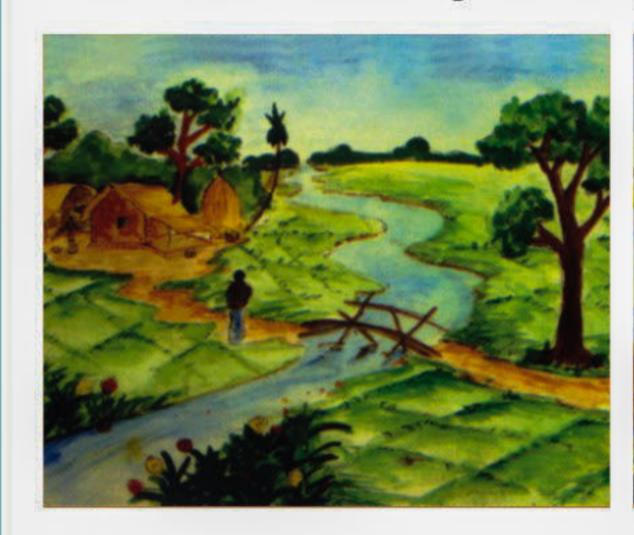


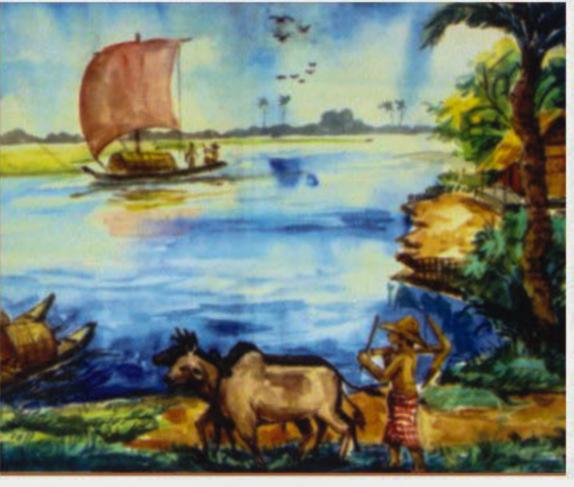
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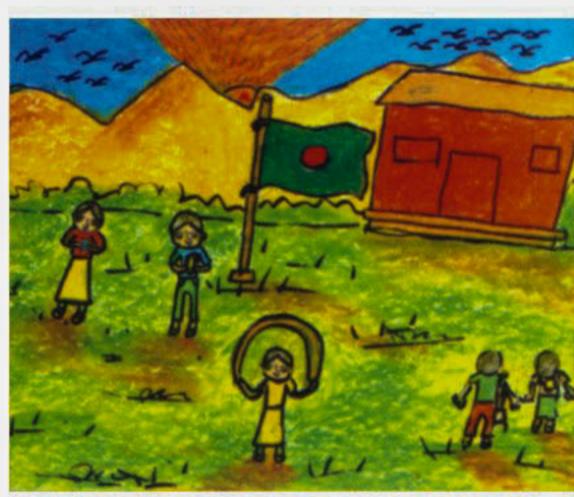
A voice to the voiceless

Exhibition featuring works by underprivileged children









Clockwise (from top-left): Paintings by Md. Mizanur, Mahbub, Salima and Halim Mia.

MAINUL HASSAN

It's just another day at Khilgaon Model High School. During the recess, the children are seen running around the school playground, playing games, and generally having fun after all that strenuous class work. Standing right outside the main gate, a young girl wistfully watches the children at play. This is a self-portrait by 14-year-old Rita, a domestic help, a testament to her unfulfilled dream of going to school and joining other kids playing on the school grounds.

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At the Bengal Gallery of Fine Arts, this and 108 other artworks by underprivileged children narrated similar stories. Deprived of their basic rights, these unfortunate youngsters are losing their childhood, as they are forced to work from an early age.

The three-day exhibition, which concluded on April 3, was organised by the Bengal Gallery of Fine Arts in association with Ain O Shalish Kendra (ASK).

As the title of the exhibition, "My Country" suggests, the majority of the paintings highlight scenic beauty of our country -- the green fields, a cowherd attending to his flock, children playing and flying kites in the vast open fields, a farmer ploughing his fields, and a village fair, among others. Using brushes and colour, Hamim Mia, a grocery store assistant; Mahbub who is also a shopkeeper's assistant; Suma, a domestic help, and others depicted rural Bengal skilfully through the paintings. The paintings have an element of nostalgia, as many children working in the city spend their early lives in the villages.

Other paintings at the exhibition were on the Liberation War, protests

against child labour -- highlighting the hazards working children face everyday at factories, engaged in backbreaking labour at construction sites or as 'helpers' (driver's assistant).

Many paintings had messages written on them such as, "We also want to go to school, please let us," "Stop child labour and "We also want to live a normal life".

The participating children are under the wings of the Child Rights Unit of ASK. At the unit ASK provides education and legal protection for the working children.

"We run schools in Dhaka where we offer basic education for these working children. The paintings at the exhibition showcase their talents. If given proper chance, these children can also become assets for the society," said Jahan Ara Perveen, senior educator and liaison officer, Child Rights Unit, ASK.

The healing touch

Mehreen performs for autistic children

A CORRESPONDENT

At 4 pm on April 2, at Radisson Hotel, 12 autistic children sang on stage with Mehreen -- each of them held a torchlight (instead of candles). The song was Michael Jackson's "Heal the World."

"The reason I chose this song was to draw the attention of the masses towards this 10 percent of the population," said

"The performance was remarkable. It made me want to turn around and say 'thank you'," she added.

Artistes of "Channel-i Shera Kontho" and a band also performed at the event. There was dance as well and a sale of handicrafts made by the children with special needs of Proyash.

"I have worked with autistic kids before and I'm aware of their talents. They have so much potential in music, art, handicrafts etc. They just need the proper guidance and encouraging environment to develop their skills," the artiste said.

"Parents have a lot of responsibilities. Once they are aware that their children have autism, they should send them to special schools," she added.

At the end of the programme, Mehreen came on stage again and sangher popular number "Dhol".

The event was held to generate awareness and also to raise funds. It was organised by Hesper Event Management and sponsored by Radisson Hotel, Beximco, Exim Bank, Fortuna and Bangla Lion.



Mehreen

Weeklong theatre festival begins in Sylhet

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Sammilita Natya Parishad, Sylhet organsied a weeklong drama festival at the M Saifur Rahman auditorium at the city's Rikabibazar last Friday night. Founder Chief of the Natya Parishad and president of Sammilita Sangskritik Jote, Sylhet and veteran cultural personality, Hemchandra Bhattacharya formally inaugurated the festival as chief guest.

General Secretary of the Natya Parishad, Afzal Hossain also spoke on the function while President Mahbub

Ahsan Chowdhury chaired. Inaugurating the festival, the chief guest said, facing all obstacles and barriers the Natya Parishad had completed 25 years of performance. It is a rare thing whereas



Actors of Kothakoli, Sylhet in the play "Court Martial."

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07:45	Documentary Programme:
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News Bulletin

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