

WHAT'S ON THIS WEEK

Solo Art Exhibition
Artist: Samiran Chowdhury
Venue: Gallery Kaya, H- 20, R- 16, Sector 4, Uttara
Date: June 15-30
Time: 10am 8pm



Photography and Installation Show
Photographer: Zaid Islam
Title: Used Reused
Venue: Dhaka Art Centre, R-7 A, H-60, Dhanmondi
Date: June 5-16
Time: 3pm-8pm



Photo Exhibition
Photographer: Norbert Enker
Title: Recycled
Venue: Goethe-Institut Bangladesh, H- 10, R- 9, Dhanmondi
Date: June 2-23
Time: 10am 8pm



Clay Exhibition
Title: Clay and Life by Harappa
Venue: Drik Gallery, H-58, R-15A, Dhanmondi
Date: June 9-21
Time: 3 pm-8 pm



Inspiring shapes and forms

Iftikhar Uddin Ahmed's solo exhibition in the pipeline



Future World

TAKIR HOSSAIN

After a hiatus of two years, Iftikhar Uddin Ahmed, a noted Bangladeshi painter, has returned to Dhaka from Canada. Semi-human figures and visages are noticeable in his present works. Previously his works were purely abstract-based where architectural and geometrical forms and lines were brought together.

Iftikhar says, "An artist's life is all about transformation. An artist has no control over the changing themes in his works. Nature, location, solitude and personal observation cause change in an artist's works. A painter never does it conspicu-

ously, it only happens subconsciously."

Iftikhar is an artist who blazed a trail in the '80s. He hails from Mahattuly, one of the historical parts of Old Dhaka, an overpopulated area. This gave him an opportunity to closely observe the city. The changing city, peoples' behaviour and cruelty had a deep impact on him.

Iftikhar began his artistic career as a semi-abstract painter after completion of his MFA in 1986 from the Institute of Fine Arts (now Faculty of Fine Arts, University of Dhaka). His works can be divided into two phases. Before the '90s, he produced figurative works. In this phase, his works mainly represented the disadvantaged and deprived people of

the society. Paintings from this period highlight rickshaws, wheels, prostitution, working people and some familiar feature of Old Dhaka. Pain and joy, jealousy, depression, paucity and other themes were mirrored on his canvas.

In some of his works, faces seem prehistoric and persuasive. The expressions are superb and impressive. By creating so many faces from different perspectives, he has demonstrated his creativity.

Gradually figures have been missing in his works and various kinds of forms, symbols, textures, oval, triangular and rectangular forms and lines took over the canvas. Geometric structures and architectural views give a new perspective to his works. The lines are sometimes broken or appear as doodles and dots. Graph papers and worn out maps come into play as collages, while vermilion and blues stand in contrast to each other. Adjoining columns, slabs, walls, broken pillars, compass, broken doors, windows, metre scales, scattered papers are recurring objects in his works. The artist uses bold colours that give an uneven textural look to his works. His canvas is truly representative of our modern urban structure.

Iftikhar is a symbolic painter. His forms and motifs have a specific explanation. From the commencement of his career, wheels, broken wheels, horses and watches have appeared in his works. These elements symbolise time, history and power. His works also denote progress and prosperity of a time.

The artist, who is busy with his upcoming exhibition, now works mediums like oil, acrylic, mixed media and collage.

'Conqueror Corporate Identity Design Contest 2010' in Bangladesh

Paper Studio along with Earth Identity Projects, Japan jointly organised a contest titled 'Conqueror Corporate Identity Design Contest 2010', which was held on June 7 at Radius Centre in Gulshan, says a press release. Creative professionals from leading advertising agencies of Bangladesh and graphic design students from different universities of Dhaka attended the session. The seminar was co-hosted and conducted by Hiromi Inayoshi, a world-renowned artist in mark (logo) design. Inayoshi shared his thoughts and expertise in developing corporate identity.

After the seminar, 'Conqueror Corporate Identity Design Contest, 2010 Bangladesh' was declared open from June 7.



World-renowned artist Hiromi Inayoshi (2-R) conducts the programme.

The contest is open for all. The contest will conclude on July 1.

A panel of jury including Nobel laure-

ate Professor Muhammad Yunus, led by Inayoshi will judge the entries to choose one winner.

Nazrul birth anniversary celebrations held

AMINUL ISLAM, Mymensingh

A three-day national celebration, organised by Jatiya Kobi Kazi Nazrul Islam University (JKKNU) in Trishal to mark the 111th birth anniversary of National Poet Kazi Nazrul Islam, concluded recently.

The university undertook elaborate programmes at its campus, which included discussions, cultural shows and competitions for children, a debate, book fair and photo exhibition on Nazrul.

To celebrate this momentous day, a colourful rally was brought out at the campus. The students and teachers of the university also placed floral wreaths at the portrait of the poet.

The students of the Bengali and Music departments staged three plays "Kobi Nazrul", "Agnigiri" and "Padma Ghokhro". Meanwhile, teachers of the Fine Arts Department of the university, Mohammad Shafin Omar, Dulal Chandra Gain, Mohammad Rashed and Tapon Kumar Sarker arranged an exhibition of their paintings at the campus, which wore a festive look.

Professor Mohammad Abdul Quaium, a Nazrul researcher inaugu-

rated the programmes as chief guest at 'Gahi Sammyer Gaan Moncha' at the campus. Vice-Chancellor of JKKNU, Professor Giasuddin Ahmed presided over the function, while treasurer of the university Professor Mohammad Aynul Islam delivered the welcome speech.

Professor Razia Sultana and Professor Abu Hena Abdul Awal, presented two papers on Nazrul's works. Three lectures on Nazrul were also presented at the session, with Professor Abdul Khalque in the chair. Dr. Mohammad Emdadul Huda, Professor Afzalur Rahman Bhuiyan and poet Farid Ahmed Dulal also took part in the discussion.

At the first session of the second programme, advocate Reza Ali, MP was present as chief guest, with the university vice-chancellor in the chair. Later the chief guest distributed prizes among 50 winners of a cultural competition for children.

Two discussions were held on the second day of the celebration, presided over by poet Nurul Huda and Professor Moniruzzaman. Marzia Akhtar, Dr. Sumitra Shekhar, Ahmed Shakil Hashmi and Dr. Rahman Habib were the discussants.

On the concluding day, papers on Nazrul, including "Nazrul in Writing Bengali Ghazals", "Nazrul in Bengali Drama" and "Film" were also presented, chaired by Professor Shafiqun Nabi. Idris Ali, Jahidul Kabir, Rashidun Nabi and Anupom Hayat, among others who took part in the discussion.

Professor Sarifa Salua Dina, Raihana Akhtar, Dr. Amrita Lal Bala and Dr. Mohammad Ataur Rahman took part in another discussion on Nazrul Literature. Professor Rafiqul Islam presided over.

The speakers at the discussions said that Nazrul's contribution to Bengali literature is priceless and Nazrul will find a permanent place in people's hearts.

The speakers also expressed their gratitude to Kazi Rafiz Uddin of Kazir Shimla who first brought Nazrul in Bangladesh. The speakers added that the university established after his name is a sign of our love for the Bard.

Nazrul University Sammanon was also given to eminent personality and Nazrul researcher Professor Abdul Quaium and Nazrul Sangeet veteran Sudhin Das for their brilliant contribution in the field.

'1 Goal: Education for all' campaign

QUAMRUL ISLAM RUBAIYAT, Thakurgaon

Eco Social Development Organisation (ESDO), in association with Global Campaign for Education (GCE) and Gana Sakkharata Obhijan, organised the screening of the inaugural match of World Cup Football'2010. The event was held on Friday evening at ESDO ground at Gabindanagar village under sadar upazila in Thakurgaon with the theme '1 Goal: Education for all'.

To generate awareness among the people about the issue 'Education for All', the traditional 'Chapainawabgonj Gambhira' was performed by a team before the football match began.

The artistes focused on the need for education for all, through the conversation of a grandfather and grandson set to music.

Earlier, a discussion was held at the venue with executive director of Eco Social Development Organisation (ESDO) Mohammad Shahiduzzaman in the chair.

Among others, former president of Thakurgaon Lawyers' Association advocate Touhidul Islam, president of Thakurgaon Nagarik Committee Dr.



To generate awareness artistes present traditional Gambhira.

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Sheikh Farid, District Sports Officer Mohammad Mohiuddin Ahmed and principal of Eco Pathshala Selima Akhter, addressed the discussion.

"As part of global campaign '1 Goal: Education For All', we organised a

programme to promote awareness on the need of education among the common people," said Mohamad Shahiduzzaman.

Several hundred people enjoyed the programme and football match.

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03:30	Shonamoni Shukhey	05:30	Durpaath	12:45	Konka Champion-er Deshey	12:58	Africa Match: Korea	13:00	Protidin	03:00	2010 FIFA World Cup	13:00	Grand American Series : Lakeville
04:30	Ashukhey	06:25	Special Programme: Badol	13:15	Total Sports	13:00	Republic vs. Greece	13:30	Rahman Shoroney	04:00	Matchday Highlights	13:30	US Open Golf Championship
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