

# Segar Represents Sri Lanka in Asia Art Biennale in Dhaka



(L-R): Mitu, Secretary of Shilpakala Academy, Raja Segar's daughter Spindonna, Raja Segar, Liaquat Ali Lucky, Director General of Shilpakala Academy, and Niaz, a leading Bangladesh artist and writer.

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina inaugurated the 19th edition of the Asian Art Biennale, the longest-running international art biennale event in Asia, in Dhaka. This will be on till January 7, 2023, at Shilpakala Academy in Dhaka, Bangladesh.

The premier raised the curtain of the month-long art extravaganza, joining its inaugural ceremony in Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy (BSA) through a virtual platform from her official residence Ganabhaban.

Sponsored by the Ministry of Cultural Affairs, the 19th Asian Art Biennale Bangladesh 2022 includes 712 pieces created by 493 artists from 114 nations, including 149 Bangladeshi artists.

The major art event showcases two-dimensional and three-dimensional artworks

such as paintings, prints, photographs, sculptures, performance art, installations, and new media art crafted and presented by participating native and foreign artists.

The 19th edition features a two-day international seminar titled 'Home and Displacement' with the participation of local and foreign artists, art critics, jury, and observers. The seminar will be held on 6th and 7th of January 2023 at the National Art Gallery Auditorium and seminar rooms of the National Theatre Building of the BSA.

In addition to the main exhibition at BSA, the National Museum will display 42 artworks of Bangladeshi master artists from its collection as a part of the art event.

The exhibition will go on till January 7, open daily from 11 am to 8 pm. This 19th Asian Art Biennale Bangladesh 2022 is dedicated to the country's founding president and the Father of the Nation Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman, who envisioned and established Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy, which has been organizing the Asian Art Biennale.

Five artists have been conferred an honorary award, while three others received the grand prize.

President of the jury board, artist Rafiqun Nabi, announced the names of the awardees.

On behalf of the PM, State Minister for Cultural Affairs KM Khalid handed the awards to the recipients.

KM Khalid chaired the inaugural ceremony, while Cultural Affairs Secretary Md Abul Monsur, jury board member and noted Polish art critic Jaroslaw Suchan, BSA Director General and chief coordinator of 19th Asian Art Biennale Bangladesh 2022 Liaquat Ali Lucky, among others, spoke on occasion.



Segar's painting of Last Supper of Sheikh Mujibur Rahman on 14 August 1975 (Following day all of them in the painting were assassinated.)