

'Visions in Encaustic' - Solo Art Exhibition by Shayema Rahim

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On January 2, the inauguration of a seven- day solo art exhibition of Shayema Rahim, titled 'Visions in Encaustic' was held at the Edward M Kennedy Centre (EMK Centre).

The exhibition was inaugurated by Asif Ibrahim, President, Dhaka Chamber of Commerce as the chief guest of the event. Director of the EMK Centre for Public Service and the Arts MK Aaref also spoke on the occasion. About the exhibition and her artworks, the artist said: "Painting is a form of communication to me. My emotions and feelings appear in my painting. I try to find a 'rhythm' to capture interest or evoke feelings. Encaustic is one of the Medias that I have learnt and still exploring. This technique was notably used in the Fayum mummy portraits from Egypt around 100-300 AD, in the Blachernitissa and other early icons, as well as in many works of 20th century American artists, including Jasper Johns and Fernando Leal Audirac. It's done with heated beeswax to which coloured pigments are added. The liquid/paste is then applied to a surface- usually prepared wood, though canvas and other materials are often used. I used wood panel for all these works.

I learnt batik from my mom as a teenager. Encaustic is again a technique where wax is used and I feel a connection there. I am glad to share my journey with Encaustic with the art lovers of Dhaka, Bangladesh."

The exhibition will be open from 9:30 am to 8 pm), until January 9.

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